

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

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Winter 2019

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Please join us at the
Annual Union Beach Reorganization Meeting
Friday, January 4, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Borough Hall, 650 Poole Avenue

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees beginning Wednesday, January 2, through Wednesday, January 30, 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.

Recycling Re-Education

Union Beach residents do a great job of recycling; however, due to changes in the recycling industry, we may need to make some adjustments.

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 plastic bottles that do not have a pourable neck, plastic bags, margarine tubs, diaper wipes containers, yogurt cups, 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.

Borough Meetings and Events

January

- 1 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — New Year's Day
1 (Tuesday) No Garbage Pick-Up in Section A
7 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
8 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
28 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

February

- 4 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
5 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
12 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — Lincoln's Birthday
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Presidents' Day
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

March

- 1 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2019 Spring Newsletter
4 (Monday) PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center
5 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Library
10 (Sunday) Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Ahead at 2 a.m.
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
27 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

Bayshore Sports and Recreation (BSAREC)

The Bayshore Sharks would like to thank the community for all their support during successful Spring & Fall Baseball and Softball seasons. We are now into our third year of Rec Basketball at Memorial School and have over 200 children participating from Pre-K to 8th grade.

We would like to thank the Union Beach Council and Department of Public Works for the improvements and maintenance of the baseball/softball fields as we look forward to future improvements.

Be on the lookout for Spring 2019 baseball and softball registration in late January! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. www.bsarec.com

Borough Phone Numbers

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| 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. | |

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 Spring Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by March 1. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov or faxing 732-264-5829.

Union Beach Board of Health

New Jersey requires that all dogs be registered. Union Beach's registration is in JANUARY. Please use our on-line system, Gov Pilot, available through our web site, www.ubnj.net. Proof of rabies must be uploaded. Rabies *must not* expire prior to October 31, 2019. There are no exceptions as our online service will not permit you to fill out the form otherwise. Payments may now be done electronically. There is an additional \$2.00 service charge *per dog* for this. If you wish your tag(s) mailed, there is an additional \$1.00 charge for postage.

After January 31, a \$15.00 late charge will be added to the registration fee. Borough Ordinance only allows for three (3) dogs per structure. If you no longer have a dog, please notify the Board of Health so records can be updated.

There is no trapping of animals November through April. If you require additional information regarding any Board of Health issues, visit the web site and fill out the report a concern, or call the Board of Health office at 732-264-2365 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

A Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement Office is asking for your cooperation regarding the following issues:

1. Every house must have a house number that is visible from the street.
2. Every empty lot must have a board posted with either the address, or the block and lot numbers, that is visible from the street.
3. Placement of all additional structures, such as sheds and Quonset huts, must be approved by the Zoning Officer.
4. **ALL POOLS** are required by law to be protected with a safety fence around them.
5. Please do not pump any water into the streets, as it will create dangerously icy conditions for both people and vehicles.
6. Please do not put leaves in street curbs. Residents may bring leaves to the Department of Public Works year round. If properly bagged in biodegradable brown bags, they will be picked up curbside in the Fall only. Biodegradable brown bags are available at Public Works, while supplies last.

Thank you for your cooperation and the Code Enforcement Office would like to wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year!

Union Beach Library

The Library Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are scheduled for January 8, February 5 and March 5 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, and has new times: 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 January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, and March 11 & 25.

Gaming Club has a new time — Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27, and March 13 & 27. PlayStation, Wii Consoles, and screens will be available for gaming. Crochet and Craft Club: Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23 and March 9 & 23.

Poetry and Punch Sunday Series (second Sunday of each month): Enjoy a lazy fun-day Sunday with writing at the Library. Up to four hours of poetry exploration, reading, writing, critiquing, and listening with featured poets and open mic. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Come for an hour or four! Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided at no cost. Check our Facebook for upcoming winter dates!

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: New Year's Day, January 1; MLK, Jr. Day, January 21; and Presidents' Day, February 18. Please check our Facebook for closings due to inclement weather.

A Message From the Superintendent of Schools

Happy New Year! Here are a few reminders from Memorial School:

— Breakfast is served in Memorial School every day. If your child has free/reduced lunch, then he or she also has free/reduced breakfast. Please take advantage of this!

— Attendance is extremely important. When we have too many students chronically absent, student learning suffers, as well as our school performance rating. Please be mindful of this, and only keep your child home when he or she is sick.

— Memorial School is accepting donations of non-perishable food items, such as mac and cheese, fruit cups, mini cereal boxes, soups and Chef Boyardee items with ez open tops, pasta, and sauce. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the school.

— Check our web site at unionbeachschools.org, as well as our Facebook page for updates.

Have a happy and healthy 2019!

Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church, 115 St. James Avenue, Union Beach. Our regular Sunday Service starts at 8:30 a.m. 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 Federico Quezada, assisted by Scott Woolley, Lay Leader, and Donna Bondi, SPPRC. All are welcome!

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. Girl Scouts meet Tuesday afternoons, Boy Scouts on Tuesday evenings, and Cub Scouts on Thursday evenings. A yoga group also meets on Wednesday evenings.

All of us at Grace would like to thank everyone who stopped by our table on Union Beach Day! We would also like to thank those who supported our Fall Vendor/Craft Fair and helped to make it a huge success!

