

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Summer 2016

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The Borough of Union Beach welcomes
all to attend our annual

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Sunday, July 3 on the beach after 9 p.m.
Raindate: Tuesday, July 5

News from the Department of Public Works

Effective immediately, please be advised that the Department of Public Works will no longer be able to accept electronics from non-residents of Union Beach. At this time, we 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.

Large appliances, electronics and metals will be picked up on Thursdays. Call 732-264-1133 PRIOR to the Thursday when you would like an item picked up. Please make sure to remove ALL refrigerator doors as a child could easily become trapped inside.

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.

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 became effective.**

Borough Meetings and Events

July

- 3 (Sunday) Fireworks at the Beachfront after Dark
4 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Independence Day
5 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
5 (Tuesday) Raindate for Fireworks at the Beachfront
6 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
6 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
13 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Saturday) Movie Night at dusk at Scholer Park
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
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
27 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront

August

- 2 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
3 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
3 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
4 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
6 (Saturday) Annual EMS Boat Ride at 5 p.m. in Keyport
10 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
14 (Sunday) Harris Gardens Auxiliary Fundraiser at Rita's Italian Ice at 4 p.m.
15 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
18 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Sunday) Recreation Bus Trip to SANDS Casino at 9 a.m. from Borough Hall
24 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
31 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
31 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront

September

- 1 (Thursday) Deadline for Submission to 2016 Autumn Newsletter
5 (Monday) Borough Office Closed — Labor Day
6 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 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) Union Beach Day at the Beachfront
15 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
(Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront

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

The Borough of Union Beach
wishes to congratulate all 2016 Graduates!

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 De/Re	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Kate Chieffo	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
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

Every dumpster, whether in the street or on private property, requires a proper dumpster permit!

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2016 Autumn Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by September 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.

IMPORTANT FLOOD INFORMATION

To our residents:

Our community is concerned about repetitive flooding and has an active program to help you protect yourself and your property from future flooding. Here are some things you can do:

1. Check with the Building Department on the extent of past flooding in your area. Department staff can tell you about the causes of repetitive flooding, what the Borough is doing about it, and what would be an appropriate flood protection level. The staff can visit your property to discuss flood protection alternatives.

2. Prepare for flooding by doing the following: (a) know how to shut off the electricity and gas to your house when a flood comes; (b) make a list of emergency numbers and identify a safe place to go; (c) make a household inventory, especially of basement contents; (d) put insurance policies, valuable papers, medicine, etc. in a safe place; (e) develop a disaster plan (see the Red Cross' web site at www.redcross.org for information about preparing your home and family for a disaster); (f) get a copy of *Repairing Your Flooded Home* (copies may be found on the Red Cross' web site).

3. Consider some permanent flood protection measures: (a) mark your fuse or breaker box to show the circuits to the floodable areas. Turning off the power to the basement before a flood can reduce property damage and save lives; (b) consider elevating your house above flood levels; (c) check your building for water entry points, such as basement windows, the basement stairwell, doors, and dryer vents. These can be protected with low walls or temporary shields; (d) install a floor drain plug, standpipe, overhead sewer, or sewer backup valve to prevent sewer backup flooding; (e) more information can be found at FEMA's web site, www.ready.gov/floods; (f) note that some flood protection measures may need a building permit and others may not be safe for your type of building, so be sure to talk to the Building Department.

4. Talk to the Building Department for information on financial assistance: (a) the Borough administers a flood protection rebate program that will be 25% of approved projects, up to a total of \$2,500. This program has funded low floodwalls, overhead sewers, sewer backup valves, and relocation of utilities to higher levels; (b) if you are interested in elevating your building above the flood level or selling it to the Borough, we may apply for a Federal grant to cover 75% of the cost; (c) get a flood insurance policy — it will help pay for repairs after a flood and, in some cases, it will help pay the costs of elevating a substantially damaged building.

