

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

July/August 2011

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Jul 23 & Aug 22 – 7 pm.
 - Planning & Zoning Meetings Jul 21 & Aug 18 - 6:30 pm.
 - Council Work Sessions Jul 11 & Aug 8- 6:30 pm.
 - Heritage Committee information, contact Bob Bolduc 410-756-4895 or bbolduc@comcast.net
 - Town Office will be CLOSED:
- July 4th (Independence Day)
 - Articles for the September/October Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE August 15, 2011
- website www.carr.org/~unionbr email unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor again. Congratulations to Donald Wilson and Edgar Wentz on their re-election. We have a wonderful group of people on our council. I have asked the council to write a goals list, --projects that each member would like to accomplish. In doing this I believe it will be helpful not only to the council, but also to the town. We need the help of our residents to let us know what the town needs. But keep in mind, with this economy we need to choose needs and not wants. Together we can continue to make this the town we all love.

Thelma Baltzell donated red, white and blue ribbons to celebrate Memorial Day, Donald Wilson and I hung the ribbons along Main Street. It is amazing how something as small as a ribbon can enhance our streets.

In July we will start with a new trash hauler; please give them some time to become accustomed to our town. We will be getting new recycle containers from the hauler, please make use of them and recycle as much as possible.

Summer is here and school is out; remember there will be a lot of children on our streets so please drive carefully. Have a great summer.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

CDBG West Broadway Reconstruction -

The town has applied to CDBG for a street improvement project for West Broadway, similar to the successful projects that the town completed for Benedum and Farquhar Streets. If residents have any questions or comments on the town's application, please call the Town Office .

SHA Wetlands Park Trail Extension -

The town was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State Highway Administration to extend the trail located at the Wetlands Park adjacent to Route 75. We are still awaiting permit approval from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Construction is planned to start this summer

MDE Refinancing -

The town has sent an application to MDE to refinance our existing water quality loan to a lower interest rate.

Program Open Space (POS) Wetlands Park Trail Extension -

Union Bridge plans to use this year's POS funds to extend the existing Wetlands Park Trail. The existing trail is located adjacent to Route 75. Parking for the trail entrance is located next to the car wash.

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 surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec. Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings. Meetings will be 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: July 11, August 8 and September 12.

Elections will be held in November for the following positions on our board: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, New Windsor Town Rep. and Union Bridge Town Rep. If you are interested in filling any of these volunteer positions, please plan to attend one of our upcoming meetings.

Also Football/Cheer Registration, July 16 from 9 to 12 at Community Meeting Room.

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

See our website: www.goWCRC.com.

Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator

WEST CARROLL SOCCER CLUB

West Carroll Soccer Club will be holding a silent auction fundraiser event on September 3, 2011. West Carroll Soccer Club provides a safe and enjoyable environment for youth ages 4-14 to learn and play the game of soccer. Not only do we teach these youths the game, but also emphasize sportsmanship, leadership, values, and community service. We have decided to take our club to a new level and add a "special needs" division. This division will be open to youth ages 4-17 with disabilities. We will be the first recreational club in Carroll County, to offer this unique division to these deserving youths! All of the funds raised from this event will be used to support West Carroll Soccer's vision of the "special needs" program.

We're in the process of collecting merchandise for the event, and I'm writing to request your assistance in making the West Carroll Soccer Club's event a success. By donating an item, you'll be making a tax deductible contribution that will help West Carroll Soccer help make life better for these individuals in our community.

Additionally, you'll benefit from exposure of your company's name to those who attend the event. Donors will be listed on the event program, and the merchandise you give will be on display through the event. We will also be advertising in our local newspaper and radio.

Won't you consider donating an item to support West Carroll Soccer's vision? You may reach me at 443-360-8223 if you should have any questions.

Gina R. McDermott,
Program Coordinator

UNION BRIDGE COMPUTER CENTER

Bridges sponsors the Computer Lab at the Union Bridge Community Center in conjunction with the Town of Union Bridge and the Carroll County Public Library. The Computer Lab is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 – 8:30 pm. The Bookmobile is scheduled to be at the Community Center every third Monday. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the center. No computer experience is necessary. Volunteers are official library volunteers.

Matt Gibbons, Bridges Secretary

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Union Bridge Business Association meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30a.m. at VFW Post 8806 Union Bridge, MD. We currently have over 50 members and we are growing. All are welcome to attend our "UBBA" meetings. We encourage you to support the businesses in town; without your support they cannot survive!!! We are currently working on a website, which we hope to have up and running soon. Brochures are available at the various merchant locations that include business listings. You will see we've grown since the printing of the brochure and that information will be on our website.

Our 2011 motto is "The Train Has Left The Station" we are on the move and hope to grow business in our wonderful town.

For more information on "UBBA" please feel free to contact one of our Board Members:

Cheri Thompson – President 410-386-1351 cheri.thompson@carrollcountytimes.com

Mike Fox – Vice President 410-386-1297 mfox@lehighcement.com

Kathy Kreimer – Treasurer 410-775-7400 kkreimer@comcast.net

Susan Mease – Secretary 410-848-5493 susan.mease@edwardjones.com

Cheri Thompson,
Union Bridge Business Association

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.

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS: If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.

Water & Sewer Emergencies
Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200

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 underbrush...

MD State Police Drug TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936
They CAN'T do it without your help!!!

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FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.
410-775-2711