

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Autumn 2018

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NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED

Residences and businesses in the Borough of Union Beach may **NO LONGER** use plastic bags when disposing of recyclable materials. Please know that 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.

Disposal of non-acceptable items, such as plastic bags, with other types of recycling, creates serious quality control issues and negatively impacts the marketability of the materials collected. Please help us by recycling properly at all times.

Union Beach Day

We are very pleased that we are having our *Fourth* Annual Union Beach Day on Saturday, October 13 from noon to 6 p.m. This year's affair will be bigger and more exciting! There will be contests for all age groups and rides for the kiddies. Enjoy the music provided by the DJs, and what event would be complete without the many craft vendors and food galore!

What better way to meet your new neighbors and introduce them to your old friends. You may even make a new friend! Let's keep our reputation alive and prospering because we are the:

"Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Election News

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 16. October 30 is the last day to receive, by mail, applications for Vote by Mail Ballots for the November General Election.

Color the World Orange — November 5, 2018

As proclaimed by Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr., November 5, 2018 is "Color the World Orange Day" in the Borough of Union Beach. This day is being celebrated throughout the United States and other countries to bring awareness of, and in support of those with, the severe chronic pain condition called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS), also known as Reflect Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD). Wear orange on November 5 to show your support! To learn more visit www.colortheworldorangeday.com.

Clean Communities Day

The Borough of Union Beach would like to thank all those who participated in our Clean Communities Day on September 29.

Borough Meetings and Events

October

- 1 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
 2 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 8 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
 11 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 13 (Saturday) Union Beach Day at noon at the Beachfront
 15 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 18 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 23 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 30 (Tuesday) Town-wide leaf pick-up begins for Section B
 31 (Wednesday) Town-wide leaf pick-up begins for Section A
 31 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

November

- 4 (Sunday) Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back at 2 a.m.
 5 (Monday) Color the World Orange Day
 5 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
 6 (Tuesday) General Election Day from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 6 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — General Election Day
 8 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 10 (Saturday) Free Rabies Clinic (10 a.m. to noon) - 1400 Florence Avenue (DPW)
 12 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Veterans' Day
 13 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 19 (Monday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 19 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 22 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Day
 22 (Thursday) No Garbage Pick-Up for Section B
 23 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day After Thanksgiving
 27 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 28 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

December

- 3 (Monday) Deadline for Submission to 2019 Winter Newsletter
 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
 4 (Tuesday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
 13 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 17 (Monday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 20 (Thursday) Mayor & Borough Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
 25 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — Christmas Day
 25 (Tuesday) No Garbage Pick-Up for Section A
 26 (Wednesday) Town-wide leaf pick-up ends until next Autumn

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

Note: Borough Offices will closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019

There will be no garbage pick-up on the following days: Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day); Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day); and Tuesday January 1, 2019 (New Year's Day).

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 Friscia	
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.	(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

Please do **NOT** blow/sweep cut grass or leaves into the road, or into the catch basins.

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2019 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by December 3. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

Leaf Collection Program

Beginning October 30, 2018, all leaves picked up curbside must be in paper leaf bags. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags, as they will not be picked up. Paper leaf bags may be purchased at hardware-type stores. Please adhere to the following schedule for leaf pick-up. If you are in Section A with a Tuesday and Friday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Wednesdays only. If you are in Section B with a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Tuesdays only. As always, leaves may be brought directly to the Recycling Center located at 1400 Florence Avenue; however, residents will be expected to empty any bags, other than paper, on site. All bags with leaves must contain leaves ONLY — any other type of debris is unacceptable, including grass, twigs, and branches.

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. 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 Board of Health

Union Beach Free Rabies Clinic will be at the Department of Public Works (1400 Florence Avenue) on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon. All dogs must be on leashes (no longer than six feet) and all cats must be in carriers.

January is Dog Registration Month. By ordinance, Union Beach residents are only allowed three (3) dogs per structure. It is a New Jersey State Law that all dogs must be registered annually and proof of rabies inoculation must be provided. Per NJ State Law, dog licenses will not be issued if rabies inoculations expire on or before October 31, 2019. Dog registration can be done electronically by visiting www.ubnj.net and clicking the link on the left side of the page.

