

The Borough of Union Beach Newsletter

“The Best Little Town in New Jersey”

Autumn 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

Election News

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. As per Governor Murphy, all active registered voters will be sent a postage-paid, Mail-in-Ballot to be returned to the Monmouth County Board of Elections or at a dropbox location to be determined and advertised by Monmouth County. Please log in to the Monmouth County web site at monmouthcountyvotes.com for the most current information.

Leaf Collection Program

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin on October 27, 2020. 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. If you are in Section B with a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Tuesdays. The last pick-ups will take place on Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, December 30, 2020. We ask that you please understand if weather prevents us from picking up leaves.

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 (while supplies last) at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. As always, leaves may be brought directly to the DPW; however, residents will be expected to empty any bags, other than paper, on site. All bags with leaves must contain leaves **ONLY** — any other type of debris is unacceptable, including grass, twigs, and branches. All services of the Union Beach Department of Public Works/Recycling Center are available to Union Beach residents **only**. Please stop in and call before dropping off any type of recyclables.

Clean Communities

We would like to thank all the volunteers who came out during the summer months to help us keep our beach clean! There were 16 “mini clean-ups,” with an average of 8 or 9 volunteers at a time. They collected more than 70 bags of garbage!

Color the World Orange — November 2, 2020

As proclaimed by Mayor Albin J. Wicki, November 2, 2020 is “Color the World Orange Day” in the Borough of Union Beach. This day is being celebrated throughout the United States and many 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 2 to show your support! To learn more visit: www.colortheworldorangeday.com.

There will be NO garbage picked up on the following days: Thanksgiving, November 26; Christmas, December 25; and New Year’s Day, January 1, 2021.

Borough Meetings and Events

October

- 6 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 8 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *
 12 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
 14 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 15 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *
 19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 26 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 27 (Tuesday) Leaf pick-up begins in Section B — paper bags only
 28 (Wednesday) Leaf pick-up begins in Section A — paper bags only
 28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall *

November

- 2 (Monday) Color the World Orange Day in Union Beach
 2 (Monday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 3 (Tuesday) General Election Day
 3 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — General Election Day
 11 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — Veterans' Day
 11 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 12 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *
 14 (Saturday) Free Rabies Clinic from 10 a.m. to noon at 1400 Florence Avenue
 16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 23 (Monday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *
 23 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 24 (Tuesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall *
 26 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving
 27 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day After Thanksgiving
 30 (Monday) Deadline for Submission to 2021 Winter Newsletter

December

- 1 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 6 (Sunday) Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. at Scholer Park
 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 *
 14 (Monday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 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
 25 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Christmas Day
 29 (Tuesday) Last day for leaf pick-up in Section B
 30 (Wednesday) Last day for leaf pick-up in Section A

* Teleconferenced

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

** Please check the Borough's web site, 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

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	
Carol Seney	
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.	
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 2021 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by November 30. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

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

On behalf of the men and women of the UBPD, we wish to welcome our residents and visitors alike to the Fall season! We hope you enjoyed the many outdoor recreational activities during the Summer season as much as feasible during these unprecedented times. Our beautiful ecosystem (We have an incredibly unique diversity of wildlife, i.e., the American Bald Eagles, Humpback Whales, Dolphins, Seals, Sharks, Pelicans, Osprey, Hawks, Turtles, Horseshoe Crabs, etc.) was ever apparent during the Summer. That said, school is in session which equates to an exponential increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic. (Last year, the UBPD issued an astonishing - nearly 2,000 traffic summons.) Please stay extra vigilante when driving. In case of an emergency, or if you simply have a concern, please call us at 732-264-0313. Please follow us as well on our social media site(s) to stay informed; Facebook, Instagram, Web-site, etc. Once again, we truly live in the best community in the State, not just due to the scenic beauty and atmosphere, but most importantly due to the residents! Respectfully, Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow

Union Beach Board of Health

Dog registration is in January.

Our November Rabies Clinic is in limbo. Check web site for further information. The SPCA will be hosting a free rabies clinic on November 11 from 9 to 11 a.m.; November 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.; November 18 from 9 to 11 a.m.; and November 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. This will be a curbside service. Clients will not be entering the building with their pet. They will not be able to do a 3-year rabies without prior proof (before the day of the clinic). Clients should email prior proof of rabies to info@vogelvet.org before their appointment. For rabies vaccination, you must make an appointment ahead of time. For SPCA information call 732-542-3125.

Check our web site at ubnj.net for further notice or call 732-264-2365.

Union Beach Recreation

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 6. We would like everyone to know that, despite the pandemic, we are working hard to bring you a modified tree lighting ceremony (if needed) that complies with all of the necessary rules and regulations. We will most definitely have something ready to celebrate the "hap-happiest season of all"!

Please follow us on social media: Union Beach Recreation on Facebook; [@unionbeachrecreation](https://www.instagram.com/unionbeachrecreation) on Instagram.

Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings

Our garbage contractor will accept branches/brush along with your regular garbage pick-up — 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 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.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas Tree pick-up will begin on January 5, 2021, following the same schedule as used for leaf pick-up. Section A will be picked up on Wednesdays; Section B will be picked-up on Tuesdays through the end of the month. Final pick-up will take place on January 26 and 27, 2021. We ask that you please understand if weather prevents us from picking up trees.

Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank those residents that are helping to keep our town looking beautiful. We are still asking for help with the following items:

1. All empty lots must be identified with either the address or the block and lot of the property that is large enough and placed in a place that is visible from the street.
2. All homes must have a house number on them that is large enough to be visible from the street.
3. When cutting your lawns, please be sure to cut the entire lawn, front and back.

Thank you.

Construction/Code Enforcement

The Construction/Code Enforcement Offices would like to welcome three new employees to their departments: Amado Bencosme, Alicia Jones and Connie Arevalo.

Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)

Because of the Pandemic, we are sorry to say that we were not able to have Fall Baseball and Softball season. We are also sorry to say that our 2020-2021 Basketball season has been cancelled too. We are looking forward to having our Spring Baseball and Softball 2021 season with two new Tee-Ball fields added to Scholer Park.

Please be on the lookout for information regarding the Spring 2021 Baseball and Softball season on our web site and social media. The league will be following NJ 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 website www.bsarec.com.

Union Beach Library

Did you know??? Do you have old books that you don't know what to do with? Union Beach Library has a drop box on the Columbia Avenue side of the building. The GREEN drop box benefits the Library as well as Veterans' and Children's organizations. All kinds of books are accepted.

The Library is open. Check the sign in front of the Library for current hours.

Union Beach Memorial Library will be honoring Mayor Paul Smith with a tree. Donations of any kind will be accepted at the Library and will be greatly appreciated.

Union Beach EMS

The greatness of a community is most accurately gauged by the compassionate actions of its residents. Union Beach EMS has received countless donations over these past few months and each one has made it easier for our squad to operate while our usual means of fundraising are on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our community and town council for their continued support of our mission. Without you, the work done by our squad would not be possible.

The Officers of Union Beach EMS would also like to thank our current members for their unwavering altruism. The tremendous dedication and willingness to stick with a bold course of action, shown through these trying times, is truly amazing and sincerely appreciated.

Union Beach EMS is a 100% 24/7 volunteer organization. We answer the call for service no matter the time and do so simply to contribute to the betterment of our community. We are always looking to add to our group of dedicated volunteers! If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining us, please reach out! No prior experience is needed, all training is free and the friendships made through a desire to learn and service community last a lifetime.

Applications can be picked up at Union Beach Police Headquarters or you can message us on Facebook at Union Beach EMS Operations!

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 was 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 project was completed as part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. The improvements included new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway.

FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application — The Borough was 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 project was completed as part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. The improvements included new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway.

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 now anticipate that the project will be under construction sometime early Spring 2021.

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 is now completed and is ready for Spring 2021 baseball season.

FY 2021 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough recently submitted a grant application for Scholer Park Improvements Phase IX. The improvements include the installation of a lighted walking trail with additional security cameras around the perimeter of the existing ballfields. If successful, we anticipate the improvements to be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2021.

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 final design plans and specifications for Phase I are completed and are ready to be advertised for construction bids as soon as all easements for Phase I have been secured. The Borough has begun the process of easement acquisition for the Phase I construction contract. We continue to remain cautiously optimistic that the easement acquisition process will move quickly so the Phase I project can be under construction sometime in 2021.

2020 Turf Maintenance Program — The Borough's Turf Maintenance Contractor is completing the third year of a three-year contract. The Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The Fall application is ongoing.

FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application — The Borough recently submitted 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,

I hope that you have remained safe and healthy throughout the summer. I, once again, would like to thank everyone for doing their part to keep the Covid-19 virus from spreading here in Union Beach. However, we cannot let our guard down and we all need to continue taking the proper precautions for the safety of our friends and loved ones.

Please join me in welcoming three new employees to the Borough, Alicia Jones, Connie Arevalo and Amado Bencosme. Alicia is the new Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (TACO), Connie is a new Clerk I, and Amado is our new Code Enforcement Officer. He is working as the Borough's first **Full Time** Code Enforcement Officer. We wish all of them success in their new positions.

On behalf of the entire Council, I would like to express our best wishes to Margaret Moniz on her retirement from the Borough. Maggie had worked in the Construction Office since 2013. We wish her and her husband, John, many happy and healthy years ahead.

Our beachfront, parks and playgrounds have seen unprecedented use this summer due to the ongoing pandemic. I want to send out a special "Thank You" to our Police Department which has provided extra protection to ensure the safety of our residents and the many visitors who have enjoyed our spaces and to the Public Works Department which has kept these areas clean and sanitized for safe enjoyment. I also want to recognize all our Borough Hall and Construction Office workers who continue to provide necessary essential services during these challenging times. Finally, our Emergency Services are unparalleled in their commitment to our community no matter what the circumstances.

The Municipal Building Addition & Renovation Project continues to move along. We are very excited that our employees will soon be moving into their new offices while the renovation of the existing building gets underway. Our 2020 capital improvement projects which began in late Spring are now near completion. This year's roads that were part of the plan, Lorillard and Ocean, look great and the reconstruction of these roads is a real asset for the Borough. The \$156,647 grant that we were awarded by the Community Development Block Grant Program for the reconstruction of one block of Ninth Street has, unfortunately, not yet been released. If it is too late in the year to begin a new project once the funds are released, we will include the Ninth Street project as part of the 2021 Capital Improvement Program.

Remember to check the Borough website for regularly updated information.

Please keep in mind that there are children still outside playing so drive carefully and put down the phone.

Stay safe.

Peace,
Albin

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