

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

## May/June 2012

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- Council Meetings May 21 & Jun 18 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings May 17 & Jun 21 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions May 17 & Jun 4 - 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or [buttersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buttersburg@verizon.net)

- Town Office will be CLOSED:  
- May 28th (Memorial Day)

- Articles for the July/August Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE June 15, 2012

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### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring is here! Even though we have experienced a mild winter this year, there is still some spring clean up to be done around town. Winter has left Union Bridge streets with some potholes. Council member Donald Wilson, Selby Black and James Harris are beginning to spread cold patch where needed. I would like to ask our citizens to spruce up their area in preparation for the Union Bridge Fireman's Carnival.

Once again municipalities will not be receiving the full amount of the highway user funds from the state. Even though the Governor stated that he would see that those funds were restored to the municipalities, it will not be happening this year. Union Bridge will have to do what we can to our roadways with the money we receive.

The Bay Restoration fees will increase next year and this increase will also affect Public Sewer System users. The state of Maryland controls this charge and the municipalities collect the fee and send it to the state of Maryland.

Be sure to take advantage of the walking trail. It is a great way to experience Mother Nature. The town will be extending the trail this summer and would like to place some benches along the path for people to stop and rest or just enjoy the surroundings. If anyone has any ideas for the type of benches to be placed there, please let the town know. Keep in mind that area often floods, so we need something that is water friendly.

Union Bridge Fire Company will be celebrating 125 years of Volunteer Fire service to our community on September 15 and September 16, 2012. Take time to visit our volunteer firefighters and thank them for all they do for our community. Wishing everyone a wonderful beginning to the summer of 2012.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

#### UNION BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

Union Bridge Community Center's reduced rental rates took effect on the January 1, 2012. Please call the Town Hall if you are interested in renting the center for your function. The new rates are as follows:

#### IN TOWN –

\$150.00 HALL

\$ 50.00 KITCHEN

\$100.00 SECURITY DEP.

#### OUT OF TOWN –

\$ 250.00 HALL

\$ 50.00 KITCHEN

\$ 100.00 SECURITY DEP.

#### GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

##### CDBG West Broadway Reconstruction -

The Mayor and Council of Union Bridge are pleased to announce that The Town of Union Bridge was awarded a \$230,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This project will be a street improvement project including new water lines, sewer lines, storm drains, sidewalks and curbing, and street resurfacing for West Broadway extending from Whyte Street to Warehime Alley, similar to the successful projects that the town completed for Benedum and Farquhar Streets. The town sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering design services. The Town of Union Bridge held a public hearing on April 30, 2012 to discuss the project and plans. The meeting was advertised in the Carroll County times on April 23, 2012.

##### SHA Wetlands Park Trail Extension -

The town was also awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State Highway Administration and a \$36,000 grant from Maryland's Program Open Space to extend the Wetlands Park trail approximately 2,000 linear feet. The trail is located at the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands Park, adjacent to Route 75.

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

Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant

#### WEST CARROLL REC

The WCRC invites all parents and community members to attend the council meetings held the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are located at the Old New Windsor School /Library Headquarters. Community members that attend at least 4 meetings during the year become eligible to vote on WCRC matters.

The Carroll County Recreation and Parks Spring 2012 Program Guide is now available in print and online formats. Visit <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/recpark/prog-12sg/> for program and registration information.

Recreation and Parks staff.

Spring Sports Contacts:

Baseball: Troy Staub 410-596-6658

Lacrosse: Ted LaPierre 443-677-1583

Rugby: Brad Rockwood 410-775-1506

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. See our website: [www.goWCRC.com](http://www.goWCRC.com)

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.

Heather McKenzie, Community Coordinator

#### BRIDGES - 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

#### FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAPS

FEMA has a website that may be helpful to residents who would like more information about the floodplain maps and Hazard Mitigation. <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/map/index.shtm> The most recent revised floodplain maps will be available at the Town Hall for review.

Remember that each council person has a duty. If there is a problem contact that specific council person first.

