

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2014

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Easter Fun Day

Please join us and the Easter Bunny for an afternoon of fun!!
Wear your favorite Crazy Hat or Easter Bonnet for even more fun!!
Saturday, April 12, 2014 — noon to 2 p.m.
Memorial School Field — (inclement weather, in the gym)
for Toddlers to Fifth Grade

Please register at Borough Hall or online at ubrec@optimum.net
Please include: Guardian's name, email, address and children's names, ages, and boy/girl

Preschool Registration

Preschool Registration will be held in the Memorial School Nurse's office on April 9, 10 and 11, 2014. Please note that Preschool for the 2014/2015 school year will run as a half-day program for all 4-year-old children who meet the requirements.

Registration will be held by appointment only. Please call the school nurse at 732-264-5420. Bring the following information with you when you come to register your child:

1. Legal Birth Certificate (issued by the State Department of Health) — your child must be four years of age on or before September 30 of this year.
2. Doctor's certificate stating the following immunizations: completed series-4 DPT Injections (Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus); completed series of oral polio vaccines; completed series-hepatitis B vaccines; 1 pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (pvc); Influenza vaccine (administered between September 1 & December 31, 2014); Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (HIB) vaccine; and Varicella vaccine
The following vaccines must be administered after the first birthday: MMR vaccine, HIB vaccine, PCV vaccine, Varicella vaccine.
3. Copy of parent's Driver's License.
4. Four (4) separate proofs of residency (one of the following: Property Tax Bill, Lease, Contract of Sale, Deed, Mortgage, **PLUS two** of the following: Gas, Electric, Phone, Cable bill) and a Certificate of Occupancy.

In order to speed up the process, the registration forms are available on the Memorial School website. If possible, please download and complete forms prior to your appointment. The forms can be found at www.unionbeachschools.org.

THIS INFORMATION IS NEEDED TO PROPERLY REGISTER YOUR CHILD.

Borough Meetings and Events

April

- 1 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
2 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
12 (Saturday) Meet the Easter Bunny at noon at Memorial School
17 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Good Friday
21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

May

- 6 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
7 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
8 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
15 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Friday) Recreation Summer Camp Registration at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Saturday) Recreation Summer Camp Registration at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
26 (Monday) Borough Offices closed — Memorial Day
27 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

June

- 2 (Monday) Deadline for Submission to Summer 2014 Newsletter
2 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
4 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
12 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
19 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
24 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
25 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
30 (Monday) Summer Camp begins at 9 a.m. at Memorial School Gym

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

CodeRED — From The Office of Emergency Management

If you haven't done so already, we urge you to go to www.unionbeach.net and sign up for CodeRed Community Notifications. Please be aware that you can receive notifications on your cell phone, as well as your landline.

Reminder From the Tax Collector

You can now pay your sewer/property taxes online. Go to www.unionbeach.net and click on the link that says "Pay My Taxes."

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Scott Woolley	
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-1208
Jennifer Maier	
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
George Lockwood	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Tracey Darby	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
John K. Haines	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
John K. Haines	
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

Please visit
www.unionbeach.net
for all the latest information
regarding the
Borough of Union Beach!

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2014 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by June 2. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@optonline.net or faxing 732-264-5829.

Engineer's Corner

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

FY 2014 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough was recently awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the continued improvements to Scholer Park, Phase V. The park improvements include installation of additional benches, installation of sod around the existing restroom/concession building, expansion of the existing irrigation system, landscaping and additional security cameras. We anticipate the improvements to be completed in Spring of 2015.

Rehabilitation of the Bulkhead and Shorefront Walkway — The Borough awarded a contract to Precise Construction for the rehabilitation of the shorefront damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The project is funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The project began in the fall of 2013 and was shut down through the winter months. The project is now underway again and will be completed by Memorial Day, 2014. The improvements include the repair of the bulkhead, reconstruction of the walkway, and replacement of the recreational equipment and amenities including repair to Firefighters' Park. Also, security cameras will be installed along the waterfront.

Rehabilitation of Scholer Park — The Borough recently awarded a contract for the rehabilitation of Scholer Park damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The project is funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The project began in Fall of 2013 and was shut down through the winter months. The project now is underway again and will be completed by Memorial Day, 2014. The improvements include the repair of the baseball and softball field fencing, installation of new sod in the ball field grassed areas, installation of infield mix to replace the material washed away, repair of the skateboard park, replacement of the fencing surrounding the park, replacement of landscaping, recreational equipment and amenities. In addition, the Borough recently completed the rehabilitation of the play ground area. The improvements were funded through a grant from the FY 2012 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$142,000.00 and KABOOM, a non-profit organization. These improvements included new tot lot equipment for ages 2 through 5 and 5 through 12, a new swing set, park benches, and other park amenities. Additional security cameras are being installed in the tot lot area.

