

# The Borough of Union Beach

# Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Spring 2024

Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Council President Albin J. Wicki  
Councilman Louis Andreuzzi  
Councilman Albert Lewandowski

Councilman Louis Riccardi  
Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche  
Councilwoman Eileen Woodruff

**Captain Frank Taddeo**

**Deputy Clerk Carol Seney**

**DPW Employee Bobby Headden**

Congratulations from the Borough of Union Beach on your retirement!  
Thank you for your professionalism, dedication, and many years of service!  
We wish you all the happiness in the future! You will be greatly missed!

## Election Information

Primary Election date is Tuesday, June 4. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monmouth County will have 10 specially designated in-person early voting locations. Voters can go to any one of these locations during the early voting period to vote, regardless of the municipality in which they reside.

For the 2024 Primary Election, early voting will be Wednesday, May 29 through Sunday, June 2. Hours will be Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Check [Monmouthcountyvotes.com](http://Monmouthcountyvotes.com) for early polling places and additional information.

## ATTN POLLING PLACE HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY RELOCATED!

### **To All Residents in Polling District 5:**

Commencing with the Primary Election of June 4th, Polling District 5 has been moved from the Harris Gardens Fire Dept. to the Union Beach Fire Company No. 1 located at 1110 Union Avenue.

## Spring Cleaning for Fire Safety

### *Inside the Home*

1. Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
2. Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords
3. Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct

### *Outside the Home*

1. Remove dead leaves and other debris from foundations, decks, porches, and stairs
2. Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.
3. Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building

\*\*\* This Newsletter is intended for the residents of Union Beach **only**. Information regarding curbside pick-ups pertains only to Union Beach. The Union Beach Recycling Center does NOT accept any type of materials from residents outside of Union Beach. \*\*\*

## Borough Meetings and Events

### April

- 9 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library  
10 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
11 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall  
15 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall  
18 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall  
22 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
24 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

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- 8 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
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17 (Friday) Movie in the Park at Scholer Park  
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall  
20 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
24 (Friday) National Poppy Day  
24 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2024 Summer Newsletter  
25 (Saturday) Memorial Day Parade at 1 p.m. at Borough Hall  
27 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Memorial Day  
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall  
29 (Wednesday) Early voting for Primary Election begins

### June

- 2 (Sunday) Early voting for Primary Election ends  
4 (Tuesday) Primary Election Day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
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\*\* More information on many of these events can be found throughout this Newsletter.

\*\* Please check the Borough's web site, [ubnj.net](http://ubnj.net), as well as the web sites and social media pages of each separate organization for updates regarding cancellations.

### Appliance, Metal, Leaf & Christmas Tree Pick-Up

While we do keep to a schedule, you can now go to [ubnj.net](http://ubnj.net) to make us aware of when you need any of the above items picked up. Click on "Report a Concern Non-Emergency" and fill out the form. You will receive an email telling you when your items will be picked up. Appliances/Metals are collected every two weeks. Leaves are picked up weekly in November and December. Christmas Trees are picked up weekly in January. Bulk items remain picked up by our contractor according to the 2024 Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar.

## 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
<b>SPCA of MONMOUTH CNTY</b>	(732) 383-1090
<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	
Alexandra Sweeney	
<b>TAX ASSESSOR</b>	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
<b>COURT ADMINISTRATOR</b>	(732) 264-9098
Sharon Devaney	
<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
<b>PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. &amp; RECYCLING CENTER</b>	(732) 264-1133
Ronald Burkhardt	
Mary E. Mancini	
<b>PLANNING/ZONING BOARD</b>	(732) 739-1503
Laurette Wade	
<b>CODE ENFORCER</b>	(732) 526-8686
Amado Bencosme, Jr.	
<b>CONSTRUCTION DEPT.</b>	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
<b>RECREATION</b>	Search "Union Beach Recreation" on Facebook (732) 264-3792
<b>LIBRARY</b>	(732) 264-3133
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	(732) 264-5400
<b>MEMORIAL SCHOOL</b>	(732) 671-6400
<b>T&amp;M ASSOCIATES</b>	(732) 850-6103
<b>O.E.M.</b>	Michael DeRupo

### **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 2024 Summer Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by May 24. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing [memancini@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:memancini@unionbeachnj.gov).

