

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2022

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Council President Albin J. Wicki
Councilman Louis Andreuzzi
Councilman Anthony Cavallo

Councilman Albert Lewandowski
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Councilwoman Eileen Woodruff

Election Information

Primary Day is Tuesday, June 7. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. For additional information regarding elections, please log on to monmouthcountyvotes.com.

REVISED 2022 Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar

Due to an error in the June portion of the 2022 Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar that was included in the Winter 2022 Newsletter, a revised Calendar can be found on Page 5 of this Newsletter. Please note that recycling in Section A will be picked up on June 8 and 22. Bulk in Section B will be picked up on the same dates in June.

Memorial Day Parade

The Union Beach Memorial Day Parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 at Borough Hall. For more information, please visit www.ubnj.net.

Free Tree Seedlings

In an effort to replace trees lost in Hurricane Sandy, and thanks once again to the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign, free tree seedlings will be available to Union Beach residents at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue.

Distribution will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 12 to 4 p.m. and Monday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. Seedlings will be 2' to 4' high, bare root seedlings. They will be distributed to residents on a first come-first served basis (5 per address) and will include informational materials. For additional information, please go to www.ubnj.net.

Paper Shredding

Union Beach will be hosting its third paper shredding event for Monmouth County residents on Saturday, September 10, at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. This event begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. (or until the trucks fill up). There is a limit of 100 pounds per address. More information on this, and other Monmouth County paper shredding events, can be found by searching "paper shredding" on the County's web site (www.visitmonmouth.com).

Beach Passes

New 2-year beach passes (red) will be distributed at the Municipal Building to Union Beach residents beginning April 4. Please have your driver's license and registration as proof of Union Beach residency.

Borough Meetings and Events

April

2 (Saturday)	Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration at 12 p.m. at Scholer Park
4 (Monday)	New 2-Year Beach Passes Available for Residents at Borough Hall
5 (Tuesday)	Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
9 (Saturday)	Rain Date for Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration at Scholer Park
13 (Wednesday)	Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
15 (Friday)	Borough Offices Closed — Good Friday
18 (Monday)	Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Monday)	Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

May

2 (Tuesday)	Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
11 (Wednesday)	Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
12 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday)	Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Monday)	Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Friday)	Deadline for Submission to 2022 Summer Newsletter
28 (Saturday)	Memorial Day Parade starting at 1 p.m. at Borough Hall
30 (Monday)	Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day

June

7 (Tuesday)	Primary Election Day — Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
8 (Wednesday)	Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
9 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
10 (Friday)	Summer Recreation Sign Ups at 7 p.m. in the Library
11 (Saturday)	Summer Recreation Sign Ups at 10 a.m. in the Library
14 (Tuesday)	Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
15 (Wednesday)	Kickoff to Summer Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
16 (Thursday)	Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday)	Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
22 (Wednesday)	Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront
25 (Saturday)	Union Beach Annual 5K Race
27 (Monday)	Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Wednesday)	Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Wednesday)	Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront

** 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.

*** 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 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.	(732) 850-6103
Robert Burlew	

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 2022 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by May 27. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

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

REMINDER: All Union Beach residents must register your dogs as required by law, if you have not already done so.

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

I've mentioned it many times before, however, I would like to thank our wonderful residents and visitors alike, yet once again, for the constant phone calls and in person visits at Headquarters thanking our police officers (our men and women come from college/university, military, and prior law enforcement experience background [s]) for the job they do. It is truly appreciated by all!

As the Spring is upon us, it brings with it the warmer weather, which brings an increase in pedestrian(s), walkers/joggers, vehicle/motor bike(s), cyclist(s), etc. sharing our roadways. Collectively, we ask everyone to remain vigilant, courteous, and attentive while driving.

You will see an exponential increase in strategically placed MPH Radar signs by the UBPD—Traffic Safety Bureau throughout our town; the latter are compliments of our partnership with the United States Department of Defense. The MPH signs, as well as an electronic media information board, are valued at over \$30,000.00 and were acquired for free (zero cost) through the US DOD LESO Program.

