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Council Meeting

Oct 24, Nov 28 & Dec 19 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Oct 20, Nov 17 & Dec 15 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Oct 17, Nov 14 & Dec 12 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or

buttersburg@verizon.net

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unionbr@carr.org

ARTICLES FOR THE
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023
NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
December 15, 2022

OFFICE CLOSED

October

10th – Columbus Day

November

11th - Veterans Day

24th & 25th – Thanksgiving

December

23rd – Closing at noon

26th – Closed - Christmas
(observed)

30th – Closing at noon

Jan 2nd – New Year's Day
(observed)

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I suppose by now everyone has heard that Shepherd's Mill Road will be closing on or about October 3rd. Carroll County will be replacing the bridge. The job is expected to take 182 working days. That being said, counting holidays and weekends, it will be closed about one (1) year. All traffic that uses that road will be coming through town. Also, it would be wise for everyone here to study emergency routes in and out of town in case of flooding and road closures. Main Street and Locust Street sometimes flood with heavy rain. Please don't wait until the last minute to find alternate routes to and from work. Cars, trucks, fire equipment and school buses will be affected.

Remember – when flooded, turn around, don't drown!

Please keep reading. The Town of Union Bridge – Celebrating 150 years activities going on in and around town.

There will be an Open House Sunday, October 9, at Pipe Creek Quaker Meeting on Quaker Hill Road from 1-4 p.m. The Meeting House will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Pipe Creek Quaker Meeting. Come for a

FREE tour and history lesson about the founders of Union Bridge.

There is a big event coming up October 15th! The Union Bridge Fire Company presents FREE Outdoor Community Movie Night. This is going to be a great event for the whole town. And it's FREE!

October 22nd, Open House and Free Car Show at Vintage Restorations LTD. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 5th, 3rd Annual Celebration at Flood Zone for the 247th Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. If you enjoy live music, bag pipes and marching of color guards, this will be the place to be. Oh, don't forget there will be a helicopter on site (unfortunately, no rides). Time is noon – 10:00 p.m.

Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE

Program Open Space (POS)

Grant - Community Center Tot Lot and Walkway Roof Upgrades

The Town has been granted funding from Carroll County Recreation and Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot for some new equipment/safety surface and for repair to the walkway roof leading to the main entrance. As this funding less than the total amount required, we have applied for the remaining funds through the Maryland DNR's Community Parks and Playground grant. We are currently awaiting a decision.

Town Waste Water Treatment Plant and I&I Efforts

The Town is currently working to assess efforts and requirements for updating our wastewater treatment. Several options will be considered as we work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to discover our needs and develop a plan to address any findings. The Town has applied for and received a grant to fund the study. The Town has been granted \$5,000,000.00 from the State of Maryland to assist with the improvements once a project plan has been determined. We are currently awaiting the results of the study being compiled by the Town's engineering firm.

We are also working on a separate workstream to investigate and remediate any inflow & infiltration (I&I) concerns that may be found within our sewerage flows. We have engaged our engineering firm to move forward with the investigation.

More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

2022 Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) – Via Carroll County Various Town Water/Sewer Projects

The Town was recently contacted by the County Administrator asking for funding requests for eligible water/sewer projects. The County has available grant funding where they can possibly fund 50% for the projects. Union Bridge has submitted the following six (6) projects for consideration:

Out of the six submitted applications, the County approved funding of a project to replace the water main on Thomas Street & bonnet valve bolt replacements. Carroll County is contributing \$157,606.00 towards the project, which will end up costing approximately \$515,000.00 when

completed. Next steps will be to prepare an RFP and select a contractor to complete the project.

Track Loader with Mowing Attachment

We have applied for a grant through the USDA to purchase a track loader with mowing attachment to be able to mow areas around town where access is currently an issue for our existing equipment. If awarded, the grant would cover \$50,000.00 of the expected total cost of \$80,000.00. It is worth noting that we have applied for this grant previously and have been awarded funds to purchase our dump truck and work truck. We are currently awaiting a decision from the USDA, which will most likely come in 2023.

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

Mike Reynolds / Circuit Rider

Health and Safety Information

Did you know that September was the National Suicide and Substance Abuse Awareness month? Granted, September is now over, but I wanted to take the time to discuss two important hotlines that just recently came about within the past few years, that you might not know about.

The first one is the new 9-8-8 hotline, which is the national phone number for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which was formerly the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. According to statistics, for every one (1) person who completes suicide, there are 316 others that seriously consider suicide, but do not complete it. 2020 statistics show that the 9-8-8 hotline has received approximately 2.4 million calls to their 184 independent call centers, across the nation and 23 million since its inception in 2005. Out of those 2.4 million calls, 42,934 were from Marylanders, which were handled within the state or local region. The

new 9-8-8 hotline, is a vital entry point for coordinating care and providing Marylanders critical services for residents at serious risk. As a result, this new 9-8-8 hotline is reducing the burden on emergency medical services and law enforcement resources, so they can better respond to other public safety needs, while saving thousands of taxpayers' dollars, one call at a time.

