



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Jul 24, Aug 28 & Sep 25 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Jul 20, Aug 17 & Sep 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Jul 10, Aug 14 & Sep 11 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

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ARTICLES FOR THE
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY

September 15, 2023

OFFICE CLOSED

July 4th 2023
Independence Day
&
September 4th, 2023
Labor Day

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

June 9th was the last day of school and was a big hit for the FREE snow cones. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a success. We are planning more events this summer if possible.

We would still like to have the Soap Box Derby July 22. Let us know if you are interested.

The Flood Zone's 4th Annual Anchored Mini Boat Parade will be July 12-16. This year, the Mayor of Union Bridge, Perry Jones; the Fire Chief, Chad Green; New Windsor Mayor, Neal Roop; and New Windsor Fire Chief, Steve Kreimer, will be taking turns in the Dunkin Booth. I hope the water is warm!

Big news for Union Bridge! No more rumors. The Buttersburg Inn has been sold. The new owners are Anthony and Amber LaCoste of Mt. Airy. They have two wonderful children, 7-year-old Corbin and 4-year-old Payton. They are excited about this new chapter in their family's lives and to be a part of the Union Bridge community. Their first official day of ownership is set for August 1. They are excited to announce that the Buttersburg Inn will be re-opening on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., starting September 3. Anthony and Amber are grateful for how welcoming and friendly everyone in town has been and encourages everyone to come by and say hi. Please reach out to Anthony at 410-617-8185, if you have any questions.

The Town must resume enforcement the following parking ordinances.

- No trailers parking on the streets for more than four (4) hours at a time.
- Vehicles not moved for more than seven (7) days will be ticketed.

The Town continues to receive resident complaints about the lack of parking spaces, so action must be taken.

Perry L. Jones, Jr.
Mayor

GRANTS & PROJECTS UPDATE

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 is less than the total amount required, we have been tentatively awarded the remaining funds through the Maryland DNR's Community Parks and Playground grant. We are currently awaiting a vote by the Maryland Board of Public Works to hopefully finalize the award.

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. The Town's engineering firm has completed the draft of the study and we have submitted to the MDE for review.

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 investigations with the CCTV screening completed. We are awaiting scheduling and completion of the second phase of the project, which is smoke testing the lines.

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

2022 Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) – Via Carroll County Thomas Street Water Line Repairs & Valve Bolt Replacement

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 come in later 2023.

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

*Mike Reynolds
Circuit Rider & Zoning
Administrator*

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

MEETINGS – We will be holding meetings on an “As Needed” basis. Follow Dream Big on Facebook for upcoming meetings & events.

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. Follow us on Facebook for upcoming **SIDEWALK SALES** (Discounted Merchandise),

3rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, July 14,15,16. Light refreshments will be served.

Annual Rubber Duck Derby and Jeep Shine & Show – this year's event was the best one yet. We had the Rubber Duck Race, petting zoo, kids game zone, Jeep Show & Shine, vendors, food, and a lot of fun. Follow Dream Big Union Bridge to see photos. The trail was absolutely beautiful, thanks to Donald Wilson and his crew and volunteers from Dream Big Union Bridge. We mowed, we weed wacked, trimmed trees and best of all we upgraded the hill in the middle of the trail with large rocks (compliments of Lehigh) and

planted flowers (compliments of Dream Big Union Bridge) making it an ideal place for photo shoots. Everyone totally enjoyed themselves. Each year we hope to add at least one new attraction in hopes of making it more of a festival type of event. If you missed it, you will definitely want to plan on attending next year!

New Year's Eve Event – we hope to be able to hold this event again this year, however we do need donations. We will be reaching out for sponsors and are looking for donations. This is a very expensive event that Dream Big Union Bridge sponsors. We are planning to do it at the Union Bridge Fire Company Grounds. Live band, 20-minute fireworks display, magician, food, Beer Garden and a fun time. We hope to bring back the “Passport” program again this year. It is with the help of the local businesses that it is possible, so please support the local businesses.

Shop Small, Shop Local. Follow Dream Big Union Bridge on Facebook for more details as the time gets closer.

