

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meetings	Mar 24 & Apr 28 – 7 pm.
Planning & Zoning Meetings	Mar 20 & Apr 17 - 6:30 pm.
Council Work Sessions	Mar 10 & Apr 14 - 6:30 pm.
Heritage Committee	Mar 6 - 7:00 pm.

Articles for the May/June Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE April 15, 2008

Web Page www.carr.org/~unionbr

E-mail unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

There has been much talk recently about parking issues in town. Some of our streets are narrow and parking can be allowed only on one side so that emergency services may better serve the residents living there. Some residents do not have off-street parking available to them and others just have too many vehicles parked on the street. Apartments and large families also contribute to the problem. We need to be considerate of our neighbors and work with them so that everyone can park as close to their homes as possible. Once spite enters the picture it is downhill from there on. A man once told me that I could be part of the problem or part of the solution, and since then I have always tried to not add to the problem, even when I couldn't contribute to the solution. Let's try to be part of the solution. If you have parking issues and have a suggestion as to the fix, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We will no longer be televising our regular meetings, as the cost of permanent camera equipment is prohibitive. Even though the Community Media Center has provided excellent coverage for us, we cannot ask them to continue with the setup and removal of their equipment every month. It just isn't practical. We thank them very much for the coverage thus far and hope to use them for meetings of greater import in the future.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Greetings Union Bridge! My name is Vince Pacelli and I am the newly assigned Community Deputy. After 25 years as a member of the Baltimore City Police Department and just over two years as Director of Security at the University of Maryland Medical Center, I joined the Sheriff's Office in August of 2007. My first few months as a Deputy Sheriff were spent working in the Eldersburg area, and when the opportunity to work in Union Bridge arose, I volunteered almost immediately. As a twenty-year resident of Carroll County, I am happy to be working in the County, and am especially excited about the opportunity to serve the residents of Union Bridge. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Vince Pacelli, DFC
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
410-386-2900 ext. 4159
vpacelli@ccg.carr.org
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900

West Carroll Rec Council

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at the Union Bridge Town Hall at 7 p.m.
Elections for new officers were held in November.

Pres. Brad Rockwood

Vice Pres. Kim Eckard

Treas. Sandy Sullivan

Sec. Rebekah Snyder

New Windsor Rep. Dave Hoffman

Union Bridge Rep. Cheryl Keeney

We are in need of a Concession Stand Coordinator for the Union Bridge baseball diamonds.

Contact Sandy Sullivan 410-857-9170.

Union Bridge Fire Company

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY PUBLIC BREAKFASTS will be held in the Union Bridge Fire Hall located at 8 W. Locust Street 7 - 12 noon

Sundays -

March 9, 2008

April 13, 2008

May 11, 2008

Adults \$6.00 - Children 6-12 \$3.00 - under 6 free

All you can eat - pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy, hominy, puddin, potatoes, biscuits, muffins, fruit, orange juice, tea & coffee.

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

SPORTSMAN DRAWING

March 1, 2008

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

\$30.00 per ticket - allows ticket holder and one guest.

For information call

410-775-7780

BINGO BANQUET

March 15, 2008

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$25.00

Includes meal

For information call

410-775-0001

FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL

The carnival will be held the last week of May. NEW to our carnival this year will be a silent auction on Friday evening. We are in need of auction items. Please consider donating an item or service that will make this a BIG SUCCESS. Do you have something that someone else might think is a treasure? Art work, antiques, collectibles, and jewelry are all possibilities. Maybe your work could donate an item would you ask? Are you talented with handcrafts, such as sewing, quilting, or woodworking? We appreciate your support, and will see you at the carnival. Please call Karen Kotarski at 410-775-7197 or Glenda Etzler at 410-775-2509 for additional information or pickup of your item.

UNION BRIDGE AREA HERITAGE COMMITTEE AWARDED GRANT FOR WALKING TOUR BROCHURE; Businesses Provide Matching Funds

The Town of Union Bridge, in cooperation with the Union Bridge Area Heritage Committee, was awarded a mini-grant by the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, to print an updated version of the widely distributed Union Bridge walking tour brochure. The Heritage Committee raised matching funds to gain the full amount needed for production from area businesses, and would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support:

Buttersburg Inn, Dulany Insurance, LLC, Esquire Liquors, New Windsor State Bank, Stambaugh's Inc., Tuck Jones Service Center, Union Bridge General Store, and Vintage Restoration Limited.

The brochure was originally produced in the fall of 2006 and distributed to visitor centers and other locations across the state by the Carroll County Tourism Council and through locations in town. In addition to replenishing the diminishing supply, the updated version will include the reproduction of William H. Rinehart's sculpture, "Love Reconciled with Death", located in the town square.

The Heritage Committee will discuss other projects at its next meeting on Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Contact: Kathy Erb, 410-775-7450, kathyerb@verizon.net

CARROLL COUNTY CHAPTER MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2008 Scholarship Program

The Carroll County chapter of the Maryland Municipal League will offer three \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college or university or Carroll student currently enrolled in a college or university in a graduate or undergraduate program. Preference will be given to students preparing for a career in governmental or public service.

Application is currently available online -

- in pdf form at: http://www.sykesville.net/MML%20Scholarship_2008.pdf

- in Word document form at: http://www.sykesville.net/MML%20Scholarship_2008.doc

Applications are also available at the Union Bridge Town Hall.

Applications must be received at the address below by 5:00p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008.

Please mail completed application to:
Debby Ellis, MML Scholarship Chairperson
7547 Main Street
Sykesville, MD 21784

For information or questions please call Debby Ellis at 410-795-8959 or email at dellis@sykesville.net

RECYCLING NEWS

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

This Carroll County 4-H fundraising program does not cost anything. There is a bright green and yellow bin in the parking lot behind the Union Bridge Town Hall. Please bring all of the paper items that you would normally discard and throw them inside this bin. The recycling company picks up the paper and weighs it and the Carroll County 4-H Program receives a payment based on this amount.

This recycling program is available to anyone - both residents and businesses in The Town of Union Bridge are more than welcome to place their discarded paper in the bin.

Thank you for your support.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Service will be held on March 23, 2008 at 6 a.m. in the Union Bridge Community Center located at 4770 Ladiesburg Road in Union Bridge. Refreshments will be served.

ZONING PERMITS

With spring coming, you may be considering some sort of construction project. Some projects that need a town permit and may need a county permit are decks, garages, storage buildings and sheds, fences, pools, animal shelters, signs and driveway entrances.

Please contact the town's zoning administrator, Mr. Black, for information before you begin your project, at 410-775-2718.

COMMUNITY CENTER

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

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

410-775-2711

PARKING

Ordinance #276, Section 2, #13 - Distance Between Vehicles. No person shall park any vehicle upon any street or alley closer than two (2) feet from any other standing vehicle.

Water & Sewer Emergencies

Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200