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Council Meeting

Oct 28, Nov 25 & Dec 23 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Oct 17, Nov 21 & Dec 19 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Oct 7, Nov 4 & Dec 9 - 6:30 p.m.

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ARTICLES FOR THE
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020
NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
December 15, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED

October

14th – Columbus Day

November

11th - Veteran's Day

28th & 29th – Thanksgiving

December

24th – Closing at Noon

25th – Christmas

31st – Closing at Noon

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer is over, schools are open and the buses are running. Please try to be aware of all the bus stop locations around Town. Buses will soon be travelling in the dark in the mornings and the evenings. Be aware that some children won't arrive home until after dark so please use caution when driving.

I would like take a step back to August 19th. That was the day that part of Rt. 75 was dedicated to PFC Russell Milberry. What a day, which was long overdue. I would like to extend thanks to Jan Stambaugh. During a conversation one day, Jan told me that her husband Charlie wanted some kind of recognition for Russell. As I travel up and down Maryland highways, I see many road signs honoring those who have served our nation. I then contacted Delegate Haven Shoemaker to request this honor for PFC Milberry and everything started happening until it was a done deal. The VFW hosted the event. Jan Stambaugh, again, posted on social media, the Town sent out notices and as a result, the event was great. We had TV coverage and newspaper articles for six days!

I thought that Donald Wilson needed to be recognized for all of his hard work. Most people don't know how much time Donald has put into our walking trail. For almost 20 years, helped make sure the trail became a reality. In winter and after flooding, he spent time cleaning the trail of snow and mud so people can continue to use it.

He even helped build part of the last sections because the grant money wasn't going to be enough to finish. So if you haven't been there for a while, go check out the sign which reads "Donald D. Wilson Walking Trail".

September is substance abuse awareness month. Yes, "Go Purple" month. Councilperson Amy Kalin took on the job, with some help, to put up purple lights at the Town parking lot. It looks great. Maybe next year other people in Town will join in and "Go Purple". I think our Town would look great lit up in purple in September.

The FSK Homecoming Parade was a big success. I've never seen so many small children. What a great evening.

Look for the date of the grand opening of Flood Zone Brewery. It is going to be a big asset to Union Bridge. I can't wait.

The Christmas tree lighting date will be coming soon. The Elmer Wolfe Chorus will be performing as always.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

Sustainable Community

Designation Renewal

The Town applied for, and was granted Sustainable Community status in 2014. This is a five-year privilege which is eligible for renewal after the period has expired. Being a Sustainable Community allows the Town to be eligible to apply for a myriad of grant and funding opportunities available from state and federal agencies.

The Town is in the process of assembling a renewal application with hopes to be granted this status once again for another five years.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town has been awarded a grant for funding from FEMA to install an emergency generator. The generator will run the Water Treatment Plant and Town Office in the event of an emergency. We are working with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to implement the project and expect to go out for bid during the next quarter.

Program Open Space (POS) Grant - Community Center

Parking Upgrades

The Town submitted a project funding request to pave the parking area around the community center and to add parking spaces in front of the center. We have received approval for the project Carroll County and the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and are moving forward with preparation of an application from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for final approval of funding.

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

*Mike Reynolds,
Circuit Rider*

DRIVING 101

Did you know that every three hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train? Due to this startling statistic, the Federal Railroad Administration and the nonprofit organization "Operation Lifesaver" has teamed up to make the last week of September, Rail Safety Week. During this week every year, both organization hope to empower people through education, in order to keep themselves safe near railroad tracks and trains.

Statistics show that in 2018 alone, there was 2,214 crossing collisions, which was up by 92

from the previous year. Out of those collisions, 270 resulted in fatalities and 819 resulted in injuries. Crossing collisions include any driver or any pedestrian failing to stop at activated signals or by going around the crossing gates in order to beat the train. If a driver fails to remain stopped at a railroad crossing with activated lights or gates, they could receive a \$90 fine with one point being attached to their driving record that is only if they survive.

Did you know that being on any railroad property which includes anything 30 feet from the center of the tracks, to railroad bridges, tunnels or being underneath a train bridge is in fact a criminal offense? That's right, trespassing on railroad property is in fact a criminal offense punishable by a fine of \$500 and or 90 days in jail.

