

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings May 26 & Jun 22 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings May 21 & Jun 18 - 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions May 11 & Jun 8 - 6:30 pm.
- Articles for the July/August Newsletter are DUE IN CITY OFFICE June 15, 2009
- Office CLOSED May 25, 2009 for Memorial Day Holiday

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It appears that we will once again have a grocery store in Union Bridge. When it reopens, I hope that everyone will support them by buying as many of your groceries there as is possible. We need to support the locals whenever we can so that they have enough business to make a go of it here. In our efforts to save a few extra dollars, we have practically run the small businessman out. I know that value for your dollar is important, ever more so in today's economic environment, but we shouldn't lose sight of the bigger picture which is the loss of jobs here, to overseas, due to lower labor costs. Sure you can save by shopping the large chain stores, but you may just be saving your way out of a job.

Remember to vote on May 12, 2009. Voting is quite possibly the most important thing you can do to impact the future of Union Bridge. Get to know the candidates and make an informed choice on Election Day. Thank you.

Bret D. Grossnickle, Mayor

UNION BRIDGE RESIDENT DEPUTY

Greetings Union Bridge! I hope this issue finds everyone well. With the arrival of warmer weather (finally), we are beginning to see more and more people, especially children out riding their bikes. As an avid bicycle rider myself, I thought I would pass on some bicycle riding safety tips. From the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – "seven smart Routes to Bicycle safety:"

1. Protect your head. Wear a Helmet. Head injuries are the most common cause of death for bicyclists.
 2. Assure bicycle readiness. Ensure proper size and function of bicycle.
 3. Ride wisely. Learn and follow the rules of the road.
 4. Be predictable. Act like the driver of a vehicle.
 5. Be visible. See and be seen at all times
 6. Drive with care. Share the road.
 7. Stay focused. Stay alert. Motorists, keep an eye out for children on bikes, especially as they are apt to suddenly appear from between parked cars or leaping off the sidewalk!
- Thought for this issue: "Our attitude toward life determines life's attitude toward us." Earl Nightingale, American motivational speaker, 1921-1989.

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410-386-2900 ext. 4159
vpacelli@ccg.carr.org
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Emergency 911
Non-emergency 410-386-2900
Grant Project Update

Union Bridge Community Park Trail System -

The Town of Union Bridge is nearing completion of 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 development. It wraps around the park and ends at the bottom of the Community Center staircase. The trail is expected to be completed by the first of May.

Farquhar Street Sidewalk Construction -

Construction of new sidewalks on Farquhar Street is planned to start in early summer. The town will have the first set of plans open for public comment (residents along Farquhar Street will be given notice when the plans are available). Grant funding for the sidewalks is through the Department of Housing and Community Development's CDBG program. There will be no cost to property owners for the improvements.

Recreational Ball Fields -

The Town is working with the West Carroll Rec. Council to locate land for recreational ball fields. If anyone has any information on available land, contact the town office.

For additional information, contact Jared Schumacher at the Town office at 410-775-2711.

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 May 11th & June 8th.

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

Fireman's Carnival

The Union Bridge Fire Company's annual Carnival will be held from May 25th through May 31st. Entertainment, rides, and great food will be available all week. Lunch will be served daily from Tuesday through Friday. The Silent Auction will be open every day of the carnival and bids can be placed until the auction closes on Friday, May 29th. If you would like to donate items to the auction, we are in need of antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items, trips, services, gift certificates, etc.

If you have items to donate please contact Jan Stambaugh 410-775-2363 or Glenda Etzler 410-775-2509.

UNION BRIDGE AREA HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Members of the Union Bridge and New Windsor Heritage Committees will tour the Clemsonville Mansion near Union Bridge at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th. The Georgian-style home was modeled after Mount Vernon and completed in 1806. The tour is part of the Heritage Committee's ongoing efforts to celebrate and honor the area's historic properties.

This tour has limited space and is open to members of the Union Bridge and New Windsor heritage groups. Reservations are required by contacting Kathy Erb at 410-775-7450 or kathyerb@verizon.net

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

You are invited to a seminar entitled "Making Ends Meet in a Down Economy", given by Hull Co. accountants on May 12, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Union Bridge VFW.

Depot Day 2009 - Sat. June 20th

Lehigh Tours, Vintage Restoration Tours, Car Show, Steam Engines, Craft Vendors, Trains, Food, Kids' Activities, Treasure Hunt, Yard Sales, and Prizes

Craft Vendors, call for space rental 443-340-9463.

Have a Yard Sale on Depot Day and be entered into drawings by participating Union Bridge Businesses for a chance to win prizes. Lots of out-of-town visitors are expected.

Original Blue Ridge College Bell (1889-1913)

Unveiling and dedication at 1 p.m. on Depot Day 2009, Saturday, June 20th Lehigh Park

Main Speaker: Dr. Charles Ecker, Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools.

Bell donated by the late Isaac (Ike) A. Sayler and Betty Myers Sayler through Plymouth Masonic Lodge

Presented by Union Bridge Business Association

YARD WASTE PICK-UP ON WEDNESDAYS

MML SCHOLARSHIP

The Carroll County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to Carroll County high school students who have been accepted into a college or university or Carroll students currently enrolled in a college or university in a graduate or undergraduate program. Preference will be given to students preparing for a career in governmental or public service.

Applications are available by email at ecutsail.ubtowncouncil@msn.com

The application must be received at the address below by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2009. Applications may also be dropped off at the Union Bridge Town Office during business hours (8-4:30), or in the payment drop slot on or before May 16, 2009.

MML Scholarship Program

The Town of Union Bridge

Attn: Ellen Cutsail

104 West Locust Street

Union Bridge, MD 21791

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.

RESOLUTION #02-09 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 23, 2009.

This resolution is in regards to the franchise agreement between Maryland Midland Railway, Inc. and Lehigh Portland Cement Co. to use a railroad track on Farquhar St.; it states that the permission granted unto the franchisees under the Franchise agreement is forever terminated

BUDGET ORDINANCE #305-A

The FY09/10 budget passed on March 23, 2009. The budget for revenues and expenses is \$910,715; with the town tax rate to remain \$.30 per \$100 of Full Value Assessment of property in Union Bridge and the Personal Property Tax rate remain \$.75 per \$100 of assessed value.

FOUND: BIKE & SCOOTER
IDENTIFY TO CLAIM
AT THE TOWN HALL