

# The Borough of Union Beach

# Newsletter

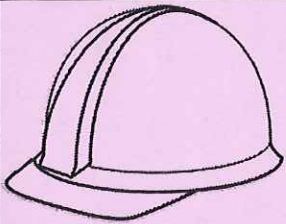
"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2020

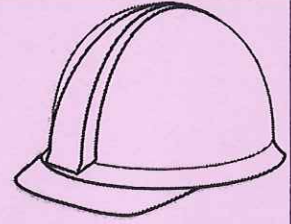
Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Council President Albin J. Wicki  
Councilman Louis Andreuzzi  
Councilman Anthony Cavallo

Councilman Charles W. Cocuzza  
Councilman Albert Lewandowski  
Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche



During construction of the Municipal Building, the Borough continues to provide parking in the parking lot and also on the Stone Road parking area adjacent to the Soccer Fields.



## Free Tree Seedlings

In an effort to replace trees lost in Hurricane Sandy, and thanks once again to the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign, free tree seedlings will be available to Union Beach residents at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. Distribution will take place on Saturday, April 4, from noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to noon. Seedlings will be 2' to 4' high, bare root seedlings. They will be distributed to residents on a first come-first served basis (5 per address) and will include informational materials. For additional information, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net).

## 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.

## Clean Ocean Action

Help clean up Union Beach! Join the Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep on Saturday, April 25, at Front Street and Florence Avenue. Check in begins at 9 a.m. Event takes place rain or shine! Gloves and trash bags will be provided. All volunteers are welcome.

## Lost Ornament

In collecting Christmas trees during the month of January, a DPW employee found an ornament left on a tree. It is a square, white Hallmark ornament with red and green on it. Inside is a picture of young red-haired person. The date on the back says 1982. If this is yours, please pick it up at the DPW office.

\*\*\* 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 Meetings and Events

### April

- 4 (Saturday) UB Recreation Easter Celebration at 12 p.m. at Scholer Park  
4 (Saturday) Free Tree Seedling Distribution at 12 p.m. at Public Works  
6 (Monday) Free Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works  
6 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center  
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  
10 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Good Friday  
11 (Saturday) Rain Date for UB Recreation Easter Celebration at Scholer Park  
16 (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  
24 (Friday) Summer Rec Program Sign-Ups at 7 p.m. in the Library  
25 (Saturday) Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep at 9 a.m. at the Beachfront  
25 (Saturday) Summer Rec Program Sign-Ups at 10 a.m. in the Library  
27 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

### May

- 4 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center  
5 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
12 (Tuesday) Voter Registration Deadline  
13 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall  
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
18 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall  
22 (Friday) Summer Rec Program Sign-Ups at 7 p.m. in the Library  
25 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day  
27 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
27 (Wednesday) Deadline for Submission to 2020 Summer Newsletter  
29 (Friday) Summer Rec Program Sign-Ups at 7 p.m. in the Library  
30 (Saturday) Summer Rec Program Sign-Ups at 10 a.m. in the Library

### June

- 1 (Monday) Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot by 3 p.m. EDT  
1 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center  
2 (Tuesday) Primary Election Day — Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
5 (Friday) Summer Rec Program Sign-Ups at 7 p.m. in the Library  
9 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
10 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
11 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall  
15 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
17 (Wednesday) Kick-Off to Summer Beach Party at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
18 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall  
22 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
24 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
24 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
27 (Saturday) Union Beach 5K Run at 9 a.m. on Spruce Street

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

## 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 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by May 27. 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.

## **Clean Communities**

Our next Clean Communities Day will be held on Saturday, September 26. Please watch future Newsletters, as well as the Borough's web site ([www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)) for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Union Beach Clean Communities Coordinator, Mary Mancini, at 732-264-1133.

## **Bayshore Family Success Center**

The Bayshore Family Success Center is launching a new Family Support Group on April 1 at the Library to offer support and compassion to family and friends of individuals living with addiction. We will meet every first Wednesday at 6 p.m. Please join us and get the help and support you need.

We will continue to host free tutoring at the Library every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon through May 16. The program will resume in the Fall with the new school year.

We have many fun events planned, including bingo nights, Mother's Day activities, Kite Day, a couponing class, and a flower planting family craft. Check out our web page ([ymcanj.org](http://ymcanj.org)) for details!

