



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

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Council Meeting

Oct 25, Nov 22 & Dec 20 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Oct 21, Nov 18 & Dec 16 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Oct 4, Nov 8 & Dec No Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact
Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or
buttersburg@verizon.net

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www.townofub.org

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unionbr@carr.org

ARTICLES FOR THE
JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2022
NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
December 15, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

October

11th – Columbus Day

November

11th - Veterans Day

25th & 26th – Thanksgiving

December

23rd – Closing at noon

24th – Christmas (observed)

30th – Closing at noon

31st – New Year's Eve

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Going back to August 3, 2021, the town's return of National Night Out was a success. Council Lady Laura Conaway did a great job. I'm looking forward to next year to be better yet.

Now, to talk about the ongoing storms that we have been having. Here are some emergency preparedness tips:

- Be ready for when electric goes off. Have at least two flashlights, extra batteries, candles and, better yet, go to the Dollar Store and buy battery LED lights. They are \$5.00 each.
- Have ice chest coolers to put medicines and milk in. Pack in ice or snow in winter time.
- If you have a generator, have plenty of gas. Keep your generator outside and away from the house to prevent fumes from coming into the house.
- Plan to have water and food to last for three days, per person.
- Keep a portable radio with new, sealed batteries nearby.
- If you have a gas or charcoal grill, keep extra fuel and plenty of charcoal and remember to cook outside.
- Your freezer will keep for 30 hours with door closed.

Next, driving through high water. Do not drive on roads that

are covered with standing or flowing water. Three inches of water can make a car float away. Remember to turn around, don't drown. The road could be washed out and you are unable to see it. North Main Street and West Locust are the two streets to be cautious of possible high water.

Finally, fall and winter are coming. Please help to keep storm drains near your houses clean to prevent flooding.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

***The Town of Union
Bridge would like to
thank Lehigh Hanson
for their generous
donation for National
Night Out.***

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town has been awarded a grant for funding from FEMA to install an emergency generator. The generator will run the Water Treatment Plant and Town Office in the event of an emergency. The generator has been installed and we are awaiting final closeout of the project.

Program Open Space (POS) Grant - Community Center Tot Lot and Walkway Roof Upgrades

The Town has applied to Carroll County Recreation and Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for funding to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot with some new equipment and to repair the walkway roof leading to the main entrance. We are currently awaiting approval to move forward.

Town Waste Water Treatment Plant and I&I Efforts

The Town is currently working to assess efforts and requirements for updating our wastewater treatment. Several options will be considered as we work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to discover our needs and develop a plan to address any finding.

We are also working on a separate workstream to investigate and remediate any inflow & infiltration (I&I) concerns that may be found within our sewerage flows. More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

For questions on these or any other Town projects, call the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

Mike Reynolds / Circuit Rider

Safety Corner



Picture this, you are out for a drive one day and your vehicle breaks down on the tracks at a railroad crossing. Do you know what to do? Well, the first thing that you do, is exit your vehicle and get away from the railroad

tracks even if there is no train coming. If you don't see or hear a train approaching, find the blue and white Emergency Notification Sign (ENS) on the traffic signs at the crossing. Call the number listed on the sign and provide the operator with the crossing number listed on the sign so they know your location and can alert the local train traffic. Remember, find the blue and white sign to save your life. If you cannot find the sign, call 911.

Did you know that it will take up to one (1) mile or the length of almost eighteen (18) football fields for a train to come to a complete stop? However, people in the United States still take their chances by trying to outrun a train, which according to the statistics from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), every four (4) hours a person or vehicle is struck by a train. According to the preliminary statistics for 2020 from the FRA, there were 1,901 collisions with trains resulting in 198 fatalities and 685 injuries across the nation.

In order to stay safe while driving near railroad crossings remember these six (6) tips.

1. Stop, look both ways, and listen. Remember that trains always have the right of way.
2. Make sure you have room to get across the tracks. Once you enter the crossing, keep moving.
3. Stop 15 feet away from flashing red lights, lowered gates, a signaling flagman, or stop sign.
4. Never try to drive around a lowering gate. Never ignore signals, and always use caution.
5. Before you begin to cross, wait for gates to fully rise and for all lights to stop flashing.
6. Never assume that there is only one train coming from a single direction.

In Maryland, if you fail to obey a railroad crossing gate, barrier, stop sign, or signal you could face

a fine of \$90 with a point being placed on your driving record. When cycling, jogging, or walking near train crossings remember these seven (7) tips.

