

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

“The Best Little Town in New Jersey”

Winter 2020

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SPECIAL Recycling Pick-Up

** Recycling in Section B will be picked up on Saturday, January 4, 2020, due to January 1 being a holiday. Next pick-up will be Wednesday, January 15, 2020, as per the regular schedule (see Page 5 of this Newsletter).

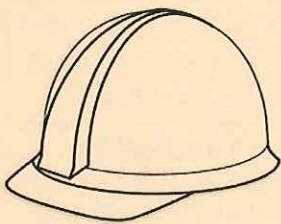
The same rules apply as for when you have a regular Wednesday pick-up. Please put everything at the curb the night before and do not use plastic bags of any kind.

**Happy
New Year!**

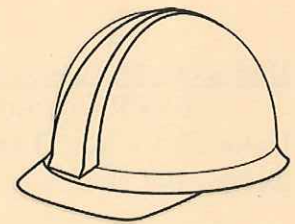
**Please join us at the
Annual Union Beach Reorganization Meeting
Friday, January 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
Borough Hall, 650 Poole Avenue**

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees beginning Tuesday, January 7, through Wednesday, January 29, 2019. The schedule will be the same as it was for leaf pick-up. Residents in Section B (with regular trash pick-ups on Mondays and Thursdays) will have a pick-up on Tuesdays. Residents in Section A (with regular trash pick-ups on Tuesdays and Fridays) will have a pick-up on Wednesdays. Please make sure all trees are at the curb the night before your scheduled pick-up and that all decorations are removed including lights and tinsel. In the event of snow, please be patient with the DPW, as that may become their priority. Residents may also bring their trees to the Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue. Please sign in at the office before disposing of your tree.



**During construction of the Municipal Building,
the Borough continues to provide parking in the
parking lot and also on the Stone Road parking
area adjacent to the Soccer Fields.**



*** 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

January

- 1 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — New Year's Day
3 (Friday) Annual Reorganization Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall
4 (Saturday) Special Recycling Pick-Up in Section B
6 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
7 (Tuesday) Christmas Tree Pick-Up Begins
7 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
8 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
9 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
27 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Wednesday) Christmas Tree Pick-Up Ends

February

- 3 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
4 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
10 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
12 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — Lincoln's Birthday
12 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Presidents' Day
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
24 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Thursday) Deadline for Submission to 2020 Spring Newsletter

March

- 2 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
10 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
11 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
12 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
23 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

** More information on many of these events can be found throughout this Newsletter.

Dumpster/Storage Container Permits

EVERY dumpster and container used in the Borough of Union Beach **MUST** have a proper permit. For more information, please call Public Works at 732-264-1133.

Union Beach Preschool

Registration will be held at Memorial School for all 3- and 4-years olds (full day) during the month of February, 2020. Please call the school nurse at 732-264-5420 to schedule an appointment.

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
HEALTH OFFICE	(732) 264-2365
Eileen Balut	
SEWER DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
BOROUGH CLERK	(732) 264-2277
Anne Marie Frisca	
Carol Seney	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
Stephen J. Higgins	
Mary E. Mancini	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Joseph Crane	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
RECREATION	(732) 888-6026
LIBRARY	(732) 264-3792
BOARD OF EDUCATION	(732) 264-3133
MEMORIAL SCHOOL	(732) 264-5400
T&M ASSOCIATES	(732) 671-6400
O.E.M.	
John Perrone (732) 489-4108	

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 2020 Spring Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by February 27. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

Snow Removal/Deicing Policies and Procedures from the Department of Public Works

The removal of snow, and deicing of Borough roads, is performed by the Department of Public Works. All snow equipment is deployed by the Director, as needed, after reviewing current conditions and forecasts made available by electronic media and in working closely with the Police, Fire, and First Aid Departments, the School Superintendent, and the Office of Emergency Management by two-way radio communication and cell phones to ensure that our road system is made as safe as possible in a timely, cost effective, and efficient manner for the residents we serve.

It is during these times that our roads are prioritized to always allow Emergency Services (Fire, First Aid and OEM) safe travel to help residents during a situation requiring the transportation to a local hospital, a household fire or other emergency where the Office of Emergency Management is needed.

First priority roads would include roads that directly connect to County and State roads such as Poole, Park, Morningside, Front, etc. with secondary roads being Central, Center, Lorillard, and so on. We also assist with the County roads that run through the Borough, as needed, to improve conditions for our residents.

