



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2026

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Council Meeting:

Apr 27, May 18 & Jun 22 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting:

Apr 16, May 21 & Jun 18 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session:

Apr 13, May 11 & Jun 8 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact:

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ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUG/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
JUNE 15, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

**Monday, May 25th
Memorial Day**

**Wednesday, June 19th
Juneteenth**

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Get ready for the summer storms. Be prepared for heavy rains and possibly flooded streets. Please do not drive through high water. Water over three (3) inches deep can float a car down stream with the swift water. Cars that are electric or hybrid can short out, and possibly catch fire. Electrical components do not like water. Brake systems on newer cars and trucks have electric parts as well and can cause problems later. Brakes sometimes do not work when going through high water.

Here are some emergency items to keep on hand in case you lose power due to a storm:

- Make sure you have bottled water stored at home for emergencies.
- Portable radios so you can keep up to date on weather reports.
- Flashlights and spare batteries.
- Blankets to help keep you warm for long periods of time.
- If you have generators, have extra gas. Make sure it starts before you need it.
- Every family should have their own emergency plan for fire, flood, and any kind of disaster.

Lawn mowing season is fast coming. Please remember to not blow grass onto the streets or sidewalks. Grass can clog storm drains. Loose grass on the streets can cause motorcycle and bicycle accidents.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

GRANTS & PROJECTS UPDATE

Community Center Park Tennis Court Improvements

The Town has been awarded funding from Program Open Space (POS) to make needed improvements to the tennis courts and lighting located at the Community Center Park. The Town will bid out the work and develop the complete scope of work and schedule.

Community Center Interior Improvements

The Town has been awarded funding from Program Open Space (POS) to make interior upgrades to the kitchen, floor, ceiling and air conditioning of the Community Center. Next step is to schedule work to be done and receive estimates/bids.

Water Service Line Inventory

As many residents know, the Town has been conducting a required identification and inventory of water service lines to identify and remediate any lead and galvanized (requiring replacement) service lines. Step one was to send out letters to all residents and update an inventory spreadsheet and share with MDE. Our next step is to apply for funding to identify the service lines from the water line to the meter pit and to each residence. This is under way with an application due by the end of January. More information will be communicated as we progress.

Community Center Tot Lot

The Town has been granted funding from Carroll County Recreation and Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot for some new equipment/safety surface. As the original funding is less than the total amount required, we have been awarded the remaining funds through the Maryland DNR's Community Parks and Playground grant. We will be preparing the RFP and proceeding with this project within this next quarter.

Town Waste Water Treatment Plant and I&I Efforts

The Town is currently working to assess efforts and requirements for updating our wastewater treatment. Several options will be considered as we work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to discover our needs and develop a plan to address any findings. The Town has applied for and received a grant to fund the study. The Town has been granted \$5,000,000.00 from the State of Maryland to assist with the improvements once a project plan has been determined. The Town's engineering firm has completed the draft of the study and are working with MDE to complete and move forward with the next phase.

We are also working on a separate workstream to investigate and remediate any inflow & infiltration (I&I) concerns that may be found within our sewerage flows. Investigations have been completed and the Town will be seeking funding opportunities to implement the recommended course of action.

More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

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

Mike Reynolds

*Circuit Rider & Zoning
Administrator*

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

We have not been having regular meetings but things are about to change. If you have an interest in the association, or just own a business, please contact us as we begin changing things. Meetings only work when people attend. Will keep you posted.

In the meantime, visit us at the Union Bridge Community Resource Fair on April 30. It will be nice to get to know the business people in town.

WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL NEWS

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, Taneytown and 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 pm at the New Windsor Community Meeting Room.

Visit our website:

www.gowcrc.com

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/goWCRC>

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506 or prockwood1@verizon.net.

ORDINANCE NO. 321

On November 24, 2025, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the adoption of this Ordinance to sell the town-owned small portion of land adjacent to 4714 Ladiesburg Road, to the owner of that property.