1. Always expect a train. Trains are quieter and faster than you think, and can run on any track, at any time, from any direction, and do not run on schedules.
 2. The only safe place to cross tracks is at the designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate. Crossing or walking on or beside the tracks anywhere else is illegal.
 3. Never pass flashing lights or go around lowered gates. Always wait until lights have stopped flashing and gates are completely raised.
 4. Wait to cross until you can see clearly in both directions. Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains.
 5. Stay off railroad bridges and trestles. Stay out of railroad tunnels. There is only room for the train.
 6. Do not attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. Trains, tracks, and railroad yards are not playgrounds. Never climb on, under or through railroad cars. Never jump on or off a train while it's moving.
 7. Crossing tracks on a bike, with a stroller, in a wheelchair, or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention. When possible, walk, don't ride across the tracks. Cyclists should walk their bike across the train tracks at a 90-degree angle. If in a wheelchair, consider getting assistance or taking an alternate route.
- According to the FRA statistics, Maryland ranked number 15 for trespass casualties along the tracks resulting in 14 deaths and six (6) injuries in 2020. If you are caught trespassing on Railroad Property, you can be charged

criminally and face a fine of \$500, six (6) months in jail, or both.

So, when traveling in the area, please remember these helpful tips and always cross the railroad tracks at the designated crossings, as your life may depend on it. As always, be kind with one another and stay safe out there.

Master Deputy / Brian Colussy

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (UBBA)

I hope you are enjoying the military banners hanging in town as much as I am. The Union Bridge Business Association is honored to have brought this to Union Bridge. If you know a veteran, check and see if they have one and, if not, let me suggest you help them get one. This would make a great Christmas gift but would have to be ordered before Thanksgiving. Give it some thought and let's see if we can double the number of banners we have. Applications can be picked up at the town office or let us know you want one and we'll see you get it. We really want to honor as many veterans as possible.

That being said, I want to thank the Sons of the American Legion in Taneytown for their generous donation to the Military Banner Program. The donation was made so brackets for the banners can be ordered and be on hand for new banners. We really appreciate their help with this.

Judy Baxter

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

August Cookout was a huge success, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the free food, games and fellowship. We called it "A Taste of Union Bridge" and featured food from our area businesses. **Dream Big Union Bridge** is all about serving and giving back to our community.

Bulk Trash Day on October 9, 2021 and are encouraging residents to dispose of the items that cannot go in the regular trash pickup. You must make a reservation in order to have items picked up **you must email us dreambigub@gmail.com by no later than 9/30/21, please INCLUDE your street address. See flyers posted in local businesses and in the Kiosk at the Square and the Walking Trail or for more information call: Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305** (See flyer attached in this newsletter).

Halloween Decorating Contest sign up to participate by 10/1/21 and send photos by 10/15/21. Voting will be done by monetary donations. Stop in the Union Bridge Gift Shop Thursday – Saturday 11-7 and Sunday 11-3 to vote. Email us at dreambigub@gmail.com (See flyer attached in this newsletter).

Quarter Auction on November 13, 2021 at Walkersville Fire Department Activities Building. For more information contact Dawn Blanton 717-701-5534 (See flyer attached in this newsletter).

New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31, 2021 on East Broadway Street in Union Bridge. Businesses open late, live entertainment, games, Duck Drop @ midnight, fireworks and more. We are in need of sponsors to help pay for the fireworks. For more information or to donate contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305. (See flyer attached in this newsletter).

We meet the 1st Monday of every month starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. We are always looking for new volunteers.

Follow us on our Facebook Page for information on all events!!!

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2021 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving week – Normal pickup

Christmas & New Year's weeks – Normal pickup

LEAF PICKUP

The Town will again offer leaf pickup. Please call the Town Hall to schedule a pickup October – December.

WATER CONSERVATION INDOOR TIPS

1. **Scrape instead of pre-rinsing.** Save yourself up to 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing them.
2. **Install high efficiency aerators.** Installing an aerator on your bathroom or kitchen faucet and save about one gallon per minute each time you run them. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet, and uses air to maintain good water pressure.
3. **Wash only full loads.** Clothes and dishwashers use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of clothes or dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.
4. **Let your dishwasher do the work.** The average dishwasher uses about ten gallons or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes.
5. **Use the microwave, a bowl of water, or place frozen food in fridge overnight instead of running the tap to thaw it out.** You'll save about two gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.
6. **Replace older toilets with a WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilet.** Older toilets can use up to four times more water per flush.
7. **Regularly check for & repair water leaks.** Even small leaks

can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many water leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).

8. **Take shorter showers.** Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.
9. **Select an Energy Star-approved appliances.** They use 15-20 less gallons of water per load, and you will see savings on your energy costs too.
10. **Know where your master shutoff valve is located.** This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

PROTECTING CARROLL COUNTY WATERS

Stormwater in Union Bridge is regulated by law under Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits under EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) administered through the Maryland Department of the Environment. For more information go to: <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>.

WINTER MONTHS

Remember that the winter months will soon be upon us. Be sure to drain all outdoor water hoses and temporary water lines.

Check all outdoor faucets to make sure they are turned off and are not leaking.

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 travelled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

WINTER MAINTENANCE & CARE OF PATTERNED 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 event that these products must be used, wash any residue from the concrete surface.
4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

SNOW

Main Street is a snow emergency route. **NO PARKING** is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

NO PARKING REMINDER

On East Broadway from Lightner Street up to Bellevue and on Thomas Street when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

SNOW MAINTENANCE AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please keep it clear of snow so the Fire Department can quickly access it during an emergency.

HOUSE NUMBERS

Emergency response teams cannot find you if your house number is not clearly displayed on your home. Believe it or not, a majority are not visible from the street. It's even worse at night. A poorly-displayed number, or no number at all, can cost you precious time in an emergency. If you have not already done so, please place your house number on your home. The bigger numbers are, the better. Help us to be able to locate you when you need our assistance. Thank you.

IMPORTANT

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from

hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

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 CALL

AMY KALIN

1-410-775-0687

THE 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

TRICK OR TREAT

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021
6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM**

Please practice social distancing and safe distribution strategies and turn your porch lights on if you wish to participate.

***Please Have a
Safe & Happy
Holiday Season!***

St. James Lutheran Church



IS BACK...

October 2, 2021
Union Bridge Community Center

Tickets \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door

- 20 games included
 - Raffles
- Special Games Extra
- Lite fare available

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. Games at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Pam 410-861-5567 or Stephanie 410-635-6872

Proceeds Benefit:

St. James Food Pantry



DBUB QUARTER AUCTION

BRING YOUR
QUARTERS
AND
TELL YOUR
FRIENDS!!

CONTACT

EMAIL:
dbubquarterauction@gmail.com

Date: November 13, 2021

Doors Open: 4:30 PM

Auction Start Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Walkersville Fire Company
79 W Frederick Street
Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Event Details:

- **VENDORS MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Scentsy, Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Beauty Companies, Home Decor, Jewelry (example- Paparazzi, Cookie Lee...), Scrapbooking, and more.

- **MUST PURCHASE PADDLES FOR ADMITTANCE INTO THE EVENT**

- \$5 for the first and \$3 each additional
- Paddles can be pre-purchased by emailing us or purchased at the door.

- **LITE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

- **SEATING IS LIMITED SO PURCHASE YOUR PADDLES TODAY!**

In the event of newly developed State Mandates regarding COVID, our event will be rescheduled.

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE ROCKING NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

HELP US BRING IN 2022
AND CELEBRATE
UNION BRIDGE'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY!!

WHEN:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021
10:00 PM - 12:30 AM

WHERE:
UNION BRIDGE SQUARE
(EAST BROADWAY STREET @ MAIN STREET)

EVENT DETAILS:

- LIVE MUSIC
- FINAL COUNTDOWN OF 2021
- 12 MIDNIGHT CELEBRATION FIREWORKS
- FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT



EVENT COMPLIMENTS OF:
DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

ON MAIN STREET, UNION BRIDGE MD



Late Night Shopping/Dining



Duck Drop @ Midnight



Fireworks Display

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

- EXPLOSIVE - \$1,000.00
- ILLUMINATING - \$500.00
- Fire Cracker - \$250.00

(Sponsorship will include your logo on all promotional materials & tee shirts, the larger the sponsorship the larger your logo). Sponsorship deadline 11/1/21.

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make Checks Payable & Mail to:

Dream Big Union Bridge
3 South Farquhar Street
Union Bridge, MD 21791
443-340-6305



Hosted by: Dream Big Union Bridge

Union Bridge Bulk Trash Day

WHEN

October 9, 2021

WHERE

Union Bridge Town Limits Only
Curbside Only

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 30, 2021

(You must register for pickup)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Call: 443-340-6305

Email: ravent16@yahoo.com

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Mattresses

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Paint / Paint Cans
- Automotive Fluids
- Concrete
- Building Materials
- Tires



SPONSORS

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

BENEFITING

CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE



Sponsored by: *Dream Big Union Bridge*

Deadline to Enter: **10/1/21** Photo Submission Deadline: **10/13/21**
Winners Announced on 10/31/21 on our Facebook Page!!!

Stop in the Union Bridge Gift Shop located at 11 N. Main Street, to cast your votes, voting will be with monetary donations. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, the money raised will be divided equally among the winners. The more money you raise will determine the winners.

Union Bridge Gift Shop Hours: Thursday – Saturday 11-7 & Sunday 11-3

Each photo will be assigned a number and a jar will be placed with the photo for donations/voting.

Follow Dream Big Union Bridge on Facebook, for upcoming events & updates on the contest!!!

For more information call: 443-340-6305

Photos can be emailed to: dreambigub@gmail.com

Last year's event was a huge success, so let's decorate the town!!!





Do you regret not graduating from High School?

Would you love to put on a cap and gown and prove to yourself that you CAN do it?

I attended the informational GED class meeting at Springdale Prep and if you have ever wanted to get your high school diploma, now is the time.

These classes are being offered free of charge to Maryland residents.

Classes are small and made to fit your needs.

2 nights a week, 3 hrs. per night, 10 weeks out of your life and you can put that past regret behind you.

What are you waiting for?

Classes are free.

We can help with transportation.

Small businesses are prepared to cover the \$45 to take the final exam.

Online practice tests are available so that you can see where you are and where you need more help.

I can't think of a better time to do this.

The assessment class will be held at 6pm on October 6th.

Please contact Linda Biddle @ Linbeau's Railway Pub (410-775-2341) if you think you are ready to take this step. The teachers have one goal and that is to give you the tools you need to pass.

Come on, add walking across the stage in your cap and gown to your Spring calendar.

You can do this!!!



DECEMBER 3,4,5

HOURS: FRIDAY 11-7, SATURDAY 11-5, & SUNDAY 11-3

ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ALL 3 DAYS

&

UNIQUE SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

OLD FASHIONED CANDY, CRAFTS, ANTIQUES, & UNIQUE FINDS

Union Bridge Gift Shop

11 North Main Street, Union Bridge, MD



Owned & Operated by: Volunteers of Dream Big Union Bridge
"Supporting the Community & Citizens of Union Bridge"

Lifeline

Receive up to \$9.25 off your phone or Internet service

Lifeline is a federal program that helps lower the monthly cost of your phone or Internet service.*

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

You qualify for a discount if:

- You participate in any **ONE** of these government benefit programs:
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
 - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

— OR —

- Your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY

A household is a group of people that share income and expenses.

- You are only allowed to get **one** Lifeline discount per household.
- If you share housing, complete the **Household Worksheet**.
- The worksheet is available on our website, LifelineSupport.org. You can also ask your Lifeline service provider.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY



APPLY ONLINE Find the online application at CheckLifeline.org.

OR



MAIL YOUR APPLICATION Print an application from LifelineSupport.org. Fill out and mail it with proof of eligibility to:

Lifeline Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

OR



CONTACT A PHONE OR INTERNET COMPANY

Find a company that provides Lifeline at LifelineSupport.org.

Click *Companies Near Me*.

If you live in **CA** (CaliforniaLifeline.com), **OR** (Lifeline.Oregon.gov), or **TX** (TexasLifeline.org), visit the website for your state to find out how to apply.

HOW TO SHOW YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

You may need to show proof that you qualify for Lifeline, such as:

- **A copy of your SNAP or program letter** OR
- **A copy of your pay stub or tax return** to prove your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

*If you live on Tribal Lands, you may receive an additional discount toward your service.

If you have a disability and need assistance with your application, contact the Lifeline Support Center.



Universal Service
Administrative Co.

LIFELINE SUPPORT CENTER

(800) 234-9473 | 9 AM-9 PM ET | 7 DAYS PER WEEK
LifelineSupport@usac.org | www.LifelineSupport.org

Lifeline is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help make communications services more affordable for eligible consumers. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) administers the Lifeline program. USAC is responsible for helping you apply for the program, understand eligibility requirements, and keep your benefit current through an annual recertification process.

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