5. Get a flood insurance policy: (a) homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because our community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even properties that have been flooded. Because our community participates in the Community Rating System, you will receive a reduction in the insurance premium; (b) because your area is not mapped as a Special Flood Hazard Area, you may qualify for a lower-cost Preferred Risk Policy; (c) some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in your area, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. Be sure you have contents coverage; (d) don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. In most cases, there is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverages take effect; (e) contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

Harris Gardens Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary

Become a member of the Harris Gardens Fire Co. Auxiliary! They meet the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Union Beach Library. If you are interested, please call Gert at 732-335-3440 or Barbara at 732-500-0896. You must be 18 years or older to become a member.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be hosting a fundraiser at Rita's Italian Ices, 865 Highway 36, on August 14 between 4 and 7 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Harris Gardens Fire Company.

Second Annual Union Beach Day

Come and celebrate Union Beach, a small part of a great state! We will celebrate Union Beach Day on Saturday, September 10. There will be tons of fun, food, music and a movie! Sign up for the Baby Parade or Bicycle Decorating Contest. Save the date now for a great time later! Check ubnj.net for more information!

Congratulations to the Following Union Beach Graduates:

Red Bank Regional High School

Amy Cavallo

Highest Ranking Union Beach Student

Julie Coker

Civic-Minded Girl

Joel Rivera

Civic-Minded Boy

Keyport High School

Kayla Tate

Highest Ranking Union Beach Student

Valeria Martinez

Civic-Minded Girl

Jake Capichana

Civic-Minded Boy

Memorial School

Serena Khan

Highest Ranking Union Beach Student

Brady Lowrey

Civic-Minded Boy

Bernard Cabrera

Civic-Minded Boy

Union Beach EMS

UBEMS would like to thank everyone for their support during our Mother's Day flower sale. Thanks to all our friends and family, this event was a success.

ANNUAL BOAT RIDE — Our annual boat ride will be Saturday, August 6, leaving at 5 p.m. on Captain John in Keyport. Cost is \$40 per person. It is BYOB and snacks will be provided. This year we are doing something different — we will be going down the Shrewsbury & Navesink Rivers. For tickets, call Carol 732-739-2839 or Maryanne 732-497-5191.

Beachfront Parking Meters

Please be advised that the beachfront parking meters are now in effect from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The hourly fee is \$1.00 per hour. Residents of Union Beach may receive a free parking pass for their vehicle. To do so, please go to Borough Hall with your driver's license and registration.

Message from the Code Enforcement Officer

The Borough would like to remind residents that trash and recycling containers, as well as bulk items, should not be out on the street prior to 6 p.m. of the night before a scheduled pick-up. Cans need to be put away promptly after pick-up.

As the warmer weather approaches, please remember that it is every property owner's responsibility to keep the grass cut and the yard clean at all times, regardless of whether anyone resides at the location or not.

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

All homes/properties must have the street number prominently displayed.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, no cash will be accepted in the Code Enforcement Office.

All payments will have to be made by check or money order.

Reminder: the Construction Office does not accept cash either.

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 Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$75,000 for the rehabilitation of the existing hockey rink at Scholer Park. The improvements include the 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 2016. **Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue**

The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to Lucas Construction Group, Morganville, NJ for the 2016 Roadway Improvement Program. The program includes 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 improvements are funded in part through a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the FY2015 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program. The project is scheduled to begin mid-June 2016 and be completed in approximately 6 weeks, weather permitting.

FY 2016 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application

The Borough was recently awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$210,000 for the Reconstruction of Harrison Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The improvements include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate the construction to begin in the Spring of 2017.

Pavement Resurfacing of Dock Street

New Jersey American Water Company recently completed the installation of a new water main and services along Dock Street. The area of the roadway effected by the main installation is scheduled to be milled and paved with new pavement surface course. We anticipate the construction to be completed by the end of June 2016.

