

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

## September/October 2011

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- Council Meetings      Sep 26 & Oct 24 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings      Sep 15 & Oct 20 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions      Sep 12 & Oct 10 - 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Bob Bolduc 410-756-4895 or [bbolduc@comcast.net](mailto:bbolduc@comcast.net)

- Town Office will be CLOSED:  
- September 5th (Labor Day)

- Articles for the September/October Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE October 15, 2011

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### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer is almost over and school will soon be back in session. Please allow extra time for your travel to and from work, due to the school bus stops. There will be more children out during our morning commute, so please be cautious and help keep our children safe this school year.

The Town of Union Bridge's request for FY12 Community Development Block Grant fund has been approved in the amount of \$230,000. These funds will be used for infrastructure improvements along West Broadway. A Public hearing will be held in the near future to discuss the type of repairs that will be taking place. I would like to encourage everyone to attend this hearing.

It has been brought to my attention that certain properties in Union Bridge have had a lot of police activity. The landlords of these particular properties need to step in and inform their tenants, that there are laws (that can be put into place) for repeated police calls to a certain address, under which fines could be issued, and that, - that type of behavior from their tenants will not be tolerated. When we have residents who are a consistent problem to our police force, it reflects badly on the town and on the landlords.

At our June work session I requested the council to make a list of things they would like to see accomplished in The Town of Union Bridge. At our September 26, 2011 council meeting we will be discussing our future goals for the town.

Please plan to attend this meeting. This is the opportunity for you, the residents of Union Bridge, to tell the Mayor and Council what you would like to see the town accomplish. It is time for us to work together as a unified community.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

#### WEST CARROLL REC

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec. Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings. Meetings will be 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.

Elections will be held in November for the following positions on our board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, New Windsor Town Rep. and Union Bridge Town Rep. If you are interested in filling any of these volunteer positions, please plan to attend one of our upcoming meetings. See our website: [www.goWCRC.com](http://www.goWCRC.com).

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. 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.

Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator

#### CARROLL COUNTY TIMES OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, October 8th the Carroll County Times is hosting an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (201 Railroad Ave./MD 27, Westminster). Admission is free and there will be tours, food, games for children of all ages, including face painting, and entertainment. Previous Carroll Idol winners will be featured as well as local resident Mike Ritter. The rain date is Sunday, October 9th, from noon to 3 p.m. Two 100th anniversary displays will be available for public viewing – one is the storefront of the original "Times" building on Main Street in Westminster; and from late August through September there will be a display at the Historical Society, also on Main Street. If you have any questions concerning this event please call Shiela Johnson at 410-751-5903

Shiela Johnson, Senior Editorial Assistant

#### UNION BRIDGE COMPUTER CENTER

Bridges sponsors the Computer Lab at the Union Bridge Community Center in conjunction with the Town of Union Bridge and the Carroll County Public Library. The Computer Lab is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 – 8:30 pm. The Bookmobile is scheduled to be at the Community Center every third Monday. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the center. No computer experience is necessary. Volunteers are official library volunteers.

Matt Gibbons, Bridges Secretary

#### FAITH WEAVER FRIENDS CLUB

The Union Bridge Church of the Brethren has a special Tuesday evening program for kids in grades K-6. It is called "Faith Weaver Friends Club". Games, crafts, snacks, music, and faith lessons are all part of each energy-packed session. Faith Weaver Friends Club is fun and it's free. Also children will get a lot more than fun out of Faith Weaver Friends Club. Working on their weekly journal will reinforce language and writing skills they are learning in school. Group activities will develop important social skills.

Our tenth year of this program begins September 13 to November 1, and another eight -week session will be held January 17 - March 6. The evenings begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. We can also help with transportation.

To get your child involved contact the Church of the Brethren at 124 S. Main Street, Box 518, Union Bridge or call Pastor Jim at 410-775-2717

Pastor Jim, Church of the Brethren

#### 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, recreation areas or on private property.

#### YARD WASTE PICKUP

The last day for yard waste pickup will be either the first or second Wednesday of October. Contact the Town Hall for a definite date.

#### LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pick will be on an as -needed bases. Call the Town Hall to schedule pick-up October through December.

#### SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS: If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.

#### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY -- BINGO BANQUET - \$25.00

Saturday, September 10

Doors open at 4:00PM

Dinner at 5:00PM

Bingo starts at 6:30 PM

#### Water & Sewer Emergencies

Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200

#### 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...

#### MD State Police Drug TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936

They CAN'T do it without your help!!!

#### 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](http://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.

#### TRASH PICKUP

On July 7, 2011 The Town of Union Bridge started with a new solid waste removal company. The new company is Allied Waste Services. Trash will be picked up on Thursdays. If a holiday falls on a Thursday trash pickup will be on that Friday. THE ONLY TIME TRASH PICKUP DAY WILL BE CHANGED IS IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON A THURSDAY!

#### COMMUNITY CENTER AVAILBLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

410-775-2711

#### RECYCLING

The Town of Union Bridge is requesting that all residents of Union Bridge make an effort to recycle everything they possibly can. The cost for trash that is picked up in town is a combination of the cost for the pick-up of the trash plus the tipping fee at the landfill. When you recycle, the town pays only for the pick-up service, there is no tipping fee

associated with recyclables. Therefore, the more that we recycle, the less it costs the town. There is information at the Town Hall and at the County Office Building explaining what you can put in your recycle bins. Everything that is recyclable can be put into the same container, as Carroll County is doing single- stream recycling.

TRICK OR TREAT

October 31, 2011

6:30PM to 8:00PM

Please turn your porch light on if you wish to participate.