Reconstruction of Seventh Street — The Borough was recently awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Seventh Street from Pine Street to Prospect Avenue. The improvements include new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin in the summer of 2014.

FY 2014 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application — The Borough submitted an application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Orange and Harrison Avenue from Newark Avenue to Johnson Avenue. The improvements include new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful we anticipate construction to begin in the Summer of 2014.

New Jersey American Water Company and New Jersey Natural Gas Company Utility Improvements — NJAW and NJNG continue with the utility upgrades throughout certain streets in the Borough. The utilities are being upgraded to improve service to Borough residents. The improvements include replacement of the utility main as well as the service to the homes. The roadway pipe trench and service holes will have a temporary pavement repair installed. The utility companies have scheduled the permanent pavement repairs for the Spring of 2014.

Reconstruction of Pine Street and Third Street Intersection — The Mayor and Borough Council recently authorized the preparation of design plans for improvements to the Pine Street and Third Street intersection. These improvements will be funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The improvements include the raising of the intersection elevation to minimize flooding during high tides, new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway intersection. We anticipate construction to begin in the Summer of 2014.

Reconstruction of Spruce Street, Center Street and Fifth Street Intersection — The Mayor and Borough Council recently authorized the preparation of design plans for roadway improvements to the intersection of Spruce Street with Center Street and Fifth Street. These improvements will be funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The improvements include the raising of the roadway elevation to minimize flooding during high tides, new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway intersection. We anticipate construction to begin in the Summer of 2014.

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2014 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

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-312, 1998
- Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures, FEMA-114, Sept. 1986
- Engineering Principles and Practices for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Buildings, FEMA-259, 1995

The following publications are available from:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Albuquerque District
Attn: CESPA-ET-PH
4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435

- Flood Proofing Techniques, Programs, and References, February 1991
- Flood Proofing: How to Evaluate Your Options, July 1993
- Local Flood Proofing Programs, June 1994

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.

A FLOOD ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE BUILDING/ZONING DEPT.

2014 Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Leaves will be picked up curbside during the months of April and October. Please make sure that your plastic bags contain only leaves. Residents may continue to bring bagged leaves 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.unionbeach.net

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 Disposal Days

Spring Date and Time to be Determined
Usually located

at the Monmouth County garage (located behind the Burger King)
on Union Avenue, Hazlet, NJ

Fall Date and Time to Be Determined
Usually located

at the County Garage in Upper Freehold on Route 539
(south of Cream Ridge Golf Course).

All Monmouth County Residents are welcome to drop off paints, chemicals, hazardous materials, etc.

For more information call: (732) 822-2234
Or go to: www.unionbeach.net

Recreation

Please join us for Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday, weather permitting, from June 18 until September 3.

Library News

Mark your calendars! Starting **March, 2014**, the Library will have new hours of operation on **Tuesdays**. The new hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All other hours will remain the same: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and we are always looking for new members.

We have a new book drop! The book drop is located on the brick wall to the right of the parking lot entrance, approximately half way up the ramp. Please be aware that the **large, green "Better World Books" book drop, located in our parking lot, is for donations only!** We do not have access to this book drop and as a result, patrons will be responsible to pay for any Library items that are accidentally placed inside.

Our fliers got a face lift too! Keep an eye out for our new logo. We've eliminated the paper tear-offs at the bottom of our fliers to register for events. As a result, there are three ways to sign up for any of our events that require pre-registration:

By Telephone: (732) 264-3792

By Email: Ublibrary07735@gmail.com

By Facebook Message: <http://www.facebook.com/UBMemorialLibrary>

Please be aware that going forward, all reservations will be confirmed by a Library staff member prior to an event. Participants will be responsible for payment of any paid events no later than the scheduled date of each event. All reservations must be made **no later than three (3) days prior to event** and will require the following:

Event name
Participant or contact name
Contact phone number (to confirm/cancel event)
Number of spots reserving

Also in March, we will be starting a new **Baby Storytime** on the **second and fourth Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.**. Don't forget to bring the kids to the Library every Monday! On the first and third Monday of each month, the Library will continue with its **Story and Craft Nights** at 6 p.m. Miss Val, the children's librarian, joins us on the second and fourth Monday at 3:45 p.m. each month for **Family Story Hour**. We want to remind our patrons, too, with our new computerized library system, you can now reserve or renew books and even download ebooks from your home computers. Due to all the new technology changes, the Library will also be holding a "how-to" information session every Thursday night from 7 to 8 p.m. Feel free to stop in for this free tutorial.

Finally, help embrace the Library as part of your community. Become a **friend** of the Union Beach Memorial Library! Contact the Library for more information about our new volunteer events committee, **Friends of the Library**.

Be sure to come in and check out all of our new changes, activities, as well as new books. Don't forget to check your child's backpack, our new website, www.sites.google.com/site/ublibrary07735, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UBMemorialLibrary for all upcoming news, events and activity sign-ups. We look forward to seeing you all real soon.

