



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2024

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Council Meeting:

Apr 22, May 20 & Jun 17 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting:

Apr 18, May 16 & Jun 20 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session:

Apr 8, May 13 & Jun 10 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact:

Jim Rowe - President: 410-775-2901 or
email: jimandfrank@verizon.net

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www.carr.org/~unionbr

E-mail

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ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUG/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
JUNE 15, 2024

OFFICE CLOSED

**Monday, May 27th
Memorial Day**

**Wednesday, June 19th
Juneteenth**

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Here are a few spring reminders to kick off the season:

- I hope everyone has checked their fire, smoke and CO detectors. People die in house fires every day due to faulty alarms. Let's make sure it doesn't happen to you or your loved ones. The new detectors are good for ten (10) years, so no need to replace batteries every year. Please contact the fire company if you need assistance.
- Remember that no motorized or electric vehicles are allowed on the walking trail or in the park. Only town officials/vehicles are allowed to travel on the trail except for special occasions with permission given by the Town.
- The Town has a few bicycles at the town office that were found on the streets or parking lots. If your child has lost one, please come to the Town Office to verify and claim it.
- The stream by the walking trail was stocked with trout fish on March 12th. Please obey all fishing laws and enjoy!
- The fire company will be having a 3-day carnival May 30th, 31st, and June 1st.
- The VFW will host their annual Memorial Day event. Please come out and support our town!
- Check the date for the Annual Boat Parade at Flood Zone to support our local fire companies.

Perry L. Jones, Jr.,

Mayor

GRANTS & PROJECTS UPDATE

Community Center Tot Lot

The Town has been granted funding from Carroll County Recreation and Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot for some new equipment/safety surface. As the original funding is less than the total amount required, we have been awarded the remaining funds through the Maryland DNR's Community Parks and Playground grant. We will be preparing the RFP and proceeding with this project this year.

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 findings. The Town has applied for and received a grant to fund the study. The Town has been granted \$5,000,000.00 from the State of Maryland to assist with the improvements once a project plan has been determined. The Town's engineering firm has completed the draft of the study and we have submitted it to the MDE for review.

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. We have engaged our engineering firm to move forward with the investigations with the CCTV screening and smoke testing is almost completed. Completion of the remaining lines is pending.

More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

2022 Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) – Via Carroll County Thomas Street Water Line Repairs & Valve Bolt Replacement

The County approved funding of a project to replace the water main on Thomas Street and bonnet valve bolt replacements. Carroll County is contributing \$157,606.00 towards the project, which will end up costing approximately \$515,000.00 when completed. The project for the Thomas Street water main renewal is in the process of being awarded and the valve bolt project is finalized for solicitation.

Track Loader with Mowing Attachment

We have applied for a grant through the USDA to purchase a track loader with mowing attachment to be able to mow areas around town where access is currently an issue for our existing equipment. The grant will cover \$50,000.00 of the expected total cost of \$80,000.00. It is worth noting that we have applied for this grant previously and have been awarded funds to purchase our dump truck and work truck. We have been awarded this funding and are working with the USDA to finalize the purchase.

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

*Mike Reynolds
Circuit Rider & Zoning
Administrator*

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

Bringing the Community Together with Dream Big Union Bridge.

Another successful event has come and gone this year, which was our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We want to give special thanks to the Church of the Brethren and The Shepherd's Staff for teaming up with us to make this event such a success. This year at the Easter Egg Hunt, participants were able to enjoy a chili cookoff, crafts, face painting, a free lunch and the kids were able to stop and pose with the Easter Bunny for a photo.

Our next event will be the Annual Rubber Duck Derby Festival which will be on June 1st at the Donald D. Wilson Walking Trail. This year we have teamed up with Maryland's Jeep Club who will operate the Jeep Show and Shine for us. This year we are anticipating that it will be even bigger and better than last year, so please come out and show your support. Benefits raised this year will support Dream Big Union Bridge, Maryland's Jeep Club, and Wreaths Across America for Carroll County. For further information or to register to participate in the Duck Derby or Jeep Show and Shine, please see the attached flyer and scan the QR code or type the link in your web browser to register online. Follow Dream Big Union Bridge on Facebook for the most up to date information.

The Union Bridge Gift Shop which is owned and operated by Dream Big Union Bridge, is thriving and bringing in a lot of out-of-town foot traffic to our quaint little community. The shop has lots to offer and is consistently changing with the seasons, so stop by and check us out!!

We are always looking for sponsors and volunteers for the events and for the projects that we do for the community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a sponsor or volunteer,

please feel free to call 443-340-6305 to learn more.

Hopefully, this year we will be able to bring the "Bulk Trash Day" back to the town residents. During our last "Bulk Trash Day" our volunteers hauled away seven (7) tons of trash out of town at no expense to the citizens. If you would like to see this happen again, please come out and show your support during our events!

We hope to see you around town!

UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Silent Auction: Thursday, May 30th – Saturday, June 1st

The Union Bridge Fire Company's Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations, antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items, event tickets, "filled baskets", gift cards and new or gently used items are needed.

The Silent Auction will be displayed inside the fire company's air-conditioned social hall. You can bid on items Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bidding closes Saturday, June 1st, at 8:00 p.m. This event depends on community support. If you have items to donate, please call:

Karen: 410-775-7197

Trisha: 410-596-5303

Audrey: 410-775-2047

Or email:

ubfcsilentauction@gmail.com

Our carnival will be from Thursday, May 30th through Saturday, June 1st.

- Great food will be available.
- Entertainment: Come out and see.
 - "Bet on Austin" on Thursday;
 - "Cash Only" on Friday;
 - "Half Serious" on Saturday

Come out and support your local fire company.

