



# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2018

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Apr 23, May 21 & Jun 25 - 7 p.m.  
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Council Work Session  
Apr 9, May 14 & Jun 11 - 6:30 p.m.  
Heritage Committee info, contact  
Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or  
[buffersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buffersburg@verizon.net)

### Web Page

[www.carr.org/~unionbr](http://www.carr.org/~unionbr)

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[unionbr@carr.org](mailto:unionbr@carr.org)

## ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY  
JUNE 15, 2018

## OFFICE CLOSED

**Memorial Day  
May 28, 2018**

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

A lot of people are saying, "Why so many trips to Annapolis?" Well, this is why. In two weeks and long days, the municipal officials throughout the state of Maryland showed support of Senate Bill 516 and House Bill 807. Over 100 people showed up ready to testify and show support of these bills. Not everyone gets to speak, but seeing everyone there in support goes a long way. If passed, it will reinstate a portion of Highway User Revenues (HUR) for the next five years which are very important to the 157 cities and towns. This will give us a base every year to plan for street repairs. Our share of HURs before 2009 were about \$88,000 a year. The governor at that time chose to take HURs to balance the state budget. That gave Union Bridge just a little over \$4,000 that year. Since that decision, we have received just small increases every year with no promise of how much each year. So maybe now we will be able to plan street repairs and play catch up.

The Town of Union Bridge is working with a lady from Taneytown on military banners to be displayed during the months of May and November. Any veteran who served may be on the banners. Please contact Perry Jones or Arnita Colbert-Sowers at 410-756-4269.

Please remember that on Monday mornings Main Street is being cleaned by Lehigh and their street sweeper. They can do a much better job if all cars are off

the street for this. The cleaning is performed early Monday mornings mostly between 7am - 8am. Thank you.

Sorry that the Town did not have Sunrise Service at the Community Center this year, but very low attendance did not justify having it there any longer. When the announcement was made, people were disappointed. I and others have been there almost every year for the past 30 years, however attendance has dropped to 15-18 people.

Due to late POS grant funding approval, the repair of the Community Center now cannot take place until this fall. POS (Program Open Space) funding is typically approved by July 1st. However, this year it was not approved through the State until the end of December 2017. We could do anything until the approval letter was in hand, which was late January 2018. We had some May bookings planned two years ago and could not change plans this late. We will get it done this winter. Please bear with us during this time.

*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 which will increase the Town's waste water treatment plant (WWTP) capacity and allow

for growth in our community. The project will begin with installation of flow meters on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Our flow will be monitored for 3 months to identify how much inflow we are receiving and will conclude with our engineering firm recommending next steps in the fall of this year.

### Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town has worked with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to submit an application for funding a new Town emergency generator to keep our water treatment plant and Town Office running in the event of a power failure. MEMA has included our application with their state request to FEMA for approval. MEMA is still awaiting approval confirmation from FEMA as of this report.

### POS Grant for Community Center Upgrades

This project has been approved and the Town is working to receive bids and contract the work to be completed 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 on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to allow for funding of this project. We are currently awaiting a decision from the State which should be communicated by the end of May 2018.

### Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant for Tennis Courts

The Town has submitted an application to the MD Department of Natural Resources for a grant to resurface the Town's tennis courts and install new lighting as well as add the ability to play pickle ball, which is becoming a very popular sport. A decision is expected in May of 2018.

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

*Mike Reynolds,  
Circuit Rider*

### WEST CARROLL REC

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, Taneytown and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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. Thank you.

*Penny Rockwood,  
Community Coordinator*

### NOTICE

Carroll Youth Competitive Art League Exhibit  
Saturday, May 5, 2018  
Noon – 3:00 p.m.  
FREE AND OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC  
Great art for sale, light refreshments and music  
New Windsor  
Community Room  
1100 Green Valley Road,  
New Windsor, MD 21776  
For information contact  
443-340-3103 or  
[www.facebook.com/CYCAL15](http://www.facebook.com/CYCAL15)

### DID YOU KNOW

The weather is cold, the ground is frozen and the walls are tumbling down. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, the unexpected happened. Being pushed by the frozen ground, a brick wall was forced onto the sidewalk creating a mess for

everyone. Our very own "Dream Big Union Bridge" came to the rescue and cleaned up the scattered bricks. The Broadway resident must be very pleased with the help of Dream Big Union Bridge. Hats off to the members that helped.

