

# The Borough of Union Beach Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Summer 2020

Mayor Albin J. Wicki

Council President Charles W. Cocuzza  
Councilman Louis Andreuzzi  
Councilman Anthony Cavallo

Councilman Albert Lewandowski  
Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche  
Councilwoman Eileen Woodruff



## IN LOVING MEMORY PAUL J. SMITH, JR.

May the roads rise to meet you,  
May the winds always be at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.  
Keep Smiling.

### Family of Paul J. Smith , Jr.

We just wanted to take a moment to say Thank You! We have received so many condolences, so much support, and so much love, it is truly awe inspiring. As Thorton Wilder once said, "The highest tribute to the dead is not grief, but gratitude." For us to hear and read so many of your memories and stories of how Paul was part of your lives was amazing and inspirational. As for the residents of his beloved town of Union Beach, the amount of respect, support and love that was shown by you taking time out of your lives to stand in tribute to him during his processional through town is beyond what words could possibly describe. The emotions were tremendous, as was the gratitude and love.

So again, THANK YOU! Always do your best to Be Happy & Keep Smiling!  
Sharon, Désirée, Dawn, Alexia & Tricia, Ellen, John



## Borough Meetings and Events

### July

- 3 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Independence Day  
7 (Tuesday) Election Primary Day  
7 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
8 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
9 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
18 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
27 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall \*

\* Teleconferenced

### August

- 4 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
8 (Saturday) Paper Shredding Event at 9 a.m. at 1400 Florence Avenue (DPW)  
12 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
24 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
28 (Thursday) Deadline for Submission to 2020 Autumn Newsletter

\* Teleconferenced

### September

- 1 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
7 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Labor Day  
9 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
17 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
26 (Saturday) Clean Communities Day  
28 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

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\*\* More information on many of these events can be found throughout this Newsletter.

\*\* Please check the Borough's web site, [ubnj.net](http://ubnj.net), as well as the web sites and social media pages of each separate organization for updates regarding cancellations.

\*\*\* This Newsletter is intended for the residents of Union Beach **only**. Information regarding curbside pick-ups pertains only to Union Beach. The Union Beach Recycling Center does **NOT** accept any type of materials from residents outside of Union Beach. \*\*\*

## Borough Phone Numbers

<b>FIRE</b>	911
<b>FIRST AID</b>	911
<b>POLICE</b>	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
<b>MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
<b>HEALTH OFFICE</b>	(732) 264-2365
Eileen Balut	
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
<b>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b>	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
<b>BOROUGH CLERK</b>	(732) 264-2277
Anne Marie Friscia	
Carol Seney	
<b>TAX ASSESSOR</b>	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
<b>COURT ADMINISTRATOR</b>	(732) 264-9098
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
<b>RECYCLING CENTER</b>	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
<b>PLANNING/ZONING BOARD</b>	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
<b>CODE ENFORCER</b>	(732) 526-8686
Joseph Crane	
<b>CONSTRUCTION DEPT.</b>	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
<b>RECREATION</b>	(732) 888-6026
<b>LIBRARY</b>	(732) 264-3792
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	(732) 264-3133
<b>MEMORIAL SCHOOL</b>	(732) 264-5400
<b>T&amp;M ASSOCIATES</b>	(732) 671-6400
<b>O.E.M.</b>	
John Perrone (732) 489-4108	

**NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**  
1-800-652-6987

**NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY**  
1-800-GAS LEAK

**JCP&L**  
1-800-662-3115

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please do **NOT** blow/sweep cut grass or leaves into the road, or into the catch basins.

## Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2020 Autumn Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by August 28. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing [memancini@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:memancini@unionbeachnj.gov) or faxing 732-264-5829.



### **Congratulations**

Congratulations and best wishes to the Borough's new Mayor, Albin J. Wicki. Congratulations and welcome to the Borough's new Councilwoman, Eileen Woodruff.

### **Clean Communities**

Join us on Saturday, September 26, as Union Beach holds Clean Communities Day! All participants **MUST** pre-register by Friday, September 18, as Waivers of Liability need to be in place prior to the event and we need to know the number of participants. You may print waivers by clicking on the Clean Communities page on the Borough's web site, [ubnj.net](http://ubnj.net).

