



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Jul 23, Aug 27 & Sep 24 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Jul 19, Aug 16 & Sep 20 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Jul 9, Aug 13 & Sep 10 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

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ARTICLES FOR THE
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
NEWSLETTER
ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
September 15, 2018

OFFICE CLOSED

July 4th, 2018
Independence Day
&
September 3rd, 2018
Labor Day

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The Maryland Municipal League held their summer conference in Ocean City, Maryland June 10-13, 2018. That just happened to be the same week as "Senior Week" for many high school graduates.

A few new things at the ocean this year. On Sunday night police got wind of a house party. 94 young people were hauled into the police station for underage drinking. Sound like fun? Not so much... The parents of the children must come to the ocean, get their child out of jail and then come back for the hearing in court.

Also, speeding tickets have been increased. \$1,000.00 for speeding on the main streets, so your trip to Ocean City could be very costly. Beware.

Combatting opioids was a major topic to all at the conference. Sixty-four thousand people died in the United States in 2016 due to drug overdoses. Totals are not in for 2017 yet. In the state of Maryland, there are 45 drug overdoses per day on average.

The military banner program is going great. We will keep accepting banners year round.

Finally, if you are interested in buying fresh fruit and vegetables, please stop by Lucy's Little Red Wagon located at 50 N. Main Street. Hours are Friday from 3pm to 6pm; Saturday from 9am to 1pm and Sunday from 10am to 1pm.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

GRANT PROJECT UPDATE Inflow & Infiltration Engineering Feasibility Study

The Town has been awarded a SEARCH grant from the USDA to fund an engineering study to find recommendations for inflow and infiltration (I&I) mitigation in the Town. This will increase the Town's waste water treatment plant (WWTP) capacity and allow for growth in our community. This project is currently in progress and, when complete, will identify how much inflow we are receiving and will conclude with our engineering firm recommending next steps in the fall of this year.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town has worked with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to submit an application for funding a new Town emergency generator to keep our water treatment plant and Town Office running in the event of a power failure. Unfortunately, the Town was not awarded funding for this project at this time. We will continue to submit an application until awarded.

POS Grant for Community Center Upgrades

This project has been approved and the Town is working to receive bids and contract the work to be completed between November 2018 – January 2019.

Town Traffic Signs

Based on research from Master Deputy Colussy, there are many areas in Town that need to have traffic control and street signs added to allow better enforcement

of traffic laws. A grant application was submitted to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) on February 28th, 2018 to allow for funding of this project. We are currently awaiting a decision from MDOT.

Community Parks and Playgrounds Grant for Tennis Courts

The Town has submitted an application to the MD Department of Natural Resources for a grant to resurface the Town's tennis courts and install new lighting as well as add the ability to play pickle ball, which is becoming a very popular sport. Unfortunately, the Town was not awarded funding for this project at this time. We will continue to submit an application until awarded.

MDE Grant for Correlating Logging Equipment

Grant application was submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment to obtain equipment to help identify leaks in the Town's water system. A decision should be made and communicated from MDE by the end of June 2018.

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

*Mike Reynolds,
Circuit Rider*

WEST CARROLL REC

West Carroll serves Union Bridge, New Windsor, Taneytown and 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. 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. Thank you.

*Penny Rockwood,
Community Coordinator*

Help Wanted

Part time Parking Enforcement Person for the Town of Union Bridge. Apply in person at the Union Bridge Town Hall located at 104 W. Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

Purpose – Improve Union Bridge

Mission Statement – Create activities to bring neighbors and businesses together to bond and come together to beautify & improve Union Bridge.

Please like us on Facebook, Donations can be made on our Facebook Page.

Completed Projects

Bingo Night: Baskets, Bags & More – Held on Saturday, April 28th @ Springdale Preparatory School-Zigler Hall in New Windsor. Event was a great success.

Dream Big Union Bridge 1st Annual DUCK DERBY – Was held on **May 5, 2018**. We sold out of Ducks to be adopted and raised a little over \$2,000. Everyone had a great time and the 5 Winners took home Insulated Lunch Totes filled with \$160 worth of gift certificates. Everyone loved the big Inflated Yellow Duck that was provided by Leslie's Pools. Next year's plans are under way and we will be doubling the amount of Plastic Ducks to be adopted. We are also planning other events to take place that day as well. Watch for upcoming details. If you'd like to be involved or help with the day's events please contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305. (We will be working on this event all year, starting immediately) Come be part of the fun and excitement!

Parade Participation – We participated in both the Union

Bridge & New Windsor Fireman's parades proudly riding in our float dressed in our DBUB Tee Shirts. We won 1st place in the "BEST APPEARING CIVIC GROUP" in the Union Bridge parade.

Welcome Town Banners –

The "Welcome to Union Bridge Banners" are in and will be presented to the Town Council at the June 25th council meeting and they will be put up soon. We also purchased the brackets to hang both the veteran's & town banners.

Upcoming Projects

One-Year Anniversary – On June 19, 2018 we will celebrate our 1st anniversary.

