

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Mar 23 & Apr 27 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Mar 19 & Apr 16 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Mar 9 & Apr 13 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
- April 3rd (Good Friday)
- Articles for the May/June Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE April 15, 2015

website www.carr.org/~unionbr email unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It is that time of year again to prepare the town's budget. Mayor and Council are working to keep the tax rate the same. However, trying to maintain infrastructure will be difficult. Streets require a lot of upkeep, and this winter is taking a toll on all of them. The Governor is trying to reinstate some of the Highway Revenues to the municipalities.

The State has grant money available that is designated for certain types of projects. You may see the town working on the walking trail or something you may not think is important, but when the state has money for special programs, that is the only place where the money can be spent. Walking trails and parks are of high importance to state budgets. Having trails and parks get people out and moving and helps their overall health.

Economic development in town would be great for the tax rate. Everybody has ideas of what kind of businesses they would like to see in town. The problem is space available and the cost of doing business. Small businesses have a hard time thriving in small towns. Most of our town's businesses are experiencing the same problem. The large shopping centers have hurt the small shops. We must all try and support the local businesses in our town and neighboring towns.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded grant funding from Maryland Program Open Space and Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds programs for the planned final phase of the trail system in the town's Wetlands Park located off of RT. 75. The town plans to start the project in the spring of 2015. Once complete, the trail will "loop" around the park.

USDA Vehicle Truck Purchase

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture for \$37,500 for the purchase of a multi-purpose municipal vehicle for town use. The town will purchase the vehicle from Crouse Ford. We should have the vehicle delivered to the town by spring.

Maryland Energy Administration Backup Generator

Union Bridge completed a grant application to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency for the purchase and installation of an emergency backup generator for the Town's Water Treatment Facility.

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

Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant

PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE: Mayor and two members of the council will be elected.

Election day is Tuesday May 12, 2015 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Town Hall 104 West Locust St.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TOWN ELECTIONS:

Voter Registration: It is necessary to be registered in order to vote in Town elections. If you are already registered with the County to vote in County, State, and Federal elections, you are automatically registered to vote in Town elections. If you wish to vote in only the Town election you may register at the Town Hall during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Registration will close on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Qualification of voters:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before Election Day.
3. You must have resided within the corporate limits at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.
4. You must be registered to vote.

Qualification of Candidates for Mayor and Council:

1. You must have resided within the corporate limits for at least one (1) year.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. You must be a qualified voter of the Town.

Terms of office are for four (4) years

A candidate for office must file a "Certificate of Nomination" with the Town Clerk, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice please call the Town Hall, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at 410-775-2711.

WEST CARROLL REC

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and the surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor.

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. See our website: www.gowcrc.com or like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gowcrc>

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.

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Bingo Banquet - March 14th

For more information call Melvin Smith 443-789-3823

Monthly Cash Bingo -- second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Games begin at 7:00 pm

5 Early Bird Games

BIGGER PAYOUTS

20 Regular Games, 3 Specials, 2 Split the Pots, and Jackpot

Jar & Pull Tab Tickets

Food will be available for purchase.

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

If snow emergency plan is in effect, event will be cancelled.

Monthly Public Breakfast -- second Sunday of the month

All you can eat - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Hominy, Pudding, Potatoes, Biscuits, Muffins, Fruit, Orange Juice, Tea and Coffee.

Adults \$8.00 Children 6- 12 \$4.00 - Under 6 Free

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Drug and Violence Awareness Expo

May 1st, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to the "Drug and Violence Awareness Expo" on May 1, 2015 at Shipley's Arena from 10am-5pm. The expo will cover all aspects of Drugs, Gangs, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assaults including the effects to our community and businesses. There will be six educational seminars, and interactive impairment driving course, CPR, Self Defense and K-9 Demonstrations, as well as space for over 70 exhibitors sharing information on each topic.

The event will be open to the public FREE of charge.

We are looking for exhibitors and sponsors. If you are interested in participating please contact Peggy Soper at psoper@carrollcounty-chamber.org or call 410-848-9050.

FSK FOOD PANTRY

Francis Scott Key High School is currently operating a Food Pantry for residents of our community.

Food distribution is on Tuesdays, in Room 805, from 3:00 - 4:00. Please park in the lower school lot and wait for the buses to leave before entering the building. The food pantry is also collecting food, health and beauty items, cleaning items, household items, and paper product donations. Donations can be dropped off at the front office during the school day.

If there are any questions, please contact Kim Toston, the school nurse, at 410-751-3320.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN - Neighbors Together

The Church of the Brethren has begun a new program on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

We are inviting any one from our community and congregation to gather for a meal and time to become acquainted while playing fun games and other activities. There will be activities for all ages. For more information please contact Jolinda at jolindabeers@comcast.net

SHRINER COURT APARTMENTS - Maintenance Man Position

Part Time/On Call for a 20 unit apartment complex. Must have own tools. Experience in electrical, plumbing, drywall

repairs and general maintenance required. Submit resume to: Shriner Court apartments 550 Shriner Court Union Bridge, MD 21791 or call 410-775-2940 If no answer, leave message.

REMINDER - Clocks spring forward on March 8, 2015 at 2:00 a.m.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste may be purchased at the Town Hall for \$1.25. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

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

This year's essay theme is "Respect". The essay contest is open to all Maryland 4th grade students enrolled during the 2014-2015 school year. Essays must be received no later than March 31, 2015. Winners will be notified by the end of April 2015. Entry forms can be picked up at your local Elementary School or at the Union Bridge Town Hall.

RESOLUTION 01-15

Resolution 01-15 was approved for the upcoming budget. This resolution updates the CIP for FY 16/21.

GRASS & WEEDS

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 further duty of maintaining, such premises free of noxious weeds and dense under brush.

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

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.

UNION BRIDGE COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is open on Mondays from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. We follow the Carroll County Public Library holiday and snow closing schedule.

UNION BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

Is available for weddings, parties and reunions. Call the town office at 410-775-2711 to inquire about renting the center for your function.

MD STATE POLICE DRUG TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936

THEY CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!!

PLEASE RECYCLE

***IT'S STATE LAW.**

***IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SMART.**

***IT SAVES THE TOWN MONEY (YOUR TAXES).**

***THE MORE YOU RECYCLE THE LESS TRASH YOU PUT INTO LANDFILLS.**

SUNRISE SERVICE

April 5th - 6 a.m.

At Union Bridge Community Center