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New Technology Helps Union Bridge Broadcast Public Meetings

Westminster, Maryland (July 20, 2007) ó A new video production system has enabled the Community Media Center (CMC) to tape Union Bridge's town council meeting for the first time on Monday, July 23. The system called "Anycast" uses small, remotely-operated cameras and a computer that runs a video switcher system, soundboard and a recorder.

Prior to Anycast, a crew of CMC employees had to transport and set up a van full of specialized equipment on site. The new system, which fits into a suitcase-sized carrier, can easily be operated by one person from a remote location and does not require a person to man the cameras during a meeting. At Monday's meeting the operator will be in an adjacent room.

The CMC is looking at the possibility of using the town's cable fiber feed to broadcast the meetings live on Comcast Channel 23, the Town and Community Channel. This meeting will be broadcast on Wednesday, July 25 at noon and throughout the month. Check the Carroll County TV website at www.carrollcountytv.org for additional times.

"We anticipate broadcasting town meetings from each Municipality on Channel 23 in the near future," said the CMC's Executive Director Marion Ware. "This gives citizens another way to stay informed about local issues when they are unable to attend meetings."

For more information on the CMC and its programs, visit the website at www.cmcmd.tv, or contact the center at (410) 386-4415.

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