

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Autumn 2015

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Election News

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 13, 2015. The deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot is October 27, 2015. November 2 (at 3 p.m.) is the last day to receive, in person or by messenger, applications for vote by mail ballots for the November General Election.

Dumpster/Storage Container Permits

If a resident plans to place a dumpster on their property, in the right of way, or on the street, they **MUST** obtain a permit from the Borough of Union Beach Public Works Department. Storage containers also require permits and **MUST** be placed on resident's property. Permits are generally good for 20 days, but may be extended if needed if they are located on private property. Any dumpster or storage container placed without a permit may be removed by the Borough. The maximum fine for not obtaining a permit is \$2,000.00. Residents with dumpsters/storage containers are issued a yellow place card to put on it to show that it has been registered with the town. Once a permit form is submitted, please allow two days for processing. The permit application form may be obtained by going to www.ubnj.net and clicking on the Public Works page. For more information, please call Public Works at 732-264-1133.

Board of Health

The Borough of Union Beach will be holding a free rabies clinic, for Monmouth County residents only, on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue. **NO RECYCLING WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THIS DAY.** The Recycling Center will be open **ONLY** for the rabies clinic. It is a New Jersey State Law that all dogs must be registered annually and proof of rabies inoculation must be provided at the rabies clinic. By Ordinance, Union Beach residents are only allowed three (3) dogs per household. When you bring your pets to the rabies clinic, all dogs **MUST** be on leashes and all cats **MUST** be in carriers. Please bring proof of address. No licenses will be issued at the rabies clinic. **Dog licenses are due to be issued in January, 2016.** As of February 1, you may be issued a summons for any unlicensed dog.

The annual Flu Clinic will be on Tuesday, October 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Borough Hall. This is not free, although they do accept certain types of insurance. For information, please call 732-264-2365.

Borough Meetings and Events

October

- 3 (Saturday) Deadline to register for Town-Wide Yard Sale
 6 (Tuesday) Flu Clinic at 9:30 a.m. at Borough Hall
 6 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 6 (Tuesday) Basketball Registration at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
 7 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 8 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
 10 (Saturday) Basketball Registration at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall
 10 (Saturday) Spaghetti Dinner & Gift Auction at 4 p.m. at Union Hose Fire Co.
 12 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
 13 (Tuesday) Deadline to Register to Vote in General Election
 15 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
 17 (Saturday) Union Beach EMS Town-Wide Yard Sale
 17 (Saturday) Basketball Registration at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall
 18 (Sunday) Union Beach EMS Town-Wide Yard Sale
 19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
 23 (Friday) Teen Night Dances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
 25 (Sunday) Recreation Halloween Carnival at 12 noon in Memorial School APR
 27 (Tuesday) Deadline to Request a Mail In Ballot for General Election
 28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 31 (Saturday) Deadline to submit to Union Beach EMS Cookbook

November

- 2 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 3 (Tuesday) General Election Day (Borough Offices Closed)
 4 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 11 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 11 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — Veterans' Day
 12 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
 14 (Saturday) Free Rabies Clinic at 10 a.m. at 1400 Florence Avenue
 14 (Saturday) Disney Character Pizza Party at 12 noon at Union Hose Fire Co.
 16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 20 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
 23 (Monday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
 26 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Day
 27 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day After Thanksgiving

December

- 1 (Tuesday) Deadline for Submission to 2015 Winter Newsletter
 1 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 2 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 6 (Sunday) Recreation Commission Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. at Borough Hall
 6 (Sunday) Recreation Commission Fundraiser begins at Five Below (Holmdel)
 9 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 10 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
 11 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
 17 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 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

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

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Charles Ervin	
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
George Lockwood	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Kate Chieffo	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
John K. Haines	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
John K. Haines	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Robert Parsells	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Robert Burlew	
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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

It is illegal to pump water of any kind into the street. Residents must discharge water into their own backyards.

