



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Jul 27, Aug 24 & Sep 28 - 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Jul 16, Aug 20 & Sep 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Jul 13, Aug 10 & Sep 14 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact:

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ARTICLES FOR THE
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
September 15, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

July 3rd, 2026
Independence Day
(observed)
&
September 7th, 2026
Labor Day

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Yes, the rumors are true. The development next to the Dollar General Store has been permitted to start the first phase of new homes. It will consist of the first 73 homes. The development process has taken a long time. The biggest reason is that the Mayor, Council, and the Planning Commission wanted to ensure that the expansion would not cost Union Bridge residents. Wastewater plant upgrades have always been the greatest inhibitor, due to available capacity for the planned community. The town has bought the land for the new sewer plant. That was going to happen with or without the development. Our plant has been outdated for many years, and it currently sits in the floodplain. We are working with our engineer to develop the design and will then submit it to MDE for approval and funding assistance.

Next, good news! The town will be getting a new restaurant! The old Buttersburg Inn will soon be a Mexican restaurant. Let's all give them time and a chance to help make it a success.

Also, the Dollar General Store has been remodeled and now has

fresh fruit, vegetables, and some meats. The new name is "DG Market". It is not a grocery store, but close.

The Community Center upgrades are complete inside. If you are looking for a rental for a party, please call the town office and have a look inside. The playground area outside will be the next big job. Coming soon!

The Lion's Club is doing a great job mowing the part of the town they have agreed to help maintain. The town has also received donated benches and trees. These are a great addition to the town. Any donations toward the cost of mowing will be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your summer!

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.

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, 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 underway 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 the 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 is 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
Town Administrator*

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The Town has recently performed some needed upgrades to the Community Center thanks to a Project Open Space grant providing funding from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Carroll County, and the Town.

Upgrades include:

- Flooring improvements
- Kitchen enhancements
- Installing a fireplace insert
- New tables and chairs
- Installation of chandeliers
- Upgraded Heating and A/C.

We hope that everyone enjoys the new enhancements that we have made. To help offset some of the costs, we have updated the rental prices as follows:

Rental Cost:

- In Town Residents: \$150.00/day.
- Out of Town Residents: \$300.00/day.
- Security Deposit: \$200.00 (refunded if no damage assessed).
- Kitchen Usage: \$50.00
- Janitorial Service: \$75.00

Please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711 with any questions or to book an event.

TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE 2026-2027 ADOPTED BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 322-A

It is ordained and enacted by the Mayor and Town Council of Union Bridge that the fiscal year 2026-2027 town budget of \$1,242,826.00 is hereby adopted.

Further, the town tax rate for the fiscal year will be \$.35 per \$100.00 of Full Value Assessment of property in the Town of Union Bridge.

Further, the town personal property tax rate will be \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

For information on the 2026-2027 budget, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

Clerk-Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2026

On April 27, 2026, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the adoption of this Resolution to amend the Union Bridge general water assessment fees for new users to \$6,282.00 per dwelling.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2026

On April 27, 2026, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the adoption of this Resolution to amend the Union Bridge general sewer assessment fees for new users to \$9,068.00 per dwelling.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 01-2026

On March 19, 2026, the Union Bridge Planning Commission recommended adoption of the FY27-FY32 Capital Improvement Program by the Union Bridge Town Council.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026

On March 19, 2026, the Union Bridge Planning Commission approved and certified its approval of the 2024 Water Resources Element and recommends approval by the Union Bridge Town Council.

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Thank you for supporting the Union Bridge Fire Company's Silent Auction 2026! This was one of our most successful years. In the eighteen (18) years of having the Silent Auction, over \$191,000.00 has been donated to the Union Bridge Fire Company.

This year, we had over 525 items donated, with over 120 gift certificates available, including bikes, flowers, steamed crabs, sports memorabilia, and furniture. With places to go and things to do, there was a variety of great items to bid on.

We appreciate the support of our "Friends of the Union Bridge Fire Company", the business community, and the 170 people who placed bids. With over 26 pies and 5 strawberry cakes, served in three nights, we were able to increase our profit. In case you missed us, we were located in the air-conditioned building. Hope to see you again next year!

*Thank you.
UBFC Silent
Auction
Committee*

Union Bridge Business Association

We pray you are enjoying your summer. It comes and goes way too quickly.

The association is working toward getting back to full speed. If you have a business and would like to know more about the association or become a member, please contact

judyj21@comcast.net or on Facebook. We would like to have a small get-together and need to know about businesses in the area to invite.

Not much happening currently, but as an fyi, we will be continuing the Duck Derby next year, so if you are interested in knowing more or helping, please let us know. Talk soon!

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.

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL

For the week of Independence Day, the pickup schedule will not change. The week of Labor Day, trash pickup will be one day behind, so please place your trash out **Wednesday evening** instead of Tuesday.

Also, please ensure that your trash is out the night before pickup, as crews will be starting at 4 am and they will not return for a pickup that is not out.

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
Jan/Feb/Mar	April	May 15
Apr/May/June	July	Aug 15
Jul/Aug/Sep	Oct	Nov 15
Oct/Nov/Dec	Jan	Feb 15

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.

EYE ON WATER

EyeOnWater (EOW) services give Union Bridge water/sewer customers direct access to their water consumption data and provide 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 to access it.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The annual Water Quality Report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

You can view the report at <https://unionbridgewaterqualityreport.com/>, or you can pick up a copy at the Town Office.

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. A garden

- hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only 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.
 11. Fix leaks promptly.
 12. Insulate pipes to reduce the time it takes for hot water to reach the faucet.
 13. Install water-efficient filters.
 14. Install on-demand hot water systems.
 15. Upgrade to high-efficiency appliances.
 16. Compost food waste instead of running the disposal.
 17. Be mindful of running water.

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://ccgovernent.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>.

TOWN CURFEW

Please keep in mind that curfews for children under the age of 18 years are as follows:

10:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and

12:01 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

BRUSH REMOVAL SERVICE

The Town will provide hauling services for brush removal (limbs/branches) by appointment. Note that you will need to load the brush onto the truck. Call 410-775-2711 to schedule a 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. Union Bridge Code, Chapter 10, the owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal(s) on public property, including sidewalks and recreation areas.

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
443-340-9266

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.

FOUND BICYCLES

If you have lost a bicycle, please check with the Town Office. We receive found/abandoned bicycles and store them in our storeroom. If not claimed within 90 days from the date it was found, it will be donated or disposed of.