However, what is more startling about last year was incidents that could have been avoided as a total of 1,050 trespassers were struck by a train. That number was again up from the previous year by 29. Out of those incidents, a total of 571 resulted in fatalities and 479 resulted in injuries. Again all those incidents could have been avoided, only if the trespassers would have remained off the railroad properties.

These types of incidents don't only affect the individual, but it also affects their family, friends, first responders, and of course the railroad employees.

Why is staying off railroad property important? Well of course the main reasons are that it's the law and it could obviously save your life. You may not believe this but trains often sneak up on people as the sound made by trains, travels behind the train and not outwards towards unsuspecting obstacles. Not only that but trains on average weigh approximately 65,000 tons and cannot stop quickly or swerve out of the way of obstacles. In order for a train to stop, it could take a

mile or more, which is 18 plus football fields.

So please stay off all railroad property and always expect a train at all railroad crossings. Even if there is one track and the train passed, expect a second train. Stay alive by obeying the warning devices.

*Master Deputy
Brian Colussy*

UNION BRIDGE FIRE CO. LADIES AUXILIARY

Six members of the Union Bridge Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary attended the Maryland State Firemen's Association Ladies Auxiliary Conference in June in Ocean City, MD. Those attending were: President, Missi Green; Vice President Carol Musil; Assistant Treasurer Nancy Arnold; Historian Cindy Emerick; Delegate Susan Bond and Alternate Delegate Charlene Johns. Two of whom (Missi Green and Carol Musil) have the honor of serving on State Committees.

We are having the following fundraisers in October, November and December.

We are having our annual Apple Dumpling Sale. Dumplings are only \$3/each and can be ordered baked or unbaked. Orders must be placed in advance. To order, contact Sue Bond at 443-652-2598 by Monday, October 1, 2019. Pick-up is between noon and 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6, at the fire hall.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, we will be having a fundraiser at COB51 in the Town Mall of Westminster from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit our Facebook page (Union Bridge Ladies Auxiliary Events) closer to the date.

Sunday, October 13, 2019, we will have a YARD SALE at the carnival grounds, RAIN OR SHINE, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Firemen will be having their first breakfast of the new season, so come out, enjoy breakfast and look for some bargains.

To book a 10' x 10' space, contact Sue Bond at 443-652-2598, by Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019. Spaces are \$20 each, and the vendor must provide their own tables and cover.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, is the semi-annual All You Can Eat Slippery Chicken Pot Pie Supper, which includes ham, peas, applesauce, roll, dessert and drink, all for only \$10. Quarts are \$7/each and must be pre-ordered by Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019. To order, call Sue Bond at 443-652-2598.

We are currently looking for Crafters for our Annual Christmas Mart on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019. To book a space contact Missi at 443-340-9462.

Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, we will have our Annual Christmas Mart from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be miscellaneous vendors, breakfast and lunch items will be available, the Ladies bake sale table, Chinese Auction, Raffles, door prizes and Santa's Corner for the kids, where they can meet Santa, get a goody bag and make a craft all for free. Admission and Parking are FREE.

And, our final fundraiser of the year is our First Annual Christmas Tea. Our Mother's Tea was so successful, and so many asked for a holiday themed tea, that we just had to accommodate them.

Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., we will have our First Annual Christmas Tea. Enjoy a 3 tier tray of finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, seasonal soup, dessert and of course, tea. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children younger than 12. Tickets *must be pre-ordered and paid for by Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019*, by calling Charlene Johns at 443-605-6252 or Sue Bond at 443-652-2598.

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

Dream Big Union Bridge will be holding a BINGO – Baskets, Bags & More on Oct. 5th at the Union Bridge Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 PM and games

start at 7:00 PM. Affordable refreshments will be available. 50-50 Raffles, tear-off tickets, raffles, and door prizes. Call: 410-596-8260 or 443-465-4366 for tickets or additional information.

Dream Big Union Bridge meets the 1st Monday of every month @ 6:00 PM at St. James Lutheran Church, EVERYONE IS WELCOME to attend.

