

Plus, it is never too early to be planning for next year. We have secured a \$291,000 grant for Phase 2 of the Ocean Ave. reconstruction project from Columbia Avenue to Lorillard Avenue which will continue in the summer of 2020.

I am very happy to point out that the lights have been installed on the soccer fields at Helen Hayes Park! This is a much anticipated improvement for the soccer program and was partially funded by a grant from Monmouth County. I want to thank everyone whose hard work and perseverance made this project possible.

There is good news to report on the renovations to Borough Hall. A new contractor is on board and the project is moving forward once again. Access to the building has been made safer and all services in Borough Hall will continue during the construction process. Thank you for your patience as we make the much needed improvements to the building. Once completed, the Construction and Code Enforcement offices will return to Borough Hall, security for our employees and the Court will be improved and residents will have more centralized access to the services you need. We are all very excited about this project getting back on track.

The Recreation Commission once again did a wonderful job with our Independence Day celebration on July 3rd. The fireworks were wonderful! So many volunteers and employees work many hours to make the event successful and safe and to make our town so beautiful. It's days like that which let everyone see that Union Beach is indeed "The Best Little Town In New Jersey"!

We would like to welcome the newest business in Union Beach, Dowling's Irish Pub, on Union Avenue. Be sure to stop by and say hello to the new owners of this family restaurant.

Dates to remember: September 28th: UB Day

October 5th: Clean Communities Day

Keep in mind that Schools are open so please drive carefully and put the phone down!

Keep Smiling,

Paul