

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

## November/December 2010

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings      Nov 22 & Dec 27 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings      Nov 18 & Dec 16 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions      Nov 8 & Dec 13 - 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Bob Bolduc 410-756-4895 or [bbolduc@comcast.net](mailto:bbolduc@comcast.net)

- Town Office will be CLOSED:  
- November 25th  
- December 24th  
- December 31st

& CLOSED at NOON:  
- December 23rd

- Articles for the January/February Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE December 15, 2010

website [www.carr.org/~unionbr](http://www.carr.org/~unionbr)    email [unionbr@carr.org](mailto:unionbr@carr.org)

### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

At the last meeting we discussed the need for an ordinance to control burning within the Town. As you might have guessed, opinions varied on the need for such an ordinance and the definition of personal property rights. Some believe that their rights as property owners grant them leave to do as they please within the confines of said property. I too believe in those rights, but I don't believe they were meant to include doing things that impact my neighbors in a negative way. An old proverb that says "Good fences make good neighbors" is only partly accurate, as a fence only keeps out the earthbound. Good neighbors make good neighbors is a more accurate assessment of what is needed for people to live in close proximity to each other. A fire in ones backyard may seem like a harmless thing to the ones enjoying it, but a neighbor that is receiving the smoke may think differently. All I am saying is that when we choose to live in a town or city, there are unwritten laws about coexisting that must be followed. These laws are steeped in common sense and compassion, two important traits that seem to be evolving out of the human race. We must consider the consequences of our choices and their effect on others in order to live in peace with our neighbors.

For the Town to enact an ordinance on burning, we would have to define what can be burned, how much can be burned at one time and collectively, how large the fire can be, how much smoke can be emitted and so forth and so on. Do you see our dilemma? It will be impossible to truly and accurately define the size and type of open burning that can be allowed. This will leave us with the only solution to the problem, a total ban on open burning within the Town limits. It is my hope that we will not have to go to that extreme to settle this issue. Remember, Good neighbors make good neighbors.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

#### GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

##### Benedum Street Sidewalk-

The Town of Union Bridge was awarded \$242,000 from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. This grant will be used to improve sidewalks and curbing along Benedum Street. This will be at no cost to the residents or property owners.

Construction has begun on the sidewalks, and is expected to be completed by December.

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

Jared Schumacher, Town Consultant

#### WEST CARROLL REC

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec. Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings. Meetings will be held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Old New Windsor School/County Government Offices/Library Administration Offices in New Windsor. We are currently seeking a Union Bridge Town Representative to serve on the Board. This volunteer should have a Union Bridge zip code, but is not required to live within the Town limits.

\*Next Meeting Date: November 8th. See our website: [www.goWCRC.com](http://www.goWCRC.com).

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. Another source to check for upcoming sports registrations is "RecZone" found in the back of the Sports section of the Carroll County Times on Sundays.

Penny Rockwood, Community Coordinator

#### UNION BRIDGE COMPUTER CENTER

The Computer Center is open Monday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We follow the Carroll County Public Library holiday and snow closing schedule. The Bookmobile visits every other Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We have six new laptops and two used ones that use a Wi-Fi connection to access the Internet. Volunteers at the center are official Carroll County Public Library volunteers. Students who volunteer can qualify for community service volunteer hours.

Matt Gibbons, Bridges Secretary

#### CUB SCOUTS - PACK 582

##### What is Cub Scouting?

Every Cub Scout is a member of a Cub Scout Pack. Cub scouting is a family - oriented program and designed to enhance family quality time, whether it is a camping event or building a rocket together.

The pack is divided into smaller groups called dens. The Cub Scouts in a den are about the same age. Each pack belongs to a church, school or other organization in the community.

Pack 582 belongs to St. Luke's Church, located at 701 Green Valley Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776. Pack 582 meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. At the meetings, the Cub Scouts participate in a variety of activities. Some of these activities include the pinewood derby, camping and fishing.

