

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

November/December 2017

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ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY DECEMBER 15, 2017

#### **OFFICE CLOSED**

November <u>10th - Veteran's Day</u> <u>23rd & 24th -Thanksgiving</u> <u>December</u> <u>22nd - Closing at Noon</u> <u>25th - Christmas</u> <u>29th - Closing at Noon</u>

#### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

By now it is no secret that our bank is closing. The Main Street bank has been there since 1899. The story is that times have changed. We all know that. The folks that have been here all of their lives see it every day. The banks are just like any other business. People must keep coming through the doors. More people bank online because it is easy, but what about those who don't have computers or just don't trust all of the online stuff? Our town has lost a lot of business over the years. It's time to rethink what we are doing wrong. Do we as a community support our local businesses? Local grocery store closed because it was pennies cheaper to buy in Taneytown or Westminster. But it also cut jobs. Stop and look how many Union Bridge people started working at Myers' store and Yingling's Market. How many people go out of town to buy their beer and beverages either to save money or just so they don't want anyone to see them buy it.

We need residents to let us know what you would like to see in the empty buildings. Also the owners of the buildings must work with new businesses on the rent. We need to think outside the box.

The Town Council meets the 4th Monday of the month. The Lions Club meets the 2nd and the 4th Tuesday. Support and help what the Town already has.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

#### GRANT PROJECT UPDATE Town Truck Funding Request

The Town received grant approval from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) to fund the majority purchase of a new 4x4 pickup truck for the town's maintenance and emergency needs. The truck has been purchased and is a much needed and appreciated addition for the Town as our prior truck is over 17 years old.

#### Inflow & Infiltration Engineering Feasibility Study

The Town has been awarded a SEARCH grant by USDA to fund an engineering study to propose recommendations for inflow and infiltration (I&I) mitigation in the Town which will increase the town's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) capacity and allow for growth in our community. The Town is working with the USDA and An engineering firm to proceed with the project.

#### <u>Maryland Emergency</u> <u>Management Agency</u> (MEMA) Pre-Disaster <u>Mitigation Grant for Town</u> <u>Emergency Generator</u>

The Town has applied for a grant to install emergency generator for the Town Water Treatment Plant and Town Office Building. The Town originally submitted this request for the first phase which was approved in 2014 and permitted us to submit the phase 2 application through MEMA for funding with the Federal **Emergency Management** Agency (FEMA). We are currently awaiting an approval decision.

#### Community Park Tennis Courts

The Town has sub mitted an application to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for a grant to resurface the Town's tennis courts and restore the court lighting as well as mark the courts to permit the play of the game of "Pickle Ball". This game is quickly becoming a very popular sport. We are currently awaiting a funding decision from the DNR.

**Community Center Update** 

The Town has submitted a request for a Maryland Program Open Space (POS) award to fund upgrades to our Community Center. The funds will allow us to install new windows, doors and provide insulation for the internal walls. Carroll County has approved the project for us to submit our application to the Department of Natural Resources. We are now awaiting a decision on the award from the Maryland DNR.

For questions on these or any other projects, call the Town Office at 410-775-2711 *Mike Reynolds, Circuit Rider* 

#### UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Union Bridge **Business Association is** working hard to make things happen in Union Bridge. The mission of the Association is "for business professionals to meet once a month, get to know one another, what products and/or services they provide and to help everyone's business grow". The organization works together to provide an opportunity to enable all area businesses to promote and strengthen each other and to work to support local events.

Work on the Dog Walk/Duck Derby for early spring is progressing nicely. If you have an interest, please feel free to bring it to our attention.

One thing we want to do is introduce you to one of our members each newsletter. This month we focus on Sindi Eyler, LuLaRoe representative. Here is a bit about her and her company.

"Who know getting dressed could be so much fun? Every morning I wake up and look at my amazing selection of dresses, skirts, tops, leggings & layering pieces made by LuLaRoe. Then I decide on my mood. Am I feeling adventurous? Maybe then I go for a bold Aztec print Maxi skirt with a matching Classic T. Does my day require business attire? If so, maybe I start with a pretty floral Julia Dress and then pair it with a Joy Vest, belt and heels or our classic Cassie Pencil Skirt paired with a Lindsey Cardigan and a statement necklace. Will I just be running errands in town? Then it's a pair of our buttery soft leggings and a Irma Tunic with my comfy flats or Keds. And the best part is that all these items can be intermingled to make multiple outfits. And while I linger in my closet, I enjoy knowing that my prints are limited and I will most likely be the only one rocking that particular pattern. I will be unique. I will be comfortable. I will be confident. I will show may personal style to the world. From professional life, to date night, to cheering your kids on the sidelines.

