



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting

Jan 28, Feb 25 & Mar 25 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Jan 17, Feb 21 & Mar 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session

Jan 14, Feb 11 & Mar 11 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

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ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL/MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
MARCH 15, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED

New Year's Day

January 1, 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 24, 2019

President's Day

February 18, 2019

**Note: Daylight Savings Begins
on March 10th 2019**

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Talk about bad luck. Seven times from the middle of July until December 16th, North Main Street/Route 75 has been closed for hours due to high water. Some might say "Why close the road? I have a big truck or four-wheel drive?" The reality is that three inches of water could cause a car or truck to float. Water crossing that area is very swift. And who's to say that the road bed may not be washed out under a foot of water? This year, we have seen record rainfall. Please bear with us. The Town sets out "Road Closed" signs within Town limits, but we have no authority to go outside of Town and put signs on Route 75. I am sorry for the inconvenience of having to travel to Town and then having to turn around and go back down the road.

The Banner Program to honor our veterans has been great. Banners can still be ordered because they will go back up in May to honor Memorial Day and November for Veteran's Day. We may have to use all of Main and go to Broadway with the banners. I am very proud of all of those who have served. Take the time to walk the streets and see all the men and women who served and when you see them, thank them for their service, and also for our freedom.

When riding around Town and you see the Union Bridge Fire Company cutting up cars or trucks, stop and watch. The Fire Co. has one of the best heavy-duty rescue

squads in the county. Not just the best equipment, but also the people trained to use it. When you see old cars and trucks sitting on their lot, they are to be used for training.

Please remember when shoveling snow, to not cover fire hydrants. Shovel out hydrants and try to keep storm drains open. A hydrant covered with snow could freeze to the caps and be put out of service.

By the time this newsletter gets out, it will be 2019 so I would like to say "Happy New Year" to all.

*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.

The study has concluded and we have found the areas to concentrate on for more studies to determine the type of repair or reconstruction needed. More to come on this project as it develops.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for Emergency Generator

The Town applied for funding from FEMA to install an emergency generator to run the

Water Treatment Plant and Town Office in the event of an emergency and is actively working with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to be awarded the funds and to implement the project.

POS Grant for Community Center Upgrades

Work is currently underway on interior improvements to include insulation, new doors and windows to improve the appearance of the Community Center and make the facility more energy efficient. This work is being done in large part, from a grant received from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and funds from Carroll County, as well as a Town contribution. Target for completion is currently early to mid-January.

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. After being turned down from the Maryland Department of Transportation earlier this year, we have submitted another application from State Farm Insurance for funding of this project. In the new application, we have also requested a new, digital traffic speed sign and yearly subscription for the Town. We are currently awaiting a decision from State Farm.

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

Happy New Year to all!
*Mike Reynolds,
Circuit Rider*

Union Bridge Business Association

Wow, 2018 is over and 2019 is beginning. Are you ready for the new year? Still trying to figure out how to make changes? Let me suggest that one thing you add is

membership in the Union Bridge Business Association. All businesses are welcome. We attempt to work at helping people do business in Union Bridge and, at the same time, be a benefit for the Town. One amazing benefit of membership is that the organization is a member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. By being a member of UBBA, you get the benefit that membership offers without having to pay the full Chamber membership price. A wonderful benefit to all of our members. If you have a business, with or without a storefront, consider joining us.

Our next "After Hours" will be held on January 15 from 4-6 p.m. Terry Smack of Terry's Tag and Title will be the host but we are not sure if it will be held at her establishment or in the Town Office. Check with local businesses closer to the date. These are great events to get to know the businesses in a relaxed setting. Any member can be the host. Think about joining us.

Hasn't it been great to see all of the military banners in Town? They have been taken down and stored for the winter. If you know a veteran and they don't have a banner yet, see they get one ordered before May. Applications can be obtained at several locations in Town or contact the Union Bridge Business Association and we'll see that you receive one.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting was amazing. Just hearing the 5th graders sing Christmas carols is always nice. We had 60 bags of goodies for the children and every one of them was taken. They enjoyed the hot chocolate too! A very nice event.

Union Bridge Fun Day with our Dog Walk/Duck Derby will be held the same day as the Railroad holds its annual event. Watch for more details coming. We've even discussed having a Dog Swim. Let me know if that sounds good to you.