### **Free Tree Seedlings**

In an effort to replace trees lost in Hurricane Sandy, and other storms, and thanks once again to the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign, free tree seedlings will be available to Union Beach residents at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue.

Distribution will take place on Saturday, April 4, from 12 to 4 p.m. and Monday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Seedlings will be 2' to 4' high, bare root seedlings. They will be distributed to residents on a first-come first-served basis (5 per address) and will include informational materials. For additional information, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net).

### **A Message from the Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow**

I've mentioned it many times before, however, I would be remiss not to thank our wonderful residents and visitors alike, yet once again, for the daily phone calls and in-person visits at Headquarters thanking our police officers. (Our men and women come from college/university/military, and prior law enforcement experience backgrounds.) They truly comprise the finest force anywhere for the job they do; it is truly appreciated by all!

As we quickly approach our 100 year Anniversary in 2025, I ask if you have any police photographs from Union Beach, decades ago to the present, to please email them to [records@unionbeachnj.gov](mailto:records@unionbeachnj.gov) to the care of Alexia Ortiz, Assistant to the Chief of Police.

Spring is upon us. It brings with it the warmer weather, which brings an increase in pedestrians, walkers/joggers, vehicles/motor bikes, cyclists, etc. sharing our roadways. Collectively, we ask everyone to remain vigilant, courteous, and attentive while driving. You will again see an exponential increase in strategically placed MPH radar signs by the UBPD—Traffic Safety Bureau throughout our town; the latter are compliments of our partnership with the United States Department of Defense.

As we are all aware, the US Army Corps has done an incredible job thus far at the beach. If you have any questions regarding the latter, please call HQ. The UBPD will continue to work in concert with the US Army Corps to ensure no apparatus are tampered with during the construction ending phases and provide the security of the same.

Please contact the UBPD immediately if you observe a careless motorist or see an increase in speeding in your particular neighborhood. Our police officers patrol over 25.60 miles (41.20) of roadways as well as additional trails and waterways in our 2 square mile area (state, county, and municipal).

Please visit our social media sites for the many community outreach programs the UBPD offers, as well as for additional information, or contact us at Headquarters (732-264-0313). Once again, we truly live in the best town in the State of NJ, not just due to the scenic beauty, but rather, most importantly, due to the residents that inhabit it, making it the close knit shore community it is today.

Respectfully, Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow [NJ State Chief's of Police "Advanced"  
Accredited Executive]

### **Memorial School**

Happy Spring!

Just a reminder that preschool registration is open. Parents can register any preschool-aged resident child on our web site at [www.unionbeachschools.org](http://www.unionbeachschools.org). Registration is under the school tab.

As we move into the summer months, we are preparing for HVAC work at Memorial School. We were able to secure grants, incentives, and rebates through the Energy Savings Improvement Plan (ESIP) to allow us to install new rooftop units and univents in the school. We anticipate that the work will be done for September.

Be sure to check the web site for updates. If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to call my office at 732-264-5405.

**The Borough of Union Beach**  
**2024 Flood Protection Information Newsletter**

**Flood Hazard Reduction**

In order to minimize the effects of floods, the following standards have been developed:

1. All new construction and substantial improvements must be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure. Substantial improvement is defined as any repair, construction, or improvement to a structure whose cost is 50% of the building market value or greater.
2. All new construction and substantial improvements must be constructed with materials, utility equipment, methods, and practices resistant to flood damage.
3. All new public utilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems must be located so as to minimize flood damage and contamination.
4. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor, that are subject to flooding, must be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.
5. Check with the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 before you build, alter, re-grade, or fill your property to determine if a permit is needed. Report these activities to this number if you do not see a permit where work is being done.

