

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

July/August 2007

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Council Meetings	Jul 23 & Aug 27 – 7 pm.
Planning & Zoning Meetings	Jul 19 & Aug 16 - 6:30 pm.
Council Work Sessions	Jul 9 & Aug 13 - 6:30 pm.

Articles for the July/August Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE August 15, 2007

OFFICE CLOSED July 4, 2007

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

I want to thank everyone for coming out to vote and for allowing me the opportunity to continue with the projects we have set in motion. There are still issues concerning the two developments that need ironing out and we hope to do more for the existing town in the way of sidewalk and street maintenance.

The Main Street Project and the parking lot are finally finished. The statue is a wonderful addition to what is one of the best looking parking areas in the state. Many, many thanks to everyone involved especially the Main Street Committee for all of their hard work in making this happen.

Ideas concerning the problems associated with the teenagers and young adults are welcome. We need to find a way to help them become members of the community instead of outlaws. Simply chasing them off the streets is not the answer as it only makes them feel even less wanted. Parents are the first line of defense in this, and can help by knowing where their children are and what they are doing. Keeping them at home or seeing that they have options other than hanging out on the street will go a long way to solving this problem. It is not their presence on the streets that is an

issue, it is their manners. Cursing, spitting, urinating, etc. are not acceptable behaviors in public. Too much time and expense have been invested in this town to allow a few individuals to ruin it for everyone. All are welcome, including teens and young adults, to come to the council meetings and discuss what is needed.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

First, thanks to all that made this year's Union Bridge Fire Company carnival run so smoothly. While the good weather certainly helped the cause, we also had very few calls for service that week. With that behind us, please also take the time to come out and support National Night Out on August 7th, 2007. This is the first year that Union Bridge will be participating and we hope to make it an annual event. The Carroll County Sheriff's Office will have several displays and demonstrations, and deputies will be on hand to answer questions you may have. So remember to turn on your porch light, and come out and show your support for your community.

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

William Henry Rinehart on CC Cable TV

Program on sculptor and Union Bridge native William H. Rinehart will air on Carroll County Cable Television in July. The Union Bridge Statue Dedication will be shown on Channel 23 on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.; Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.; and Fridays at 7 p.m. throughout July. A program on the Life of William Henry Rinehart will air on Channel 19 on Mondays at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; and Saturdays at 9:00 p.m. throughout July.

Check the cable program guide available at libraries, senior centers and the Union Bridge municipal office or look on the web at www.carrollcountytv.org for more information.

West Carroll Rec Council

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

*The next meeting date is August 20th at 7:00. There will be no meeting in July.

We are currently seeking volunteers to fill these positions: West Carroll Basketball Coordinator: To oversee Boys & Girls Basketball Programs. Boys Basketball Program Coordinator: Will attend league meetings, form teams, choose coaches, schedule practices and games, etc.

We wish to thank Bryan Welker for his volunteer efforts as Boys Basketball Coordinator! If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Brad Rockwood at 410-857-3549. Registrations for the following current and upcoming Fall programs have taken place, but you may

contact the Program Coordinators for more information.

West Carroll Marauders Summer Youth Rugby Program

This is a non-tackle program for Boys & Girls, ages 7-10 and 11-14. Season runs mid-June through mid-August. Cost is \$70.00. Contact Tom Crushong at 410-848-4976.

West Carroll Football

Chaq Shrodes (chaqshrodes@comcast.net) 410-751-9795 or visit our website:
<http://eteamz.com/WESTCARROLLREC/>

West Carroll Soccer

Sandy Rohwein 410-635-3015

West Carroll Field Hockey

Laura Furbay 410-751-0224

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 7 from 7 - 9 P.M. AT THE TOWN SQUARE

*CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEMONSTRATIONS

*REFRESHMENTS

*GIFTS

THE TOWN IS REQUESTING THAT EVERY RESIDENT PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT BY LIGHTING AS MANY LIGHTS IN YOUR HOME AND YARD AS POSSIBLE. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT LIGHTS HELP TO DETER CRIME. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT. HELP BY DOING ALL YOU CAN TO MAKE YOUR TOWN AS SAFE AND CRIME FREE AS POSSIBLE.

Union Bridge Church of the Brethren

The Union Bridge Church of the Brethren has a special Tuesday evening program for kids in grades K-6. It is called "Faith Weaver Friends Club". Games, crafts, snacks, music are all part of each energy-packed session. Faith Weaver Friends Club is fun and it's free. Also children will get a lot more than fun out of Faith Weaver Friends Club. Working in their weekly journal will reinforce language and writing skills they are learning in school. Group activities will develop important social skills. Our sixth year of this program begins September 18 to November 7th, and another eight-week session will be held January 15 - March 4. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30. We can also help with transportation.

To get your child involved contact the Church of the Brethren at 124 S. Main Street, Box 518 or call Pastor Jim 410-775-2717 or call the Director, Kaye Horr, at 410-635-2877.

Handicapped Parking

The Mayor and Council have reviewed information on handicapped parking. Handicapped vehicles displaying handicapped tags or a hanger designating the person as being handicapped may park at

town meters without paying and may park for double the allowed time for that meter, per Maryland Vehicle law. Parking for more than double the allowed time will result in a \$25.00 fine.

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. *****

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.

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.

HAVE

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SAFE

FOURTH OF JULY

HOLIDAY!

