

# The Borough of Union Beach

# Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2017

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## Free Tree Seedlings to the Residents of Union Beach

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 8 from noon to 4 p.m., and on Monday, April 10 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 as the distribution dates get closer, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net).

## Mulch Fires and How to Prevent Them — From the Union Beach Fire Department

Spring is the time when we are thinking about new landscaping or sprucing up our property for the coming season. It is also a good time to think about fire safety in your landscaping!

Thousands of mulch fires occur across the United States every year, especially during warm, dry summer weather. Although small mulch fires are easily extinguished, an unchecked fire often spreads to shrubbery and structures, endangering human life and causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to homes and public buildings.

Although mulch is attractive used around shrubs or in flower beds, a mulch-free zone of 2 to 3 feet around a building is the safest way to prevent serious damage caused by mulch fires. Pea gravel or crushed rock is a safer solution if you need mulch next to a building. New regulations now prohibit new application of mulch within 18" around combustible exteriors of buildings, such as wood or vinyl, but not brick or concrete. Residential buildings with six units or less are exempted from the regulation, but all homeowners may want to adopt these safety practices.

Regular watering that keeps mulch consistently moist helps to prevent ignition. Avoid placing mulch near decorative lighting or other electric devices. If you notice a mulch fire, extinguish the fire and then report the fire to 911 immediately. Awareness of the possible fire dangers associated with mulch is the first step in preventing mulch fires. Due to laws that prevent smokers from smoking in public places, smokers often throw cigarette butts into mulch near building entrances. Providing fire-proof receptacles in public places, and proper use of the receptacles, helps to eliminate mulch fires ignited by smoldering cigarettes. Remember these tips for the smoker in your house, also! Following these recommendations during your Spring spruce up will help prevent the chance of a mulch fire occurring during the hot, dry days of summer!

\*\*\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*\*\*

**UNION BEACH 5K WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 24!!**

## Borough Meetings and Events

### April

- 5 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
7 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR  
8 (Saturday) Tree Seedling Distribution at noon at Public Works  
8 (Saturday) Easter Celebration at noon at Scholer Park  
9 (Sunday) Rain Date for Easter Celebration at noon at Scholer Park  
10 (Monday) Tree Seedling Distribution at 8 a.m. at Public Works  
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall  
14 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Good Friday  
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall  
24 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

### May

- 3 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 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  
19 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School APR  
19 (Friday) Summer Camp Registration at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
20 (Saturday) Summer Camp Registration at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall  
22 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
26 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2017 Summer Newsletter  
27 (Saturday) Memorial Day Parade  
29 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day  
31 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

### June

- 6 (Tuesday) Primary Election Day — Polls open at 6 a.m.  
7 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
8 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall  
10 (Saturday) Summer Camp Registration at 10 a.m. at Borough Hall  
15 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall  
19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
21 (Wednesday) "Kick Off to Summer" Beach Party at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
24 (Saturday) Union Beach 5K Race at 9 a.m. at Spruce St. and Park Ave.  
26 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
28 (Wednesday) Music & Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront

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

### Election News

Primary Day: Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
Polls open at 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Drug Alliance Teen Night Dances

On the following dates, dances will be held in the All Purpose Room at Memorial School for Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
April 7                      May 19

## Borough Phone Numbers

<b>FIRE</b>	911
<b>FIRST AID</b>	911
<b>POLICE</b>	(732) 264-0313
Chief Charles Ervin	
<b>MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR</b>	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
<b>HEALTH OFFICE</b>	(732) 264-2365
Eileen Balut	
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
<b>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b>	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
<b>BOROUGH CLERK</b>	(732) 264-2277
Anne Marie Friscia	
<b>TAX ASSESSOR</b>	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
<b>COURT ADMINISTRATOR</b>	(732) 264-9098
Kate Chieffo	
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.</b>	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
<b>RECYCLING CENTER</b>	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
<b>PLANNING/ZONING BOARD</b>	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
<b>CODE ENFORCER</b>	(732) 526-8686
Joseph Crane	
<b>CONSTRUCTION DEPT.</b>	(732) 526-8687
Robert Burlew	
<b>RECREATION</b>	(732) 888-6026
<b>LIBRARY</b>	(732) 264-3792
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	(732) 264-3133
<b>MEMORIAL SCHOOL</b>	(732) 264-5400
<b>T&amp;M ASSOCIATES</b>	(732) 671-6400
<b>O.E.M.</b>	(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

All dumpsters should be placed on your property and require a permit.

### Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2017 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by May 26. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing [memancini@optonline.net](mailto:memancini@optonline.net) or faxing 732-264-5829.

### **Union Beach Day**

Be a part of our community! Meet your neighbors! Make new friends! Show your Union Beach pride! The third annual Union Beach will be held on Saturday, October 14. Save the date!

### **Kick-off to Summer Beach Party!**

Join the Union Beach Recreation Commission, the Bayshore Family Success Center, and the Union Beach Library to celebrate the first night of UB Recreation's Volleyball on the Beach Program. This event will be held on June 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Beachfront. Rain date will be June 28. Celebrate summer at our beautiful Beachfront with friends, music, and volleyball!

### **Thank You From The Union Beach Memorial Library**

The Union Beach Memorial Library would like to thank Patrick Kimler for the beautiful job he did, for his Eagle Scout project, building the Library a pergola and patio on the lawn. In addition, we would like to thank all who donated to this project. We can already see that this structure will be a value to the community for many years to come!

### **Dumpster/Storage Container Permits**

EVERY dumpster and container used in the Borough MUST have a proper permit. Permit applications may be obtained by going to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) and clicking on the Public Works page. For more information, please call Public Works at 732-264-1133.

### **Union Beach EMS**

Union Beach EMS would again like to thank all our friends and families who helped us have another successful Valentine's Day Flower Sale. Your support is truly appreciated. Keep an eye out for our Mother's Day Sale. We will be selling carnations and roses.

This year, our annual Town-Wide Yard Sale will be on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please get information and forms from the town web site ([ubnj.net](http://ubnj.net)) or at Police Headquarters. Deadline to sign up is April 14.

### **Union Beach Board of Health**

Please be aware that if you no longer have a dog, for whatever reason, you must notify the Union Beach Board of Health at 732-264-2365.

For information regarding trapping of animals, please call the Associated Humane Society at 732-922-0100.

### **Bayshore Family Success Center**

Free Tutoring Program for Grade K-8 will be held on Saturdays at the Union Beach Library. There will be no tutoring on April 15 & 22. The last day of the program will be May 20. Registration is required.

NEW! Book Club to be held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Union Beach Library. Upcoming dates will be April 27, May 25 and June 29 (5th Thursday).

Free Family Bingo Night will be held on March 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Union Beach Library. Registration is required.

Annual Father's Day/Special Person Ice Cream Social will be held in June (date and time TBD).

Transitioning to Adulthood for Special Needs Parents Event: April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at our Henry Hudson Activity Center located at 945 Route 36 in Leonardo. Join us for an information session that will include speakers and resources to help you on your journey. Registration is required.

Summer Homework Packet Help: July 8 & 16, August 5 & 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Union Beach Library. Registration is required.

For more information, or to register for any of our events, call us at 732-497-3811 or email [familysuccess@cymca.org](mailto:familysuccess@cymca.org).

**The Borough of Union Beach**  
**2017 Flood Protection Information Newsletter**

**Flood Hazard Reduction**

In order to minimize the effects of floods, the following standards have been developed:

1. All new construction and substantial improvements must be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure. Substantial improvement is defined as any repair, construction, or improvement to a structure whose cost is 50% of the building market value or greater.
2. All new construction and substantial improvements must be constructed with materials, utility equipment, methods, and practices resistant to flood damage.
3. All new public utilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems must be located to minimize flood damage and contamination.
4. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor, that are subject to flooding, must be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.
5. Check with the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 before you build, alter, re-grade, or fill your property to determine if a permit is needed. Report these activities to this number if you do not see a permit where work is being done.

**Flood proofing:** Residents can protect their building from flood damage by retrofitting. The following are several ways to flood proof or retrofit existing dwellings: waterproofing walls, installing watertight enclosure over doors, raising existing building above flood levels, and installing check valves in sanitary sewer lines. The Building Department can provide additional information on these methods.

