

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Autumn 2017

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The Borough of Union Beach would like to thank our former Police Chief
CHARLES ERVIN
for all his hard work and excellent service to the residents of Union Beach.
Enjoy your retirement! You will be greatly missed!

CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY

Join us on Saturday, October 7 as Union Beach brings back Clean Communities Day! All participants are asked to pre-register, as Waivers of Liability need to be in place, prior to the event.

Participants will be asked to meet at Borough Hall between 8 and 8:30 a.m. where they will be offered a continental breakfast. Safety during the clean-up will be discussed; t-shirts will be distributed; and gloves and trash bags will be provided.

Upon return at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be provided. 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). Strict rules apply regarding adult supervision of minors. Areas to be cleaned will be determined based on the number of participants, but can include the beachfront and all Borough parks. This event will be held RAIN OR SHINE, so please dress appropriately.

If you would like to participate, or if you have any questions, please call Clean Communities Coordinator, Mary Mancini, at 732-264-1133 or email her at memancini@unionbeachnj.gov.

Election News

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 17. October 31 is the last day to receive, by mail, applications for Vote by Mail Ballots for the November General Election.

Union Beach Day

We are very pleased that we are having our *THIRD* Annual Union Beach Day. This year's affair will be bigger and more exciting! There will be a live show with the Valhalla Pirates and a second event in which they will demonstrate their skills with swords. There will also be contests for all age groups and rides for the kiddies. Enjoy the music provided by the DJs, and what event would be complete without the many craft vendors and food galore!

What better way to meet your new neighbors and introduce them to your old friends. You may even make a new friend! Let's keep our reputation alive and prospering because we are the:

"Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Borough Meetings and Events

October

- 2 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 6 p.m. in Media Center
3 (Tuesday) Town-wide leaf pick-up begins for Section B
3 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in Library
4 (Wednesday) Town-wide leaf pick-up begins for Section A
7 (Saturday) Clean Communities Day at 8 a.m. (town-wide event)
9 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
12 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Saturday) Union Beach Day at noon at the Beachfront
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday) Opioid Epidemic Symposium at 7 p.m. in Memorial School Gym
19 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
25 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

November

- 5 (Sunday) Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back at 2 a.m.
6 (Monday) Color the World Orange Day
6 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in Media Center
7 (Tuesday) General Election Day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
7 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — Election Day
7 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in Library
9 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
10 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Veterans' Day
11 (Saturday) Free Rabies Clinic (10 a.m. to noon) - 1400 Florence Avenue (DPW)
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Day
23 (Thursday) No Garbage Pick-Up for Section B
24 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day After Thanksgiving
27 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

December

- 1 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2018 Winter Newsletter
3 (Sunday) Christmas Tree Lighting and Party at 6 p.m. at Borough Hall
4 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
4 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in Media Center
5 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Christmas Day
25 (Monday) No Garbage Pick-Up for Section B
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

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

Note: Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018.

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
HEALTH OFFICE	(732) 264-2365
Eileen Balut	
SEWER DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
BOROUGH CLERK	(732) 264-2277
Anne Marie Friscia	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Joseph Crane	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
RECREATION	(732) 888-6026
LIBRARY	(732) 264-3792
BOARD OF EDUCATION	(732) 264-3133
MEMORIAL SCHOOL	(732) 264-5400
T&M ASSOCIATES	(732) 671-6400
O.E.M.	(732) 620-5035
Michael Harriott	

NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
1-800-652-6987

NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY
1-800-GAS LEAK

JCP&L
1-800-662-3115

No garbage pick-up on the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23; Christmas Day, Monday, December 25; and New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2018.

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2018 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due December 1. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

Color the World Orange Day — November 6, 2017

As proclaimed by Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr., November 6, 2017 is “Color the World Orange Day” in the Borough of Union Beach. This day is being celebrated throughout the United States and other countries to bring awareness of, and in support of those with, the severe chronic pain condition called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD). Wear orange on November 6 to show your support! To learn more visit www.colortheworldorangeday.com.