Website – We are currently working on getting our website up and running

www.dreambigunionbridge.org

Cook Out & Anniversary Celebration – Monday, July 23rd we will be hosting a cook out to celebrate all of our past year's accomplishments. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be games and prizes. We are asking that everyone please R.S.V.P. by 7/14/18 (We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone attending). Please call 443-340-6305 or 301-467-8820 to reserve. Please include your name and number of people attending. Cook out will be at 1 South Main Street (side yard) corner of Broadway & Main Streets.

Tee Shirts – We have Dream Big Union Bridge tee shirts for sale \$10 each. Call 443-340-6305.

Need help with a project, or assistance please feel free to contact us...we are here to help! Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our meetings/fund-raisers/events. For more information, please contact Cheri Thompson 443-340-6305 ravent16@yahoo.com. We would love to meet and get to know you!!!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

July 2, August 6, September 10 (because of holiday) 2018. Meetings start promptly at 6:00 p.m. St. James Lutheran Church

in the rear. 14 S. Benedum Street,
Union Bridge.

**Please check the kiosk
located at the square for
upcoming events!!!**

*Cheri Thompson,
Dream Big Union Bridge*

UNION BRIDGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Summer has arrived! Spring was a bit difficult with all the rain, but at least it didn't affect the carnival too much. And walking in the parade representing the Association was fun!

Union Bridge Fun Day (Dog Walk and Duck Derby) on May 5 was affected a bit by the weather but still turned out to be a nice event. I have heard good things from folks who attended. I want to thank the Dream Team for making the Duck Walk a huge success. And it turns out my granddaughter won the prize for the Dog Walk. Thank you to Terry Smack for putting together a wonderful prize. And thank you to the "butterfly lady" for sharing your knowledge. Greatly appreciated. We will be working with the Railroad for next year's Fun Day and will have it the same day they have their event in May 2019. Keep watching for announcements and dates.

Have you seen the Military Banners? Aren't they wonderful? The Business Association has agreed to work with the town office to help collect and process the applications as well as getting them printed and delivered. We chose to do this in order to not put more work on the town office folks. If you are interested in getting one for a member of your family who is a veteran, let us know and we will make sure you get an application. It truly is a great way to honor our veterans.

Want people to know more about your business? The mission of the Union Bridge Business Association is "for business professionals to meet once a month, get to know one another, what products and/or services they provide, and to help

everyone's business grow". The organization works together to provide an opportunity to enable all area businesses to promote and strengthen each other and to work to support local events. One thing we're doing every few months is host an After Hours Social. This allows us to get to know each other in a social setting. We hold these at one of our member's place of business. That way folks get to know you and your business too! If you would be interested in hosting one, please let me know.

In an attempt to help you get to know the members of the organization, we feature one in each issue. This month we are featuring Barbara Garst from Woodsboro Bank.

"My name is Barb Garst. I'm an Assistant Vice President at Woodsboro Bank and manage our main office in Woodsboro, Maryland. I've worked at the bank for 33 years! Throughout my years at the bank I have worked in bookkeeping and the branches. I truly love the interactions with our clients and my colleagues. Woodsboro Bank is a local community Bank that is community devoted and client focused. I'm a new member of the Union Bridge Business Association. I've enjoyed meeting the businesses and community of Union Bridge! I've lived in the area my entire life (just minutes from Union Bridge) and graduated from Linganore High School. My husband and I recently retired from dairy farming. We have two grown children and two amazing grandchildren. I'm looking forward to meeting many more residents of the surrounding Union Bridge area!"

Well, that's all for now. The Union Bridge Business Association meets monthly at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday in the Union Bridge Town Hall, unless a Networking Event or After Hours Social is planned. For more information, e-mail our President, Judy Baxter at judybaxter5@comcast.net. Come join us!

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2018 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

For the weeks of Independence Day and Labor Day, trash pickup will be one day behind so please place your trash out for Thursday pick-up instead of Wednesday.

Resolution 02-18

On March 26, 2018, the Union Bridge Town Council approved to amend the Town Water User Rate to \$40.00 for the quarterly minimum charge and \$6.02 per 1,000 gallons. Changes are effective as of July 1, 2018.

Resolution 03-2018

On March 26, 2018, the Union Bridge Town Council approved to amend the Town Sewer User Rate to \$45.00 for the quarterly minimum charge and \$4.37 per 1,000 gallons. Changes are effective as of July 1, 2018.

Budget Ordinance 314-B

On March 26, 2018, the Union Bridge Town Council approved Budget Ordinance 314-B for FY18/19, with expenditures and revenues of \$1,031,117.00. The town tax rate shall remain \$.35 per \$100.00 of full value assessment of property in The Town of Union Bridge and the town personal property tax rate shall remain \$.75 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

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.

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://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/npdes/>.

Yard Waste Pickup

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.

Consumer Confidence Report

The 2017 annual Water Quality Report was mailed out on June 7, 2018. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

You can view the report on the town's website or can pick up a copy up at the Town Hall.

IMPORTANT

If anyone notices anyone stealing water from hydrants or any unauthorized appropriation of water, please call the Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

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

NOTE: The Community center will be undergoing facility upgrades from November 2018 - January 2019 and will be unavailable for scheduling during this time.

SAVE THE DATE! DRUG AWARENESS EXPO

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Time TBA

Union Bridge Fire Hall

For more information contact Town Hall at 410-775-2711.

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July & Labor Day!!!

