

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Nov 23 & Dec 28 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Nov 19 & Dec 17 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Nov 9 & Dec 14 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
 - Nov 11 (Veterans Day)
 - Nov 26-27 (Thanksgiving)
 - Dec 24 (1/2 day Christmas Eve)
 - Dec 25 (Christmas)
 - Dec 31 (1/2 day New Years Eve)
- Articles for the January/February Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE December 15, 2015

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The Drug Awareness Expo was very successful, although the attendance was low the people who did attend said it was very informational. Council member Amy Kalin did a wonderful job organizing this event. The town would like to make this an annual event.

It still looks like New Windsor Middle School will be closing. Keep a lookout for any meetings concerning this and take time to go a voice your concerns. Remember if all the local students that were moved to Northwest Middle years ago were back New Windsor Middle School numbers would be up.

Cold weather is on its way. Please keep fire prevention in mind. Also be aware of frozen water lines and ice on sidewalks.

Two new people have joined the Planning and Zoning Commission this summer. Chad Green is our new Zoning Administrator. We are looking for three new people for the Board of Elections. This is the only job that pays. If you are interested please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

In light of recent developments in Carroll County, we were asked to remind everyone that Route 75 is an active bicycle lane at its intersection with Shepherd's Mill Road and that vehicles must obey the stop sign at that intersection. It was recently reported on a local news program that motor vehicles frequently fail to come to a complete stop at the intersection. Also be mindful of our town's speed limits, stop signs, and crosswalks.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Maryland State Highway Association's NRT program and a \$36,000 grant from the Maryland Program Open Space program to complete our looped trail system at the

Little Pipe Creek Wetlands Park. This project will extend the length of the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands hiking and fitness trail an additional 1,100 feet (approximately).

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

Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant

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>

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

LOST & FOUND

A few items have been left at the playground area. Call the Town Hall to inquire.

LEAF PICKUP

The town will again offer leaf pickup. Please call the Town Hall to schedule a pickup October through December.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Thanksgiving Week trash will be picked up on Friday, November 27, 2015. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve please have your trash out by the curb on Wednesday night, collection will start very early on Thursday morning.

WINTER MONTHS

Be sure to drain all outdoor water hoses and temporary water lines. Check all outdoor faucets to make sure they are turned off and are not leaking.

ORDINANCE 311

On September 28, 2015 the Union Bridge Town Council approved Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 311. The Town of Union Bridge has delegated the administration of floodplain management, plans and permit review and code enforcement to Carroll County as provided for in the Union Bridge Code and in a signed and executed Joint Resolution adopted between The Town of Union Bridge and The County Commissioners of Carroll County. A copy of Ordinance No. 311 is on display at the Town Hall.

INDOOR WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

1. On average, toilets are responsible for 25% of your indoor water use. Installing a high-efficiency certified toilet can create significant water savings.
2. Taking shorter showers can help reduce your household's overall water usage. Consider switching to a low-flow showerhead to save on water. Five minutes in the shower equates to 50 gallons of water down the drain.
3. Run the dishwasher and washing machine when each is at full capacity to save on unnecessary water usage. Doing so can save up to 1,000 gallons of water a month.
4. When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. These are more water and energy efficient.
5. Replace and retrofit old faucets with high efficiency ones.

6. Listen for dripping and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons or more a month.
7. Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor plants.
9. Run your garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons of water each time

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 PAGE AMY KALIN 1-410-775-0687

IMPORTANT: If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 401-775-2711.

WINTER MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PATTERN SIDEWALKS

1. Sand or kitty litter may be used for traction.
2. Snow removal equipment should have a rubber edged blade.
3. We do not recommend the use of salt or snow melting product containing sodium chloride. In the event that these products must be used wash any residue from the concrete surface when feasible.
4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

REMINDER: UNION BRIDGE CODE CHAPTER 130, SEC. 4 (B2)

Owners or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow or ice from the traveled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

SNOW

Main Street is a snow emergency route.

NO PARKING is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

NO PARKING on East Broadway from Lightner Street up to Bellevue and on Thomas Street up to Bellevue when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

DECEMBER 2, 2015

7:00 PM

UNION BRIDGE 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.

PLEASE RECYCLE

*IT'S STATE LAW.

*IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SMART.

*IT SAVES THE TOWN MONEY (YOUR TAXES).

*THE MORE YOU RECYCLE THE LESS TRASH YOU PUT INTO LANDFILLS.