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Council Meeting

Oct 22, Nov 26 & Dec 17 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Oct 19, Nov 15 & Dec 20 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Oct Cancelled, Nov 12 & Dec 10 - 6:30 p.m.

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ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
December 15, 2018

OFFICE CLOSED

October

8th – Columbus Day

November

12th - Veteran's Day

(Observed)

22nd & 23rd – Thanksgiving

December

24th – Closing at Noon

25th – Christmas

31st – Closing at Noon

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Since July, the town has had to deal with flood waters four times. It has been a very unusual summer. We all need to take time and think about what to do in an emergency. I will be working on what you need for the 72-hour plan, then I want to choose a day to distribute the kits. The kit will also have maps on how to get out of town in an emergency.

Later this fall and winter, there will be more truck traffic on our streets. The county will be replacing the bridge at Shepherds Mill Rd. and that road will be closed for about two months according to the County's timeline. I know we all think that bridge on Main Street should be replaced also, but State Highway has no plans on doing that. We will keep trying to push the County to replace the bridge due to flooding and safety for our residents.

Everyone please be aware of all of the school bus stops in town. We have a lot of children on the street. BE CAREFUL!

Halloween Trick-or-Treating will be conducted on October 31st from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Have your flashlight handy. Do not let your child go out alone. Also, candy can be taken to the hospital for a free x-ray.

The military banners will remain up until the end of November to honor our Veterans. The military banners are a great way to show our appreciation to those who served. We will then put up more "Welcome to Union Bridge" banners.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE Inflow & Infiltration Engineering Feasibility Study

The Town has been awarded a SEARCH grant from the USDA to fund an engineering study to find recommendations for inflow and infiltration (I&I) mitigation in the Town. This will increase the Town's waste water treatment plant (WWTP) capacity and allow for growth in our community. Our engineering firm has delivered their recommendations for next steps and the Town Council will discuss our options.

POS Grant for Community Center Upgrades

This project has been approved and the Town is working with a contractor to complete the upgrades between November 2018 – January 2019.

Town Traffic Signs

Based on research from Master Deputy Colussy, there are many areas in Town that need to have traffic control and street signs added to allow better enforcement of traffic laws. A grant application was submitted to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) on February 28th, 2018 to allow for funding of this project. We have received word that this project was not funded but we are applying through another grant for this project and are adding a new, digital traffic speed sign and yearly subscription to the request.

MDE Grant for Correlating Logging Equipment

Grant application was submitted to the Maryland

Department of the Environment to obtain equipment to help identify leaks in the Town's water system. MDE did not choose this project for funding.

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

*Mike Reynolds,
Circuit Rider*

DRIVING 101

Welcome to the newest article to hit the Town's newsletter, which is called "Driving 101". I have decided to write Driving 101 in the hopes to solve several traffic complaints around town. This article will either be an educational tool or a refresher course for the motoring public.

Lately the biggest complaint that I have received around town is in reference to those octagon shaped signs that we all know as a stop sign. The State of Maryland classifies the stop sign as a regulatory sign as it regulates traffic at intersections. The stop sign can come in several different sizes from 24x24 inches to 48x48 inches, depending on the intersection. AS we all know, stop signs are red with a white border and has the word "STOP" printed in white across the sign.

Why is it important to stop at stop signs? According to statistics, approximately 700,000 accidents occur each year by a driver failing to stop at a stop sign. Out of the 700,000 accidents, a third of those cause serious injury. It is very important that you come to a complete stop before proceeding across the intersection.

The possible consequences if you violate not stopping at a posted stop sign could result in a fine of \$90.00 dollars and 1 point issued on your driver's license. If an accident occurs because you failed to stop at a posted stop sign, that fine would be \$130.00 dollars and 3 points on your driver's license.

In this community as well as others, you will see increased

traffic enforcement targeting this type of violation.

As always, stay safe and happy driving.

*Master Deputy
Brian Colussy*

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

Dream Big had a great turnout for our 1st anniversary cookout in July. The rain held out and we had fun. Thank you for joining us!

We were happy to take part in the Union Bridge Post Office "Back-to-School" event by providing the bounce house for the day.

We are currently selling 50/50 raffle tickets and they can be purchased at Esquire Liquors, Union Bridge Pharmacy, Linbeau's Railway Pub and Originals Pizza. Thank you for your support, we have a lot lined up in the next few months.

Upcoming Events

Oct 6 – Tea party for the residents at Shriner's Court at 11a.m.

Dec 6 – Christmas tree lighting and caroling at Shriner's Court

Dec 7 – Families wishing to be part of the holiday decorating contest must be ready for judging on Dec. 7.

