

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Apr 26, May 24 & Jun 28 - 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Apr 15, May 20 & Jun 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Apr 12, May 10 & Jun 17 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or

buttersburg@verizon.net

Web Page

www.carr.org/~unionbr

E-mail

unionbr@carr.org

ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUG/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
JUNE 15, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, April 2nd
Good Friday

Monday, May 31st
Memorial Day

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring is here. How about everyone start a big town cleanup? If every street gets a team captain and takes charge, maybe others will follow. We have a beautiful town, so let's show it off. Remember that next year our town will be 150 years old and we will be celebrating the event.

The ball fields at the park will see more activity this year because Union Bridge and Taneytown have joined together. There will be a lot more games in played in town.

There are still a lot of people who do not clean up after their pets at the walking trail. **PLEASE HELP KEEP IT CLEAN.**

The Town is working on some problems at the sewer plant that have been ongoing for some time. Hopefully one day soon we will start to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Don't forget that we will be having election for three council seats in May. Learn all you can about the candidates before you vote.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

GRANT & PROJECT UPDATES

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 working to close out the project.

Program Open Space (POS) Grant - Community Center Parking Upgrades

The Town received approval from Carroll County and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to move forward with paving the parking lot areas at the Community Center. Paving and lighting have been completed. Striping of the parking spaces will be completed in the spring.

Town Waste Water Treatment Plant and I&I Efforts

The Town is currently working with 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*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Town Council of Union Bridge will conduct a public hearing Monday, April 26 2021, at 7 p.m., at the Union Bridge Town Hall, 104 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, Maryland, to consider comments and questions from interested citizens regarding the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year operating budget.

The proposed budget for expenditures and revenues is \$1,014,008.00. The town tax rate is proposed to remain at \$.35 per \$100.00 of Full Value Assessment of property in the Town of Union Bridge. The Town Personal Property tax rate is proposed to remain at \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. For additional information contact the Town Clerk at 410-775-2177.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE:

THREE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

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 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Registration will close on Sunday, April 11, 2021.

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 Town 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 12, 2021.

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.

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

"Dream Big Union Bridge has been busy operating the Union Bridge Gift Shop located at 11 N. Main Street, we are open 11-5 Thursday-Saturday and 11-3 Sundays. Visit our Facebook page "Union Bridge Gift Shop" for updates and extended hours in April. We have had visitors from all over the state and surrounding states.

We will be hosting our Annual Rubber Duck Derby on May 22nd. For updates, visit us on Facebook "Dream Big Union Bridge", lots of fun for the entire family. There will

be vendor booths (both crafts & yard sale items) set up along the walking trail. Donations accepted for the St. James Food Pantry, homeless and much more.

We are holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd.

Meetings are held the first Monday of every month, starting promptly at 6:00 pm @ St. James Lutheran Church on Benedum Street. All are welcome to attend. We are always looking for new members/volunteers.

For more information, please call Co-Founder, Cheri Thompson at 443-340-6305.

HUGHES TRASH HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day week trash & recycling will be picked up one (1) day behind which is Thursday, June 3rd, 2020. Please put your trash out the night before.

WATER/SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE

For your convenience, we are providing the quarterly billing schedule for residents who are connected to the Town systems.

Usage Months	Month Billed	Due Date
Jan/Feb/Mar	April	May 15
Apr/May/Jun	July	Aug 15
Jul/Aug/Sep	Oct	Nov 15
Oct/Nov/Dec	Jan	Feb 15

Note that if you do not receive a bill before the end of the billing month, please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to request a copy prior to the due date.

Also note that if your payment is mailed and it is not received by the Town Office by the due date, you will be assessed a late fee. Please ensure you allow sufficient time based on recent delays with mail delivery.

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://ccgoverment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>

WHAT YOU CAN DO! **TIPS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION**

Spring/Summer/Fall

Direct your downspout rain gutter discharge to your yard area to infiltrate into soil. Consider a raingarden in your landscape. Redirecting the discharge away from foot or road traffic areas can reduce the need for deicer.

WATER CONSERVATION **OUTDOOR TIPS**

1. Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
2. Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
3. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.
4. Use plants that require less water.
5. Use a broom, not a hose to clean driveways and walkways.
6. Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.
7. Collect rainwater to reuse in the garden whenever possible.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor/outdoor plants.
9. Limit car washing or visit a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. Keep outside faucets in good repair.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. 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.

IMPORTANT

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 401-775-2711.

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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Center is currently closed until further notice. You may

periodically check with the Town Office at 410-775-2711 for any updates.

DRIVING 101

Spring is right around the corner which brings in the warmer weather and the start of longer days. As the warmer days arrive, we will begin to see an increase of bicycle traffic to our roadways.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), the statistics for 2017 showed that bicyclist deaths were 75% more prevalent in urban areas and 25% in rural areas. The data also showed that, regardless of the season, the hours between 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM are the most dangerous to bicyclists. Out of the fatalities involving bicyclists in 2017, data showed that alcohol was involved in 37% of all the fatal crashes. With that said, here are a few quick reminders to remember about bicycle safety.

Before heading out the door to ride, cyclists should remember the following, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA):

- Ride a bike that fits you. Size does matter and if it's too big, then it's harder for the operator to control.
- Ride a bike that works: Complete a pre-trip inspection by following the ABCs of biking. A – Air, B – Brakes and C – Chain.
- Wear equipment to protect you and make you more visible to others, like a bike helmet, brightly colored clothing during the day, and reflective gear at night. Attach a front mounted white light, and a red mounted rear light or reflectors to your bike.
- Don't share the seat with others and both of your hands should be on the handlebars unless signaling a turn.
- Carry all items in a backpack or strapped to the back of the bike.
- Tuck and tie your shoelaces and pant legs so they don't get caught in your bike chain.

- Plan your route to follow roads that have less traffic and slower speed limits. The safest bike route should have a bike lane or path.

Once on the road, cyclists should remember that bicycles are considered motor vehicles within the state of Maryland and across the nation. As a result, cyclists are required to follow the rules of the road, just like any other motor vehicle or driver by:

- Riding in the same direction of the traffic flow.
- Obeying all street signs, signals, and road markings.
- No texting or talking on the mobile device unless you are safely parked.
- Don't ride on sidewalks.

Motorist should remember the following when driving down the roadway.

- Yield to cyclists as you would motorists. Do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a cyclist traveling on the road, often at an intersection or driveway.
- In parking lots, at stop signs, when backing up, or when parking, search your surroundings for other vehicles, including cyclists.

- Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind to avoid hitting a cyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.

- Obey the speed limit and reduce speed for road conditions.
- Give cyclists room, allow at least three (3) feet of space when passing. Pass cyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

Hopefully these remindful tips will keep our cycling friends safe this year. As always, be kind, be healthy and stay safe out there.

*Master Deputy
Brian Colussy,
Carroll County
Sherriff's Office*

CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND COVID-19 VACCINE RESOURCES

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective!

Want to get vaccinated? Sign up on the Health Department interest list for your group at cchd.maryland.gov or call **410-876-4848**.

We will contact you when we can vaccinate you.

Vaccines are also available at pharmacies and mass vaccination sites across the state. Call 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829) or visit coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine#locator

Keep slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Carroll County by wearing well-fitting masks, watching your distance from others, and washing your hands.

Getting vaccinated when it's your turn is an important way to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

The Health Department is following state guidelines for COVID-19 vaccinations. Supplies are limited.

GOVAX
Let's end COVID, Maryland.

**Carroll →
Forward**



Carroll County
Health Department



Public Health
Protect. Promote. Prevent.

Good Neighbors

Preventing Stormwater Pollution:

Help Keep Storm Drain Street Inlets Flowing and Little Pipe Creek Park Watershed Litter Free!

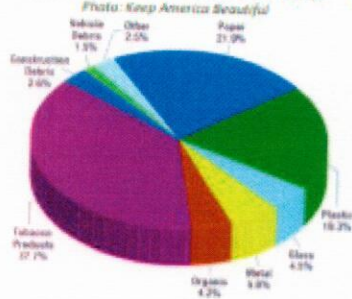


The Town of Union Bridge needs your help to prevent trash and other pollutants from entering and clogging the storm drain inlets in your neighborhood streets and alleyways.

The Town's storm drain system, also known as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), carries rain and snowmelt away from roads and properties to reduce upland flooding. Unlike the sanitary sewer system, the storm drain system is not connected to the wastewater treatment plant. Rainwater drains through the network of gutters, inlets, and underground pipes, eventually flowing *untreated directly* into the Little Pipe Creek floodplain and waterways.

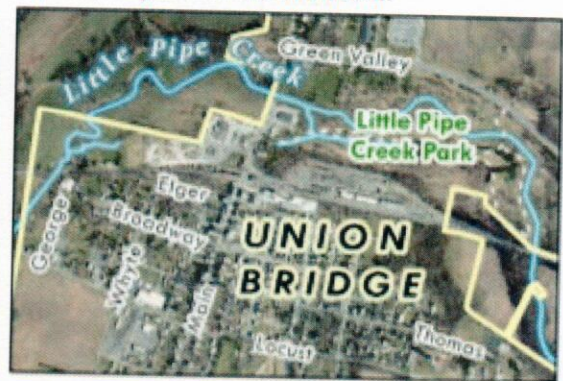


Aggregate composition of litter, all U.S. roadways
Photo: Keep America Beautiful



into the Little Pipe Creek floodplain and waterways.