**Why Protect Stream Corridors?**

A stream is composed of several essential elements including the stream channel itself, associated wetlands, flood plains and forests. When stream corridors are maintained in their natural condition with minimum disturbance, they are instrumental in performing the following functions:

- Removing sediment, nutrients, and pollutants by providing opportunities for filtration, absorption and decomposition by slowing storm water velocity, which aids in allowing storm water to be absorbed in the soil and taken up by vegetation.
- Reducing stream bank erosion.
- Displacing potential sources of non-point source pollution from the water's edge.
- Shading surface waters to prevent excess warming.
- Maintaining biotic diversity of aquatic plants and wildlife.
- Preventing flood-related damage and associated costs to surrounding communities.
- Helping to maintain adequate flows of filtered water to underground aquifers.
- Providing greenway corridors for wildlife.

**BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

Union Beach has a "pooper scooper" law.

All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Please report all violations to the

Union Beach Health Department at (732)-264-2365

**REMINDER: NO PETS ALLOWED ON BEACH OR WALKWAY**

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

**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

**Union Beach Siren Sequences**

Fire: 16 seconds up and 6 seconds down for 1-1/2 minutes  
 E.M.S.: One steady tone for 29 seconds  
 O.E.M.: 6 seconds up & 6 seconds down for 3 minutes  
 Civil Defense Test: 8 p.m. every night — 8 second tune

**Office of Emergency Management**

**Tune into 1610 AM** for up-to-date information on storms, flooding, and other prevalent emergencies. The blue & white emergency management signs throughout town will flash when to tune in for information. This is a volunteer organization that offers a wide variety of services. For more details on the Borough's emergency warning system, evacuation routes, or to join, call 732-264-7434.

Borough residents enjoy the beauty of residing near the waters of the Raritan Bay, Flat Creek, East Creek, Thorne's Creek and Chingarora Creek. However, the associated benefits are accompanied by threats of natural disasters, specifically hurricanes, nor'easters, flooding and the potential damage they bring to our shorefront community. Our entire 1.8 square mile Borough is affected by the tidal forces that have brought flood waters onto our roads and into our neighborhoods, businesses, and homes. As your Borough Council, we strive to prevent flooding due to accumulated debris and infiltration, and enact emergency notification and evacuation procedures.

Every Union Beach resident contributes to the overall success of our Borough's preparedness. Please take a moment to review the enclosed information and follow the established guidelines. For further information, please contact Borough Hall at (732) 264-2277.

**Services:** The flood zone map provides data on flood zone areas, locations of warning lights/sirens, and emergency evacuation routes. The official map is on record in the Building/Zoning Department. Please contact the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 for more information on flood zones and the Office of Emergency Management for more information on the warning systems and evacuation routes. The Borough of Union Beach Department of Public Works is responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the creeks and drainage systems on all Borough property as well as portions of the drainage systems and streams which are located on the easements dedicated to the Borough of Union Beach. Trash, debris, or obstructions in the Borough's drainage system or creeks should be reported to the Department of Public Works at (732) 264-1133.

**Citizen Responsibilities** Property owners can do their part to remove debris and obstructions from ditches, streams, retention basins, and drainage systems on their property. Leaves, grass clippings, and branches can block systems and contribute to flooding.

Residents also have a duty to maintain public areas for the common protection and enjoyment of all citizens. The Borough Ordinance (Section 16-1.a.0) states it is unlawful to dump or throw anything into the waters of any pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to a park or any tributary system, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water. Any violations should be reported to the Union Beach Police Department at (732) 264-0313.

**Flood Hazard Safety Tips**

- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. If you must walk, use a pole or stick.
- Move personal belongings and furniture to higher ground.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Do not drive around road barriers, the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to JCP&L.
- Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.
- Be aware of fallen debris, such as branches, wood, glass, or metal, since they may result in injury.
- Keep a battery-operated radio available to listen to the Union Beach radio station **1610 AM** for updates on flooding and evacuation.