Dec 17 – Four winners will be announced for the decorating contest. The four categories will be: Illuminated Wonderland, Vintage Charm, Animated Joy and Creative Spirit. Winners will each receive a prize of \$50.

Dec 17 – Santa's workshop and dinner at St. James Lutheran Church at 5:30p.m. The 50/50 raffle will be drawn here that evening.

Dream Big will be assisting with the St. James event. Donations needed are new clothing, wrapping paper, new children's toys and gifts for adults that are \$10 or less. Drop-offs can be any Sunday or Monday at St. James Lutheran Church and the Union Bridge Pharmacy. Please call Pam Fink at 410-259-3848 for other locations or more information.

Jan 12 – Holiday tree pickup for "in-town" residents only. Like last year, you must call and have your name put on the list for pickup. There will be more details on Facebook or at the kiosk in the town square. Contact Linda Biddle at 410-775-2341.

Dream Big meets the first Monday of each month at St. James Lutheran Church, 14 S. Benedum St., Union Bridge. Contacts are Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305 and Penny Larson 301-467-8820.

See our Dream Big Union Bridge Facebook page for updates.

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (UBBA)

October is here, kids are back in school and summer is over. Time to start planning things for the holidays.

The Business Association held an "After Hours Event" on September 18 at the Town Hall, which was sponsored by Tuck's Service Center and Esquire Liquors. We are planning to hold our next one in December however, have not scheduled the location as of this publication. These are great events to get to know the businesses in a relaxed setting. Any member can be the host. Think about joining us.

The military banners will be hung to celebrate Veteran's Day. If you know a veteran and they don't have a banner yet, there is still time to order one. Applications can be obtained from several locations in town or contact the Union Bridge Business Association and we'll see that you receive one.

It seems a bit early but we wanted to make sure you know about the Christmas tree lighting on December 3rd at 7 p.m. Last year we ended up having the celebration in the Community Center because of weather however, this year, the Community Center will be undergoing an upgrade during this time so an alternative location will need to be selected. We will update the town

website with updated information so please check there for the location. If by chance there is a blizzard, it will be held December 5th. Mark your calendars now.

Union Bridge Fun Day with our Dog Walk/Duck Derby will be held the same day as the Railroad Museum holds its annual event. Watch for more details coming. We've even discussed having a "Dog Swim". Let me know if that sounds good to you.

In an attempt to help you get to know the members of the organization, we feature one in each issue. This month we are featuring Kathy Kreimer of Esquire Liquors.

Esquire Liquors was started by Kathy's father-in-law in 1954. Kathy and her husband moved to Union Bridge in 1972, after her husband spent 8 years in the Navy. They took the store over in 1982. Kathy says the folks in Union Bridge have become like family to her. They are always there to help in times of need or when things just get crazy. Kathy is available to help you plan your parties and events and is willing to order in whatever you might want, including kegs. She likes to ask new customers what their wish list would be so she can order things people like. The store sells beer, ice and a variety of liquors and wines. She is constantly making changes and improvements to meet her customers' needs. In case you don't know, Esquire Liquors is located on West Broadway, just off Main Street. There is parking on the street but also free parking in the lot next door. Stop by and say "Hi" to Kathy.

The mission of the Union Bridge Business Association is "for business professionals to meet once a month, get to know one another, what products and/or services they provide, and to help everyone's business grow." The organization works together to provide an opportunity to enable all area businesses to promote and strengthen each other and to work

to support local events. If you know of someone who owns a business, even a home-based business, let them know about the Union Bridge Business Association. We meet monthly at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday in the Union Bridge Town Hall, unless a "Networking Event" or "After Hours Social" is planned. For more information, e-mail our President, Judy Baxter at judybaxter5@comcast.net. Come join us!

NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING SOLAR PROJECT

Please note that the State of Maryland Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comments regarding the application from Citizens UB Solar, LLC, to build a solar facility in the Town of Union Bridge. The meeting will be held on **October 18, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 4770 Ladiesburg Rd.

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2018 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.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Please note that the last day for yard waste pickup will be Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018.

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 one 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 dish washers 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 ten 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 four 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://ccgovernments.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 PATTERNED 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.

NOTE: The Community Center will be undergoing facility upgrades from November 2018 - January 2019 and will be unavailable for scheduling during this time.

DRUG AWARENESS EXPO

Please note that the Drug Awareness Expo is being postponed due to a scheduling conflict. We will update the Town website when a new date is selected.

TRICK OR TREAT

**OCTOBER 31, 2018
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!