News from the Department of Public Works

Beginning October 3, 2017, all leaves picked up curbside should be in paper leaf bags. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be picked up. Paper leaf bags may be purchased at hardware-type stores or picked-up at the Recycling Center while supplies last. Please adhere to the following schedule for leaf pick-up. If you are in Section A with a Tuesday and Friday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Wednesdays only. If you are in Section B with a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Tuesdays only. As always, leaves may be brought directly to the Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue; however, residents will be expected to empty plastic bags on site. All bags with leaves must contain leaves **ONLY** – any other type of debris is unacceptable, including grass, twigs, and branches. Large appliances, electronics and metals will be picked up town-wide every other Thursday. Call 732-264-1133 to schedule an appointment for any item you would like picked up. Please make sure to remove ALL refrigerator doors as a child could easily become trapped inside.

Union Beach Board of Health

There will be a free rabies clinic from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. Dogs and cats must be supervised by an adult. Cats must be in carriers and dogs must be on leashes not more than six (6) feet long. Also, bring proof of name and address.

Dog registration will now be done **electronically**. **Go to UBNJ.NET and click on FORMS. Then go to Dog Licenses and follow instructions.** To pay (exact change or check only) and pick up dog tag, go to the Board of Health Office at Borough Hall. Only three dogs are allowed per structure.

To report animal complaints, please go to UBNJ.NET and click on REPORT A CONCERN. This way complaints will be on record. REMINDER: January is dog licensing month.

Don't forget to stop at the Board of Health table on Union Beach Day — October 14.

Union Beach Code Enforcement

All homes in the Borough of Union Beach are required to have house numbers on them. The numbers cannot be more than ten (10) feet off the ground, must be four (4) inches high, and must have 1/2 inch wide strokes. They must be in a contrasting color to the color the home and must be visible from the curb.

All empty lots are required to have a sign posted on the property with either the address of the property or the block and lot numbers of the property.

Hockey Anyone?

Thanks to a grant, the hockey rink at Scholer Park has been redone, and now we are looking to re-start our Hockey League. However, we need your help. Not only are we looking for players, but we need coaches and referees. Regardless of how many players we may get, without adult help this league cannot happen. So, if you, or anyone you know is interested in either playing or helping or both, please contact Pete Petrocelli at 732-277-0944 or peterpetrocelli@gmail.com. **Spread the word. This league is open to all.**

Union Beach Recreation

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting and children's Christmas Party will be held at Borough Hall on Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m.

A Message from the Union Beach School District

As every parent knows, we live in a dangerous and uncertain world and while no one can accurately predict the future, being prepared with a workable security plan in place goes a long way toward protecting our most precious asset — our children.

In the past academic year, the Union Beach school leadership attended a number of presentations on school safety and security, and we have been advised by the NJ Department of Education Homeland Security team to amend our current access policy during school hours. As a result, in October, we will introduce a revised protocol for parental entry to the building during the school day. A detailed explanation will be presented at *Back to School Night* followed by a letter home and an alert in order to make everyone aware of these pending adjustments to the existing process. We are making these changes in order to continue our commitment to the safety and well-being of your child, and thank you in advance for your cooperation in this priority matter.

Bayshore Family Success Center

The Bayshore Family Success Center will once again be offering free Saturday morning tutoring for students in grades K-8 at the Union Beach Library, as well as in our center in Leonardo. Tutoring for the 2017-2018 school year begins on October 21 and runs through May 19. Come when you need a little extra help, or come every week! We have a great team of high school tutors all ready to help! Kids have fun while improving their confidence and grades. Please contact us to sign up your student!

We are partnering with the Union Beach Library on a handful of fun family events this Fall including Bingo Nights and Pumpkin Painting! Contact us or the Library for more information!

We have planned some fun holiday-themed events this year, including the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Cookie Decorating Day (11/15) and Breakfast with Santa (12/9). Both events sell out fast, so RSVP early! For more information on any of these events and to RSVP, please contact 732-497-3811 or email us at familysuccess@cymca.org. Be sure to like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BayshoreFSC>) to stay informed about all of our events, programs, and happenings!

Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings

Our garbage contractor will accept branches/brush along with your regular garbage pick-up — preferably on the second pick-up of the week (either Thursday or Friday). Branches **MUST** be bundled. Bundles **CANNOT** be more than 4 feet in length and **CANNOT** weigh more than 50 pounds. Anything larger than 3 inches in diameter **MUST** be cut up. If branches are too small to bundle, they should be placed in a can, the weight of which should **NOT** exceed 50 pounds. The contractor will accept only **THREE** bundles or cans at a time. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Department of Public Works/Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue does **NOT** accept branches/brush. The garbage contractor does not accept grass clippings; neither does the Department of Public Works. We recommend that you leave cut grass on your lawn, as it is actually good for your lawn.

Opioid Epidemic

Opiate addiction has been called “America’s fastest-growing drug problem.” It is now believed that the prescription opioid epidemic is the leading cause of death among adults under 50 years old living in the U.S. The opioid epidemic is now responsible for more deaths every year in the U.S. than HIV was at the height of the AIDS epidemic.

The Union Beach Police Department, Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office, DEA, FBI and Borough Council present a powerful, informational drug symposium on the dangers of Prescription Medication and Heroin abuse. The event will be held on October 16th at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Gym. Join us for a night of awareness.

New On-Line Systems

The Borough has implemented a new on-line system for **Dog Licensing and Report A Concern**. **PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.UBNJ.NET TO ACCESS.**

DOG LICENSE: Under forms or Departments/Boards of Health, click to open. Fill out all mandatory information (*). Upload your rabies certificate, spay/neuter certificate, rabies exempt. **PROVIDE A VALID MEANS OF COMMUNICATION**, i.e., email, phone number.

Documents can be attached to this online application, or they can be brought in person to the Board of Health Office within five (5) days of submission of this online application.

Note that payment **must** be received in full within 5 days after submission of form in order for a Dog License and Registration Tags to be issued.

A renewal license **must** be paid for prior to January 31.

REPORT A CONCERN: visit our web site WWW.UBNJ.NET for access.

The Borough has implemented a Report A Concern form for concerns/complaints within Union Beach. By using this form, the proper departments will be electronically notified alleviating the back up on phone calls/messages. The Borough of Union Beach endeavors to deliver all public services in a professional manner and to respond promptly to all citizen inquiries and concerns. The Borough will hold your information in confidence and it will **ONLY** be used by an employee from the Borough of Union Beach to contact you in the event that more information about your concern is required.

If you have any pictures or documents that would assist us in the handling of this concern and speed up the process, please attach them. Please **DO NOT** take any pictures unless it is absolutely safe to do so.

Report A Concern is not an emergency reporting system. If your issue or concern involves an immediate risk to life or personal safety, **Call 9-1-1 immediately.**

Report A Concern requests are reviewed during the Borough of Union Beach's regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Electronic submission is now available under the FORMS tab for **OPRA** (Open Public Records Requests).

While you are on the Union Beach web site, check out the **GIS MAP** which is a very informative tool.

Union Beach PTA

Welcome to another exciting school year!

Union Beach PTA meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center. Meetings are scheduled for October 2 (6 p.m. meeting/Meet the BOE Candidates), November 6, and December 4. On-site child care is available.

The Union Beach PTA works in conjunction with the school to provide support for staff and students. The PTA hosts several events and fundraisers throughout the year to sustain and promote a conducive-learning and family-supported educational environment for all of our students. Your support goes a long way in helping us continue our mission.

In October, we will be hosting a new fundraising Color Run event in addition to our annual Scholastic Book Fair; Kastle Kreations Fundraiser, and Trick-or-Trunk. A Fun-Filled Family Bingo Night will be held in November and our annual Holiday Shop will be available in December. Please check the Union Beach School District web site for more information.

If you do not have children in the school and wish to participate in fundraising opportunities (like KidStuff Coupon Books, or Kastle Kreation Fundraising), you can contact the PTA through the district web site or via Facebook.

