



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

September/October 2001

DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meeting Sept. 24 & Oct. 22 – 7p.m.
Funding Committee Meeting Sept. 5 & Oct. 10 – 7p.m.
Heritage Committee Meeting Sept. 18 & Oct. 16 – 7p.m.
Planning & Zoning Meeting Sept. 20 & Oct. 18 - 6:30p.m.
Council Work Session Sept. 17 & Oct. 15 – 6:30p.m.

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NOV./DEC. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CITY OFFICE

NOON, FRIDAY OCTOBER 15, 2001

OFFICE CLOSED

LABOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2001

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer is gone and school is about to start again. There will be some changes in town this year:

State Highway will be putting the light on flash 24 hours as a trial basis. You will notice a parking pattern change on Main Street. Please try and work with SHA on this.

The lower town parking lot behind the drug store has been black topped. We are also looking for additional parking in the area of Main Street for the business.

Please take notice of all bus stops and children walking to school.

To all patients who have concerns about the doctor's office, please, everyone who can should write letters to Frederick Memorial Hospital about the unfairness to the community since Dr. Cariofe's retirement. They said that they would have a replacement and that has not happened. So please the more letters sent the better.

The Union Bridge Fall Fest will be September 15, 2001 at Lehigh. Please try to attend. Also the Town Funding Breakfast will start again in October. Anyone wishing to help please contact a committee member.

TOWN HALL FUNDING COMMITTEE FallFest

Craft spaces are still available. Call Jane Davis at 410-775-7678.

UNION BRIDGE REC COUNCIL

The Union Bridge Area Recreation Council is offering adult competitive volleyball on Thursday nights at Elmer Wofe Elementary School Starting August 30 at 7 p.m. Volleyball is also offered at New Windsor Middle School on Monday nights starting September 10 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Steve Keeney at 410-775-7780.

The Council is also sponsoring Wrestling for 6-15 year olds at Francis Scott Key High School. A parents meeting will be held on November 15 at 7 p.m. at FSK High School. For more information or to register, call Steve Hoff at 410-848-2932.

The Union Bridge Recreation Council is a volunteer organization.

Volunteers are needed to organize programs, coach teams and share ideas. The Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, contact Anita Staley at 301-898-9451.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

UNION BRIDGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The town has been approved for \$43,000 in Maryland Program Open Space (POS) grant funds for July 1, 2001. These funds will be used to construct a new footbridge over Little Pipe Creek and new steps and handrails at the little baseball diamond. The town is also applying for an additional \$35,000 in grant funds to install new playground equipment at the park. To finish up the town's 2000 POS grant program, new signs will be installed throughout the park.

A Little Pipe Creek Park map, as well as copies of the POS applications, is available at the town office for review.

LITTLE PIPE CREEK PARK

We're waiting for final approval from the State Highway Administration (Federal Aid), and the Maryland Board of Public Works, before beginning construction of the walkway and footbridge in the Little Pipe Creek Park. We expect to receive the final go-ahead within three months.

MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION

Representatives from the town had a very productive meeting with State Highway Administration officials on August 8, 2001, regarding the Main Street design plans. The plans are now in the final design stage. Planned new improvements include road paving, sidewalks, curb, gutter, street signs, pressed brick crosswalks, decorative streetlights, parking meters, and patterned concrete sidewalks.

The Main Street Committee will be meeting to review several design alternatives for the patterned concrete sidewalks and street lamps. In addition, we will be designing new welcome signs for the north and south entrances into town. The next major step in the process is to secure final construction funding from the State Highway Administration. We will also submit a grant application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

You may be wondering what decision was reached by the SHA regarding the town's traffic signal at Broadway. The State has decided that prior to removing the traffic signal altogether, it will install a 24-hour flashing signal for a three-month period beginning sometime in September 2001. This will allow the State to monitor the intersection, and analyze changes that will be installed to improve sight distance and visibility.

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Arro Consulting Inc., town engineers, have completed the bid specifications for construction of a new elevated water tank at West Locust Street (to replace the existing tank), and several new water mains to be constructed in Main Street, Elger Street, Locust Street, White Street, and Lehigh Drive. These

projects will be advertised for bids sometime in the next few weeks. Construction should begin in the early spring, depending on final approval from Rural Utilities Services, USDA, the funding agency.

SEWER EXTENSION

Final loan and grant funds have been approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, for the extension of new public sewer service to North Main Street (north of the elementary school), Union Bridge Road, Bark Hill Road, and Honeysuckle Lane. Construction may begin in the late fall of 2001.

Information on these and other town projects may be obtained by calling the town office at 775-2711.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Maryland Department of Agriculture will be spraying for mosquitoes every other Wednesday evening, starting June 6, 2001. The spraying will occur between dusk and 10:30 p.m. If you wish to minimize exposure, bring in laundry, and close

windows. Remember dates and times that

spraying will be done. Spraying will be done when the air temperature is between 56 and 85 F. and the wind speed is 12 mph or less with no precipitation.

Please forward any comments, suggestions, or complaints to the Central Maryland Mosquito Control Office, 6701 Lafayette Ave., Riverdale, MD 20737, phone 301-927-8357, 410-876-4423 or 1-800-966-3877 ext. 4423

SIDEWALKS

Is your sidewalk in need of repair? Sidewalk maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility.

GRASS AND WEED NOTICES ARE BEING SENT OUT

ORDINANCE #263, Sec. C-2, Paragraph 2, states...

Owners and occupants of occupied premises and owners and persons in charge of unoccupied premises, including vacant lots, are hereby charged with the duty of maintaining any grass on such premises at a height of not more than six(6) inches; and the further duty of maintaining such premises free of noxious weeds and dense underbrush.

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

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

THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS AVAILBLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

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

NEW TRASH SERVICE

JULY 1, 2001

J & J INC. - John Cavell, President

P.O. Box 0097

Boys, MD 20841

Office # 1-800-465-2350

Home # 301-898-1329

Car phone # 301-370-6633

Please call them to make arrangement for renting a toter

PICK UP DAY WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY

This is the same day that yard waste is picked up. **Please keep them separate.**

NEW TRASH SERVICE IS FOR PICK UP OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY

NO BULK ITEMS, YARD WASTE, OR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS