

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2016

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Free Tree Seedlings to the Residents of Union Beach

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, May 7 from 8 a.m. to noon, and on Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 as the distribution dates get closer, please go to www.ubnj.net.

Disposal of Branches/Brush

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 Department of Public Works/Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue does **NOT** accept branches/brush.

Preschool Registration for 4-Year-Olds

Preschool registration will be held in the Memorial School Nurse's Office on April 12 - 14, 2016. Please note that Preschool for the 2016/2017 school year will run as a half day program for all 4-year-old children who meet the requirements of turning four on or before October 1, 2016. Also, at this time, the school will do a readiness screening with your child that should take about 15 minutes. Registration will be held by appointment only. Please call the school nurse at 732-264-5420.

To register your child, you must bring with you: child's birth certificate, immunization records, physical form and four separate proofs of residency (one of the following: property tax bill, lease, contract of sale, deed, mortgages, plus two of the following: gas, electric, phone, cable bill), and also a Certificate of Occupancy.

In order to speed up the registration process, the registration forms are available on the Memorial School web site. If possible, please download and complete forms prior to your appointment. The forms can be found at www.unionbeachschools.org.

Borough Meetings and Events

April

- 5 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
6 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
15 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Wednesday) Recreation Fundraiser at 4 p.m. at Texas Road House, Holmdel
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

May

- 3 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
4 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
7 (Saturday) Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works
8 (Sunday) Mothers' Day Flower Sale at 9 a.m. at 310 Park Avenue
9 (Monday) Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works
10 (Tuesday) Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works
12 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
28 (Saturday) Memorial Day Parade
30 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day

June

- 1 (Wednesday) Deadline for Submission to 2016 Summer Newsletter
1 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
3 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
6 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
7 (Tuesday) Primary Election Day — Polls open at 6 a.m.
9 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
22 (Wednesday) "Kick Off to Summer" Beach Party at the Beachfront
25 (Saturday) Union Beach 5K Race at 9 a.m. at Spruce St. and Park Ave.
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront

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

Election News

Primary Day: Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Polls open at 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Drug Alliance Teen Night Dances

On the following dates, dances will be held in the All Purpose Room at Memorial School for Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

April 15

May 13

June 3

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
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Kate Chieffo	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
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 2016 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by June 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.

Dumpster/Storage Container Permits

EVERY dumpster and container used in the Borough **MUST** have a proper permit. Permit applications 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. **Beginning May 1, 2016 regular permit fees will be charged.**

Message from the Construction Office

We want to give you a brief update of what is to be expected in the near future as our community continues its recovery from Sandy. Currently, we anticipate that some 150 structures are in need of demolition and that another 400 structures will have to be either elevated, replaced or rehabilitated in the upcoming four to five years.

As you can see by all of the construction currently going on around town, we are the busiest community in the state for its size, and given the above, we expect to remain so for some time to come. Please keep in mind that, per local ordinance, the hours allowed for the construction crews at these sites remain 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week.

We would also like to remind everyone that this office now adheres to the 2015 Uniform Construction Codes and all local ordinances. Please keep this in mind when filling out a zoning request form for any plans that you may be making that will require permits. In addition to new construction and rehabilitation of structures, these permits also include such items as sheds, pools, fencing, wheelchair lifts, solar, driveways, etc.

Forms for the above can be found on the Union Beach web site (www.ubnj.net) or by stopping by our office at 1205 Florence Avenue. Our hours during weekdays are: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are closed to the public on Tuesdays.

Union Beach EMS

UBEMS would like to thank all our residents, friends, and families for supporting our annual Valentine's Day Rose Sale. Thanks to all of you, it was another successful event! We will be holding a Mother's Day Flower Sale on Mother's Day, Sunday May 8, at our First Aid Building located at 310 Park Avenue. Sale will begin at 9 a.m. and go to til 4 p.m. or while supplies last. Our Annual Boat Ride will be on August 6 this year. Read the Summer edition of this Newsletter for more information.

TEAMEffort Missions

Do you have a home repair project you need help with? This summer a youth missions organization called TEAMEffort Missions will be in the area to help families in need with home repair projects including painting, deck and wheelchair ramp building, small roofing projects, landscaping, and other minor projects.