Diamond? Yes, all the way. The 16<sup>th</sup> of December (2017) there was a surprise celebration at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Union Bridge for a young couple, residing in town since 1957. The open house was given by their four children and well attended by many friends and relatives. 60 years, that is a long time to be together and still be in good health. Many congratulations to Bill and Barb Sprague.

*Reporting,  
JKB*

### Union Bridge Business Association

Winter is coming to an end and spring is just around the corner. Things are happening and we want to let everyone know about it!

The mission of the 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. We invite you to come join us.

One thing a lot of people don't know is that the Union Bridge Business Association is part of the Carroll County Chamber. As members of the Association, we can participate with the Chamber events and have a listing on the website. This is a wonderful way to promote your business.

We have been working on our Facebook page and would ask for your help. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for "Union Bridge Business Association – UBBA". Like it, share it, send us a message, and

share it with everyone you know. Create a post so we know you visited. We are still working on the website. We will keep you posted.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. we will be hosting Union Bridge Fun Day. There will be a Dog Walk, Duck Derby, vendors, info from our Butterfly Lady, specials by the restaurants, etc... Dream Big is working with us to make it a great event. If you are interested in helping or having a vendor spot, contact Mike Lippy at [melippy50@yahoo.com](mailto:melippy50@yahoo.com) or Terry Smack at [terry@tagsintenminutes.com](mailto:terry@tagsintenminutes.com). It's gonna be a fun day so invite everyone you know to come with you and get to know Union Bridge!

Our next After Hours Social will be June 17, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at our newest member Woodsboro Bank, 5 N. Main Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798. These events give you an opportunity to meet other members and get to know more about what they do. They have been well attended. Networking works!

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 Mike Lippy from New Windsor Bank. Here's a bit about him:

"I have been a member of UBBA for almost five years; currently serving the organization as Secretary/Treasurer. I have been employed in banking for the past 18 years and have over 42 years of customer service experience. I work for NWSB Bank as Community Banking Manager at the New Windsor Office, 213 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776. NWSB Bank has been serving the Carroll County Community for over 85 years. We are a full service bank and can help you with all of your financial needs such as deposits, business banking, loans or investments. Please stop by or contact me at 443-671-5959 or email me at [mlippy@nwsbbank.com](mailto:mlippy@nwsbbank.com).

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, five grandchildren (six in May 2018), and cruising with our friends."

Well, that's all for now. But, remember, The Union Bridge Business Association meets 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](mailto:judybaxter5@comcast.net).

One last thing, if you have already paid your dues, thank you. If not, we ask that you please take care of that ASAP. We value your membership.

### Union Bridge Fire Company

The Union Bridge Fire Company's Silent Auction Committee is looking for Donations. Antiques, collectibles, hand crafted items, event tickets, "filled baskets," gift cards, baked goods and other new or gently used items are needed.

Items can be dropped off at Terry's Tag and Title located at 52 North Main St.

Carnival will be held from May 28th through June 2nd. Entertainment, rides and great food will be available all week. The Silent Auction will be displayed inside the air-conditioned building and open every day. You can bid on items all week – Bidding will close on Saturday, June 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

This is a community supported part of the carnival. If you have items to donate or would like to volunteer, please call Karen at 410-775-7197.

Check us out on Facebook.

### Help Wanted

Part time Parking Enforcement Person for the Town of Union Bridge. Apply in person at the Union Bridge Town Hall located at 104 W. Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

**Purpose** – Improve Union Bridge  
**Mission Statement** – Create activities to bring neighbors and businesses together to bond and come together to beautify & improve Union Bridge.  
**Please like us on Facebook, Donations can be made on our Facebook Page.**

### Completed Projects

**Holiday Tree Pick-up** – The first two Saturdays in January, we offered FREE pick up and we had good participation.

**Soup Social** – We held a Soup Social on 1/26 FREE to everyone. We had approximately 20 people in attendance. Delicious soups & desserts.

**Neighbor In Need** – We were informed that there was a retaining wall that had fallen owned by an elderly resident and we pulled together and cleaned up the bricks and hauled them to the landfill.

### Upcoming Projects

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We are holding our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt on 3/31, 3 categories: Ages 2-3, 4-6, and 7-10. Rain Date is 4/7. Bridgette Hopkins – Chairperson 443-244-0591.