Litter and debris (wrappers, plastic bags, cigarette butts, sediment, grass clippings, leaves, etc.) picked up in rainwater can become stuck in the storm drain system, blocking inlets or pipes causing street flooding. If these (or other pollutants) pass all the way through the system, they are deposited directly into our beautiful Little Pipe Creek Park and floodplain. Litter and associated contaminants, such as bacteria, negatively impact water quality for local wildlife, fishing, recreation, and can affect drinking water quality and the Chesapeake Bay farther downstream.



Common Source of Pollutants	How You Can Help!
Yard Waste (grass clippings/leaves)	Mow 3 -4" high and leave mulched grass clippings on grass. Please remove if on street.
Drink and Food (containers/packaging)	Bag trash (home & carryout) and place in proper containers for landfill. Recycle.
Automotive Fluids (motor oil/antifreeze)	Clean up spills, use absorbents, bag for landfill. Use containers for leaks. Recycle.
Cigarette Butts (32% +/- of all litter)	Dispose in ash trays or cigarette bins, bag for landfill. Do not discard on ground/pavement.
Soaps (equipment/car washing)	Use commercial car wash or wash vehicle on lawn if possible.
Fertilizer/Pesticides/Herbicides	Follow the label, avoid applications if forecast calls for rain.
Pet Waste (public health bacteria pollutant)	When walking your pet remember to have bags for waste pick up and place in trash.
Home Maintenance/Household Cleaners	Properly dispose of paints and other household products safely.
Winter Deicers (chlorides)	Follow the label, shovel early and often, sweep up unused and store for future use.



NPDES/Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Stormwater Pollution Prevention

The Town of Union Bridge, Carroll County and the Maryland State Highway Administration are required to protect and maintain the municipal storm drain systems (street inlets, etc.) and waterways from possible pollutants that have the potential to contaminate local watercourses per their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Stormwater Discharge (MS4) permit administered by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Contaminants entering the municipal storm drain system are considered pollutants and "illicit discharges" and can be a violation of Carroll County Code Chapter 53 "Environmental Management of Storm Sewer Systems" adopted by the Town. This information is provided to help residents and businesses become aware of the regulations, help keep our storm drain systems working, work together to improve water quality and enjoy our natural resources.

Information and Resources

Union Bridge Town Hall

104 West Locust Street

Union Bridge MD 21791-9132

Phone: (410)

Website: www.townofub.org

Email: unionbr@carr.org

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Other Resource Websites

Town of Union Bridge Services

<https://www.townofub.org/town-services>

Carroll County NPDES Protecting Carroll County Waters:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/land-resource-management/protecting-carroll-county-waters-npdes/>

Carroll County Bureau of Resource Management:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/land-resource-management/resource-management/>

Carroll County Solid Waste Northern Landfill and Recovery Park:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/public-works/solid-waste/>

Carroll County Recycling:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/public-works/office-of-recycling/>

Carroll County Household Hazardous Waste Spring Cleanup Event:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/public-works/office-of-recycling/recycling-events/household-hazardous-waste-spring-cleanup-event/>

Maryland Department of Transportation/MD State Highway Administration

NPDES MS4 Permit: Educational Outreach, Pollution Control

<https://www.roads.maryland.gov/mdotsha/pages/index.aspx?pageId=48>



Annual Rubber Duck Derby

*A percentage of this year's event will go to Suicide Prevention
in Loving Memory of Perry L. Jones III*

Saturday May 22, 2021

The Walking Trail on Main Street next to the Car Wash, Union Bridge MD

Duck Adoption 9 am -11 am

Duck Launch @ 11:30 am

(1) Lucky Duck \$ 5

(6) Quack Pack \$25

(15) Flying Flock \$50

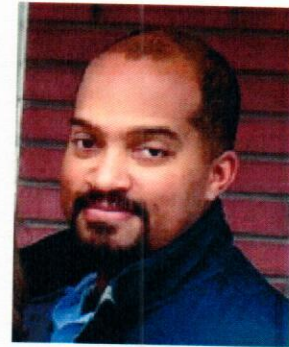
Call 443-340-6305 for additional information

You can Adopt Your Rubber Duck Early by sending a check payable to:

Dream Big Union Bridge

3 South Farquhar Street, Union Bridge MD 21791

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ #Ducks: _____



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9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Walking Trail on Main Street next to the Car Wash, Union Bridge MD

ATTENTION: CRAFTERS, HOME BASED BUSINESSES, & NON PROFITS

Space Reservation Deadline is 5/14/21

To reserve a space call 443-340-6305 for additional information
Make checks payable to:

Dream Big Union Bridge

And mail to: 3 South Farquhar Street, Union Bridge MD 21791

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE for \$15.00, space location is first come first
serve and will be located on the Walking Trail. Non-Profit Space is also
available at No Cost (or a donation to the cause if you wish).

There will be booths available for donations for: Homeless, Food Pantry, & Clothing.