



# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

September/October 2017

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Council Work Session  
September 11 - 6:30 p.m. October Cancelled  
Heritage Committee info, contact  
Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or  
[buffersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buffersburg@verizon.net)

## NEW Web Page

[www.townofub.org](http://www.townofub.org)

## E-mail

[unionbr@carr.org](mailto:unionbr@carr.org)

ARTICLES FOR THE  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER  
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY  
OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## OFFICE CLOSED

September 4, 2017  
Labor Day

October 9, 2017  
Columbus Day

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer is over and school is about to start. Please remember to watch out for children at the bus stops and walking along the streets.

Big trucks are still travelling on our streets. Police are doing their best, but unless they sit here all day, we will not catch them all. If you have a GPS in your car just put in Lehigh Cement and watch the route it gives you. It is not always the driver's fault.

Union Bridge now has about 4-5 homeless people moving around town. We are trying to keep them moving. If you see them, please call the police and let us know where you see them camping out. The county has resources for them to utilize. It is a problem in every part of the county. Most of these people will not go to a shelter to stay because there are rules. Some of the rules are they must take a bath, be in at a regular time, no drinking, smoking and no drugs. Pretty tough rules for most people.

We are very happy to see new people moving into town. Let's try and welcome them. Union Bridge has lots of community organizations to join, and lend a hand. Every group could use help with their

events. Let's show our new people what we have to offer.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,  
Mayor*

## GRANT PROJECT UPDATE Community Center Upgrade

The Town has submitted a request for a Maryland Program Open Space (POS) award to fund upgrades to our Community Center. The funds will allow us to install new windows, doors and provide insulation for the internal walls. Carroll County has approved the project for us to submit our application to the Department of Natural Resources. We are now awaiting a decision on the award from the Maryland DNR.

## Town Truck Funding Request

The town has submitted an application to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) for a grant to fund the purchase of a new 4x4 pickup truck for the town's maintenance and emergency needs. We are anxiously awaiting a decision from the USDA.

## Inflow & Infiltration Engineering Feasibility Study

The Town has been awarded a SEARCH grant by the USDA to fund an engineering study to propose recommendations for inflow and infiltration (I&I) mitigation in the Town which will increase the town's Waste Water Treatment

Plant (WWTP) capacity and allow for growth in our community. The Town is working with the USDA and an engineering firm to proceed with the project.

### **Community Park Tennis Courts**

The Town has submitted an application to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for a grant to resurface the Town's tennis courts and restore the court lighting as well as mark the courts to permit the play of the game of "Pickle Ball". This game is quickly becoming a very popular sport. We are currently awaiting a funding decision from the DNR.

For questions on these or any other projects, call the Town Office at 410-775-2711  
*Mike Reynolds,*  
*Circuit Rider*

### **Union Bridge Business Association**

The Union Bridge Business Association is working hard to make things happen in Union Bridge. The mission of the Association is "for business professionals to meet once a month, get to know one another, what products and/or services they provide and to help everyone's business grow". The organization works together to provide an opportunity to enable all area businesses to promote and strengthen each other and to work to support local events.

In addition to the programs the Association already cooperates with, we have several things on the calendar for you to know about. Our members are looking at setting up on the square once a month so you can get to know us better. If you would like to

display just let me know. On September 19 we will be having a Networking Event at the Linbeau's Railway Pub from 4-6pm. Join us and get to know our members. We are also currently working to create a Dog Walk/Duck Derby in early spring.

As an FYI, we are working diligently to upgrade the website and Facebook page so you can find it easier to see what we are doing. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

We have also decided to select one member per newsletter to showcase. This month we have Vintage Restorations Limited.

Vintage Restorations Limited is a full-service antique and classic car restoration shop that specializes in British cars but will also work on all makes and models. They are locally owned and operated by classic car enthusiasts and have been providing high quality repair and restoration services since 1992.

Vintage Restorations can perform a complete inspection of a car that is being considered for purchase and will advise a customer of its overall condition, fair market value and determine if a partial or full restoration is warranted. They work with the customer on every phase of the restoration project and explain all operations in detail, with projected costs provided in advance of the work whenever possible.

They will be hosting an Open House on September 9, 2017 from 10am-3pm. Come join us!

The Union Bridge Business Association meets monthly at 7:30am on the third Tuesday at the Union Bridge Town Hall,

unless a Networking Event is planned. For more information, email our President, Judy Baxter at

[judybaxter5@comcast.net](mailto:judybaxter5@comcast.net)

### **WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL NEWS**

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor.

