

The Borough of Union Beach Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Autumn 2014

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THE BOROUGH OF UNION BEACH NOW RECYCLES NAME-BRAND INK CARTRIDGES!

Please bring them to the office at the Recycling Center located at
1400 Florence Avenue.

Open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays
and 8 a.m. to noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Election News

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 14, 2014. The deadline for requesting a mail-in ballot is October 28, 2014.

Recreation Events

Basketball Registration at Borough Hall — Saturday, October 4 from 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, October 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Halloween Party — Sunday, October 26 at noon in the APR at Memorial School. This event is for Union Beach residents who are toddlers through 5th Grade — goodie bags, raffles and tons of fun!

Tree Lighting — Sunday, December 7 at 6 p.m. at Borough Hall — cocoa, cookies, caroling and Santa!

Gress House Decorations for Donations — Biggest and Brightest Year Yet!

The Gress House, located at 14 Johnson Avenue (off of Broadway), has decided to, once again, celebrate the true meaning of Christmas this year with their fourth annual Decorations for Donations Program. They are asking all residents to stop by, enjoy the dazzling lights and sounds of the holiday season, and consider making a charitable donation to the Children's Miracle Network Hospital. Cash donations and/or checks made out to the Children's Miracle Network will be greatly appreciated — no amount is too small! Donations can be dropped off in the Santa train donation box, alongside the family mailbox, from mid-November until December 31, 2014. One hundred percent of the donations raised will benefit local children throughout New Jersey who suffer from common childhood afflictions, such as asthma and broken bones, to those who fight larger challenges, such as birth defects and cancer. Through the years, thanks to your generosity, we have raised several thousand dollars for this wonderful cause. Please help us make this our best year ever and make the children's lives a bit "brighter" this holiday season! Thank you in advance for your kindness, and as always, the happiest of holidays from our home to yours!

Borough Meetings and Events

October

- 1 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
4 (Saturday) Basketball Registration at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall
7 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
7 (Tuesday) Basketball Registration at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
8 (Wednesday) Flu Clinic at 9:30 a.m. in Borough Hall
9 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
11 (Saturday) Basketball Registration at 10 a.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
16 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
26 (Sunday) Halloween Party at noon in APR at Memorial School
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
31 (Friday) Teen Night Dances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Memorial School

November

- 2 (Sunday) Daylight Savings Time at 2 a.m. — turn your clocks back!
3 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
4 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — Election Day
5 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
6 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
8 (Saturday) Rabies Clinic at 10 a.m. at Recycling Center
11 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — Veterans' Day
12 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Friday) Teen Night Dance at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
27 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Day
28 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day After Thanksgiving

December

- 1 (Monday) Deadline for Submission to Winter 2014 Newsletter
2 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
3 (Wednesday) Library Association Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Library
7 (Sunday) Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. at Borough Hall
10 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
11 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
15 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Tuesday) Board of Education Meeting at 7 p.m. in Memorial School
18 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Saturday) Christmas Party at 6 p.m. in Memorial School Gymnasium
25 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Christmas Day

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

ALL RESIDENTS — PLEASE BE AWARE OF NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN ON PARK AVENUE AT PINE STREET — "STOP"

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Scott Woolley	
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-1208
Jennifer Maier	
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 Friscia	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
George Lockwood	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Tracey Darby	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.	(732) 264-1133
John K. Haines	
RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
John K. Haines	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Madeline Russo	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Robert Parsells	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Robert Burlew	
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.	(732) 620-5035
Michael Harriott	

NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

1-800-652-6987

NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY

1-800-GAS LEAK

JCP&L

1-800-662-3115

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Every residence in Union Beach must have a house number properly displayed as per the Code Enforcer.

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2014 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by December 1. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@optonline.net or faxing 732-264-5829.

Engineer's Corner

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

FY 2014 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough was awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000 for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. The park improvements will include installation of additional benches, installation of sod around the existing restroom/concession building, expansion of the existing irrigation system, landscaping and additional security cameras. We anticipate the improvements to be completed in Spring of 2015.

FY 2015 Monmouth County Open Space Program — The Borough will be submitting an application to the Monmouth County Open Space Program for the continued improvements to Scholer Park. This year's application will be for the rehabilitation of the existing hockey rink. If successful, we anticipate the work to be completed in 2015.

Rehabilitation of the Bulkhead and Shorefront Walkway — The Borough awarded a contract to Precise Construction for the rehabilitation of the shorefront damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The project is now completed with the exception of minor punch list items. The project is funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The improvements included the repair of the bulkhead, reconstruction of the walkway, and replacement of the recreational equipment and amenities, including repairs to Firefighters' Park. Security cameras will also be installed along the waterfront.

Rehabilitation of Scholer Park — The Borough recently awarded a contract for the rehabilitation of Scholer Park damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The project is now completed with the exception of some minor punch list items. The project was funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. The improvements included the repair of the baseball and softball field fencing, installation of new sod in the ball field grassed areas, installation of infield mix to replace the material washed away, repair of the skateboard park, replacement of the fencing surrounding the park, replacement of landscaping, recreational equipment and amenities. As part of the overall park rehabilitation, the existing play ground areas was improved through a grant from the FY 2012 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program in the amount of \$142,000.00 and KABOOM, a non-profit organization. The improvements included new tot lot equipment for ages 2 through 5 and 5 through 12, a new swing set, park benches, and other park amenities. An additional security cameras were installed in the park.