Donald Wilson – Streets

Amy Kalin – Water & Sewer

Ellen Cutsail – Refuse & Police

Edgar Wentz – Community Center

Laura Conaway – Lights

#### UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Mother's Day Breakfast All you can eat

May 13, 2012

7:00 to Noon

Adult \$7.00, Children 6-12 \$3.50, Under 6 Free

Monthly Bingo

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

Second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 PM, Games begin at 7:00 PM

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

Bingo Banquet

SSGT Charles I Cartwright, USMC

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sponsored by Plymouth Chapter #41 OES Scholarship Committee

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 2:00 p.m.

20 regular games, 4 specials, 3 raffles King Tut and Jars

\$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door

For more info call: Missi 410-775-2872 or Betty at 301-663-6431

#### UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL

MAY 28 - JUNE 2, 2012

Monday – Bob Plunkert & Real Country

Tuesday – Big Cam & The Lifters  
Wednesday – Fireman’s Parade  
Thursday – Half-Serious  
Friday – Hard Choice  
Silent Auction all week  
Cash Drawings  
Food Galore

#### CUB SCOUTS Pack 582

Program for boys, from Kindergarten to 5th Grade. Meetings are at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church on Rt. 75 Wednesdays @7pm. For more info: call:  
Troy 443-547-1463 or rawzad@gmail.com

#### FLEA MARKET VENDORS

June 2, 2012

Sykesville Freedom District Fire Grounds

Vendor spaces available at \$40.00 for a 20’ X 20’ area.

For info call 410-875-2633

#### 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 PAGE AMY KALIN 1-410-899-1200

#### RECYCLING

The Town of Union Bridge is requesting that all residents of Union Bridge make an effort to recycle everything they possibly can. The cost for trash that is picked up in town is a combination of the cost for the pick-up of the trash plus the tipping fee at the landfill. When you recycle, the town pays only for the pick-up service, there is no tipping fee associated with recyclables. Therefore, the more that we recycle, the less it costs the town. There is information at the Town Hall and County Office Building explaining what you can put in your recycle bins. Everything that is recyclable can be put into the same container, as Carroll County is doing single-stream recycling.

#### BUILDING PERMITS

With spring coming, you may be considering some sort of construction project. Some projects that may need a town permit and/or a county permit or both are decks, garages, storage buildings and sheds, fences, pools, animal shelters, signs, and driveway entrances etc.

Please contact the town’s zoning administrator, Mr. Black for information before you begin your project, at 410-775-2718.

#### YARD WASTE

Yard waste pickup has started and will run through the beginning of October. Bags for yard waste may be purchased at the town hall for \$1.00. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup. Yard waste will be picked up on Wednesdays.

#### GRASS & WEEDS

The Town of Union Bridge Code, Chapter 130, 4; C2: 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 an grass on such premises at a height of not more than six (6) inches, and the further duty of maintaining such premises free of noxious weeds and dense underbrush.

#### RESOLUTION

02-12 Water User Rates: Passed on April 23, 2012.

Charge per 1,000 gallons of water consumed \$5.50, in addition to quarterly minimum charge and shall automatically increase annually by three percent (3%) on July 1, 2013 and continuing on the same date each and every year unless waived or modified for a given fiscal year by resolution of the Town Council.

03-12 Sewer User Rates: Passed on April 23, 2012.

To amend the sewer user rates: Charge per 1,000 gallons of water consumed shall automatically increase annually by three percent (3%) starting with fiscal year July 1, 2013 and continuing on the same date each and every year unless waived or modified for a given year by resolution of the Town Council.

#### ORDINANCE #308 – B

On April 23, 2012, the Union Bridge Town Council approved Budget Ordinance 308-B for FY12/13, with the expenditures and revenues of \$835,355.00 the town tax rate to remain at \$.30 per \$100.00 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge and the town personal property tax rate to remain at \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

#### ORDINANCE #309

General Obligation Bonds

Refinance loan for the water facility improvements, was approved on April 23, 2012.

#### 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.

MD State Police Drug TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936

They CAN'T do it without your help!!!

#### ATTENTION

The newsletter is posted six times per year: January, March, May, July, September, and November and may be viewed on the town's Web site at [www.carr.org/~unionbr](http://www.carr.org/~unionbr) Also, upon request, paper copies may be picked up at the Town Hall (410-775-2711) or at any local business.

Enjoy your summer!