Is there something you'd like us to do in Union Bridge? Let us know. Is there a need that we can assist with? Contact us: 443-340-6305.

Follow us on Facebook for upcoming events.

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (UBBA)

Have you had a good summer? Fall is in the air and colors are appearing everywhere. We have not held meetings recently so it is time we get back into form.

Don't you love seeing the Military Banners! They will be hanging until November in order to honor Veterans Day. Please take the time to order one for a veteran so it can be hung. Applications can be gotten at several locations in town or contact the Union Bridge Business Association and we'll see you receive one. It's a great way to honor a veteran.

It has been discussed that we begin to have meetings quarterly and have them as an "After-Hours Event". Different businesses would host and it would give us a chance to get to know each other better. A small business meeting would be held. Please check with Judy Baxter, judybaxter5@comcast.net, or the Town Office to see what has been decided.

If you know of someone who owns a business, store front or home based, let them know about the Union Bridge Business Association. One amazing benefit of membership is that the organization is a member of the Carroll County Chamber of

Commerce. By being a member of UBBA, you get the benefit that membership offers without having to pay the full Chamber membership price. You can attend any event as a member. They have lots of networking events that are free to members. If you are unaware of the full benefit of membership in the Carroll County Chamber, go to their website, carrollcountychamber.org, and take a look at all the training, connecting, business info, and networking they offer. It is a great place to advertise too. A wonderful benefit to all our members!

Please let us know if we can be of any benefit to you and your business. See you soon.

LUCY'S LITTLE RED WAGON

What a great summer! Thank you everyone for all the love and support you showed me over the summer! Whether you made it out once, every weekend or just passing the word around, I genuinely appreciate it! I love all the friendships that have formed because of this and loved getting to know you.

This has been such a fun summer, I can't wait to carry it over into the winter months and have fresh produce, and many more items year round! I'll be moving inside as a part of Flood Zone Market and Brewery, but don't worry, my wagon is coming inside too! I would have never been able to do this without the support of the Town of Union Bridge and everyone that lives in it.

Thank you again for not only supporting me, but helping me support my family also! See you this winter!

Lucy Staley

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2019 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week – Normal pickup

Christmas & New Year weeks-

Pickup will be one day later (Thursday morning instead of Wednesday morning)

LEAF PICKUP

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

WATER CONSERVATION INDOOR TIPS

1. **Scrape instead of pre-rinsing.** Save yourself up to 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing them.
2. **Install high efficiency aerators.** Installing an aerator on your bathroom or kitchen faucet and save about 1 gallon per minute each time you run them. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet, and uses air to maintain good water pressure.
3. **Wash only full loads.** Clothes and dishwashers use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of clothes or dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.
4. **Let your dishwasher do the work.** The average dishwasher uses about 10 gallons or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes.
5. **Use the microwave, a bowl of water, or place frozen food in fridge overnight instead of running the tap to thaw it out.** You'll save about two gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.
6. **Replace older toilets with a WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilet.**

Older toilets can use up to 4 times more water per flush.

7. **Regularly check for & repair water leaks.** Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many water leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).
8. **Take shorter showers.** Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.
9. **Select an Energy Star-approved appliances.** They use 15-20 less gallons of water per load, and you will see savings on your energy costs too.
10. **Know where your master shutoff valve is located.** This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

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

WINTER MONTHS

Remember that the winter months will soon be upon us. Be sure to drain all outdoor water hoses and temporary water lines.

Check all outdoor faucets to make sure they are turned off and are not leaking.

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 travelled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

WINTER MAINTENANCE & 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 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.

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 when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

SNOW MAINTENANCE AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

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.

HOUSE NUMBERS

Emergency response teams cannot find you if your house number is not clearly displayed on your home. Believe it or not, a majority are not visible from the street. It's even worse at night. A poorly-displayed number, or no number at all, can cost you precious time in an emergency. If you have not already done so, please place your house number on your home. The bigger numbers are, the better. Help us to be able to locate you when you need our assistance. Thank you.

IMPORTANT

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

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

TRICK OR TREAT

**OCTOBER 31, 2019
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM**

Please turn your porch lights on if you wish to participate.



Please Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

