



# UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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### Council Meeting

Apr 25, May 23 & Jun 27 – 7 p.m.

### Planning & Zoning Meeting

Apr 21, May 19 & Jun 16 - 6:30 p.m.

### Council Work Session

Apr 11, May 9 & Jun 16 - 6:30 p.m.

### Heritage Committee info, contact

Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or

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### Web Page

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[unionbr@carr.org](mailto:unionbr@carr.org)

### ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUG/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY  
JUNE 15, 2022

## OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday

Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day

Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Juneteenth

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Spring is here and a lot going on this year.

It is time to start your spring clean-ups. Go over your checklist to see what the trash truck will pick up.

Do not mow grass and let clippings go into the drains to help prevent flooding during heavy rains.

The fire company will have their carnival June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Town will have a parade on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. The route this year will begin at the Community Center, proceed down Locust Street, turn right onto Farquhar Street, turn left onto E. Broadway, across Main Street to Whyte Street and will end at the fire hall.

Maryland Municipal League Scholarship will offer monies to students who have been accepted into a college/university. Applicants must live in Carroll County. For more information, contact Council member Laura Conaway.

A calendar of events will be published with all the summer events.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,  
Mayor*

## GRANT & PROJECT UPDATES

### Program Open Space (POS) Grant - Community Center Tot Lot and Walkway Roof Upgrades

The Town has applied to Carroll County Recreation and

Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for funding to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot for some new equipment and to repair the walkway roof leading to the main entrance. We have received approval to move forward and will be seeking additional funding for the complete cost.

### Town Waste Water Treatment Plant and I&I Efforts

The Town is currently working to assess efforts and requirements for updating our wastewater treatment. Several options will be considered as we work with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to discover our needs and develop a plan to address any findings.

We are also working on a separate workstream to investigate and remediate any inflow & infiltration (I&I) concerns that may be found within our sewerage flows. More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

### 2022 Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) – Via Carroll County Various Town Water/Sewer Projects

The Town was recently contacted by the County Administrator asking for funding requests for eligible water/sewer projects. The County has available grant funding where they can possibly fund 50% for the projects. Union Bridge has submitted the following six projects for consideration:

1. Replacement of water meters.
2. Water main replacement on Thomas Street & bonnet valve bolt replacements.
3. Bar screen replacement & aeration swing diffuser replacement for the WWTP.
4. I&I field investigations and preliminary engineering report.
5. Internal plastic piping replacement in the WTP.
6. Water storage tank cleaning/investigation.

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

*Mike Reynolds,  
Circuit Rider/  
Zoning Administrator*

### **RESOLUTION 02-21**

On December 20, 2021, the Union Bridge Town Council passed a resolution to enlarge the corporate boundaries of the Town of Union Bridge by annexation of 69.340 acres of land, more or less.

### **RESOLUTION 03-21**

On December 20, 2021, the Union Bridge Town Council passed a resolution for an annexation settlement agreement with Citizens UB Solar.

### **RESOLUTION 04-21**

On December 20, 2021, the Union Bridge Town Council passed a resolution for pilot agreement – payment in lieu of taxes.

### **RESOLUTION 01-2022**

On March 17, 2022, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the FY23 Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years FY23 - FY28, introduced by the Union Bridge Planning Commission.

Changes are effective as of July 1, 2022.

## **DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE**

We held the First Annual New Year's Eve Celebration and it was a huge success, everyone had a great time and enjoyed the fireworks display, the magician, the live band, and the passports. We all work closely in this Town, just one more reason Union Bridge is the best! We are hoping to make this an annual event, but we need the community's support, as it is a very costly event. We will be holding numerous fundraisers to help with the expenses. Donations can be dropped off at the Union Bridge Gift Shop.

The Union Bridge Gift Shop is operated by Dream Big Union Bridge and continues to bring new customers into town and everyone loves the shop. If you haven't been there, you need to stop in. Hours: Thursday – Saturday 11-7 and Sunday 11-3.

We have recently partnered up with Linbeau's Hobos Grandparents Group, which was formed to help assist citizens 55 and older. They meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 at Linbeau's Railway Pub. Anyone is Welcome.