For more information about us or any of our events and activities, please contact 732-497-3811 or email us at [familysuccess@cymca.org](mailto:familysuccess@cymca.org).

We have more ways to stay in touch with us! In addition to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BayshoreFSC>), we are also on Remind now. Text @Bayshorefa to 81010 to stay up to date on all our events and programs.

## **Union Beach Recreation Commission**

Our regularly scheduled public meeting will take place on Monday nights at Borough Hall at 7 p.m. Meeting dates are: April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 23, December—TBD.

Our Easter Celebration, with a visit from the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt, will take place on Saturday, April 4, at Scholer Park from 12 to 2 p.m. Guests should bring baskets or bags to collect their Easter eggs. Join us for an egg hunt, bounce houses, music, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Rain date for this event is Saturday, April 11. More information can be found on the Union Beach Recreation Facebook Page.

We will be accepting applications for the 2020 Summer Recreation Program! This year, we have six opportunities to sign up for Summer fun! Registration will be held at the Library as follows: Friday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to noon; Friday, May 22 and Friday, May 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to noon; and Friday, June 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Summer Recreation Program at Memorial School runs from Monday, July 6 to Friday, July 31. More information can be found on our web site at [www.unionbeachrecreation.com](http://www.unionbeachrecreation.com) and on the Union Beach Recreation Facebook page.

Counselors Wanted!!! Union Beach Recreation is looking for enthusiastic, hard-working, and creative individuals to help make Summer Memories. Interested individuals can email their completed applications to [ubrec@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:ubrec@unionbeachnj.gov) by April 3, 2020.

Our Kick-Off to Summer Beach Bash will be held at the beachfront on Wednesday, June 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Music and Volleyball Wednesday Nights will continue through September (weather permitting).

Independence Day Fireworks at the beachfront will be held on Friday, July 3, beginning at dusk. The rain date for this event is Sunday, July 5.

Please "like" and regularly check our Facebook page for the most updated information (Union Beach Recreation). We are also on Instagram @unionbeachrecreation. Please also visit our web site at [www.unionbeachrecreation.com](http://www.unionbeachrecreation.com).

Email any questions, comments, or concerns to [ubrec@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:ubrec@unionbeachnj.gov).

## **Union Beach Library**

Have you purchased your ticket for the Murder Mystery Buffet Dinner Show, "Til Death Do Us Part(y)," Library Association fundraiser? The event will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the VFW on Davern Street in Hazlet. Guests may come in "costume" or "casual" dress. Reservations are required and tickets are on sale at the Library for \$35 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m. Please join us!

Save The Date — the Association will hold a fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse on Wednesday, May 13, from 4 to 9 p.m. You MUST present our flyer in order for the Association to receive 15% of the total sales. The flyer is available at the Library or can be downloaded from our Facebook page.

Remember, the Association will hold its annual Mother's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are appreciated and should be dropped off at the Library on Friday, May 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. or on Saturday morning from 9 to 10 a.m.

The Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The Association will be meeting on April 7, May 5 and June 9 (second Tuesday) at 7 p.m. at the Library. In the event a meeting needs to be canceled or rescheduled, a notice will be posted on the Library web site and the Library Facebook page.

Children's programs, under the direction of the Children's Librarian, Lauren Garcia, are continuing on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Yoga for children will continue on Wednesdays. Please see our monthly newsletter for details.

We are continuing "It's SEW Easy," with classes on April 25, May 2, and June 6 from 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 9 and up. The class is limited to 10 participants and registration is required. All supplies will be provided by the Library. Please call the Library for details.

The theme for the Summer Reading Program is "Imagine Your Story." Please stop in and register your child/children at the "kickoff party" on June 8 at 3:30 p.m. On Friday, June 19, children are invited to participate in the Library "Escape Room," which will commence at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required.

The first Tuesday Teas will be held on April 7 (Bunny Hop), May 5 (Mother's Celebration). The teas begin at NOON with light refreshments being served. There will be no Teas during the summer months (June, July and August). The first Tuesday Teas will resume on September 1.

If you are interested in Union Beach History, please consider attending the "Down Memory Lane" drop-ins which will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, May 17. There will be no drop-ins during June, July and August. "Down Memory Lane" will return on Sunday, September 20.

