

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Jul 27 & Aug 24 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Jul 16 & Aug 20 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Jul 13 & Aug 10 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buffersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
- July 3rd (Independence Day)
- Articles for the September/October Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE August 15, 2015

website www.carr.org/~unionbr email unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer is here and street repairs continue. We are still waiting for State Highway to make a permanent repair on a few very bad areas on Main St. Main Street is Route 75 and is the responsibility of the State. the town cannot make repairs on the State roads. Our Town streets are enough to maintain. Donald Wilson does a great job keeping up with street repairs. Street complaints should be addressed to Donald Wilson. Donald will look at the area to see what needs to be done and when it is to be repaired. Please be patient, not everything can be done overnight.

There is a very **serious parking problem** on East Thomas Street. The town will hold a meeting at the Community Center. The town encourages everyone who lives on E. Thomas to attend this meeting. At this time some residents could be causing a delayed response of emergency equipment. We must all work together to resolve this issue. Many of you may not remember when Main Street had parking on both sides of the street. We had to remove parking on one side of the street and everyone adjusted and lived through it. Let's work together.

The walking trail now has a loop that connects. This trail is funded by Community Parks and Playgrounds and Program Open Space grant funds.

In the weeks to come a new sign will be going up at the Community Center. The old sign has been in very bad condition for several years.

The town also has a new town flag. If anyone would like to purchase one to fly at home, please stop by the town office, where one can be ordered for you. The flag was carried in the Fireman's parade by Councilwoman Amy Kalin's daughter's. I would like to thank Hunter and Harley for carrying the flag for us.

The Union Bridge Business Association still meeting the third Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. every month at the Town Hall. We are usually out of the meeting by 9:00 a.m. There has been some By-Law changes. Hope you will come and check out the new Union Bridge Business Association.

The new Zoning Administrator is Chad Green. We also have two new Planning Commission members: Joshua Fuss and Ed Williar. The new town maintenance employee is Ken Black. If you would like to serve on a board or commission, please let me on the town office know.

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge was awarded grant funding from Maryland Program Open Space and Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds programs for a phase of the trail system in the town's Wetlands Park located off of Rt. 75. The trail section was completed in May and is open for use. Union Bridge will apply for FY 2016 grant funding to complete the looped trail system.

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

Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant

WEST CARROLL REC

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and the 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 7:00 p.m. at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor.

SUMMER/FALL SPORTS

Field Hockey

Contact: Meilissa Lease
coachmellissa@yahoo.com

Cheer

Contact: Kim Smith
410-775-1832
bkmasmitty@verizon.net

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. See our website: www.gowcrc.com or like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gowcrc>

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.

Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Monthly Cash Bingo -- second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Games begin at 7:00 pm

5 Early Bird Games

BIGGER PAYOUTS

20 Regular Games, 3 Specials, 2 Split the Pots, and Jackpot

Jar & Pull Tab Tickets

Food will be available for purchase.

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

If snow emergency plan is in effect, event will be cancelled.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN - Neighbors Together

The Church of the Brethren has begun a new program on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We are inviting any one from our community and congregation to gather for a meal and time to become acquainted while playing fun games and other activities. There will be activities for all ages. For more information please contact Jolinda at jolindabeers@comcast.net

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste may be purchased at the Town Hall for **\$1.25**. 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.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
2. Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.
3. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow (uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute) faucet aerators.
4. Take shorter showers.
5. Don't let the water run while brushing your teeth.
6. Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use it to water your indoor plants or garden.
7. Collect rain water to reuse in the garden whenever possible.

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 PAGE AMY KALIN 1-410-775-0687

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 Also, upon request, paper copies may be picked up at the Town Hall (410-775-2711) or at any local business.

UNION BRIDGE COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is open on Mondays from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. We follow the Carroll County Public Library holiday and snow closing schedule.

UNION BRIDGE 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.

MD STATE POLICE DRUG TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936
THEY CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!!

PLEASE RECYCE

*IT'S STATE LAW.

*IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SMART.

*IT SAVES THE TOWN MONEY (YOUR TAXES).

*THE MORE YOU RECYCLE THE LESS TRASH YOU PUT INTO LANDFILLS.

ELECTION CONGRATULATIONS

Re-elected Mayor Perry L. Jones

Re-elected Council members - Donald Wilson & Edgar Wentz