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. A construction contract was recently awarded to Lucas Construction Group, Morganville, NJ. The improvements include new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin within the 30 to 45 days, 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 the Pine Street. A construction contract was recently awarded to Lucas Construction Group, Morganville, NJ. The improvements 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. We anticipate construction to begin mid-July 2016, weather permitting.

Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue

The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to Lucas Construction Group, Morganville, NJ for the Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue from Newark Avenue to Florence Avenue. The project is funded in part through a grant from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program in the amount of \$162,545. The improvements include new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project is scheduled to begin mid-June 2016 and completed in approximately 6 weeks, weather permitting.

Engineer's Corner (continued)

New Jersey Recreational Trails Grant Program

The Borough, in cooperation with the Monmouth County Parks System, recently submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Trails Grant program for the development of the Borough owned parcel adjacent to the Henry Hudson trail into a passive park. The improvements include parking, benches, landscaping and green infrastructure. If successful we anticipate improvements to be completed in the spring of 2017.

Bayshore Family Success Center

Summer is finally here and the Bayshore Family Success Center has some great events planned! Since our inaugural Movie Night in the Park was such a great success, we are doing it again on July 16! Join us, Union Beach Recreation and the Union Beach Library for another fun-filled night at Scholer Park! Bring your own blanket, chairs and bug spray! The concession stand will be open, and we will be selling snacks.

Are the summer homework packets getting you down? We can help! Bring your child to the Union Beach Library and have them team up with older students for summer packet help. This special tutoring/homework help is available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the following Saturdays: July 23 & 30 and August 6 & 13. Please call 732-497-3811 or email familysuccess@cymca.org to register your child. Weekly tutoring will be back in October.

If you aren't familiar with the Bayshore Family Success Center, stop in on August 24 for our visitor day. Have some treats, meet the staff, and learn about what we do!

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 question about our programs or services, please call 732-497-3811 or email us at familysuccess@cymca.org and we will be happy to assist!

Union Beach PTA

The Union Beach PTA would like to thank everyone for their support all year! We tried some new ideas and hope you enjoyed the Flamingo Flocking and 80's Dance Party as much as we did! We hope everyone enjoys summer break, and we hope to see some new faces at our meetings during the '16-'17 school year. We meet on the 1st Monday of every month September through June at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. PTA is a great forum to have your voice heard and have an impact on student life.

Union Beach Seniors' Association

Mrs. Rose Basile, a member of the Union Beach Seniors' Association celebrated her 101st birthday on April 12, 2016. Her daughter treated the Association to sandwiches and a beautiful birthday cake. The club presented Mrs. Basile with a bouquet of flowers. On behalf of himself and Borough Council, Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr. presented Mrs. Basile with a lovely plaque and bouquet of flowers at the Senior's Meeting on May 10. Other members of the club describe Mrs. Basile as a lady with class and a wonderful personality. They all wish her much health and happiness.

Red Bank Regional High School Class of 1986

This summer, the Red Bank Regional High School Class of 1986 will be celebrating their 30th Reunion. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Downtown in Red Bank. Details regarding registering for the upcoming reunion can be found on the class Facebook page, Classmates.com, or by contacting Stacy Denton Jones at sdjones103@verizon.net.

Board of Health

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

Union Beach Memorial Library

Summer is in full swing, and what better way to unwind than sitting by the pool or at the beach with a good book? You can download audio and E-books to your iPad, Nook, Kindle, or cell phone with your Union Beach Library card through "Library to Go" on the monmouthcountylib.org website or step by the Library for a physical book to bring with you on your summer adventures.

The Library is still 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:

Helmet Safety: Once again the Library will be offering "Helmet Rewards" for anyone who wears a helmet when riding a wheeled vehicle (bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc.) to the Library. Stop in, show us your helmet and receive a special reward!

Summer Reading Club kicked off on June 13, but it is not too late to join! This year's theme is Health and Fitness. We offer mid-way and interim prizes for achieved reading goals, as well as end of program prizes. The club will end on August 8 at 3:45 p.m. with food, fun and entertainment. The Summer Reading Club is available to all readers, both independent and read-to-me participants.