We have something for you to wear. And with sizes ranging from XXS to 3XL, we have styles to fit every body size and shape!

LuLaRoe; where through fashion we create freedom, serve others and strengthen families. A place where lives are being blessed and dreams achieved through love, purpose, confidence, trust and growth.

The motto of LuLaRoe really embodies the type of person that I desire to be every day. Through LuLaRoe I have been able to bless so many lives and I am looking forward to continuing that for many years to come.

LuLaRoe strives to continuously find ways to **Bless Lives and Strengthen** Families. Believe it or not, your favorite LuLaRoe piece has its own story. The production and development that goes into each style, print and design touches the hands of thousands of artists and craftsmen around the world. From Korea to Guatemala, to the US and Vietnam, together we are blessing the lives of over 100.000 families.

Now the question is, how do you get your hands on our limited LuLaRoe pieces? Well that is where I, LuLaRoe Sindi Eyler, come in.

An In-Home Boutique is the best way to shop! As your independent Fashion Retailer, I am excited and ready to serve you and help you throw the best Pop-up ever! I will come to your home and set up shop. It's that easy! So invite your friends and family and let's get the party started! These In Homes always turn into fashion shows and they are so much fun! I mean after all, who wants to shop alone?

If you can't get the girls together for a girls' night of shopping, what better way than to host your own Online Pop-Up Boutique? I will set up a private VIP page on Facebook so you and your friends can shop together and still have a great time! I also host regular Open House events as well as post inventory available for purchase on my VIP Shopping Group found on Facebook. To join, simply go to:

www.facebook.com/groups/L uLaroeSindiEyler.

Fell like you need more individual guidance? Then let's get your scheduled for a Personal Styling Appointment. Come to my home. Try if all on and I'll help you find the right fit, size and outfits to fulfill your needs.

Are you part of a local organization or know a family in need? We can work together to host a fundraiser for them as well, of which if approved by LuLaRoe and a minimum sales volume is met, LuLaRoe will even match!

I have never had so much fun getting dressed every day! I get to play dress up every day! Let's get away from the boring and let your personalilty shine through your clothing. Contact me today to book your in-home party, personal styling event, or fundraiser! LuLaRoe Sindi Eyler Email:

LuLaRoeSindiEyler@gmail.c om

Phone - 410-596-5792

Well that's all for now. But, remember, The Union Bridge Business Association meets monthly at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday at the Union Bridge Town Hall, unless a Networking Event is planned. For more information, email our President, Judy Baxter at judybaxter5@comcast.net Judy Baxter, UBBA

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor. If you are interested in learning about, or registering for, any of the WCRC activities or athletics please reach out to the appropriate contact listed below. Please note that this list is not all inclusive, please see our website at www.gowcrc.com for a

complete list of activities available.

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

#### Art Program

Jenifer Patterson carrollartleague@gmail.com or 443-340-3103

Baseball

Jennifer Griffin <u>fskjreaglesbaseball@gmail.c</u> om or wyjejobo@aol.com

Basketball

www.fskjreaglesbasketball.c

Gene Bertrand gbert53@gmail.com 410-259-5066

#### Cheer

www.leaguelineup.com/wcrr ebels Kim Smith 410-215-9659 or

Tanya Golden 443-605-4314 **Fast Pitch Softball** Rick Leister

coachrick132@gmail.com

Field Hockey www.westcarrollfieldhockey.

com

Lacrosse Matt Watkins

matthew.j.watkins.sr@gmail.

410-491-7644

#### Rugby

www.westcarrollrugby.com Girls - Gabby Balassone coachgabby@outlook.comm 915-249-5833

Boys - Chet Rockwood chet.rockwood@aol.com 443-605-4507 Soccer www.fskjreaglessoccer.com Volleyball Steve Keeney snkeeney@gmail.com 443-340-8380 **Wrestling** Jason Etzler jetzler@taneytown.org

DON'T FORGET TO LIKE US ON FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/g oWCRC

Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator

#### DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

**Purpose** - Improve Union Bridge

**Mission Statement** - Create Activities to bring Neighbors and Businesses together to bond and come together to beautify and improve Union Bridge.