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2015 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by December 1. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@optonline.net or faxing 732-264-5829.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

It is hard to believe that Fall is upon us already... Schools are open, and the days are getting shorter. For Union Beach, we approach the 3-year mark from when Superstorm Sandy changed our little town forever. No matter where you live in Union Beach, you are constantly reminded of this by the continued rebuilding of some homes and the lifting of others. This summer saw many residents fall into either one of these categories, and some were doing both at the same time. It is unfortunate that it has taken so long for some residents to get back home, and even more so that there are so many residents that still are not home. It is encouraging to see fewer trailers throughout the Borough each month. To help residents cut through the permitting and inspection process, the Council has hired yet another person to work in the Building Department. I hope that this will help get the paperwork completed more quickly so that delays are not caused by the Borough.

I am sure that, by now, all residents have received their 2015-2016 property tax bill. This tax bill is based upon the revaluation of all our properties that the County required us to do in 2014. This is not something that I, or any member of the Council, wanted to do. As a result, 64% of the residents actually saw their taxes change by less than \$100 or saw their taxes decrease. If you have questions about your tax bill, please do not hesitate to see George Lockwood, our Assessor. He is here on Monday nights to meet with you.

There are many capital improvement projects throughout the Borough, which began during the summer, and are either completed, or are nearing completion. Additional improvements to Scholer Park include more picnic tables, added irrigation and another security camera that is fed directly to Police Headquarters. There are road projects on Isabelle Avenue, Patterson Avenue, Central Avenue and West Street. The majority of these improvements are paid for with State or County Grant funds so we can make Union Beach better, a little bit at a time, without putting the burden on our residents.

As always, I am available if you have any questions or concerns. My contact information is on the Borough web site.

Be sure to check out the web site on a regular basis. It is constantly being updated with new information for the residents and lists upcoming events throughout the Borough.

Drive carefully.....watch for children now that schools are open.

Keep smiling, Paul

Reminder From the Tax Collector

You can now pay your sewer/property taxes online. Go to www.ubnj.net and click on the link on the left-hand side under "Online Services."

CodeRED — From The Office of Emergency Management

If you haven't done so already, we urge you to go to www.ubnj.net and sign up for CodeRed Community Notifications. Please be aware that you can receive notifications on your cell phone, as well as your landline. When you enroll, you may choose to opt out of "General Notifications," thereby only receiving emergency information.

Drug Alliance Teen Night Dances

The following dances will be held in the All Purpose Room at Memorial School:

October 23	Grades 3 & 4	3 to 5 p.m.
October 23	Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8	7 to 9 p.m.
November 20	Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8	7 to 9 p.m.
December 11	Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8	7 to 9 p.m.

Recycling in Union Beach

Please do not dispose of any type of plastic bags with your recycling! Plastic bags make recycling difficult for the facilities that receive our comingle. The only plastics that should be included with comingled recycling (cans and bottles) should be that which shows a recycling symbol with a "1" or a "2" inside. Please place your cans and bottles directly into a garbage can for pick-up on recycling Wednesdays. If you bring your comingle to the Recycling Center, please empty all bags directly into the dumpster and dispose of plastic bags properly.

Cardboard and newspapers will be picked up curbside, but **MUST** be properly bundled separately. Unbundled cardboard, along with chipboard (cereal boxes, empty paper towel rolls, soda cases), magazines, phone books, junk mail, etc. may all be dropped off at the Recycling Center. Any type of cardboard or chipboard that has come in direct contact with food is considered "contaminated" and is **NOT** recyclable.

The Borough of Union Beach recycles name-brand ink cartridges. Please bring all cartridges to the Department of Public Works/Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., or on the first and third Saturday of each month between 8 a.m. and noon.

The Recycling Center does **NOT** accept branches or brush. Our garbage contractor will pick up bundled branches on your second garbage pick-up day of the week — Thursday or Friday depending on where you live in town. We do accept leaves and provide curbside pick-up in the Spring and Autumn.

