

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Council Meetings           | Sep 24 & Oct 22 – 7 pm.    |
| Planning & Zoning Meetings | Sep 20 & Oct 18 - 6:30 pm. |
| Council Work Sessions      | Sep 10 & Oct 8 - 6:30 pm.  |

Articles for the November/December Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE October 15, 2007

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It's nice that we are finally getting some rain, and although we have never had a problem with adequate supply, conservation is still a good thing to practice. If you look around the country, you will see that most places are experiencing some form of water shortage. The County and Municipalities are working together to form a regional approach to water resource management, but the real work will have to be done by the residents. By that I mean conservation and innovation. Finding additional sources is only part of the problem as I see it. We need to decide what we want for the future of Carroll County. If we want continued growth, we have to look at the rest of the picture, not just the water issues. Roads, schools, fire, police protection and wastewater treatment are just a few of the issues that need to be addressed on a regional level. We need to make some hard decisions about the future of Carroll County. For that we need input from everyone, not just the special interests. If we want to continue to grow then we will have to make changes in our way of life to allow that to happen. The same goes for a no or reduced rate of growth. No matter the direction, there will be changes needed to continue with our current level of service and lifestyles.

*Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor*

## **UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY**

On August 7th, Union Bridge took part in the National Night Out event for the first time. Even though the humidity and temperature were a little higher than we might have preferred, there was a decent showing at Town Square for the event. I extend my thanks to all that attended, as well as those whose participation made this event happen.

Summer is now coming to an end, and schools will soon be opening. Please be careful when driving through town, as children will once again be at the bus stops. I also encourage you to be on the lookout for unusual activity at or around the schools and bus stops; contact the Carroll County Sheriff's Office if you see anything that concerns you.

*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

## **West Carroll Rec Council**

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

\*Next meeting dates are Sept. 17 and Oct. 15, 2007\*

### **FALL SPORTS:**

#### **Adult VOLLEYBALL**

Adult, competitive, pick-up volleyball will be held on Thursdays from 6:45 - 9:30 p.m. at Elmer Wolfe Elementary School, beginning mid-September. Contact Steve Keeney at 410-775-7780.

#### **KARATE**

Tuesdays at New Windsor Middle School, beginning September 18th for a 13-week session. Youth (ages 5-12) 7 - 8:00 p.m., \$40.00. Adults (ages 13-up) 8 - 9:30 p.m., \$50.00. Contact Penny Rockwood at 410-857-3549

The following youth sports are already underway. For more information, please contact the Program Coordinators -

West Carroll FOOTBALL - Chaz Shrodes (chazshrodes@comcast.net)

West Carroll SOCCER - Sandy Rohwein 410-635-3015

West Carroll FIELD HOCKEY - Laura Furbay 410-751-0224

#### **West Carroll BASKETBALL**

Watch for upcoming registration information in flyers at school or in "Rec. Zone", found in the back of the Carroll County Times Sports section on Sundays. Boys Coordinator: Rufus Lee 443-278-6552 or 6553. Girls Coordinator: Missy Gallagher 410-848-4650.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

West Carroll presented its first annual scholarship at FSK High School's Awards Night on June 5, 2007. Congratulations to Nikky Brown, of New Windsor, who will be attending the University of

Maryland!

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

### **Union Bridge Fire Company**

The Union Bridge Fire Company will be saying goodbye to one of its longtime dedicated members next month. Naomi Sinnott, on of the pegs in the foundation of the Union Bridge Fire Company will be leaving her lifelong home in Union Bridge to live with her daughter in Ohio.

Naomi Burrier married James Sinnott in 1951; shortly thereafter he convinced her to join the Ladies Auxiliary to the Union Bridge Fire Company where he had been a member since 1942. In 2004 her life companion died and Naomi began slowing down her activities at the Fire Company. Up until 2007, when her health declined, she was in charge of renting the social hall and organizing the many banquets, wedding receptions, funerals, and other functions held in the hall. There was never an event scheduled at the Fire Company that Naomi wasn't in the kitchen cooking from early morning until after the last person departed. On Sunday, September 9, 2007 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. the Union Bridge Fire Company will host an Open House to honor Naomi Sinnott for her many years of dedication and hard work with the Fire Company. The community of her many friends and neighbors are invited and encouraged to stop in the fire company social hall with cards and well wishes for Naomi as she begins another phase of her life. The Fire Company will serve light refreshments.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

Events listed will be held in the Union Bridge Fire Hall located at 8 W. Locust St., in Union Bridge, MD

- Basket Bingo, Sat. Sept. 8, 2007, doors open at 4:30 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m., \$25.00 includes meal. For information and tickets call 410-775-0001.
- Sportsman Drawing Sat. Sept. 15, 2007, Doors open at 5:30 p.m., \$30.00 per ticket which entitles ticket holder and one guest to meal and drawing. For tickets and information call 410-775-7780.
- Bull and Oyster Roast Sept. 22, 2007. Eat: 3 - 6 p.m. / Dance 6 - 9 p.m., \$30.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 15, 2007. Menu: oysters (raw, steamed, fried and stewed), pit beef, pit turkey, hot dogs and sauerkraut, calico beans, coleslaw, macaroni salad, veggie and cheese trays, cake, beer and sodas. Entertainment is by Pet Rock Band. To reserve tickets, call 410-775-2872 **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** You must be 21 years of age and no coolers bigger than a six pack will be allowed.

### **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.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT YARD WASTE PICKED UP IN UNION BRIDGE DOES NOT GO TO THE LANDFILL. THE TOWN WILL CONTINUE TO USE BAGS THAT YOU CAN PURCHASE AT THE TOWN HALL FOR YOUR YARD WASTE. COST OF BAGS FOR THIS PRUPOSE IS \$1.00, WHICH HELPS DEFRAY THE COST OF THE YARD WASTE PICKUP SERVICE. \*\*\***

### **PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The residents of Union Bridge are being given the opportunity to support the Carroll County 4-H Program in a fundraising program that does not cost anything. There is a bright green and yellow bin in the parking lot behind the Union Bridge Town Hall. Please bring all of the paper items that you would normally discard and throw them inside this bin. The recycling company picks up the paper and weighs it and the Carroll County 4-H Program receives a payment based on this amount. Every year more and more cuts are made in the amount of money that is allotted to the 4-H Program. This fundraiser will help to replace that money that has been cut and it does not cost you anything.

The following items can be put in the bin:

Newspaper, typing paper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, shredded paper (which you can put in plastic bags) and paper.

The following items CAN NOT be put in the bin:

Phone books, cardboard, cereal/food boxes, folders, trash.

Every little bit helps. Please bring all of the paper that you normally discard and put it in the bin behind the Town Hall.

This recycling program is available to anyone - both residents and businesses in the The Town of Union Bridge are more than welcome to place their discarded paper in the bin.

Thank you for your support.

### **SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES**

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

### **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.

### **HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT**

**OCTOBER 31, 2007**

**6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**Please turn your porch light on if you wish to participate with goodies for the trick or treaters.**