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Council Meeting
May 22 & June 19 - 7 p.m.
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May 18 & June 15 - 6:30 p.m.
Council Work Session
May 8 & June Cancelled - 6:30 p.m.
Heritage Committee info, contact
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ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
JUNE 15, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED

May 29, 2017
Memorial Day

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring clean up time, Union Bridge Carnival is at the end of May, lets clean up around town in preparation to welcome visitors to our town during carnival week. May 20, 2017 will be the 13th Annual Convention of the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, Inc. and The Auxiliary to the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association, Inc. this will be a great day because our own Missi Green has been the President of the County Ladies Auxiliary for the past year. So once every 14 years the convention will come to town. We thank Missi for her hard work and dedication. It takes about 7 - 8 years to go through the chains to become president. We are proud of you. That day will bring about 200 fireman to town. Please try to spruce up and continue not just then but always.

We are always looking for volunteers for different committees. If you can give up a few hours a year please contact the Town Office.

Again we thank Lehigh for sweeping Main Street every Monday morning. Please move you parked cars from Main Street for about 1 - 2 hours early Monday mornings. They usually start about 7:00 a.m.

Don't forget that Election Day is May 9, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

As we begin the 2017 spring season, let's stop and take a look around. With the new season upon us, I see that the cold, dark scenery of the winter has finally changed into a colorful, bright one. It's time to get out of hibernation and begin to enjoy what Mother Nature has brought upon us. With the new season, it's time for the "Spring Cleaning" of the mind and neighborhood.

Yes, I did mention that we need to do a "Spring Cleaning" of our minds. What does that mean you ask? Well we need to start to change the way we think. Recently I heard a speech Mark Bezos did for Ted Talks. For more information about Ted Talks is, please see www.ted.com.

It was learned, that Mark is a volunteer firefighter out of New York who helps with a fire company in his neighborhood. Mark in the speech stated "that on one rainy night he was dispatched to a house fire. Upon arriving Mark noticed that the homeowner who was barefoot and wearing her bathrobe was speaking with the Fire Captain under an umbrella.

Mark stated that upon getting his order from the Captain, he was disappointed to hear that he had to only retrieve a pair of shoes for the homeowner rather than saving her dog. "Don't worry, the dog was saved by the first volunteer and yes, Mark was able to retrieve a pair of shoes. Mark stated that a few weeks later, the fire house received a "Thank You" letter from the grateful homeowner. In the letter Mark stated that the homeowner thanked everyone for their hard work and for the firefighter who even retrieved a pair of shoes for her. Mark then said: "Through his full time job and his volunteer work as a firefighter he sees acts of generosity and kindness on a monumental scale. That he was a witness to acts of grace and kindness on an individual basis. Then he learned that they all matter. " He further stated: "That if you have achieved or are on the road to achieving remarkable success, he offers this reminder. Don't wait, don't wait until you make your first million to make a difference in someone's life. If you have something to give, give it now, serve food at a soup kitchen, clean up a park, be a mentor. Not every day will be a chance to save someone's life but everyday gives us the opportunity to affect one. So get in the game!"

As for what Mark Bezos taught us, it's time for "Spring Cleaning" of the neighborhood. Let's begin to affect our neighborhood for the better. Let's get out there and begin to rid our parks, streets and neighborhood from litter. Let's come together to make Union Bridge, the best place to live. I know we can do it, but I can't do it myself. So please join me

in making your community better.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact me at bcolussy@ccg.carr.org or by phone at 410-386-2900. I know we can change this community for the better.

Stay Safe,
Master Deputy
Brian Colussy

MAYOR OF UNION BRIDGE RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SERVICE

Mayor Perry L. Jones Jr. of Union Bridge, Maryland issued a Proclamation for the Day of National Service on April 4, 2017 to formally recognize area seniors who serve at local Food Pantries through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (FSVP). The volunteers recognized were Dick Kraft, Karon Bunker, and Gloria Mahoney. Mayor Perry thanked these volunteers for their service, and noted that they demonstrate the type of commitment, dedication and patriotism that makes Carroll County a great place to live.

Recognizing that many families have limited funds, making it difficult to purchase nutritional food, Carroll County Public Schools have opened several Food Pantries in area schools. These Food Pantries are staffed by volunteers from the school, and assisted by RSVP volunteers.

Carroll County Public School Food Pantries are open to the general public, not just to the families of the school's students. Each week a variety of canned and fresh food items are available at no cost to residents of Carroll County. There are no eligibility requirements to receive a

selection of food. All food is provided by the Maryland Food Bank.

Two Food Pantries are available in the Union Bridge areas which are served by RSVP volunteers. The pantry at Francis Scott Key High School, organized by staff member Kim Toston, is open every Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. The pantry at Elmer Wolfe Elementary, organized by staff members Barb Deitch and Jacqueline Hurst, is open on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 pm.

Recognizing that some older residents are home-bound due to physical or medical issues, or are no longer able to drive, RSVP has stepped up to help by organizing the "Seniors With Groceries" project. Volunteers from the RSVP Carroll County program can pack and deliver a weekly grocery tote of food for residents who are home-bound or who have difficulty coming to the Food Pantry site.

Any resident who would like to schedule a regular delivery of free food from the Food pantry can contact the Union Bridge Town Hall to provide contact information and arrange for delivery. Note that delivery options may be limited due to unavailability of volunteers.

RSVP volunteers also work with Meals on Wheels, health and wellness partnerships, soup kitchens, and other county food pantries to address food insecurity for older, home-bound residents. Many seniors must make the choice between eating healthy food, paying rent or buying critically needed medicine, so it is critical that they have options to obtain free or low-cost nutritional food.

Our nation faces unprecedented challenges to develop supports to promote

independence among older adults and the disabled, and to provide support for the family members who help care for them. These challenges are particularly acute in Carroll County, where approximately 24,799 people (14.8%) of the population are age 65 or older, and 31.4% live with a disability (sources: Maryland Department of Planning projections and American Community Survey). This situation puts a strain on seniors, caregivers and government infrastructure, but RSVP addresses these concerns by harnessing the power, wisdom and experience of seniors age 55+ who step up to volunteer. If you know of a home-bound individual who could benefit from the services provided by volunteers, or if you would like to volunteer to serve with RSVP Carroll County, contact RSVP Carroll County 410-386-4646.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO THE CITIZENS
OF UNION BRIDGE:
THREE MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL WILL BE
ELECTED.

ELECTION DAY IS
TUESDAY,
MAY 9, 2017
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: TOWN
HALL
104 W. 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 P.M. Monday through Friday. **Registration will close on Sunday, April 9, 2017 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 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 10, 2017.

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.

FREEDOM BROADBAND

Freedom Broadband has expanded internet service in Union Bridge. Freedom Broadband, a locally owned Internet Service Provider, has expanded service to Union Bridge and the surrounding areas. Through a partnership with Lehigh Cement, Freedom Broadband is serving customers using wireless equipment located on the tower. Freedom Broadband offers internet service with much higher speeds than DSL and satellite, with truly unlimited data and no contract terms. For more information, please call 866-808-0523 option 4 or visit us at Fwbnet.net

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

ORDINANCE #314
REFINANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

On April 24, 2017 the Union Bridge Town Council approved Ordinance #314 Refinance of General Obligation Bond.

RESOLUTION 02-17

Resolution 02-17 was approved on January 23, 2017 for the upcoming budget. This resolution changes Council compensation and takes effect July 1, 2017

TOWN INFORMATION

On April 24, 2017, the Union Bridge Town Council approved Budget Ordinance 314-A for FY 17/18, with expenditures and revenues of \$947,332 the town tax rate to remain at \$.35 per \$100.00 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge and the town personal property tax rate to remain at \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

2017 NATIONAL TRAIN DAY OPEN HOUSE

Come out to this special Saturday, May 13, 2017 open house between 10:00 - 3:00 at Western Maryland Railway Historical Society Museum Complex Train Station, 41 North Main Street, Union Bridge to celebrate the National Train Day and celebrate the joy of trains and train travel! Free admission and open to all ages.

Come see the history of the Western Maryland Railway both in Carroll County and the State of Maryland. The Museum collection is housed in a 115 year old Railroad Station and office building. See trains from full size to small model trains of all size scales. Our own Carroll County based

Maryland Midland Railroad will have a locomotive on display. There will be displays of operating equipment (weather permitting) from the "Chesapeake & Allegheny Steam Preservation Society". For more information call 410-775-0150 , 410-857-4979 or email Wmrhs1@verizon.net or visit our web site <http://westernmarylandrhs.com/>.

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>

*Penny Rockwood,
Community Coordinator*

UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

May 14, 2017
Breakfast

CARNIVAL

The Union Bridge Fire Company's Annual Carnival will be held from **May 29th through**

June 3rd. Entertainment, rides, and great food will be available all week. May 31st come join us for the Fireman's Parade 7-8 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to donate items to the Silent Auction, we are in need of antiques, collectibles, gift certificates, gift baskets, handcrafted items, services, etc. Volunteers are needed to help with this committee. Silent Auction closes June 3rd at 7p.m. Please contact Karen Kotarski at 410-775-7197.

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.

PET OWNERS

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