

Dear Friends,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Holiday season and had at least some opportunity to connect with friends and family.

Our Annual Reorganization Meeting will take place on Friday January 4th at 6:00 pm at Borough Hall. At That time we will swear in re-elected council members Albin Wicki and Charlie Cocuzza to another term on the Borough Council. We will also be confirming many other appointments to various roles within the borough. This meeting is open to all so feel free to join us.

Remember that Dog Licenses are due in January! Please check the borough website for hours. All dogs must have their rabies vaccine and be licensed. This is for the safety of all residents especially as we see more foxes and raccoons around town.

As many of us do in our personal lives as we begin the new year, it is good to look back on the accomplishments of the past year and some of the plans for the new year.

Highlights of 2018:

- Road Reconstruction projects on Ash and State streets along with parts of Seagate and Shore Rd
- With the help of grant monies we were able to do reconstruction on parts of Newark and Arlington along with Bank St.
- Continued with additional improvements to Scholer Park. Bleachers have been added as well as canopies for the players on the baseball field.
- Our Army Corps of Engineers flood protection project moves closer to construction. An enormous amount of preliminary work is required before the heavy equipment is able to roll out.
- The Borough Hall expansion project is well underway. We have acquired the property adjacent to Borough Hall as part of the project.

Plans for 2019:

- Road Reconstruction Projects to be partially funded by NJDOT Grant (Ocean Avenue from Route 36 to Cambridge Avenue) and Community Development Block Grant (St. James Avenue)
- Completion of the expansion of Borough Hall by late summer
- Installation of lights on the Helen Hayes Park Soccer Fields
- Continue to address the numerous abandoned properties in the borough.

Finally, remember that this is the time to make your preparations for the bad weather. Despite our hope for a mild winter, we are sure to get a couple of snow storms. Avoid the last minute rush once snow is in the forecast.

I want to thank the entire Council along with all of our borough employees and professional staff for their hard work and dedication each and every day to make Union Beach the Best Little Town in New Jersey!

God Bless our First Responders. May they be safe in 2019.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy 2019.

Keep Smiling!

Paul