Reconstruction of Seventh Street — The Borough was awarded a grant from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Seventh Street from Pine Street to Prospect Avenue. The improvements include new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin in the Fall of 2014.

Reconstruction of Orange and Harrison Avenues — The Borough recently awarded a contract to Esposito Construction, Matawan, NJ, for the Reconstruction of Orange Avenue and Harrison Avenue from Newark Avenue to Johnson Avenue. The project is funded in part through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$220,000. The improvements include new curbs, sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. We anticipate construction to begin mid-September, 2014.

New Jersey American Water Company and New Jersey Natural Gas Company Utility Improvements — NJAW and NJNG have completed the utility upgrades throughout certain streets in the Borough. We are working with the utilities companies on scheduling the permanent pavement repairs of the pipe trench and service holes associated with the utility upgrades. We anticipate having all pavement repairs completed within the next 60 days.

Reconstruction of Pine Street and Third Street Intersection — The reconstruction of the Pine Street and Third Street intersection is now completed with the exception of the pavement surface course. The improvements included raising of the intersection elevation to minimize flooding during high tides, installation of new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway intersection. The
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Engineer's Corner (continued)

improvements were funded in part through FEMA Disaster Funds. We anticipate the installation of the pavement surface course to be completed within the next 30 days.

Reconstruction of Spruce Street, Center Street and Fifth Street Intersection — The reconstruction of the intersection of Spruce Street with Center Street and Fifth Street is now completed with the exception of the pavement surface course. The improvements included raising the roadway elevation to minimize flooding during high tides, installation of new curbs, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway intersection. We anticipate the installation of the pavement surface course to be completed within the next 30 days.

Monmouth County Roadway Paving Program — The County of Monmouth has scheduled for the repaving of Union Avenue from Brook Avenue to Route 36. The County anticipates construction to begin in the Fall of 2014.

Board of Health Rabies Clinic

The Borough of Union Beach will be holding its free rabies clinic for Monmouth County residents only on Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue. **NO RECYCLING WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THIS DAY.** The Recycling Center will be open **ONLY** for the rabies clinic. It is a New Jersey State Law that all dogs must be registered annually and proof of rabies inoculation must be provided at the rabies clinic. By Ordinance, Union Beach residents are only allowed three (3) dogs per household. When you bring your pets to the rabies clinic, all dogs **MUST** be on leashes and all cats **MUST** be in carriers. Please bring proof of address. No licenses will be issued at the rabies clinic. **Dog licenses are due to be issued in January, 2015.**

The annual Flu Clinic will be on Wednesday, October 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Borough Hall. This is not free, although they do accept certain types of insurance. For info, please call 732-264-2365.

Gateway Church of Christ

Gateway Disaster Response Team is pleased to share with our friends in Union Beach the progress we have made so far in helping serve the needs of Sandy Storm affected residents. To date there have been over 40,000 volunteers contributing more than 200,000 hours to the rebuilding effort, which amounts to over four million dollars in volunteer labor! Gateway has distributed \$1,300,000 in material donations directly to the residents. Our team has applied and received more than \$800,000 in grants that directly benefit home rebuilding. In addition, an award of \$850,000 by the New Jersey State Workforce Development Grant has allowed Gateway to hire over forty full-time employees working directly to serve the needs of the residents.

We are here at 650 Poole Avenue to offer all our resources to you, the residents of Union Beach, for help to repair and return to your home. If you are struggling to rebuild your damaged home, or are unable to complete rebuilding your new replacement home, Gateway will do all it can to help. There are also case managers here during the week and on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, who are able to share many resources to help meet needs other than home rebuilding, such as: referrals for food assistance, housing and utility assistance, as well as referrals for counseling and legal assistance. In short, we are here to help **YOU!** Please come in to see us, or call Carl at 615-856-3315 or Joe at 908-783-8910.

Food Pantry Donations

Especially at this time of year, please consider making a donation to a local food pantry.

Drug Alliance Teen Night Dances

The following dances will be held in the All Purpose Room at Memorial School:

10/31	Grades 3 & 4	3 to 5 p.m.
10/31	Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8	7 to 9 p.m.
11/14	Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8	7 to 9 p.m.

Library News

As the weather begins to cool off, we would like to invite you and your children to join us for the many programs we have to offer this Fall. Miss Val, the children's librarian, joins us on the second and fourth Monday at 3:45 p.m. each month for *Family Story Hour*. You can also join Ms. Danielle for *Baby Storytime* on the *2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10 a.m.*

Keep an eye out for our fliers in your children's backpacks this upcoming school year. We will be advertising our events, such as *Mr. Ray's Halloween Costume Concert* on Saturday, October 25. Limited space will be available so be sure to sign up early! You can also check out our website, www.sites.google.com/site/ublibrary07735, or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UBMemorialLibrary for all upcoming news, events and activity sign ups.