**Flood proofing:** Residents can protect their building from flood damage by retrofitting. The following are several ways to flood proof or retrofit existing dwellings: waterproofing walls, installing watertight enclosure over doors, raising existing building above flood levels, and installing check valves in sanitary sewer lines. The Building Department can provide additional information on these methods.

**Why Protect Stream Corridors?**

A stream is composed of several essential elements including the stream channel itself, associated wetlands, flood plains and forests. When stream corridors are maintained in their natural condition with minimum disturbance, they are instrumental in performing the following functions:

- Removing sediment, nutrients, and pollutants by providing opportunities for filtration, absorption and decomposition by slowing storm water velocity, which aids in allowing storm water to be absorbed in the soil and taken up by vegetation.
- Reducing stream bank erosion.
- Displacing potential sources of non-point source pollution from the water's edge.
- Shading surface waters to prevent excess warming.
- Maintaining biotic diversity of aquatic plants and wildlife.
- Preventing flood-related damage and associated costs to surrounding communities.
- Helping to maintain adequate flows of filtered water to underground aquifers.
- Providing greenway corridors for wildlife.

**BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

Union Beach has a "pooper scooper" law. All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Please report all violations to the Union Beach Health Department at (732)-264-2365

**REMINDER: NO PETS ALLOWED  
ON BEACH OR WALKWAY OR ANY PARK**

**CATCH BASIN ALERT**

- Keep our streams, creeks, and outfalls clean.
- Do not use your curb line as a trash can.
- Do not use your storm catch basin as a trash can.
- Do not use streams, creeks, and outfalls as dumps.
- The only thing that belongs in a catch basin, stream, creek, or outfall is rain water.

**ANYTHING ELSE MAY VIOLATE FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL LAWS**

Additional flood information is available at the Public Works Department or through the following agencies:

FEMA Distribution Center  
P.O. Box 2010  
Jessup, MD 20794-2012  
1-800-480-2520

Copies of the following publications are available free:

- Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your Home from Flooding, FEMA P-312, 2014
- Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures, FEMA 114, December 1986
- Engineering Principles and Practices for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Buildings, FEMA P-259, January 2012

The following publications are available from:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Albuquerque District  
Attn: CESP-ET-PH  
4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435

- Flood Proofing Techniques, Programs, and References, May 2000
- Flood Proofing: How to Evaluate Your Options, July 1993
- Local Flood Proofing Programs, February 2005

**Office of Emergency Management**

This is a volunteer organization that offers a wide variety of services.

For more details on the Borough's emergency warning system, evacuation routes, or to join, please call 732-850-6103.

**A FLOOD ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE BUILDING/ZONING DEPARTMENT**

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### **Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings**

Our garbage contractor will accept branches/brush along with your regular garbage pick-up — on the second pick-up of the week (either Thursday or Friday). Branches **MUST** be bundled. Bundles **CANNOT** be more than 4 feet in length and **CANNOT** weigh more than 50 pounds. Anything larger than 3 inches in diameter **MUST** be cut up. If branches are too small to bundle, they should be placed in a can, the weight of which should **NOT** exceed 50 pounds. The contractor will accept only **THREE** bundles or cans at a time. **PLEASE NOTE:** The garbage contractor does not accept grass clippings; neither does the Department of Public Works. We recommend that you leave cut grass on your lawn, as it is actually good for your lawn.

### **Union Beach Library**

The Library has **CHANGED** its Association meetings to the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We would like to invite all residents to consider joining and helping “your” Library grow for future generations. Spring Cleaning??? The Library has a big green donation drop box. Don’t throw your books in the trash; please put them in our donation bin. Thank you!!! **Please pardon our appearance as we begin to brighten up the children’s area!!!** Please consider a donation to the Library. Donations are our main resource to continue the upkeep of the Library. Thank you to all who support us. Check us out on Facebook or [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) (under community) for our latest news and events.

### **Union Beach Recreation**

#### **Shrek Movie in the Park — Friday, May 17, 2024**

Join us for a UB ShRec celebration! Come down to Scholer Park and watch Shrek under the stars! Refreshments will be available for purchase to support Union Beach Recreation. More information can be found on our Social Media pages closer to the event.