There is no trapping of animals from November, 2018 through April, 2019.

If you require additional information regarding any Board of Health issues, please visit the Union Beach web site at www.ubnj.net. There is an after-hours Board of Health drop box at Police Headquarters. Don't forget to stop at the Board of Health table on Union Beach Day — October 13.

Poetry and Punch: Second Sunday Series

Free Adult Programming! From October 14 to December 9, 2018, on the second Sunday of each month, enjoy a lazy fun-day Sunday with writing at the Union Beach Memorial Library. Held outside of normal Library hours, there will be four hours of poetry exploration — reading, writing, critiquing, and listening, featuring poets and an open mic.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Feel free to come for one hour or four! Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided at no cost. Hosted by Megan A. Please contact the Library for more details.

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.

A Message From the Superintendent of Schools

I hope you had a restful summer with family and friends.

During the summer, we have made many updates to our school building including telecommunication and security upgrades, landscaping, new scoreboards, new water fountains, and bottle-filling stations. We have also made educational additions including opening a third full day 4-year old preschool class, opening a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Lab, revising several curricula, and expanding our 1-to-1 Chromebook initiative to include all of middle school. We also plan to start construction on the playground project and install a new preschool bathroom in the coming year.

We are looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year, and we are sure it will be a productive year where students learn and grow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available via email at alewert@unionbeachschools.org or via telephone at 732-264-5405.

Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Avenue, Union Beach. Our regular Sunday Service starts at 8:30 every Sunday morning. Our Sunday School, providing classes, nursery through high school, also meets every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Services are led by Pastor Federica Quezada, assisted by Scott Woolley, Lay Leader, and Donna Bondi, SPPRC. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events include: **FALL SPAGHETTI DINNER, October 20, 4 to 7 p.m.** Tickets are now available. Our annual **WREATH SALE** starts in October, for delivery right after Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendar to visit or participate in our **FALL VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR, HOLIDAY MAGIC, on November 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** A variety of vendors and crafters have already signed up! If

interested in reserving a table, please contact, 4georgie@optonline.net.

Our Bible Study groups meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) groups meet Sunday and Monday evenings. Boy Scouts meet Tuesday evenings, Girl Scouts on Thursday afternoons, and Cub Scouts on Thursday evenings.

Please visit our table on **UNION BEACH DAY, October 13**, at the beachfront.

Email: graceunitedmeth@optonline.net. **Phone:** 732-264-0916. **Follow us on Facebook!**

Bayshore Family Success Center

Free Homework Help and Tutoring is offered weekly at the Union Beach Library on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sessions will begin on October 20. National Honor Society tutors will be available to help your child with any subjects with which he/she may be struggling. There will be no tutoring on November 24, December 22 and December 29.

Free Family Bingo at the Union Beach Library on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a special Holiday Candlelight Bingo event.

Book Club will be held the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Beach Library. Upcoming dates: October 25, November 29 and December 27.

All events hosted by the Bayshore Family Success Center are free; however, registration is required. In addition to events in Union Beach, the BFSC offers local events throughout the Bayshore area. Please check out our web site to learn about all of our programs.

For more information, or to register for any events, call us at 732-497-3811; go to our web site <http://cymca.org/locations/bayshore-family-success-center>; or email familysuccess@cymca.org.

Reminder From the Tax Collector

You can now pay your sewer/property taxes online. Go to www.ubnj.net and click on the link on the left-hand side under "Online Services." Sewer is due October 1; tax is due November 1. Also, both tax and sewer must be paid in full by year end to avoid tax sale.

County Clerk Reminds Voters about the New Vote by Mail Law which will affect the November General Election

Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is reminding voters that a new law signed by Governor Phil Murphy in August dramatically changed the Vote by Mail rules in New Jersey. These changes are effective immediately and will impact the November General Election.

The new law mandates that all voters who voted by mail in the 2016 General Election be sent a Mail-In Ballot for the 2018 General Election, even if they did not request one. If these voters do not want to receive a 2018 General Election Mail-In Ballot, they must notify the County Clerk in writing to opt out.

