

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Council Meetings | July 25 & Aug 22 – 7 pm. |
| Funding Committee Meetings | July 6 & Aug 3 – 7pm. |
| Planning & Zoning Meetings | July 21 & Aug 18 - 6:30 pm. |
| Council Work Sessions | July 11 & Aug 8 - 6:30 pm. |

Office Closed Independence Day - July 4, 2005

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CITY OFFICE July 15, 2005

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Hello everyone. We are working on many things, such as the parking lot on Main Street, emissions from Lehigh, the removal of the tracks on Farquhar street (this won't be happening for several years yet), a solution to the aging and non-existent sidewalks around town and both developments. We are also trying to put together some summer activities at the Community Center for the kids. Principal Stong from Elmer Wolfe has been working on a partnership program between the School Board and the town with help coming from the business community as well. We hope we can work this out and start using the center for its intended purpose. If anyone has any ideas for activities, please give me a call.

The weeds are growing again and we all need to keep at them. Please keep them cut down as this will benefit everyone and save time and money on enforcement. I hate to harp on this subject again

but it remains a problem area that requires a fair amount of our Clerk-Treasurer's time. This goes for junk vehicles also. Thank you and have a safe, enjoyable summer

Bret Grossnickle

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Hello Citizens of Union Bridge! I have recently been awarded the position as the Union Bridge Resident Deputy. I started with the Carroll County Sheriff's office in September of 2004. Prior to that I spent six years with the city of Salisbury on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I spent four years in the United States Marine Corps and one year in the Army National Guard. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wilmington College in Delaware. During my police service I have been assigned to several specialized units including, bike patrol, Warrant/Fugitive Unit, narcotics, and vice crimes, as well as a community police officer in Salisbury. I look forward to meeting everyone during my tour at Union Bridge. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to serving the citizens of Union Bridge and Carroll County.

DFC Chris Orwig
Community Deputy
Sheriff's Office 410-386-2900
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900

FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Funding Committee holds a breakfast on the third Sunday of the month Sept. through May. (No breakfast in December.)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Do you know of elderly people in need of rental housing?

Construction of the Shriner Court elderly housing project is complete. The town worked in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to construct 20 units for lower income elderly persons. The units are located on a beautiful setting on Ladiesburg Road (near the Union Bridge Community Center).

If you are interested in renting on of these brand- new units, or if you know of an elderly person looking for housing, please call 410-775-2940 for information and qualifying guidelines.

Fair Housing

As part of the town's receipt of grant funds from the Maryland Small Cities Community Development Black Grant Program, we promote fair housing practices in The Town of Union Bridge. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex familial status, or disability. For more information about fair housing and the Fair Housing Act, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing, or contact HUD's Mid-Atlantic office at Fair

Housing Hub, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Wanamaker Building, 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107-9344, or call 1-888-799-2085.

Stop Vandalism in our Town Parks!!

The Town of Union Bridge has completed more than \$400,000 in park improvements over the last ten years. In the next few months we will be advertising for cost proposals to renovate and improve the town tennis courts and basketball court at a cost of over \$90,000 (in grant funds). However, we have a problem. Some people are abusing the park areas by vandalizing park equipment, structures, and buildings. This cannot continue to go unchallenged. We are asking all residents and park visitors to keep their ears and eyes open for acts of vandalism. If you see or learn of an act of vandalism, please report it immediately to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in Westminster by calling 410-386-2900. If you see a crime and it's past business hours, dial 911 directly.

All vandals will be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by law. This is your town! A lot of money has been spent to improve park facilities. Please do your part now by keeping the parks and recreational facilities clean and vandal-free. Thank you.

ELECTION RESULTS AND COUNCILPERSON'S DUTIES

1. Donald Wilson, council president, in charge of streets
2. Sara Black, councilperson in charge of the Community Center.
3. Ellen Cutsail, elected 5/10/05, councilperson in charge of police and sanitation.
4. Amy Kalin, elected 5/10/05, councilperson in charge of water and sewer.
5. Karen Kotarski, re-elected 5/10/05, councilperson in charge of streetlights.

For after-hours water/sewer emergency problems page Amy at 1-410-899-1200.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Beginning on May 23, 2005, Union Bridge will be serviced on a bi-weekly schedule. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be in strict compliance with label instructions and according to integrated pest management guidelines. There will be no spraying if the density of mosquitoes is below action thresholds. Spraying is done under favorable weather conditions when the wind speed is 12 mph or less, the air temperature is 56°-85° F and there is no precipitation.

Please forward any comments, suggestions, or complaints to the Central Maryland Mosquito Control Office, 6701 Lafayette Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737, phone 301-927-8357, fax 301-927-8532; Forest Pest Management office, 301-662-2074 or

E-mail macmda@cs.com

UNION BRIDGE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Come join us at Union Bridge Church of the Brethren for Community Vacation Bible School at 124 South Main Street, Union Bridge, Md.

Come join us for a week of exciting games, crafts, song and stories. We finish with a family picnic. Register now by calling 410-775-2717 or E-mail at unbrb@verizon.net

NOTICES

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES SUCH AS MOTOR SCOOTERS, MOPEDS AND MOTORCYCLES, ARE PERMITTED IN LITTLE PIKE CREEK PARK OR ON THE WALKWAY IN THE PARK!!.

YARDWASTE PICKUP YARD WASTE WILL BE PICKED UP ON WEDNESDAYS. YARD WASTE MUST BE PLACED IN BAGS THAT CAN BE PURCHASED AT UNION BRIDGE HARDWARE OR AT THE TOWN HALL. COST FOR BAGS IS \$1.00 EACH.

BRUSH PILE OWNERS

THE TOWN HAS A CHIPPER THAT CAN BE USED **FREE** TO HELP ELIMINATE BRUSH PILES TAKING UP USABLE YARD SPACE. PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL TO RESERVE THE CHIPPER

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS, IF YOUR SEWER LINE BECOMES BLOCKED PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL AT 410-775-2711 BEFORE CALLING A PLUMBER.

COMMUNITY CENTER

THE CENTER IS AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES, WEDDINGS AND REUNIONS. CALL THE TOWN HALL TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION.

UNION BRIDGE WEB PAGE

The water quality report you received is also available on the town's web page. For information on projects and events go to www.carr.org/~unionbr and the town can be reached by e-mail at unionbr@ccpl.carr.org