

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Summer 2021

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Councilman Albert Lewandowski
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The Borough of Union Beach wishes to congratulate all 2021 Graduates!

Clean Communities Day

Join us on Saturday, September 25, as Union Beach holds Clean Communities Day! All participants must pre-register by Friday, September 17, as Waivers of Liability need to be in place prior to the event and we need to know the number of participants. You may print waivers by clicking on the Clean Communities page on the Borough's web site, ubnj.net.

Mini-grants, up to \$100, are available for a limited number of organized groups (such as scouts, church, school, or civic groups; and other similar organized groups). Mini-grants will be distributed at the Council meeting on Monday, November 22. Strict rules apply regarding adult supervision of minors. This event will be held RAIN or SHINE, so please dress appropriately.

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

Paper Shredding

Union Beach will be hosting its second paper shredding event for Monmouth County residents on Saturday, October 30, at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. This event begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. (or until the trucks fill up). There is a limit of 100 pounds per address. More information on this, and other Monmouth County paper shredding events, can be found by searching "paper shredding" on the County's web site (www.visitmonmouth.com).

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.

*** PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES ***

** 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

July

5 (Monday)	Borough Offices Closed — Independence Day
6 (Tuesday)	Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
7 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
8 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *
14 (Wednesday)	Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
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
21 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
26 (Monday)	Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
28 (Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall *
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August

3 (Tuesday)	Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
4 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
11 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
11 (Wednesday)	Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday)	Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
19 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *
23 (Monday)	Deadline for Submission to 2021 Autumn Newsletter
23 (Monday)	Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Wednesday)	Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
25 (Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall *
26 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall *

September

6 (Monday)	Borough Offices Closed — Labor Day
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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 *
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
27 (Monday)	Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall*

* Teleconferenced

** 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.

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. 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. The 2020-2021 beach pass is teal. This is a 2-year pass — come in if you did not renew last year.

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
Sharon Devaney	
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
Amado Bencosme, Jr.	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
RECREATION	Search "Union Beach Recreation" on Facebook (732) 264-3792
LIBRARY	(732) 264-3133
BOARD OF EDUCATION	(732) 264-5400
MEMORIAL SCHOOL	(732) 671-6400
T&M ASSOCIATES	(732) 620-5034
O.E.M.	John Harriott

NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
1-800-652-6987

NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY
1-800-GAS LEAK

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 Autumn Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by August 23. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

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.

Union Beach Board of Health

It is a State Law to register your dog(s). January is dog registration. Late fee is as of April 1, 2021 due to COVID. Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division can answer your questions and concerns. Please call 732-542-3630.

Union Beach Library

On Thursday, August 5, Rita's will donate a portion of their sales to the Library. No flyer needed. All proceeds will be used for needed repairs and updates to the Library.

Don't throw your old Yearbook away — donate it to the Library! Memorial School and Keyport High School, especially! Come see us this summer!

Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)

To our Bayshore Sharks community, we would like to thank all the parents and families for all their support during this challenging but successful 2021 Baseball/Softball season. We had over 230 kids learning and having fun. We hope to be able to continue to grow and continue giving our kids Baseball, Softball, and Basketball for the foreseeable future.

We would also like to thank the Union Beach DPW and the Mayor and Council for their continued support of the Bayshore Sharks organization. We appreciate the community's support and can't wait to start developing the next generation of players!

Be on the lookout for our Fall Ball registration around the end of July. If you are interested in helping our organization in any way, please contact us on Facebook or through our web site www.bsarec.com.

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

On behalf of the men and women of the UBPD, I wish to welcome our residents and visitors alike to the much anticipated exciting 2021 Summer Season! I would be remiss, first and foremost, to not recognize and thank our incredible residents for the daily "Thank-you messages!" and support we receive on a daily basis about the performance of our men and women. It truly never gets old!

I hope you enjoy the many outdoor recreational activities that are available in the beautiful ecosystem we call Union Beach. (As previously mentioned in our last Newsletter, we have an incredibly unique diversity of wildlife, ie., the American Bald Eagle(s), Humpback Whale(s), Dolphin(s), Seal(s), Pelican(s), Osprey, Hawk(s), etc.). That said, school is out which equates to an exponential increase in pedestrian/cycling traffic, etc. Please remain vigilant. Together we continue to keep our beautiful community clean through education, partnerships and enforcement.

In case of an emergency, or if you simply have a concern, please call us at 732-264-0313. (UBPD responds to an average of nearly 12,000 calls for service per annum.) Please visit our various social media platforms for news and upcoming events (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) No job is too big or small for our professional police officers. We truly live in the best town in the State, not just due to the scenic beauty, but most importantly due to the residents — the fabric of America!

Respectfully, Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow

Engineer's Corner

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

Reconstruction of Victoria Place

The Governing Body recently awarded a construction contract to Lima Construction Freehold, NJ for the Reconstruction of Victoria Place from Poole Avenue to Florence Avenue. The improvements include installation of new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin in the Summer of 2021.

Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue

The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$375,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue from Pine Street to the easterly terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project is part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to Lima Construction Freehold, NJ. We anticipate construction to begin mid to late June, 2021.

Reconstruction of Ninth Street

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. The project is part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to Lima Construction Freehold, NJ. We anticipate construction to begin the week of May 31, 2021.

Reconstruction of Patterson Avenue

The Governing Body recently awarded a construction contract to Lima Construction Freehold, NJ for the Reconstruction of Patterson Avenue from Willow Street to Isabelle Avenue. The improvements include installation of new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project is part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin mid to late Summer, 2021.

Improvements to Firefighters' Park

In the continued commitment to improve the recreational facilities, the Governing Body recently awarded a contract for the replacement of the existing falling surface beneath the tot lot and swing set. The work was completed the week of May 24, 2021.

2022 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application

The Borough will be submitting a grant application to the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Seventh Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful we anticipate construction to be part of the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program.

Engineer's Corner (continued from previous page)

2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant

The Borough will be submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant program for the Reconstruction of Seagate Avenue from Sydney Avenue to NJ Highway 36. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs and sidewalks, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful we anticipate construction to be part of the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program.

Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant

The Borough recent submitted a grant application to the Department of Community Affairs for drainage and turf improvements at the Helen Hayes Soccer Facility. If successful and the funds are readily available, we anticipate construction to be completed for the start of the 2022 Spring soccer season.

Demolition of 1400 Florence Avenue

The Governing Body recently appropriated funds for the demolition of the front portion of the existing DPW building. The project will be advertised for bids in June 2021. We anticipate demolition to begin in the 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 Borough has contacted most of residents impacted by the Phase I construction concerning the easement acquisition. We are cautiously optimistic that the easement acquisition process will move quickly so the Phase I project can be under construction sometime in 2021. 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.

2021 Turf Maintenance Program

The Borough recently awarded a three-year contract for the 2021 Turf Maintenance Program. The 2021 Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The first round of treatment is underway.

Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank all those residents that are helping to keep our town looking beautiful.

We are still asking for help with the following items:

1. Yards should be well maintained. This includes removal of rubbish and debris, cutting of grass, removal of weeds, etc. This includes front yard, rear yard and any grass on adjacent curbs. We will be placing a large emphasis on exterior maintenance of properties throughout this upcoming season.
2. All empty lots must be identified with either the property address or the block and lot numbers. Signage must be large enough to be read from the street and placed in a location that is visible from the street.
3. All homes must have a house number that is large enough to be visible from the street. You never know when an emergency will hit, and the first responders will have to try and locate your home.

Thank you in advance for helping us to keep our town safe and clean during these next few months!

A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Dear Friends,

After several snow storms this winter, and fluctuating temperatures and rain that came with spring, summer is finally here! I hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the company of friends and loved ones over these next few months.

As we enter the summer months, we remind everyone to please drive carefully, as the children are out of school and we anticipate our parks, beach and local restaurants to be very busy now that the pandemic is reaching its end.

We would like to remind everyone that parking at the beachfront is free to residents only with a parking pass. Please bring your license and registration to Borough Hall to obtain your parking pass, which is free of charge.

Heading into the coming months we will have quite a few Road Reconstruction Projects taking place throughout town which I have listed below:

Complete Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street utilizing a 2020 Federal Community Development Block Grant of \$156,647

The Borough has been awarded a grant from the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue from Pine Street to the Easterly terminus at Flat Creek

Reconstruction of Victoria Place roadway with curbing on each side and drainage repairs/upgrades

In addition to these projects, we anticipate the completion of the newly renovated Municipal Building with a Dedication to follow. We will communicate the details of the Dedication in the near future.

The Governing Body continues working closely with the State and Army Corp of Engineers on the acquisitions of easements from property owners for Phase I Construction.

We also have some upcoming events this summer, including the UB5K on June 26th and Union Beach Fireworks show on July 3rd, with a rain date of July 5th. As always, you can find more information on our Borough website at www.ubnj.net

Finally, I want to Thank the entire Council, along with all of our Borough Employees, Professional Staff, First Responders, Volunteers and Residents for their hard work and dedication to our community each and every day to continue making Union Beach the Best Little Town in NJ!

May God Bless all of our First Responders and keep them safe!

May God Bless all of you and your families!

Be Safe!
Charlie

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