### **Upcoming Events:**



Annual Easter Egg Hunt – April 16th starting promptly @ 10:30 a.m. at the Union Bridge Community Center Playground. Ages 2-3, 4-6, 7-10. For more information call: 443-465-4366




Annual Rubber Duck Derby – May 21st with the 1st launch at 10:00 a.m. Ducks can be purchased at the Union Bridge Gift Shop (1) Lucky Duck \$5, (6) Quack Pack \$25, (15) Flying Flock \$50, depending on the number of ducks adopted we may hold 2-3 launches that day. We are also looking for Sponsors and the levels are as follows: Donald - \$250,

Daisy - \$150, Daffy - \$100, Lil Huey, Dewy & Louie - \$50. Deadline for sponsorship to be included in promotional material is 4/20/22. Checks can be made payable to Dream Big Union Bridge, 3 South Farquhar Street, Union Bridge MD 21791. We are planning some unique and special events that day to keep the crowd entertained. This year we will have Wood Carving Demonstrations, and various Games. We plan to have Craft Vendors set up on the walking trail, if anyone is interested or know of any Independent Consultants that would like to set up...please contact us. Space is \$20. For more information call Cheri 443-340-6305.



Annual Cookout & Movie

Night  – we will be partnering up with the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren for this event. More information to come.



Depot Day – we are currently working on bringing back the Depot Day event, anyone interested in helping with ideas or manpower with that event it would be greatly appreciated. Call 443-340-6305 for more information. Stay tuned for more information to come.



Dream Big Union Bridge Scholarship – we are doing a Scholarship this year and the application can be found on the Community Foundation of Carroll County website.

We are always looking and welcoming new volunteers, please feel free to attend our monthly meeting which is held the 1st Monday of every month at St. James Lutheran Church on Benedum Street, starting promptly at 6 p.m. Everyone is Welcome!!! FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



Dream Big Union Bridge

## **UNION BRIDGE FIRE COMPANY**

Silent Auction, Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Union Bridge Fire Company's Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations. Antiques, collectibles, handcrafted items, event tickets, "filled baskets", gift cards and new or gently used items are needed.

Our mini carnival will be from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment, rides and great food will be available. Come and support your local fire company. This past year, fire calls have increased by 26%, and ambulance calls by 36%.

The Silent Auction will be displayed inside the air-conditioned building. You can bid on items Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bidding closes – Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. This part of the carnival depends on community support. If you have items to donate, please call Karen at 410-775-7197, Trisha at 410-596-5303 or Audrey at 410-775-2047.

**[Check us out on Facebook.](#)**

### **Union Bridge Fire Company 2022 Events:**

- **April 8<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Aus. Gift Card Bingo – More info: 443-244-2820
- **April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Breakfast 7am – 11am
- **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Bingo Banquet – Reservations 443-789-3823
- **May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Mother's Day Breakfast – 7am – 11am
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Union Bridge Carnival – 5pm – 10pm
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Union Bridge Carnival – 5pm – 10pm
- **June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Union Bridge Carnival – 4pm – 10pm

[www.ubfc8.org](http://www.ubfc8.org)

## **WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**WHAT:** National Train Day 2022 Open House

**WHERE:** Western Maryland Railway Historical Society Museum Complex:

The Train Station at  
41 N. Main Street  
Union Bridge, MD 21791

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Open to all ages.**

**Free Admission**

Come out to this special Saturday open house to celebrate National Train Day and celebrate the joy of trains and train travel!

Come see the history of the Western Maryland Railway, both in Carroll County and the State of Maryland. The Museum collection is housed in a 120-year-old Railroad Station and office building.

See trains from full size-to small model trains of all sizes and scales.

Our own Carroll County based Maryland Midland Railroad will have a locomotive on display.

There will be displays of operating equipment (weather permitting) from the "Chesapeake & Allegheny Steam Preservation Society".

There will be a "Child ID" Program table setup. The ID Kit allows parents to collect specific information by easily recording the physical characteristics and finger prints of their children on identification cards that they keep at home. If ever needed, this ID Kit will give authorities vital information to help locate a missing child.

There will be a hot dog stand!

