

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Autumn 2022

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A Message from the Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow

It was with the heaviest of heart that we announced the untimely passing of Union Beach Police Detective Corporal Timothy Kelly, Jr., who was tragically killed in an off-duty motor vehicle crash. Det. Cpl. Kelly was a rising star in the UBPD, having been involved in many high profile and sensitive special operations with the FBI, DEA, MCPO, and BTF. He received his Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of Alabama, with a double major in History and Criminal Justice. Timmy answered the vocation of law enforcement following his father UBPD Sgt. Timothy Kelly's (Ret) path. Det. Cpl. Kelly was a 5-year veteran of the force. He was only 29 ... Servire et Tueri in Aeternum, Requiescat in Pace ...

School is in session which equates to an exponential increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic. As always, please remain extra vigilant when driving. In case of an emergency, or if you simply have a concern, please call us at 732-264-0313. The UBPD handles on average 12,000 calls for service per annum; all are handled with the same amount of care and due diligence. Please follow us, as well, on our social media sites to stay informed—Facebook, Instagram, web site, etc. Once again, we truly live in the best community in the State, not just due to the scenic beauty and atmosphere but most importantly due to the residents!

Respectfully, Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow (NJ State Chief's of Police "Advanced Accredited Executive)

Election News

General Election is on Nov. 8. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 18 is the last day to register for the November General Election. October 29 is Commencement of **Early Voting at Designated Early Voting Polling Locations** for General Election. Nov. 1 is the last day to receive **Vote by Mail** applications for the election. Nov. 6 is Conclusion of Early in person voting at designated polling locations. Nov. 7 is the last day (prior to 3 p.m.) to receive in person, or by messenger, applications for Vote by Mail Ballots. Monmouth County is in need of Poll Workers. Visit www.monmouthcountyvotes.com for information.

Color the World Orange — November 7, 2022

As proclaimed by Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza, November 7, 2022 is "Color the World Orange Day" in the Borough of Union Beach. This day is being celebrated throughout the United State and many other countries to bring awareness of, and in support of those with, the severe chronic pain condition called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also know as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD). Wear orange on November 7 to show your support! To learn more visit: www.colortheworldorangeday.com.

** This Newsletter is intended for the residents of Union Beach **only**. Information regarding curbside pick-ups pertains only to Union Beach. The Union Beach Recycling Center does NOT accept any type of materials from residents outside of Union Beach.

Borough Meetings and Events

October

- 1 (Saturday) Fall Festival from 1 to 4 p.m. at Scholer Park
4 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
8 (Saturday) Rain Date for Fall Festival at Scholer Park
10 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
12 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Tuesday) Deadline for Voter Registration for General Election
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Friday) Movie in the Park at 7 p.m. at Scholer Park
22 (Saturday) Dedication of Paul J. Smith, Jr. Municipal Complex
24 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Tuesday) Leaf pick-up begins in Section B — paper bags only
26 (Wednesday) Leaf pick-up begins in Section A — paper bags only
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

November

- 1 (Tuesday) Deadline to apply for Mail-in Ballot by Mail for General Election
1 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
7 (Monday) Color the World Orange for CRPS/RSD Awareness
7 (Monday) Deadline for In-Person Mail-In Ballot Application for Gen'l Election
8 (Tuesday) General Election Day
8 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — General Election Day
9 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
11 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Veteran's Day
12 (Saturday) Free Rabies Clinic from 10 a.m. to noon at 1400 Florence Avenue
21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Monday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Wednesday) Deadline for Submission to 2022 Winter Newsletter
24 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Day
24 (Thursday) No Garbage Pick-up in Section B— Thanksgiving Day
25 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day after Thanksgiving
28 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

December

- 4 (Sunday) Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. at Scholer Park
6 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
8 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
15 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Monday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
26 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Christmas
26 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Tuesday) Last day for leaf pick-up in Section B
28 (Wednesday) Last day for leaf pick-up in Section A

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

** Please check the Borough's web site, ubnj.net, as well as the web sites and social media pages of each separate organization for updates regarding cancellations.

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
HEALTH OFFICE	(732) 264-2365
ASSOC. HUMANE SOCIETY	(732) 922-0100
SEWER DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
BOROUGH CLERK	(732) 264-2277
Anne Marie Friscia	
Carol Seney	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Sharon Devaney	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Laurette Wade	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Amado Bencosme, Jr.	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
RECREATION	Search "Union Beach Recreation" on Facebook (732) 264-3792
LIBRARY	(732) 264-3133
BOARD OF EDUCATION	(732) 264-5400
MEMORIAL SCHOOL	(732) 671-6400
T&M ASSOCIATES	(732) 850-6103
O.E.M.	Robert Burtew

NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
1-800-652-6987

NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY
1-800-GAS LEAK

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please do **NOT** blow/sweep cut grass or leaves into the road, or into the catch basins.