If you or someone you know is in need of home repairs, please fill out an application located in Union Beach Borough Hall and return to Councilman Jeffrey D. Williams at Borough Hall.

For more information about TEAMEffort Mission, visit www.teameffort.org.

We look forward to serving your community this summer!

Union Beach PTA

The Union Beach PTA is throwing an 80's Dance Party (for those 21+) at the American Legion on Friday, May 13! Save the date and pull out your acid-washed jeans and join us for a fun night of music, food and drinks. More details will come as the event gets closer, so check the school web site, our Facebook page, and look for fliers around town.

We are also hosting a clothing drive on April 16, so as you clean out your closet, save your old clothes, shoes, toys, etc. and bring them to the APR between 9 a.m. and noon. McDonald's night is May 18 — come see your favorite teacher behind the counter! Field day is May 20, and our annual "Dessert with Dad" Ice Cream Social is June 14! If you have any questions about PTA or would like to get involved, please email pta@unionbeach.org.

The Borough of Union Beach
2016 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 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

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

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 Principles 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: CESPA-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

Union Beach Siren Sequences

Fire: 16 seconds up and 6 seconds down for 1-1/2 minutes
E.M.S.: One steady tone for 29 seconds
O.E.M.: 6 seconds up & 6 seconds down for 3 minutes
Civil Defense Test: 8 p.m. every night — 8 second tune

Office of Emergency Management

Tune into 1610 AM for up-to-date information on storms, flooding, and other prevalent emergencies. The blue & white emergency management signs throughout town will flash when to tune in for information. 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, call 732-264-7434.

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.
- Keep a battery-operated radio available to listen to the Union Beach radio station **1610 AM** for updates on flooding and evacuation.

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.

2016 Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Leaves will be picked up curbside during the months of April and October. Please make sure that your plastic bags contain only leaves. Residents may continue to bring bagged leaves 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

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 completed dried out.

For more information call: (732) 683-8686
 Or go to: 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 and click on the link for "Code Red."

Union Beach Memorial Library

Spring is in the air! Hop on over to the Library and choose from new releases, best-selling authors and a variety of children's books. Travelling? You can download audio and E-books with your Union Beach Library card through 'Library to Go' on the monmouthcountylib.org website.

The Library is participating in "Food4Fines". Bring in a non-perishable food item to have any current or past fines deleted from your account. We are also accepting food donations to benefit Faith Chapel's Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

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! Spring dates are: April 11 & April 25; May 9 & May 23; June 13 & June 27.

Bayshore Family Success Center is hosting free tutoring on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Library. Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale fundraiser: Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are looking for donations of baked goods to help make this fundraiser a success!

Summer Reading Program "Ready, Set, Read!" kick-off party will be held on June 13th at 3:45 p.m. Be prepared for books, food, entertainment and fun! There is an independent reader and a read-to-me program for our younger participants. Prizes are awarded throughout the program and will end with a party in August. Come out and join in on the summer reading fun!

Closings: May 30th- Memorial Day; June 7th Primary Election

Are you interested 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. See upcoming dates on page 2 of this newsletter. Library Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2 - 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bayshore Family Success Center

The Bayshore Family Success Center has a lot of great events planned for this Spring!

Celebrate Spring with us at Family Bingo Night in the Union Beach Library on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Pizza and prizes for all! We are reinvigorating our Parents Helping Parents monthly support group for parents and caregivers of special needs children. This comforting and empowering group meets at the Union Beach Library on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. We are hosting a family communication presentation at the Keansburg Library on April 2, with a Certified Professional Coach and Certified Youth, Parent, Family Coach.

We will continue to offer free tutoring for students in K-8 at the Union Beach Library for the remainder of the school year, and we will be back in October for the 2016-2017 school year! We have collaborated with the Union Beach Library and Recreation Commission, and together we are hosting a "Kick Off to Summer" beach party on Wednesday, June 22, with music, games, food, and sand castle building activities. It is sure to be a great time!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/BayshoreFSC](https://www.facebook.com/BayshoreFSC) so you always know what we have going on! If you have any questions about our programs or services, please call (732) 497-3811 or email familysuccess@cymca.org, and we will be happy to assist!