Please contact the UBPD immediately if you observe a careless motorist or see an increase in speeding in your particular neighborhood(s). Our police officers patrol over 25.60 miles (41.20) of roadways, as well as additional trail(s) and waterway(s) in our 2 square mile area.

Please visit our social media site(s) for the many community outreach program(s) the UBPD offers, as well as for additional information, or contact us at Headquarters — 732-264-0313. Once again, we truly live in the best town in the State of NJ, not just due to the scenic beauty, but rather most importantly, due to the residents that inhabit it, making it the close knit shore family community it is today.

Respectfully, Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow

Electronics Recycling

Public Works will continue to accept electronics from Union Beach residents **ONLY**. By law, television sets and computer components must be recycled. Each address will be restricted to the disposal of three television sets per calendar year. Proof of residency must be provided.

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 the 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.

Note from the Tax Assessor

The Borough's 2022 Reassessment Report is now located on the Borough's web site www.ubnj.net for your information. The Tax Assessor has office hours on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Borough of Union Beach
2022 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 so as 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

REMINDER: NO PETS ALLOWED ON BEACH OR WALKWAY

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 P-312, 2014
- Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures, FEMA 114, December 1986
- Engineering Principles and Practices for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Buildings, FEMA P-259, January 2012

The following publications are available from:

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

- Flood Proofing Techniques, Programs, and References, May 2000
- Flood Proofing: How to Evaluate Your Options, July 1993
- Local Flood Proofing Programs, February 2005

Office of Emergency Management

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, please call 732-850-6103.

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

REVISED 2022 RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION CALENDAR

Please check the street listing below to see if your address is located in Section A or Section B. Then follow the calendar to locate your trash, recycling, and bulk pick-up days. If you have any questions, please call 732-264-1133. **ALWAYS PLACE TRASH, RECYCLING, AND BULK AT THE CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE A SCHEDULED PICK-UP.**

<u>Section A</u>	<u>Section B</u>
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, Ash, Aspen, Bay, Bayview (#100-499), Beach, Broadway, Campbell, Center, Central (#100-499), Chingarora, Dock, Edmunds, Ellison, Florence (#100-#1400), Floyd, Front, Gateway, Herbert, Henry, Johnson (#1-99), Kathleen, Locust, Lorillard (#100-499), Maple, Oak, Pine, Park (#100-499), Poole (#100-599), Prospect (#100-499), Raritan, State, St. James, St. Johns, Spruce (#400-799), Victoria, Vista Shores, West	Anderson, Arlington, Asbury, Aumack, Bank, Bayview (#600-999), Beachview, Branch, Brook, Cambridge, Central (#500-999), Chomic, Clark, Columbia, Dibling, Donnelly, Fr. Fitzpatrick, Florence (#1500-1799), Harris, Harrison, Haug, Heckelmann, High, Isabelle, Jersey, Johnson (#300-499), Lorillard (#500-999), Morningside, Newark, Ocean, Orange, Park (#500-999), Patterson, Poole (#600-699), Private, Prospect (#500-899), Rose, Route 36, Seagate, Seaview, Scholer, Shore, Spruce (#900-1000), Stone, Sullivan, Sydney, Union, Washington, Wesley, Willow, Wilson.