#### **Kickoff to Summer Beach Party — Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 6 to 9 p.m.**

Come celebrate the kickoff to Summer down at the new and improved Union Beach beachfront! Enjoy music, games, and summer fun all season long!

#### **Wednesday Night Music and Beachfront Entertainment —**

#### **Wednesday, June 12 through early September, 2024, 6 to 9 p.m.**

Join Union Beach Recreation each Wednesday night for music, games, and entertainment under the beachfront gazebo.

#### **Summer Recreation Program Sign Ups**

Participants, ages 5 to 13, are encouraged to sign up for a summer of fun! Join us for the new themed days, exciting assemblies, and trips. The program runs weekdays, July 1 to 26, 2024. More information regarding the program and dates, times, and location of sign ups, will be posted on our Social Media accounts, as well as the Union Beach web site. Please note: **Birth Certificates are required at time of sign up.** Questions about the program? Email us at [UBRec@UnionBeachNJ.gov](mailto:UBRec@UnionBeachNJ.gov).

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on all of our events and activities!

### **Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry**

We continue to be very busy at the pantry. We are serving more and more clients due to the increase in food prices. We truly appreciate the support we have received from the community.

If you would like to make a food donation, the following is a list of what we are in need of most. Pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, and cereal.

All donations can be dropped off at 42 Elizabeth St., Keyport. Donations are accepted Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays from 12 to 5 p.m. There are metal bins for non-perishable food outside of the pantry. Monetary donations are welcome too. If you would like to donate perishable food items, please call 732-888-1986 to make arrangements. Ask for Natalie.

If you are in need of assistance, contact us at 732-888-1986, or message us on our Facebook page, Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry.

**The Borough of Union Beach**  
**2024 Flood Protection Information Newsletter (continued)**

Borough residents enjoy the beauty of residing near the waters of the Raritan Bay, Flat Creek, East Creek, Thorne's Creek and Chingarora Creek. However, the associated benefits are accompanied by threats of natural disasters, specifically hurricanes, nor'easters, flooding and the potential damage they bring to our shorefront community. Our entire 1.8 square mile Borough is affected by the tidal forces that have brought flood waters onto our roads and into our neighborhoods, businesses, and homes. As your Borough Council, we strive to prevent flooding due to accumulated debris and infiltration, and enact emergency notification and evacuation procedures.

Every Union Beach resident contributes to the overall success of our Borough's preparedness. Please take a moment to review the enclosed information and follow the established guidelines. For further information, please contact Borough Hall at (732) 264-2277.

**Services:** The flood zone map provides data on flood zone areas, locations of warning lights/sirens, and emergency evacuation routes. The official map is on record in the Building/Zoning Department. Please contact the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 for more information on flood zones and the Office of Emergency Management for more information on the warning systems and evacuation routes. The Borough of Union Beach Department of Public Works is responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the creeks and drainage systems on all Borough property as well as portions of the drainage systems and streams which are located on the easements dedicated to the Borough of Union Beach. Trash, debris, or obstructions in the Borough's drainage system or creeks should be reported to the Department of Public Works at (732) 264-1133.

**Citizen Responsibilities** Property owners can do their part to remove debris and obstructions from ditches, streams, retention basins, and drainage systems on their property. Leaves, grass clippings, and branches can block systems and contribute to flooding.

Residents also have a duty to maintain public areas for the common protection and enjoyment of all citizens. The Borough Ordinance (Section 16-1.a.0) states it is unlawful to dump or throw anything into the waters of any pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to a park or any tributary system, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water. Any violations should be reported to the Union Beach Police Department at (732) 264-0313.

**Flood Hazard Safety Tips**

- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. If you must walk, use a pole or stick.
- Move personal belongings and furniture to higher ground.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Do not drive around road barriers, the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to JCP&L.
- Do not use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and dried.
- Be aware of fallen debris, such as branches, wood, glass, or metal, since they may result in injury.