**PHONE:**

410-775-0150 Museum

410-857-4979 For Information

**EMAIL:** [Wmrhs1@verizon.net](mailto:Wmrhs1@verizon.net)

**WEB:**

<http://wetermarylandrhs.com/>

## **CARROLL COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK**

**When:** Sunday, April 24, 2022

**Where:** Union Bridge Church of the Brethren, 124 S. Main Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791

**Registration:** 1:30 p.m.

**Walk Begins:** 1:45 p.m.

**Local agencies receiving 25% of the proceeds:** Access Carroll,

Elmer Wolfe Food Pantry, Shepherd's Staff

**Visit:**

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/unionbridgemd>

**Donations accepted online!**

## **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

In your travels, have you ever encountered a homeless person? Did you know what to do? Did you acknowledge them or did you look the other way? Did you offer them money, food, clothing or a blanket? As homelessness in America is growing, according to 2017 statistics, there are approximately 553,742 individuals experiencing homelessness every night in the United States, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Right here, in Carroll County, there are homeless individuals living in shelters, encampments and their cars. I am part of the Homeless Outreach Team, which consists of representatives from the Human Services Programs and the Carroll County Health Department. At least twice a month, the Outreach Team and I attempt to locate homeless individuals throughout the county. Our mission is to offer them services in Carroll County to end their homelessness.

The Carroll County Human Services Program served 325 individuals through their Coordinated Entry program. Of those people, 231 were considered households which included 257 adults and 68 children. Out of those households, 45% of them transitioned to permanent housing and 21% of them entered increased income housing.

Individuals who enter the Coordinated Entry program are either currently homeless or will be within two weeks. The goal of the Coordinated Entry program is to work to get people housed or keep them housed. For those that cannot be housed, the participant then enters their shelter system. What about the participants who entered the Human Services Programs shelter system? The breakdown for those participants according to last year's statistics are the following:

- Family Shelter served 69 total participants: 29 adults and 40 children, 44% exited to permanent housing.
- Adult Only Shelter served 119 total participants: 79 men and 40 women, 56% exited to permanent housing.
- Night-by-Night Shelter served 89 participants, 5% exited to permanent housing, 37% transitioned into Adult Shelter.
- Temporary COVID-19 Shelter, operating from November 3rd to March 31st, served 100 participants, 8% exited to permanent housing, 36% transitioned into permanent HSP shelters.
- The temporary shelter opened has also served as a Day Center for our street homeless, providing access to meals, showers, laundry, and case management services, 166 participants served.
- Services provided safe, stable on-going support for 271 unique participants, 224 households.

**Helpful tips for when you meet a homeless person.**

1. Listen to your personal instincts. You should always put your safety first. If you feel uncomfortable in a particular situation, then don't feel guilty for not **engaging them**.
2. Remember that these individuals are people. Yes, that may sound crazy but remembering that the individual is human is important. Try to engage them in conversation by making small talk,

as this may remind them that they are worthwhile and can radically brighten up their mood.

3. Take a moment for personal stories. People experiencing homelessness may have little social contact. If they are willing, ask them to share some part about their lives. This may take a few minutes out of your day, but it can greatly assist in improving their mental health. Just remember that it's important not to ask too many personal questions.

4. Don't be afraid to offer them assistance by offering them food, water, personal hygiene products, clothes or spare change. Purchasing requested products could relieve their anxiety. However never provide them with a ride or offer them a place to stay since these types of services already do exist.

5. Carry along items to hand out to people. These items could include snacks, hand warmers, hand sanitizer, or bottles of water. It is important to ask the individual if they want the item and if they decline the offer, respect their decision.

6. Avoid offering unsolicited advice. People may offer individuals experiencing homelessness advice they think is helpful, such as pointers about who is hiring or how individuals could make themselves more attractive to employers. Many people experiencing homelessness who are on the street are likely dealing with several hurdles, such as finding safe and reliable shelter before they can even think about employment. If, however, during conversation, a person experiencing homelessness mentions looking for employment, then it would be appropriate to suggest local job-readiness organizations and other resources. Pointing these individuals toward long-term support goes a lot further than offering piecemeal advice, even if well-intentioned.