Bayshore Family Success Center

The Bayshore Family Success Center has been open for 10 months as of this printing. We are pleased to have met many Union Beach residents through our programs and events. There is always a lot going on here. The monthly calendar includes toddler events, movie nights, and our popular dinner and bingo Friday night fun. All of our programs are free of charge to Bayshore residents. The best way to keep up with us is to find us on the web at TheCommunityYMCA.org/BFSC and like us on Facebook, search Bayshore Family Success Center. Our friends tell us they like seeing our Facebook reminders on their phones.

We are located in the Union Beach Memorial Library. Come on in and check us out. We also have outreach in our neighboring towns of Keyport, Keansburg, Atlantic Highlands and Highlands. Do you have a suggestion for a future program? Email ddobens@cymca.org.

For more information call (732) 397-3811 or stop in and see us.

Grace United Methodist Church

If you haven't been to church in a while, or are just looking for a church, come worship with us at Grace Church. Services are Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Sunday school is also provided for children of all ages. After service, we have a coffee hour where you can meet the congregation, Pastor Lakesha and Pastor Andrew. Both are very young and energetic pastors who have some great ideas for our church.

On Easter Sunday, we will be having a sunrise service at the beachfront. Come and worship with us. It is so beautiful to watch the sun come up over the Raritan Bay during services.

We will also be doing our Spaghetti Dinner in the near future. We ask that you come out and support us and enjoy some delicious spaghetti and meatballs.

We will be having our beachfront services this summer. Dates will be advertised shortly. We meet at the beachfront at 7:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Come with your cup of coffee or tea and worship with us at the beachfront.

News from the Board of Health

Free rabies clinic will be available for Monmouth County residents as follows:

April 26 (Saturday)	Marlboro	10 a.m. to noon
May 3 (Saturday)	Neptune Township	9 to 11 a.m.
June 7 (Saturday)	Asbury Park	12 to 2 p.m.
June 10 (Tuesday)	Englishtown	6 to 7:30 p.m.
June 12 (Thursday)	Millstone	6 to 7 p.m.

For more information, please go to www.unionbeach.net.

Message to Residents

Please be aware that the Building/Zoning Department (732-526-8687) and the Code Enforcement Office (732-526-8686) have moved from Borough Hall to 1205 Florence Avenue (the former Adult School and Pre-School building).

Years of Living Dangerously

New SHOWTIME Series Premiere: Sunday, April 13 at 10 p.m.

This groundbreaking documentary event series explores the human impact of climate change. From the damage wrought by Hurricane Sandy to the upheaval caused by drought in the Middle East, *Years of Living Dangerously* combines the blockbuster storytelling styles of top Hollywood movie makers with the reporting expertise of 60 Minutes journalists. Part of this documentary was filmed in Union Beach.

From The Chief's Desk

Just a reminder to all parents of Memorial School students — there are two drop-off zones at the school — one on Morningside Avenue and the other on Wilson Avenue. We ask that if you utilize these, please be aware that they are only for dropping off your children. If you wish to walk your child to the door or watch them as they go into school, please do not use the drop-off. Park your vehicle in an appropriate parking spot. This will help alleviate the traffic backup at the school. When vehicles are parked in the drop-off zones, it backs up traffic for those wishing to pull into the drop-off zones. I thank you for your help in this matter.

The Police Department has two new officers, Patrolman Shawn Gilkison and Patrolman Matthew Gajewski. Both officers have just graduated from the Ocean County Police Academy. They are both looking forward to working in Union Beach and helping our residents.

As a result of the bad winter we had, there are many pot holes within the Borough. Public Works is doing everything they can to fill the pot holes but we ask that you drive slowly to help avoid any damage to your vehicle.

There are still many homes in Union Beach that are not occupied. If you see something suspicious, please call headquarters to report any activity. Union Beach is a very close knit town, and we have to help look out for our neighbors.

Boy Scout Troop 134

Boy Scout Troop 134 meets every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church on Hwy 36. If you are interested in scouting, please come to a meeting. The troop has several exciting things planned in the future. We just went on a skiing trip to Blue Mountain in Pennsylvania. It was a lot of fun and all the boys had a great time. We have many camping trips planned, including a trip to Boston in April. We are also going to a New Jersey Devils hockey game in April.

The boys also participate in many service projects throughout the town. The troop is planning a Flag Day service on June 16. This is a flag-burning ceremony where old and damaged flags are properly retired. This ceremony is done with the assistance of the Union Beach American Legion. If you have any old flags that need to be retired, or you just want to watch and help participate in retiring flags, come out and join Troop 134 in this honored ceremony.

Younger boys may wish to join Cub Scouts. The Cub Scouts also meet on Tuesday nights in Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. Both boy scouts and cub scouts work on projects for advancement of rank and boy scouts earn merit badges. If scouting sounds exciting to you, please come to a meeting.

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