

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings July 28 & Aug 24 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings July 16 & Aug 20 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions July 11 & Aug 10 - 6:30 pm.
- Articles for the September/October Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE August 17, 2009
- Office CLOSED July 3, 2009 for Fourth of July Holiday

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The recent election in Iran should serve as a reminder that the United States is still the best place to live on earth. Even with all the problems we have with our form of government, we are still free to support and elect the candidate of our choice without a real fear of election fraud. The biggest problem we have with our government is the lack of participation by the people. We have the right to vote, yet most election turnouts are pitifully small. People in other countries would die (and many do) for the rights and privileges we take for granted. We get the representation we deserve when we don't put in the time to fully understand the candidates and what they stand for. If you truly don't like the way things are going, then get involved.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Greetings Union Bridge: With the end of the school year summer has finally arrived, and I for one am glad to see it. Drivers, please pay extra attention as you will encounter more people, especially children walking around town. Parents, remind your children to stay on the sidewalks and use caution when crossing the street. Despite the weather, the carnival was a great success; I know the Fire Department is grateful for your support. I certainly enjoyed the week as I was able to talk with many of you that I don't regularly see. I would like to congratulate all of the graduates. Despite the economy, your hard work will pay off. Job well done.

Thought for this issue: "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."
Abraham Lincoln

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Grant Project Update

Union Bridge Community Park Trail System —

The Town of Union Bridge has completed its Community Park Trail System. The trail starts behind the new storage building at the large baseball diamond, directly across the street from the Shriner Court Homes. It wraps around the park and ends at the bottom of the Community Center staircase.

Farquhar Street Sidewalk Construction —

Construction of new sidewalks on Farquhar Street is planned to start this summer. The town is nearly ready to go out for bids. Funding for the sidewalks is through the Department of Housing and Community Development's CDBG program and The Town of Union Bridge. There will be no cost to the property owners for these improvements.

Union Bridge Waste Water Treatment Plant Backup Generator —

The Town of Union Bridge is seeking grant funding from the Maryland Department of the Environment to purchase and install a new backup power generator for the town's Waste Water Treatment Plant. Bids were due for the project on Monday, June 15, 2009.

If you have any questions or comments on these projects, please call the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

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, and faith lessons 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 Waver 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 eighth year of this program begins September 15 to November 3, and another eight-week session will be held January 19 – March 9. 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 Pastor Ruth 410-775-2254.

If any questions about this article, call Kaye Horr 410-775-2877

West Carroll Rec Council

West Carroll serves New Windsor, Union Bridge, and surrounding areas. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month in the "Community Room" at the newly renovated Old New Windsor School, 1100 Green Valley Road, at 7 p.m. Next meeting dates are July 13th and August 10th.

For general information contact Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506.

Mosquito Control

Union Bridge is scheduled for adult mosquito surveillance and possible spraying on Tuesday nights. The program began on June 15, 2009 and will run through September 8, 2009. If any residents are noticing a high level of mosquito activity, please call the Town Hall. We will need the address of the problem area, and the time of day when mosquitoes are the worst.

If you have any questions about the schedule or about the mosquito control program, feel free to call 301- 422-5080.

Ordinance Reminders:

ORDINANCE 3263, 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, snow, ice or any other obstruction of any kind whatsoever, at all times of the year; and during the months of May, June, July, August, and September clear and clean of all grass or any other foreign substances growing therein.

ORDINANCE #263, Sec. C-2, Paragraph 2

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 the further duty of maintaining such premises free of noxious weeds and dense underbrush.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP ON WEDNESDAYS

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 PAGE AMY KALIN AT 1-410-899-1200

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The town will participate again this year in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. The event will be held at the Town Square parking lot from 7-9 p.m.

The Sheriff's Department and the Union Bridge Fire Company will participate with personnel and equipment.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

MD STATE POLICE DRUG TIPS HOTLINE 410-875-0936

They CAN'T do it without your help!!

COMMUNITY CENTER AVAILBLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS CALL THE TOWN OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION 410-775-2711

Congratulations to newly elected Council Member Laura Conaway, and to re-elected Council Members Ellen Cutsail and Amy Kalin.

The paper recycling container behind the Town Hall is NOT for trash. It was placed there as a fund raiser for the 4-H. Please be considerate and use it only for items listed on the side of the container.