If you know someone that is currently homeless or about to

become homeless, please feel free to contact the Human Services Programs or me for assistance. If you would like to know more about the Human Services Programs, please check out to their website at <https://hspinc.org/>.

As always, stay safe out there and be kind to one another.

*Master Deputy  
Brian Colussy,  
Carroll County  
Sheriff's Office*

**HUGHES TRASH HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE**

Memorial Day holiday week trash & recycling will be picked up one (1) day behind which is Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Please put your trash out the night before.

**WATER/SEWER BILLING SCHEDULE**

For your convenience, we are providing the quarterly billing schedule for residents who are connected to the Town systems.

| Usage Months | Month Billed | Due Date |
|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Jan/Feb/Mar  | April        | May 15   |
| Apr/May/Jun  | July         | Aug 15   |
| Jul/Aug/Sep  | Oct          | Nov 15   |
| Oct/Nov/Dec  | Jan          | Feb 15   |

Note that if you do not receive a bill before the end of the billing month, please contact the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to request a copy prior to the due date.

Also note that if your payment is mailed and it is not received by the Town Office by the due date, you will be assessed a late fee. Please ensure you allow sufficient time in the event of delays with mail delivery.

**PROTECTING CARROLL COUNTY WATERS**

Stormwater in Union Bridge is regulated by law under Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits under EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) administered through the Maryland

Department of the Environment.  
For more information go to:  
<http://ccgovernent.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>

**WHAT YOU CAN DO!**  
**TIPS TO STORMWATER**  
**POLLUTION PREVENTION**

**Spring/Summer/Fall**

Direct your downspout rain gutter discharge to your yard area to infiltrate into soil. Consider a raingarden in your landscape. Redirecting the discharge away from foot or road traffic areas can reduce the need for deicer.

**WATER CONSERVATION**  
**OUTDOOR TIPS**

1. Water your yard and outdoor plants early or late in the day to reduce evaporation.
2. Mulch around plants to hold water in the soil.
3. Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose.
4. Use plants that require less water.
5. Use a broom, not a hose to clean driveways and walkways.
6. Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended. A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours.
7. Collect rainwater to reuse in the garden whenever possible.
8. Use leftover water from cooking pasta or vegetables to water indoor/outdoor plants.
9. Limit car washing or visit a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. Keep outside faucets in good repair.

**YARD WASTE PICKUP**

Will begin in April. Bags for yard waste must be purchased at Town Hall for \$1.25 each. This charge helps to defray the cost of the pickup.

**GRASS & WEEDS**

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 further duty of maintaining, such premises free of noxious weeds and dense under brush.

**PET OWNERS**

The Town is getting calls about residents not picking up after their pets. Please consider those who come after you on your walk. Put yourself in their shoes – literally. Please be a good neighbor and pick up your animal droppings. Union Bridge Code, Chapter 10, the owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal(s) on public property, including sidewalks, recreation areas or on private property.

**IMPORTANT**

**If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 401-775-2711.**

**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 CALL**

**AMY KALIN**

**1-410-775-0687**

**THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

IS AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS, PARTIES AND REUNIONS. CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT 410-775-2711 TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING THE CENTER FOR YOUR FUNCTION.





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## Carroll County Government and Veterans Advisory Council

welcome Veterans, Military, their families, and all Carroll Countians to the:

**FREE  
PARKING!**

# Inaugural **Carroll County Veterans Celebration**

**Sunday, May 15, 2022  
Noon – 4 PM**

Carroll County Farm Museum  
500 S. Center Street, Westminster, MD

Entertainment ✦ Children's Activities ✦ Great Food  
✦ Military Equipment Display ✦ Carroll County  
Veterans Military Exhibit ✦ Artisans ✦ Craft Vendors  
and more!!!

*Veteran Service Organizations on site too!*

**Come and join us as Carroll County thanks our  
Veterans and their families for their service!**

**Enjoy the camaraderie of other Veterans  
and Active Military!**

[www.carrollcountymd.gov/veteranscelebration](http://www.carrollcountymd.gov/veteranscelebration)

For venue-related inquiries,  
call 800-654-4645.

For Veteran-related inquiries,  
call 410-386-3800.

**FREE  
ADMISSION!**