Recycling, in addition to being "environmentally correct" by keeping many items out of the landfill, saves the town money, and in some instances actually earns money for the town.

Please call 732-264-1133 for more information regarding any of these items or recycling, in general.

Sewer Cap Inspections

It is necessary to cap your sewer lateral when lifting your home. These caps, and subsequent reconnections, require an inspection from your Public Works Department. The single-page form is relatively simple and can be found on Page 6 of this Newsletter or at www.ubnj.net on the Public Works page. Once your line is capped and your form is completed, you can bring it the Department of Public Works at 1400 Florence Avenue, or fax it to 732-264-5829. Inspections generally occur within 24 to 48 hours. Please call 732-264-1133 if you have questions regarding this process.

Monmouth County Library

The Monmouth County Library wants to make sure that everyone has the smartest card of all — a library card. Snoopy, the ambassador for National Library Card Sign-up Month carries the Library in his pocket because he has a Monmouth County Library card. We invite you to visit the Monmouth County Library to check out books, DVDs, audio books, and music CDs. Enjoy our many free programs including concerts, lectures, movies and book discussions. We have programs for all ages and stages from babies to seniors.

Did you know that your Monmouth County Library Card enables you to download and read eBooks, listen to audio books and download magazines to your computer, tablet or mobile device? Your library card also allows you to access our online research tools: you can learn how to use the latest software, search newspapers, find help starting a business or changing careers and research upcoming school projects. You can use many of these free research tools from home as long as you have a Monmouth County Library Card.

All of the programs and services at the Monmouth County Library are free and you can find out more about our events and services at www.monmouthcountylib.org. National Library Card Sign-up Month ran through the month of September, but it's never too late to sign-up! We hope that you make the Monmouth County Library one of your regular stops.

Message from the Code Enforcement Officer

Notice to all Union Beach residents — All homes must have a house number on it. These numbers must be three (3) inches in height and be visible from the street.

Union Beach Memorial Library

Fall is here and it's time to hit the books! As a member of the Monmouth County Library system, we have access to their book catalogue as well. If you are in need of a particular book for leisure or school, let us order it for you! No need to pay or travel to other libraries to get the book you need. Don't forget, you can download audio and ebooks with your Union Beach Library card through 'Library to Go' on the monmouthcountylib.org web site.

Congratulations to our top Summer Reading Club "Super Readers" Donovan and Logan! If you made a Superhero for our bulletin board and would like to take yours home, we will hold on to them until the end of October. Congratulations to all of our summer readers; everyone did a "SUPER" job!

Upcoming events:

Second and Fourth Monday of each month, Miss Val, our children's librarian hosts Baby/Toddler Story Time at 2:15 p.m. and After School Story and Craft at 3:45 p.m. with a new theme each week! Fall dates are: October 26; November 9 & 30; and December 14 & 28.

The holidays are coming! Our Annual Pictures with Santa fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. Photos are \$5 each and include a gift from Santa, and a snack and drink.

We are in the process of setting up homework help/tutoring. Be sure to check our web site for more information as it becomes available at www.sites.google.com/site/ublibrary07735.

Are you interesting in participating in events and giving back to the community? The Library Association is always open to welcoming new members. Help us plan and provide community/family friendly events for yourself and your neighbors. We meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Library at 7 p.m.

Library Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 2 to 6 p.m., and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closings:

October 12 — Columbus Day; November 3 — General Election; November 11 — Veterans' Day; November 26 & 27 — Thanksgiving; December 24 to January 1, 2016 — Winter Break. Reopens: Jan. 2.

Bayshore Family Success Center

The Bayshore Family Success Center offers free Saturday morning tutoring for students in grades K to 8 at our center in Leonardo. We have a great team of high school tutors all ready to help! This program was very well received last school year and the students that came in for tutoring had fun while improving their grades and confidence. Please contact us to sign up your students!