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2023 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by November 23. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

Leaf Collection Program

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin on October 25, 2022. Please adhere to the following schedule for leaf pick-up. If you are in Section A with a Tuesday and Friday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Wednesdays. If you are in Section B with a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Tuesdays. The last pick-ups will take place on Tuesday, December 27 and Wednesday, December 28, 2022. We ask that you please understand if weather prevents us from picking up leaves.

Please do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will **NOT** be picked up. Paper leaf bags may be purchased at hardware-type stores, or picked up (while supplies last) at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. As always, leaves may be brought directly to the Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue; however, residents will be expected to empty any bags, other than paper, on site. All bags with leaves must contain leaves **ONLY** — any other type of debris is unacceptable, including grass, twigs, and branches.

All services of the Union Beach Department of Public Works/Recycling Center are available to Union Beach residents only. Please come to the office and be prepared to show your identification before dropping off any type of recyclables.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas Tree pick-up will begin on January 3, 2023, following the same schedule as used for leaf pick-up. Section A will be picked up on Wednesdays; Section B will be picked-up on Tuesdays through the end of the month. Final pick-up will take place on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Wednesday, January 25, 2023. We ask that you please understand if weather prevents us from picking up trees.

Memorial School — Message from Superintendent Amanda Lewert

We are excited to have school back in session with students and staff back in the building! We are looking forward to a great year. As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, I would like to make our community members aware of some of the programs at Memorial School:

- Memorial School has **free, full-day preschool** for all 3- and 4-year olds who live in Union Beach. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the nurse at 732-264-5420 to register.
- We also offer before care and after care for students. Please see the web site for more information on before and after care.
- Memorial School offers a variety of programs, such as STEM, Safety Patrol, Drama Club, Band, Chorus, Athletics, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, and more.

We continue to advocate against the S2 budget cuts that have been negatively impacting our district. So far, our school district has lost \$2.9 million, and we expect to lose over \$816,000.00 in the next two years. Please reach out to your representatives and ask that they work to end these S2 cuts so we can continue offering a high quality education to our community.

Our web site is www.unionbeachschools.org. Please check the web site regularly for updates and information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available via email at alewert@unionbeachschools.org or via telephone at 732-264-5405.

Message from Bob Burlew, the Office of Emergency Management

N.O.A.A. predicts an above-normal Atlantic Hurricane Season. We are just getting into the peak months of August through October for Hurricane development, and we anticipate that more storms are on their way as per N.O.A.A. They are expecting that 6 to 10 storms could become Hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or greater). Of those, 3 to 5 could become major Hurricanes (winds of 111 mph or greater).

This year there is expected increased storm activity due to several climate factors like La Nina, warmer than average sea surface temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, and enhanced west African monsoon.

I urge everyone to remain vigilant and prepare now for the active Hurricane Season. Information about how to prepare for Hurricane Season can be found on the FEMA web site (www.fema.gov).

Clean Communities Day

We would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to our Clean Communities Day on Saturday, September 24. Details of the day will follow in the next Newsletter.

Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings

Our garbage contractor will accept branches/brush along with your regular garbage pick-up — on the second pick-up of the week (either Thursday or Friday). Branches **MUST** be bundled. Bundles **CANNOT** be more than 4 feet in length and **CANNOT** weigh more than 50 pounds. Anything larger than 3 inches in diameter **MUST** be cut up. If branches are too small to bundle, they should be placed in a can, the weight of which should **NOT** exceed 50 pounds. The contractor will accept only **THREE** bundles or cans at a time. **PLEASE NOTE:** The garbage contractor does not accept grass clippings; neither does the Department of Public Works. We recommend that you leave cut grass on your lawn, as it is actually good for your lawn.

Union Beach Board of Health

The Union Beach Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic will be held at the Department of Public Works (1400 Florence Avenue) on Saturday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats must be in carriers. Please bring your most recent rabies certificate.

January is “Dog Licensing Month.” Dog registration for 2023 begins December 15. Do not register earlier as this will re-register your dog for 2022. The rabies vaccination is not valid if it expires between January and October of 2023.