Regular trash pick-up is scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays . You may place up to 3 cans/bags at the curb the night before a pick-up. Each can/bag may not exceed 50 pounds.	Regular trash pick-up is scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays . You may place up to 3 cans/bags at the curb the night before a pick-up. Each can/bag may not exceed 50 pounds. There will be no pick-up on Thursday, November 24.
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<u>Section A — Recycling</u>	<u>Section A — Bulk</u>	<u>Section B — Recycling</u>	<u>Section B — Bulk</u>
Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: January 5 & 19 February 2 & 16 March 2, 16 & 30 April 13 & 27 May 11 & 25 June 8 & 22 July 6 & 20 August 3, 17 & 31 September 14 & 28 October 12 & 26 November 9 & 23 December 7 & 21 Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS	Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: January 12 & 26 February 9 & 23 March 9 & 23 April 6 & 20 May 4 & 18 June 1, 15 & 29 July 13 & 27 August 10 & 24 September 7 & 21 October 5 & 19 November 2, 16 & 30 December 14 & 28 Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)	Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: January 12 & 26 February 9 & 23 March 9 & 23 April 6 & 20 May 4 & 18 June 1, 15 & 29 July 13 & 27 August 10 & 24 September 7 & 21 October 5 & 19 November 2, 16 & 30 December 14 & 28 Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS	Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: January 5 & 19 February 2 & 16 March 2, 16 & 30 April 13 & 27 May 11 & 25 June 8 & 22 July 6 & 20 August 3, 17 & 31 September 14 & 28 October 12 & 26 November 9 & 23 December 7 & 21 Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)

Leaves will be picked up curbside in the Fall — Section B on Tuesdays/Section A on Wednesdays. Please use paper bags only. Do **NOT** mix in other types of debris, including branches. Branches/brush will be taken with regular garbage but **ONLY** when properly bundled. Appliances, electronics and metals will be picked up curbside by appointment only. Please call 732-264-1133 for information regarding any of this. If you are putting out a refrigerator, all doors must be removed.

Clean Communities

Our next Clean Communities Day will be held on Saturday, September 24. Please watch future Newsletters, as well as the Borough's web site (www.ubnj.net) for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Union Beach Clean Communities Coordinator, Mary Mancini, at 732-264-1133.

Bag Up NJ — Effective May 4, 2022, NJ Law will ban *single use plastic bags* at all retail stores, food service businesses and grocery stores, as well as *paper bags* at grocery stores at, or larger than, 2,500 square feet. The law also bans food service businesses from providing *polystyrene foam* food containers. As of November, 2021, *plastic straws* will only be available upon a customer's request.

A reusable carryout bag is defined as a bag that is: made of polypropylene fabric, PET non-woven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric; and has stitched handles, not glued; and is designed and manufactured for multiple reuses; and is capable of withstanding multiple washes while maintaining usefulness and integrity; and has a minimum of 125 uses.

For more information on the NJ Bag Ban Law, please visit: <https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/>

Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank all those residents that are helping to keep our town looking beautiful. With the Spring weather coming up, we are asking for help with the following items:

1. Yards should be well maintained. This includes removal of rubbish and debris, cutting of grass, removal of weeds, etc. We will be placing a large emphasis on exterior maintenance of properties throughout this upcoming season.
2. All empty lots must post a board with either the property address, or the block and lot numbers. This board must be large enough to be read from the street and placed in a location that is visible from the street.
3. All homes must have a house number that is large enough to be visible from the street. You never know when an emergency will hit, and the first responders will have to try and locate your home.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our town safe and clean during these new few months!

Union Beach Recreation

Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration at Scholer Park

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 12 noon to 2 p.m. Rain Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022, same time. Pre-Registration is **REQUIRED!** Please look at the Union Beach web site and Facebook for more information and the links for sign ups.

Summer Recreation Sign Ups at the Union Beach Memorial Library

Friday, June 10, 2022, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Sign ups **REQUIRED to participate in the July Program!** Please look at the Union Beach web site and Facebook for more information and the links for sign ups.

Kickoff to Summer Music & Volleyball at the Union Beach Beachfront

Wednesday, June 15, 6 to 9 p.m.

Music and Volleyball every Wednesday, weather permitting, 6 to 9 p.m.

Independence Day Fireworks at the Union Beach Beachfront

Sunday, July 3, 2022, dusk. Rain Date: Tuesday, July 5, 2022, dusk

Summer Recreation Program

Please look at the Union Beach web site and Facebook for more information and the links for sign ups. **All participants MUST be 5 years old by Tuesday, July 5!**

Movies in the Park — Back by Popular Demand!