Story Time continues throughout the summer on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Miss Val, our children's Librarian, hosts Baby/Toddler time at 2:15 p.m. and After School Story and Craft at 3:45 p.m. with a new theme each week! Summer dates are July 11 & 25 and August 8.

We have partnered with Memorial School to have several books required for summer reading assignment accessible to students; however, don't wait until the last minute — they may not be available!

Please note our summer closings listed below

"Summer Homework Packet Help" will be offered at the Library and is provided by the Bayshore Family Success Center. Please visit their section of this Newsletter for more detailed information.

Closings:

July 4 — Fourth of July; August 15 through 20 — Summer Break; September 5 — Labor Day and September 10 — Union Beach Day.

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered by donating or purchasing goodies at our Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale Fundraiser. It would not have been as successful (or as yummy) without you!

Are you interested in participating in events and giving back to the community? The Library Association meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Library at 7 p.m. See upcoming dates in the front of this Newsletter.

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

Union Beach Recreation

The summer Recreation program begins July 5 at Memorial School. Every Wednesday there is "Music and Volleyball" at the beachfront from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be a Family Movie Night at Scholer Park on July 16. It will begin at dusk and refreshments will be sold.

A bus trip to SANDS Casino in Pennsylvania will take place on Sunday, August 21, 2016. Bus departs Borough Hall at 9 a.m. This trip is for adults only. The cost is \$25 per person. You will receive \$20 for casino play and a \$5 food coupon. For tickets or information, please call John at 732-739-2252.

Union Beach Day is September 10 with a Baby Parade and a Bicycle Decorating Contest. Applications are available at Borough Hall. At 8 p.m. there will be a movie at the beachfront.

Future Events include: Halloween Party (October), Murder Mystery Dinner Party, Christmas Tree Lighting and Party. Please like our Facebook page, [Union Beach Recreation](#), to get the latest information and updates.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Dear Friends,

I want to begin by thanking our Emergency Services personnel and American Legion Post 321 for hosting such beautiful Memorial Day remembrances at our beachfront. The service at Firefighters Park unveiled a new monument in memory of our fallen firefighter, Robert "Hawk" Meyer, in a touching ceremony. Following our parade, American Legion Post 321 dedicated their new space in honor of Corporal Brian M Connelly. It is important that all of the residents of Union Beach never forget the service, dedication and ultimate sacrifice given by these men for our safety and freedom. May God bless them and provide strength to their families.

Thank you to Frank Wells and all who worked to organize the parade. We are grateful to all of the participants who helped make this year's parade such a wonderful event. The weather was summer-like and it was great to see all of the residents enjoying themselves.

I know that residents have questions concerning the status of the Army Corps of Engineers Flood Protection Project. There are still issues with Fish and Wildlife Services concerning the alignment of the flood protection project within the Coastal Barrier Resources area which is protected by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. The USACE is working diligently to find a resolution to this issue. They have offered to come to a Public Meeting to address resident concerns. We will send out a Code Red when the dates are finalized.

I am happy to announce that we have adopted our 2016 municipal purposes budget. We were able to meet the needs of our various departments, fund some capital improvement projects and pay off our five year emergency loan of \$6.5M, that we took out to meet the costs incurred by superstorm Sandy, with FEMA assistance, in four years. With all of that done, the Municipal Purposes tax rate is actually DECREASING this year.

As for the capital improvement projects, you will see temporary repairs starting soon on portions of Seaview Avenue, Shore Road, Seagate Avenue and Lorillard Avenue along with reconstruction projects on Branch Street, Tenth Street, Johnson Avenue between Newark and Florence Avenues and Arlington Avenue between Orange and Johnson Avenues. We also expect that the Hockey Rink in Scholer Park will be reconstructed by the fall.

Remember to drive safely, watch out for children playing in the streets and put your phone down while you drive.

Keep Smiling,
Paul

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