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Silent Auction: The Union Bridge Fire Company's Silent Auction Committee is looking for

donations. Antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items, event tickets, "filled baskets," gift cards and new or gently used items are needed.

The Silent Auction will be displayed inside the air-conditioned building. You can bid on items from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by to bid on items. Items include places to go and things to do for adults and families, furniture, gift baskets, adult bicycles, gift cards for services and restaurants, and plants and garden items. Don't forget to get a slice of our fresh strawberry cake or fresh pie. If you have items to donate, please call:

Karen @ 410-775-7197

Trisha @ 410-596-5303

Audrey @ 410-775-2047

Or email:

ubfcsilentauction@gmail.com

Our carnival will be from Thursday, May 28th through Saturday, May 30th.

Check us out on Facebook!

CARROLL COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

When: Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Where: Union Bridge Church of the Brethren, 124 S. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

Registration: 1:30 p.m.

Walk Begins: 1:45 p.m.

Local agencies receiving 25% of the proceeds: Access Carroll, Shepherd's Staff and St. James Lutheran Food Pantry.

Donations accepted online at
<https://crophungerwalk.org/unionbridgemd> !

EYE ON WATER

EyeOnWater (EOW) services gives Union Bridge water/sewer customers direct access to your water consumption data and provides tools to help you manage your water use. EyeOnWater can be downloaded free at Google Android Play or Apple IOS App Store. Customers can also access EOW on a computer by going to the following web address:
<https://eyeonwater.com/signin>.

Customers can quickly view recent water usage with a two-week comparison, and view detailed water usage history by the hour, day, week, month and year!

Please have a copy of a recent water bill available as you will need your account number in order to access.

HUGHES TRASH HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day holiday week trash and recycling pickup will be delayed by one (1) day, which is Thursday, May 28, 2026. Please put your trash out the night before.

WATER/SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE

For your convenience, we are providing the quarterly billing schedule for residents who are connected to the Town systems.

Usage Months	Month Billed	Due Date
<i>Jan/Feb/Mar</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Apr/May/June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug 15</i>
<i>Jul/Aug/Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov 15</i>
<i>Oct/Nov/Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb 15</i>

Note that if you do not receive a bill before the end of the billing month, please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to request a copy prior to the due date.

Also note that, if your payment is mailed and it is not received by the Town Office by the due date, you will be assessed a late fee. Please ensure you allow sufficient time in the event of delays with mail delivery.

PROTECTING CARROLL COUNTY WATERS

Stormwater in Union Bridge is regulated by law under Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits under EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) administered through the Maryland Department of the Environment. For more information go to: <http://ccgovernments.org/ccg/npdes/>

WHAT YOU CAN DO! TIPS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Spring/Summer/Fall

Direct your downspout rain gutter discharge to your yard area to infiltrate into soil. Consider a rain garden in your landscape. Redirecting the discharge away from foot or road traffic areas can reduce the need for de-icer.

WATER CONSERVATION OUTDOOR TIPS

1. Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
2. Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
3. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.
4. Use plants that require less water.
5. Use a broom (not a hose) to clean driveways and walkways.
6. Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended, as a garden hose can discharge 600 gallons or more in just a few hours.
7. Collect rainwater to reuse in the garden whenever possible.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor/outdoor plants.
9. Limit car washing or visit a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. Keep outside faucets in good repair.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Will begin on Wednesday, April 3rd. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

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 underbrush.

PET OWNERS

The Town is getting calls about residents not picking up after their pets. Please consider those who come after you on your walk. Put yourself in their shoes – literally. Please be a good neighbor and pick up your animal droppings. According to Union Bridge Code, Chapter 10, the owner of every animal is responsible for removing any excreta deposited by their animal(s) on public property, including sidewalks, recreation areas or on private property.

IMPORTANT

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

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 CALL BRET GROSSNICKLE @ 410-274-2860

THE 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.