The Bayshore Hooks and Needles group meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. New members are welcome and members of the group will teach you how to crochet or knit if you are interested.

Poetry and Punch Sunday Series will meet on Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m. but will subsequently meet on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Enjoy a lazy fun-day Sunday with up to four hours of poetry exploration, reading, writing, critiquing and listening with featured poets and open mic.

National Library Week will be celebrated from Monday, April 19 to Saturday, April 25. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our Nation's Libraries and Library Staff and to promote use and support. Join us on Wednesday, April 22, as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Library, please stop in or give us a call at 732-264-3792. In the event of inclement weather, Library closings will be posted on the Library web site and Facebook page. All Library programming is free of charge unless otherwise stated. Registration requirements vary by program. The Library will be closed in observation of the following holidays: Easter (April 10, 11 & 13); Memorial Day (May 23 & 25); Primary Election Day (June 2); and UB 5K (June 27). Please check our web site and Facebook page for unexpected and unplanned closings.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the Library!

## **Electronics Recycling**

Public Works will continue to accept electronics from Union Beach residents ONLY. Each address will be restricted to the disposal of three television sets per calendar year. Proof of residency must be provided.

### **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 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.

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

A late fee of \$15.00 per dog (as of February 1, 2020) is now in effect for dog licenses, plus the registration fee of \$7.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10.00 for non-spayed/non-neutered dogs. All dogs in Union Beach must be licensed, as it is a New Jersey State Law. Monmouth County Mosquito Control (MCMCD) provides mosquito control and tick testing services to residents of Monmouth County. Call 732-264-2630 or contact by email at [mosquitoes@comonmouth.nj.us](mailto:mosquitoes@comonmouth.nj.us). For more information on the Board of Health and dog licensing, go to our web site ([www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)) and click on “Board of Health.”

### **Grace United Methodist Church**

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Avenue, Union Beach. Our regular Sunday Service starts at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Our worship services are led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin. Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Bondi, Lay Servant, continue to assist during our services. Our Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. We offer classes from nursery through high school. All are welcome, and we invite you to come and join us!

We will hold our annual Sunrise Easter Service at the beachfront gazebo at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 12. There will also be an Easter Service at Grace at 9 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Easter. Children are invited to join in either or both of the morning services. Our Study Groups continue to meet, and we are currently reading and discussing the book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, by John MacArthur. We have a Monday evening group that meets at the church at 7 p.m., and a Wednesday morning group that meets at the church at 10 a.m. If you are interested, please stop by and join us. Dates to watch for: We are having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our annual play, *Living Last Supper*, will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m. Our annual Vendor Fair will be on Saturday, November 21.

We are also collecting pajamas for the RAINE foundation (Reaching All in Need Everyday), an organization that assists children and their families who are in crisis. This will continue through the end of November. The pajamas are for infants through teens, and can be dropped off at the church.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) groups meet every Sunday and Monday evenings in the church fellowship hall. The WIC Program is held every first Monday of the month. Yoga meets on Wednesday evenings; Boy Scouts on Tuesday Evenings; Cub Scouts on Thursday evenings; and Girl Scouts on the second Friday of the month from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or anyone else, please contact the church and we will be happy to add your request to our prayer list. Pastor Gene will also be happy to speak to anyone in need. Contact the church and leave your information, and he will return your call.

Our email address is [GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net](mailto:GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net). Our church telephone number is 732-264-0916. You can also follow us on Facebook at Grace UMC Union Beach.

During the season of Lent, let us slow down and strive to be the best we can be. Let us remember all those that are in need and focus on what is really important. At our Ash Wednesday Service, Pastor Gene suggested that, for Lent this year, try reading a half chapter of the Book of John every day, and you will have completed the entire book by Easter!

As always, we ask for God's Blessings on all who are reading this, your families and friends, our first responders, and our men and women serving in our Armed Forces. God Bless and Happy Easter!

