

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2018

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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, April 14 and Monday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to noon. 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.

Beachfront Parking Passes

Beachfront Parking Passes are available at Borough Hall for the 2018-2019 seasons. The teal colored ones are expired. You MUST have your license and registration to obtain a parking pass. If your registration (lease) is not a Union Beach address, another form of residency must be presented.

Union Beach Day

Be a part of our community! Meet your neighbors! Make new friends! Show your Union Beach pride! The fourth annual Union Beach Day will be held on Saturday, October 13. Save the date!

Union Beach Recreation

Registration for Summer Recreation (Camp) will be held on the following dates: Saturday, May 19 at Borough Hall from 9 a.m. to noon; Monday, May 21 at the Union Beach Library from 6 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, June 2 at Borough Hall from 9 a.m. to noon. Please sign your children up for this fun summer-time activity! Please visit our Facebook page. "Union Beach Recreation" is the best way to stay updated on all of the fun and activities planned!

Union Beach 5K

The annual Union Beach 5K Race will be held on June 23 at 9 a.m. Registration is OPEN! Please visit our Facebook page: Union Beach 5K. Race Packet Pick-up will be Friday, June 22 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Union House Fire Company located at 1224 Florence Avenue in Union Beach.

Third Annual Kick Off to Summer Beach Party

Presented by the Union Beach Recreation Commission, the Union Beach Memorial Library, and the Bayshore Family Success Center, our annual Kick Off to Summer Beach Party will be Wednesday, June 20, at the beachfront from 6 to 9 p.m. Celebrate Summer with your community! Enjoy fun, friends, volleyball and music!

Borough Meetings and Events

April

- 3 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
9 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
12 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Saturday) Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works
16 (Monday) Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
25 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR

May

- 1 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
7 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Saturday) Summer Camp Registration at 9 a.m. at Borough Hall
21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Monday) Summer Camp Registration at 6 p.m. at the Library
21 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
26 (Saturday) Memorial Day Parade
28 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

June

- 1 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2018 Summer Newsletter
2 (Saturday) Summer Camp Registration at 9 a.m. at Borough Hall
4 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
5 (Tuesday) Primary Election Day — Polls open at 6 a.m.
5 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
8 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Wednesday) "Kick Off to Summer" Beach Party at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Saturday) Union Beach 5K Race at 9 a.m. at Spruce St. and Park Ave.
25 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
27 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (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 5, 2018
Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Polls open from 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.
Friday, April 27 Friday, June 8

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
HEALTH OFFICE	(732) 264-2365
Eileen Balut	
SEWER DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
BOROUGH CLERK	(732) 264-2277
Anne Marie Friscia	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Joseph Crane	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
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 2018 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@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

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. 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.

Child Find

The Union Beach School District is responsible for identifying children between the ages of 3 and 21 who may have delays with respect to hearing, speech, vision, learning, motor skills, language and/or behavior. The District offers a variety of free instructional programs to meet every child's needs, including migrant and homeless children.

If your child has a delay in any of the above-mentioned areas, please contact the Union Beach Office of Special Services at 732-264-5402. We will make an appointment to see if your child qualifies for services.

Cutting and Capping of Sewer Lines

When lifting a home, the sewer line must be "cut and capped" **OUTSIDE** the home. The capped sewer line must then be inspected by the Department of Public Works. Please do **NOT** cap a sewer line inside a house. You may be asked to redo it. You may get the appropriate form at www.ubnj.net on the Public Works page. Submit the form to Public Works after the line is capped. Inspection is usually performed within 24 hours. Please call 732-264-1133 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Union Beach EMS Town-Wide Yard Sale

Our Town-Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 — \$5 to be refunded when the sign is returned. Information and payment may be dropped off or sent to 310 Park Avenue, Union Beach, NJ 07735 by May 4. Please provide your name, address, phone number and email.

Union Beach Board of Health.