**Flood insurance:** If you don't have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods, but you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy which covers all surface floods because of the Borough's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

There are approximately 960 flood insurance policies. If you have flood insurance, check the amount and make sure the contents are covered. Typically, there is more damage to furniture and contents than to the building itself.

**2024 Curbside Leaf Pick Up**

Leaves will be picked up curbside in the Fall according to schedule. Please make sure to use **brown paper bags ONLY**. Please make sure bags contain **ONLY** leaves. Residents may continue to bring leaves year-round to the:

Department of Public Works  
 1400 Florence Avenue  
 Monday through Friday  
 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more info call: (732) 264-1133  
 or go to:  
[www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)

**Street Sweeping**

Please check your calendars for your street sweeping schedules. We ask your cooperation in moving your vehicles.

Thank you.

**Keep Union Beach Clean!**

All trash must be placed in trash cans and put out curbside the **night before** your scheduled pick-up. Do not block sidewalks with trash cans or bulk trash. **Do not store trash cans on sidewalks or on the street.**

**Household Hazardous Waste**

The Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 3211 Shafto Road in Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. All Monmouth County residents are welcome to drop off paints, chemicals, hazardous materials, etc. For appointment call 732-683-8686. Drop off days — which were previously held in Hazlet (behind Burger King) and Upper Freehold — **will no longer be available**. Latex paint cans are considered "regular" garbage once they are completely dried out.

For more information call: (732) 683-8686  
 Or go to: [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net)

**Code Red Notifications**

All residents may register their phone numbers, both landline and cellular, to receive emergency notifications and critical community alerts. To opt in or out, please go to [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) and click on the link for "Code Red."

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**Flood Hazard Reduction**

In order to minimize the effects of floods, the following standards have been developed:

1. All new construction and substantial improvements must be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure. Substantial improvement is defined as any repair, construction, or improvement to a structure whose cost is 50% of the building market value or greater.
2. All new construction and substantial improvements must be constructed with materials, utility equipment, methods, and practices resistant to flood damage.
3. All new public utilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems must be located so as to minimize flood damage and contamination.
4. For all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor, that are subject to flooding, must be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.
5. Check with the Building Department at (732) 526-8687 before you build, alter, re-grade, or fill your property to determine if a permit is needed. Report these activities to this number if you do not see a permit where work is being done.

**Flood proofing:** Residents can protect their building from flood damage by retrofitting. The following are several ways to flood proof or retrofit existing dwellings: waterproofing walls, installing watertight enclosure over doors, raising existing building above flood levels, and installing check valves in sanitary sewer lines. The Building Department can provide additional information on these methods.

**Why Protect Stream Corridors?**

A stream is composed of several essential elements including the stream channel itself, associated wetlands, flood plains and forests. When stream corridors are maintained in their natural condition with minimum disturbance, they are instrumental in performing the following functions:

- Removing sediment, nutrients, and pollutants by providing opportunities for filtration, absorption and decomposition by slowing storm water velocity, which aids in allowing storm water to be absorbed in the soil and taken up by vegetation.
- Reducing stream bank erosion.
- Displacing potential sources of non-point source pollution from the water's edge.
- Shading surface waters to prevent excess warming.
- Maintaining biotic diversity of aquatic plants and wildlife.
- Preventing flood-related damage and associated costs to surrounding communities.
- Helping to maintain adequate flows of filtered water to underground aquifers.
- Providing greenway corridors for wildlife.

**BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

Union Beach has a "pooper scooper" law.  
 All pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.  
 Please report all violations to the

Union Beach Health Department at (732)-264-2365  
**REMINDER: NO PETS ALLOWED  
 ON BEACH OR WALKWAY OR ANY PARK**

**CATCH BASIN ALERT**

- Keep our streams, creeks, and outfalls clean.
- Do not use your curb line as a trash can.
- Do not use your storm catch basin as a trash can.
- Do not use streams, creeks, and outfalls as dumps.
- The only thing that belongs in a catch basin, stream, creek, or outfall is rain water.