**The Borough of Union Beach**  
**2020 Flood Protection Information Newsletter**

**Flood Hazard Reduction**

In order to minimize the effects of floods, the following standards have been developed:

1. All new construction and substantial improvements must be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure. Substantial improvement is defined as any repair, construction, or improvement to a structure whose cost is 50% of the building market value or greater.
2. All new construction and substantial improvements must be constructed with materials, utility equipment, methods, and practices resistant to flood damage.
3. All new public utilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems must be located so as to minimize flood damage and contamination.
4. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor, that are subject to flooding, must be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.
5. Check with the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 before you build, alter, re-grade, or fill your property to determine if a permit is needed. Report these activities to this number if you do not see a permit where work is being done.

**Flood proofing:** Residents can protect their building from flood damage by retrofitting. The following are several ways to flood proof or retrofit existing dwellings: waterproofing walls, installing watertight enclosure over doors, raising existing building above flood levels, and installing check valves in sanitary sewer lines. The Building Department can provide additional information on these methods.

**Why Protect Stream Corridors?**

A stream is composed of several essential elements including the stream channel itself, associated wetlands, flood plains and forests. When stream corridors are maintained in their natural condition with minimum disturbance, they are instrumental in performing the following functions:

- Removing sediment, nutrients, and pollutants by providing opportunities for filtration, absorption and decomposition by slowing storm water velocity, which aids in allowing storm water to be absorbed in the soil and taken up by vegetation.
- Reducing stream bank erosion.
- Displacing potential sources of non-point source pollution from the water's edge.
- Shading surface waters to prevent excess warming.
- Maintaining biotic diversity of aquatic plants and wildlife.
- Preventing flood-related damage and associated costs to surrounding communities.
- Helping to maintain adequate flows of filtered water to underground aquifers.
- Providing greenway corridors for wildlife.

**BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

Union Beach has a "pooper scooper" law.  
 All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Please report all violations to the  
 Union Beach Health Department at (732)-264-2365

**REMINDER: NO PETS ALLOWED  
 ON BEACH OR WALKWAY**

**CATCH BASIN ALERT**

- Keep our streams, creeks, and outfalls clean.
- Do not use your curb line as a trash can.
- Do not use your storm catch basin as a trash can.
- Do not use streams, creeks, and outfalls as dumps.
- The only thing that belongs in a catch basin, stream, creek, or outfall is rain water.

**ANYTHING ELSE MAY VIOLATE FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL LAWS**

Additional flood information is available at the Public Works Department or through the following agencies:

FEMA Distribution Center  
 P.O. Box 2010  
 Jessup, MD 20794-2012  
 1-800-480-2520

Copies of the following publications are available free:

- Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your Home from Flooding, FEMA P-312, 2014
- Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures, FEMA 114, December 1986
- Engineering Principals and Practices for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Buildings, FEMA P-259, January 2012

The following publications are available from:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 Albuquerque District  
 Attn: CESP-ET-PH  
 4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435

- Flood Proofing Techniques, Programs, and References, May 2000
- Flood Proofing: How to Evaluate Your Options, July 1993
- Local Flood Proofing Programs, February 2005

**Office of Emergency Management**

This is a volunteer organization that offers a wide variety of services.

For more details on the Borough's emergency warning system, evacuation routes, or to join, please call 732-489-4108.

**A FLOOD ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR  
 REVIEW IN THE BUILDING/ZONING  
 DEPARTMENT**

Borough residents enjoy the beauty of residing near the waters of the Raritan Bay, Flat Creek, East Creek, Thorne's Creek and Chingarora Creek. However, the associated benefits are accompanied by threats of natural disasters, specifically hurricanes, nor'easters, flooding and the potential damage they bring to our shorefront community. Our entire 1.8 square mile Borough is affected by the tidal forces that have brought flood waters onto our roads and into our neighborhoods, businesses, and homes. As your Borough Council, we strive to prevent flooding due to accumulated debris and infiltration, and enact emergency notification and evacuation procedures.

Every Union Beach resident contributes to the overall success of our Borough's preparedness. Please take a moment to review the enclosed information and follow the established guidelines. For further information, please contact Borough Hall at (732) 264-2277.

**Services:** The flood zone map provides data on flood zone areas, locations of warning lights/sirens, and emergency evacuation routes. The official map is on record in the Building/Zoning Department. Please contact the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 for more information on flood zones and the Office of Emergency Management for more information on the warning systems and evacuation routes. The Borough of Union Beach Department of Public Works is responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the creeks and drainage systems on all Borough property as well as portions of the drainage systems and streams which are located on the easements dedicated to the Borough of Union Beach. Trash, debris, or obstructions in the Borough's drainage system or creeks should be reported to the Department of Public Works at (732) 264-1133.