**Dream Big Union Bridge DUCK DERBY** – May 5, 2018 (rain date May 12, 2018). Starting at 9:00 a.m. **Plastic Duck Adoption** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (can be purchased prior to the event). Plastic Duck Launch @ 10:30 a.m. Fun for the entire family! First five plastic ducks to cross the finish line will receive a gift bag filled with gift certificates. Plastic Duck Adoption is (1) Lucky Duck \$5, (6) Quack Pack \$25, (15) Flying Flock \$50. **Become a Sponsor:** Donald Level \$200, Daisy Level \$100, Daffy Level \$50, Lil Huey\*Dewey\*Louie Level \$25. For more information contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305.

**Bingo Night: Baskets, Bags & More** – Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, @

7:00 p.m. Springdale Preparatory School-Zigler Hall in New Windsor. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Raffles, special games, 50/50, pull tab games and affordable food available throughout the night. *Please bring a canned food item to donate to the St. James Lutheran Church Food Pantry.* Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at door. For reservations contact: Cindy Pivar (410) 596-8260 or Michelle Smith (443) 465-4366.

**Welcome Town Banners** – We have the money set aside to purchase welcome banners to be placed throughout Main Street. Once the Town Council decides exactly what they want, we will order them and get them installed as soon as possible. More information to come.

**Need help with a project, or assistance please feel free to contact us...we are here to help!** Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our Meetings/ Fund-raisers/Events. For more information, please contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305 [ravent16@yahoo.com](mailto:ravent16@yahoo.com). We would love to meet and get to know you!!!

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

April 2, 2018, May 7, 2018 & June 4, 2018. Meetings start promptly at 6:00 p.m. St. James Lutheran Church in the rear. 14 S. Benedum Street, Union Bridge.

**Please check the kiosk located at the square for upcoming events!!!**

*Cheri Thompson,  
Dream Big Union Bridge*

#### **HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2018 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Memorial Day week trash will be picked up one day behind which is Thursday, May 31, 2018. Please put your trash out the night before.

#### **WATER CONSERVATION OUTDOOR TIPS**

1. Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
2. Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
3. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.
4. Use plants that require less water.
5. Use a broom, not a hose to clean driveways and walkways.
6. Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.
7. Collect rainwater to reuse in the garden whenever possible.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor/outdoor plants.
9. Limit car washing or visit a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. Keep outside faucets in good repair.

#### **Yard Waste Pickup**

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

#### **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 under brush.

#### **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.

#### **IMPORTANT**

**If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 401-775-2711.**

#### **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.**



## **Union Bridge Fire Company Silent Auction Committee**

**P.O. Box 1050  
Union Bridge, MD 21791**

*Dear Friend of the Union Bridge Fire Company,*

*We are reaching out in support of the 11th Annual Union Bridge Fire Company Silent Auction. The Auction is held in conjunction with the 2018 Annual Fireman's Carnival to be held Monday, May 28th – Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

Our fire company is a volunteer non-profit organization and depends on donations from benefactors such as yourself to bring valuable fire and emergency medical services to the citizens of our community. We need your support to continue this effort.



We would appreciate any type of items for donation. Bidders are always looking for antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items, time-shares, memberships, event tickets, "filled baskets", services, gift cards, baked goods, and other new or gently used items.

*If you have items to donate, please contact one of the following committee persons to arrange for pick-up or delivery.*

Trisha Jensen (410) 596-5303 \* Audrey Bowman (410) 775-2047 \* Paul Johnson (443) 398-7671

Any consideration you could give would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration in donating to this fundraising event. If you are interested in donating, please complete the donor form on the reverse side of this letter.

Sincerely,

*Silent Auction Committee*

*Looking forward to seeing you at the Carnival. Come inside and bid on some great items!*



## SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

The Annual Silent Auction for the Union Bridge Fire Company will be held the week of the carnival, May 28th—June 2nd, 2018.

The Auction will be open every day of the carnival and bids can be placed until Auction Closing time at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2nd, 2018.

**PLEASE COMPLETE & MAIL THIS FORM & YOUR DONATION TO**  
Silent Auction Committee c/o Trisha Jensen  
159 Honeysuckle Lane - Union Bridge, MD 21791

**\*\*Items may be dropped off at TERRY'S TAG & TITLE, located at**  
52 N. Main St. in Union Bridge  
(Open Mon-Fri from 1-7pm)

### Donor Information

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Donated Item(s), Service(s) and Value(s):

Please check here if you would like to have a receipt mailed for your tax records

**PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE THIS  
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!**