We would also like to invite the members of the community for our annual *Pictures with Santa on Sunday, November 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.* There will be a charge of \$5 per picture and no outside pictures will be permitted. Santa will give out gifts to the children and light refreshments will be served.

The Library needs your help. Please join our association and help make a difference in *your* library and *your* community. *Our association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.* and we are currently looking for new members, as well as officers. As a group, we decide not only what is best for the Library, but also which programs would be welcomed and needed by the community. Your participation can make a difference. Please contact the Library director or simply come to a meeting for more details.

Finally, we would like to thank the Mayor and Council, Department of Public Works, and Gateway Church for all of their help and generous donations in the recent repairs and updates made to the Library.

The Library is now open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 6 p.m., Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be sure to come in and check out all of our new changes, activities, as well as new books. We look forward to seeing you all real soon.

Bayshore Family Success Center

The Union Beach Memorial Library (UBML) has been graciously sharing their space with the Bayshore Family Success Center since we opened our doors on April 2, 2013. The original plan was for us to stay in the UBML temporarily (for about 6 months) while we sourced a space of our own. At long last, we have found a permanent home here on the Bayshore at the Henry Hudson Trail Activity Center, just down Route 36 in Leonardo. This is a larger, more appropriate space to host our programs and events. We are very grateful to the UBML staff for graciously hosting us for the past 18 months, and we are very grateful to the community members who have embraced us and made us feel very much at home here in UB! Although our Center is relocating, we are not leaving the community. We will be here weekly hosting events, doing outreach and recruiting volunteers! The Union Beach Community Advisory Board meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at Faith Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to come to the meetings to learn more about what we do and how you can be involved. Be sure to like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BayshoreFSC>) to stay informed about all of our events, programs, and happenings! The following is a list of our upcoming Fall events:

Oct. 2 (6:30-7:30 pm)	Family Nutrition Information Session, Atlantic Highlands Library
Oct. 3, 17 & 30 (11am-12pm)	Toddler Tea Time, Union Beach Library, 810 Union Avenue
Oct. 7 (7-9 pm)	Financial Literacy Workshop 1: Budget Basics, Union Beach Library
Oct. 14 (6:30-8 pm)	Parent Support Group, Union Beach Library, 810 Union Avenue
Oct. 17 (6:30-8 pm)	Family Bingo, Union Beach Library, 810 Union Avenue
Oct. 21 (7-9 pm)	Financial Literacy Workshop 2: Credit Counseling, Union Beach Library
Nov. 4 (7-9 pm)	Financial Literacy Workshop 3: Credit vs. Debit vs. Prepaid Cards, UBML
Nov. 6 (1-3:30 pm)	Family Fun Craft Day! HH Trail Activity Center, 845 St. Rt. 36 Leonardo
Nov. 7 (1-3:30 pm)	Family Fun Movie Day! HH Trail Activity Center, 845 St. Rt. 36 Leonardo
Nov. 11 (6:30-8 pm)	Parent Support Group, Union Beach Library, 810 Union Avenue
Nov. 18 (7-9 pm)	Financial Literacy Workshop 4: Identity Theft, UBML

From The Chief's Desk

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. School is now open. Many of our children walk to school, so as drivers, we need to pay close attention to them.

When using the drop off zones at the school, please realize that these are drop off zones. If you wish to walk your child to the door, do not utilize the drop off zones. This should help alleviate the backing up of traffic around the school.

Many residents are receiving phone calls or mail stating they owe back taxes to the IRS. If you receive either of these, please contact Detective Sergeant Michael Woodrow at Union Beach Police Headquarters. This is a big scam which could cost you tens or hundreds of thousand of dollars you will never see again.

As you can see around town, there are many homes that are being raised or rebuilt. We ask for your cooperation while this is still going on. It is good to see many of our friends and neighbors getting back into their homes.

There have been numerous press items about police departments receiving military equipment. This is not to become more military. We have received several military vehicles that we will utilize to help serve the residents of Union Beach during another severe storm and flooding. These vehicles will give us the opportunity to help get to your home in an emergency during a flood; where our current fleet of vehicles would not be capable of operating in floods or heavy snow. Our only goal is to be able to get to your house in an emergency and to help in an evacuation.

Boy Scout Troop 134

Boy Scout Troop 134 of Union Beach will now be meeting at Grace United Methodist Church at 115 St. James Ave. If you are interested in Boy Scouts, come to a meeting and see if this is for you. Meetings are on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The Boy Scouts have several camping trips planned for the Fall, Winter, and Spring, as well as other events which include a Klondike Derby, a skiing trip, and service projects around town. The boys also work on merit badges and rank advancement.

Cub Scouts also meet at Grace Church on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. If you have a young one at least 6 years old or in the first grade who is interested in Cub Scouts, come to a meeting.

Grace United Methodist Church

Grace Church is located at 115 St. James Avenue in Union Beach. Our worship service is on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. We have Sunday School for the children, also at 9 a.m. If you haven't been to church lately or are looking for a new church, come worship with us. We have two great pastors with us — Pastor LaKesha and Pastor Andrew.

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