

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Mar 28 & Apr 25 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Mar 17 & Apr 21 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Mar 14 & Apr 11 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buffersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
- Mar 25 (Good Friday)
- Articles for the May/June Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE April 15th

website www.carr.org/~unionbr email unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The January snow storm started 2016 out right. For those who can remember the same thing happened in 1966. Christmas day 1965 was great and then came the blizzard of January 1966. I would like to take the time and thank everyone who parks on Main Street. This was the first time in a long while that every car was moved off of Main Street, which helped with the plowing of snow. The team from Stambaugh's Excavating did a great job. For a week Stambaugh's plowed snow, salted the streets and hauled snow off of our streets. Our Fire Company crews stayed at the fire hall during the storm to make sure equipment could get out if and when needed. Again thanks to all!

I would like to send a special thanks to Donald Wilson. Mr. Wilson started receiving phone calls that Friday evening, at the beginning of the storm. All of your council members received phone calls, until you serve as a public official you cannot begin to understand the amount of calls they receive. We must not forget Ken Black and our water and sewer people. They all did a great job keeping the town going during winter storm Jonas.

State Revenue Sharing program better known as Highway User Revenue helps the town to pay for snow removal and street repairs. Until 2009 counties and cities got about 47 million dollars a year to share. Union Bridge's portion was around \$86,000.00 a year, in 2009 the town's portion dropped down to a little under \$7,000.00. Governor Hogan is committed to restore those funds. If the Governor is successful in restoring these funds it will help us to repair and maintain our streets. We are still in need of 3 people to help on our Election Board for 2017. If you would like to serve on this board please contact Mayor Jones.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

REMINDER

Clocks spring forward on March 13, 2016 at 2:00 a.m.

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded grants from the Maryland State Highway Association's NRT program, Maryland Program Open Space program and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to complete our looped trail system and expand our parking area 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

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Monthly Public Breakfast -- second Sunday of the month

All you can eat - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Hominy, Pudding, Potatoes, Biscuits, Muffins, Fruit, Orange Juice, Tea and Coffee.

Adults \$8.00 Children 6- 12 \$4.00 - Under 6 Free

BINGO BANQUET - March 5, 2016

Doors Open @ 4:00p.m. Dinner @ 5:00 p.m. Bingo Starts @ 6:30 p.m.

over \$2,500.00 in cash prizes \$30.00 per ticket

For information call 301-401-0075

LADIES AUXILIARY Yard Sale - April 23, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

10X10 spaces \$10.00

If interested please call Missi Green at 443-340-9462

IF I WERE MAYOR, I WOULD.....ESSAY CONTEST

The essay contest is open to all Maryland 4th grade students enrolled during the 2015-2016 school year. One winner from each participating MML district will be invited to participate in the Contest Awards Ceremony. Each winner will also receive \$100.00. The original essays must be submitted to MML by March 31, 2016. Please pick up an entry form at the Town Hall.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION 2016

Memorial Day week trash will be picked up on Friday, June 3rd.

Independence Day week trash will be picked up on Friday, July 8th.

Labor Day week trash will be picked up on Friday, September 9th.

Thanksgiving Day trash will be picked up on Friday, November 25th.

MML 2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Carroll County chapter of the Maryland Municipal League will offer three \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college for university or, Carroll students currently enrolled in a college or university in a graduate or undergraduate program. Preference will be given to students preparing for a career in governmental or public service.

Applicants must (1) meet the above criteria, (2) live in one of the eight incorporated municipalities in Carroll County, (3) complete the Student Scholarship Application, (4) prepare a written essay on the specified topic, and (5) have a municipal official/representative certify they reside within the incorporated limits of the municipality.

The Application is currently at www.taneytown.org Click on Current Announcements to print out the application. The application is also available at your high school guidance office, or through your town office. The application must be the 2016 application form and must be received at the address below by 4 P.M. on Friday, May 6, 2016. Applications may also be dropped off at the Taneytown Town Office during business hours or in the payment drop slot on or before May 6, 2016.

Please mail completed application to: Diane Foster MML Scholarship Chairperson 17 East Baltimore Street Taneytown, MD 21787 Questions should be directed to Diane Foster, 443-956-2964 or dafoster1@comcast.net

OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

SUNRISE SERVICE - March 27, 2016

AT UNION BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER
6:30 A.M.

PLEASE RECYCE

*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.