

UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Council Meetings Sep 28 & Oct 26 – 7 pm.
- Planning & Zoning Meetings Sep 17 & Oct 15 – 6:30 pm.
- Council Work Sessions Sep 14 & Oct 19 – 6:30 pm.
- Heritage Committee information, contact Jim Rowe 410-775-9939 or buttersburg@verizon.net
- Town Office will be CLOSED:
 - Sept 7th (Labor Day)
 - Oct 15th (Columbus Day)
- Articles for the November/December Newsletter are DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE October 15, 2015

website www.carr.org/~unionbr email unionbr@carr.org

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Once again summer is a great time of year. Families spend a lot of time in their back yards and swimming pools, but it is also the time of year when people get a close look at their neighbors' yards. You see lawns not mowed, vehicles with no tags and then the town becomes swamped with complaints. When complaints come in we must go out and verify the complaint and then send out letters concerning the violation. This is a long process for the Clerk. Her time spent out of the office verifying complaint, sending out certified letters, then out again to see if violation has been corrected is costly. This is your tax dollar. And don't forget that if you don't correct the violation, the courts get involved and that means the town's attorney is involved. This all takes time and money. We don't go looking for violations. Complaints mostly come from your neighbors. Once the letters are sent out, tattlers come out. Most violations letters are complaint driven, and is not a fun time in the town office.

The computer lab at the Community Center has been great for people that do not have computers at home. You can use them to apply for jobs and children can do their homework. However misuse of the building may end it all.

Watch for a new business coming to town. Terry's Tag and Title will be located at 52 N. Main Street. They are talking about having evening hours. What a blessing not having to go to the DMV.

Save the date: October 8, 2015. The town will be hosting a Drug Awareness Expo at the Fire Company Hall, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Law Enforcement, State's Attorney Office, Health Department and lots of speakers will be there. Come out and find out what may be in your home that you are not aware of. These Expo's have been an eye opener all over the state, and county. Please come out and share the evening with some great people.

Perry L. Jones, Jr., Mayor

GRANT PROJECTS UPDATE

Wetlands Park Trail Extension

The Town of Union Bridge has applied for grant funding to complete our looped trail system at the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands Park. This project will extend the length of the Little Pipe Creek Wetlands hiking and fitness trail an additional 1,100 feet (approximately). The town has applied for the Maryland Department of Natural Resource's Program Open

Space, Community Parks and Playgrounds Programs, as well as the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Programs. If approved, the town will begin work this fall.

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 the surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are 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.

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. See our website: www.gowcrc.com or like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gowcrc>

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 FIRE COMPANY

Monthly Cash Bingo -- second Monday of every month

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Games begin at 7:00 pm

5 Early Bird Games

BIGGER PAYOUTS

20 Regular Games, 3 Specials, 2 Split the Pots, and Jackpot

Jar & Pull Tab Tickets

Food will be available for purchase.

Any questions call: 410-775-7891

If snow emergency plan is in effect, event will be cancelled.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Union Bridge Business Association is an organization made up of business owners in and around Union Bridge with the sole purpose of helping one another grow their business. We meet once a month to get to know one another and what products and/or services are provided. If you have a special event coming up, as a UBBA member, other members can help you get the word out. MMA Auctions who holds an auction every month here in Union Bridge, and Vintage Restorations is having their Annual Open House on September 19, 2015. We also have a new business coming to Union Bridge, Terry's Tag & Title sometime around Sept./Oct. with evening hours. We're going to be helping The Town of Union Bridge with their Drug Awareness Expo on October 8, 2015. We have the [UBBA website](#) and facebook that can also help. These are just a few examples of how UBBA is helping all businesses grow and increase their business. So drop in and pay us a visit, we meet the third Tuesday every month at the Union Bridge Town Hall from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there. Here is my cell number if you have any questions 301-639-5752.

Thank you, Larry Ketron

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.

LEAF PICKUP

The town will again offer leaf pickup. Please call the Town Hall to schedule a pickup October through December.

WINTER MONTHS

Remember, that the winter months will soon be upon us. Be sure to drain all outdoor water hoses and temporary water lines. Check all outdoor faucets to make sure they are turned off and are not leaking.

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.

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 1-410-775-0687

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

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 Also, upon request, paper copies may be picked up at the Town Hall (410-775-2711) or at any local business.

DRUG AWARENESS EXPO

October 8, 2015 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Union Bridge Fire Co.

For more information call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31, 2015

6:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Please turn your porch light on if you wish to participate.

UNION BRIDGE 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.

PLEASE RECYCLE

*IT'S STATE LAW.

*IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SMART.

*IT SAVES THE TOWN MONEY (YOUR TAXES).

*THE MORE YOU RECYCLE THE LESS TRASH YOU PUT INTO LANDFILLS.