

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

March/April 2012

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Mar 26 & Apr 23 – 7 pm.
 - Planning & Zoning Meetings Mar 15 & Apr 19 - 6:30 pm.
 - Council Work Sessions Mar 12 & Apr 9 - 6:30 pm.
 - Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
 - Town Office will be CLOSED:
- April 6th (Good Friday)
 - Articles for the May/June Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE April 15, 2011
- website www.carr.org/~unionbr email unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I must start out by making a correction to my last newsletter article, Charles Stambaugh still owns and is running Stambaugh's Inc., I apologize for the misinformation. We have had a mild winter this year. Mother Nature has been very kind to our budget, since we haven't had much snow to plow. With the warmer weather approaching, Council member Donald Wilson will start to work on some of our roadways. If you have any concerns about any roadway within the corporate limits, please contact Donald Wilson.

It is budget time again and with the state of the economy we must try to do as much as we can with what revenue we will receive. Not everything that needs to be done will be done, but we will do the best we can with the funds that we have.

Some of the town's youth have been riding their scooters / skateboards across neighbors' porches, and building ramps all over town. We ask that you tell your children to be respectful of other people's property. If you don't have permission to be on someone's property, then you are trespassing. Parents please keep an eye on your children.

Remember that the town must maintain the water and sewer system the same way you have to maintain your vehicle or home. Upkeep must be done to try to get the most out of our system's equipment. After careful thought and

consideration, the Mayor and Town Council is proposing to increase the water usage rates to \$5.50 per 1000 gallons of water consumed. Sewer rates will remain the same for Fiscal Year 12/13.

Spring is coming! If everyone in town would clean up around where they live, we can keep our town looking great. If every resident does a little, it will make a huge difference in the appearance of our town.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

UNION BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

Union Bridge Community Center's reduced rental rates took effect on the January 1, 2012. Please call the Town Hall if you are interested in renting the center for your function. The new rates are as follows:

IN TOWN –

\$150.00 HALL

\$ 50.00 KITCHEN

\$100.00 SECURITY DEP.

OUT OF TOWN –

\$ 250.00 HALL

\$ 50.00 KITCHEN

\$ 100.00 SECURITY DEP.

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

CDBG West Broadway Reconstruction -

The Mayor and Council of Union Bridge are pleased to announce that The Town of Union Bridge was awarded a \$230,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This project will be a street improvement project including new water lines, sewer lines, storm drains, sidewalks and curbing, and street resurfacing for West Broadway extending from Whyte Street to Warehime Alley, similar to the successful projects that the town completed for Benedum and Farquhar Streets. The town sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering design services. Bids were received on January 6, 2012. The town hired ARRO Engineering, who was the low bidder. There will be a public hearing held to review the first set of construction plans and to discuss plans for the project. The public hearing will be advertised in the Carroll County Times.

SHA Wetlands Park Trail Extension -

The town was also awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State Highway Administration to extend the Wetlands Park trail approximately 1,000ft. The trail will be located at the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands Park, adjacent to Route 75. Union Bridge is also trying to augment the SHA funds with Program Open Space grant funding. The town is currently in the environmental review stage with the Maryland Department of the Environment relative to floodplain and wetlands permits.

For questions on these or any other projects, please call the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant

WEST CARROLL REC

The WCRC is currently looking for a highly organized, motivated and passionate individual to develop and lead the youth girls softball program. For more information about the WCRC Girls Softball Coordinator position contact president@gowcrc.com.

WCRC is now accepting applications for one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. The purpose of this scholarship is to award a high school senior who has actively participated and/or volunteered in the West Carroll Recreation Council

programs. Applications can be downloaded at the website <http://www.gowcrc.com/> under the forms section. Applications are due by April 30, 2012.

The WCRC invites all parents and community members to attend the council meetings held the second Monday of every month at 7:00PM. The meetings are located at the Old New Windsor School /Library Headquarters. Community members that attend at least 4 meetings during the year become eligible to vote on WCRC matters.

WCRC is interested in working with town officials and local businesses to create awareness about the rec. council programs offered to the local community. As a result, WCRC is looking for locations throughout the town to place registration dates for sports programs throughout the year.

The Carroll County Recreation and Parks Spring 2012 Program Guide is now available in print and online formats. Visit <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/prog-12sg/> for program and registration information.

On March 31, 2012 the Carroll County Recreation and Parks is hosting their second annual March for Parks at the Carroll County Farm Museum. This event helps raise funds for park and trail related projects in Carroll County. More information is forthcoming by the Carroll County Recreation and Parks staff.

