



# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2020

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Apr 27, May 18 & Jun 22 - 7 p.m.

### Planning & Zoning Meeting

Apr 16, May 21 & Jun 18 - 6:30 p.m.

### Council Work Session

Apr 13, May 11 & Jun 8 - 6:30 p.m.

### Heritage Committee info, contact

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ARTICLES FOR THE  
JULY/AUG/SEPTEMBER  
NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY  
**JUNE 15, 2020**

## **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday**

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day**

## **FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK**

We are at some very trying times. We are asking everyone to please follow the orders of the Gov. and take it very seriously.

Working together we will get past this in no time at all. Remember guidelines for social distancing with 10 people (or less) and 6 feet apart. We must follow these guidelines and rules every day. PLEASE watch your TV for daily updates.

Keep in mind that our local businesses are open to serve you. Please support them now and always.

If you take your children to the play grounds, please use every caution to keep them safe. The park is open to use at your own risk. We would advise you not to use them until this pandemic passes by our towns.

All public council meeting statuses will be updated on the Town website. Please consult the site for the latest on meeting schedules until further notice.

The more people pay attention, the quicker we will get through this.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,  
Mayor*

## **GRANT PROJECT UPDATES**

### **Sustainable Community Designation Renewal**

The Town applied for, and was granted, Sustainable Community status in 2014. This is a five-year privilege which is eligible for renewal after the period has expired. Being a Sustainable Community allows the Town to be eligible to apply for a myriad of grant and funding opportunities

available from state and federal agencies.

The Town has submitted the renewal application with hopes to be granted this status, once again, for another five years. We are currently awaiting a decision from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator**

The Town has been awarded a grant for funding from FEMA to install an emergency generator. The generator will run the Water Treatment Plant and Town Office in the event of an emergency. We are working with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to implement the project and expect to go out for bid during the next quarter.

### **Program Open Space (POS) Grant - Community Center Parking Upgrades**

The Town submitted a project funding request to pave the parking area around the community center and to add parking spaces in front of the center. We have received approval for the project Carroll County, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to move forward with the project. The next step will be to go out for bids.

### **MDE Financial Assistance I&I**

Following our inflow & infiltration study funded by USDA, the Town applied for assistance to perform our engineering

recommendations through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). We are currently awaiting their decision.

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

*Mike Reynolds,  
Circuit Rider*

### **Dream Big Union Bridge**

"We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort." (Jesse Owens)

Please note that the following upcoming events have been cancelled in light of the COVID 19 pandemic precautions:

**April 6** - Monthly Meeting - **CANCELLED**

**April 11** - Easter Egg Hunt at the Union Bridge Community Center - **CANCELLED**.

**May 9** - 3rd Annual Rubber Duck Derby - **CANCELLED**

### **Resolution 01-20**

On January 27, 2020, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the FY 21 Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Years FY 21-FY 26, introduced by the Union Bridge Planning Commission. Changes are effective as of July 1, 2020.

### **HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL**

#### **2020 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Memorial Day week trash & recycling will be picked up one day behind which is Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please put out your trash the night before.

### **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/>

### **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.

### **Yard Waste Pickup**

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the 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 or on private property.

### **IMPORTANT**

**If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 401-775-2711.**

### **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**

Available for Weddings, Parties & Reunions. Call the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to inquire about renting the center for your function.

### **DRIVING 101**

#### **Rules of the Road**

Recently Carroll County has seen a large number of serious motor vehicle collisions within the

county, especially Maryland 31 (New Windsor Road). Upon being on scene of several of those incidents, I want to take this opportunity to remind motorists of some very important "Rules of the Road."

Let's first start off with Maryland Transportation Article 21-405, which REQUIRES all vehicles to yield the right of way to all emergency vehicles with their activated emergency equipment. In this section it REQUIRES that all vehicles should pull to the right as close to the shoulder edge as you can and come to a complete stop until the emergency vehicle passes your location. However, please remember that when you do pull over to the right that you do not block any intersections, as the emergency vehicle may need to turn onto that section of roadway. Remember, every second counts during an emergency. Violations of this transportation article could result in a \$110 fine and one point being placed onto your driving record.

Secondly, when you approach a collision scene and the roadway is blocked off by emergency equipment, please do not go around said emergency equipment, until you are directed to do so by a police officer. If you fail to obey Transportation Article 21-103(a) that could result you a fine of \$290 and one point being placed onto your driving record. Why is this important? You could place yourself and first responders in danger when driving into an active incident scene. This is dangerous for all parties involved as the scene may not be declared

safe. Please remember that when emergency vehicles are in place and have shut down a portion or the whole roadway, all traffic control devices are still active. What do I mean by this? If there is a stop sign, motorists are still required to stop at the stop sign before proceeding through the intersection. So please do not ignore any emergency vehicles including county or state road operation vehicles.

Lastly, a recent law in Maryland has been amended which will save lives. As of October 1, 2014, Maryland state law (TA 21-405(e2i) or TA 21-405(e2ii)) REQUIRES that you slow down and move over one empty lane if available for emergency vehicles with activated emergency equipment that is parked along the side of the roadway. According to the amended law, emergency vehicles would include police vehicles, fire department apparatus including medical equipment, tow trucks, construction vehicles, and service vehicles such as trash collectors and utility company vehicles. Failure to obey these laws could result in a fine of \$110 and a point being placed on your driving record.

According to statistics, between the years of 2000 to 2017, an estimated total of 1,553 first responders and service workers were killed after being struck by vehicles along our nation's highways. The breakdown for those statistics is the following:

Career Field	Number of Deaths	Year
Police Officers	114	2003-2017
Firefighters	61	2000-2013
Medical Personnel (EMS)	40	2005-2012
Tow Truck Operators	110	2003-2017
Construction Personnel	1,228	2003-2017
<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>YEARS COVERED 2000-2017</b>

*\*Statistics provided by the Officer Down Memorial Page, National Fire Protection Association, US National Library of Medicine / National Institutes of Health, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.*

The Move Over Law just does not apply here in Maryland, but as of July 2012, Hawaii was the last state to implement the move over law into the law books, making it a law in all 50 states. While you are out driving around our nation's roadways, and see an emergency vehicle with its emergency equipment activated, please take all this into consideration as we all want to go home at the end of the day.

As always, drive safe out there.

*Master Deputy  
Brian Colussy,  
Carroll County  
Sherriff's Office*

# Emergency Meal Distribution

BREAKFAST, LUNCH and SUPPER



**NEW UNION BRIDGE LOCATION**

**ELMER WOLFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**OPENING MONDAY, APRIL 6**

Drive Through Service

Available to ALL children age 18 and under

**No need to be enrolled at school to receive free meals**

Children **MUST** be present **or** Parent or Guardian may pick up for **their** child(ren) Only

**Monday through Friday**

**4-6 PM PICK UP TIME**

**(THIS LOCATION ONLY)**

**Union Bridge**

Elmer Wolfe Elementary School Parking Lot **4 PM-6PM**

119 North Main Street, Union Bridge MD 21791

No Distribution Friday 4/10 and Monday 4/13 for Spring Break but additional meals distributed Thursday 4/9

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