

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

November/December 2012

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Nov 26 & Dec 17 – 7 pm
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Nov 15 & Dec 20 - 6:30 pm
- Council Work Sessions Nov 5 & Dec (none) - 6:30 pm
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
 - November 12th (Veteran's Day)
 - November 22nd & 23rd (Thanksgiving)
 - December 24th & 25th (Christmas)
 - December 31st (New Year's Eve)
- Articles for the **January/February** Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE December 15, 2012

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

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I am sure everyone has noticed the increase in your water bill, which started on July 1, 2012. Yes, the state's bay fee went from \$30.00 to \$60.00 a year. This fee is out of the town's control.

Please, pay attention to the newspaper for information on new bills that the State and Federal Government regulations are pushing for.

Winter is coming. Make sure you put new batteries in your smoke detectors and flash lights and make sure heaters of all kinds are clean and are working properly. Doing this kind of yearly maintenance could SAVE YOUR LIFE. Be aware that there is NO PARKING allowed on Main Street at night during snow storms. This is a snow emergency route and the snow plows must be able to keep this roadway clear of snow.

There will be some street maintenance taking place in the next month. Please be patient as the work is in progress. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Council Member Donald Wilson at 410-775-2907. I would like to say that our council members do a great job with what little funds Union Bridge has to work with.

The Little Pipe Creek Walking Trail has had approximately 1200 feet added to it. The extra footage was paid in full by federal grants that were designated for parks and walking trails. We plan to apply for the next round of funding, in hopes of completing the trail. It is a great trail to take a walk and enjoy nature. There are plans to place some benches along the trail. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the trail please call Council Member Donald Wilson.

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

CDBG West Broadway -

The Mayor and Council of Union Bridge are pleased to announce that The Town of Union Bridge was awarded a \$230,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This street improvement project will include new water lines, sewer lines, storm drains, sidewalks and curbing, and street resurfacing for West Broadway extending from Whyte Street to Warehime Alley, similar to the successful projects that the town completed for Benedum and Farquhar Streets. The Town hired Stambaugh's Inc. to complete the street reconstruction. Work on the street has begun and is expected to be completed this year.

CDBG West Broadway Reconstruction, PHASE TWO APPLICATION -

The Town of Union Bridge submitted an application to the Maryland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for phase two of the West Broadway Street Reconstruction project. This application includes street improvements to West Broadway from Whyte Street to the dead-end. Proposed construction includes new water lines, sewer lines storm drains, sidewalks, curbing and street resurfacing similar to our phase one West Broadway reconstruction project.

SHA/POS Wetlands Park Trail Extension -

The town was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State Highway Administration and a \$36,000 grant from Maryland's Program Open Space to extend the Wetlands Park trail approximately 1,300 linear feet. The trail is located at the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands Park, adjacent to Route 75. Construction has been completed on the trail. We look forward to town residents enjoying the new path.

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. Next meeting dates: November 12th and December 10th. Winter sports registrations will be held in October and November.

Fall Sports Contacts:

Basketball: BOYS – Kim & Allen Stanton 410-635-6039 granstan@hotmail.com

Basketball: GIRLS – Kevin & Darnella Cornick 410-635-6150 darnella3@comcast.net

Wrestling: Wyatt Griffin 410-775-7058 wyjehob@aol.com

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

See our website: www.goWCRC.com 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

Remember that each council person has a duty. If there is a problem contact that specific council person first.

Donald Wilson – Streets
Amy Kalin – Water & Sewer
Ellen Cutsail – Refuse & Police
Edgar Wentz – Community Center
Laura Conaway – Lights

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Monthly Bingo

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

Second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 PM, Games begin at 7:00 PM

Any questions call: 410-775-7891 or check out our website www.ubfc8.org SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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 1-410-899-1200

LEAF PICKUP

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

ATTENTION

The newsletter is posted six times per year: January, March, May, July, September, and November and may be viewed on the town's Web site at www.carr.org/~unionbr Also, upon request, paper copies may be picked up at the Town Hall (410-775-2711) or at any local business.

SNOW REMOVAL 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 side walk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

NOVEMBER IS MARYLAND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH

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.

ORDINANCE

Passed, Ordinance #310 which will eliminate and replace certain obsolete provisions concerning the allocation of taxes and authorize the Town to exempt by resolution certain personal property used in manufacturing or research and development from the payment of personal property tax.

TRASH PICKUP

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, trash will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 23, 2012.

FOUND

Two sets of keys and a boys sweater hood. Call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711

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 from Lightner Street up to Bellevue when snow emergency plan is in effect.

COMMUNITY CENTER AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS PARTIES, AND REUNIONS 410-775-2711

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!