**Flood insurance:** If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods, but you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy which covers all surface floods because of the Borough's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. There are approximately 960 flood insurance policies. If you have flood insurance, check the amount and make sure the contents are covered. Typically, there is more damage to furniture and contents than to the building itself.

**2017 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](http://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 completed dried out.

For more information call: (732) 683-8686  
Or go to: [www.ubnj.net](http://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. If you are not currently registered, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) and click on the link for "Code Red."

### Union Beach Recreation

Join Union Beach Recreation in an Easter Celebration to be held at Scholer Park on Saturday, April 8 from noon to 2 p.m. Meet the Easter Bunny, hunts for eggs, and dance your way into Spring! Rain date will be Sunday, April 9.

Summer camp registration will be held at Borough Hall on Friday, May 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to noon. The final summer camp registration day will be held at Borough Hall on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Looking to the future, our Independence Day Fireworks Celebration will be held on Monday, July 3. Rain date will be Wednesday, July 5.

### Union Beach Memorial Library

Library Association meetings will be held on April 5, May 3, and June 7 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Do you have Spring Fever? We have a variety of new events this Spring to satisfy your need to get out and do something! Our regular story-time with Children's Librarian, Miss Val, is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Baby story-time is 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. and school age is 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are April 10 and 24; May 8 and 22; and June 12 and 26. UB Fit Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. We discuss nutritional and body care topics. See our web site or Facebook page for more information. All ages are welcome to Crochet and Craft Club on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Spring dates are April 8 and 22; and May 13, which we be the last day the club will meet until the Fall.

We will be having an Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. Details have yet to be determined. Starting June 1, we will be offering Helmet Rewards. If you ride your bike, scooter, etc., stop in the Library and show us your helmet and receive a reward/gift. We love to see our community active and safe! Other future fun activities will include Storytime/Easter Egg Hunt on April 10 at 3:45 p.m.; Our Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Decorate a Cupcake with Dad on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Party will be held on June 12 from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. with food, fun, and a Bricks for Kidz Lego event.

For more information on any of our programs, you can call us at 732-264-3792. You can also check our web site and/or Facebook page for more details.

The Library will be closed in observance of the following holidays: April 14 — Good Friday; April 17 — Easter Monday; May 29 — Memorial Day; June 6 — Primary Election Day; June 24 — UB 5K; July 4 — Independence Day.

### Union Beach PTA

Union Beach PTA meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center. Spring meeting dates are April 3, May 1, and June 5. On-site childcare is available. The Union Beach PTA works in conjunction with the school to provide support for staff and students. The PTA hosts several events and fundraisers throughout the year to sustain and promote a conducive learning and family-supported educational environment for all our students. Your support goes a long way in helping us continue our mission. Check out our upcoming events! We hope to see you there!

April 1 — Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser Starts! Forms are available at Memorial School Front Office, Union Beach Library and on our web site. Pay to "Flock" your neighbor, friend, or family. We will place a flock of 10 plastic pink flamingos across their lawn and remove them a few days later. April 28 — IT'S BACK! Our Gift Basket Auction will be held in the Memorial School Gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. See our web site for further details and ticket pre-purchase options. April 30 — Clothing/Toy/Household Goods Drive from 12 to 4 p.m. in front of the Memorial School APR (blue doors).

May 17 — McDonald's Night Fundraiser (times TBD). See our school staff behind the counters at McDonald's on Route 36 in Union Beach. Fun, Friends and Food!

June 8 — Dessert with Dad/Special Person Ice Cream Social in the APR from 7 to 8 p.m.

For more information on any of our events, meetings, or weather cancellations, please visit our web site at Union Beach Memorial School and click on the PTA link; or on our Facebook page at UnionBeachPTA.

**Engineer's Corner** — Borough Engineer, Edward Broberg, P.E., provided the following information concerning the status of ongoing construction projects:

**FY 2015 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program** — The Borough awarded a construction contract to Halecon, Inc., Bridgewater, NJ for Scholer Park — Phase VI improvements. The improvements include the repair, resurfacing and color coating the existing paved hockey rink surface; installation of new hockey dasher boards; and the installation of heavy duty perimeter fencing. The construction is now completed with the exception of the pavement color coating. The color coating of the hockey rink paved surface will be completed in the Spring of 2017.

