

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Summer 2015

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The Borough of Union Beach welcomes
all to attend our annual

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Friday, July 3 on the beach after 9 p.m.

Raindate: Sunday, July 5

A Letter from Union Beach Office of Emergency Management

Dear Residents,

It has come to my attention that some of our residents might be confused as to how alerting and warning procedures are carried out in this town in case of a possible emergency. Years ago, when faced with a disaster, the Union Beach Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service circulated throughout town with a Public Address (PA) System and gave residents the necessary procedures. When the fire trucks made the announcement, you, the resident, might not have heard the complete information. As a result, Police Headquarters was often inundated with telephone calls. Our next option was to walk door to door, which took a long time to complete. Another disadvantage of these methods was that if a resident was not home, the information was not communicated. The Union Beach Emergency Services have discontinued these procedures because they were not 100% effective. Union Beach deserves more than that.

Our next option was to purchase an AM radio station that operates on 1610 AM radio. We have used this system for many years. It can be listened to in your home or your car. This system proves to be more effective. It plays a repetitive message. Signs located throughout the town flash yellow lights that alert residents to tune in for messages; or a sounding of our sirens, for three minutes, would indicate to tune in for information. This is currently our back-up system.

More recently, the Union Beach Mayor and Council approved the purchase of "Code Red," our current system. This system will call your place of residence or your cell phone. If the call is unanswered, the message can go to your voicemail. It allows residents to receive information by telephone, cell phone, or email. (Please see the Union Beach web site to register if you haven't done so already.) This system allows us to get as close as we can to 100% notification.

I hope this information clarifies our efforts when it comes to alerting and warning the residents of Union Beach. No one will be coming around with a PA system or knock on your door any longer. Information will be transmitted by telephone, cell phone, or email. Please follow all directions for your safety. Help us to keep Union Beach a safe place to live and raise a family.

Thank you,
Michael Harriott, Emergency Management Coordinator

Borough Meetings and Events

July

- 1 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
- 1 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 3 (Friday) Fireworks at the Beachfront after Dark
- 3 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Independence Day
- 5 (Sunday) Raindate for Fireworks at the Beachfront
- 7 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 8 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 9 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 15 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 16 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 22 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 25 (Saturday) Free Family Movie Night at 8 p.m. at Scholer Park
- 29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 29 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront

August

- 4 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 5 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
- 5 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 12 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 13 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 19 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 20 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 26 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront

September

- 1 (Tuesday) Deadline for Submission to Autumn 2015 Newsletter
- 2 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
- 7 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Labor Day
- 8 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 10 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 12 (Saturday) Union Beach Day at the Beachfront
- 17 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
- 24 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
- 30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

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

Check the Borough's website, www.ubnj.net,
for information regarding "UNION BEACH DAY"
scheduled for Saturday, September 12,
at the beachfront!

The Borough of Union Beach
wishes to congratulate
all 2015 Graduates!

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Charles Ervin	
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
George Lockwood	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

It is illegal to pump water of any kind into the street. Residents must discharge water into their own backyards.

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2015 Autumn Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by September 1. 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 awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. 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. The Borough planned to receive construction bids on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 and if favorable, planned to award a construction contract at the June 18, 2015 regular council meeting. We anticipate construction to begin early Summer 2015.

FY 2015 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough was awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Space Grant Program in the amount of \$75,000 for the rehabilitation of the existing hockey rink at Scholer Park. The improvements include repair, resurfacing and color coating the existing paved hockey rink surface; replacement of broken dasher boards; and the installation of heavy duty perimeter fencing. We anticipate the improvements to be completed in Spring 2016.

FY 2015 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application — The Borough recently received a grant in the amount of \$160,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue from Orange Avenue to Johnson Avenue. The improvements include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin early Spring 2016.

Reconstruction of Central Avenue — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to A-Team Construction, South River, NJ for the 2015 Road Improvement Program. The program includes the Reconstruction of Central Avenue from Union Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin within the next couple of weeks.

Reconstruction of Seventh Street — The Borough recently completed the Reconstruction of Seventh Street from Pine Street to Prospect Avenue. The project was funded in part through a \$177,571.00 grant from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program. The improvements included new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway.

Reconstruction of Orange Avenue and Harrison Avenue — The Borough recently completed the Reconstruction of Orange Avenue and Harrison Avenue from Newark Avenue to Johnson Avenue. The project was funded in part through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$220,000. The improvements included new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway.

Reconstruction of West Street — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to A-Team Construction, South River, NJ for the 2015 Road Improvement Program. The program includes the Reconstruction of West Street from Broadway to State Street. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin within the next couple of weeks.

Reconstruction of Isabelle Avenue — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to A-Team Construction, South River, NJ for the 2015 Road Improvement Program. The program includes the Reconstruction of Isabelle Avenue from Paterson Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements include new concrete curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin within the next couple of weeks.

Monmouth County Roadway Paving Program — The County of Monmouth has awarded a paving contract for the resurfacing of County roadways throughout Monmouth County. As part of the contract, Union Avenue from Brook Avenue to Route 36 is scheduled for paving. The County anticipates construction to be completed the week of June 15, 2015, weather permitting.

Engineer's Corner (continued)

2016 FY Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application — The Borough will be submitting an application to the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Johnson Avenue from Newark Avenue to Florence Avenue. The improvements will include new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2016.

Congratulations to the Following Union Beach Graduates

Red Bank Regional High School

Miranda DiGregorio	Highest Ranking Union Beach Student
Kristen Jones	Civic-Minded Female
Cristofer Sohacki	Civic-Minded Male

Keyport High School

Naomi Wingate	Highest Ranking Union Beach Student
Arianna Tuberton	Civic-Minded Female
Michael Conti	Civic-Minded Male

Memorial School

Amy Gardner	Highest Ranking Union Beach Student
Kayleigh Murray	Civic-Minded Female
Joseph Richards	Civic-Minded Male

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 or email.

