

# The Borough of Union Beach

# Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2021

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Councilman Anthony Cavallo

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## **Timeline for 2021 Primary Election (June 8)**

Here is the timeline for the 2021 Primary Election. Please check the Union Beach web site ([www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)) for updates.

May 18 — Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election

June 1 — Deadline to apply for Mail-in Ballot for Primary Election

June 7 — Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot application for Primary Election

June 8 — Primary Election

## **Free Tree Seedlings**

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 24, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, April 26, 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, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net).

## **Clean Communities Day**

Our next Clean Communities Day will be held on Saturday, September 25. Please watch future Newsletters, as well as the Borough's web site ([www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)) for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Union Beach Clean Communities Coordinator, Mary Mancini, at 732-264-1133.

## **Paper Shredding**

Union Beach will be hosting its second paper shredding event for Monmouth County residents on Saturday, October 30, at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. This event begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. (or until the trucks fill up). There is a limit of 100 pounds per address. More information on this, and other Monmouth County paper shredding events, can be found by searching "paper shredding" on the County's web site ([www.visitmonmouth.com](http://www.visitmonmouth.com)).

## **Daniel's Law**

In response to the Governor's signing of Daniel's Law, the Union Beach Tax & Sewer Collectors' Office is able to make adjustment to our online viewing information. If this pertains to you, please contact our office at 732-264-5662 or [ubtax@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:ubtax@unionbeachnj.gov).

## Borough Meetings and Events

### April

- 2 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Good Friday  
6 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
8 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
14 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
15 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
26 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall \*

### May

- 11 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
12 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
18 (Tuesday) Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election  
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
24 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
28 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2021 Summer Newsletter  
31 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day

### June

- 1 (Tuesday) Deadline to Apply for Mail-in Ballot for Primary Election  
7 (Monday) Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Application (Primary Election)  
8 (Tuesday) Primary Election Day  
9 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
17 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall \*  
21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
28 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall\*

\* Teleconferenced

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

\*\* Please check the Borough's web site, [ubnj.net](http://ubnj.net), as well as the web sites and social media pages of each separate organization for updates regarding cancellations.

\*\*\* This Newsletter is intended for the residents of Union Beach **only**. Information regarding curbside pick-ups pertains only to Union Beach. The Union Beach Recycling Center does NOT accept any type of materials from residents outside of Union Beach. \*\*\*

### Beachfront Parking Passes

Parking passes are available at Borough Hall for the 2020-2021 seasons between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You **MUST have your license and registration to obtain a parking pass**. If your registration is a leasing company and it is NOT your current Union Beach address then another form of residency must be presented. Passes are for RESIDENTS only. Parking meters are in effect from May 1 to September 15 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The 2020-2021 beach pass is teal. This is a 2-year pass — come in if you did not renew last year.

### 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	
Carol Seney	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Sharon Devaney	
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
Amado Bencosme, Jr.	
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) 620-5034
John Harriott	

NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY  
1-800-652-6987

NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
1-800-GAS LEAK

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please do **NOT** blow/sweep cut grass or leaves into the road, or into the catch basins.

### Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2021 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by May 28. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing [memancini@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:memancini@unionbeachnj.gov) or faxing 732-264-5829.

### **A Message from the Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow**

Welcome to Union Beach, "The Oasis of the Bayshore!" I would like to thank our wonderful residents and visitors alike for the constant phone calls and in person visits at Headquarters thanking our officers for the job they do, it is truly appreciated! As we embrace a new year, I wish all our residents and visitors alike a blessed, happy and safe 2021!

As the Spring quickly approaches, it brings with it the warmer weather, which brings an increase in pedestrian(s), walkers/joggers, vehicle/motor bike(s), cyclist(s), etc. sharing our roadways. Collectively, we ask everyone to remain vigilant, courteous and attentive while driving. You will see an increase in strategically placed MPH Radar signs by the UBPD - Traffic Safety Bureau throughout our town; the latter are compliments of our partnership with the United States Department of Defense. The MPH signs as well as an electronic media information board are valued at over \$30,000.00 which were acquired for free through the US DOD LESO Program.

