

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 3rd 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