

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meetings	July 26 & August 23 – 7 pm.
Funding Committee Meetings	July 5 & August 2 – 7pm.
Planning & Zoning Meetings	July 15 & August 19 - 6:30 pm.
Council Work Sessions	July 12 & August 9 - 6:30 pm.

OFFICE CLOSED July 5, 2004 Independence Day

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CITY OFFICE August 16, 2004

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

We find ourselves once again faced with the task of appointing someone to finish the term of a Council member. Dawn Metcalf and her family have moved from Town and she has resigned. The Town has been fortunate in having her on the council and her skills and experience will be missed. On behalf of the Town I would like to thank her for all that she has done and wish her the best of luck in the future.

The next important thing that has happened is school is over for the year. We as parents need to ensure that our kids have enough to do to keep them busy and out of mischief. I have heard it said that there is nothing for the kids to do and that the Town should do something about it. Well, that is easier said than done. There are a lot of team sports available for those who like to play, tennis courts and a playground that has just had some new equipment installed. But what is there for the kids who don't want to play ball or are too old for the playground? This is the question we haven't been able to answer. A skate park would be useful and isn't out of the question, but it isn't going to happen in the near future. However even this will not work for all the kids. What do we do for the ones who just want to hang out? I am not so old that I don't remember wanting to just "hang out"

with my friends. We didn't do anything or go anywhere most of the time; we just hung around together and talked. Socializing is such an important part of growing up and it seems that it is becoming harder to do. Whenever a group of teenagers is seen on the streets it is assumed they are up to no good. Unfortunately this is sometimes the case, but more often than not it isn't. Most of our kids are good kids and as parents we need to support them better in all that they do. Please if you have any thoughts on this or any other topic don't hesitate to call. We need your help. Thank you.

Bret Grossnickle

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Summer is here and school is out. Please remind your children to wear their bicycle helmets. Children under 16 must wear them by law. Remind your children to look for vehicles when they are near roads because collisions do occur and they happen right here in Union Bridge. A child was recently flown to the Trauma center after being struck on a bicycle on Bark Hill Road. Know where your children are; it's up to you to educate them about SAFETY.

Please drive safely and remember to wear your seatbelt.

*Corporal R. C. Cromwell/Union Bridge Community Deputy
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Non-emergency 410-386-2900
EMERGENCY 911
Tips hotline 1-888-399-TIPS*

DANGEROUS DOG

In Union Bridge on May 25, 2004 a light-colored shepherd-type dog with no dark markings attacked and mauled a sheep.

Since the dog has tasted blood, it should be considered dangerous to other animals and small children.

If you see this dog or know of its whereabouts, please contact the Carroll County Humane Society at 410-848-4810 or the Carroll County Sheriff's Office at 410-386-2900.

FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Funding Committee's breakfast schedule is:

Sept 19, 2004

Oct. 17, 2004

Nov. 21, 2004

Jan. 16, 2005

Feb. 20, 2005

Mar. 20, 2005

Apr. 17, 2005

May 15, 2005

COUNCIL VACANCY

The Town of Union Bridge is seeking a qualified resident interested in filling a vacant council position. The person selected will fill the term until the next general election in May of 2005.

To qualify you must be a citizen of the United States, be at least 18 years of age, have resided within the corporate limits of Union Bridge for at least 1 year, and be registered to vote in accordance with the provisions of the Town Charter; and qualified to vote under the provisions of the laws of the State of Maryland.

Applications to fill the council position will be accepted until July 15, 2004.

WEST CARROLL REC. COUNCIL

The West Carroll Rec. Council serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, and surrounding areas.

Fall Soccer registrations will be held at Myers Grocery Store from 6-8pm on July 9th and July 13th. Registration forms may be picked up at the Union Bridge Town Hall and can be mailed in up through July 15th. Costs are U6 \$25, U8 \$30, U12 \$40. All include a team shirt and award. Shorts are available at \$10 for Youth sizes and \$13 for Adult sizes. Socks are available for \$6. For more information,

contact Colleen Williar at 410-751-2070.

