

Message from Mayor Smith,

April 8, 2015 has become an historic day for Union Beach. Governor Christie came to Union Beach to announce the funding of the long awaited Army Corp of Engineers Shore Protection Project.

We have been working with the ACOE for many years developing this project which is designed to prevent the type of devastation that was brought on by Superstorm Sandy. I have sat at meetings alongside members of the Council with the Army Corp of Engineers and our Borough Engineer for many years as this project has gone through its many phases. From conceptualized ideas through various studies and design options to finalized plans that have been waiting for funding. Although we have faced many stumbling blocks in recent years, I never gave up hope that we would get to this point. This will enable us to provide the necessary protection for our residents and for the borough from future storms.

This is the best news that I have heard for Union Beach in a long time.

It is Spring in Union Beach and that brings many new beginnings in our homes, in our yards and in our town. Our revitalization after Sandy continues. More families have moved back into their homes and repairs to the borough continue.

Some other items you may want to know.....

- 2015 Municipal purposes budget has been introduced. Thank you to our Finance Committee who created a budget with only \$12,000 of additional spending from last year. Great job considering how costs keep rising.
- Signed a three year agreement for turf maintenance for our soccer field and little league fields. It is important that we protect our investment while providing a beautiful and safe playing surface for our children.
- Hired a full time and a part time worker in the construction office to help ease delays so residents can complete their construction and move back home.
- We received a \$75,000 grant from Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program for the rehabilitation of the hockey rink at Scholer Park.
- The County has scheduled repairs to Union Ave. to take place around the first week of May

Remember to check our website often for information about the happenings in Union Beach.

Finally, a Congratulations to Police Chief Scott Woolley on his retirement. He will be missed.

Keep Smiling,

Paul