Fundraisers – we are looking for ideas to raise money so we can continue to provide these FREE activities to the public. We would love for you to recommend any ideas you have to help us raise money. We are currently thinking of holding a BINGO, and maybe a festival of some type. If we can continue to raise money and get support from the community, we can continue to serve our community with such events as the Easter Egg Hunt, the Rubber Duck Derby, the Community Picnic, Bulk Trash Pick-up, Christmas for the Elderly, and the New Year's Eve event. Any and all ideas are welcome for both fundraising and events.

We are always looking for new volunteers, it's a no judgement zone. No membership fee, no meeting requirements, or participation requirements. You do what you can, when you can!!! We just

want to have **FUN and bring our Community Together!!!**

Follow Dream Big Union Bridge on **FACEBOOK**, for updates and events.

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 of each month at 7:00pm

Visit our website: www.gowcrc.com
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/goWCRC>

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506 or prockwood1@verizon.net

BUDGET ORDINANCE 318-B

On April 24, 2023, the Union Bridge Town Council approved Budget Ordinance 318-B for FY23/24, with expenditures and revenues of \$1,142,701.00. The town tax rate shall remain \$.35 per \$100.00 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge. The town personal property tax rate shall remain \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

RESOLUTION 01-23

On March 27, 2023, the Union Bridge Town Council approved Resolution 01-23 which amends the quarterly water user rate to a minimum charge of \$42.00 and \$6.98 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed. This change will take effect July 1, 2023.

Resolution 02-23

On March 27, 2023, the Union Bridge Town Council approved Resolution 02-23 which amends the quarterly sewer user rate to a minimum charge of \$47.00 and \$5.07 per 1,000 gallons of water

consumed. This change will take effect July 1, 2023.

Resolution 03-23

On April 24, 2023, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the FY24 Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years FY24 - FY29, introduced by the Union Bridge Planning Commission. Changes are effective as of July 1, 2023.

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL

For the weeks of Independence Day and Labor Day, trash pickup will be one day behind, so please place your trash out Wednesday evening instead of Tuesday.

WATER/SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE

For your convenience, we are providing the quarterly billing schedule for residents who are connected to the Town systems.

Usage Months	Month Billed	Due Date
Jan/Feb/Mar	April	May 15
Apr/May/Jun	July	Aug 15
Jul/Aug/Sep	Oct	Nov 15
Oct/Nov/Dec	Jan	Feb 15

Note that if you do not receive a bill before the end of the billing month, please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to request a copy prior to the due date.

Also note that if your payment is mailed and it is not received by the Town Office by the due date, you will be assessed a late fee. Please ensure you allow sufficient time in the event of delays with mail delivery.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The annual Water Quality Report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

You can view the report at <https://unionbridgewaterqualityreport.com/> or you can pick up a copy up at the Town Office.

WATER CONSERVATION OUTDOOR TIPS

1. Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
2. Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
3. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.
4. Use plants that require less water.
5. Use a broom, not a hose to clean driveways and walkways.
6. Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.
7. Collect rainwater to reuse in the garden whenever possible.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor/outdoor plants.
9. Limit car washing or visit a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. Keep outside faucets in good repair.

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://ccgovernance.org/ccg/npdes/>.

TOWN CURFEW

Please keep in mind that curfews for children under the age of 18 years are as follows:

10:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and

12:01 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

BRUSH REMOVAL SERVICE

The Town will provide hauling services for brush removal (limbs/branches) by appointment. Note that you will need to load the brush onto the truck. Call 410-775-2711 to schedule a pickup.

GRASS & WEEDS

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 any grass on such premises at a height of not more than six (6) inches; and further duty of maintaining, such premises free of noxious weeds and dense under brush.

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.

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
Bret Grossnickle
410-274-2860

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.

SNOW CONES!!!

Free snow cones at the square [the corner of Main Street and East Broadway, Union Bridge]

Friday, July 14, 2023
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by The Town of Union Bridge

**Have a Happy and Safe
4th of July & Labor
Day!!!**





POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

AUGUST 1, 2023 6 - 8 P.M.

**THE TOWN SQUARE
MAIN STREET @ EAST BROADWAY STREET
UNION BRIDGE, MD**



**TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK**