

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Jul 28 & Aug 25 – 7 pm.
 - Planning & Zoning Meetings Jul 17 & Aug 21 - 6:30 pm.
 - Council Work Sessions Jul 14 & Aug 11 - 6:30 pm.
 - Heritage Committee Jul 3 - 7:00 pm.

 - Town Office will be CLOSED July 4th

 - Articles for the September/October Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE August 15, 2008
- Web Page www.carr.org/~unionbr E-mail unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I was asked at last month's meeting why water and sewer bills are so high when some use very little water. We charge a base amount for both water and sewer to cover the costs associated with having the facilities in place to provide service regardless of production or treatment. These are the wells, pumps, filters, blowers, tanks, chemicals, etc. that are required to provide water and sewer services. Any charges as a result of actual usage are then added to this amount. I know this seems unfair to those that use small amounts of water, but we must maintain the ability to provide them with whatever amount they need at all times. Our operating costs continue to increase and must then be passed on to the customer. Water and Sewer must pay for themselves as no moneys from the General Fund may be used. That is the law. It is our responsibility to provide you with high quality drinking water and to treat the waste to acceptable levels for release to the stream. The only way to reduce the cost to those that can least afford it would be to pass those costs along to everyone else, and that is something we have been unwilling to do. Thank you for understanding.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Greetings Union Bridge: I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start. The carnival was a great success and I enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you. There was considerable concern expressed about the recent graffiti incidents; unfortunately all I can say is that it is under investigation.

During the summer months we can expect an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Keep an eye out for children, and when away from your homes and vehicles please remember to lock up.

I am continually impressed with the sense of community found in Union Bridge. Together we can make a difference. Remember; if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Vince Pacelli, DFC
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
410-386-2900 ext. 4159
vpacelli@ccg.carr.org
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900

West Carroll Rec Council

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at the Union Bridge Town Hall at 7 p.m. Next public meeting Aug. 18, 2008.

SUMMER YOUTH RUGBY - Contact Tom Crushong at 410-848-4976.

FALL SOCCER - Contact Sandy Rohwein at 410-635-3015.

FOOTBALL - Contact Chaz Shrodes at 410-751-9795.

WEST CARROLL REBELS COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD -
Contact Chris Alban 443-277-1305 or Tabby Norwood at 410-746-1361.

For more information on programs call Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506.

UNION BRIDGE AREA HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Note cards honoring the history of Union Bridge are now available for purchase. The note cards feature images reproduced from the Donald Sipes historic postcard collection. A package of twelve note cards featuring four selected images with envelopes can be purchased for \$10. They, as well as T-shirts embroidered with " Union Bridge, Maryland" and a train, were first offered by the Union Bridge Area Heritage Committee on Depot Day and are now available for purchase continually at the Union Bridge General Store. The T-shirts can be purchased for \$15. All proceeds will be used by the Heritage Committee to further preserve and celebrate the unique history of Union Bridge.

The note cards are also available for purchase at Esquire Liquors and Buttersburg Inn as well as at Union Bridge Area Heritage Committee meetings. The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to come share your ideas and learn how you can participate in preserving our town's history. Contact: Amy Simpson, 410-775-0151, simpsonaj@hotmail.com

HISTORIC FARM PHOTOS

Carroll County Historical Society is looking for farm photos dating from 1950 or before. Photos will be used in a photo history book of Carroll County farming and related items. For more info please call Lyndi McNulty at 410-876-7939.

RINEHART SCULPTURES

The Historical Society of Carroll County is planning a bus trip that holds particular interest for Union Bridge area residents. Part of the trip focuses on Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore where William Henry Rinehart was buried.

Visitors will see Rinehart's original sculpture, "Love Reconciled with Death," which was reproduced and installed last year at Main Street and Broadway in Union Bridge. Please contact the Historical Society directly for information and reservations. This will be a fascinating trip.

