



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Oct 26, Nov 23 & Dec 28 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Oct 15, Nov 19 & Dec 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Oct 5, Nov 9 & Dec 14 - 6:30 p.m.

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ARTICLES FOR THE
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021
NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
December 15, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED

October

12th – Columbus Day

November

11th - Veterans Day

26th & 27th – Thanksgiving

December

24th – Closing at noon

25th – Christmas

31st – Closing at noon

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer is over and vacations are challenging for everyone. COVID-19 has made everyone look at life a little differently. One good thing is that more families have been able to spend time together. More meals have been prepared at home; gardens have been tended and vegetables canned; games played; swimming pools used; bikes were purchased and trails walked. Most people are probably more likely to be healthier than before the pandemic.

Since my last letter, a lot has happened. At the June Maryland Municipal Conference, I was elected President of the State Municipal League for one year. The last time Union Bridge had a State League President was Ed Williar in 1962. I am very proud to represent Union Bridge. The Town Council has had my back all the way. I could not have done it without their support.

Also, Councilman Edgar Wentz was inducted in the Carroll County Volunteer Fireman's Hall of Fame because of his many years of service to the fire company and to the community. We THANK and HONOR you.

We are still having problems with people not keeping their lawns mowed. High, uncut grass is drawing snakes and other rodents. Please do your part to help with the issue.

The Town will be having trick-or-treating on Halloween night from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please distribute treats keeping safety and social distancing in

mind. One idea is to have bags with your treats ready to hand out. Let's give something back to the children. This situation has been hard on them also.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for** **Emergency Generator**

The Town has been awarded a grant from FEMA to install an emergency generator. The generator will run the Water Treatment Plant in the event of an emergency. The Town has selected a contractor and is working to complete the project by February 2021.

Program Open Space (POS)

Grant - Community Center

Parking Upgrades

The Town received approval from Carroll County and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to move forward with paving the parking lot areas at the Community Center. We have selected a contractor and are moving forward with the project. We expect completion by the end of this year.

Town Hall Security Updates

We have added 24-hour surveillance to all public areas inside and outside of the Town Office. These enhancements were made possible through a grant provided by Carroll County Government.

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

Mike Reynolds | Circuit Rider

VIRTUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

As we are all aware, 2020 has been full of surprises and will definitely be documented in the history books. Due to the current health pandemic, events around the nation have been canceled, including the annual National Night Out events held throughout the county. Due to the safety concerns, and to help combat the spread of COVID-19, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office and Westminster Police Department have decided to team up for the county's very first "Virtual National Night Out."

The Virtual National Night Out will include a short crime prevention series that will be posted daily on both agencies' social media outlets throughout the week of October 5, 2020 to October 9, 2020. These dates were picked after the Neighborhood Watch Association had requested that the event be postponed until October 6, 2020, pending the status of the pandemic.

For those who are not aware, National Night Out was founded in 1984 as a community-building campaign by the Neighborhood Watch Association. The event is geared to help reduce crime by promoting police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. The event has grown greatly over the years and is now celebrated nationwide, by over 38 million neighbors across 16,000 communities, according to the National Night Out website. Since we cannot meet in person this year, you can pick up a kid's activity pack at the New Windsor or Union Bridge Town Hall during business hours, during the week of October 5, 2020 to October 9, 2020. Please remember that these packs are only available while supplies last.

If you still want to participate in the festivities within your home, you can. Simply hold a household cookout, decorate that yard or turn

on that front porch light. Don't forget to follow us on social media for the week of October 5, 2020 for the Virtual National Night Out and by showing us support by hitting that "LIKE" button. On behalf of the Carroll County Law Enforcement Community, we hope to see you in person at next year's National Night Out 2021. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

*Master Deputy
Brian Colussy*

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

Dream Big Union Bridge is pleased to announce that we are operating our Gift and Thrift Shop at 11 N. Main Street. It is solely run by volunteers and we have over 40 vendors. Come check out the crafts and numerous other items. The shop has something for everyone and inventory changes daily. Hours are Thursday & Friday 11-7, Saturday 11-5 and Sunday 11-3.

Make sure to sign up and participate in the upcoming Pumpkin/Scarecrow contest. Fun for all and would make a great virtual school project.

Just to add some fun for the holidays, be sure to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events. Everyone is welcome to become a volunteer and attend our monthly meetings held the 1st Monday of every month starting at 6 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church on Benedum Street in the social hall.

For additional information feel free to contact Cofounder: Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305.

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2020 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week –
Normal pickup

Christmas & New Year weeks–
Normal pickup

LEAF PICKUP

The Town will again offer leaf pickup. Please call the Town Hall to schedule a pickup October – December.

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 dishwashers 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://ccgoverment.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 REMINDER

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Center is currently closed through the end of the year. Please check with the Town Office in January for updated information on when the facility may re-open.

TRICK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Please practice social distancing and safe distribution strategies and turn your porch lights on if you wish to participate.



Please Have a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!



THE PUMPKIN PEOPLE AND THEIR SCARECROW COUSINS ARE COMING...

TO UNION BRIDGE

1ST ANNUAL PUMPKIN/SCARECROW PEOPLE CONTEST

LET'S ALL HAVE SOME FALL FAMILY FUN

RULES: You Must Submit an Application to be included in the judging.

- Enter any time from October 1st and 3:00 p.m. on October 25th.
 - Email applications are preferred: dreambigunionbridge@gmail.com or text Penny at 301-467-8820 with your email address or contact info.
 - Paper copies of applications can be picked up at and delivered to **Union Bridge Gift and Thrift Boutique** (Thursday & Friday 11-7, Saturday 11-5, Sunday 11-3) 11 North Main Street.
 - Your Pumpkin Person or Scarecrow can be in your own yard within the Town limits of Union Bridge, but it must be easily visible from the street if it is to be judged.
 - If you would like to have your Pumpkin Person or Scarecrow displayed on the **Main Street** then a Dream Big Union Bridge Volunteer must assist you in locating your display. We will have a map of approved spots.
 - **Main Street** Scarecrows and Pumpkin People must also be sturdily constructed to withstand wind and rainstorms. They should be no more the 8 feet high from the ground and 4 feet wide. Firmly secure all pieces. It is important that the sidewalks and parking spaces are not blocked.
 - Make your display **"Family Friendly for every age"**. No controversial, gruesome or political displays will be accepted. Photos will be posted on Facebook.
- All applications must be received by no later than October 25th at 3 PM. Judging will be completed on October 28th. Photos of the WINNERS will be posted on October 31st on the "Dream Big Union Bridge" Facebook page.
- One Winner will be announced in each of the 3 categories: **FAMILY * BUSINESS * NON PROFIT**
 - **Entire Display must be removed from Main Street by NOVEMBER 1st, and is the responsibility of the contestant.**



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