We are working on developing another "Networking Event" shortly after the first of the year. The last one was very successful and folks are asking for another. It gives members a way to advertise their companies and the citizens a chance to talk to them and see products. If you would have any interest in having a spot at the Networking Event, please let me know.

In an attempt to help you get to know the members of the organization, we feature one in each newsletter. This month features Stambaugh's Incorporated.

"Stambaugh's Incorporated celebrated its 45th year of business this year! Originally founded by Charlie Stambaugh in 1973, Stambaugh's Inc. started out with one rubber-tired backhoe and eventually grew to be an excavating, paving, utilities and Redi-Mix concrete company with 100+ employees. When the economy declined, Stambaugh's Inc. downsized, but continued to provide exceptional service to its customers. Stambaugh's Inc. provides a number of services including the installation of underground utilities, sewers and storm drains as well as excavation and sediment control. Stambaugh's can deliver a variety of stone and offers its own recycled concrete. Stambaugh's Redi-Mix plant offers a variety of concrete mixes perfect for any job, delivered with our Front Discharge Mixer Trucks.

Since Charlie's passing in September 2017, his son Ryan has taken over the role of President after working for the company for thirty years. Stambaugh's has always had an active role in the Union Bridge community, which has been home to the Stambaugh family for generations."

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. If you know of someone who owns a business, even a home-based business, let them know about the Union Bridge Business Association. We meet monthly on the third Tuesday, at 7:30 a.m. in the Union Bridge Town Hall, unless a Networking Event or After Hours Social is planned. For more information, email our president, Judy Baxter, at judybaxter5@comcast.net. Come join us!

DREAM BIG UNION BRIDGE

Dream Big Union Bridge wishes everyone a wonderful New Year. Please watch our FB page.

Our next big event is Friday evening, February 15th, 2019 at St. James Lutheran Church on Benedum St. @ 6pm. We're going to shake off the winter blues!

HUGHES TRASH REMOVAL 2019 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

New Year's Day week trash will be picked up one day behind which is Thursday, January 3rd, 2019. Please put out your trash the night before.

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

WATER CONSERVATION INDOOR TIPS

1. **Scrape instead of pre-rinsing.** Save yourself up to 20 gallons of water by scraping food off your dishes instead of pre-rinsing them.
2. **Install high efficiency aerators.** Installing an aerator on your bathroom or kitchen faucet and save about one gallon per minute each time you run them. An aerator reduces the flow from the faucet, and uses air to maintain good water pressure.
3. **Wash only full loads.** Clothes & dish washers use about the same amount of energy and water regardless of the number of clothes or dishes inside, so run full loads whenever possible.
4. **Let your dishwasher do the work.** The average dishwasher uses about ten gallons or less per load. Many kitchen faucets use the same amount of water by running for just four minutes.
5. **Use the microwave,** a bowl of water, or place frozen food in fridge overnight instead of running the tap to thaw it out. You'll save about two gallons of water for each minute the faucet does not run.
6. **Replace older toilets** with a WaterSense labeled high efficiency toilet. Older toilets can use up to four times more water per flush.
7. **Regularly check for & repair water leaks.** Even small leaks can waste hundreds to thousands of gallons of water a month. Many water leaks can be fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber, and repair parts are relatively inexpensive to purchase (\$5-20).
8. **Take shorter showers.** Each minute you shave off your shower time saves up to 2.5 gallons of water.
9. **Select an Energy Star-approved appliances.** They use 15-20 less gallons of water

per load, and you will see savings on your energy costs too.

10. **Know where your master shutoff valve is located.** This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

WINTER SEASON REMINDERS

UNION BRIDGE CODE CHAPTER 130, SEC.4 (B2)

Owners or occupants of premises fronting on any street with paved sidewalks shall remove any snow or ice from the travelled portions of the sidewalk, to a width of at least 30", within 24 hours after snow or ice ceases to fall.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

Please be advised that Maryland Transportation Article 21-1119 authorizes law enforcement officers to ticket and tow vehicles parked in snow emergency routes when a snow emergency is declared. Violators of this transportation article could be fined \$70. Violators will also be responsible for the tow bill, if the vehicle is towed.

