

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

## March/April 2009

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Mar 23 & Apr 27 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Mar 19 & Apr 16 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Mar 9 & Apr 13 - 6:30 pm.
- Articles for the June/July Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE April 15, 2009

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### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It is budget time again and we were able to balance it without raising taxes. This was no small feat as the economy has impacted all levels of government as hard as any individual. Aside from user fee- based items like water and sewer, which are based on consumption, most of the Town's income is generated from property, income, gasoline, and sales taxes. When the economy slows down, income to the town is reduced. This reduction means less money for streets, lights and trash removal to name a few. Government is about service and service comes with a price. One of the easiest ways to curb spending is to waste less and recycle more. Every item that is recycled or reused is an item for which we don't pay a tipping fee at the landfill. The current tipping fee is \$76.00 per ton and we generate about eight tons per week. As you can see, recycling and reuse have the potential to save a lot of our tax dollars.

We have an election coming up in May for three council seats so don't forget to get your name in if you are interested in serving or to vote if you are not. Voting is the second most important thing one can do to impact the direction of government. The first is to get involved by running for office, serving on a committee or just coming to a meeting so that you better understand how things actually work. See you at the polls and at a meeting?

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

### UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Vince Pacelli, DFC  
Carroll County Sheriff's Office  
410-386-2900 ext. 4159  
[vpacelli@ccg.carr.org](mailto:vpacelli@ccg.carr.org)  
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS  
Emergency 911  
Non-emergency 410-386-2900

## Grant Project Update

### New Recreational Storage Building -

The Town has been working with the West Carroll Recreation Council toward finding suitable storage for park and recreational equipment. The town has hired a contractor to complete this project. The old storage building has been demolished and will be replaced with a 20x30-foot storage structure. The new facility will be built near the large baseball diamond adjacent to Ladiesburg Road. Funding for this new facility will come from a grant the town obtained through Maryland Program Open Space. The \$130,000 POS grant will be matched by \$14,500 from The Town of Union Bridge and Carroll County. This grant amount also includes money for a future trail system at the Community Park, with construction planned to start this spring.

### Infrastructure Funding Applications

The Town is planning to apply for grant funding for several infrastructure projects. Applications are due by the end of February to the Maryland Department of the Environment. Union Bridge has several water and wastewater projects they would like to obtain grant funding for. These project applications may be eligible for grant funding through the Federal Stimulus Recovery Package. The Town is also looking into programs through the State Highway Administration (SHA) for sidewalk grant funding.

For additional information on any of the above projects, please contact Jared Schumacher at the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

If anyone has any recommendations for community improvement projects or recreational facilities, please contact Jared Schumacher at the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

### West Carroll Rec Council

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec. Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings. Please note, our meeting date and location has changed. Meetings will now be held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the "Community Room" at the newly renovated Old New Windsor School /County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices at 1100 Green Valley Rd. (Rt. 75) near Main St., New Windsor.

Next Meeting Dates: March 9th & April 13th.

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.

### Fireman's Carnival

The Fireman's Carnival will be held the last week of May. We will have a silent auction this year on Friday evening. We are in need of auction items. Please consider donating an item or a service that will make this a BIG SUCCESS. Do you have something that someone else might think is a treasure? Artwork, antiques, collectibles or jewelry are all possibilities. Maybe your workplace could donate an item; would you ask? We appreciate your support, and will see you at the carnival.

Please contact Karen Kotarski at 410-775-7197 or Glenda Etzler at 410-775-2509 for additional information or for pickup of your item.

### Shriner Court Apartments

Senior Housing Community is accepting applications for occupancy. Apartment amenities include the following:

- One bedroom apartments
- Convenient one-level living - no stairs
- Wall-to-wall carpeting
- Modern kitchens
- Garbage disposals & trash pickup at your door
- Fire alarms & sprinkler system in each apartment
- On-site laundry facilities
- Community Building for recreation & socializing

- Plenty of parking at your front door
- Located near Union Bridge Community Center

Rents are subject to change. Some income restrictions apply.

For more information and a tour, contact Quantum Real Estate Management at 410-775-2940.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE: THREE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

7:00 A.M., TO 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION: TOWN HALL, 104 WEST LOCUST STREET

#### 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 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. Registration will close on Sunday, April 12, 2009.

#### 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. Monday, April 13, 2009.

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.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER

AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

CALL THE TOWN OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION

410-775-2711

#### Water & Sewer Emergencies

Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200

#### SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS: If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.

#### JUNK VEHICLES REMINDER

The town will be checking for "Junk Vehicles" in the near future. Ordinance #276 does not allow "Junk Vehicles" within the corporate limits of Union Bridge. To review this ordinance, please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 between the hours of 8:00 and 4:30.