

# The Borough of Union Beach Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Summer 2018

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The Borough of Union Beach & the Union Beach Recreation Commission  
welcomes all to attend our annual

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS**

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

Rain date: Thursday, July 5

### **Clean Communities Day**

Join us on Saturday, September 29, as Union Beach holds Clean Communities Day! All participants **MUST** pre-register, as Waivers of Liability need to be in place, prior to the event and we need a head count for breakfast and lunch. You may print waivers from the Borough's web site at [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net). Click on the Clean Communities page. Participants may sign up to meet at Borough Hall either by 8:30 a.m. or by 9:30 a.m. where they will be offered a continental breakfast. Safety during the clean-up will be discussed; t-shirts will be distributed; and gloves and trash bags will be provided.

Upon return at either noon or 1 p.m., a light lunch will be provided and "goody" bags will be distributed. Mini-grants up to \$100 are available for a limited number of organized groups (such as scouts; church, school, or civic groups; and other similar organized groups). Mini-grants will be distributed at the November Council Meeting on Monday, November 19. Strict rules apply regarding adult supervision of minors. Areas to be cleaned will be determined based on the number of participants, but can include the beachfront and all Borough parks. This event will be held RAIN OR SHINE, so please dress appropriately.

If you would like to register yourself, or a group, or if you have any questions, please call Clean Communities Coordinator, Mary Mancini, at 732-264-1133 or email her at [memancini@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:memancini@unionbeachnj.gov).

### **Union Beach Day**

Be a part of our community! Meet your neighbors! Make new friends! Show your Union Beach pride! The fourth annual Union Beach Day will be held on Saturday, October 13. Save the date!

### **Union Beach Recreation**

Join us every Wednesday night (weather permitting) to dance and play the night away with the DJ located at the beachfront gazebo. Our summer camp runs from July 2, to July 27, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Memorial School. Additional information can be found on the Union Beach Recreation Facebook page.

Find us on Facebook under "Union Beach Recreation" to stay up-to-date on all of our upcoming activities and events! The UBRC email has changed. Please send all questions, comments, or concerns to [ubrec@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:ubrec@unionbeachnj.gov).

## Borough Meetings and Events

### July

- 2 (Monday) Recreation Summer Camp begins at 9 a.m. at Memorial School \*\*  
2 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center  
3 (Tuesday) Independence Day Fireworks after dark at the Beachfront  
4 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — Independence Day  
5 (Thursday) Rain Date for Independence Day Fireworks  
10 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
11 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
12 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
13 (Friday) Family Movie Night at 6:30 p.m. at the Library  
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
18 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
23 (Monday) Family Whiffle Ball Game at 4:30 p.m. at Scholer Park  
24 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
25 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
25 (Wednesday) Free Ice Cream Social at 4:30 p.m. at BFSC in Leonardo  
26 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
27 (Friday) Recreation Summer Camp Last Day at 9 a.m. at Memorial School  
31 (Tuesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

### August

- 1 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
6 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center  
7 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
8 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
15 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
16 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
22 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
23 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
27 (Monday) Family Bingo Night at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
28 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
29 (Wednesday) Music and Volleyball at 6 p.m. at the Beachfront  
31 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2018 Autumn Newsletter

### September

- 3 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Labor Day  
10 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center  
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
23 (Sunday) Scarecrow Building at 10 a.m. at the Library  
25 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library  
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
28 (Friday) Family Bingo Night at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
29 (Saturday) Clean Communities Day at 8:30 a.m. in Borough Hall \*\*

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

\*\* Participants must be pre-registered for these events.

The Borough of Union Beach wishes  
to congratulate all 2018 Graduates!

## Borough Phone Numbers

<b>FIRE</b>	911
<b>FIRST AID</b>	911
<b>POLICE</b>	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
<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
<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
Timothy Davis	
<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

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

### Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2018 Autumn Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by August 31. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing [memancini@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:memancini@unionbeachnj.gov) or faxing 732-264-5829.

## **Recycling Re-Education**

By law, all residents and businesses in the State of New Jersey must recycle. Union Beach does an excellent job in doing their part towards recycling efforts. There is, however, always room for improvement.

For instance, our garbage contractor, M&S Waste Services, picks-up single-stream materials curb side every other Wednesday. This includes properly bundled cardboard, properly bundled newspapers and commingled material. Commingled material includes: glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles that have the recycling symbol with a "1" or a "2" inside.

Commingled material does NOT include items such as plastics other than bottles; plastics without the symbol and a "1" or "2" inside; and plastic bags. All commingled material should be placed directly in a can for pick-up. Likewise, commingled material should be placed directly in the container at the Recycling Center. Commingled material should NEVER be put in plastic bags.