Mini-grants up to \$100 are available for a limited number of organized groups (such as scouts; church, school, or civic groups; and other similar organized groups). Mini-grants will be distributed at the Council meeting on Monday, November 23. Strict rules apply regarding adult supervision of minors. This event will be held RAIN or SHINE, so please dress appropriately.

If you would like to register yourself or a group, or if you have any questions, please call Clean Communities Coordinator, Mary Mancini, at 732-264-1133, or email her at [memancini@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:memancini@unionbeachnj.gov).

### **Paper Shredding Event**

Union Beach will be hosting its first paper shredding event for Monmouth County residents on Saturday, August 8, at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. The event begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. (or until the truck fills up). There is a limit of 100 pounds per address. Large clips must be removed, but staples and regular-sized paper clips may be left on.

### **Election News**

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is advising all voters that Governor Murphy announced major changes to the July 7, 2020 Primary Election process. This comes after the initial change in the Primary Election date from June 2nd to July 7th, announced last month.

According to Executive Order No. 144, all active registered Republicans and Democrats will automatically receive mail-in ballots for voting in the 2020 Primary Election.

All registered unaffiliated voters will receive a mail-in ballot application so that they can apply to receive mail-in ballots for voting. Unaffiliated voters who wish to vote in the primary election can vote at home via the vote by mail process.

We encourage you to follow the County Clerk's Office on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for additional updates regarding the Primary Election.

For more information, please visit our elections website at [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com) or download our free Monmouth County Votes Mobile App.

### **A Message from the Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow**

Hello fellow residents,

I hope this Newsletter finds everyone healthy! As we navigate through this unprecedented time through these uncharted waters, it is ever apparent what makes us unique as a community — our wonderful residents. The outpouring of support to the Union Beach Police Department on a daily basis is truly overwhelming. Dealing with the COVID-19 global pandemic with changing executive orders, as well as the civil unrest throughout our country, can tend to be stressful for our residents. As we enter our summer season, I encourage our residents and visitors alike to enjoy everything that Union Beach has to offer. As always, never hesitate to call the Police Department with any questions and/or concerns regarding quality-of-life issues, speeding, littering, etc., as well as for emergency services. Also, please follow us on our official Union Beach Police Department social media pages for up-to-date current affairs.

We remember the Honorable Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr., as we do not wish him adieu rather until we meet again! "Keep smiling!"

Respectfully, Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow



### **Message from the Code Enforcement Office**

This is a special notice from your Code Enforcement Department.

As many Union Beach residents are aware, the raccoon infestation appears to be on the increase this year. They are entering crawl spaces and attics; they are causing major damage. We have been informed that raccoons are a protected species of wildlife, similar to deer, rabbits, foxes, skunks, bears, etc.

It is each homeowner's responsibility to secure their own property by securing garbage cans and openings into your dwelling, so as not to attract the critters.

Our Health Department can arrange for you to receive a trap and instructions on how to get rid of the raccoons. They can be reached at 732-264-2365. Lastly, the cost of repairs is solely the responsibility of the homeowner.

### **Union Beach Board of Health**

The Free Rabies Clinic in Union Beach will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Rabies vaccinations cannot expire between January through October, per the State, for licensing. A dog would have to be re-vaccinated by the vet.

JANUARY is dog registration month and as of February 1 a late fee is added, in addition to regular fees. Also, if for any reason you do not have your dog(s), please let the Board of Health know.

The staff of the Monmouth County Mosquito Control can answer your questions and concerns about mosquitoes. Contact them by email at [mosquitoes@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:mosquitoes@co.monmouth.nj.us), or by telephone at 732-542-3630.

### **Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)**

First, we would like to remember Mayor Paul Smith for his enthusiasm and support over the years. He was a major part of youth sports in town before us, and we hope to make him proud going forward.

Our basketball season ended a week too soon, and the Spring 2020 Baseball and Softball season was unfortunately cancelled. It saddened us to cancel the programs so many of us look forward to every season, but the health of our players and families is more important. In the coming months, as our lives return to normal, we hope to be able to distribute our pictures and awards for the 2020 basketball season. We ask for your patience as we continue to figure out how to do this within the comfort of the coaches and safely for all.

Please be on the lookout for information regarding the Fall 2020 Baseball and Softball season on our web site and social media. The league will be following the State and Little League guidance on the procedures and guidelines to move forward.