Trapping of animals is prohibited November through April.

For critter issues, please call the Monmouth County Humane Society at 732-922-0100.

988 Suicide and Crisis Line Number

New Jersey residents are now able to use 988 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. 988 will be available for call, text, or chat to those experiencing a mental health-related or suicidal crisis, or those looking to help a loved one through a crisis. The existing Lifeline number, 1-800-273-8255, will continue to be available, as well.

Union Beach Library

Library Association Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. in the Library. Upcoming meeting dates are: October 4, November 1, and December 6. New members are always welcome!

On Thursday, October 20, we are holding our Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser from 4 to 8 p.m. Our Holiday Gift Basket Auction begins Monday, November 14 and runs til Saturday, December 3. Santa will be at the Library from 12 to 2 p.m. on December 3. On Monday, December 12, we will have a special family Christmas presentation of Dickens Christmas at 3:30 p.m.

Thanks to all donated school supplies; we had a wonderful turn-out. Thanks to all who came to meet Lorelai, the Mermaid, on September 10.

Monday is Children’s Activity Day!! First Monday of the month is Beading sponsored by YMCA/Bayshore Success; registration is required. The second and fourth Mondays, Lauren from Monmouth County Library has storytime and an activity. Miss Janet fills in on the third Monday! Come join the fun!

The year 2025 will be here before you know it! That year will mark 100 years of Union Beach. In 2024, the Library will begin sorting through the Historic papers we have and display them in the meeting room. If you have anything of interest, please let us know.

The Library will have an Open House on November 12, celebrating our 75 years! Watch for more information.

Check our Facebook page (UBLibrary) for the most current information. As always, thank you for your support.

Union Beach Recreation

Saturday, October 1: Second Annual Fall Festival

Fall is here and we are ready to CELEBRATE! Union Beach Recreation is proud to announce our second annual Fall Festival from 1 to 4 p.m. at Scholer Park. Shop a wide array of local craft and merchandise vendors and get a bite to eat at a food truck! Children are invited to pick a pumpkin to decorate and enjoy other festive offerings. Bring the whole family to help kick off the Fall season! For more information, please head to the Union Beach Recreation Facebook or Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Rain date: October 8.

Interested in becoming a food or merchandise vendor? Please email UBRec@unionbeachnj.gov.

Friday, October 21: Nightmare Before Christmas Movie in the Park

“Boys and Girls of every age ... wouldn't you like to see something strange?” Come join UBRC for our “Nightmare Before Christmas” Movie Celebration. Come out for a frightfully-fun time: games, prizes, raffles, and more! Come in costume for a chance to win fun prizes! The event will take place at Scholer Park and the nightmare begins at 7 p.m. with movie kicking off at 8 p.m.! Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Concessions will be sold to support the Union Beach Recreation Commission. For more information, please head to the Union Beach Recreation Facebook or Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Rain Date: Friday, October 28.

NEW! Halloween House Decorating Contest!

Does your haunted Halloween home have what it takes to be reigning champion of our first annual Halloween Decorating Contest?! Break out your skeletons, cobwebs, and pumpkins to compete in our town-wide Halloween Decorating Contest! Entering is a SCREAM: Head to our social media accounts and fill out the Google Form with your information to be entered. Don't decorate for Halloween? Enter a neighbor who is deserving! Members of the Union Beach Recreation Commission will judge homes the week before Halloween and winners will be announced on our social media accounts. Three winners will be selected for a chance at First, Second, and Third Place! May the most SPOOKTACULAR home win!

Sunday, December 4: Annual Tree Lighting and Visit from Santa!

Join UBRC for the most magical time of the year as we light the town Christmas Tree and welcome in the season with the big man himself: Santa! The fun begins at 6 p.m. at Scholer Park. Ring in the Holiday Season by lighting the tree and getting a picture with Santa Claus after he rides in on his fire truck! Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies will be served. For more information, please head to the Union Beach Recreation Facebook or Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Rain Date: Sunday, December 11.

Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest!

Does your house rival Clark Griswold's?! Put your lighting skills to the test with the Annual Union Beach Recreation Commission House Decorating Contest! Enter a town-wide Holiday Decorating contest for a chance to win prizes! Entering is easy: Head to our social media accounts and fill out the Google Form with your information to be entered. Don't decorate for Christmas? Enter a neighbor who is deserving! Members of the Union Beach Recreation Commission will judge homes throughout December and winners will be announced on our social media accounts and honored at the Union Beach Reorganization Meeting in January. Three winners to be selected for a chance at First, Second, and Third Place! May the most festive home win!