Keep girls healthy and active with our Fit & Fun Club! This is a great way for girls to socialize and build self-esteem, all while learning to establish healthy habits. Classes include ideas on healthy eating, fun exercises, and activities. We are very excited to bring this program to the Bayshore Family Success Center in conjunction with The Community YMCA's Red Bank Health & Wellness Center. The club meets every Monday, September 21 to November 9, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Don't forget about family bingo nights, every third Friday at the Union Beach Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Pizza, prizes, and fun for all!

We have partnered with CFC Loud N Clear Foundation and are offering two life skills programs, one for girls on Thursdays in October and one for boys on Mondays in November, both from 7 to 8:30 p.m. These real life issues programs are designed for young men and women (aged 12 to 16) and will include topics such as honoring yourself, essence of you, dare 2 dream, living drug free, communication, and sex today.

For more information on any of these events, and to RSVP, please call 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!

Number: _____

BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH
SEWER DEPARTMENT
650 Poole Avenue
Union Beach, NJ 07735
732-264-1133
Fax: 732-264-5829

Inspection/Release Form

Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Lot and Block: _____

Name and Address of Person/Company Performing Work:

Contact Telephone Number: _____

Road Opening Permit Number (if applicable): _____

For the purpose of:

Demolition New Construction Improvements HHH

Proposed date and time ready for inspection: _____

Capped lateral inspection approved by: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

RECONNECTION INSPECTION IN RIGHT OF WAY

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

Gress Holiday House

Once upon a Christmastime, there was a magical place, not very far, where you could see Christmas lights ... maybe even a star! A magnificent house with dazzling lights that sparkle and twinkle all through the nights. A fairytale for all, a time you will recall, with memories to share through the year! So, get ready for those nights, when the Gress House is bright, raising money for charity again this year!

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls ... the Gress Family invites you to celebrate the magic, wonder, and excitement of the holiday season with their 6th annual Holiday Light Spectacular benefitting the Children's Miracle Network of Mountainside, New Jersey. Join us at 14 Johnson Avenue (off of Broadway) in Union Beach, nightly, mid-November through early January, from dusk to midnight, as we celebrate the season in style, including thousands of festive lights, holiday figures, dazzling special effects, music, and complimentary candy canes!

Once again, The Gress' will be raising money for the Mountainside chapter of the Children's Miracle Network through their "Decorations for Donations" program. Cash donations and/or checks made payable to the Children's Miracle Network are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the Santa train donation box alongside the family mailbox. Last year, through the generous donations given, they raised a little over \$4,000! It is their hope, this year, to raise the same, if not, more for this wonderful cause!

Also, back by popular demand, the Gress House will partner with My Fairytale Dream character entertainment company to bring some of your favorite characters to visit select nights in December for The Gress' Very Merry Christmas Block Parties. Check out, and be sure to like, "The Gress House Holiday Light Spectacular" on Facebook for character show times and appearances through the winter months. You'll also find festive pictures, updates, and other holiday happenings on their page! Additionally, just as a reminder, during nights of inclement or wet weather conditions, the display may not be lit. Furthermore, our display is meant to be seen up close! Feel free to take as many pictures as you would like and walk around our display! However, for the courtesy of our neighbors, please do not park in front of their driveways or walk on their properties.

Thank you very much for your continued support! We look forward to seeing everyone and wish you the "brightest" holiday greetings from our overly decorated home to yours! - The Gress Family

Union Beach EMS

WE NEED YOU IF YOU ARE OVER 18 AND LIVE IN UNION BEACH!

