

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

July/August 2003

INSIDE

[From the Mayor's Desk](#)

[Resident Deputy](#)

[Funding Committee](#)

[Special Projects](#)

[UB Church of Brethren](#)

[Community Service](#)

[West Nile Virus](#)

[West Carroll Recreation](#)

[ALERT](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meetings	July 28 & August 25 – 7 pm.
Funding Committee Meetings	July 9 & August 13 – 7pm.
Planning & Zoning Meetings	July 17 & August 21 - 6:30 pm.
Council Work Sessions	July 14 & August 11 - 6:30 pm.

OFFICE CLOSED July 4, 2003

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CITY OFFICE August 15, 2003

Web Page www.carr.org/~unionbr

E-mail unionbr@ccpl.carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I want to thank Joan Logue, Pamela Hyde, and George Keeney Jr. for their work as Election Judges. They did a great job. I also want to thank everyone that took time from their busy schedules to come out and vote. Voting may well be the single most important thing that we can do to influence the future.

Had enough rain? I think we all have, but I would hope that we don't become wasteful of water again as a result. Even though the ground water has recovered fairly well from the previous years of drought, we still should do all that we can to conserve. An adequate supply of quality drinking water will become increasingly harder to come by as the years move on. Most of our leaders are interested only in finding additional sources, not in conserving. I believe that a change in the way we view our water resources is necessary in order to meet the challenges of the future. So please when you drag out the hose to wash your house, sidewalk, car or enough water to cook, drink and bathe every day remember to conserve. When I sat down to write this it was not my intention to preach, but I feel very strongly about the need to conserve the small amount of fresh water that we have. Any ideas along these lines would be most welcome and appreciated. Thank you.

Bret Grossnickle

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

As a reminder, children under 16 must wear bicycle helmets. A violation could result in a \$30 fine to the parent or guardian of the child. Please make sure your children wear their helmets for their safety.

Summer is here and school will be out. The curfew for The Town of Union Bridge is 10:00 p.m., Sun. through Thurs. until 6:00 a.m. the following day. On the weekends the curfew is 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sat. and Sun.

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

Carroll County Sheriff's Office

Non-emergency 410-386-2900

EMERGENCY 911

Tips hotline 1-888-399-TIPS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Enjoy the New Playground at the Community Park

The old playground equipment on Ladiesburg Road (near the Community Center) has been replaced. The town received \$30,000 in funding from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to install new swings, spring animals, seesaws, a climbing dome, and other park amenities. Please visit and enjoy the new playground with your family.

Park Rules & Regulations

The Mayor and Town Council are reviewing rules and policies for the use and safety of all town parks and recreational facilities. Topics under consideration include signage, safety, hours of operation, graffiti, animals, disposal of trash, etc. Penalties for illegal activities will also be reviewed.

Water Treatment Plant

Conewago Enterprises from Hanover PA has been selected the apparent low bidder for construction of the new Water Treatment Plant on West Locust Street. The facility will cost approximately \$1.26 M. Construction is expected to begin in July 2003.

Main Street (Rt. 75) Revitalization Work Set to Begin July 2003

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will fund a \$2.5 M improvement project for Main Street, from the bridge over Little Pipe Creek to the town limits near the Brethren Church. The SHA has selected Ross Contracting from Mt. Airy to complete the Main Street improvements. SHA funded work includes storm drainage, inlets, sidewalks, curb, gutter, pedestrian lighting, traffic control and signalization at Main and Broadway, resurfacing Main Street, signage, landscaping, and other improvements.

The project will be coordinated with the town's CDBG program, a \$220,000 grant from the Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development. The town's grant will cover other improvements not funded by SHA including upgrades to town side streets, new parking meters, burying overhead utility lines at Main and Broadway, (electric and cable wires), and a parking area at the entrance into Little Pipe Creek Park and trail (next to the car wash).

In addition, the town will be installing an 8" water line at this time. This is a continuation of the town's comprehensive water improvements program partially funded through the Rural Utilities Program, USDA.

The above-mentioned improvements are major in nature and will take almost a year to complete. Please consider what impact the construction activities along Main Street will have on your home or business. The town will be meeting with the SHA, Ross Construction, town engineer (and others), during the next few weeks to review the phasing and sequence of construction. We understand at this time that construction will start at the south end of town near the Rt. 75 bridge over Little Pipe Creek, and will involve storm drain systems, the 8" water line, work at the RR crossing, and other items. After the underground infrastructure is installed, the contractor will then work block-by-block to install the new patterned sidewalk, curb, gutter, streetlights, etc. Please contact the SHA District 7 Engineer with questions or complaints, or contact the town office and we will try to address your concerns with the State.

