

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings May 20 & Jun 17 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings May 16 & Jun 20 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions May 6 & Jun 3 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or [buttersburg@verizon.net](mailto:buttersburg@verizon.net)
- Town Office will be CLOSED:  
- May 27th (Memorial Day)
- Articles for the **July/August** Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE June 15, 2013

website [www.carr.org/~unionbr](http://www.carr.org/~unionbr) email [unionbr@carr.org](mailto:unionbr@carr.org)

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring has sprung. While walking the trail you will soon be able to stop and rest. Four benches will be placed along the trail. Councilmember Donald Wilson will be working with the crews on where to place the benches. Don't forget there is a trail around the ball diamonds and tennis courts.

Vandalism has occurred again at the ball fields and town office parking lot. When this happens it costs the Union Bridge tax payers money. The spray paint must be cleaned off or be painted over. You would not like your children or your mother to have to see the graffiti every day. Posts that are planted around light poles for safety were pulled out of the ground before the cement dried. Every dog has its day. Sooner or later we will catch those who are responsible for this.

I am still working with Silver Oak Academy on pole decorations. It is taking longer than I like, but it will be very nice.

A letter by a local business was sent to the Sheriff's Department and Lehigh about speeding trucks in town limits. The Sheriff's Department has been working very hard trying to curtail the problem. Some town residents have been stopped. Remember that Main Street is a State Highway, and truckers pay high taxes to use these highways. Lehigh is working very hard to come up with a plan.

Skateboarders and scooters are still a problem, not just here, but all towns are having the same issues. If anyone has any thoughts on how to help with this problem, please come to a council meeting.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor*

## GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

### CDBG West Broadway -

The Mayor and Council of Union Bridge are pleased to announce that The Town of Union Bridge was awarded a

\$230,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This street improvement project will include new water lines, sewer lines, storm drains, sidewalks, curbing, and street resurfacing for West Broadway extending from Whyte and Farquhar Streets. The Town hired Stambaugh's Inc. to complete the street reconstruction. Construction on this project is planned to close by May.

### **CDBG West Broadway Reconstruction Phase Two Application-**

The town was also awarded a \$138,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for phase two to the West Broadway Street project. This project will include similar construction to the current phase. Phase two will include work from Whyte Street to the dead-end.

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. Next Meeting Dates: May 13th and June 10th.

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. See our website: [www.goWCRC.com](http://www.goWCRC.com)

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.

### **WC REC COUNCIL COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY**

Saturday, July 27, 2013

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Windsor Carnival Grounds

Food/FunZone/Football Bounce/Dunk Tank/Auction

Free Activities & Much More

### **Summer Youth Rugby**

Contact: Tally Myers 410-635-6055 [tallya@verizon.net](mailto:tallya@verizon.net)

Registrations will be held in May. Season runs mid-May until mid-August.

### **Soccer**

Contact: Gina McDermott 443-201-6055 [mcdermott629@aol.com](mailto:mcdermott629@aol.com)

Registrations will be held in May. Season runs late-July through November.

*Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator*

### **FEMA BAY RESTORATION FEE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION**

On March 25, 2013 the council voted to approve a "Financial Hardship Exemption Plan". Union Bridge residents may apply directly to the Town for an exemption from the fee due to substantial financial hardship. Requirements and exemption application must be submitted to the Town each year between March 1 and June 1 to be eligible for exemption for the one (1) year period beginning the following July 1. For more information please contact Union Bridge Town Hall 410-775-2711.

### **PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE: Three members of the council will be elected.

Election day is Tuesday May 14, 2013 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Town Hall 104 West Locust St.

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TOWN ELECTIONS:** Voter Registration: It is necessary to be registered in order to vote in Town elections. If you are already registered with the County to vote in County, State, and Federal elections, you are automatically registered to vote in Town elections. If you wish to vote in only the Town election you may register at the Town Hall during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Registration will close on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**

Qualification of voters:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before Election Day.
3. You must have resided within the corporate limits at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.
4. You must be registered to vote.

Qualification of Candidates for Mayor and Council:

1. You must have resided within the corporate limits for at least one (1) year.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. You must be a qualified voter of the Town.

\*\*\*Terms of office are for four (4) years\*\*\*

A candidate for office must file a "Certificate of Nomination" with the Town Clerk, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013. Should you have any questions concerning this notice please call the Town Hall, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at 410-775-2711.

Remember that each council person has a duty. If there is a problem, contact that specific council person first. Donald Wilson – Streets Amy Kalin – Water & Sewer Ellen Cutsail – Refuse & Police Edgar Wentz – Community Center Laura Conaway – Lights

### **UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY**

**Monthly Bingo** -- second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Games begin at 7:00 pm

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

### **UNION BRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL**

**MAY 27 - JUNE 1**

Silent Auction all week

Cash Drawings

Food Galore

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

### **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](http://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.

### **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.

### **YARD WASTE**

Yard waste pickup has started and will run through the beginning of October. Bags for yard waste may be purchased at the town hall for \$1.00. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup. Yard waste will be picked up on Wednesdays.

### **GRASS & WEEDS**

The Town of Union Bridge Code, Chapter 130, 4; C2: 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 an grass on such premises at a height of not more than six (6) inches, and the further duty of maintaining such premises free of noxious weeds and dense underbrush.

### **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.

### **PLEASE RECYCLE**

\*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.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

With spring coming, you may be considering some sort of construction project. Some projects that may need a town permit and/or a county permit or both are decks, garages, storage buildings and sheds, fences, pools, animal shelters, signs, and driveway entrances etc.

Please contact the town's zoning administrator, Mr. Black for information before you begin your project, at 410-775-2718.

### **ORDINANCE #310 – A**

On March 25, 2013 the Union Bridge Town Council approved budget Ordinance 310-A for FY 13/14, with expenditures and revenues of \$839,608.00. The town tax rate to remain at \$.30per \$100.00 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge and the Town personal property tax rate to remain at \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

### **Dollar General Store NOW OPEN**

### **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 14, 2013**

Polls open at 7:00 AM

**Enjoy your summer!**