Please contact the UBPD immediately if you observe a careless motorist or see an increase in speeding in your particular neighborhood(s). Our police officers patrol over 25.60 miles (41.20) of roadways as well as additional trail(s) and waterway(s) in our 2 square mile area. Please visit our social media site(s) for the many community outreach program(s) the UBPD offers, as well as for additional information or contact us at Headquarters 732-264-0313.

Once again, we truly live in the best town in the State of NJ, not just due to the scenic beauty, rather most importantly, due to the residents that inhabit it [As well as seasonal notable animal/mammal inhabitants including: The American Bald Eagle(s), Humpback whales, Sharks, Dolphins/Porpoise, Seals, Pelicans, Ducks, Swans, Osprey, (Seahawks), Hawks, Snowy Owls, Egrets, Horseshoe Crabs, Stripers, Bass, Tautog, Flounder, Clams, Jelly Fish, Turtles, Rabbits, Fox, Deer, Possum, and many, many more.] making it the close knit community it is today.

Respectfully, Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow

### **Union Beach Board of Health**

Due to COVID-19, late fees for dog licensing have been postponed until April 1, 2021.

### **Union Beach Library**

Come to the Library or check our Facebook page for our Monthly Giveaways! Check out a book and get a free chance to win that month's prize!! If you are not comfortable entering the building, we will provide curbside delivery, just call and ask for assistance. Don't forget — you can donate your old books — we have a book drop off on the Columbia Avenue side of the building. Happy Spring!!!

### **Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)**

Spring Baseball and Softball are back! We are excited to be able to have our players back on the field (especially on the two new T-Ball fields) with their teammates and coaches. The season might feel a little different this Spring, but giving the kids a sense of normalcy is important.

We hope to be able to continue to grow and adapt during this uncertain time in all of our lives. If you visit our practices or games this season, please abide by the rules on our web site about crowd limitations, social distancing, and mask requirements.

While we were upset to cancel our Spring and Fall Seasons last year, along with missing our Winter basketball season, we hope that the future holds bigger and better opportunities for our Bayshore family.

We appreciate the community's support and can't wait to start developing the next generation of players!

If you are interested in helping our organization in any way, please contact us on Facebook or through our web site [www.bsarec.com](http://www.bsarec.com).

**The Borough of Union Beach**  
**2021 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 so as 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**

**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

**Office of Emergency Management**

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, please call 732-620-5034.

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

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.

**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.

### 2021 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](http://www.ubnj.net)

### 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 completely dried out.

For more information call: (732) 683-8686  
Or go to: [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)

### Street Sweeping

Please check your calendars for your street sweeping schedules. We ask your cooperation in moving your vehicles.

Thank you.

### Code Red Notifications

All residents may register their phone numbers, both landline and cellular, to receive emergency notifications and critical community alerts. To opt in or out, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) and click on the link for "Code Red."

## Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank all of those residents who are helping to keep our town looking beautiful. With the Spring weather coming up, we are asking for help with the following items:

1. Yards should be well maintained. This includes removal of rubbish and debris, cutting of grass, removal of weeds, etc. We will be placing a large emphasis on exterior maintenance of properties throughout this upcoming season.
2. All empty lots must post a board with either the property address, or the block and lot numbers. This board must be large enough to be read from the street and placed in a location that is visible from the street.
3. All homes must have a house number that is large enough to be visible from the street. You never know when an emergency will hit, and the first responders will have to try and locate your home.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our town safe and clean during these next few months!

## Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Avenue, Union Beach. We want you to know that Grace is open to all and even in these trying times, we are committed to spreading the word of God and ministering to all. Our regular Sunday Service starts at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Our worship services are led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin. Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Biondi, Lay Servant, continue to assist during our services. Our Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. All are welcome, and we invite you to come join us!

Due to the COVID restrictions, we carefully follow the recommendations of the CDC. Our worship is designed so that everyone is socially distanced. Masks are required, with the exception of health reasons, and we have hand sanitizer available throughout the church. We do not use any books during the service; instead, we rely on our screen so that everyone may follow along. We encourage you to bring your own Bible if you would like to follow along with the word of God as it is spoken by our Pastor or other leaders. You can also hear our sermon live-streamed on our Facebook page! Look for us on Facebook on Sunday mornings around 9:15 a.m.