For more information on any of our events, meetings or weather cancellations, please visit our web site at Union Beach Memorial School and click on the PTA link; or on our Facebook page at UnionBeachPTA.

Union Beach Library

Congratulations to our Summer Reading Club top readers: Donovan Mallen, Trissa Tozzolino, and Keira Brennan. This year's top readers accumulated over 300 hours each with a total of 1,322 hours read by all of the Club's participants. Summer Read to Me program logged in with over 100 books. Way to go!!

Library Association Meetings: **MOVED!** They will be held the first **TUESDAY** of each month at 7 p.m. in the Library. Fall dates are: October 3, November 7, and December 5. Our regular story-time with children's librarian, Miss Val, is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Baby/Toddler is from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.; School Age is from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are October 23, November 13, November 27 and December 11. The program is free and no registration is required. Kids Yoga with Yoga Instructor Alice: Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4 p.m.; \$20 per 4 week session. Session I: October 4 through October 25. Session II: November 1 through November 29 (no class November 25). There is limited space and registration is required. Free Crochet & Craft Club with Miss Pat: Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon on October 28, November 11, November 25, December 9, and December 23. Nintendo Gaming Club is for ages 10 and up. It will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on October 25, November 22, and December 20. Wii consoles/screens will be available for gaming. Don't forget to bring your DS!

NEW!! TWO POETRY EVENTS EACH MONTH for ages 16 and up. Poetry Workshop writers can bring in one work of previously written, original art to share for peer feedback. Workshops will be held on Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on October 2, November 6 and December 4. Poetry and Punch — Presenters will show a form or two of poetry to an active audience. Attendees will have an opportunity to write and share the piece they write that evening of the poetry form presented. Poetry and Punch will be held on Fridays at 7 p.m. on October 20, November 17 and December 15.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale: Tuesday, November 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. We had such a wonderful response last year and will be adding **MORE** pies and goodies to this year's sale! Requests are welcome by November 17. Free Tutoring at the Library hosted by Bayshore Family Success Center: Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon starting October 21. No tutoring November 25, December 23 or December 30.

Book Club with Bayshore Family Success Center: Thursdays at 6 p.m. on October 30 (discussing *Brooklyn*), November 30 (discussing *Nazi Officer's Wife*) and December 28 (discussing *Be Frank with Me*).

DROP-N-SHOP: Library fundraiser will be held on November 24 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Make the most of Black Friday while the staff at the Library entertains your little ones! Children will enjoy crafts, movies, gaming and quiet space for reading. Meals (sandwiches for lunch and pizza for dinner), snacks, and drinks will be provided. Cost is \$10 for the first hour and \$5 for each additional hour (max fee \$40). Children must be toilet trained. Registration is required.

Annual Pictures with Santa and Holiday Party: November 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. We are changing things up this year! Check out our Facebook or web site as the date gets closer to for more details as we re-structure this fun holiday event. Free Family Bingo with Bayshore Family Success Center: Holiday-themed Candlelight Bingo will be held on December 1 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required. The Community YMCA is utilizing the Library as an outreach location providing services for the community. The Y provides traditional outpatient counseling in a private environment for adults 18 year of age and older, addressing a variety of life stressors. Areas of counseling include, but are not limited to: Anger Management, Independent Life Skills, Anxiety, Parenting Skills, Bereavement, Relationship Issues, Depression, Employee Assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call Community YMCA Counseling & Social Services Outpatient Office at 732-290-9040 or email outpatient@cymca.org

For more information on any of our Library programs, you can call us at 732-264-3792, check our web site and/or Facebook page for more details. For more information on Bayshore Family Success Center, or to register for any BFSC sponsored events, call 732-497-3811, or email familysuccess@cymca.org. The Library will be closed on: October 9, October 14, November 7, November 10, November 23 and 24 and from December 25 to January 1, 2018.

Don't forget you can use your Union Beach Library Card to take your books on your travels without having to pay for extra baggage! Visit Monmouthcountylib.org and click on "Library to Go" to download ebooks and audio books.