Cub Scouts also participate in community events. Pack 582 recently participated in the Making Strides Walk on October 24, 2010 to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. On November 11, 2010, Pack 582 will be hosting a Veteran's Day Dinner. We invite all veterans to come join us for an all -you-can-eat spaghetti dinner.

We invite every boy and his family located in the New Windsor and Union Bridge area to come out to one of our meetings and explore what Cub Scouting is all about. Please do not hesitate to contact our Cub Master, Bob Marlin at 443-398-6197 for more information.

Rachel Huggins

#### NEWSLETTER ATTENTION

The newsletter is posted six times per year, January, March, May, July, September, and November, and may be viewed on the town's web site at [www.carr.org/~unionbr](http://www.carr.org/~unionbr). Also, upon request, paper copies may be picked up at the town hall. (410-775-2711)

#### YARD WASTE PICKUP

The last day for yard waste pickup will be either the first or second Wednesday of October. Contact the Town Hall for a definite date.

#### SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES

RESIDENTS: If your sewer line becomes blocked please contact the Town Hall at 410-775-2711 before calling a plumber.

#### Water & Sewer Emergencies

Please page Amy Kalin at 410-899-1200

#### THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES AND REUNIONS

CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT 410-775-2711 TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION

#### LEAF PICK UP

Leaf pick-up will be on an as-needed basis – call the town hall to schedule pick-up October through December.

#### SNOW REMINDER:

Union Bridge Code Chapter 130, SEC. 4(B2)

Owners or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow and ice from the traveled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

#### SNOW

Main Street is a snow emergency route, NO PARKING is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL U.B. VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

#### PUBLIC BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 14, 2010

7- Noon

Adults: \$7.00 – Children 6-12 \$3.50 – under 6 "free"

All you can eat! There will also be a free drawing for one turkey and one ham to celebrate Thanksgiving.

#### BINGO BANQUET - \$25.00

Saturday, November 20, 2010. Doors open at 4:30PM – Bingo Starts 7:00PM. For information and tickets call: 410-775-2568

#### CHRISTMAS MART

Saturday, November 27, 2010

Union Bridge Fire Hall

9 to 3. See Santa at 1 PM. Crafts, Homemade food Contact Yvonne Stultz 410-775-2757

#### MD STATE POLICE DRUG

TIPS HOTLINE

410-875-0936

They CAN'T do it without your help!!

#### ORDINANCE #307

This ordinance was passed on July 26, 2010. Ordinance #307 will consolidate and codify the existing laws and ordinances applicable in The Town of Union Bridge into a municipal code to be known as the Union Bridge Code.

You can access the Union Bridge Code on the town's website at - [http://www.carr.org/~unionbr/UBcode\\_072710.pdf](http://www.carr.org/~unionbr/UBcode_072710.pdf)

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THIS SPACE COULD BE USED TO ADVERTISE YOUR ORGANIZATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

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**CARROLL COUNTY SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

All of the following materials can be placed in your recycle bin:

**Plastic**

Wide-mouth containers such as empty peanut butter, margarine/butter tubs, yogurt, cottage cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, whipped topping, and prescription medicine bottles (note that the lids and caps do not need to be removed).

Narrow-neck empty plastic containers with plastic resin identification code 1 through 7 (no motor oil or transmission fluid bottles, please)

**Metal**

Any empty metal food and beverage containers, including aluminum or other metals.

Aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans.

Aerosol Cans (empty only).

**Glass**

Glass containers such as empty jars and bottles, all colors accepted.

**Paper**

Juice and broth boxes

Milk and juice containers, including gable top cartons

Cardboard and paperboard boxes (including cereal boxes without liners)

Office paper (including typing, fax, copy, letterhead, NCR) and envelopes

Newspapers (including all inserts)

Magazines, catalogs and Junk mail

Books (including paperbacks, telephone books, textbooks, and hardbacks)

Brown paper bags (Kraft paper)

Corrugated boxes

Non-metallic wrapping paper

Computer printouts

**NO STYROFOAM, PLEASE!**