**Reconstruction of Harrison Avenue - Phase II** — The Borough was awarded a grant from the FY 2016 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$210,000 for the Reconstruction of Harrison Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The improvements include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2017.

**FY 2017 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Application** — The Borough recently submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue and Newark Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The improvements will include new concrete curbs, sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2018.

**Reconstruction of Bayview Avenue** — The Borough recently appropriated funds for the Reconstruction of Bayview Avenue from Union Ave. to Ocean Ave. The improvements will include new concrete curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin Spring/Summer of 2017.

**Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue** — The Borough recently appropriated funds for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue from Bayview Avenue to Lorillard Avenue. The improvement will include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin Spring/Summer of 2017.

**New Jersey Recreational Trails Grant Program** — The Borough in cooperation with the Monmouth County Parks System submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Trails Grant program for the development of the Borough-owned parcel (Columbia Avenue Park) adjacent to the Henry Hudson trail into a passive park. The improvements will include parking, benches, landscaping and green infrastructure.

**Columbia Avenue Park** — The Borough recently appropriated funds for the construction of a passive park located on the west side of Union Avenue between Columbia Avenue and the Henry Hudson trail. The park was identified as part of the Borough's Commercial Corridor Redevelopment and Resiliency plan. The improvements will include a small parking lot, benches, and landscaping. The park will connect to the Henry Hudson Trail with certain improvements to the trail by the Monmouth County Parks System. The project will be constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2017.

**Scholer Park Improvements — Phase VII** — The Borough was awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$66,000 for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. This year's application is for the expansion of the existing parking lot. This is the final phase of the planned improvements developed as part of the 2003 overall improvement plan for the park. The project will be constructed as part of the 2017 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate the construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2017.

**Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project** — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps representatives to keep this most important project on its current project schedule. The State and Corps officials have resolved the environmental concerns raised by the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. The design funds have been approved and advanced by the Feds for Phase I design. The Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) between the State and Federal Government has been sent to the state for review and approval.

**A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.**

Déar Friends,

On Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, the governing body will be discussing the 2017 municipal budget. The Finance Committee along with our Borough Administrator has been working on the budget since early January and will present the proposed spending plan at that meeting. This is the first step in a process that will last into April when the budget is finalized.

Along with taking care of some specific needs for the various departments, I am pleased to announce our Capital Improvement Program for 2017.

This year we have four major projects we are undertaking in various areas of the borough.

The first is the reconstruction of Harrison Ave from Johnson to Stone Rd. This is partially funded by a \$210,000 grant from the NJ Department of Transportation.

Secondly we will be reconstructing portions of Bayview Ave. and Ocean Ave from Union to Lorillard Ave.

Our third project is the construction of a park at Columbia and Union Aves. Plans include a small parking lot, landscaping and passive recreation area. This project is part of our Commercial Corridor Redevelopment Plan which we have adopted to revitalize a commercial area on Union Ave. We believe that by beginning with the creation of this park and additional parking, it may show potential investors that we are dedicated to this plan.

Last is Phase VII of our Scholer Park project. This is the final phase of the plan and creates much needed additional parking in the park. This is partially funded by a grant of \$66,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant program.

I am very excited to remind everyone that we have a firm date for the 2017 Union Beach Day. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> which is the date for this years' festivities that are on track to be the best yet.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that we are moving forward with a plan to do a major renovation and expansion of our Borough Hall. There are several reasons that we need to take on this project at this time. We are not in compliance with many security measures for our Municipal Court which are dictated by the County and State. We also need to address several security issues for the safety and well-being of all of our day to day employees. The roof on the building has been failing for several years. We have done temporary repairs but even they are showing signs of wear. And, of course, there is the issue of space. We have outgrown the working space in the building. Despite our continuing efforts to eliminate much of our paper storage, our offices are still overcrowded which can make it difficult at times to serve the residents. Additionally, our Construction Department has been working off-site since after Sandy and we need to make accommodations to bring them back. We are in the early stages of this project and I will continue to keep you updated on our progress.

Remember that spring is around the corner and that means our young people will be out and about, so please be careful driving.

Keep smiling,  
Paul

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