

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meetings	Jan 22 & Feb 26 – 7 pm.
Planning & Zoning Meetings	Jan 18 & Feb 15 - 6:30 pm.
Council Work Sessions	Jan 8 & Feb 12 - 6:30 pm.

Articles for the January/February Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE February 15, 2007

OFFICE CLOSED January 1 & 15, 2007

Web Page www.carr.org/~unionbr

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

May you all have a wonderful holiday and an even better New Year. Remember that the world would be a better place if we all followed just one rule, Care for others the way you would have them care for you. Everything else would fall into place.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Criminology 101 -

As the holiday season is now upon us, I thought it a good idea to write briefly about crime prevention strategies. Broken down into simple terms, any crime is made up of three parts: motive, ability, and opportunity. If someone wishes to steal something out of a vehicle, then they have the motive to commit the theft. However, if they lack the tools to break into the car, then they have motive without ability. If they have motive and the ability, then it is up to us to reduce the opportunity. Parking in a well-lit area and being watchful for suspicious people or activity are excellent deterrents to crime. When this isn't possible, then keeping valuables out of sight and locking doors and windows will help - anything that makes committing the crime more risky or difficult.

This may be overly simplified, but I hope it will help you think of ways to protect your home and vehicle. Have a great holiday season.

Jon Light, DFC
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
410-386-2900 ext. 4106
jlight@ccg.carr.org
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900

Union Bridge Fire Company

Holiday giving starts early in Union Bridge. At their Sunday breakfast the Union Bridge Fire Company recently distributed 60 smoke alarms to families that needed them. The Company recently decided to expand their efforts to provide smoke detectors to residents of the Union Bridge response area. Residents of the area are urged to call 410-775-7422 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to get their names put on the list of those that will receive the device. You can leave the information on the recording at extension #25. To make it easier for families to get them the Fire Company will even deliver them to the residents' homes. Supplies are limited and will be provided on a first call basis. Chief Chad Green and Fire Company members believe that having smoke detectors will greatly reduce the potential of loss of life and that a functioning detector is one of the best investments you can make for the safety of you and your family.

COMPANY FUND RAISERS

BINBO Basket, Boyd's Bear & Vera Bradley Bag

Fire Company Auxiliary, 8 W. Locust St, Union Bridge

Jan. 19, 2007 (snow date 1/26/07). Doors open 5 p.m. - Bingo starts at 7 - \$12.00 in advance/\$15.00 at the door, food available. For reservations call 410-775-7891.

PUBLIC BREAKFAST

Union Bridge Fire Co., 8 W. Locust St., Union Bridge. January 14, 2007 7 - 12 noon (if snow emergency breakfast will be cancelled). Adults \$6.00 - Children 6-12 \$3.00 - under 6 Free.

West Carroll Rec Council

WEST CARROLL REC NEWS - West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Re. Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 3rd Monday of each month at the Union Bridge Town Hall.

The next meeting dates are: Jan. 15th and Feb. 19th.

Elections were held in Nov. Officers are: President: Brad Rockwood, Vice President: Kim Eckard, Treasurer: Sandy Sullivan, Secretary: Rebekah Snyder, Union Bridge Town Rep: Cheryl Keeney, New Windsor Town Rep: Vacant.

West Carroll Rec. will be awarding its first ever \$1,000 scholarship. Eligibility requirements: High School Senior, Unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher, participated or volunteered in a West Carroll

activity for three years, beginning with their 5th grade year. Applications are available at FSK or Town Hall. Deadline is April 30, 2007. For more information contact Sandy Sullivan at 410-857-9170.

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Baseball/Softball

New Windsor Middle - Cafeteria

Thursday, Jan. 25 - 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27 - 10-12

Thursday, Feb. 1 - 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3 - 10-12

Baseball: Brian Klein 410-775-7992

Softball: Dave Hoffman 410-635-3985

Lacrosse

FSK High School - Cafeteria

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 - 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21 - 3-3:30 Reg. 3:30-5:00 Meeting

\$85.00/player

Laurie Beardsley: 410-775-1314

UNION BRIDGE BREAKFAST - Sponsored by Bowling Brook Preparatory School
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE FOR TOWN IMPROVEMENTS
Breakfasts are held at 999 Crouse Mill Road, Keymar, MD. For information contact Bill Clarke at 410-775-7881. Breakfast from 7 a.m. - Noon. Adults \$6.00, 6-12 \$3.00 Carry outs \$6.50.

FUTURE BREAKFAST DATES

January 21, 2007

February 18, 2007

March 18, 2007

April 15, 2007

May 20, 2007

HERITAGE COMMITTEE RELEASES UNION BRIDGE WALKING TOUR BROCHURE

Union Bridge has a wealth of historic properties and vibrant history. The recent efforts of the town, volunteers, and the business community to revitalize our Main Street have enhanced the appearance of the town.

To promote the town as a destination, the Union Bridge Area Heritage Committee released a brochure describing our history and extraordinary architecture. The piece is available at locations in town and is being distributed by the Carroll County Tourism Council to visitor centers, hotels, and shopping malls, and a variety of sites throughout the state. The brochure was produced by members of the Communications Subcommittee of the Main Street Revitalization Committee. Committee member Kathy Erb wrote the text based in part on A Stroll Through History - A Walking Tour of the Town of Union Bridge, along with additional research. Architectural information was compiled from the Union Bridge Application for Historic Designation prepared by Ken Short. Photographs appearing in the brochure were taken by Elizabeth Galaida. Joan McKee of the Heritage Committee

joined Kathy Erb and Elizabeth Galaida in raising funds to cover production costs.

The Union Bridge Area Heritage Committee would like to thank the following area businesses and civic groups who provided financial support for the production costs of the brochure:

New Windsor State Bank
The Town of Union Bridge
Union Bridge Lions Club

Union Bridge Business Association Members:

Buttersburg Inn
Ed's Barber Shop
Esquire Liquors
Hartzler Funeral Home
Maryland Midland Railway
Original Pizza
Union Bridge General Store
Union Bridge Pharmacy

Copies of the brochure are available at the Town Hall and at sponsoring locations listed above. For more information, please contact Kathy Erb at 410-775-7450

Water/Sewer Emergency Pager # 1-410-899-1200

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL 410-775-2711 TO RESERVE THE CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION

SNOW

Main Street is a snow emergency route, NO PARKING is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

ORDINANCE #263 B-2

Owners or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow and 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.

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is done each week. Council member in charge of streets, Donald Wilson, asked that you please obey "no parking" meter bags and signs on designated days.

ORDINANCE #263

The town is still getting calls about residents not picking up after their animals. Please consider those who come after you on your walk. Put yourself in their shoes - literally. Please be a good neighbor and do the right thing.

GREETINGS FROM A NEW BUSINESS IN UNION BRIDGE

"Dulany Insurance Agency wishes all of Union Bridge a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!"

Tina M. Foley

The Town of Union Bridge welcomes Dulany Insurance, which is located at 12 North Main Street. The phone number is 410-775-1333.