News from the Board of Health

Please be sure to register your dogs every year. If you have questions, call Eileen at 732-264-2365.

American Legion Post #321

Union Beach American Legion Post #321 is now accepting new or prior members to join the ranks of those who have proudly served our nation. We are undergoing construction for a new Post after the former one was destroyed by Super Storm Sandy. Construction will be completed in the next few months.

Eligibility dates of service for membership are as follows:

WW1: April 6, 1917 — November 11, 1918
WW2: December 7, 1941 — December 31, 1946
Korean War: June 25, 1950 — January 31, 1955
Vietnam War: February 28, 1961 — May 7, 1975
Lebanon/Granada: August 24, 1982 — July 31, 1984
Panama: December 20, 1989 — January 31, 1990
Gulf War/War on Terrorism: August 2, 1990 — Present

Eligible veterans may join by contacting:

Frank Wells
Membership Chairman
Post # 321
PO Box 146
Keyport, NJ 07735
or by calling 732-620-2339

Union Beach Memorial Library

Looking for something to do with the kids on a rainy summer day, or do you need a new book before you head to the beach? Stop by the Library! While you're here, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. Our hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Summer Reading Club kicked off on June 22, and if you missed it, you can still join in on the fun! This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story," with Superhero stickers and prizes. You can also build your own paper Superhero avatar for our bulletin board. There is a Read-To-Me Club for beginner readers and an Independent Readers Club for those reading on their own. The Summer Reading Club will end on August 10 at 3:45 p.m. with a wrap up party featuring entertainment with "Fit for Kids" and prizes for each participant. Stop by the Library for more information and to sign up.

Upcoming Events:

Second and Fourth Monday of each month, Miss Val, our children's librarian hosts Baby/Toddler Story Time at 2:15 p.m. and After School Story and Craft at 3:45 p.m. with a new theme each week!

We are very excited to work with the Bayshore Family Success Center to offer Summer Packet Help sessions here at the Library. For details, please see "Bayshore Family Success Center" below. Our Library Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Library, and we are always looking for new members!

With our new computerized library system, you can now reserve or renew books and download e-books from your home computer. You can access our website at www.sites.google.com/site/ublibrary07735 or you can use your library card at monmouthcountylib.org and just click on *Library to Go* to be linked to the entire Monmouth County Library catalog. For closings, news, and events, you can check our website, as well as visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/UBMemorialLibrary.

Bayshore Family Success Center

We are pleased to announce that we are bringing our tutoring program to Union Beach for two Summer Packet Help sessions!

Our tutors will be at the Union Beach Library on Saturday, July 25 (ELA packet day) and on August 8 (Math packet) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each day will be made up of two one hour sessions (10 to 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.). Be sure to call 732-497-3811 or email us at FamilySuccess@cymca.org to register as seating is very limited.

Some of our ongoing events are:

- Family Bingo, Union Beach Library (3rd Friday)
- Sandy Support Group, BFSC (2nd and 4th Thursday)
- Lunch Bunch, BFSC (3rd Thursday)
- Birthday Club, BFSC (3rd Thursday)

For more information about these and other programs, please contact FamilySuccess@cymca.org or call 732-497-3811.

Free Family Movie Night

A free family movie night has been planned by the Bayshore Family Success Center and the Union Beach Recreation Commission. While the movie has not yet been selected, it will be held on Saturday, July 25 at 8 p.m. at Scholer Park. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Reminder From the Tax Collector

You can now pay your sewer/property taxes online. Go to www.UBNJ.net and click on the link "Pay Your Taxes and Utility Bills Online."

From The Chief's Desk (Charles Ervin)

I'd like to start off by saying how much I'm looking forward to serving our community. I'm honored to have been chosen for the position of Chief of Police and hope to continue keeping all of our resident safe.

The Union Beach Police Department is looking to obtain contact information for every one of our homeowners, along with those that have rebuilt their homes, elevated, or new families that have moved into our community. This is not an easy task as we have lost so many residents due to Superstorm Sandy. What I am asking is that you either call us at 732-264-0313, email us at ubpolice@optonline.net, or write us a note with your name, address and phone number, so that we can enter it into our new computer system. This information is for police use only and will not be shared with any other entity. This will enable us to reach you for any type of emergency that may arise and therefore, we'll be able to serve you better as a result.

Union Beach has pulled together more than once during the hard time, and I'd like to thank all of you for the incredible work and joining of hands that made this happen.

Recycling Center Information

The Recycling Center is located at 1400 Florence Avenue and is open to residents from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. It is also open from 8 a.m. to noon on the first and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon. Items accepted include: bundled newspapers, all types of metals, concrete (in small amounts), cardboard/mixed paper, tires, electronics, automotive batteries, motor oil (in sealed containers), appliances (refrigerators must have doors removed), clothing, empty propane and helium tanks and leaves (no branches). Household batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt) are considered regular garbage. Construction debris, including concrete, is the responsibility of the homeowner. Once completely dried up, latex paint cans can be put out for regular garbage pick-up. For other types of household hazardous waste, please contact the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Tinton Falls at 732-683-8686.

Messages from the Code Enforcer

The Borough would like to remind residents that trash and recycling containers, as well as bulk items, should not be out to the street prior to 6 p.m. of the night before a scheduled pick-up. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

As the warmer weather approaches, please remember that it is every property owner's responsibility to keep the grass cut and the yard clean at all times, regardless of whether or not anyone resides at the location.

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UNION BEACH, NJ 07735**

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