**Citizen Responsibilities** Property owners can do their part to remove debris and obstructions from ditches, streams, retention basins, and drainage systems on their property. Leaves, grass clippings, and branches can block systems and contribute to flooding.

Residents also have a duty to maintain public areas for the common protection and enjoyment of all citizens. The Borough Ordinance (Section 16-1.a.0) states it is unlawful to dump or throw anything into the waters of any pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to a park or any tributary system, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water. Any violations should be reported to the Union Beach Police Department at (732) 264-0313.

**Flood Hazard Safety Tips**

- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. If you must walk, use a pole or stick.
- Move personal belongings and furniture to higher ground.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Do not drive around road barriers, the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to JCP&L.
- Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.
- Be aware of fallen debris, such as branches, wood, glass, or metal, since they may result in injury.

**Flood insurance:** If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods, but you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy which covers all surface floods because of the Borough's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

There are approximately 960 flood insurance policies. If you have flood insurance, check the amount and make sure the contents are covered. Typically, there is more damage to furniture and contents than to the building itself.

**2020 Curbside Leaf Pick Up**

Leaves will be picked up curbside in the Fall according to schedule. Please make sure to use **brown paper bags ONLY**. Please make sure bags contain **ONLY** leaves. Residents may continue to bring leaves year-round to the:

Department of Public Works  
 1400 Florence Avenue  
 Monday through Friday  
 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 For more info call: (732) 264-1133  
 or go to:  
[www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)

**Street Sweeping**

Please check your calendars for your street sweeping schedules. We ask your cooperation in moving your vehicles.

Thank you.

**Keep Union Beach Clean!**

All trash must be placed in trash cans and put out curbside the **night before** your scheduled pick-up. Do not block sidewalks with trash cans or bulk trash. **Do not store trash cans on sidewalks or on the street.**

**Household Hazardous Waste**

The Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 3211 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. All Monmouth County residents are welcome to drop off paints, chemicals, hazardous materials, etc. For appointment call 732-683-8686. Drop off days — which were previously held in Hazlet (behind Burger King) and Upper Freehold — **will no longer be available**. Latex paint cans are considered "regular" garbage once they are completely dried out.

For more information call: (732) 683-8686  
 Or go to: [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)

**Code Red Notifications**

All residents may register their phone numbers, both landline and cellular, to receive emergency notifications and critical community alerts. If you are not currently registered, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) and click on the link for "Code Red."

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

As we embrace a new and exciting decade ahead, I wish all our residents and visitors alike a blessed, happy and safe 2020! As Spring has arrived, it brings with it the warmer weather, which brings an increase in pedestrian(s), walkers/joggers, vehicle/motor bike(s), cyclist(s), etc. sharing our roadways. Collectively, we ask everyone to remain vigilant, courteous and attentive while driving. Please contact the UBPD immediately if you observe a careless motorist or see an increase in speeding in your particular neighborhood.

The Union Beach Police Department Youth Week will commence this Summer 2020. Activities will include various presentations covering many facets of police work and the rich and storied history of the UBPD. [Established officially in 1925, some of our original officers were marshals during the 1800's (19th Century).] Participants will be exposed to a disciplined quasi-military environment, including military drill in combination with structured classroom and outdoor activities, lectures, films, practical exercises and physical training by our highly skilled and trained officers.

UBPD is known as one of the most progressive and professional law enforcement agencies anywhere. Please visit our social media site(s) for the many community outreach programs the UBPD offers, as well as for additional information, or contact us at Headquarters at 732-264-0313. We truly live in the best town in the State of New Jersey, not just due to the scenic beauty, but rather most importantly, due to the residents who inhabit it, making it the close knit community it is today. Respectfully, Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow.

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

Spring is here and we can't wait for our 2020 baseball and softball season! The players are excited to play in their new dugouts at Scholer Park. This is going to be our best season to date (as long as Mother Nature cooperates)!

We finished our fourth recreation basketball season in March. This season we had over 250 children learning the game and having fun in the Memorial School Gym.

