

Message from Mayor Smith

January 2015 has been full of news for our little town.

First, we saw the departure of our Borough Administrator Jennifer Maier who went on to a new job in Metuchen. I want to thank her for her time here. She did a great job following Superstorm Sandy in coordinating volunteer efforts, assisting residents through grant processes, and overall helping residents cut through red tape to get them back in their homes.

Since we are still helping many residents get back into their homes, I believed that it was very important to fill the vacancy as quickly as possible. I am very pleased to announce that the new Borough Administrator for Union Beach is Mr. Robert M. Howard Jr.

He is a longtime resident of Union Beach and has previously served for 22 years as a member of the Borough Council. For much of that time he has served as Chair of the finance committee. His unique qualifications, his experience in government and his understanding of the needs of the residents of Union Beach make him the ideal candidate for this position. We all wish him success in his new role.

This month we said "Thank You" to Remsen Straub and Buhler Automotive for their donations, help and support that they offered Union Beach after the storm. Their generosity had an impact on all of the residents in our recovery efforts.

We also sent Best Wishes to Louie the Barber who has retired after 58 years of cutting hair in Union Beach. We hope he has a long and enjoyable retirement.

I continue to work with the Army Corp of Engineers and the State of New Jersey in our attempts to move the shorefront protection project along. I hope that I can have more of an update to share with you next month.

Union Beach has been awarded a grant through the Monmouth County Open Space Grant program in the amount of \$75,000. This will be used for the hockey rink restoration project in Scholer Park.

Just a reminder to check our website at www.UnionBeach.net on a regular basis for updates on events in Union Beach.

Reminder..... Dog licenses are due in January.....check website for hours and requirements.

Feel free to contact me or any other member of the council if you have any questions or concerns. Our contact info is on the website.

Always remember.....Keep Smiling!

Paul