Following these additional guidelines will also help us in serving the residents in a more effective manner during any snow or ice emergency:

- Please do not pass our snow plows during any emergency snow operations.
- Please park all vehicles off the street whenever snow is in the forecast.
- Basketball hoops should be removed from the street in front of your house.
- As you stand in front of your house looking at it, please shovel or plow any snow you remove from your driveway to the left side so when one of our snowplows comes down your street, the snow you have shoveled is taken away from your driveway, not put back in it.
- After any plowable snowfall we receive, please keep your garbage and recycling cans out of the street.

Please do not shovel/plow/blow snow back into the street.

Fall Leaf Collection Program

We would like to thank all the residents of Union Beach who continue to help make our Fall Leaf Collection Program a huge success once again! Leaves were collected, in brown biodegradable bags only, curbside on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In addition, many residents brought leaves to the Recycling Center and deposited them directly into the dumpster which we made available. This greatly helped us in complying with NJDEP Regulations. All leaves were properly recycled.

We will be collecting leaves curbside again, in biodegradable bags only, next Fall from October 27 to December 23, 2020. The dumpster at the Recycling Center will be available to residents on a year-round basis. You may bring leaves in any type of container and empty them directly into the dumpster. Biodegradable bags are available at the Public Works Department located at 1400 Florence Avenue, while supplies last.

Clean Communities

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Clean Communities Day (October 5) a huge success! One hundred and sixty five (165) volunteers collected 960 pounds of trash and recyclables!

Once again, Texas Road House donated trays of pulled pork with bread, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Mini-grants were distributed at the November 25 Borough Council Meeting to the ten groups that participated. They were: Blackbaud, Cub Scout Pack 134, Girl Scout Troop 217, Grace United Methodist Church, Keyport-Matawan Elks Lodge 2030, Memorial School National Junior Honor Society, Memorial School Student Council, Raritan Bay Lacrosse Club, UB Hericanes, and The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

Union Beach Library

The Library Association and Library Staff thank EVERYONE for their continued support and wish EVERYONE a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

The Library Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month. They will be meeting on January 7, February 4, and March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Library. In the event a meeting needs to be canceled or rescheduled, notice will be posted on the Library web site and the Library Facebook page.

Children's programs, under the direction of the Children's Librarian, Lauren Garcia, are continuing on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Yoga for Children will continue on Wednesdays. Please see our monthly newsletter for details.

On Saturday, January 11, we will have an "It's SEW Easy" class from 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 9 and up. The class is limited to 10 participants and registration is required. All supplies will be provided by the Library. Please call the Library for details.

On January 18, we will have "Saturday Afternoon at the Movies" for children starting at 1 p.m. Check the Library web site and Facebook page for further information.

The First Tuesday Teas will be continuing in 2020. The January Tea will be a "Regifting Tea" and we will be playing "Snowman Bingo!" The January Tea will begin at 11:45 a.m. Please note that the subsequent Teas will begin at 1 p.m. Light refreshments are served at all Teas.

Tuesday afternoon movies return on January 21 with the showing of the AWARD WINNING "Victor/Victoria" starring Julie Andrews and James Garner. Movies start promptly at 1:15 p.m.

We plan to expand our Adult Programming to include Computer Workshops, Healthcare Workshops, and Job Search Workshops. If you have a specific topic you would like addressed, please let us know.

The Bayshore Hooks and Needles group will be meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. The group is now in its 7th year and welcomes new members. Items made by the group are donated to Faith Chapel Christian Fellowship, Grace United Methodist Church, Monmouth Medical Center, Jersey Shore Hospice, Laurel Bay Health and Rehab Center, Ronald McDonald Houses and VA Hospitals, to name a few. Members of the group will teach you how to crochet or knit if you are interested.

Poetry and Punch Sunday Series meets on the second Sunday of each month. Enjoy a lazy fun-day Sunday with up to four hours of poetry exploration, reading, writing, critiquing, and listening with featured poets and open mic.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Library, please stop in or give us a call at 732-264-3792. In the event of inclement weather, Library closings will be posted on the Library web site and Facebook page.

All Library programming is free of charge unless otherwise stated. Registration requirements vary by program.

The Library will be closed in observation of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1; MLK Jr. Day, Monday, January 20; and Presidents' Day, Monday February 17. Please check our web site and Facebook page for closings due to inclement weather.

Last but not least — SAVE THE DATE — for our Murder Mystery Buffet Dinner Fundraiser, "Till Death Do Us Part(y)" on Saturday, April 18, at the VFW on Davern Street in Hazlet. Reservations are required and tickets go on sale January 1.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the Library!

Electronics Recycling

Public Works will continue to accept electronics from Union Beach residents ONLY. Each address will be restricted to the disposal of three television sets per calendar year. Proof of residency must be provided.

2020 RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION CALENDAR

Please check the street listing below to see if your address is located in Section A or Section B. Then follow the calendar to locate your trash, recycling, and bulk pick-up days. If you have any questions, please call 732-264-1133. **ALWAYS PLACE TRASH, RECYCLING, AND BULK AT THE CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE A SCHEDULED PICK-UP.**

<u>Section A</u>		<u>Section B</u>	
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, Ash, Aspen, Bay, Bayview (#100-499), Beach, Broadway, Campbell, Center, Central (#100-499), Chingarora, Dock, Edmunds, Ellison, Florence (#100-#1400), Floyd, Front, Gateway, Herbert, Henry, Johnson (#1-99), Kathleen, Locust, Lorillard (#100-499), Maple, Oak, Pine, Park (#100-499), Poole (#100-599), Prospect (#100-499), Raritan, State, St. James, St. Johns, Spruce (#400-799), Victoria, Vista Shores, West		Anderson, Arlington, Asbury, Aumack, Bank, Bayview (#600-999), Beachview, Branch, Brook, Cambridge, Central (#500-999), Chomic, Clark, Columbia (#500-799), Dibling, Donnelly, Fr. Fitzpatrick, Florence (#1500-1799), Harris, Harrison, Haug, Heckelmann, High, Isabelle, Jersey, Johnson (#300-499), Lorillard (#500-999), Morningside, Newark, Ocean, Orange, Park (#500-999), Patterson, Poole (#600-699), Private, Prospect (#500-899), Rose, Route 36, Seagate, Seaview, Scholer, Shore, Spruce (#900-1000), Stone, Sullivan, Sydney, Union, Washington, Wesley, Willow, Wilson.	
Regular trash pick-up is scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays . You may place up to 3 cans/bags at the curb the night before a pick-up. Each can/bag may not exceed 50 pounds. There will be no pick-up on Friday, December 25.		Regular trash pick-up is scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays . You may place up to 3 cans/bags at the curb the night before a pick-up. Each can/bag may not exceed 50 pounds. There will be no pick-up on Thursday, November 26.	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Section A — Recycling</u></p> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: <p style="text-align: center;"> January 8 & 22 February 5 & 19 March 4 & 18 April 1, 15 & 29 May 13 & 27 June 10 & 24 July 8 & 22 August 5 & 19 September 2, 16 & 30 October 14 & 28 November 11 & 25 December 9 & 23 </p> <p>Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Section A — Bulk</u></p> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: <p style="text-align: center;"> January 15 & 29 February 12 & 26 March 11 & 25 April 8 & 22 May 6 & 20 June 3 & 17 July 1, 15 & 29 August 12 & 26 September 9 & 23 October 7 & 21 November 4 & 18 December 2, 16 & 30 </p> <p>Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Section B — Recycling</u></p> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: <p style="text-align: center;"> January 15 & 29 February 12 & 26 March 11 & 25 April 8 & 22 May 6 & 20 June 3 & 17 July 1, 15 & 29 August 12 & 26 September 9 & 23 October 7 & 21 November 4 & 18 December 2, 16 & 30 </p> <p>Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Section B — Bulk</u></p> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays: <p style="text-align: center;"> January 8 & 22 February 5 & 19 March 4 & 18 April 1, 15 & 29 May 13 & 27 June 10 & 24 July 8 & 22 August 5 & 19 September 2, 16 & 30 October 14 & 28 November 11 & 25 December 9 & 23 </p> <p>Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)</p>

Leaves will be picked up curbside in the Fall — Section B on Tuesdays/Section A on Wednesdays. Please use paper bags only. Do **NOT** mix in other types of debris, including branches. Branches/brush will be taken with regular garbage but **ONLY** when properly bundled. Appliances, electronics and metals will be picked up curbside by appointment only. Please call 732-264-1133 for information regarding any of this. If you are putting out a refrigerator, all doors must be removed.

