

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Sep 22 & Oct 27 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Sep 18 & Oct 16 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Sep 8 & Oct 6 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or [buffersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buffersburg@verizon.net)
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
  - Sep 1st (Labor Day)
  - Oct 13th (Columbus Day)
- Articles for the Nov/Dec Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE October 15, 2014

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Time for school to start again. Make sure to add extra time to your morning and evening travels, to accommodate for bus stops. Be sure to watch out for children crossing the road to get to their bus stop. BE SAFE!!!

August 14, 2014 was a milestone for Mrs. Louise Wright. Mrs. Wright is the oldest living person in town, she is 105 years old. She and her husband Raymond owned Wright's Funeral Home and The Wright's Furniture Store in Union Bridge.

The Union Bridge Business Association (UBBA) is getting back on track. The association will be focusing on getting to know the business owners better and how to help each other. Meetings will be every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at the VFW.

I am pleased to announce that the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has officially designated Union Bridge a "Sustainable Community". This designation enables Union Bridge to remain eligible for revitalization grants and low interest loans, as well as certain tax credits for private property initiatives. The Mayor and Council submitted the Town's application last fall which was reviewed by several state agencies. The positive support of the Town's application by Workgroup entities in the community, along with the strength of the Town's application, enabled us to achieve this designation which is important to pursuing funding for continued revitalization and capital improvement initiatives. In addition to being eligible to compete for funding for on-going capital projects, (e.g. street and sidewalk improvements, replacing water and sewer lines, expanding the trail system in Little Pipe Creek Park, reforesting Town property along Cherry Branch), new projects are included in the Town's Sustainable Community Action Plan. Among the new projects are; developing and installing street friendly directional signs and markers along the sidewalk system highlighting historical assets (Buildings and places) in Town for the benefit of residents and visitors; exploring an initiative to install strategically located planting containers along Main Street with provision for upkeep; and last but not least, the importance of arranging for additional Wastewater Treatment Plant capacity. With the help of our Workgroup entities going forward as well as the participation of interested citizens engaging in project initiatives, Union Bridge has the opportunity to capture funds for these projects and be successful in making continued positive improvements in our Town.

## **GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE**

### **CDBG West Broadway Reconstruction Phase Two Application-**

The Town of Union Bridge was awarded a \$138,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for phase two to the West Broadway Street project. Phase two will include work from Whyte Street to the dead-end.

### **Wetlands Park Trail Extension**

The Town of Union Bridge completed grant applications to the State for the planned final phase of the trail system in the town's Wetlands Park located off of Rt. 75. Once complete, the trail will "loop" around the park for a distance of approximately one mile.

### **Maryland Energy Administration**

The Town is currently working on a grant application for smart energy communities. This grant will help the town implement projects to reduce energy use and save money. Once approved, the Mayor and Town Council will decide what projects will provide the most savings and greatest energy efficiency.

### **MEMA Backup Generator**

Union Bridge is in the process of completing a grant application for the purchase and installation of an emergency backup generator to the Town's Water Treatment Facility.

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](http://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**

**Cash Bingo** -- second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Games begin at 7:00 pm

5 Early Bird Games

**BIGGER PAYOUTS**

20 Regular Games, 3 Specials, 2 Split the Pots, and Jackpot

Jar & Pull Tab Tickets

Food will be available for purchase.

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

### **FREE CANCER SCREENING SERVICES PROVIDED BY CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANTS**

**For Women:** Carroll County Health Department offers assistance in providing free services to eligible women. Mammograms and GYN exams are given to income eligible women age 40-65 who are uninsured or who have insurance with high deductibles or co-pays. Funding is also available for additional services related to abnormal mammograms or pap tests. Please call 410-876-4423 for more information or to enroll.

**For Men and Women:** Carroll County Health Department offers assistance in providing free colonoscopies to eligible county residents. Participants must be income eligible, uninsured or have insurance with high deductibles or co-pays. Please call 410-876-4443 or 410-876-4966 for information or to enroll.

### **WATER CONSERVATION INDOOR TIPS**

1. On average, toilets are responsible for 25% of your indoor water use. Installing a high-efficiency certified toilet can create significant water savings.
2. Taking shorter showers can help reduce your household's overall water usage. Consider switching to a low-flow showerhead to save on water. Five minutes in the shower equates to 50 gallons of water down the drain.
3. Run the dishwasher and washing machine when each is at full capacity to save on unnecessary water usage. Doing so can save up to 1,000 gallons of water a month.
4. When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. These are more water and energy efficient.
5. Replace and retrofit old faucets with high efficiency ones.
6. Listen for dripping and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons or more a month.
7. Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor plants.
9. Run your garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons of water each time.

### **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**

### **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](http://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.

### **YARD WASTE PICKUP**

Yard waste pickup will begin in April. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at the Town Hall for \$1.00. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

### **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.

### **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.

**POST OFFICE**

Union Bridge Post Office prohibits skateboarding, scooters and playing on their property. It is a very dangerous spot for children due to traffic.

**DROP SLOT**

A drop slot was installed a number of years ago near the front door at the town hall. This was requested by residents and installed for your convenience. Payments or correspondence can be left at any time or on any day.

**UNION BRIDGE 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.

**MD STATE POLICE DRUG TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936**

THEY CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!!

**PLEASE RECYCLE**

The Town of Union Bridge is requesting that all residents of Union Bridge make an effort to recycle everything they possibly can. The cost for trash that is picked up in town is a combination of the cost for the pick-up of the trash plus the tipping fee at the landfill. When you recycle, the town pays only for the pick-up service; there is no tipping fee associated with recyclables. Therefore, the more we recycle, the less it costs the town. There is information at the Town Hall and County Office Building explaining what you can put in your recycle bins. Everything that is recyclable can be put into the same container, as Carroll County is doing single-stream recycling.

\*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.

**TRICK OR TREAT**

OCTOBER 31, 2014 6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

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