



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Apr 24, May 22 & Jun 12 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Apr 20, May 18 & Jun 15 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Apr 10, May 8 & Jun 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

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ARTICLES FOR THE
JULY/AUG/SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
JUNE 15, 2023

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, April 7th
Good Friday

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day

Monday, June 19th
Juneteenth

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Springtime is here and time has been changed. Please be on the watch early mornings because the school buses are picking up children and it is still dark. Buses are traveling through town as early as 6:00-6:15 a.m.

This is the time of year when people start cleaning their yards. It's also time to start mowing grass. Please remember to not blow grass in the street. Grass can wash down into the storm drains and clog them up.

If you have a high school senior this year, please read. The Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League offers three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college, university or Carroll Community College. Or, Carroll County students currently enrolled in a college or university, in a graduate or undergraduate program. The application is available for download at www.hampstead.gov, under News and Announcements. Applications are also available at your high school guidance office and your local town office.

As reported in the last newsletter, the Town will be having a Soap Box Derby. The date will be Saturday, July 22. Entry forms will be at the Town Office and on the Town website. Come and enjoy the fun!

Start building your boats!
Flood Zone is having the 4th Annual Anchored Mini Boat

Parade on July 12-16. Come out and support your favorite boat!

Dates are also being decided for a 5K run and a possible 8K run. More information to come. Flood Zone will be the contact on this.

The Union Bridge Fire Company will have its 3-Day Festival this year June 1-3. This will replace the carnival. Note the name change.

The Union Bridge VFW will still host its Memorial Day service as always.

Please keep an eye open for FREE snow cones at the town square. This event will be on the last of school. Date to be determined.

Easter Sunrise Service will be April 9th at the Union Bridge Brethren Church. The event will be held outside, weather permitting.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

PUBLIC NOTICE SEWER LINE FIELD INVESTIGATIONS

Please be advised that the Town has employed a contractor to conduct CCTV field investigations on the sewer lines to check the structural integrity of our sewer system and ensure outside water is not infiltrating our systems. This project will take place beginning on Monday, March 20, 2023, and will last approximately four (4) weeks.

During this time, we wanted to communicate some possible abnormalities or minor inconveniences:

Home Sewer Systems

- You may hear some noise in your system while working on your street.
- There is a potential for what is called "Blowback" while working on the sewer lines. To combat this, please perform the following preventative measures during this time period:
 - Keep all toilet seat lids down.
 - Cover floor drains.
 - Cover sinks located in the basement.

Hours of Operation

- Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 7:30 pm (approximately)
- If working on Green Valley Road (Route 75) – (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)

Traffic

- Look for traffic cones and signs in the designated work zone.
- Potential flaggers and lane closures while working on Green Valley Road (Route 75)

This work is being conducted by Standard Pipe Services, LLC. If you have a need to escalate any concerns or notice any irregularities during this time, please call Superintendent, Steve Scruggs at cell number 302-286-0701.

Upon completion of the video surveillance, the same contractor will conduct "Smoke Testing" of the system, as well to search for any faults in the line. Anyone affected by the testing will have a doorhanger placed on their residence to alert you of the testing and what to expect.

We appreciate your patience and support in our attempts to improve the Town's infrastructure.

The Town of Union Bridge

GRANT & PROJECT UPDATES

Community Center Tot Lot and Walkway Roof Upgrades

The Town has been granted funding from Carroll County Recreation and Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot for some new equipment/safety surface and for repair to the walkway roof leading to the main entrance. As this funding is less than the total amount required, we have applied for the remaining funds through the Maryland DNR's Community Parks and Playground grant. We are currently awaiting a decision.

Town Waste Water Treatment Plant and I&I Efforts

The Town is currently working to assess efforts and requirements for updating our wastewater treatment. Several options will be considered as we work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to discover our needs and develop a plan to address any findings. The Town has applied for and received a grant to fund the study. The Town has been granted \$5,000,000.00 from the State of Maryland to assist with the improvements once a project plan has been determined. We are currently awaiting the results of the study being compiled by the Town's engineering firm.

We are also working on a separate workstream to investigate and remediate any inflow & infiltration (I&I) concerns that may be found within our sewerage flows. We have engaged our engineering firm to move forward with the investigation (see public notice above).

More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

2022 Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) – Via Carroll County Thomas Street Water Line Repairs & Valve Bolt Replacement

The County approved funding of a project to replace the water main on Thomas Street & bonnet valve bolt replacements. Carroll County is contributing \$157,606.00 towards the project, which will end up costing approximately \$515,000.00 when completed. Next steps will be to prepare an RFP and select a contractor to complete the project.

Track Loader with Mowing Attachment

We have applied for a grant through the USDA to purchase a track loader with mowing attachment to be able to mow areas around town where access is currently an issue for our existing equipment. If awarded, the grant would cover \$50,000.00 of the expected total cost of \$80,000.00. It is worth noting that we have applied for this grant previously and have been awarded funds to purchase our dump truck and work truck. We are currently awaiting a decision from the USDA, which will come in later 2023.

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

*Mike Reynolds,
Circuit Rider/
Zoning Administrator*

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE:
MAYOR AND TWO (2)
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
WILL BE ELECTED
**ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY,
MAY 9, 2023**
7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
**LOCATION: TOWN HALL 104
WEST LOCUST STREET**

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 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration will close on Monday, April 10, 2023, 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 Mayor and 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, 2023.

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.

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

NEW MEETING DAY – We are now meeting on the 1st Thursday of every month at St. James Lutheran Church starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. We **NEED** more **VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Union Bridge Gift Shop - The Union Bridge Gift Shop, operated by Dream Big Union Bridge, continues to bring new customers into town and everyone loves the shop. If you haven't been there, ... you need to stop in.

New Hours - Starting in April, we will be opening on Wednesdays and extending our Sunday hours. New hours will be: Wednesday – Saturday 11-7 and Sunday 11-5.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – April 8, 2023 starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. @ Union Bridge Community Center Playground. Filled Easter baskets while they last. Please go to the information table to sign in and be directed to your age group area.

Annual Rubber Duck Derby and Jeep Shine & Show – May 20, 2023, (rain date: June 3, 2023) Duck Adoption 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. being held on the Walking Trail. Duck Launch at 11:30 a.m. (Vendors, games, food, music, and raffles).

Follow Dream Big Union Bridge on **FACEBOOK**, for updates and events.

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Silent Auction, Thursday, June 1st through Saturday, June 3rd.

The Union Bridge Fire Company's Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations. Antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items, event tickets, "filled baskets", gift cards and new or gently used items are needed.

The Silent Auction will be displayed inside the air-conditioned building. You can bid on items Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bidding closes – Saturday, June 3rd at 8:00 p.m. This event depends on community support. If you have items to donate, please call Karen at 410-775-7197, Trisha at 410-596-5303 or Audrey at 410-775-2047.

Our Festival will be from Thursday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 4th. Great food will be available. Lunch served on

Thursday and Friday. Entertainment – Come out and see "**CASHTOWN**" on Thursday, "**BETTING ON AUSTIN**" on Friday and "**CASH ONLY**" on Saturday.

Come out and support your local fire company.

Check us out on Facebook.

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHAT: National Train Day 2023 Open House

WHERE: Western Maryland Railway Historical Society Museum Complex:

The Train Station at
41 N. Main Street
Union Bridge, MD 21791

WHEN: Saturday, May 13, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Open to all ages.

Free Admission

Come out to this special Saturday open house to celebrate National Train Day and celebrate the joy of trains and train travel!

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 121-year-old Railroad Station and office building.

See trains from full size-to small model trains of all sizes and 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".

PHONE:

410-775-0150 Museum

410-857-4979 For Information

EMAIL: Wmrhs1@verizon.net

WEB:

<http://westernmarylandrhs.com/>

WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL NEWS

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, Taneytown

and 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 pm at the New Windsor Community Meeting Room.

Visit our

website: www.gowcrc.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/goWCRC>

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506 or prockwood1@verizon.net

HUGHES TRASH HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day holiday week trash & recycling pickup will be delayed by one (1) day, which is Thursday, June 1, 2023. Please put your trash out the night before.

WATER/SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE

For your convenience, we are providing the quarterly billing schedule for residents who are connected to the Town systems.

Usage Months	Month Billed	Due Date
Jan/Feb/Mar	April	May 15
Apr/May/Jun	July	Aug 15
Jul/Aug/Sep	Oct	Nov 15
Oct/Nov/Dec	Jan	Feb 15

Note that if you do not receive a bill before the end of the billing month, please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to request a copy prior to the due date.

Also note that if your payment is mailed and it is not received by the Town Office by the due date, you will be assessed a late fee. Please ensure you allow sufficient time in the event of delays with mail delivery.

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

WHAT YOU CAN DO! TIPS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Spring/Summer/Fall

Direct your downspout rain gutter discharge to your yard area to infiltrate into soil. Consider a raingarden in your landscape. Redirecting the discharge away from foot or road traffic areas can reduce the need for de-icer.

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.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Will begin on Wednesday, April 5th. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

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 under brush.

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.

IMPORTANT

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

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 1-410-775-0687

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.

Join us for 5th Annual Dream Big Union Bridge

EASTER



APRIL 8TH, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

FREE EASTER BASKETS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

*The Union Bridge Community Playground
4770 Ladiesburg Road, Union Bridge, Maryland*

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5TH ANNUAL RUBBER DUCK DERBY

Festival



05.20.23

RAIN DATE 06.03.23

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM



**DONALD D. WILSON WALKING TRAIL
48 NORTH MAIN STREET
UNION BRIDGE, MARYLAND 21791**

CRAFT VENDORS, FOOD, GAMES, JEEP SHOW, MUSIC, RAFFLES



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