We are currently seeking a Union Bridge Town Representative. Please attend one of our upcoming meetings, if interested!

#### **FALL SPORTS**

*Art Program ~*

Contact Jenifer Patterson  
443-340-3103

[carrollartleague@gmail.com](mailto:carrollartleague@gmail.com)

*Cheer~*

[www.leaguelineup.com/wcrebe](http://www.leaguelineup.com/wcrebe)  
*ls*

Kim Smith 410-215-9659 or  
Tanya Golden 443-605-4314

*Field Hockey~*

Website:

[www.westcarrollfieldhockey.com](http://www.westcarrollfieldhockey.com)

Mellissa Lease 443-386-1479

*Soccer~*

Website:

[www.fskjreaglessoccer.com](http://www.fskjreaglessoccer.com)

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506.

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.

Please visit our website:

[www.gowcrc.com](http://www.gowcrc.com)

Like us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/goW>  
CRC

Penny Rockwood,  
Community Coordinator

### **RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Do you have a passion for helping others? Then the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) needs you in your community. RSVP, a part of Senior Corps, taps the skills, talents and experience of Americans age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community challenges. Currently, RSVP volunteers serve at Francis Scott Key High School and Elmer Wolfe Elementary School food pantries by stocking, organizing and helping individuals who use the pantries. Additionally, volunteers deliver groceries through the Seniors with Groceries program. Each week volunteers gather groceries from the pantries and deliver to older and homebound individuals in Union Bridge who have difficulty getting to the store. If you are interested in receiving this service or would like to volunteer once a week or even once a month, please contact Barbara Norman, RSVP Coordinator, at 410-386-4646. When you volunteer, you are not just helping others, you are helping yourself. Volunteering leads to new friends, helps you live healthier and longer and promotes a positive outlook on life!

### **Dream Big Union Bridge**

Purpose – Improve Union Bridge

Mission Statement – Create activities to bring neighbors and

businesses together to bond and come together to beautify & improve Union Bridge.

Please like us on Facebook. Donations can be made on our Facebook Page.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Project**

### **Community Bulletin Boards**

**Two (2)** – Raise funds to build two (2) community bulletin boards to be located at (1) walking path and (2) Community Center. Open to anyone to post upcoming events.

### **Upcoming Fundraisers**

**50-50 RAFFLE** – Tickets can be purchased at Esquire Liquors, Union Bridge Pharmacy and Linbeau's Railway Pub. Tickets are \$1 each or (6) for \$5. Drawing will be held September 30, 2017.

### **COFFEE & PAINTING**

**Fundraiser** – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 8-11am @ Linbeau's Railway Pub, 35 N. Main Street, Union Bridge. Space is limited, reservations & payment are due no later than October 7<sup>th</sup>. \$35 per person, includes all materials, coffee, donuts & Bloody Mary's. Additional food is available for purchase. For more information contact Linda Biddle at 410-775-2341.

**Basket Bingo** – Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> @ Union Bridge Community Center. Doors open at 5pm. Bingo starts at 7pm. Raffles, Tear Off Tickets, Door Prizes and Food. Only 120 tickets available, so reserve yours now!!! Attendance for ticket holders only! Contact: Cindy 410-596-8260.

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP** – TBD (January 2018)

**DUCK DERBY** – Spring 2018 @ walking trail

**PET PARADE** – Spring 2018 (To be held in conjunction with the Duck Derby)

**DUMPSTER CLEAN UP DAY** – Spring 2018 (Residents can bring items to dispose of)

Anyone and everyone are welcome to attend our Meetings/Fundraisers/Events. For more Information, Please Contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305  
ravent16@yahoo.com

### **SHRINER COURT SENIOR APARTMENTS**

One bedroom apartment available. \$545.00 a month plus utilities. Age restricted 62 and older. Income guidelines need to be followed. Call 410-775-2940 or 443-821-9320

### **HUGHES TRASH LABOR DAY WEEK HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2017**

Please note that trash pickup Labor Day week will be one day behind. Pick-up will be Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **LEND A HELPING HAND**

Union Bridge has many generous residents and many residents in need of some help from time to time. If you are able to volunteer your time or services to help someone in need with yard work, hauling, odd jobs, snow removal, etc... or if you are in need of some help yourself, please call Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