So, if you are in need, or know someone that is, please realize that you are not alone and please reach out or share the 9-8-8 hotline-

The second hotline is 2-1-1, which connects Marylanders to several services-including aging and disabilities, family services, domestic violence, employment, health care, food assistance, housing, immigration, legal services, mental health, discrimination, substance abuse, tax services, utility assistance, and veteran services.

Granted the 2-1-1 hotline has been around Maryland since 2018, after it took over the 1-800 crisis hotline. For faster service, regarding suicide prevention, mental health services, and substance abuse interventions, callers should dial 2-1-1, then press 1 to be connected to resources.

So, if you are ever in a crisis or need financial assistance, please contact either hotline for help.

Lastly, to assist with the opioid drug epidemic, on October 29, 2022, the Drug Enforcement Agency holds annual prescription drug takeback of unneeded and expired prescription drugs, so these drugs don't end up getting in the wrong hands or into our local landfills. With that being said, I will be collecting unwanted or expired medications (pills only) at the New Windsor NWSB parking lot from 9AM until 12 Noon on October 29, 2022. I will then move to Union Bridge Town Square (Main Street @ Broadway Street) where I will collect medications from 1PM to 3PM, on October 29, 2022.

Unfortunately, I will not be collecting hypodermic needles (sharps) or liquid medications during that time. So, please clean out your medication cabinets and bring those unwanted or expired medications to be disposed of on October 29, 2022.

As always, please stay calm, be kind to one another and stay safe out there.

*Master Deputy /
Brian Colussy*

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

NEW MEETING DAY – We are now meeting on the 1st Thursday of every month at St. James Lutheran Church starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. We NEED more VOLUNTEERS!!!

Union Bridge Gift Shop - The Union Bridge Gift Shop operated by Dream Big Union Bridge continues to bring new customers into town and everyone loves the shop, if you haven't been there...you need to stop in. Hours: Thursday – Saturday 11-7 and Sunday 11-3.

We are hoping everyone is enjoying the bench located at the square we purchased for the convenience of the residents and visitors. We will make every effort to keep it clean (darn birds), if you see it needs cleaned, please let us know. "In Loving Memory of one of our members – Beanie Colussy".

Recap of Events:

Annual Cookout & Movie Night was held on July 30th at the Union Bridge Community Center. Special Thank you to the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren for doing the movie. We had a good turnout for the cookout. We are asking for ideas for future movies, dates, times etc.

Upcoming Events:

- FREE Movie Night @ Union Bridge Fire Hall, October 15th fun

starting at 5:00 p.m. and movie at 7:30 p.m. We are one of the supporters with the Fire Company to help with this event. Check it out on UBFD Facebook page. Lots of fun for the entire family, petting zoo, inflatables, craft area, concessions for purchase. RAIN or SHINE. (If it rains it will be moved inside.)

- Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the square on 12/2/22 starting at 7:00 p.m., we have lots of surprises in store for this year's event.
- Everyone wants us to hold the NYE event, which includes fireworks, live band and more. In order to do so...Dream Big Union Bridge needs financial support from the community/citizens, as well as volunteers to help. We would love to partner up with other non-profits to add to the event. This year's live band will be "Cashtown" and DJ "Hurricane Productions" providing continuous music entertainment. Follow us on FACEBOOK for updates and additional information.

We are always looking and welcoming new volunteers. Everyone is welcome!!! If you want these events to continue, we need volunteers from the community.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK – Dream Big Union Bridge or call 443-340-6305

WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL NEWS

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 2nd Monday each month at 7:00pm at the New Windsor Community Meeting Room.

Next Meeting Dates: Oct 10th/Nov 14th/Dec TBD

Visit our website:
www.gowcrc.com

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/goWCR>
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For general information about West Carroll programs contact Community Coordinator Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506

Upcoming Winter Sports

- **Basketball** ~ FSK Jr Eagles Basketball is now open for registrations <https://www.fskjreaglesbasketball.com/>
- **Wrestling** ~ Contact Kent Kallay at wrestlefsk@gmail.com or kpkallay@hotmail.com
- **Adult Drop-In Volleyball** ~ Contact Steve Keeney at snkeeney@gmail.com

PIPE CREEK FRIENDS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Come and join Pipe Creek Friends Meeting and celebrate the connection between Quakers and the Town of Union Bridge on October 9, between 1-4pm. Union Bridge is celebrating its 150th anniversary and Pipe Creek Meeting is celebrating its 250th anniversary. Join our open house and tour the building, grounds and cemetery. You can also listen to short talks on our shared history. See you there at 455 Quaker Hill Road, Union Bridge!

