

The Borough of Union Beach *Newsletter*

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Summer 2014

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Consumer Advisory: Ways to Protect Yourself From Potential Recovery-Related Fraud

In recent days, a number of participants in Sandy recovery programs have reported that they were visited at their homes by people who claimed to be part of the program and requested access to their homes. Other program participants reported receiving visits to their homes, telephone calls and emails from people who claimed to be part of the program and who asked for money transfers or personal financial data.

There are a number of simple precautions you can take to stop these Sandy scams and avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

There are no fees to enroll or participate in any Sandy recovery program administered by the State of New Jersey. Therefore, never give money to anyone in person at your home or over the phone or by electronic transfer regarding your participation in a Sandy recovery program. Any questions, contact your Housing Recovery Center or your Housing Advisor.

Anyone visiting your home to conduct an inspection will have proper company photo ID. Therefore, demand the person visiting your home show his or her photo ID.

If you have any doubts or questions about the legitimacy of anyone who comes to your home claiming to be part of the Sandy Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, Mitigation (RREM) Program, you can call the following Sandy hotlines:

If your program manager is CBI-Shaw, call 1-855-287-7736 to identify who is scheduled to inspect your home. If your program manager is Gilbane, call 1-609-671-4300 to identify who is scheduled to inspect your home.

If you do not know who your program manager is, please contact your Housing Recovery Center or your Housing Advisor.

If you have not yet been assigned a housing advisor or a program manager, or if you have any questions, please contact the Sandy call center at 1-855-SANDYHM (1-855-726-3946).

Borough Meetings and Events

July

- 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
2 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
3 (Thursday) Fireworks at the Beachfront at Dusk
4 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Independence Day
5 (Saturday) Rain date for Fireworks at Beachfront at Dusk
9 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. 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
22 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
23 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
30 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront

August

- 5 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
5 (Tuesday) National Night Out at the Beachfront
6 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
6 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
7 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
26 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
27 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront

September

- 1 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Labor Day
2 (Tuesday) Deadline for Submission to Autumn 2014 Newsletter
2 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
3 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the Beachfront
3 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
11 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
15 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
24 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

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

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

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

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2014 Autumn Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by September 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 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 will 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. We anticipate the project to be completed within the next 30 days. The project is funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The improvements included the repair of the bulkhead, reconstruction of the walkway, and replacement of the recreational equipment and amenities, including repairs to Firefighters' Park. Security cameras will also 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. We anticipate the project to be completed within the next 30 days. The project is funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. 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 completed the rehabilitation of the existing playground area. These 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. The 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. An additional security camera was installed in the tot lot area.

Reconstruction of Seventh Street — The Borough was 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 was recently awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$220,000 for the Reconstruction of Orange Avenue and Harrison Avenue from Newark Avenue to Johnson Avenue. The improvements include new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin mid to late Summer of 2014.

New Jersey American Water Company and New Jersey Natural Gas Company Utility Improvements — NJAW and NJNG have completed the utility upgrades throughout certain streets in the Borough. The utilities were upgraded to improve service to Borough residents. The improvements included replacement of the utility main as well as the service to the homes. The roadway pipe trench and service holes received a temporary pavement repair at the time of installation. The utility companies are now scheduling the permanent pavement repairs.

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Engineer's Corner (continued)

Reconstruction of Pine Street and Third Street Intersection — The Borough recently awarded a contract to Lucas Construction Group, Inc. 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 be completed in the next 60 days.

Reconstruction of Spruce Street, Center Street and Fifth Street Intersection — The Borough recently awarded a contract to Lucas Construction Group, Inc. 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 be completed within the next 90 days.

Monmouth County Roadway Paving Program — The County of Monmouth has scheduled for the repaving of Union Avenue from Brook Avenue to Route 36. The County anticipates awarding a contract late Summer 2014 with construction to being in the Fall of 2014.

Message to Residents From Code Enforcer

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.

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."

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.

Beachfront Parking Permits

Parking permits are now required at the beachfront. Permits are available for residents only and may be obtained at Borough Hall. Please bring your driver's license and registration.

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 Saturdays of the 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 facility in Tinton Falls at 732-683-8686.