Please like us on Facebook. Donations can be made on our Facebook page.

We have been very busy since we formed our organization in June 2017, founded by Deputy Brian Colussy and Cheri Babington Thompson, below is a recap of what we have done so far: **August** - Sub Sale **September** - Assisted

elderly couple moving day, 50/50 Drawing, Winner of \$412.00 Greg Smith. **October** - Save Our Streets,

Drug awareness Program (provided volunteers), Basket Bingo, Coffee and Painting Fundraiser.

We were able to achieve these successes with the help of our generous residents and business owners. If you have an idea or know of a need please let us know.

#### Upcoming Projects Community Bulletin Boards

Coming soon... to be located at Walking Path and Parking Lot @ Square. Open to anyone to post upcoming events. Drop your flyer off at Esquire Liquors or Linbeau's Railway Pub.

## Residential & Commercial Holiday Decoration

**Contest:** Everyone is encouraged to decorate for the holiday season \$50 Gift Card for 1st Place Winners, Categories: Most Lights Most Creative Vintage Charm Participants and winners will be displayed on our Facebook page. See flyers posted throughout town. Winners will be announced on December 17th.

#### Free Holiday Tree Pick-Up (In-Town Residents only)

January 6 & 13, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contact:: Linda Biddle 240-440-4222

1) To have your tree pickedup you must call to be put on the list NO EXCEPTIONS.

2) Include your name,

phone number and address.3) Please specify where the tree will be located . They need to be as close to the street as possible for easy pick up.

4) All decorations must be removed.

These are the only 2 dates for pick-up. Trees must be

#### outside on the scheduled day by 8:00 a.m. See flyers posted throughout the town.

#### Soup Social

January 12, 2018 5:00p.m. - 7 ;00 p.m. Open to everyone. Event will be held at St. James Lutheran Church, 14 E. Benedum Street. See Flyers throughout town.

#### Duck Derby/Pet Parade

Spring 2018 at walking trail. More information to come.

We have over 40 volunteers. We have received several cash donations from various citizens and businesses and for that we are very thankful and it is greatly appreciated!

#### Need help with a project or need assistance please feel free to contact us. We are here to help!

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our meetings/fundraisers/events. For more information, please contact: Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305 ravent16@yahoo.com, we would love to meet and get to know you!

> Cheri Thompson, Dream Big Union Bridge

#### HUGHES TRASH HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Please note that trash pickup on **Thanksgiving** week will be on Wednesday as usual and **Christmas** week will be one day behind with pick-up on Thursday, December 28, 2017.

#### 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/

#### CARROLL COUNTY ENERGY SAVER LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of Carroll County Energy Saver Loan Program (ESLP) is to provide Carroll County residents with low interest rate loans for home improvement, energy efficient projects that help reduce their energy bills. More information about the program is available through the new website:

http://ccgovernment:ccg.carr. org?ccg/ESLP/

## LEAF PICKUP

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

#### WINTER SEASON REMINDERS

## UNION BRIDGE CODECHAPTER 130, SEC.4 (B2)

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

### <u>WINTER</u> MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PATTERN SIDEWALK

- 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 event that these products must be used, wash any residue from the concrete surface
- 4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Christmas tree lighting will be December 5th at 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date will be December 7th at 7:00 p.m.)

## **SNOW**

Main Street is a snow emergency route, <u>NO PARKING</u> 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 when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

## <u>SNOW</u> <u>MAINTENANCE</u> <u>AROUND FIRE</u> <u>HYDRANTS</u>

If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please keep it clear of snow so the Fire Department can quickly access it during an emergency.

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

#### DISPOSABLE DOES NOT MEAN FLUSHABLE

The sewer system is designed to accept water, human waste and toilet paper. Toilet paper dissolves quickly in water. However disposable cleaning wipes, diapers, paper towels, shop rags and other such items do not dissolve easily and may accumulate in the sewer system contributing to clogs and back-ups. As these items travel through the system they also get caught in the pumps and other equipment potentially damaging the equipment and leading to an overflow. Even if the label reads "flushable" it is still safer to dispose of these items in the trash.

## 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 CALL AMY KALIN

<u>1-410-775-0687</u>

## THE 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

NOTE: The Community Center will be undergoing facility upgrades over the next year. As the exact timing of the upgrade has yet to be determined, please be aware that there may not be availability for your planned event so please confirm with Town Hall when scheduling.

WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!