Check us out on Facebook!

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHAT: National Train Day 2024
Open House

WHERE: Western Maryland
Railway Historical Society Museum
Complex:

The Train Station at
41 N. Main Street
Union Bridge, MD 21791

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Open to all ages.

Free Admission

Come out to this special
Saturday open house to celebrate
National Train Day and celebrate
the joy of trains and train travel!

Come see the history of the
Western Maryland Railway, both in
Carroll County and the state of
Maryland. The Museum collection
is housed in a 122-year-old
railroad station and office building.

See trains from full size-to
small model trains of all sizes and
scales.

Our own Carroll County based
Maryland Midland Railroad will
have a locomotive on display.

There will be displays of
operating equipment (weather
permitting) from the "Chesapeake
& Allegheny Steam Preservation
Society".

There will be a Child ID
Program Table setup. The ID Kit
allows parents to collect specific
information by easily recording the
physical characteristics and finger
prints of their children on
identification cards that they keep
at home. If ever needed, this ID
Kit will give authorities vital
information to help locate a
missing child.

There will be a hot dog stand
as well.

PHONE:

410-775-0150 Museum
410-857-4979 For Info

EMAIL: Wmrhs1@verizon.net

WEB:

<http://westernmarylandrhs.com/>

CARROLL COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

When: Sunday, April 21, 2024

Where: Union Bridge Church of
the Brethren, 124 S. Main Street,
Union Bridge, MD 21791

Registration: 1:30 p.m.

Walk Begins: 1:45 p.m.

**Local agencies receiving 25% of
the proceeds:** Access Carroll, St.
James Lutheran Food Pantry,
Shepherd's Staff

Visit:

[https://events.crophungerwalk.org/
unionbridgemd](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/unionbridgemd)

Donations accepted online!

TANEYTOWN COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

- Do you have concerns about housing or shelter?
- Do you have health concerns?
- Are you struggling with something that is affecting your daily life?
- Would you like help finding a job or help improving your employment skills?

**Come join us and learn how
we can help!**

When? Thursday, April 18th from
9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Rain date
April 25th)

Where? Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church Parking Lot – 38
W. Baltimore Street, Taneytown.

Food pantry onsite; breakfast
provided by Trinity Evangelical at
9:00 a.m.

For more information, contact
Judi Nance with HSP – 410-386-
6663.

EYE ON WATER

EyeOnWater (EOW) services
gives Union Bridge water/sewer
customers direct access to your
water consumption data and
provides tools to help you manage
your water use. EyeOnWater can
be downloaded free at Google
Android Play or Apple IOS App
Store. Customers can also access
EOW on a computer by going to
the following web address:

<https://eyeonwater.com/signin>.

Customers can quickly view
recent water usage with a two-

week comparison, and view
detailed water usage history by the
hour, day, week, month and year!

Please have a copy of a recent
water bill available as you will need
your account number in order to
access.

HUGHES TRASH HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Memorial Day holiday week
trash & recycling pickup will be
delayed by one (1) day, which is
Thursday, May 30, 2024. 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
<i>Jan/Feb/Mar</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May 15</i>
<i>Apr/May/June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug 15</i>
<i>Jul/Aug/Sep</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov 15</i>
<i>Oct/Nov/Dec</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb 15</i>

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 in the event of 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/n
pdes/](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 de-icer.

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 on Wednesday, April 3rd. 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 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
BRET GROSSNICKLE
1-410-274-2860

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.

Spring
into
Summer



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June 1, 2024

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

**DONALD D WILSON WALKING TRAIL
48 NORTH MAIN STREET.
UNION BRIDGE, MARYLAND**

**6TH ANNUAL
RUBBER DUCK DERBY
FESTIVAL**

- **RUBBER DUCK DERBY RACE**
- **JEEP SHOW AND SHINE**
- **KID PLAY ZONE**
- **CRAFT, FOOD, VENDORS GALORE**

• **DUCK RACE ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2024**

• **JEEP SHOW & SHINE REGISTRATION:
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE MAY 18, 2024 - INCLUDES ONE (1) SHIRT
REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 18, 2024 - NO SHIRT**

• **VENDOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MAY 24, 2024**

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<https://forms.gle/PfaTdK7irKgJrf3h6>
into your web browser.

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DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE ON FACEBOOK
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

PROCEEDS SUPPORT

- **DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE**
- **MARYLAND'S JEEP CLUB**
- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**
 - **(CARROLL COUNTY)**



6th Annual Rubber Duck Derby Festival Sponsorship Levels

DONALD DUCK LEVEL - \$1,000 +



- CUSTOMIZED VINYL BANNER DISPLAYED AT EVENT
 - NAME MENTIONED ON RADIO ADVERTISEMENT
 - RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA
 - ONE (1) YARD SIGN ON SPONSOR WALL
 - ONE (1) FREE 12X12 SPACE IN VENDOR AREA
 - SIX (6) FREE DUCKS ENTERED IN RACE
-

DAISY DUCK LEVEL - \$500 +



- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA
 - ONE (1) FREE 12X12 SPACE IN VENDOR AREA
 - ONE (1) YARD SIGN ON SPONSOR WALL
 - THREE (3) FREE DUCKS ENTERED IN RACE
-

DAFFY DUCK LEVEL - \$250 +



- RECOGNITION ON SOCIAL MEDIA
 - ONE (1) YARD SIGN ON SPONSOR WALL
 - ONE (1) FREE DUCK ENTERED IN RACE
-

HUEY, DEWEY, & LOUIE DUCK LEVEL - \$50 +



NAME ON SPONSOR WALL

DEADLINE TO SPONSOR AT ANY LEVEL IS APRIL 30, 2024