When a snow emergency is declared by the State Highway Administration, the Town of Union Bridge will post the declaration on the Town's website. Please remember to stay educated during snow events. Whenever you hear the weatherman call for snow, play it safe and just remove your vehicle from the street so you are not burdened later with cost associated with violations.

WINTER MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF PATTERN SIDEWALKS

1. Sand or kitty litter may be used for traction.
2. Snow removal equipment should have a rubber edged blade.

3. We do not recommend the use of salt or snow melting product containing sodium chloride. In event that these products must be used, wash any residue from the concrete surface.
4. Avoid the use of ice picks or anything that may chip or damage the concrete surface.

SNOW

Main Street is a snow emergency route, **NO PARKING** is allowed when the snow emergency plan is in effect.

NO PARKING

On East Broadway from Lightner Street up to Bellevue and on Thomas Street when the emergency plan is in effect.

SNOW MAINTENANCE AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS

If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please keep it clear of snow so the Fire Department can quickly access it during an emergency.

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

Available for Weddings, Parties & Reunions. Call the Town Office at 410-775-2711 to inquire about renting the center for your function.

PUBLIC NOTICE **TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE:**

MAYOR AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION: TOWN HALL 104 WEST LOCUST STREET

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT TOWN ELECTIONS:

Voter Registration: It is necessary to be registered in order to vote in Town elections. If you are already registered with the County to vote in County, State and Federal elections, you are automatically registered to vote in Town elections. If you wish to vote in only the Town election, you may register at the Town Hall during regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Registration will close on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Qualification of voters:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before Election Day.
3. You must have resided within the corporate limits at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.
4. You must be registered to vote.

Qualification of Candidates for Mayor and Council:

1. You must have resided within the corporate limits for at least one (1) year.

2. You must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. You must be a qualified voter of the Town.

Terms of office are for four (4) years

A candidate for office must file a "Certificate of Nomination" with the Town Clerk, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please call the Town Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at 410-775-2711.

DRIVING 101

This Driving 101 lesson is brought you by those white rectangular shaped regulatory signs that have black borders and numbers on them. These signs are normally at the start of roadways or communities where they provide the maximum posted speed limit for that stretch of roadway. These speed limits are adopted after the State Highway Administration determines the safest speed for that area. Most reasons are based on the following:

*Pedestrian Traffic
School Zones
Neighborhoods
Business Districts
Design of Roadways*

Excessive speed is one of the most common contributing factors of vehicle crashes. Excessive speed does not save time and often leads to high-risk decision-making. Excessive vehicle speed has severe and often times disastrous effects because it:

- Reduces the ability to negotiate curves or maneuver around obstacles in the roadway.
- Extends the distance necessary for a vehicle to stop.

- Decreases the driver's ability to realize and react to a hazard or dangerous situation.
- Increases the risk of crashes because other roadway users and pedestrians may not be able to judge distance accurately.
- Increases the force and impact in a crash, which more likely results in serious bodily injuries and deaths.

According to the 2016 statistics from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), it was reported that speed-related crashes resulted in 10,428 deaths across the country. According to the report provided by the NHTSA, that number increased by 4% from the previous year (2015). The report also showed that speed related crashes were the third largest in crash fatalities amongst the motoring public across the nation.

In order to make our roadways safe for everyone, law enforcement officers across the nation are cracking down on drivers who violate the speed limit. In Maryland you can expect the following:



Exceeding the posted speed limit by:

Speed Limit	Speed Violation	Fine	Point(s)
Any	1 to 9	\$80	1
Any	10 to 19	\$90	2
Any	20 to 29	\$160	2
Any	30 to 39	\$290	5
Any	40 and over	\$530	5
65 or 70	10 to 19	\$160	2
60 or 70	20 to 29	\$290	5

Work Zone Speed Violations:

Speed Violation	Fine	Point(s)
1 to 9	\$290	1
10 to 19	\$300	2
20 to 29	\$370	2
30 to 39	\$500	5
40 and over	\$740	5

School zone speed violations when either marked with flashing warning lights or signs stating "Fines Doubled":

Speed Violation	Fine	Point(s)
1 to 9	\$120	1
10 to 19	\$140	2
20 to 29	\$270	2
30 to 39	\$540	5
40 and over	\$1,000	5

As always, drive safely and please slow down.

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



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