Stay in contact with us on Social Media to see all of the fun movies we will be bringing to Scholer Park in 2022!!

Please follow us on **Facebook: [Facebook.com/UnionBeachRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/UnionBeachRecreation)** and on **Instagram: [@UnionBeachRecreation](https://www.instagram.com/UnionBeachRecreation)** to stay up to date on all of our future events!

The Borough of Union Beach

2022 Flood Protection Information Newsletter (continued)

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.

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.

2022 Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Leaves will be picked up curbside in the Fall according to schedule. Please make sure to use **brown paper bags ONLY**. Please make sure bags contain **ONLY** leaves. Residents may continue to bring leaves year-round 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.ubnj.net

Street Sweeping

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

The Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 3211 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. All Monmouth County residents are welcome to drop off paints, chemicals, hazardous materials, etc. For appointment call 732-683-8686. Drop off days — which were previously held in Hazlet (behind Burger King) and Upper Freehold — **will no longer be available**. Latex paint cans are considered "regular" garbage once they are completely dried out.

For more information call: (732) 683-8686
Or go to: www.ubnj.net

Code Red Notifications

All residents may register their phone numbers, both landline and cellular, to receive emergency notifications and critical community alerts. To opt in or out, please go to www.ubnj.net and click on the link for "Code Red."

UNION BEACH'S 10TH ANNUAL 5K IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25.

Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Ave., Union Beach. Our regular Sunday Service starts at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Our worship services are led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin. Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Bondi, Lay Servant, continue to 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!

Due to the COVID restrictions, we carefully follow the recommendations of the CDC. Our worship is designed so that everyone is socially distanced. You can also hear our service live-streamed on our Facebook page! Look for us on Facebook on Sunday mornings around 9:00 a.m.

Our Sunday School is socially distanced, and our children are divided into two separate classes according to age. We also have a separate area for our nursery children. The Sunday School is still requiring that all children over the age of two wear a mask, and hand-sanitizer is readily available. Our teachers and staff wear masks. A COVID form and registration form must be filled out for every child, and can be requested by emailing Nancy Kelly at Rockyjasper@optonline.net.

There will be an Easter service at Grace at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 17. We will determine at a later date if our annual Easter Sunrise Service at the beachfront gazebo will be held. Watch our Facebook page for more information on that.

Our church holds various fundraisers throughout the year. Please watch our Facebook page for information!

If you are in need of prayers for yourself or anyone else, please contact the church and we will be happy to add your request to our prayer list. Pastor Gene will also be happy to speak to anyone in need. Contact the church and leave your information, and he will return your call. Pastor Gene also has office hours every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., if you would like to stop in to speak with him personally.

Our email address is GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net. Our church telephone number is 732-264-0916. You can also 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 pray for peace on earth! God Bless!

Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)

It feels good to be back! We have just completed our 2022 basketball season and it was great to see the kids have the time of their lives on the court. The season was a little different for the fans in the stands but the Bayshore players got to show off their skills to entertain the crowd. We are already looking forward to next season! Be on the lookout next fall for basketball sign ups.

This Spring you can find the Bayshore Sharks baseball, softball and tee ball teams on the fields at Scholer Park. Our younger players have been enjoying their new fields for the tee ball and rookie level teams, while the older players are getting their work in on the baseball and softball fields. We look forward to watching the teams improve throughout the season. Come out and catch a game one day!

Bayshore Sports and Recreation is always looking for new volunteers to help throughout the year. We currently run baseball and softball in the Spring and Fall, and basketball in the Winter. Please contact the league if you are interested in helping in any way. The more help we have, the better our programs will be!

Follow Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC) on Facebook and our web site www.bsarec.com to get upcoming registration information and find out about volunteer opportunities.

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 was awarded a grant in the amount of \$170,932 from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant 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. Depending on the availability of funds, we anticipate construction to be part of the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program.

Reconstruction of Seagate Avenue — The Borough was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$212,800 for the Reconstruction of Seagate Avenue from Sydney Avenue to NJ Highway 36. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to be part of the 2022 Roadway Improvement Program.

Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant — The Borough submitted a grant application to the Department of Community Affairs for drainage and turf improvements at the Helen Hayes Soccer Facility. The Borough was not successful under this round of funding.

Demolition of 1400 Florence Avenue — The Governing Body recently awarded a contract for the demolition of the front portion of the existing DPW building to All State Wrecking. The demolition is now completed.

FY 2022 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough recently submitted a grant application for Scholer Park Improvements Phase IX. The Borough was not successful under this round of funding.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials on the acquisition of easements from the property owners impacted by Phase I construction. The Borough continues to work closely with those residents impacted by the Phase I construction with a majority of the easements or the rights of entry secured. The final design plans and specifications for Phase I are completed and the Corps anticipates receiving construction bids for Phase I construction by mid to late June 2022. 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, and are ready to be advertised for construction bids as soon as all easements for Phase I have been secured.

2021 Turf Maintenance Program — The Borough awarded a three-year contract for the 2021 Turf Maintenance Program. The 2021 Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The Spring treatment shall begin the end of March, 2022, weather permitting.

Union Beach Library

Library Association meetings are April 5, May 2, and June 14. All meetings are at 7 p.m. at the Library. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

The Monmouth County Children's Librarian is at our Library every 2nd and 4th Monday, with Story Time or a craft. Please call and register. Bayshore Success Center is here the 1st Monday of the month with a beading/jewelry class. Call to register as registration is required.

Bayshore Hook and Needles meets at the Library on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Members work on projects to be donated to local charities, i.e.; baby blankets for Project Linus. Yarn donations are accepted when we are open. If interested, stop by on a Thursday.

Please check out our Facebook page for other news.

A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone has made it through the snow and freezing temperatures we have experienced this winter and are ready to enjoy the warmer weather and extended hours of daylight as we enter into Spring!

As we head into the warmer months, there will be quite a few events and construction projects taking place throughout the Borough which I have listed here:

CONSTRUCTION

- The Army Corps Flood Protection Project Phase One at the beachfront continues to move toward construction and we anticipate the awarding of a contract to take place this summer.
- The Borough has been awarded a grant from the NJDOT in the amount of \$212,800 for the Reconstruction of Seagate Ave (Father Fitzpatrick Way) from State Highway Rt 36 to Sydney Ave.
- The Borough has also been awarded a HUD grant through the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$170,932 for the Reconstruction of 7th Street from Florence Ave to Pine Street (Pending the release of funds from the Federal Government).
- Along with completing the funding for the above two (2) road projects, the Borough will provide for reconstruction of the southeast section of 4th Street from Pine Street to its southeast terminus.

EVENTS:

- Union Beach Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Scholer Park Saturday, April 2nd with a rain date of April 9th.
- American Legion Memorial Day Parade, Saturday, May 28th with line up at Borough Hall beginning at 12 noon and step off at 1 p.m.
- Union Beach Recreation Summer Kickoff at the beach front with music and volleyball, Wednesday, June 15th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and running every Wednesday night through September 7th.
- The Union Beach 5k run is scheduled for June 25th.
- Our 4th of July Fireworks event is scheduled for Sunday, July 3rd with a rain date of Tuesday, July 5th down at the beach front and will begin at dusk.
- Dedication of the Borough Municipal Complex on Poole Avenue in memory of our beloved late Mayor Paul J. Smith Jr. (Date and time will be announced).

(For more information on these and other town happenings please visit our Borough website at www.ubnj.net).

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer Congratulations and Best Wishes to ALL of our Class of 2022 Graduates! We are very proud of you!

Finally, I would like to thank the Borough Council, Board of Education and all of our Borough Employees, Professional Staff, First Responders, Volunteers and Residents for their continued hard work and dedication to our community each and every day. These efforts continue to make Union Beach The Best Little Town in NJ!

May God Bless all of our First Responders and keep them safe!

May God Bless all of you and your families!

Be Safe!

Charlie

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