Fair Housing

As part of the town's receipt of grant funds from the Maryland Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, we promote fair housing practices in the Town of Union Bridge. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race, color, national

origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability. For more information about fair housing and the Fair Housing Act, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing, or contact HUD's Mid-Atlantic office at: Fair Housing Hub, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-9344, or call 1-888-799-2085.

FUNDING COMMITTEE

FUTURE BREAKFAST DATES

Oct. 19, 2003

Nov. 16, 2003

Jan. 18, 2004

Feb. 15, 2004

Mar. 16, 2004

Apr. 18, 2004

May 16, 2004

For information please call Jane Davis at 410-775-7678.

UNION BRIDGE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

The Union Bridge Church of the Brethren has a special Tuesday evening program for kids in grades K-5. It is called "Faith Weaver Friends Club." Games, crafts, snacks, music and simple faith lessons are all part of each fun-packed session. "Faith Weaver Friends Club" is fun and it's free. Also, children will get a lot more than fun out of "Faith Weaver Friends Club." Working in their weekly journal will reinforce language and writing skills they are learning in school. Group activities will develop important social skills. This fall the program begins Sept. 16 to Nov. 4, and another eight-week session will be held Jan. 20 to March 9. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30. We can even help with transportation.

To get your child involved, contact the Church of the Brethren at 124 S. Main St., Box 518, or call Pastors Jim or Anna at 410-775-2717, or call Director, Kaye Horr at 410-635-2877.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Earn community service hours during the summer.

The Union Bridge Town Hall garden needs regular weeding and mulching. If your child needs service hours, please contact the town hall. The garden coordinator will supervise their work. Adult volunteers with or without a green thumb are more than welcome too.

WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile Virus is transmitted from infected birds to mosquitoes during feeding. Some birds become ill and die while others show no clinical symptoms of the disease. Approximately 10-14 days after contact with an infected bird, the mosquito becomes infected and can transmit the virus to humans, dogs, cats, horses and other animals.

Most people that become infected with the virus have no symptoms, while others can show mild symptoms that include fever, headache, body aches, skin rashes, and swollen lymph glands. In very few cases, severe symptoms and death can occur.

West Nile Virus has been detected in 138 bird species, particularly in crows and jays. There is no evidence that a person can get the virus from handling live or dead infected birds. Use gloves or double plastic bags to place dead bird in garbage bag for disposal. If you have any questions. Contact the Carroll county Health Department at 410-876-1884.

To minimize mosquitoes from inhabiting your area:

- *clean out rain gutters
- *remove old tires
- *turn wading pools upside down
- *pick up toys from yard that may retain water
- *check for water on plastic tarps
- *turn over flower pots and plastic containers
- *store canoes & boats upside down
- *replace water in birdbaths twice a week
- *flush livestock water troughs twice a week
- *keep lids on trashcans
- *repair outside water faucets
- *repair screens

- *avoid areas of high mosquito infestation
- *use mosquito repellants
- *restrict outdoor play when mosquitoes are present

MD Department of Agriculture

410-841-5870

WEST CARROLL RECREATION COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following winners of the West Carroll raffle held on May 30th.

1st place - Denny Strine

2nd place - Mary Klein

3rd place - Hunter Strine

4th place - Darcy Esworthy

5th place - Melinda Clavell

If you missed Fall Soccer Registration please call Colleen Williar at 410-751-2070.

Summer Basketball Camps, starting June 30 – July 21. Call Ed Williar at 410-751-2070.

Girls Lacrosse Camp, July 14-18 from 7:15 to 8:15 at FSK - \$40.00. Call Colleen Williar at 410-751-2070.

The West Carroll Rec. Council meets the 3rd Mon. of each month at 7 p.m. in the Union Bridge Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public. The next two meeting dates are July 21 & Aug. 18.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

Ordinance 263, Sec. 3-A, Paragraph 4 prohibits carrying guns...dangerous weapons or shooting with guns...or firing of gunpowder or other explosives or material...this includes unauthorized fireworks.

JUNK VEHICLES

The Fire Department is NOT accepting any junk vehicles.

CITIZEN'S ALERT

Please notify the Sheriff's department if you see any activity around a town manhole or sewer clean out. Illegal septage dumping is occurring on an irregular basis. This activity is costly to you because the septage must be removed from the town's WasteWater Treatment Plant. The cost for this is usually between \$400 and \$800 depending on the amount of septage dumped.

Your help is needed to put a stop to this practice. It is most probably occurring at night and in a secluded area and is accomplished in a very short amount of time. Please keep your eyes and ears open and if you suspect something is not what it should be, call the Sheriff's Department at 410-386-2900.

Thank you for your help!