Disposal of non-acceptable items with commingled material creates serious quality control issues and negatively impacts the marketability of the materials collected. Please help us by recycling properly at all times.

## **Union Beach Board of Health**

The Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division provides mosquito control and tick-testing services to the residents of Monmouth County. The primary strategy for mosquito control relies on an Integrated Pest Management approach that focuses on controlling mosquito larvae versus broad control of adult mosquitoes. Much of the effort is on source control — reducing or eliminating the standing water where mosquito larvae live. The staff of the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division can answer your questions and concerns about mosquitoes. Contact the staff by email at [mosquitoes@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:mosquitoes@co.monmouth.nj.us) or by telephone at 732-542-3630.

Union Beach Rabies Clinic will be at the Department of Public Works (1400 Florence Avenue) on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats must be in carriers.

## **Bayshore Family Success Center**

Family Whiffle Ball Game: Batter Up! The fun starts on Monday, July 23 at 4:30 p.m. at the Scholer Park baseball fields in Union Beach.

Join us for a Free Ice Cream Social at our Leonardo location on July 25 at 4:30 p.m. in honor of National Ice Cream Month.

Summer Schoolwork Packet Help: Saturday, July 21, July 28, August 4, and August 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at Union Beach Library. Don't let summer work get you down! Come to one, two, or all of the sessions and work with National Honor Society tutors who will be available to help with any subjects you are struggling with. We are here to help you get your work done so you can get back to the fun!

Family Bingo Night — July 27 at 6:30 p.m. and September 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Union Beach Library.

Book Club: to be held the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Beach Library. Upcoming dates: July 26, August 30, and September 27.

All events hosted by the Bayshore Family Success Center are free, however, registration is required. In addition to events in Union Beach, the BFSC offers local events throughout the Bayshore area. Please check out our web site to learn about all our programs.

For more information, or to register for any of our events, call us at 732-497-3811, check our web site <http://cymca.org/locations/bayshore-family-success-center>, or email us at [familysuccess@cymca.org](mailto:familysuccess@cymca.org).

### **Beachfront Parking Passes**

Beachfront Parking Passes for residents are available at Borough Hall for the 2018-2019 seasons. The teal colored ones are expired. You MUST have your license and registration to obtain a parking pass. If your registration (lease) is not a Union Beach address, another form of residency must be presented.

### **Union Beach Library**

Library Association Meetings: Tuesdays, July 10 and August 7 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

It's finally Summer! Stop by the Library to pick up your books for the beach (or your required summer reading).

Our regular school age story-time with children's librarian, Miss Demaris, is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are July 9 & 23, August 13 & 27, and September 10 & 14.

End of Summer Reading Club Party: Join us for a Rockin' Party to celebrate your participation in our Library's Rock Summer Reading Club on August 13 from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Fun, food, prizes and karaoke!

Summer Reading Book Club for Memorial School Entering Grades 6 to 8: Check our Facebook page for details.

Family Movie Night: "Camp Rock" on Friday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and snacks will be provided. This free event is co-sponsored with the Bayshore Family Success Center. No registration is required, however please let the librarians know of any food allergies.

Gaming Club: Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., July 11 & 25, August 8 & 29, and September 12 & 26. Playstation, Wii Consoles, and screens will be available for gaming.

Saturday Morning Gardening Club: Help Miss O'Bryan and Miss Laura build a garden and grow food for Buddy, our Library Lizard! Children will participate in weekly projects, get their hands dirty, and also bring home something to grow. Gardening Club will be held on Saturdays from July 7 through August 18 from 10 a.m. to noon, rain or shine.

"Christmas in July" Murder Mystery Event: Dust off that Santa Hat! We are excited to host our second Murder Mystery Dinner on July 21. This themed event will include dinner, water/soft drinks, and prizes, in addition to the entertainment! \$35 per person/adults only/cash bar available. Visit our web site or Facebook page for more detailed information. Tickets can be purchased at the Library.

Meet the Author Event: July 26 at 7 p.m. Local published authored Lisa Brandenburg will host and discuss her new book Run, a coming of age story about a young woman who is strong yet longs to find someone to sweep her off her feet. Is she desperate enough to forego her own dreams to live out an expectation of her life, or will she have the courage to choose the path less taken? Join us for a fun event that allows access to the author while getting to know the characters of the novel. Registration is not required, however, please let the librarians know in advance of any food allergies.

Scarecrow Building: September 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. We will supply the hay, heads, and stands; YOU supply the creativity! Bring your own clothes/hat/accessories. Scarecrows will be displayed at the Library and around town for UB Day.

Crochet and Craft Club: We have some upcoming service projects we will be working on and which we will donate. Please check our Facebook page for dates and times.

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. All Library programming is free of charge unless otherwise stated. Registration requirements vary by program.