**ANYTHING ELSE MAY VIOLATE FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL LAWS**

Additional flood information is available at the Public Works Department or through the following agencies:

FEMA Distribution Center  
 P.O. Box 2010  
 Jessup, MD 20794-2012  
 1-800-480-2520

Copies of the following publications are available free:

- Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your Home from Flooding, FEMA P-312, 2014
- Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures, FEMA 114, December 1986
- Engineering Principals and Practices for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Buildings, FEMA P-259, January 2012

The following publications are available from:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
 Albuquerque District  
 Attn: CESP-ET-PH  
 4101 Jefferson Plaza, NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435

- Flood Proofing Techniques, Programs, and References, May 2000
- Flood Proofing: How to Evaluate Your Options, July 1993
- Local Flood Proofing Programs, February 2005

**Office of Emergency Management**

This is a volunteer organization that offers a wide variety of services.

For more details on the Borough's emergency warning system, evacuation routes, or to join, please call 732-850-6103.

**A FLOOD ZONE MAP IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE BUILDING/ZONING DEPARTMENT**

### Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement office would like to thank all those residents that are helping to keep our town looking beautiful. With the Spring weather coming up, we are asking for help with the following items:

1. Yards should be well maintained. This includes removal of rubbish and debris, cutting of grass, removal of weeds, etc. We will be placing a large emphasis on exterior maintenance of properties throughout this upcoming season.
2. All empty lots must post a board with either the property address, or the block and lot numbers. This board must be large enough to be read from the street and placed in a location that is visible from the street.
3. All homes must have a house number that is large enough to be visible from the street. You never know when an emergency will hit, and the first responders will have to try to locate your home.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our town safe and clean during these next few months.

### Grace United Methodist Church

Grace United Methodist Church is located at 115 St. James Ave. in Union Beach. We are a small, but very friendly church. We welcome everyone. If you would like to be part of a small, friendly group of people, try us out! Our weekly Sunday services start at 9 a.m. led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin. Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Bondi, Lay Servant, assist during our services, as well as our acolytes. Our Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, our service is live-streamed on our Facebook page.

Our community outreach programs include NA groups that meet every Sunday and Monday, and a yoga group that meets on Wednesdays. We also have a bereavement group for those that have lost a child. This group meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. If you would like further information, please contact our church and we will arrange for someone to get in touch with you.

We hold various fundraisers throughout the year. In May we will be having our vegetable plant sale. Watch our Facebook page for the dates when the plants will be available! Come and get some home grown veggie plants for your garden!

We are still accepting gently used clothing, shoes and towels/sheets/linens, which will be shipped to countries in need. Donations may be placed in a plastic bag and dropped off in front of the garage located at 122 Floyd Avenue, next to the church parking lot.

We are planning for our 100 year anniversary in 2025. If anyone has any information on the history of Grace, including pictures, please contact the church.

We would like to congratulate our two young adults, Jason Shipley and Anaya Macdonald, who will be making their confirmation May 19. Jason and Anaya have grown up in our Sunday School, and we are so proud of them!

If you are in need of prayers for yourself, or anyone else, please contact the church and we will add your request to our prayer list. Pastor Gene will be happy to speak to anyone in need. You can contact the church at 732-264-0916 to leave your information, and someone will return your call. Our email address is [GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net](mailto:GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net). Please follow us on Facebook at Grace UMC Union Beach.

As always, we ask for God's Blessings on all who are reading this, your families and friends, our first responders, and our men and women serving in our Armed Forces. We keep all of our children in our prayers, and we pray for protection and guidance for them.

We ask for God's blessing on all of those children and young adults who will be graduating this year, and we ask God to guide them, as they follow their hearts, as they begin new chapters in their lives. We ask that He cover all of us with peace, love and protection. We pray for peace on earth! God bless!

## **Engineer's Corner**

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

### **Reconstruction of Eighth Street**

The Governing Body recently authorized the preparation of design plans and contract specifications for the Reconstruction of Eighth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs and sidewalks, where it exists today, and a reconstruction of the existing roadway surface. The project will be part of the 2024 Roadway Improvement Program.