Stay up-to-date with all of our upcoming events! Make sure to LIKE us on Facebook: Union Beach Recreation and FOLLOW us on Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Questions or concerns? Email us: UBRec@unionbeachNJ.gov.

Dumpster/Storage Container Permits

EVERY dumpster and container used in the Borough of Union Beach **MUST** have a proper permit. All dumpsters/containers **MUST** be placed on property. Special permission to use the street may be given in extreme cases only. Permits cost \$30 and are good for thirty (30) days. For more information, please call Public Works at 732-264-1133.

Union Beach Day

Union Beach Day will be Saturday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the beachfront. Follow Facebook for more information.

Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank all those residents who are helping to keep our town looking beautiful.

With the cold weather approaching, we are asking for help with the following items:

1. Please be sure not to pump or direct water immediately on to Borough streets. Please be sure to run the water into your yard first.
2. **All empty lots** must be identified with either the address, or the block and lot of the property, on a board, that is large enough, and located in an area, where it is visible from the street.
3. Please ensure that during this Fall season, all leaves are being picked up and properly discarded.
4. For all homes that have sidewalks, please be sure to clean all snow and ice off those sidewalks within 48 hours.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our town safe during these next few months.

Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Ave., Union Beach. Our weekly Sunday services start at 9 a.m., led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin. Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Biondi, Lay Servant, assist during our services. Our Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. All are welcome, and we invite you to come and join us. You can also hear our service live-streamed on our Facebook page!

We will be having our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on December 24, and all are invited to attend.

Our community outreach programs include an NA group that meets every Monday; Boy Scouts meet on Tuesdays; and a yoga group meets on Wednesdays. WIC is here on the first Monday of every month.

We hold various fundraisers throughout the year. Watch for our drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and our Mickman Brothers wreath fundraiser in October. Our Facebook page will have further details.

Our annual craft/vendor fair will be held on November 19. Tables are available for \$30.00. There is no admission fee to attend. We still have spots available! For additional information, or if you would like to reserve a table, please contact Georgean Harriott at sischickiel@gmail.com.

We are also conducting a gently used clothing, shoes and towels/sheets/linens drive. Donations may be placed in a plastic bag and dropped off in front of the shed in the church parking lot. If you need further information, contact Nancy Kelly at Rockjasper@gmail.com.

We are also planning for our 100 year anniversary in 2025. If anyone has any information on the history of Grace, including pictures, please contact the church. You can leave a message on our phone, and someone will get back to you.

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or anyone else, please contact the church, and we will add your request to our prayer list. Pastor Gene will be happy to speak to anyone in need. You can contact the church 732-264-0916 to leave your information, and someone will return your call. Our email address is GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net. Please follow us on Facebook at Grace UMC Union Beach.

As always, we ask for God's Blessings on all who are reading this, your families and friends, our first responders, and our men and women serving in our Armed Forces. We keep all of our children in our prayers, and we pray for protection and guidance as our children and young adults return to school and college. We pray especially for Uvalde, Texas. We pray for those in the Ukraine, and in Haiti. God's greatest gift is our children, and we ask that He cover us with peace, love and protection. We pray for peace on earth! God Bless!

Engineer's Corner

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

Reconstruction of Seventh Street — The Borough recently received a grant in the amount of \$170,932 from the Monmouth County Community Development Program for the Reconstruction of Seventh Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The Borough continues to wait on the release of the project funds from HUD. As soon as the funds are available, the project will be advertised for construction bids. We are cautiously optimistic that the project will be under construction sometime early Fall, 2022.

Reconstruction of Seagate Avenue — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to S Brothers construction for the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program. The program includes the Reconstruction of Seagate from Sydney Avenue to NJ Highway 36. The project is funded in part through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$212,800. The improvements include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is underway. We anticipate the pavement base course to be installed the first week in September, 2022 with the pavement surface course completed mid-September, 2022, weather permitting.

Reconstruction of Fourth Street — The Reconstruction of Fourth Street from Pine Street to the easterly terminus was awarded as part of the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program. The improvements include the installation of new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The construction is now underway. We anticipate the construction to be completed by mid-September, 2022, weather permitting.

Roadway Improvements Second Street — The improvements to the section of Second Street from Beach Street to Dock Street include replacement of certain sections of existing curbs and sidewalks, installation of ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at the intersections, and the milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. The project was awarded as part of the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin mid-September, 2022.