The Union Beach First Aid is actively seeking new members. Since Sandy, we have lost many members and now we must rebuild our squad. We, as a Squad, render first aid services of every kind and description, particularly in the Borough of Union Beach, and surrounding areas, when needed. This is done on a volunteer basis. We will train and educate each new member towards their EMT certification — no past medical experience is required. Whether you're eighteen or retired, and live in Union Beach, we need you. If you can't, please pass this on to someone you think can! Thank you for your consideration. For information call: 732-497-5191.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

Union Beach EMS is doing a cookbook fundraiser and we are looking for your best recipe (your name will appear with the receipt). Please go to www.ubnj.net for directions and entry form, or pick one up at the Union Beach Police Department located at 650 Poole Avenue. Forms may be returned to the Union Beach Police Department or mailed to Union Beach EMS, P.O. Box 877, Keyport, NJ 07735. Deadline for submission is October 31.

TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

A town-wide yard sale will be held on October 17 and 18. This is being sponsored by Union Beach EMS. The registration form can be found at www.ubnj.net. The cost is \$20 and the deadline to have your name and address on the map is October 3. Any questions, please call 732-497-5191.

Union Beach Emergency Management

The Union Beach Emergency Management Team would like to introduce you to a new idea for Union Beach residents. Being we are now in hurricane season, we thought this would be a great time to explain our idea. We have secured new hurricane flags to let you know what condition we are in during an impending storm. The locations where these flags will be displayed are: Borough Hall, Beachfront and Union Beach Fire Co. on Union Avenue. These flags are usually seen during the hurricane season, especially on news broadcasts, but most people do not know what they mean. The two flags are square, red flags and usually measure 36" x 36" with a black square in the middle that measures 12" x 12". When one of these red flags is hanging, it warns residents that a storm warning has been posted. A storm warning means winds between 55-73 mph are likely within 24 hours. When two flags are hoisted, one below the other, this means a hurricane warning is in effect. A hurricane warning means winds equal or greater than 74 mph are likely within 24 hours.

Union Beach Recreation Commission

October means Halloween! Join us for our annual carnival in Memorial School's All Purpose Room. The carnival will be held on Sunday, October 25, beginning at 12 noon. Trick or treat bags will be distributed to children in attendance.

On November 14, a special pizza party with famous Disney characters will be held. The party will be held at the Union Hose Fire Company, 1224 Florence Avenue beginning at 12 noon.

Join us at Borough Hall on Sunday, December 6, around dusk, for our annual tree lighting party. Featured will be our Memorial School Band & Chorus, hot chocolate and cookies, and Santa Claus, who will distribute a gift to all children in attendance.

Also in December, UBRC will be holding their annual fundraiser at Five Below in Holmdel Shopping Center. Patrons must present a flyer to the salesperson, and the Recreation Commission will receive a percentage of the total sales. Flyers will be sent home through the school or will be available at Borough Hall. The fundraiser will be held December 6 through 12. Please help us so we can continue to offer new and exciting programs free of charge.

Watch for announcements for programs like our basketball clinic, Easter party, summer camp, trips, and more events to be scheduled for the New Year — 2016! Flyers will be distributed through the school.

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year from the members of the Union Beach Recreation Commission!

Union Beach PTA

Our UB PTA is part of the National Parent/Teacher Association that strives to enhance children's educational experiences. Becoming a member does not mean you automatically sign up to volunteer, it just means you support our group and believe in what we're doing.

Our primary objective is to provide our school with funds, programs and resources that will enrich and maximize the education of every child. Our PTA is responsible for hosting a variety of well-loved events such as Field Day, Family Bingo Nights, Telescope Family Night, Grandparents' Day, an Ice Cream Social, a Pumpkin Patch (for younger grades), the honor roll breakfast (for older grades), holiday shopping, and the fall and spring Book Fairs. PTA funds are also used to purchase indoor and outdoor playground equipment, refreshments for school events, assemblies and two eighth grade scholarships.

PTA monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the media center. You can simply sit and observe or be an active participant! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please visit the school web site and our Memorial School PTA Facebook page for our calendar & flyers.