### **Roadway Improvements Park Avenue — Phase II**

The Borough was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$314,292 for the Roadway and Drainage Improvements along Park Avenue from Pine Street to the Flat Creek Bridge. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, replacement of certain sections of concrete curbs and sidewalks, installation of ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at the intersections, elevating the low area near the bridge to minimize nuisance flooding, and the milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. The project will be part of the 2024 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the Spring of 2024.

### **Scholer Park Improvements Phase IX**

The Borough received a grant in the amount of \$125,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program for Scholer Park Improvements Phase IX. The improvements include the installation of a lighted walking trail with added security cameras around the perimeter of the existing ballfields. We anticipate the construction to begin Spring of 2024.

### **Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project**

The construction contract for Phase I of the multi-phased shore protection project is near completion. The project included the construction of an easterly and westerly terminal stone groin, the installation of approximately 600,000 cy of sand extending from the westerly stone groin to the easterly stone groin at Flat Creek. The construction of the westerly groin continues and is now scheduled to be completed early March 2024. The construction of the walk overs have continued through the winter and is anticipated to be completed in early Spring of 2024. The Corps continues with the design plans for the remaining phases of the project. Weekly status updates can be found on the Borough's web site.

### **2024 Turf Maintenance Program**

The Borough will be advertising for bids for a three-year maintenance contract in 2024 for the Turf Maintenance Program of all ball fields, parks, and open space areas throughout the Borough. The Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough.

**A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza**

Dear Friends,

We made it through another winter of unreliable weather forecasts and freezing temperatures and we are ready to enjoy the warmer weather with extended hours of daylight as we enter into Spring!

As we head into Spring and Summer, there will be a few events and construction projects taking place throughout the Borough which I have listed here:

**CONSTRUCTION**

- The ACOE Flood Protection Project Phase One is nearing completion! Please visit our Borough website [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net) for updated news as the Corps progresses toward substantial completion by summer season.
- The Borough has been awarded a grant from the NJDOT in the amount of \$314,292 for the Reconstruction of Park Avenue Phase 2 (Pine Street easterly to the bridge deck over Flat Creek). These improvements will include raising the roadway by the bridge, to the extent possible, to minimize nuisance flooding.
- The Borough has been awarded a Monmouth County Open Space Grant in the amount of \$125,000 for the construction of a lighted walking path/trail at Scholer Park that will wrap around the baseball and softball fields. We are working toward the repurposing of the skateboard park area at Scholer Park to three (3) pickleball courts.
- The Borough will be Reconstructing 8th Street between Florence Avenue and Pine Street.

**EVENTS**

- Union Beach Recreation Easter Egg Hunt at Scholer Park on March 16th with a rain date of March 23rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Union Beach Memorial Day Parade presented by the American Legion on Saturday, May 25th with line up at Borough Hall beginning at 12 p.m. & step off at 1 p.m.
- With the expected substantial completion of the Corps Project Contract #1, we are planning a bigger and better fourth of July Fireworks event. Please check the Borough website in the coming weeks for more details.
- The last day of classes for our Memorial School students is tentatively scheduled for June 19th (provided no more snow days are required). As always, we ask everyone to please drive carefully being mindful that our streets, parks and beachfront will be busier.

(For more information on these and other town happenings please visit our Borough website at [www.ubnj.net](http://www.ubnj.net))

We would also like to take this opportunity to offer our Congratulations and Best Wishes to ALL of our Class of 2024 Graduates! We are very proud of you!

Finally, I would like to Thank the Borough Council, Board of Education and all of our Borough Employees, Professional staff, First Responders, Volunteers and Residents for their continued hard work and dedication to our community each and every day. It is your collective efforts that continue to make Union Beach The Best Little Town in NJ!

May God Bless all of our First Responders and keep them safe!  
May God Bless all of you and your families!

Be Safe!  
Charlie

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