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division provides mosquito control and tick-testing services to the residents of Monmouth County. The primary strategy for mosquito control relies on an Integrated Pest Management approach that focuses on controlling mosquito larvae versus broad control of adult mosquitoes. Much of the effort is on source control — reducing or eliminating the standing water where mosquito larvae live. The staff the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division can answer your questions and concerns about mosquitoes. Contact the staff by email at mosquitoes@co.monmouth.nj.us or by telephone at [732-542-3630](tel:732-542-3630).

Bayshore Family Success Center

There will be free tutoring at the Union Beach Library hosted by the Bayshore Family Success Center on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon (no tutoring March 31 and April 7). Last session will be May 19. Registration is required. Check our web site for information on School Summer Packet Help and dates.

Book Club with Bayshore Family Success Center will be held at the Union Beach Library on Thursdays at 6 p.m. on April 26, May 31, and June 28.

For more information on Bayshore Family Success Center, or to register for any BFSC sponsored events, call 732-497-3811, visit our web site at <http://cymca.org/locations/bayshore-family-success-center>, or email family_success@cymca.org.

The Borough of Union Beach
2018 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: CESP-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.

2018 Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Leaves will be picked up curbside in the Fall according to schedule. Please make sure to use brown paper bags ONLY. Please make sure bags contain ONLY leaves. Residents may continue to bring leaves year-round 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."

Clean Ocean Action's 33rd Annual Beach Sweep

Help clean up our beach! Join the Clean Ocean Action's 33rd Annual Beach Sweep on Saturday, April 21 at Front Street and Florence Avenue. Check in begins at 9 a.m. Event takes place rain or shine!

Union Beach Library

**** THE UNION BEACH LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL FOR RENOVATIONS — ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL RE-OPENING ****

The Library will re-open on Tuesday, May 1 for regular business. We invite you to join us for a snack and to peak at our newly updated facility on Monday, April 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In addition to being closed from March 30 to April 30, the Library will be closed on May 28, and June 5.

Library Association meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Library. Spring dates are April 3 (at the Senior Center in Borough Hall), May 1, and June 5 at the Library.

Our regular story-time with Children's Librarian, Miss Damaris, is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Baby/Toddler Story-Time is from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.; School Age Story-Time is from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are May 14, June 11 & 25. This program is free and no registration is required.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for the Library will be held on April 18 from 4 to 10 p.m. Flyers will be available at Borough Hall.

FREE BOOK FAIR: May 7 to 11 during Library hours. Receive free previously read/gently used books. Teachers are welcome!

Our Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party will be held on June 25 from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Come for food, fun, and entertainment. If you are unable to make the party, you can still stop in to sign up. Prizes are awarded throughout the program and at the conclusion. Last year our summer readers read over 1,200 hours, and we are looking forward to another great year!

Be sure to check our web site and Facebook page for new startup dates and times for Yoga, Crochet & Craft, Poetry, Gaming Club, and Sewing Skills Group (NEW!).

For more information on any of our Library programs, you can call us at 732-264-3792. Check our web site and/or Facebook page for more details.

Check our Facebook page at [ublibrary07735](https://www.facebook.com/ublibrary07735) and our website (www.sites/google.com/site/ublibrary07735) for weather-related closings.

The Library Association would like to extend our sincerest THANKS to the Union Beach Department of Public Works for all of their help and hard work in helping us with our renovation!

Union Beach PTA

The Union Beach PTA meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center. Meetings are scheduled for April 9 (second Monday), May 7, and June 4. On-site childcare is available.

SUPER 50/50 is BACK! Tickets available through PTA members, at PTA events, and at the Union Beach Library. Raffle will be drawn on June 1.

SAVE THE DATE Masquerade Party Dinner and Dance (21 and over only) on April 27 from 7 to 11 p.m. at North Centerville Firehouse. Fifty dollars (\$50) per person includes dinner, entertainment, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. Check our Memorial School PTA page for ticket purchase information and options.