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

FY 2017 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough will be applying to the Monmouth County Open Space Grant program for the installation of Sports Lighting at the Helen Hayes Park Soccer Fields. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

Reconstruction of Harrison Avenue – Phase II — The Reconstruction of Harrison Avenue Phase II from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road was constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. The project was funded in part through a grant from the FY 2016 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program. The improvements included new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is now completed.

FY 2017 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application — The Borough recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$210,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue and Newark Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The improvements include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in late Spring/early Summer of 2018.

Reconstruction of Bayview Avenue — The Reconstruction of Bayview Avenue from Union Avenue to Ocean Avenue was constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. The improvements included new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is now completed except for the pavement top course. We anticipate all construction to be completed by the end of September 2017.

Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue — The Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue from Bayview Avenue to Lorillard Avenue was constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. The improvements included new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is now completed except for the pavement top course. We anticipate all construction to be completed by the end of September 2017.

2017 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application — The Borough has applied to the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of St James Avenue from Poole Avenue to Tenth Street. The improvement will include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

Columbia Avenue Park — The Borough recently completed the construction of a passive park located on the west side of Union Avenue between Columbia Avenue and the Henry Hudson trail. The park was identified as part of the Borough's Commercial Corridor Redevelopment and Resiliency plan. The improvements included a small parking lot, benches, and landscaping. The park connects to the Henry Hudson trail with certain improvements to the trail by the Monmouth County Parks System. The project was completed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program.

Scholer Park Improvements Phase VII — The Borough recently completed the construction for the expansion of the existing parking lot at Scholer Park. The project was funded in part through a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program. This is the final phase of the planned improvements developed as part of the 2003 overall improvement plan for the park. The project was completed as part of 2017 Roadway Improvement Program.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials to keep this most important project on its current project schedule. All environmental concerns raised by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service have been resolved. The design funds for the Phase I design have been approved and Phase I design is currently underway. The Project Planning Agreement (PPA) has been submitted to Corps headquarters for approval.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer has passed so quickly. I hope that everyone had a chance to get a little time to relax and enjoy the warm weather. Before you know it the holidays will be upon us!

As the weather starts to change, our major construction projects for 2017 begin to wind down. The road reconstruction projects are just about completed as is the final phase of improvements to Scholer Park. The Scholer Park project concludes a 7 phase project that has completely rejuvenated the park and provides a variety of recreational activities for both young and old residents. Although the major improvements are complete we still have minor additions that we hope to add over the next few years. The new park on Columbia Ave. will be finished by the middle of September. This project is being completed as part of our Commercial Corridor Development program. This project cleaned up that corner and we hope it will encourage new business to come to Union Ave.

As Hurricane Harvey battered Texas, the images were all too familiar to many of us. We continue to keep those affected in our thoughts and prayers.

Our own Shore Protection Project continues to move forward. There have been surveyors at the beachfront preparing for Phase One. We are confident that we will see construction started within the next six months. Updates will be provided on the Borough website as they become available.

I am sure that by now all of you have received your new tax bills. I am happy to point out that the part of your tax bill that Mayor and Council have control over, the Municipal Tax portion, represents a slight *decrease* in your tax rate. That makes three straight years that the municipal tax rate has been flat or has seen a small decrease. I want to thank the Council, our Administrator and our financial professionals who work hard not to place additional tax burdens on you.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our July 3rd celebration a success. The Recreation Commission once again did a great job and the event went off without any problems. Thanks also go out to the Police Department, the Fire Department, OEM and the Department of Public Works. Union Beach was at its best welcoming so many visitors from out of town.

I would like to welcome our new Construction Official, Timothy Davis. He has taken over the reins of the Construction office as of August 28th. We welcome him to Union Beach and wish him the best.

Save the Date.....October 7th will be Clean Communities Day. If you or your group would like to participate, please register in advance with Mary Mancini in the DPW office.

October 14th is the date of the 3rd Annual Union Beach Day. Check out the Borough website for more details. www.ubnj.net

Remember that schools are open so please drive carefully.

Keep Smiling,

Paul

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