Wishing you all a Happy & Blessed New Year!

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

Union Beach PTA

The Union Beach PTA meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial School Media Center. Meetings are scheduled for January 7, February 4, and March 4. The PTA offers free childcare provided by the National Junior Honor Society for parents/guardians attending PTA meetings (no childcare for January meeting).

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: The PTA will be hosting a Son/Guardian Dance on January 2. Please check the Memorial School web site or PTA Facebook for more details. Royal Gourmet Fundraiser kicks off on January 30. Annual Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held on February 27 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during school for students; open to the public 3 to 6 p.m.) and February 28 (open to the public from 3 to 6 p.m.). Adult Paint Palette Party: Date TBD. Check school website site or PTA Facebook for more information.

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

2019 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> | |
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| 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. | | 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 28. | |
| <p><u>Section A — Recycling</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> January 9 & 23 February 6 & 20 March 6 & 20 April 3 & 17 May 1, 15 & 29 June 12 & 26 July 10 & 24 August 7 & 21 September 4 & 18 October 2, 16 & 30 November 13 & 27 December 11 </p> <p>Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS</p> | <p><u>Section A — Bulk</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> January 2, 16 & 30 February 13 & 27 March 13 & 27 April 10 & 24 May 8 & 22 June 5 & 19 July 3, 17 & 31 August 14 & 28 September 11 & 25 October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18 </p> <p>Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)</p> | <p><u>Section B — Recycling</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> January 2, 16 & 30 February 13 & 27 March 13 & 27 April 10 & 24 May 8 & 22 June 5 & 19 July 3, 17 & 31 August 14 & 28 September 11 & 25 October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18 </p> <p>Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS</p> | <p><u>Section B — Bulk</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> January 9 & 23 February 6 & 20 March 6 & 20 April 3 & 17 May 1, 15 & 29 June 12 & 26 July 10 & 24 August 7 & 21 September 4 & 18 October 2, 16 & 30 November 13 & 27 December 11 </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.

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! 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 29 to December 26, 2019. 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.

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 noon. National Honor Society tutors will be available to help with any subjects with which your child may be struggling. No tutoring on January 19 and February 19. Book Club is to be held the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Beach Library. Upcoming dates: January 31, February 28, and March 28. The sixth annual Valentine's Family Dance is February 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Union Gardens Fire House. The Bayshore Family Success Center is always looking for people to join our Community Advisor Committee. For more information, contact Alicia Moresco at amoresco@cymca.org.

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

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 curbs and sidewalks, 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 Ash Street — The Borough recently completed the Reconstruction of Ash Street from Broadway to State Street. The improvements included new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project was constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II.

Reconstruction of State Street — The Borough recently completed the Reconstruction of State Street from St. Johns Avenue to the westerly terminus. The improvements included new concrete curbs and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The project was constructed as part of the 2018 Roadway Improvement Program Phase II.

FY 2019 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application — The Borough recently submitted a grant application to 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 will include new concrete curbs and sidewalks, drainage and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway.

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 curbs, drainage, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. The Borough was recently notified by the CDBG that the grant funding has been released by the Federal Government. Since the funding was released late in the construction season, the project will now 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's Turf Maintenance Contractor continues with 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 winterization of the turf areas is now completed. Spring application is scheduled to begin in April, weather permitting.

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 final design plans and specifications for Phase I. 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 Borough has completed the preparation of easement maps for the properties affected by the Phase I project. The Borough will begin shortly contacting those residents concerning the acquisition of easements. It is important that these easements be obtained in a timely fashion so as not to delay the project further. 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 the near future.

Improvements to Scholer Park — The improvements to Scholer Park continue with the installation of two additional bleachers for the baseball and softball fields and the installation of dugout canopies on the baseball field to protect the players from the extreme summer heat. Canopies for the softball field will be purchased early 2019 and installed prior to the beginning of the Spring softball season.

FY 2019 Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program — The Borough recently submitted a grant application to the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program for the installation of Sports Lighting at the Helen Hayes Park Soccer Fields. If successful, we anticipate construction to begin in the Spring/Summer of 2019.

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 4th at 6:00 pm at Borough Hall. At that time we will swear in re-elected council members Albin Wicki and Charlie Cocuzza 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 hours. 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 2018:

- Road Reconstruction projects 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 on parts of Newark and Arlington along with Bank St.
- Continued with additional improvements to Scholer Park. Bleachers have been added as well as canopies for the players on the baseball field.
- Our Army Corps of Engineers flood protection project moves closer to construction. An enormous amount of preliminary work is required before the heavy equipment is able to roll out.
- The Borough Hall expansion project is well underway. We have acquired the property adjacent to Borough Hall as part of the project.

Plans for 2019:

- Road Reconstruction Projects to be partially funded by NJDOT Grant (Ocean Avenue from Route 36 to Cambridge Avenue) and Community Development Block Grant (St. James Avenue)
- Completion of the expansion of Borough Hall by late summer
- Installation of lights on the Helen Hayes Park Soccer Fields
- Continue to address the numerous abandoned properties in the borough.

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 storms. 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 2019.

I wish each and everyone of you a happy and healthy 2019.

Keep Smiling!

Paul

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