The Library will be closed in observance of the following holidays: July 4 — Independence Day; August 20 to 25 — Summer Break; September 3 — Labor Day.

Don't forget you can use your Union Beach Library Card to take your books on your travels without having to pay for extra baggage! Visit [Monmouthcountylib.org](http://Monmouthcountylib.org) and click on 'Library to Go' for download ebooks and audio books.

## Engineer's Corner

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

***FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application*** — The Borough was recently awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$350,000 for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue from Cambridge Avenue to New Jersey State Highway Route 36. The improvements will include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2019 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2019.

***Reconstruction of Bank Street*** — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to JADS Construction for the Reconstruction of Bank Street from Florence Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements along Bank Street include new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project is part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in June of 2018.

***Reconstruction of Arlington and Newark Avenue Phase II*** — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to JADS Construction for the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue and Newark Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The project will be funded in part through a grant in the amount of \$210,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program. The improvements include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in June of 2018.

***Reconstruction of St. James Avenue*** — The Borough was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$173,636.00 from the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program for the Reconstruction of St. James Avenue from Poole Avenue to Tenth Street. 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 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II. The Borough is waiting on the release of the grant funding; we anticipate construction to begin in the Summer of 2018.

***2018 Turf Maintenance Program*** — The Borough recently awarded a three-year contract to On Site Landscaping for the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. This is a continuation of a turf maintenance program started four years ago for the Borough's athletic fields and parks. The Spring application of fertilizer is ongoing.

***Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project*** — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials to keep this most important project on its current projected schedule. The Project Participation Agreement (PPA) between the Federal Government and the State of New Jersey has been signed. The Corps has presented the 90% complete design plans and specification for Phase I to the State and Borough for comment. We anticipate submission of final plans for Phase I to the Borough for review sometime in July 2018. The Phase I design consists of the beach fill element of the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek. Over the next couple of months, the Borough and State will begin contacting residents immediately adjacent to Phase I limits of the project concerning the acquisition of easement, as all easements must be secured prior to the project being advertised for construction bids. We are cautiously optimistic that the project will begin in late 2018.

***Improvements to Scholer Park*** — Continuing with the improvements to Scholer Park, the Borough has purchased two additional bleachers for the baseball and softball fields. The Borough is presently soliciting quotes for dugout canopies to protect the players from the sun. The bleachers will be installed within the next two weeks. If the price quotes are favorable for the canopies, these improvements should be in place this 2018 Summer season.

***Reconstruction of Ash Street*** — The Borough recently appropriated funds for the Reconstruction of Ash Street from Broadway to State Street. The improvements will include new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II. We anticipate construction to begin in Summer of 2018.

***Reconstruction of State Street*** — The Borough recently appropriated funds for the Reconstruction of State Street from St. John's Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements will include new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II. We anticipate construction to begin in Summer of 2018.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Dear Friends,

Happy Summer! I hope that you will all get a chance to relax for a few days over the coming months and enjoy the summer weather. Please keep in mind that schools are out, so please drive safely and pay close attention to children at play who may dash out onto the street.

Along with summer comes the time when our many construction projects are underway in the Borough. If you have gone past or visited Borough Hall recently you would have noticed that our expansion project is underway. We are all very excited about this project which will improve safety and security in the building for town offices and our court system. Additionally, it will provide the office space necessary to bring our construction and code enforcement offices back into borough hall and to improve our day to day services to the residents. As we do each year, we have a couple of road reconstruction projects scheduled for 2018. The final sections of Arlington and Newark Avenues along with St. James are being funded by a combination of grants and municipal funds. We are very happy to have been able to add portions of Ash and State St. to the list for this summer also. I apologize for any inconvenience that the road closures and the construction may bring, but the closures are temporary and the improvements will be enjoyed for many years to come. I thank you for your patience.

I also want to thank everyone who participated in this years' Memorial Day activities including our Emergency Services who held the service at Firefighter's Park and American Legion Post 321 for their service of remembrance at the "Doughboy". Plus our parade went off on the best weather day of the weekend! Thanks to the many people involved who make the parade successful; Public Works Department, Police Department, all of our Emergency Services, the organizers and volunteers who give their time along with the many groups who march in the parade. It is a display of just how special and wonderful our little town is!

A reminder that July 3<sup>rd</sup> is Fireworks night. Bring your beach chairs and blankets and relax on our beautiful waterfront and enjoy the fireworks. (Rain date is July 5th).

SAVE THE DATE.....Saturday, October 13th will be our 4th annual Union Beach Day. Activities are being planned that will make it better than ever. More information will follow on the website.

Remember to check the website for information about all upcoming activities in Union Beach. There is a lot going on this summer.

Also, the trash and recycling schedules are posted there if you need a reminder about which week recycling and bulk pick up occur on your street.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Keep smiling,

Paul

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