Thank you to the community for your continued support and understanding during these unusual times. We hope to see everyone on the field in the next few months. Be safe and keep practicing with your families!

Follow Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC) on Facebook and our web site [www.bsarec.com](http://www.bsarec.com).

### **Union Beach Library**

The theme for the 2020 Summer Reading Club is "Imagine Your Story!" The clubs are open to ALL AGES, starting June 15 and ending August 15. Patrons should download the Beanstack App to register and keep track of your books all summer. If you need assistance, call 1-866-941-8188, Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please check either the Union Beach Memorial Library Facebook page or the Monmouth County Library Facebook page for updates and information on all the virtual programs being offered until the libraries reopen. Stay safe and healthy until we see you!



## **Engineer's Corner**

Borough Engineer, Edward Broberg, P.E., provided the following information concerning the status of ongoing construction projects:

### ***FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application***

The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$291,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue Phase II from Columbia Avenue to Lorillard Avenue. The improvements include new concrete curb, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction contract was awarded to JADS Construction Company, South River, NJ as part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin sometime mid to late June, 2020.

### ***FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application***

The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Lorillard Avenue from Poole Avenue to western terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. The construction contract was awarded to JADS Construction Company, South River, NJ as part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin sometime mid to late July, 2020.

### ***2019 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application***

The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$156,647 from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Ninth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements include installation of new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We are awaiting release of the project funds from HUD. As soon as the funds are available, the project will be advertised for construction bids. We are cautiously optimistic that the project will be under construction sometime late Summer/early Fall, 2020.

### ***FY 2020 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program***

In continuing the Borough's program to improve the facilities at Scholer Park, the Borough was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant program for the installation of two new Tee Ball Baseball fields. The project was recently advertised for construction bids. If bids received are favorable, the project will be awarded at the June, 2020 Council meeting for Summer construction.

### ***Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project***

The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials on the acquisition of easements from the property owners impacted by Phase I construction. The Phase I project consists of the beach fill element of the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek. The Corps has completed the final design plans and specifications for Phase I and is prepared to advertise for construction bids. The Borough has begun the process of easement acquisition for the Phase I construction contract. We remain cautiously optimistic that the easement acquisition process will move quickly so the Phase I project can be advertised for construction bids sometime in 2020.

### ***2020 Turf Maintenance Program***

The Borough's Turf Maintenance Contractor will begin the third year of a three-year contract this Spring. The Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The Spring/Summer application is ongoing.

### ***FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application***

The Borough will be submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue from Pine Street to easterly terminus. The improvements will include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, the project will be part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program.



## A Message from Mayor Albin J. Wicki

Hello Friends,

Although our hearts are still heavy over the sudden and unexpected loss of Mayor Smith, as Paul would want, the governing body continues to move forward in the best interest of the residents of Union Beach.

I am honored that the Council has entrusted me to fill the Mayor's seat at this time. I hope to follow in Mayor Smith's footsteps by leading with integrity, transparency and honesty.

I would like to welcome Eileen Woodruff to the Borough Council. She has been appointed to fill my seat on the Council. I hope that you will welcome Eileen and show her the same support you have shown me over the past 20 years.

I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and cooperation with the "Social Distancing" measures that have become our new way of life. I understand how difficult it is to get used to wearing the mask and keeping our distance from each other, but it is the best way to do our part to keep another spike in outbreaks from occurring.

The 2020 Capital Improvement Program contract has been awarded and the construction is well under way. I appreciate your patience during this time, but remember the inconvenience is temporary. You can see the details of this years projects and areas affected in the Engineers Corner of this newsletter.

Sadly, our Borough Memorial Day Parade and Independence Day celebrations had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 situation. We will keep you updated on when these celebrations might be rescheduled. Thank you to American Legion Post 321 and our First Responders for still placing wreaths of remembrance on Memorial Day. Whatever crisis we face, we must never forget to honor those who served our great country and made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our freedom.

Please continue to check the Borough website for updated information concerning permitted activities and events.

Please drive safely as we have more residents out walking and enjoying the fresh air. Stay off your phones when driving!

Be safe.

Peace,  
Albin

**\*\* PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES \*\***

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