

# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

March/April 2002

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Council Meeting** March 25 & April 22 – 7p.m.

**Funding Committee Meeting** March 6 & April 4 – 7p.m.

**Heritage Committee Meeting** March 19 & April 16 – 7p.m.

**Planning & Zoning Meeting** March 21 & April 18 - 6:30 p.m.

**Council Work Session** March 18 & April 15 – 6:30p.m.

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## UNION BRIDGE MAY/JUNE

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN CITY OFFICE

**NOON, *MONDAY* April 15, 2002**

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Most everyone in town has noticed by now that construction has started in town. The North Main Street Sewer Extension Project has started. Expect delays in traveling. Also construction has started on a new water main from the pump to the water tank. A new water storage tank will also be built. Almost every house in town will be getting new water meters. Be aware that your water bills may increase some. Old water meters mostly never

show the right amount of water used. Meters when they get old show low readings, just like electric meters.

The cell phone tower is up. I am not sure what the hold up is. Working with the company to get some answers.

Spring is coming and the whole State is in a drought warning. We in Union Bridge have water and we are blessed, but the Mayor and Council think that we should also ask everyone to conserve water. It could be a long dry summer. We are asking those who have large pools to have them filled if needed by a pool water company.

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## FUNDING COMMITTEE

The Town Hall Funding Committee appreciates your continued support of our fund raising activities. The generous donations from our area businesses, individual residents, friends and volunteers helped to make our recent Basket Bingo a success.

## FUTURE BREAKFAST DATES

MARCH 17

APRIL 21

MAY 19

Mark your calendar now, for **FALL FEST**, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are always needed, please call Kathy Kreimer at 410-775-7400. Come on, - catch – the –spirit. A few hours really does make a difference.

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

**Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Well.** On February 7, 2002, the Union Bridge Board of Appeals approved the location of the town's Water Treatment Plant adjacent to the town office on West Locust Street. The building is considered a "conditional use" in the R-6,000 Residence District and required Board approval. The design specifications and bid documents should be ready for advertisement in March 2002. The WTP will be constructed adjacent to the town office, where the town's primary well is located. Design work is also underway to connect the new town well on Whyte Street (Fire Department property) to the WTP. The project will cost approximately \$1.2 M, depending on final design.

**New 8" Water Lines, Service Connections, and Meters.** Work has begun on several major water improvement projects in town. ***Please be sure to have ample amounts of drinking water on hand during the construction phase.*** It is possible that water service may be temporarily disrupted several times throughout the construction phase. The mayor and council awarded the project to Mid-Atlantic Utilities, Inc., after reviewing four bid

proposals. The work involves installation of several new water mains, new water meters and pits, services lines and upgrading substandard lines. New water mains will be installed in Locust Street, East Elgar Street, Lehigh Drive, and White Street. The contract award to Mid-Atlantic is for \$952,800. In addition, the town is designing a new 8" water line for Main Street. The Main Street water line and meters will be installed in conjunction with the planned Maryland State Highway Administration's improvement project for Main Street, scheduled to begin in July 2002. The town is also initiating a new computerized water billing system.

**Water Storage Tank** Construction of the new 300,000 gallon above-ground water storage tank has been awarded to Johnston Construction Company for \$688,650. The new tank will replace the existing ground level tank on East Locust Street, adjacent to the basketball courts. Construction should begin on or about March 4, 2002.

### **Community Park Improvements**

New steps and railing are planned for the small ball diamond on Thomas Street. Construction should begin in April 2002.

### **Main Street Project**

#### **Main Street Revitalization**

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has given funding approval for the Union Bridge Main Street project. In a letter from Mr. Robert Fisher, SHA District Engineer (7), the town was notified that the Maryland Rt. 75 Neighborhood Conservation Project has been included in the draft Consolidated Transportation Program Document. This means that funding for Main Street improvements has been included in the SHA 2003 budget. Planned improvements include resurfacing, curbs, gutter, sidewalks, storm drains, inlets, signs, landscaping, crosswalks, and handicap ramps. We also learned that SHA would fund the 35 proposed decorative streetlights along Main Street. The town must also contribute toward some of the improvements including upgrades to town side streets that connect with Main Street, the cost to upgrade the standard SHA sidewalk to a decorative patterned concrete design, two gateway signs, the "town square" at Main and Broadway, and possible undergrounding of some utilities and overhead wires.

The town completed its application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Development Block Grant Funds. Estimated town costs will be about \$275,000. The SHA improvements, which have an estimated cost of \$2.1 M, will be advertised for bids in April 2002, with construction to begin in July 2002.

**If you have any questions concerning capital projects and community development issues, please call the town office at 410-775-2711.**

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to inform the residents of the Town of Union Bridge that they may experience interruption or changes in their water service due to improvements being implemented by the Town. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please bear with us as we complete these needed repairs to our aging water system. This has been a long time in coming and is much needed. If you have any questions, please call the Town Office at 410-775-2711.

*The Mayor and Council thank you for your cooperation.*

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## WATER METERS

Ordinance 256-Sec 11, This ordinance states that "The Owners shall permit no one, except an agent of the Town or otherwise lawfully authorized to do so, to remove, inspect or tamper with the meter or other property of the Town on his premises. The customer shall notify the town, as soon as it comes to his knowledge, of any injury to or any cessation in registration of the meter."

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

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THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS AVAILBLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES, AND REUNIONS.

CALL THE TOWN OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR  
FUNCTION

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## SNOW

We may still get snow this year so please remember that Main St. is a snow emergency route, **NO PARKING** is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect. Ordinance #263 B-2 states that 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.

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## **TRASH SERVICE**

**Maryland Disposal & Recycling**

**P.O. Box 238**

**Boyds, MD 20841**

**Office # 301-368-9094**

**Fax # 301-212-9150**

**PICK UP DAY WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY**

**TRASH SERVICE IS FOR PICK UP OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH ONLY**

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# **HAPPY EASTER**