

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Jan 26 & Feb 23 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Jan 15 & Feb 19 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Jan 12 & Feb 9 - 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee Jan 8 - 7:00 pm.
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
 - January 1
 - January 19
- Articles for the March/April Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE February 16, 2009

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Here we are with another year nearly gone and with good riddance. This year has seen many changes with most being negative as the economy continues to suffer and more people lose their jobs. I hope that 2009 will be a year filled with change of the positive sort. All levels of government will have to work together to solve these issues and stop the partisan politics or we will never recover from this recession. When we elect someone to represent us in government, it is with the hope that they will vote on the issues, as we would, not as the party to which they belong mandates; it is not possible for one party to always be right and the other wrong. We need elected officials that can and will vote their beliefs without fear of falling out of favor with their respective parties or being re-elected. Barack Obama was elected on the prospect of change, but I think he will find that change is not only difficult to initiate, but hard to control, and some things you just can't fix. However, no matter if you love him or hate him, he is our next President and deserves full cooperation from everyone so that he has the chance to be the great leader that we so desperately need, I for one hope that he is. Good luck to you all in the coming year.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Greetings Union Bridge and Happy New Year: I hope the New Year is off to a good start. As my one-year anniversary serving The Town of Union Bridge has arrived, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the citizens of Union Bridge and look forward to the coming year. In my opinion, we did a pretty good job in keeping our community safe, and we will only get better. Wishing everyone success in the New Year. Thought for this issue: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: Nothing is more common than unrewarded talent. Education alone will not: The world is full of educated failures. Persistence alone is omnipotent." Calvin Coolidge

Vince Pacelli, DFC
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
410-386-2900 ext. 4159
vpacelli@ccg.carr.org
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900
Grant Project Update
Farquhar Street Sidewalk Improvements -

As a follow-up to the previous article, the town has moved forward with the advertising for the project engineer to develop the specifications to install new sidewalks, curbing, and handicapped ramps along Farquhar Street. The town received a \$195,300 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) toward the sidewalk improvements. The town hopes to have documents ready for bid by early spring. The completion of the new Farquhar Street sidewalks will contribute to the new roadway already funded by Carroll County and Lehigh Cement Company.

Community Park Trail System and Storage Building -

The town has also moved forward with the planned Community Park improvements. The Mayor and Town Council have approved a bid from Hoover's Grading and Paving. The town is preparing the contract, and construction is planned to start in the beginning of 2009.

For additional information on any of the above projects, please contact Jared Schumacher at the Town Office at 410-775-2711. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Heritage Committee

If you have an interest in preserving and promoting Union Bridge history or you would just like to learn more about your town, please join the Heritage Committee on Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. We will be planning our calendar of events for 2009. All are welcome. Contact: Kathy Erb, 410-775-7450, kathyerb@verizon.net

West Carroll Rec. Council

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec. Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings. Please note, our meeting date and location has changed. Meetings will now be held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the "Community Room" at the newly renovated Old New Windsor School /County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices at 1100 Green Valley Rd. (Rt. 75) near Main St., New Windsor.

Next Meeting Dates: January 12th & February 9th.

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.

Benefit Basket Bingo

Vera Bradley/Basket Bingo benefit for Reverend Dick Michael.

January 16th at Union Bridge Fire Hall.

Doors open at 5:00 P.M.

Game starts at 7:00 P.M.

For Tickets call Missy 410-775-2872. Tickets \$20.00

Donations call Nancy 410-775-2709.
Shriner Court Apartments
Senior Housing Community is accepting applications for occupancy.

Apartment amenities include the following:

- One- bedroom apartments
- Convenient one-level living - no stairs
- Wall-to-wall carpeting
- Modern kitchens
- Garbage disposals and trash pickup at your door
- Fire alarms and sprinkler system in each apartment
- On-site laundry facilities
- Community Building for recreation and socializing
- Plenty of parking at your front door
- Located near Union Bridge Community Center

Rents are subject to change. Some income restrictions apply. For more information and a tour, contact Quantum Real Estate Management at 410-775-2940.

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE:

THREE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009 7:00 A.M., TO 8:00 P.M.
LOCATION: TOWN HALL,104 WEST LOCUST STREET

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TOWN ELECTIONS:

Voter Registration: It is necessary to be registered in order to vote in Town elections. If you are already registered with the County to vote in county, state, and federal elections, you are automatically registered to vote in Town elections. If you wish to vote in only the Town election you may register at the Town Hall during regular hours, 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. Registration will close on Sunday, April 12, 2009.

Qualifications of voters:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before Election Day.
3. You must have resided within the corporate limits at least thirty (30) days prior to the Election.
4. You must be registered to vote.

Qualifications of Candidates for Mayor and Council:

1. You must have resided within the Corporate limits for at least one (1) year.
 2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 3. You must be a qualified voter of the Town.
- ***Terms of office are for four (4) years***

A candidate for office must file a "Certificate of Nomination" with the Town Clerk, no later than 4:00 P.M. Monday, April 13, 2009.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please call the Town Hall, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M., 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.

Water & Sewer Emergencies

Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200

COMMUNITY CENTER

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

CALL THE TOWN OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION

410-775-2711

SNOW!!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT MAIN STREET, ROUTE 75, IS A SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE. NO PARKING IS ALLOWED WHEN THE SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN IS IN EFFECT.

ORDINANCE #263 B-2

Owner or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow and ice from the traveled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!