

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Nov 17 & Dec 22 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Nov 20 & Dec 18 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Session Dec 8 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
 - Nov 11 (Veterans Day)
 - Nov 27 - 28 (Thanksgiving)
 - Dec 24 (closing at noon) and 25 - 25 (Christmas)
- Articles for the Jan/Feb Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE December 15, 2014

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

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It is that time of year again to gather leaves. The town needs another place to take leaves. If you know of anyone that uses them for gardens or bedding, please contact the town office. Please do not blow leaves into the street, as they will wash down the storm drains and cause the drains to clog.

The town would like to thank residents on Main St. that move their cars during street sweeping. I would like to ask those residents who do not move their vehicles to please make every effort to move them when Main St. is scheduled to be swept.

With winter coming, remember that Main St. is Rt. 75 and is a state highway. SHA has signs posted that stating it is a Snow Emergency Route and that means NO PARKING when the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect. Keeping vehicles off this roadway makes it easier for the State to plow the roadway, and the plows can push the snow back further. Remember when you remove snow from your sidewalks do not throw the snow back into the streets. If you live on Main St. please shovel a path where the parking meters are so when people park they have a path to get onto the sidewalk.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge completed grant applications to the State for the planned final phase of the trail system in the town's Wetlands Park located off of Rt. 75. Once complete, the trail will "loop" around the park for a distance of approximately one mile.

MEMA Backup Generator

Union Bridge is in the process of completing a grant application for the purchase and installation of an emergency backup

generator to the Town's Water Treatment Facility.

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.

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

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.)

Monthly Public Breakfast

All you can eat - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Hominy, Pudding, Potatoes, Biscuits, Muffins, Fruit, Orange Juice, Tea and Coffee.

Second Sunday of the month from October to May.

Adults \$8.00 Children 6- 12 \$4.00 - under Under 6 Free

If county snow emergency plan is in effect, the event is cancelled.

Bingo Banquet

Nov. 15, 2014

Doors Open @4:00 PM

Dinner @ 5:00 PM

Bingo Starts @ 6:30 PM

\$30.00 per ticket

Roast beef, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, String Beans, Bread, Rolls, Iced Tea and Dessert

Call Melvin Smith 443-789-3823

Christmas Mart

Ladies Auxiliary

November 29, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

LIONS CLUB OYSTER FEED

November 5, 2014

\$38.00 All you can eat

Doors Open 5:00 PM Dinner at 6:00 PM

held at Union Bridge Fire Co.

410-635-5342

FREE CANCER SCREENING SERVICES PROVIDED BY CARROLL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRANTS

For Women: Carroll County Health Department offers assistance in providing free services to eligible women. Mammograms and GYN exams are given to income eligible women age 40-65 who are uninsured or who have insurance with high deductibles or co-pays. Funding is also available for additional services related to abnormal mammograms or pap tests. Please call 410-876-4423 for more information or to enroll.

For Men and Women: Carroll County Health Department offers assistance in providing free colonoscopies to eligible county residents. Participants must be income eligible, uninsured or have insurance with high deductibles or co-pays. Please call 410-876-4443 or 410-876-4966 for information or to enroll.

RESOLUTION 02-2014

Resolution 02-2014 was adopted on August 21, 2014 by the Planning and Zoning Commission of Union Bridge has decided to amend the 2008 Union Bridge & Environs Community Comprehensive Plan by the addition of a Growth Tier Map as Required by State Law.

RESOLUTION 03-14

Resolution 03-14 was approved on August 25, 2014. This resolution approves the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to amend the 2008 Union Bridge & Environs Community Comprehensive Plan by the addition of a Growth Tier Map as required by State Law.

WATER CONSERVATION INDOOR TIPS

1. On average, toilets are responsible for 25% of your indoor water use. Installing a high-efficiency certified toilet can create significant water savings.
2. Taking shorter showers can help reduce your household's overall water usage. Consider switching to a low-flow showerhead to save on water. Five minutes in the shower equates to 50 gallons of water down the drain.
3. Run the dishwasher and washing machine when each is at full capacity to save on unnecessary water usage. Doing so can save up to 1,000 gallons of water a month.
4. When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. These are more water and energy efficient.
5. Replace and retrofit old faucets with high efficiency ones.
6. Listen for dripping and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons or more a month.
7. Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor plants.
9. Run your garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons of water each time.

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

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.

LEAF PICKUP

The town will again offer leaf pickup. Please call the Town Hall to schedule a pickup October through December.

WINTER MONTHS

Remember, that the winter months will soon be upon us, be sure to drain all outdoor water hoses and temporary water lines. Check all outdoor faucets to make sure they are turned off and are not leaking.

UNION BRIDGE CODE CHAPTER 130, SEC. 4 (B2)

Owners or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow or ice from the traveled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

WINTER MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PATTERN SIDEWALKS

1. Sand or kitty litter may be used for traction.
2. Snow removal equipment should have a rubber edged blade.
3. We do not recommend the use of salt or snow melting product containing sodium chloride. In the event that these products must be used wash any residue from the concrete surface.
4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

SNOW

Main Street is a snow emergency route, NO PARKING is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect
NO PARKING On East Broadway from Lightner Street up to Bellevue and on Thomas Street up to Bellevue when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

DROP SLOT

A drop slot was installed a number of years ago near the front door at the town hall. This was requested by residents and installed for your convenience. Payments or correspondence can be left at any time or on any day.

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 RECYCLE

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 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.

*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.

TRASH PICK UP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving - Trash will be picked up on Friday

Christmas - Trash will be picked up on Friday

New Year's - Trash will be picked up on Friday

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2012

Union Bridge Christmas Tree Lighting

DECEMBER 3, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!