Union Beach 5K

The fourth annual Union Beach 5K will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 9 a.m. Kiddie dashes will once again be held at the conclusion of the 5K. Registration is open and available online through www.unionbeach5k.com. We are excited to announce that Ader's Tavern on Florence Avenue will be hosting the post race party!

Union Beach Recreation

UB Recreation will be holding a fundraiser at Texas Road House in Holmdel on Wednesday, April 20 from 4 to 10 p.m. Fliers are available at Borough Hall. Come support this great organization!

Engineer's Corner

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

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.

Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue — The Borough recently received a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the FY 2015 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. The project will be constructed as part of the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program and we anticipate construction to begin Spring 2016, weather permitting.

FY 2016 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application — The Borough recently submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Harrison Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The improvements will include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2017.

Reconstruction of Branch Street — The Borough recently appropriated funds as part of the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program for the Reconstruction of Branch Street from Florence Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements will include new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program, and we anticipate construction to begin early Spring 2016, weather permitting.

Reconstruction of Tenth Street — The Borough recently appropriated funds as part of the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program for the Reconstruction of Tenth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements will include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program and we anticipate construction to begin Spring 2016, weather permitting.

Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue — The Borough was recently awarded a grant from 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. The project will be constructed as part of the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program, and we anticipate construction to begin Spring 2016, weather permitting.

Board of Health

Dog licenses are now overdue for 2016 Avoid a summons! **Register your dog TODAY!**

Boy Scout Troop 134

Anyone interested in joining Boy Scouts should be 11 years old or have completed the 5th grade. Meetings are on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Avenue, Union Beach. The scouts go camping. They can attend a week of summer camp at Forestburg Scout Reservation. The scouts will be camping at Gettysburg Civil War Battlefield in the fall and a trip to Washington, D.C. is being planned for next year.

The scouts learn cooking, first aid and can earn merit badges in sports, crafts, science, trades, business and more. They also work on rank, hopefully to reach the rank of Eagle Scout.

Future events for the scouts include: a flea market on May 21 and a flag retirement ceremony in June. Please come out and help participate in this patriotic event. If you have an old or torn flag that needs to be retired, bring it with you. You can contact Assistant Scoutmaster Scott Woolley at 908-596-9764 for details regarding these events.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Let's hope that the worst of winter is behind us and we can now look forward to Spring. This time of year brings us new hope and plans for the warmer months ahead.

We have some very ambitious plans for 2016 and you will notice improvements in various parts of town through the spring and summer. The Council recently approved \$1,125,000 worth of capital improvements to Scholer Park and various road reconstruction projects for this year. Of that, over 35% of the funding is from grants from various sources. Additionally, we are outfitting all our Fire Companies with new Scott Air Paks, breathing and safety apparatus. The first responders of Union Beach are second to none and their safety is very important to us.

The borough experienced some areas of flooding during recent storms and moon tides. On the minds of every resident in Union Beach is the status of our Army Corps of Engineers flood protection project. As you recall in April of 2015, we were assured by the Governor that the project would start by the 3rd quarter of 2016. Unfortunately, from our latest correspondence with the ACOE, that does not seem to be the case. Despite recommendations from Senators Booker and Menendez along with Congressman Pallone for this project to move forward, the Army Corps and U.S. Fish and Wildlife are creating new delays. We are not giving up and will continue to fight for this project to begin ASAP for the protection of all of our residents. Our residents are doing the right thing by elevating their homes, but when you can't get out of your driveway to get to work, that is not ok! We will use any and all resources to make sure that the ACOE does the right thing now.

In other news, plans are in the works for our Memorial Day remembrances and the parade. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, May 28th.

As the days get longer, that means our children are playing outside longer, so be sure to stay alert when driving. Put the phone down while you drive.

Until next time,
Keep smiling,
Paul

Grace United Methodist Church

Are you looking for a new church? Have you attended Grace Church before but haven't attended lately? Come and attend a service. Services are on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. After service we have a coffee hour where you can enjoy refreshments and meet the members of the congregation.

Sunday school is also provided for the children. In the summer, come out for our beachfront services at 7:15 a.m. at the gazebo. Bring a chair and a cup of coffee. We are looking forward to meeting you or welcoming you back to Grace.

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