Our Sunday School is also socially distanced. All over the age of two are required to wear a mask, and hand sanitizer is readily available. The children are currently meeting as one class, with the exception of a separate area for our nursery. A COVID form and registration form must be filled out for every child, and can be requested by emailing Nancy Kelly at [Rockyjasper@optonline.net](mailto:Rockyjasper@optonline.net).

There will be an Easter service at Grace at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Due to restrictions, we will determine at a later date if our Annual Easter Sunrise Service at the beachfront gazebo will be held. Watch our Facebook page for more information on that.

We are currently having a Rada knives fundraiser! If you are interested in top quality knives and other kitchen utensils, as well as some really delicious dips and other items, please contact Terry Shipley at [Shippy5@optonline.net](mailto:Shippy5@optonline.net).

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or anyone else, please contact the church and we will be happy to add your request to our prayer list. Pastor Gene will also be happy to speak to anyone in need. Contact the church and leave your information, and he will return your call.

Our email address is [GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net](mailto:GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net). Our church telephone number is 732-265-0916. You can also follow us on Facebook at Grace UMC Union Beach.

As always, and especially in these trying times, we ask for God's Blessings on all who are reading this, your families and friends, our first responders, and our men and women serving in our Armed Forces! God Bless!

## Engineer's Corner

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

***Reconstruction of Victoria Place*** — The Governing Body recently appropriated funds for the preparation of design plans and specifications for the Reconstruction of Victoria Place from Poole Avenue to Florence Avenue. The improvements include installation of new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be advertised for construction bids as part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2021.

***FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application*** — The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$375,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue from Pine Street to easterly terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate the project to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2021 as part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program.

***2019 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application*** — The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$156,647 from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Ninth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements include installation of new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The CDBG funding has been released by HUD. The project will be advertised for construction bids as part of the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in Spring/Summer of 2021.

***Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project*** — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials on the acquisition of easements from the property owners impacted by Phase I construction. Over the next couple of weeks, the Borough will be contacting the residents impacted by the Phase I construction to begin the process of easement acquisition. We are cautiously optimistic that the easement acquisition process will move quickly so the Phase I project can be under construction sometime in 2021. The Phase I project consists of the beach fill element of the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek. The final design plans and specifications for Phase I are completed and are ready to be advertised for construction bids as soon as all easements for Phase I have been secured.

***2021 Turf Maintenance Program*** — The Borough recently awarded a three-year contract for the 2021 Turf Maintenance Program. The 2021 Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The first round of treatment will begin in early Spring 2021, weather permitting.

## Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings

Our garbage contractor will accept branches/brush along with your regular garbage pick-up — 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 garbage contractor does not accept grass clippings; neither does the Department of Public Works. We recommend that you leave cut grass on your lawn, as it is actually good for your lawn.

**A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza**

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone made it through the several snow storms we had this winter and are looking forward to enjoying the warmer spring temperatures and extended hours of sunlight.

As we enter into the spring and race toward summer, we remind everyone to continue to take proper precautions for the safety and well being of our loved ones and community. I believe we are almost through this difficult time!

Heading into the coming months, we will have a few Road Reconstruction Projects taking place throughout town:

- Complete Reconstruction of 9th Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street utilizing a 2020 Federal Community Development Block Grant of \$156,647.
- The Borough has been awarded a grant from the NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Prospect Avenue from Pine Street to the Easterly terminus at Flat Creek
- Reconstruction of Victoria Place roadway with curbing on each side and necessary drainage.

In addition to these projects, we anticipate the completion of the newly renovated Municipal Building with a Dedication to follow. We will communicate the details of the Dedication in the near future.

The Governing Body continues working closely with the State and Army Corps of Engineers on the acquisition of easements from property owners for Phase I Construction.

Finally, I want to thank the entire Council, along with all of our Borough Employees, Professional Staff, First Responders, Volunteers and Residents for their hard work and dedication to our community each and every day to continue making Union Beach the Best Little Town in NJ!

May God Bless all of our First Responders and keep them safe!

May God Bless all of you and your families!

Be Safe!  
Charlie

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