“All of these 2016 Mail-In Ballot voters have been sent a letter from County Clerk’s Office advising of this change, so it is important that voters be on the lookout for this letter,” said Clerk Hanlon.

According to State law, any voter who has not opted out and receives a Mail-In Ballot will not be permitted to vote on a voting machine on Election Day. These voters will be limited to voting the Mail-In Ballot or paper provisional ballot at the polls.

Voters can download the updated Vote by Mail application from our Elections Website at MonmouthCountyVotes.com and from our free Monmouth County Votes Mobile App.

If you have any questions about the Vote by Mail process or questions about the New law, please contact the County Clerk’s Elections Division at 732-431-7790.

Union Beach Library

Library Association Meetings are Tuesday, October 2, November 13 and December 4 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Our regular story-time with Children's Librarian, Miss Demaris, is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. *NEW TIME* Babies and Toddlers (10 months to 4 years) from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m.; and School Age from 3:15 to 3:50 p.m. Upcoming dates are October 22, November 12 & 26, and December 10.

Gaming Club meets Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on October 10 & 24, November 14 & 28, and December 12. Playstation, Wii Consoles, and screens will be available.

Crochet and Craft Club is Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon on October 27, November 10, and December 6.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale will be held on Tuesday, November 20 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Poetry Sessions have a *NEW* format. Please check our Facebook page for more information, as well as upcoming dates and times.

TWO SPECIAL EVENTS—SPEND YOUR HOLIDAYS AT HOGWARTS

*Sunday, November 25, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Santa will make a special visit to Hogwarts (the Library), children will make a holiday craft followed by a presentation of the movie "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." This is a free event that includes door prizes, craft and refreshments.

*Saturday, December 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. is our Holidays at Hogwarts Event. Costume contest, trivia, light refreshments, door prizes, fellow Potterheads and fun! As these events will be catering to Harry Potter fans, please keep in mind that there are some aspects of the Wizarding World that can be scary for very young children. As each event approaches, more details will be available on our Facebook page.

For more information on any of our programs, you can call us at 732-264-3792. You can also check our web site and/or Facebook page for more details. All Library programming is free of charge unless otherwise stated. Registration requirements vary by program.

The Library will be closed in observance of the following holidays: October 8 & 13; November 6, 22 & 23; and December 24 through January 1, 2019.

UBPTA

Welcome to another exciting school year!

Union Beach PTA meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center. Meetings are scheduled for October 1 (6 p.m. Meeting/Meet the BOE Candidates), November 5, and December 3. On-site childcare is available.

The Union Beach PTA works in conjunction with the school to provide support for staff and students. The PTA hosts several events and fundraisers throughout the year in an effort to sustain and promote learning as well as encourage a family-supported educational environment for all of our students. Your assistance goes a long way in helping us continue our mission.

In October, we will be hosting a Color Run fundraising event in addition to our annual Scholastic Book Fair, Kastle Kreations Fundraiser, and our Trick-or-Trunk. On November 3, at 9 a.m., the PTA is holding a public vendor fair at Memorial School. Annual Holiday Gift Shoppe will be held in December. In addition, the PTA hosts various restaurant fundraisers throughout the year. Please check the Union Beach School District web site for more information.

If you do not have children in the school and wish to participate in fundraising opportunities (like KidStuff Coupon Books, or Kastle Kreations Fundraising), you can contact the PTA through the district web site or via Facebook.

Engineer's Corner

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

FY 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application — The Borough was recently awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$350,000 for the Reconstruction of Ocean Avenue from Cambridge Avenue to New Jersey State Highway Route 36. The improvements will include new concrete curb and sidewalk, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2019 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in the spring/summer of 2019.

Reconstruction of Bank Street — The Borough recently completed for the Reconstruction of Bank Street from Florence Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements included new concrete curb and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project was constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program.

Reconstruction of Arlington and Newark Avenue Phase II — The Borough recently completed the Reconstruction of Arlington Avenue and Newark Avenue from Johnson Avenue to Stone Road. The project was funded in part through a grant in the amount of \$210,000.00 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program. The improvements included new concrete curb and sidewalk, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project was constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program.

