

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Jan 26 & Feb 23 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Jan 15 & Feb 19 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Jan 12 & Feb 9 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buffersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
 - January 19th (Martin Luther King Day)
 - February 16th (Presidents Day)
- Articles for the March/April Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE February 15, 2015

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

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

A new year has begun for the state of Maryland. I am hoping that the Governor will keep his word and restore most of the highway user revenue. It will be a great help to the town to fund street repair.

The big dip in the roadway located at 12 N. Main St., is State Highway's issue. The town cannot even dig a water line on Main St. without State Highway's permission.

In January, the Union Bridge Business Association will be electing new officers. The Business Association will be changing the way they do business this year. All business owners in and around Union Bridge are welcome. We would like all businesses to attend the meetings and let's see how we can help each other grow. Meetings are held every third Monday of the month at the Union Bridge Town Hall meeting room at 7:30 a.m. We have early morning meetings so that business owners may attend and be out by 9:00 a.m. to go to work.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded grant funding from Maryland Program Open Space and Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds programs for the planned final phase of the trail system in the town's Wetlands Park located off of RT. 75. The town plans to start the project in the spring of 2015. Once complete, the trail will "loop" around the park for a distance of approximately one mile.

USDA Vehicle Truck Purchase

The Town of Union Bridge has been awarded a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture for \$37,500 for the purchase of a multi-purpose municipal vehicle for town use. The town has received multiple price quotes from local

dealers and will make a decision in December based on the lowest quote.

Maryland Energy Administration Backup Generator

Union Bridge completed a grant application to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency for the purchase and installation of an emergency backup generator for 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

PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE: Mayor and two members of the council will be elected.

Election day is Tuesday May 12, 2015 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 Saturday, April 11, 2015 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 13, 2015.

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.

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

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.

Monthly Cash Bingo - second Sunday of the month from October to May.

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

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

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

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

LIONS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

January 9, 2015 Noon - 5:30 p.m.

Community Center 4770 Ladiesburg Rd.

To schedule your life-saving donation, please contact John Laudermilch at 410-635-6342 or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Giving blood doesn't require much time. About an hour should do it. You can help save up to three lives in about an hour.

The need is ongoing but the supply is not. Please schedule to donate.

FSK FOOD PANTRY

Francis Scott Key High School is currently operating a Food Pantry for residents of our community.

Food distribution is on Tuesdays, in Room 805, from 3:00 - 4:00. Please park in the lower school lot and wait for the buses to leave before entering the building. The food pantry is also collecting food, health and beauty items, cleaning items, household items, and paper product donations. Donations can be dropped off at the front office during the school day.

If there are any questions, please contact Kim Toston, the school nurse, at 410-751-3320.

MML 2015 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Carroll County chapter of the Maryland Municipal League will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college for university or, Carroll students currently enrolled in a college or university in a graduate or undergraduate program. Preference will be given to students preparing for a career in governmental or public service.

Applicants must (1) meet the above criteria, (2) live in one of the eight incorporated municipalities in Carroll County, (3) complete the Student Scholarship Application, (4) prepare a written essay on the specified topic, and (5) have a municipal official/representative certify they reside within the incorporated limits of the municipality.

The Application is currently at www.taneytown.org Click on Current Announcements to print out the application. The application is also available at your high school guidance office, or through your town office. The application must be the

2015 application form and must be received at the address below by 4 P.M. on Friday, May 1, 2015. Applications may also be dropped off at the Taneytown Town Office during business hours or in the payment drop slot on or before May 1, 2015.

Please mail completed application to: Diane Foster MML Scholarship Chairperson 17 East Baltimore Street Taneytown, MD 21787 Questions should be directed to Diane Foster, 443-956-2964 or dafoster1@comcast.net

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.

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 when feasible.
4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

REMINDER: 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.

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.

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 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.

WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!