The Borough of Union Beach welcomes
all to attend our annual

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

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

Raindate: Saturday, July 5

Library News

Happy Summer Everyone! Come on in and cool off with a good book and new exciting summer programs here at the Library.

This summer we are introducing our *Fizz Boom Read* Summer Reading Club. The program will kick off on **Monday, June 23, 2014** with Bricks 4 Kidz, a LEGO adventure program. This year readers will be setting their own reading goals and receiving special prizes at the end of the program for doing so. Plus children not yet reading on their own can listen to books and also receive a special prize. Not to mention you can join our Children's Librarian, Miss Valerie, on the **2nd and 4th Monday of each month** throughout the summer for more *Fizz Boom Read* activities. You can also join Ms. Danielle for *Baby Storytime* on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 10 a.m.** Finally, we will have a *Meet the Author* on **Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 1 to 3 p.m.** A resident children's book author, Jason Koerner, will be reading his new book as well as hosting a special follow up creative activity. Please stop in the Library to sign up for any of the above-mentioned programs. You can also check out our website, www.sites.google.com/site/ublibrary07735, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UBMemorialLibrary for more details about these as well as all other activities happening at the Library.

The Library is now open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 6 p.m., Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ***Please note that the Library will be closed for summer vacation the last week in August through Labor Day.***

Our association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., and we are always looking for new members. Please help embrace the Library as part of your community and 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*.

Gateway Church of Christ

Gateway Disaster Response Team has completed over 300 homes affected by Sandy. We have had over 25,000 volunteers partner with us, totaling over 150,000 hours of community service. We provide supplies and tools, and currently we are working on over 100 homes.

One of our partners, Collage Pro, came to Union Beach and painted several homes at no cost to the residents. We have partnered with High Socks for Hope to provide new furniture to residents moving back into their homes. Gateway DRT and Jersey Shore United have provided families with "Boxes of Hope" that are filled to the brim with essential supplies. We will continue to assist with anything we can as we are expecting approximately 20,000 volunteers this summer, so please call or stop in if you are in need of help. For any questions, please call 615-856-3315.

Gateway DRT hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gateway DRT Case Managers, who are trained and willing to help struggling residents with recovery, are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop in at 650 Poole Avenue, Union Beach.

Our community kitchen, Spoonful of Hope, has served 4,000 dinners, serving the community one spoonful at a time. Come out with your friends and family for a delicious, pay if you can, meal in a relaxed atmosphere. Hours are Monday and Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at 910 Union Avenue, Union Beach. To contact Spoonful of Hope, please call 732-264-3730 or email SpoonfulofHope@GatewayNJ.com.

From The Chief's Desk

First, the Police Department wishes to congratulate all Memorial School, high school and college graduates.

Summer is here. School is out. Please watch for our children who will be riding their bikes, skateboards, etc. They may not be watching for you as a motorist, so make sure you look out for them.

There are many homes that will be rebuilt, raised or replaced. This may cause slight traffic problems but please be patient as our neighbors get back into their homes; they have waited long enough to get back home.

August 5, 2014 is our annual National Night Out Against Crime. We will be celebrating once again at the beachfront. Please come out and support this great cause. There will be a blood mobile for anyone wishing to donate blood. Union Beach has won awards in the past as the best "Night Out" for towns our size.

On July 3, the Borough of Union Beach will be having its annual fireworks display. Come out to the beachfront and enjoy the fireworks. Just a note, alcohol is prohibited.

Boy Scout Troop 134

Boy Scouting will be starting up again in September. If you wish to join scouting as either a Boy Scout or Cub Scout, come to a meeting in September. The Boy Scouts are involved in many activities helping our community. The scouts perform service projects throughout the Borough. Boy Scouts enjoy camping from September until May. The boys work on rank and merit badges. If this sounds interesting to you, come out to a meeting in September.

Grace United Methodist Church

We are located at 115 St. James Avenue in Union Beach. Services are Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Saturday school is also provided for children of all ages. Any male 18 years of age or older can join our men's club. Starting in September, there will be Bible study.

Vacation Bible School will be in the summer. Details can be found on the church website at: www.graceunitedmeth@optonline.org.

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wishes to congratulate all 2014 Borough graduates!

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