

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings May 18 & Jun 22 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings May 21 & Jun 18 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions May 11 & Jun 8 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
- May 25th (Memorial Day)
- Articles for the July/August Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE June 15, 2015

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

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring is here and now comes the time to mow grass. Yard waste bags can be purchased at the town office for \$1.25 each. Yard waste will be picked up by the town's mowing contractor, same as last year. Street sweeping on Main St. will be as weather permits. If you see the red bags on the parking meters, please help us by not parking there that night.

Please pay attention to road closure signs when roads are flooded or if you see high water. Three inches of water is enough to float your car away, and that puts fire fighters at risk when trying to help you.

Detour signs will be in the area between Union Bridge and New Windsor for the next couple of years due to Lehigh starting the conveyor belt installation. Please stay alert.

Potholes and street work will be ongoing during spring and summer, please be patient with us.

Winter was very hard on all of us this year. The town experienced frozen water meters more than ever. Selby Black did a great job of keeping water to everyone during the very cold temperatures.

The town budget has been prepared. No new taxes this year, again. The elected officials at the town have done a great job holding the taxes the same. Some people complain about what we could have, but the town has not had growth and it is hard to tax the current residents for everything we want. We would like to have more events in town. Please bring your ideas to the town meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. You might think that your idea is dumb, but the only dumb idea is the one in your head that no one else knows about.

The big city life has caught up with us. Union Bridge is starting to see more homeless people and drugs. Now is not the time to say not my child or family. Stop by the town office or Health Department and get some information. Remember a lot of drug use starts by pressure from the people you travel with or from stress.

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 third 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.

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 will purchase the vehicle from Crouse Ford. We are ready to put the truck to use.

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.

SUMMER/FALL SPORTS

Summer Youth Rugby

Season runs mid-May to early-August

Co-ed Boys & Girls Ages 6-14

Walk in Registrations @ New Windsor Middle School Lobby, May 7th & 12th from 6-8 p.m.

Register online: <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/maraudersyr>

Website: www.westcarrollrugby.com

Contact: Tally Myers

410-259-2924 tallya@verizon.net

Soccer

Season begins late-July

Registrations will be held May 7th, 11th, and 13th 5:30 - 7:30 @ Union Bridge Lehigh ball field

Contact: Kitty Owings (410)371-4790

kittyawings@aol.com

<http://gowcrc.com/soccer>

Field Hockey

Contact: Meilissa Lease

coachmellissa@yahoo.com

Cheer

Contact: Kim Smith

410-775-1832

bkmasmitt@verizon.net

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

Carnival - May 25-30

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.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN - Neighbors Together

The Church of the Brethren has begun a new program on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We are inviting any one from our community and congregation to gather for a meal and time to become acquainted while playing fun games and other activities. There will be activities for all ages. For more information please contact Jolinda at jolindabeers@comcast.net

SHRINER COURT APARTMENTS - Maintenance Man Position

Part Time/On Call for a 20 unit apartment complex. Must have own tools. Experience in electrical, plumbing, drywall repairs and general maintenance required. Submit resume to: Shriner Court apartments 550 Shriner Court Union Bridge, MD 21791 or call 410-775-2940 If no answer, leave message.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste may be purchased at the Town Hall for **\$1.25**. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

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.

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.

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.

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 RECYCE

*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.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

MAY 12, 2015

POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 A.M.

TOWN HALL 104 W. LOCUST ST.