2020 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

April 1 - November 1
(weather permitting)

First Monday	First Tuesday	First Thursday	First Friday
Florence (#100-1400) Front Dock Locust Second Third Fourth Beach Vista Shores Gateway	Union Brook Shore (#100-899) Prospect (#700-899) Bayview (#600-999) Lorillard (#500-999)	Spruce (#400-800) Center Kathleen Fifth Sixth Seventh Eighth Ninth Oak Prospect (#300-499)	Park (#500-899) Beachview Central (#500-999) Seaview /Private Columbia (#500-799) Ocean (from Columbia To Bayview)
Second Monday	Second Tuesday	Second Thursday	Second Friday
Park (#100-499) Maple Central (#100-499) Ellison Pine Lorillard (#100-499) Bayview (#200-499)	Jersey Rose Harris Asbury High Willow Isabelle Wesley Patterson	Tenth St. James Floyd Edmunds Bay Raritan Campbell (#100-299) Herbert Henry Chingarora	Ocean (Rt 36 to Jersey) Cambridge Sydney (#500-899) Clark Aumack Washington Sullivan Fr. Fitzpatrick Seagate Shore (#900-1499)
Third Monday	Third Tuesday	Third Thursday	Third Friday
Poole (#100-599) Victoria St. Johns State (#90-199) Campbell (#400-499)	Sydney (#100-199) Morningside Spruce (#900-1000) Wilson Scholer Chomic Anderson Haug Heckelmann Donnelly Dibling Stone (#600-1000)	Broadway Johnson (#1-25) Ash State (#200-399) West Aspen	Poole (#600-699) Stone (#100-599) Newark Orange Harrison Arlington Johnson (#300-499) Branch Bank Florence (#1400-1799)

Please remove all vehicles, trash cans, and basketball hoops from the street on your scheduled day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from UB Chief of Police, Michael J. Woodrow

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Union Beach Police Department, we hope you had a wonderful Holiday season; “Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa! and a Happy New Year!” Many great community events take place in our gorgeous town throughout the year. We recommend you follow our official social media page(s) [Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website, etc.] to keep abreast of the various community events and general police news. As always, please contact us directly at 732-264-0313 if you have any questions or concerns.

With the change of season(s) come roadway challenges... Just a reminder from the UBPD — Traffic Safety Bureau to keep roadways clear of obstacles (i.e., portable basketball hoops, hockey nets, garbage cans, etc.) so our hard-working UBPDW team can safely and efficiently keep the roadways free and clear.

Please continue to use due caution at Memorial Elementary School, especially during drop-off and pick-up time(s). Please DO NOT drop children off in the middle of the street, pull to the curbside and drop-off on the sidewalk, or make a left turn while traveling N/E on Morningside into the drop zone. Please remain attentive. If questions arise, do not hesitate to speak to one of our officers on scene.

Last year, the UBPD handled nearly 11,000 calls for service. Our dedicated and devoted police officers are equipped and trained to handle any given situation that presents itself. Union Beach truly is the best place to reside anywhere, not only due to the gorgeous 2 square mile ecosystem we inhabit, but because of the people that reside here.

Chief of Police Michael J. Woodrow (NJ State Chiefs of Police Accredited “Advanced” Executive—MMXIX)

Union Beach Board of Health

January is Dog Registration month. Rabies vaccination cannot expire between January through October per the State. They would have to be re-vaccinated. February 1, 2020, late fees start plus registration fee. Our web site is ubnj.net. Click on blue box that say “Dog License” and fill out application. Any questions call 732-264-2365, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Also, if you do not have your dog for any reason, please let the Board of Health know.

For more information on the Board of Health, go to our web site and click on “Board of Health.”

Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Ave., Union Beach. Our regular Sunday Service starts at 9 a.m. every Sunday morning. Our worship services are led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin, and we invite you to join us. As always, Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Biondi, Lay Servant, will continue to assist during our services. Our Sunday School also meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. We offer classes nursery through high school. All are always welcome.

As we enter the New Year, let us slow down and strive to be the best we can be. Please remember all those that are in need and focus on what’s really important. We ask God’s Blessings on your families, our men and women serving in our Armed Forces, and our first responders.

Our Monday evening Study Group meets at 7 p.m. and our Wednesday morning Study Group meets at 10 a.m. Both groups meet at the church and will resume their schedule in January. If you’re interested, please stop by.