We would like to thank the Union Beach Community, the Mayor and Council, the Union Beach Board of Education, and the Union Beach Department of Public Works for their continued support to give us the resources and tools necessary to run the sports programs for our children.

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

### **Union Beach Community Alliance**

We are a group of concerned citizens, parents, council members, and law enforcement, who are trying to keep our community free from alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse; domestic violence; mental health issues, and bullying. Our first goal is to reduce all substance abuse, domestic violence and bullying by addressing and educating people on the factors that increase these risks in our community. We regularly hold seminars and events. Most recently we hosted seminars on Vaping and Narcan.

Our hope is to engage more people in our town, so that together we can work to build and promote a safe and healthy community. We meet once a month and all meetings are open to the public. Meetings take place in the Senior's Room at Borough Hall on the second Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting is April 8 at 7 p.m. We hope you can join us.

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

The Code Enforcement Office is asking that you please:

1. Do **NOT** pump water into the street. It must run onto your own property.
2. Put house numbers on all homes that are visible from the street (at least 4 inches).
3. On properties with no buildings, put either the address, or block and lot number, on a board large enough to be seen from the street.

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank all the residents that have been maintaining their homes and properties over these past months.



## **Beachfront Parking Passes**

Parking passes are available at Borough Hall for the 2020-2021 seasons between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The yellow stickers are now expired. You **MUST have your license and registration to obtain a parking pass.** If your registration is a leasing company and it is NOT your current Union Beach address then another form of residency must be presented. Passes are for RESIDENTS only.

Parking Meters are in effect from May 1 to September 15 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## **Election Days**

- **POLLS OPEN 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **Primary Election Day** is Tuesday, June 2, 2020.
- Voter Registration Deadline is Tuesday, May 12, 2020.
- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: In-Person Request by Monday, June 1, 2020, 3 p.m. EDT.
- Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot to the County Clerk's Office, Freehold, is Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 8 p.m. EDT.
- **General Election Day** is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- Voter Registration Deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot: In-Person Request by Monday, November 2, 2020, 3 p.m. EST at the County Clerk's Office, Freehold.
- Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot to the County Clerk's Office, Freehold, is Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8 p.m. EST.

## **Memorial School**

Happy Spring! We hope everyone is enjoying the nicer weather. School will be out and summer will be here before we know it. If you have just moved into Union Beach, please call the school at 732-264-5400 to register any school age children you may have. If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me a 732-264-5405 or [alewert@unionbeachschools.org](mailto:alewert@unionbeachschools.org).

Our Board of Education meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center. All are welcome! Please check our web site at [www.unionbeachschools.org](http://www.unionbeachschools.org) for updates and information about our school.

Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent will be held so parents and community members can have the opportunity to meet and discuss different topics with Union Beach's Superintendent. Anyone may attend and ask questions they may have. Our Superintendent, Mrs. Lewert, is looking forward to meeting with you! (4/8/20 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Board Office at 1207 Florence Avenue and 5/13/20 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the School Media Center at 221 Morningside Avenue.)

## **The 8th Annual Union Beach 5K Run**

Dust off your running shoes! The 8th annual Union Beach 5K is on Saturday, June 27 at 9 a.m. We are proud to announce that we, once again, are a USATF-NJ Grand Prix 500 Point Event!

Have you heard the exciting news about the new race series in town — The Bayshore Triple Crown — presented to you by Bayada Home Health Care? Three of our area's most fun races have banded together to bring you an opportunity to win more swag, and who doesn't love race swag?! Middletown Spring into Summer, Union Beach 5K and KeyportFest 5K can be bundled at a 10% discount(!) for entry into all 3 and a chance to win, win, win! Be part of the inaugural year, registration is open. You can register for all three or just your hometown favorite! <https://runsignup.com/Series/BayshoreTripleCrown>.

## **Chiminea and Outdoor Fireplace Safety**

Chimineas and outdoor fireplaces are very popular in backyards throughout Union Beach. Although their use is allowed under the state fire code, there are restrictions that residents must comply with. Adhering to the requirements and safety tips will assure a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience. Fire Code/Ordinance Requirements: For the purposes of the ordinance, an approved outdoor fire is classified as any fire taking place on a residential property within the Borough of Union Beach for the sole purpose of providing warmth or recreation, and is contained with an approved device.

