



UNION BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

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Council Meeting:

Jan 27, Feb 24 & Mar 24 – 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting:

Jan 16, Feb 20 & Mar 20 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Work Session:

Jan 13, Feb 10 & Mar 10 - 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Committee info, contact

Jim Rowe - President: 410-775-2901 or
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ARE DUE IN THE TOWN OFFICE BY
MARCH 15, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
January 20th

President's Day
February 17th

**Note: Daylight Savings begins
on March 9th 2025.**

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

First of all, I would like to thank Dream Big, and all their volunteers, for the Christmas tree and program this year at the park. Also, thanks to Laura Conaway for organizing the Food Drive in December for the Food Pantry and Santa Claus with hot chocolate and candy canes in the square. Finally, thank you to the Union Bridge Fire Company for the Santa visits in Town and nearby areas in December.

Special thanks to Steve Stambaugh and Donald Wilson for all the great work along the trail this past summer and fall. This spring we are hoping for the trout release again. Then the milkweed will be growing. This spring there will be a charcoal grill put near the bench area as well as some new benches. These items were donated.

We will be accepting any and all donations for the walking trail. Be on the lookout for the spring trout season.

*Perry L. Jones, Jr.,
Mayor*

GRANTS & PROJECTS UPDATE

Water Service Line Inventory

As many residents know, the Town has been conducting a required identification and inventory of water service lines to identify and remediate any lead and galvanized (requiring

replacement) service lines. Step one was to send out letters to all residents and update an inventory spreadsheet and share with MDE. Our next step is to apply for funding to identify the service lines from the water line to the meter pit and to each residence. This is under way with an application due by the end of January. More information will be communicated as we progress.

Town On-Call Engineer

The Town has selected two engineering firms as our "On-Call" engineering firm. GHD and ALL4Him Environmental, LLC have been selected via an RFP and evaluation process, and the Town Council has voted to approve both firms.

Community Center Tot Lot

The Town has been granted funding from Carroll County Recreation and Parks and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to the Community Center tot lot for some new equipment/safety surface. As the original funding is less than the total amount required, we have been awarded the remaining funds through the Maryland DNR's Community Parks and Playground grant. We will be preparing the RFP and proceeding with this project within this next quarter.

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. The Town has applied for and received a grant to fund the study. The Town has been granted \$5,000,000.00 from the State of Maryland to assist with the improvements once a project plan has been determined. The Town's engineering firm has completed the draft of the study and are working with MDE to complete and move forward with the next phase.

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. We have engaged our engineering firm to move forward with the investigations with the CCTV screening and smoke testing is completed.

More information will be provided on both workstreams as they develop.

2022 Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds (FRF) – Via Carroll County Thomas Street Water Line Repairs & Valve Bolt Replacement

The County approved funding of a project to replace the water main on Thomas Street and bonnet valve bolt replacements. Carroll County is contributing \$157,606.00 towards the project, which will end up costing approximately \$515,000.00 when completed. Both projects have had the construction completed and the projects are closed out and the Town has been reimbursed by Carroll County for their grant funded portion.

Track Loader with Mowing Attachment

We have applied for a grant through the USDA to purchase a track loader with mowing attachment to be able to mow areas around town where access

is currently an issue for our existing equipment. The grant will cover \$50,000.00 of the expected total cost of \$80,000.00. It is worth noting that we have applied for this grant previously and have been awarded funds to purchase our dump truck and work truck. We have been awarded this funding, purchased the equipment and are working with the USDA to finalize the grant closeout.

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

*Mike Reynolds
Circuit Rider & Zoning
Administrator*

WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL NEWS

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 pm at the New Windsor Community Meeting Room.

Visit our website:
www.gowcrc.com

Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/goWCRC>

For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506 or prockwood1@verizon.net.

RESOLUTION 02-2024

On September 23, 2024, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the adoption of this Resolution to Amend Town Charter Concerning Residency Requirements of the Council.

RESOLUTION 03-2024

On September 23, 2024, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the adoption of this Resolution to Amend Town

Charter Concerning Residency Requirements of the Mayor.

RESOLUTION 04-2024

On September 23, 2024, the Union Bridge Town Council approved the adoption of this Resolution to Amend Town Charter Concerning Uncontested Elections.

HUGHES TRASH 2025 HOLIDAY PICK-UP SCHEDULE

5/26 Memorial Day

Pickup 1 day behind all week

7/4 Independence Day

No change for the Town.

9/1 Labor Day

Pickup 1 day behind all week

11/27 Thanksgiving Day

No change for the Town.

Christmas Day & New Years Day

No change for the Town.

ALL CUSTOMERS NEED TO PUT TRASH & RECYCLING OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE PICK-UP AS PICK-UP TIMES VARY FROM WEEK TO WEEK. WE WILL NOT RETURN FOR MISSED PICK-UPS IF IT'S NOT OUT.

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://ccgovernance.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.

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 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.

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 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 BRET GROSSNICKLE
410-274-2860

THE COMMUNITY CENTER

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION BRIDGE:

THIS IS ELECTION YEAR IN UNION BRIDGE

THREE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
WILL BE ELECTED.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025
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 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Qualifications 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.

Qualifications of Candidates for Mayor and Council:

1. You must have maintained continuous occupancy of a primary residence within the corporate limits continuously for at least two (2) years immediately preceding this election.
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

Uncontested Elections:

If, on the day immediately following the deadline for filing certificates of nomination in accordance with Section 20-30 of the Union Bridge Town Charter, the number of duly qualified candidates for the office is equal to or less than the number of vacancies for such office, then no election shall be held for such office.

A candidate for office must file a "Certificate of Nomination" with the Town Clerk, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025.

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.