Dear Friend of the Union Bridge Fire Company,

On behalf of the Union Bridge Fire Company, Inc. , we are asking for your support of our **2026 Silent Auction held in conjunction with the Firemen's Summer Carnival held May 28-30, 2026.**

Our fire company is a volunteer non-profit organization and depends on donations from benefactors such as yourself to bring valuable fire and emergency medical services to our community and surrounding area. We continue to maintain our fleet of equipment, including the 2016 Spartan Engine Tanker purchased for \$592,000, and the 2017 Road Rescue Ambulance costing over \$190,000. There continues to be an increase of fire calls and ambulance calls each year.

We are asking you to consider donating to our Silent Auction. This is one of the fire company's largest fundraisers, which is only possible with the generous support of our community.

If you have items to donate, please contact one of the following committee person to arrange for pick-up:

**Trisha Jensen 410-596-5303 ~ Audrey Bowman 410-775-2047 ~
Karen Kotarski 410-775-7197
Silent Auction Email: ubfosilentauction@gmail.com**

Any donation you could give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in supporting our fundraising event.

Sincerely,

Silent Auction Committee

**UBFC Silent Auction Committee
c/o Trisha Jensen
315 Bucher John Road
Union Bridge, MD 21791**

Fed Tax ID# 52-6043884

A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR IS COMING TO YOU!

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 30, 2026

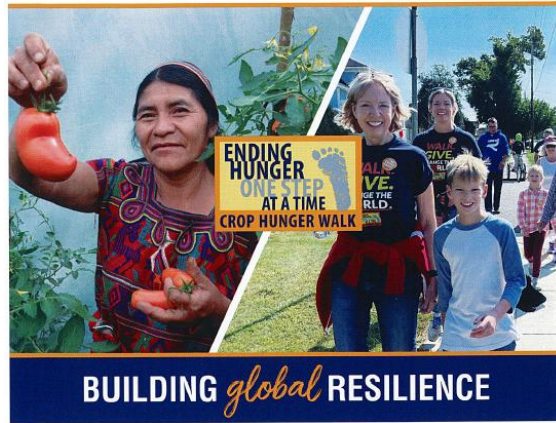
**UNION BRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT
8 W LOCUST ST, UNION BRIDGE, MD 21791**

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

FOOD | FUN | FAMILY | RESOURCES

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Hosted by the Carroll County Local Management Board and under efforts funded through the State of Maryland Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households initiative.



BUILDING *global* RESILIENCE

Carroll County CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday April 19, 2026
 Union Bridge Church of the Brethren
 124 S. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791
 Registration: 1:30 pm Walk begins: 1:45 pm

Local Agencies receiving 25% of the proceeds:
 Access Carroll, Shepherd's Staff, and St. James Food Pantry

<https://crophungerwalk.org/unionbridgemd>

You can donate online!



Do you long for connection? Do you feel that lately, even with all our technology, it's become more difficult to relate, to belong, and to connect with each other?

CROP Hunger Walks give you an opportunity not only to put your body in motion; but to connect with your community in a meaningful way and do something for our most vulnerable neighbors (both in our town and far away). As a community, it allows us to collectively embrace our caring human nature. Walking side by side, people from all walks of life—all ages, all faiths, all points of view—join efforts to make this world a more caring and safer place for everyone.

Walking encourages us to think about our neighbors who must walk for water, food, medical care or refugees who must walk to safety. Walking is an act of solidarity.

When you walk, give, and raise funds through CROP Hunger Walk, you are saving lives.

 \$21 Five chickens for a family in Tanzania	 \$25 A month of groceries for a refugee in Egypt	 \$43 A biosand water filter for a family in Myanmar	 \$40 A year of school supplies for a Roma child in Eastern Europe
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These are just a few examples of sustainable ways to END POVERTY, all thanks to YOU.

The Jewish sages have taught us that when you save one life, you save the entire world. Join us—step up alongside our neighbors—here and across the globe—who are ready to save lives through thoughtful, long-lasting solutions to hunger. Join us for the CROP Hunger Walk.