Remember that Dog Licenses are due in January! Please check the borough website for registration information. All dogs must have their rabies vaccine and be licensed. This is for the safety of all residents especially as we see more foxes and raccoons around town.

As many of us do in our personal lives, as we begin the New Year, it is good to look back on the accomplishments of the past year and some of the plans for the New Year.

Highlights of 2019:

- Road Reconstruction projects on St. James Avenue, Campbell Street, St. Johns Avenue and Ocean Avenue. Grant funds from NJDOT and Community Development Block Grant programs assisted with the Ocean and St. James Avenues projects.
- Continued with additional improvements to Scholer Park. Canopies for the players on the softball field have been installed.
- Lighting on the Helen Hayes Soccer Complex has been installed with help from a Monmouth County Open Space Grant in the amount of $125,000.
- The Borough Hall expansion/renovation project is well underway. The parking lot has taken shape with many additional parking spaces when completed.

Plans for 2020:

- Ocean Ave. Phase II Road Reconstruction Project to be partially funded by a $291,000 NJDOT Grant.
- Application has been made for the next round of CDBG funds which we hope will help us with Ninth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street.
- Completion of the expansion and renovation of Borough Hall by late summer
- Continue to address the numerous abandoned properties in the borough.
- Updated radio system for our Police and Emergency Services.

Finally, remember that this is the time to make your preparations for the bad weather. Despite our hope for a mild winter, we are sure to get a couple of snow events. Avoid the last minute rush once snow is in the forecast.

I want to thank the entire Council along with all of our borough employees and professional staff for their hard work and dedication each and every day to make Union Beach the Best Little Town in New Jersey!

God Bless our First Responders. May they be safe in 2020.

I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy 2020.

Keep Smiling!

Paul