For more information on any of our events, meetings, or weather cancellations, please visit our web site at Union Beach Memorial School and click on the PTA link; or on our Facebook page at [UnionBeachPTA](https://www.facebook.com/UnionBeachPTA).

Engineer's Corner

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

FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Applications

The Borough recently submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue from Lorillard Avenue to New Jersey State Highway Route 36. The improvements will include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2019.

Reconstruction of Bank Street

The Borough recently appropriated funds for the Reconstruction of Bank Street from Florence Avenue to the westerly terminus and temporary roadway repairs on certain streets throughout the Borough. The improvements along Bank Street include new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The temporary repairs will include removing of the existing pavement surface and installing a new pavement roadway surface. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in Spring of 2018.

Reconstruction of Arlington and Newark Avenue Phase II

The Borough was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$210,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue and Newark Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The improvements include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in Spring of 2018.

Reconstruction of St. James Avenue

The Borough was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$173,636.00 from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of St. James Avenue from Poole Avenue to Tenth Street. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program. Depending on the release of funding, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2018.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project

The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials to keep this most important project on its current project schedule. The Project Participation Agreement (PPA) between the Federal Government and the State of New Jersey has been signed. The preparation of the design plans and specifications for Phase I plans are currently underway with anticipation of the final plans being submitted to the Borough for review sometime in March 2018. The Phase I design consists of the beach fill element if the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek. We anticipate the project to begin mid-year 2018.

2018 Turf Maintenance Program

The Borough recently awarded a three-year contract to On Site Landscaping for the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. This is a continuation of the turf maintenance program started four years ago for the Borough's athletic fields.

Improvements to Scholer Park

Continuing with the improvements to Scholer Park, the Borough is soliciting price quotes for the purchase of two additional bleachers for the baseball and softball fields and dugout canopies to protect the players from the extreme summer heat. If the price quotes are favorable, these improvements should be placed prior to the 2018 Summer season.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Dear Friends,

On Thursday March 8th, the governing body presented the initial recommendations of the finance committee for the 2018 municipal purposes budget. The finance committee along with our Borough Administrator have been working on the budget since early January in a process that will last into April when the budget is finalized.

Along with taking care of many specific needs of the various departments, I am pleased to announce our Capital Improvement Road Program for 2018. Reconstruction work will take place on St. James Avenue, Bank Street and the remaining portions of Newark and Arlington Avenues. More information is contained in this newsletter's "Engineer's Corner" report. Additional roadways will have temporary repairs by way of "mill & pave" projects as funds allow.

We have once again been successful in securing grant monies to help offset the cost of these road projects for 2018. We have been awarded grants from the NJ Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Program and from the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant Program. We have received \$383,636 in grant money to supplement Borough funds for our 2018 projects.

We know that even though the list of roads that require reconstruction grows shorter each year, there are still several on the list that need our attention. As much as we would like to do more roads each year, to do so would place an unreasonable tax burden on the residents. So we work in areas that qualify for grant monies whenever possible while supplementing our road program with additional municipal funds.

We have recently purchased a new street sweeper for the borough. This will replace the 1990 era unit that has recently been in need of service more than it has been in service. Please check the sweeping schedule for your street as it is listed on the website.

Mark your calendar for our annual Memorial Day events. At 9:00 AM our Emergency Services will hold a ceremony at Firefighters Park. This is followed by a ceremony at the Beachfront Veteran's Memorials at 10 AM presented by American Legion Post 321. Kick-off to our Parade will be at 1:00PM from Borough Hall.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to remember a dear member of our Borough Family who passed away on February 16th. Terry Granato was a long time employee who we lost too soon. She brought a smile and a laugh to everyone she came in contact with. Terry never thought about herself, but was always there to help everyone else. She is still loved and will never be forgotten. May she Rest in Peace.

Paul

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