Rehabilitation of the Basketball Courts at Scholer Park — The Governing Body recently authorized the preparation of design plans and contract specifications for the rehabilitation of the existing basketball courts at Scholer Park. The improvements include the milling, resurfacing, and painting of the existing pavement surface. The project was advertised for construction bids in July, 2022. However, the bids received exceeded the funds available and the bids were rejected. The project will be re-bid at a later date.

Firefighters' Park Improvements — The Borough recently authorized the preparation of plans and contract specifications for Improvements to Firefighters' Park. The improvements include the milling, resurfacing, and painting of the pavement surface and the installation of a new gazebo. The project was advertised for construction bids in July, 2022. However, the bids received exceeded the funds available and the bids were rejected. The project will be re-bid at a later date.

Helen Hayes Soccer Field Drainage Improvements — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to Down to Earth Landscaping for the drainage improvements at Helen Hayes soccer fields. The improvement include the installation of an under-drain system on the westerly side of the soccer fields. The construction is now underway with new sod installed in the areas of the drainage and all construction to be completed mid-September, 2022.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project — The acquisition of easements from the property owners impacted by Phase I construction is now completed. The Army Corp of Engineers received construction bids for Phase I of the multi-phased shore protection plan on Friday, June 9, 2022. The project was awarded to Weeks Marine, Cranford, NJ. The Corps anticipates the start of construction in the Fall of 2022. The Phase I project consists of the beach fill element of the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek.

2022 Turf Maintenance Program — The Borough awarded a three-year contract for the 2022 Turf Maintenance Program. The 2022 Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The Fall treatment will begin mid-September, 2022.

2022 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough will be submitting a grant application for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. The improvements include the installation of a lighted walking trail with additional security cameras around the perimeter of the existing ballfields. If successful, we anticipate the improvements to be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2023.

2022 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant — The Borough will be submitting a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant program for the milling and repaving of Park Avenue from Poole Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, installation of certain sections of new concrete curbs and sidewalks, and milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to be part of the 2023 Roadway Improvement Program.

FIRE WON'T WAIT — PLAN YOUR ESCAPE!

Protect your loved ones. Plan your home fire escape!

Know two ways out of every room.

Have a clear path to your exits.

Have an outside meeting place.

More information can be found at fpw.org

A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Dear Friends,

With the hot and muggy summer months behind us, I hope all are looking forward to cooler months ahead and the upcoming holiday season. As our children are back in school for the new academic year, we remind everyone to drive carefully for the safety of the students while they travel back and forth.

The Borough's 2022 capital improvement program is nearing completion with this year's ambitious list of projects:

- Reconstruction of Seagate Avenue with the help of NJ DOT grant funds
- Concrete repairs, milling and paving of Second Street between Beach & Dock Streets
- Reconstruction of Fourth Street, southeast of Pine Street
- Miscellaneous concrete and roadway repairs
- Underground drainage system and sod at the Helen Hayes Park soccer fields
- Irrigation system at the Municipal Building property

Funds have not been released by the Community Development Block Grant program for our anticipated reconstruction of Seventh Street between Florence Avenue & Pine Street. This delay is not unusual and, if the grant funds are not released soon, the work will be the first to be completed in the new construction season. Problems with the bidding process have kept us from moving forward with resurfacing projects at Firefighter's Park & Scholer Park but the funding remains in place for a near future second try. The Borough has contracted for a new electronic signboard at Borough Hall and you can look for its installation in the coming months.

We would like to thank Monmouth County for the completion of the new Broadway bridge and the milling and paving of Florence Avenue, Front Street and Broadway. Preliminary planning and design work has begun on the County's plan to replace the Florence Avenue bridge, also.

I am happy to advise that Contract 1 of the US Army Corps of Engineers flood protection project has been awarded and construction is expected to begin in the next couple of months. Contract 1 consists of terminal groins (jettys), beach expansion with dunes and berms along with pedestrian walkovers at the beachfront.

There are many Fall events taking place in the Borough this year and I encourage all to check the Borough's website for details as they get close. One that I would like to mention is the dedication of the Paul J. Smith, Jr. Municipal Complex with the long awaited completion of the renovation and addition project at Borough Hall. We have set a date of Saturday, October 22nd with more details to follow.

Our community is very fortunate to have dedicated First Responders, employees, professional staff, volunteers and residents who make our town the best it can be. Myself and Council thank them all.

May God bless all our First Responders and keep them safe.

God bless all of you and your families.

Be safe!!

Charlie

There will be NO garbage pick-up on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

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