## **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.

## **ALCOHOLICS** **ANONYMOUS NARCOTICS** **ANONYMOUS**

As we are all aware from current national news headlines, the nation has a serious drug epidemic. Recently several people have suggested that we begin such programs as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) within the town. We cannot agree more. A small committee has been set up and we are working on bringing such programs to the community. We need to know if more people are interested in these programs because the previous ones have failed for lack of attendance. If you know of someone needing help or if you yourself need help, please reach out to this committee at [saveourstreetsub@gmail.com](mailto:saveourstreetsub@gmail.com)

Please know your information will always be kept strictly confidential. When we respond, we will provide a list of current services available within the county to assist you until we have the programs readily available in town. Please know that you are not alone, as this epidemic is taking this nation by storm. Please get help before you become a statistic.

## **SAVE THE DATE!** **DRUG AWARENESS EXPO**

Thursday, October 5, 2017  
4:00-8:00pm  
Union Bridge Fire Hall  
For more information contact  
Town Hall at 410-775-2711

## **MOUNT UNION LUTHERAN** **CHURCH SPONSORED** **EVENTS YOUTH GROUP**

Meets every **first** and **third Thursday** of the month at the **Community Center** from **6:30-8:00pm**

This is a non-faith based meeting and refreshments will be provided.

## **LIFE CHOICE MEETINGS**

Meets every **second** and **fourth Thursday** of the month from **7:00-8:30pm**.

**Males** meet at the **Community Center**

**Females** meet at **Mount Union Lutheran Church** on Middleburg Rd.

## **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://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>

## **WATER CONSERVATION** **INDOOR TIPS**

1. **Scrape instead of pre-rinsing.** Save yourself up to 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing them.

2. **Install high efficiency aerators.** Installing an aerator on your bathroom or kitchen faucet and save about 1 gallon per minute each time you run them. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet, and uses air to maintain good water pressure.
3. **Wash only full loads.** Clothes and dishwashers use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of clothes or dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.
4. **Let your dishwasher do the work.** The average dishwasher uses about 10 gallons or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes.
5. **Use the microwave, a bowl of water, or place frozen food in fridge overnight instead of running the tap to thaw it out.** You'll save about two gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.
6. **Replace older toilets with a WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilet.** Older toilets can use up to 4 times more water per flush.
7. **Regularly check for & repair water leaks.** Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many water leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).
8. **Take shorter showers.** Each minute you shave off your shower time

saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.

9. **Select an Energy Star-approved dish & clothes washer.** They use 15-20 less gallons of water per load, and you will see savings on your energy costs too.
10. **Know where your master shutoff valve is located.** This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

### 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.

### YARD WASTE PICKUP

Bags for yard waste may be purchased at the Town Hall for \$1.25. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup. Also please note that the last day for yard waste pickup will be either the first or second Wednesday of October. Please contact the Town Hall for a definite date as we get closer to October.

### LEAF PICKUP

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

### WATER SEWER RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2017 water and sewer billing rates will increase. You will see the increase beginning with your October 2017 bill. The new rates will be \$39.14 for the base rate and \$5.84 per thousand gallons for usage on water. The new sewage will be \$44.81 for the base rate and \$4.24 per thousand gallons for usage.

### 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 AMY KALIN**

**1-410-775-0687**

## 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

***NOTE: The Community Center will be undergoing facility upgrades over the next year. As the exact timing of the upgrade has yet to be determined, please be aware that there may not be availability for your planned event so please confirm with Town Hall when scheduling.***

## TRICK OR TREAT



**OCTOBER 31, 2017**

**6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM**

**Please turn your porch lights on if you wish to participate.**

Annual

# OPEN HOUSE

## & FREE CAR SHOW

All Makes & Models  
Welcome

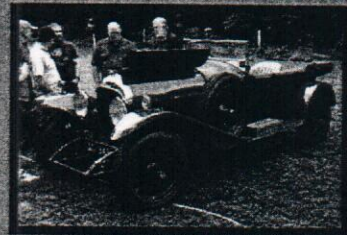
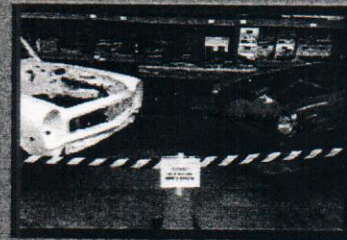


**Vintage Restorations Ltd.**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**2017**

**10AM - 3PM**



**410-775-0500**



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