Journey to Baltimore

Join HSCC as we travel to Baltimore on Thursday, September 18, and visit two extraordinary historic sites. First is Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore's first garden cemetery and one of the earliest in the nation. Among the more than 78,000 graves at Green Mount are those of at least eight governors of Maryland. A guided tour by historian Wayne R. Schaumburg will introduce us to some of the cemetery's famous residents, with an emphasis on Union Bridge native William Henry Rinehart (1825-1874) whose works and grave are in Green Mount.

After lunch at the Valley Inn, we're off to Hampton National Historic Site, home to the Ridgely family from 1695 to 1979. Between 1783 and 1790, Captain Charles Ridgely built a magnificent house on his 24,000-acre property. When completed, the house would be the largest in the United States. After a guided tour of the mansion, there will be time to explore the grounds and outbuildings.

The bus will depart from the parking lot on Ralph Street behind the Church of the Ascension in Westminster at 9:00 a.m. and will return at 5:00. The trip includes transportation, admissions, and lunch. Reservations are required; no refunds can be made for cancellations received after the reservation deadline. Please call HSCC at 410-848-6494 for reservations and menu selections.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, August 5th, 2008, from 7-9 P.M., the residents of Union Bridge are asked to participate in the "25th Annual National Night Out" (NNO). This is a unique event where Union Bridge will spread our anti-crime and anti-drug message. National Night Out is designed to:

- 1) Heighten crime and prevention awareness
- 2) Generate support for, and participation in local anticrime programs
- 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and
- 4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

"Lights On Means Lights Out for Crime". We are encouraging residents throughout Union Bridge to show your support for crime and drug prevention on August 5th by turning on your porch lights. Everyone agrees that properly lighted houses and businesses deter crime and drug activity

Our sheriff's department and our fire department are actively involved in National Night Out. The Carroll Media Center will cover this event. This is a night for the residents of Union Bridge to stand together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. There will be snacks, drinks, giveaways, and gifts. Please join us on Tuesday, August 5th from 7-9 P.M. at Union Bridge Town Square for National Night Out. We want this event to be meaningful and fun for everyone. We are expecting great success for our National Night Out!

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Surveillance began on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. Surveillance will be conducted between 8:00p.m. and 12:00a.m. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be in strict compliance with label instructions and according to integrated pest management guidelines. The minimum density of the adult mosquito populations necessary for spraying is measured as a landing rate count of three female mosquitoes in two minutes or a light trap collections of 24 female mosquitoes per night in a baited trap. Please forward mosquito complaints to one of the offices listed below. Spraying is done only under favorable weather conditions when the wind speed is 10 mph or less, the air temperature is 56-85° F and there is no precipitation.

This spray schedule should be made available to your residents. Please forward any comments, suggestions, or complaints to the Central Maryland Mosquito Control Office, 8071 Greenmead Drive, College Park, Maryland 20740, phone (301) 422-5080, fax (301) 442-0502; Forest Pest Management office, (301) 662-2074 or e-mail:

mdamosquito@verizon.net

Union Bridge Youth Committee

3on3 Basketball Tournaments will be held on a monthly basis this summer at the Community Center basketball court. The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Buttersburg Inn. For any questions call Matt Gibbons at 410-775-1570

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

The Town and Hughes Trash and Recycling will provide to newly constructed homes one free recycling container. Damaged containers may be replaced but you must take your broken container to the Town Hall. Additional containers may be purchased at the Town Hall for \$10.00.

RESOLUTION #02-08

Passed Resolution #02-08, water usage increase from \$2.50 per 1000 gallons to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons, effective July 1, 2008.

RESOLUTION 03-08

Passed Resolution 03-08, sewer usage increase from \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons, effective July 1, 2008

ORDINANCE # 304

Passed Ordinance #304, provide for the amortization of nonconforming uses involving farm animals within the municipal limits of The Town of Union Bridge.

COMMUNITY CENTER

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

CALL THE TOWN OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION

410-775-2711

Water & Sewer Emergencies

Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS: If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.

****HAVE A SAFE 4TH OF JULY****