Spring Sports Contacts:

Baseball: Troy Staub 410-596-6658

Lacrosse: Ted LaPierre 443-677-1583

Rugby: Brad Rockwood 410-775-1506

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. See our website: www.goWCRC.com Another source to check for upcoming sports registrations is "RecZone" found in the back of the Sports section of the Carroll County Times on Sundays.

Heather McKenzie, Community Coordinator

BRIDGES - UNION BRIDGE COMPUTER CENTER

Bridges sponsors the Computer Lab at the Union Bridge Community Center in conjunction with the Town of Union Bridge and the Carroll County Public Library. The Computer Lab is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 – 8:30 pm. The Bookmobile is scheduled to be at the Community Center every third Monday. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the center. No computer experience is necessary. Volunteers are official library volunteers.

Matt Gibbons, Bridges Secretary

FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAPS

FEMA has a website that may be helpful to residents who would like more information about the floodplain maps and Hazard Mitigation. <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/map/index.shtm> The most recent revised floodplain maps will be available at the Town Hall for review.

IF I WERE MAYOR, I WOULD..... ESSAY CONTEST

This year's essay theme is "Meeting the Challenge." To help strengthen the students' understanding, feel free to give real-world examples revolving around the essay contest questions:

Of the problems or tasks you've identified in your city/town, which would you address as Mayor?

How would you encourage your citizens to meet these challenges?

The essay contest is open to all Maryland 4th grade students enrolled during the 2011-2012 school year. Eleven winners will be invited (one from each MML district) to participate in the Contest Awards Ceremony. Each will also receive \$100. The original essays must be submitted to MML by 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2012. All entries must have a completed official contest entry form attached. Entry forms can be picked up at your local Elementary School or at the Union Bridge Town Hall.

If you have questions, contact Paula Chase Hyman or Sharon Easton at 410-268-5514 or email paulah@mdmunicipal.org or sharone@mdmunicipal.org .

Remember that each council person has a duty. If there is a problem contact that specific council person first.

Donald Wilson – Streets

Amy Kalin – Water & Sewer

Ellen Cutsail – Refuse & Police

Edgar Wentz – Community Center

Laura Conaway – Lights

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Public Breakfast All you can eat

March 11, 2012

7:00 to Noon

Adult \$7.00, Children 6-12 \$3.50, Under 6 Free

Monthly Bingo

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

March 12, 2012

Doors open at 5:30 PM, Games Begin at 7:00 PM

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

Bingo Banquet

Sponsored by the Union Bridge Fire Co.

March 17, 2012

Doors Open at 4 PM, Dinner at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6:30 PM

\$25.00 includes meal

Ladies Auxiliary Spring Mart

March 24, 2012

9 AM to 3 PM

For more information call Missi Green 410-775-2872

VEW POST #8806

Every Friday evening dinners served from 5 PM to 8 PM

March 18th & April 15th

Breakfast served from 7-11 AM

March 17th DJ 8 PM –Midnight

VEW Men's Auxiliary

March 17th

Bull & Oyster Feed

1-4 PM \$30.00 Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 3rd.

VEW Ladies Auxiliary

March 25th

Spaghetti Dinner All you can eat

2-6 PM

\$7.00 Adults, \$3.50 Children 6-12, Children 5 and under Free

Carry Outs \$7.50

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS: If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.
FOR WATER AND SEWER EMERGENCIES PLEASE PAGE AMY KALIN 1-410-899-1200

RECYCLING

The Town of Union Bridge is requesting that all residents of Union Bridge make an effort to recycle everything they possibly can. The cost for trash that is picked up in town is a combination of the cost for the pick-up of the trash plus the tipping fee at the landfill. When you recycle, the town pays only for the pick-up service, there is no tipping fee associated with recyclables. Therefore, the more that we recycle, the less it costs the town. There is information at the Town Hall and County Office Building explaining what you can put in your recycle bins. Everything that is recyclable can be put into the same container, as Carroll County is doing single-stream recycling.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

03-11 Water User Rates:

To amend the water user rates: Quarterly minimum charge per user \$40.00. Charge per 1,000 gallons of water consumed \$5.00, in addition to quarterly minimum charge.

04-11 Sewer User Rates: To amend the sewer user rates: Quarterly minimum charge per user \$45.00. Charge per 1,000 gallons of water consumed \$6.00, in addition to quarterly minimum charge. A public hearing will be held on January 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

MD State Police Drug TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936

They CAN'T do it without your help!!!

ATTENTION

The newsletter is posted six times per year: January, March, May, July, September, and November and may be viewed on the town's Web site at www.carr.org/~unionbr Also, upon request, paper copies may be picked up at the Town Hall (410-775-2711) or at any local business.