- Approved devices include: commercially manufactured chimineas, outdoor fireplaces and fire pits, with a total fuel area not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.
- Only seasoned fire wood, natural gas, or propane may be used as fuel for outdoor fires.
- Outdoor fires cannot be located within twenty (20) feet of any property line and within fifteen (15) feet of any combustible structure. Combustible structures include dwellings, garages, sheds, decks, and fences.
- Outdoor fires are prohibited at any R-2 (NJAC 5:70-1.5) use group (apartments and multi-family dwellings).
- Any outdoor fire not complying with the above is prohibited.

### **General Safety Practices**

- Do not use during a high wind condition.
- All wood burning devices must be equipped with either a chimney (flue) or spark screen.
- The fireplace should be located on a non-combustible surface such as a brick or concrete patio.
- Burning leaves, trash, or yard debris is not permitted.
- The fire must be attended at all times. If the fire is to be left unattended, it must be extinguished.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start the fire.
- Prior to removing ashes, allow them to cool for at least twenty-four (24) hours. Keep the ashes in a metal waste can with a tight-fitting metal lid and keep it AWAY FROM THE HOUSE.
- Keep your neighbors in mind while burning outdoors. Smoke and other products of combustion can have an impact on surrounding yards and be drawn into neighboring properties.

## **Child Find**

The Union Beach School District is responsible for identifying children between the ages of 3 and 21 who may have delays with respect to hearing, speech, vision, learning, motor skills, language, and/or behavior. The District offers a variety of free instructional programs to meet every child's needs, including migrant and homeless children. If your child has a delay in any of the above-mentioned areas, please contact the Union Beach Office of Special Services at 732-264-5402. We will make an appointment to see if your child qualifies for services.

## **Dumpster/Storage Container Permits**

**EVERY** dumpster and container used in the Borough of Union Beach **MUST** have a proper permit. All dumpsters/containers **MUST** be placed on property. Special permission to use the street may be given in extreme cases only. Permits cost \$30 and are good for thirty (30) days. For more information, please call Public Works at 732-264-1133.

## **New Jersey American Water Flushing Schedule**

Although the schedule may be subject to change, hydrants in Union Beach are currently scheduled to be flushed from June 2 to June 19.

## **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 curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 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 the easterly 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. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 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. If the funds are available from HUD in early 2020, the project will be part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program.

### ***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.

### ***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 elements 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. All easements for the Phase I contract must be secured prior to the project being advertised for construction bids. 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 application is scheduled to begin in March of 2020, weather permitting.

**A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.**

Hello friends,

Happy Springtime! I hope that everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and the longer days. This is the time of year when we get started on improvement projects around the borough. We always try to strike a balance of taking on as many projects as we can afford utilizing funds from our municipal budget and with grants from various sources. This year we have been very successful in grant awards which is enabling us to take on some important projects.

This summer our road reconstruction projects will include Ocean Avenue Phase II. This includes Ocean Avenue from Lorillard to Columbia Avenues. We are happy to also be including Lorillard Avenue from Poole Avenue to the Easterly terminus. The cost of these two (2) projects is offset by \$641,000 in NJ DOT Grants. Additionally, we will be doing 9<sup>th</sup> St. from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. This project is made possible with a Community Development Block Grant of \$156,647.

It's not just all about roads. We have received a grant of \$50,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Program to help with construction of two (2) T-ball fields at Scholer Park for our younger ball players.

If you drive past Borough Hall, you will see that the addition/renovation project is moving along. The expanded parking lot is mostly completed and the new addition should be closed in shortly. We look forward to having all of the borough administrative services, including the construction and code enforcement offices, available to you in one location.

Remember to mark your calendars:

Our annual Memorial Day activities will be held on Saturday May 23rd. There will be a service by our First Responders at Firefighters Park at 10:00 a.m., followed by a service at the "Doughboy" presented by the American Legion at 11:00 a.m. The Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. starting at Borough Hall.

Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> is the annual UB 5k Run.

Independence Day celebration along with fireworks will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the beachfront.

Please check the Borough website for updated information concerning all activities and announcements.

Please watch for children playing in the streets now that the weather is getting nice. Don't be distracted while driving. Put your phone away!

As always, Keep Smiling!  
Paul

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