We would like to thank everyone for their support at our Fall spaghetti dinner and our Holiday Magic Vendor/Craft Fair.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) groups meet Sunday and Monday evenings. The WIC Program — first Monday of every month. Yoga meets on Wednesday evenings; Boy Scouts on Tuesday evenings; Cub Scouts on Thursday evenings; and Girl Scouts on the second Friday of month from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings

Our garbage contractor will accept branches/brush along with your regular garbage pick-up — preferably 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 actually good for your lawn.

Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office is asking that you please:

1. Don't pump water into the street. It must run onto your own property.
2. Put house numbers on all homes that are visible from the street.
3. On properties with no buildings, put either the address, or block and lot number, on a board large enough to be seen from the street.

The Code Enforcement Office would like to thank all the residents that have been maintaining their homes and properties over these past months.

Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)

The Bayshore Sharks Rec Basketball is starting its fourth season this year. We continue to make changes to stay fun and competitive for the children in Union Beach and the surrounding areas.

Basketball season will run until mid-March. Then, we will roll right into Spring 2020 Baseball and Softball. Please be on the lookout for emails and social media posts about our 2020 Spring registration, which will begin sometime in February.

Once again, we would like to thank the community for your continued support in our mission to provide our kids with a fun, competitive learning experience to help build confidence, friendships and a sense of accomplishment.

We would like to thank the Union Beach Council, the Union Beach DPW, and the Union Beach Board of Education for all their help and continued support through our 2019 Baseball, Softball, and Basketball seasons.

Bayshore Sports and Recreation is always looking for volunteers that have new ideas and can help support our "Kids Come First" mentality.

If you are interested, please email msmith@bsarec.com or contact us on Facebook, follow Bayshore Sports and Recreation on Facebook, and visit our web site www.bsarec.com.

Recycling

When recycling cardboard/paper, you may include mixed paper including chipboard (cereal boxes), white/color paper, junk mail, magazines, soft cover books and non-metallic wrapping paper. **DO NOT INCLUDE:** pizza boxes, or other food-stained cardboard; food wrappers; paper plates and cups; napkins or paper towels; or newspaper used for pet waste or household projects.

When recycling commingle (cans and bottles), you may include aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles that are "Type 1" and "Type 2" with a pourable neck smaller than the body. All must be rinsed out before disposal. **DO NOT INCLUDE:** any plastics that do not have a pourable neck, plastic bags, margarine tubs, diaper wipes containers, yogurt cups, or food storage containers.

Please remember, do not use plastic bags when disposing of recyclable materials. Your recycling **WILL NOT** be picked up if you place it at the curb in plastic bags. Do not use plastic bags when disposing of recycling at the Recycling Center.

Engineer's Corner

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

FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application — The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$291,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue Phase II from Columbia Avenue to Lorillard Avenue. The improvements include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin the Spring of 2020.

FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application — The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$350,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Lorillard Avenue from Poole Avenue to its western terminus. The improvements will include new concrete curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway.

2019 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application — The Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$156,647 from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Ninth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements include installation of new concrete curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If the funds are available from HUD in early 2020, the project will be part of the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate the 2020 Roadway Improvement Program to begin in the Spring of 2020.

FY 2020 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough has applied to the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program for the installation of two new Tee Ball Baseball fields at Scholer Park. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Summer of 2020.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials on the acquisition of easements from the property owners impacted by Phase I construction. The Phase I project consists of the beach fill element of the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek. The Corps is presently completing the final design plans and specifications for Phase I and is prepared to advertise for construction bids. However, all easements must be secured prior to the project being advertised for construction bids. We remain cautiously optimistic that the easement acquisition process will move quickly so the Phase I project can be advertised for construction bids sometime in 2020.

Sport Lighting Helen Hayes Soccer Fields — The Borough was recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$125,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program for the installation of Sports Lighting at the Helen Hayes Park Soccer Fields. The project is now completed, and the lights were operational in time for the Fall Soccer Season.

2019 Turf Maintenance Program — The Borough's Turf Maintenance Contractor completed the second year of a three-year contract. The Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. The Spring application is scheduled to begin in March 2020, weather permitting.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Dear Friends,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Holiday season and had at least some opportunity to connect with friends and family.

Our Annual Reorganization Meeting will take place on Friday January 3rd at 6:30 pm at Borough Hall. While I will graciously accept a new term as your Mayor, at that time we will also swear in re-elected council members Anthony Cavallo and Al Lewandowski to another term on the Borough Council. We will also be confirming many other appointments to various roles within the borough. This meeting is open to all so feel free to join us.

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

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