Reconstruction of St. James Avenue — The Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$173,636.00 from the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of St. James Avenue from Poole Avenue to Tenth Street. The improvements include new concrete curb, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The Borough is waiting on the release of the grant funding from the Federal Government. We anticipate the funding to be released sometime mid October 2018. Since the funding is being released late in the construction season, the project will be constructed as part of the 2019 Roadway Improvement Program. We anticipate construction to begin in early spring 2019.

2018 Turf Maintenance Program — The Borough recently awarded a three-year contract to On Site Landscaping for the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough. This is a continuation of a turf maintenance program started four years ago for the Borough's athletic fields and parks. The Fall application of fertilizer is ongoing.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project — The Governing Body continues to work closely with the State and Army Corps officials to keep this most important project on its current project schedule. The Project Participation Agreement (PPA) between the Federal Government and the State of New Jersey has been signed. The Corps has presented the 90% complete design plans and specifications for Phase I to the State and Borough for review and comment. The Phase I design consists of the beach fill element of the project extending from the westerly most end of the shore front (point) to Flat Creek. The Borough and State will begin shortly contacting those residents immediately adjacent to Phase I limits of the project concerning the acquisition of easements. All easements must be secured prior to the project being advertised for construction bids. We are cautiously optimistic that the easement acquisition process will move quickly so the project can be bid in late 2018 with construction beginning early 2019.

Improvements to Scholer Park — The improvements to Scholer Park continue with the installation of two additional bleachers for the baseball and softball fields. The Borough recently purchased dugout canopies to protect the players from the extreme summer heat for the baseball field. The canopied will be installed in October. Canopies for the softball field will be purchased early 2019 and installed in the spring of 2019.

Reconstruction of Ash Street — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to JADS Construction for the Reconstruction of Ash Street from Broadway to State Street. The improvements will include new concrete curb and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II. We anticipate construction to begin by the end of September.

Reconstruction of State Street — The Borough recently awarded a construction contract to JADS Construction for the Reconstruction of State Street from St Johns Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements will include new concrete curb and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project will be constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II. We anticipate construction to begin by the end of September.

A Message from Mayor Paul J. Smith, Jr.

Hello friends,

I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and are refreshed as we enter the Fall season. Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us.

You may have noticed during the recent months that we have had several road improvements projects going on throughout the borough. We are making improvements on Ash and State Streets along with parts of Seagate and Shore Rd. With the help of grant monies, we were able to do reconstruction of parts of Newark and Arlington along with Bank St. These projects are finishing up as the construction season comes to a close. Thank you for your patience as this work was going on.

On the subject of construction, you will notice that improvements to Borough Hall are in full swing. As with any construction project, there are always challenges to being able to stay on schedule. Our borough professionals are being very diligent to ensure that the project remains as close to "on schedule" as possible. We look forward to being able to offer more of our services to the residents from one building while providing a more secure environment for our workers.

The 2018 budget included, among other items, some additional improvements to the ball fields at Scholer Park. We have added some bleachers for families and friends who come to watch the games along with canopies for the benches arriving soon to give the players some shade.

I am sure that by this time you have all received your new tax bills for the year. I am happy to be able to point out that the portion of your taxes that are used for Municipal purposes, the part that we can control, represents a tax *decrease* again this year. That makes three straight years that the municipal purposes tax rate has been flat or has seen a decrease. I want to thank the Council, our Administrator and our financial professionals who work hard to not place additional tax burdens on you.

Our flood protection project continues to move forward. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes along with meetings with officials on the federal, state and county level. We hope that this preliminary work comes to an end soon so we can see some construction equipment on site. You can follow updates on the project on the borough website.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our July 3rd celebration a success. The Recreation Commission once again did a great job and the fireworks were wonderful! Thanks also go out to the Police Department, Emergency Services and the Department of Public Works. Union Beach was at its best welcoming so many visitors from out of town.

October 13th is the date of the 4th Annual Union Beach Day. Check out the Borough website for more details. www.ubnj.net

Remember that schools are open so please drive carefully.

Keep Smiling!
Paul

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