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Sports Registration Raffle:

1st prize-4 Orioles tickets & \$100-Alexis Etzler

2nd prize-2 Orioles tickets & \$50-Alexis Etzler

3rd Prize-\$50-Jenna Brown

4th Prize-\$50-Bobby Beall

5th Prize-\$50-Sharon Dimetri

The West Carroll Rec. Council meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Union Bridge Town Hall. The public is invited. The next meeting dates are July 19 and Aug. 16 at 8 p.m. For more information please call Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-857-3549.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

The Union Bridge Church of the Brethren has a special Tuesday evening program for kids in grades K-5. It is called "Faith Weaver Friends Club". Games, crafts, snacks, music, and simple faith lessons are all part of each energy-packed session. Faith Weaver Friends Club is fun and it's free. Also, children will get a lot more than fun out of Faith Weaver Friends Club. Working in their weekly journal will reinforce language and writing skills they are learning in school. Group

activities will develop important social skills. This fall the program begins September 14 to November 2, and another eight-week session will be held January 18-March 8. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30. We can also help with transportation.

To get your child involved contact the Church of the Brethren at 124 S. Main Street, Box 518 or Pastors Jim or Anna at 410-775-2717 or call Director, Kaye Horr at 410-635-2877.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Beginning on May 17th the Central Maryland Mosquito Control Office will be spraying for adult mosquitoes. Spraying will take place in Union Bridge every other Monday through the summer. Spraying will occur between dusk and 11:30 p.m. Spraying will be in compliance with label instructions. Spraying is done under favorable weather conditions when the wind speed is 12 mph or less, the air temperature is between 56°-85°F and there is no precipitation. Any comments, suggestions or complaints should be directed to the Central Maryland Mosquito Control Office, 6701 Lafayette Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland 20737 or call 301-927-8357.

REMINDER

Ordinance # 263, Sec. B-1, Paragraph 1

Owners and occupants of premises fronting upon any street, with paved gutter and sidewalk, shall keep such gutter and sidewalk free and clean of all filth, dirt, earth, snow, ice or any other obstruction of any kind whatsoever, at all times of the year; and during the months of May, June, July, August, and September clear and clean of all grass or any other foreign substances growing therein.

Ordinance #263, Sec. C-2, Paragraph 2

Owner 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 the furth

er duty of maintaining such premises free of noxious weeds and dense underbrush.

EMERGENCY WATER/SEWER PAGER NUMBER

Patricia (Tricia) Stonesifer

Dial the pager number (1) **410-899-1200**, key in the number you are calling from, press the pound key, and hang up.

IMPORTANT TRASH INFORMATION

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE HAS A NEW TRASH HAULER BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2004

TRASH SERVICE WILL BE HANDLED BY:

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL, INC.

4501 DAVE RILL ROAD
P.O. BOX 259
HAMPSTEAD, MD 21074
410-374-6467 OR 410-848-4747

THEY WILL PICK UP IN UNION BRIDGE ON THURSDAYS

THEIR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH SERVICE FOR 2004 IS AS FOLLOWS:

- *LABOR DAY- THURS CHANGED TO FRIDAY
- *THANKSGIVING-THURS CHANGED TO FRIDAY
- *RESCHEDULED PICKUP, PICKUP TIMES WILL CHANGE ON THESE DAYS ALL CUSTOMERS SHOULD PUT TRASH & RECYCLING OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE .

*Note Tip fees are increasing please recycle to help keep cost of trash service manageable.

LOCAL BUSINESS

THE BUTTERSBURG INN

The Buttersburg Inn is located at 9 North Main Street in Union Bridge. The Buttersburg Inn is a family restaurant serving good home-cooked meals at reasonable prices and has been in operation for two years. The restaurant's owners are James Rowe and Francesco Tunzi. Their hours of operation are Monday and Tuesday 7a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday closed, Thursday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 7 p.m. For more information call 410-775-9939.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Available for weddings, parties and reunions
Call the town office at 410-775-2711 to inquire about renting the center for your function.