Upcoming Events

October: Meet the BOE Candidates—date TBD; Book Fair—10/15 from 3 to 6 p.m.; Trick or Trunk—10/30 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Halloween Bingo—10/30 at 6:30 p.m.

December: Holiday Shop—12/2 through 4 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Engineer's Corner

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

FY 2014 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough was awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. The park improvements include installation of additional benches, installation of sod around the existing restroom/concession building, expansion of the existing irrigation system, landscaping and additional security cameras. The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to Down To Earth Landscaping, Inc., in the amount of \$118,877.00. We anticipate construction to be completed early Fall 2015.

FY 2015 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough was awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Space Grant Program in the amount of \$75,000 for the rehabilitation of the existing hockey rink at Scholer Park. The improvements include repair, resurfacing and color coating the existing paved hockey rink surface; replacement of broken dasher boards; and the installation of heavy duty perimeter fencing. We anticipate the improvements to be completed in Spring 2016.

FY 2015 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application — The Borough recently received a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue from Orange Avenue to Johnson Avenue. The improvements include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin early Spring 2016.

Reconstruction of Central Avenue — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to A-Team Construction, South River, NJ for the 2015 Road Improvement Program. The program includes the Reconstruction of Central Avenue from Union Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is underway and we anticipate completing the construction early October 2015.

Reconstruction of West Street — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to A-Team Construction, South River, NJ for the Reconstruction of West Street from Broadway to State Street. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction was recently completed as part of the 2015 Road Improvement program.

Reconstruction of Isabelle Avenue — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to A-Team Construction, South River, NJ for the 2015 Road Improvement Program. The program includes the Reconstruction of Isabelle Avenue from Patterson Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is underway and we anticipate completing the construction early October 2015.

FY 2016 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application — The Borough recently submitted a grant application to the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue from Newark Avenue to Florence Avenue. The improvements include new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2016.

FY 2016 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough will be submitting a grant application to the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. This year's application will be for the expansion of the existing parking lot. This is the final phase of the planned improvements developed as part of the 2003 overall improvement plant for the park. If successful, we anticipate the improvements to be completed in Spring 2016.

Food Pantry Donations

Especially at this time of year, please consider making a donation to your local food pantry.

From The Chief's Desk (Charles Ervin)

It's that time of year again — back to school time. I hope a safe and wonderful summer was had by all.

This is just a reminder to exercise caution when dropping off and picking up your children. The teachers' lot, for teacher parking only, has been resurfaced, therefore creating many more parking spaces for parents to park on the street surrounding the school. Parking is available on Morningside Avenue, Wilson Avenue, Spruce Street, and also along the back of the school. Please drive slowly (5 mph) to prevent any accidents. Please keep an eye open for the children that walk to school.

When utilizing the "Drop Off Zones" in the front of the school and on Wilson Avenue, be sure not to park your vehicle and leave it parked. These zones are for parents to drive up to let children out, not for parking.

Our town is still under major repair from Superstorm Sandy. There are many construction sites on the way to school for the children who must walk. Parents should advise their children of the dangers of these sites. We all would like everyone to come home without incident or injury.

So let's make this 2015-2016 school year a happy one. Enjoy, have fun, and be safe.

Holy Family's Golden Age Group

The Golden Age Group of Holy Family Church is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner and gift auction on Saturday, October 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Union Hose Fire House, 1224 Florence Avenue. Cost of the dinner is only \$8 per adult and \$5 per child (\$10 at the door for adults). On the menu will be spaghetti & meatballs, salad, coffee, tea, soda, and desert. The winners of the gift baskets will be selected around 7:30 p.m. Bring the family!

For further information, or to purchase tickets, please call Joseph at 732-739-2578, Marlene at 732-739-0146, or John at 732-739-2252.

Color the World Orange Day — November 2, 2015

As proclaimed by Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr., November 2, 2015 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 2 to show your support! To learn more visit www.colortheworldorangeday.com.

**BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH
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