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

Apple Dumplings: October 2nd. \$5.00 each. Drive-thru pick up times are from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Preorder by September 26th. Contact Missi at 443-340-9462.

Breakfast: October 9th, \$12.00 Adults, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Movie Night: October 15th, FREE activities and crafts. Food available for purchase. Starts at 5:30 p.m. with movie at 7:00 p.m.

Bull & Oyster Feed: October 29th, \$45.00, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristen Green at 443-605-2839 or Tom Garber at 443-340-9421 for tickets.

Pot Pie Quart Sale: November 6th, \$8.00 per quart. Drive-thru pick up from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Missi at 443-340-9462 to pre-order before October 24th.

Breakfast: November 13th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Bingo Banquet: November 19th, \$35.00 per person. Meal is included. Contact Melvin Smith at 443-789-3823. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Mart: November 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free admission. Food available for purchase. Santa will arrive at noon!

All events are listed on
UBFC8.ORG.

PUBLIC NOTICE
**To the Citizens of Union
Bridge:**
**2023 is an election year in
Union Bridge.**

Mayor and two (2) members of the Town Council will be elected.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 9, 2023. 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, 104 West Locust Street.

**HUGHES TRASH
REMOVAL 2022 HOLIDAY
PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Thanksgiving week –
Normal pickup

Christmas & New Year's weeks–
Pickup will be one (1) day behind on both weeks, so please put your trash out on Wednesday evening for each week.

**CARROLL COUNTY TREE
PLANTING**

This completely volunteer program focuses on streamside plantings, as well as upland plantings that are greater than one (1) acre.

Plantings implemented through this program include a 3-year maintenance term, which consists of mowing, stake repair and shelter maintenance. Landowners must be willing to allow Carroll County Staff to inspect planting progress for up to ten (10) years.

Reestablishing and enhancing forests help provide bank stabilization, improve water quality through nutrient uptake and trapping sediment, as well as providing structurally complex habitats for terrestrial wildlife.

Since 2012, Carroll County has planted 210 acres of trees, using over \$1,127,000 in grant monies.

Contact: Byron Madigan at 410-386-2167.
ccwater@carrollcountymd.gov

YARD WASTE

Please note that September 28th was the last day for yard waste pickup for the year. We will begin again in the spring, 2023.

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 (1) 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://ccgovernments.org/ccg/n/pdes/>.

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
IS AVAILABLE FOR
WEDDINGS, PARTIES AND
REUNIONS. CALL THE TOWN

OFFICE AT 410-775-2711 TO
INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE
CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION.

TRICK OR TREAT

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022
6:00 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***



Critical Home Repair Program

Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County's Critical Home Repair Program is a home preservation service that offers minor repair and accessibility modification for homeowners in need. The Critical Home Repair Program helps low-income homeowners impacted by income, age, disability and family circumstances, who struggle to maintain their homes.



Everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Who:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Own their home in Carroll County
- Make less than 80% of the Area Median Income (up to \$84,080 for a family of 4, cchabitat.org for more info)
- Need critical home repairs or accessibility modifications
- Have the ability to repay a zero percent interest loan for cost of repairs

How:

- Habitat selects Partner families based on income, need and willingness to meet volunteer requirements.
- Habitat affiliates use volunteer labor and discounted or donated materials to keep costs low.
- A no-interest loan is made to the homeowner to cover the cost of the project.
- Visit www.cchabitat.org for more information and to apply.

Why:

- Families live in safe and well-maintained homes
- Neighborhoods are revitalized
- Community connections are made
- Affordable housing inventory is preserved

We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County, 255 Clifton Blvd. Suite 310, Westminster, MD 21157

www.cchabitat.org



UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY PRESENTS

●●● FREE ●●●

Outdoor Community Movie Night

featuring

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

Saturday, October 15th | UBFC Carnival Grounds

8 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

HUGE 30' SCREEN

Thank you to our Sponsors



5:00pm Inflatables & Crafts Open
7:30pm Movie Begins

Bring a chair or blanket and join us for a fun and FREE community event!

Free Inflatables

Children must be accompanied by an adult, waiver signing required

Craft Area & Petting Zoo

Coloring pages, tie dye, & animals galore!

Concessions

(For Purchase - Cash Only)

- * Popcorn
- * Hot Dogs
- * Pizza
- * Nachos
- * Theater Candy
- * Lemonade
- * Sweet or Unsweet Tea
- * Hot Chocolate

No pets allowed. Event will start 20 min prior to 7pm and be moved indoors upon extended weather.



SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM THE MOVIE

