

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meetings	May 21 & Jun 18 – 7 pm.
Planning & Zoning Meetings	May 17 & Jun 21 - 6:30 pm.
Council Work Sessions	May 7 & Jun 11 - 6:30 pm.

Articles for the May/June Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE June 15, 2007

OFFICE CLOSED May 28, 2007

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The statue has finally been set at the parking lot and looks fantastic. We should all be proud of the Main Street project and all those who have made it possible. They have given a tremendous gift to the Town in the form of time spent and the finished product. Thanks again to everyone connected with the Main street project.

Please give the meter reader a break as she is only doing her job. She has no way of knowing anything beyond what the meter is telling her. If it shows an overtime message then she is obligated to write the ticket. The meters are there to benefit the business community, not to generate revenue for the Town. If that were the case it would cost a lot more for parking.

Election day is fast approaching, so don't forget to vote. The future of Union Bridge is what you will be voting for, not just the individual candidates. Consider all that each has to offer, as the direction of the Town will be the result.

Thanks again to the great people it has been my pleasure to work for over the past twenty years.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

As some of you may have noticed on signs as well as television commercials, the Click It or Ticket

campaign is once again upon us. During the next few months, you will notice law enforcement agencies spending more time concentrating on seat belt enforcement. Here are some important things to remember about Maryland's seat belt laws:

- 1) With few exceptions, all drivers and front seat passengers are required to wear their seat belt properly. Passengers in the back seat under the age of 16 are also required to wear safety belts.
 - 2) Drivers are responsible to make sure those passengers under 16 years of age are wearing their seat belt, and the driver can be fined for these violations.
 - 3) Since October of 1997, law enforcement officers do not need an additional traffic violation in order to stop a vehicle. The driver or front seat passenger not wearing a seat belt is sufficient for the stop.
 - 4) Also remember that children under age 6 or weighing less than 40 pounds must be in an approved safety seat. The driver can be issued citations for any violations.
- Please remember to put your seat belt on each and every time you get into a vehicle. The Click It or Ticket program only lasts a few months, but the law is in effect all year long.

Jon Light, DFC
Carroll County Sheriff's Office
410-386-2900 ext. 4106
jlight@ccg.carr.org
Tips 1-888-399-TIPS
Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900

ELECTIONS

This is election year in Union Bridge. A Mayor and two Council members will be elected. Election Day is Tuesday, May 8, 2007. Elections are held from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. at the Town Hall located at 104 West Locust Street.

In order to vote you must be a citizen of the United States, you must be at least eighteen years of age on or before Election Day, you must have resided within the corporate limits at least thirty days prior to the Election and you must be registered to vote.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

FOR MAYOR -

Scott Davis
Bret Grossnickle

FOR COUNCIL -

Edwin Humphries
John Hyde III
Edgar Wentz
Donald Wilson

Should you have any questions concerning this notice please call the Town Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at 410-775-2711.

William Henry Rinehart Sculpture

The town will have a ceremony in recognition of the culmination of the Main Street Revitalization project with the installation of the sculpture by William Rinehart at the Town Square. You are invited to attend on May 24, 2007 at 7 p.m. at the Town Square. The rain date is May 25, 2007. Refreshments will be served.

WILLIAM HENRY RINEHART LECTURE

The public is invited to a lecture on the 19th century sculptor, William Henry Rinehart, on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 7 p.m., at the Carroll Arts Center located at 91 West Main Street in Westminster. For more information contact Joan McKee at 410-775-2976 or Carroll Arts Center at 410-848-7272.

West Carroll Rec Council

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at the Union Bridge Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Fitness Class: This is a fitness class using weights and floor exercises. \$10.00 per session, \$8.00 if signing up for 8 or more sessions. Mon. & Wed. 5:30 to 6:30 at the Union Bridge Community Center. For information contact instructor John Scarlett, 310-346-0222 or Rebekah Snyder at 410-848-1613.

West Carroll Football

Contact Football Program registration fee is \$100. Registration for New Players is May 10th, 7-9 p.m. at the Union Bridge Community Center and May 12th & 19th, 10-12 noon at the New Windsor Middle School.

Cheerleading

Athletic cheer program fee is \$50.00.

Flag Football

Football for 5, 6 & 7 year olds. Flag football is played on a smaller field with absolutely no contact. Fee is \$20.00. For information contact Chaz Shrodes at 410-751-9795.

Soccer

Fall Soccer registrations will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Myers Supermarket in Union Bridge on May 15th, 17th, 21st, and 30th.

**For general information on West Carroll programs contact Penny Rockwood at 410-857-3549.

Depot Day

This event sponsored by the Union Bridge Business Association will be held on May 12, 2007 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ONE-WAY TRAFFIC (correction)

West Stoner Street has been changed to ONE-WAY traffic. Please note signs and adhere to the new traffic pattern.

ORDINANCE #301

Passed: Ordinance #301 authorizing a forest conservation easement within Little Pipe Creek Park south of Maryland Route 75 and granted to The County Commissioners of Carroll County.

RECYCLING NEWS

Effective July 1, 2007 **mandatory single stream recycling** - everything in one container, no need to separate items. Recyclables will be picked up in regular trash trucks to be delivered to a recycling plant that will separate items.

Please note - do not call hauler if you see recyclables being put in trash trucks. Haulers will be using the same truck for each but at different times.

Plastic bags will not be allowed for use with yard waste. Craft bags must be used for curbside yard waste pickup. If you bring yard waste to the landfill in plastic bags you must empty them not just drop them off.

Tipping fee will increase to \$61 a ton on July 1, cars remain at \$5.

SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Union Bridge Fire Co.

Sunday May 13th from 7 to noon

Adults \$6, Children 6-12 \$3 - under 6 Free

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

The town will again offer yard waste pick-up beginning on April 4, 2007, for a period of 26 weeks. Yard waste bags may be purchased at the town hall at a cost of \$1.00 per bag.

STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is done each week. Council member in charge of streets, Donald Wilson, asked that you please obey "no parking" meter bags and signs on designated days.

DROP SLOT

A DROP SLOT WAS INSTALLED A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO NEAR THE FRONT DOOR AT THE TOWN HALL. THIS WAS REQUESTED BY RESIDENTS AND INSTALLED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

PAYMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE CAN BE LEFT AT ANY TIME OR ON ANY DAY.

PERMITS

Please call the town's Zoning Administrator, Selby Black at 410-775-2718, if you have a question about whether or not a permit is needed for what you plan to do. Some items that do need permits

are new construction, sheds, pools, animal structures, outside storage, driveway entrances, sidewalks, signs, fences, etc.

WARM WEATHER REMINDER

Ordinance 263, Sec. B-1, Paragraph 1

Owners and occupants of premises fronting upon any street, with paved gutter and sidewalk, shall keep such gutter or sidewalk free and clean of all filth, dirt, earth...or obstruction of any kind...at all times of the year....

Ordinance 263, Sec. C-2, Paragraph 2

Owners and occupants...charged with the duty of maintaining any grass... at a height of not more than 6 inches: and further duty of maintaining such premises free of noxious weeds...

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE