

A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Dear Friends,

As the summer season winds down, I hope everyone had a chance to use the new bayfront beach area that is part of the Army Corps flood protection project for the borough. Whether for sunbathing or a pleasant stroll on the sand or walkway, the extended beach and sand dune provide added enjoyment and represents Phase 1 of the overall Corps project. We believe our first season went well and we hope to continue improving the area with what was learned from our experiences this year.

Our 2024 Capital Improvement projects have also made an impact. Scholer Park has seen the addition of a lighted walking trail along the outside of the ballfields and the skateboard park has been converted to three (3) pickleball courts. Park Avenue, Phase 2 has been completed with concrete repairs and a 'mill & pave' from Pine Street to the bridge over Flat Creek which will greatly minimize the street flooding during storm events and moon high tides. 8th Street between Florence Avenue and Pine Street received a complete reconstruction. Funding for some of this work was supplemented by grants from Monmouth County Open Space and NJ Department of Transportation. Also, NJ Natural Gas Company milled and paved half-width portions of four (4) streets that recently received extensive utility work.

The cooler autumn months will have many community events taking place. Please check our website and signboard for details as plans are finalized. With our children back in school, we ask that all our residents be aware while driving as the students travel to and from Memorial School.

Our community has a dedicated group of first responders, volunteers and employees working with our Borough Council. Their efforts and dedication are truly appreciated. May they all remain safe.

God bless all & be safe!
Charlie

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