

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Autumn 2024

Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

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

Councilman Louis Riccardi
Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche
Councilwoman Eileen Woodruff

Election Information

General Election date is ***Tuesday, November 5.*** Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

October 15 is the voter registration deadline for the General Election.

October 26 to November 3 is the early voting period. (Starts on the 10th calendar day before a general election and ends on the second calendar day before that general election.) Monmouth County will have specifically designated in-person early voting locations. Voters can go to any of these locations during the early voting period to vote, regardless of the municipality in which they reside.

October 29 is the deadline to apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Mail for the General Election.

ATTENTION: POLLING DISTRICT 5 HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY RELOCATED!

To All Residents in Polling District 5: Polling District 5 has been moved from the Harris Gardens Fire Department to the Union Beach Fire Company No. 1 located at 1110 Union Avenue.

<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	Union Beach Memorial Library	810 Union Avenue
2	Union Hose Fire Company	1224 Florence Avenue
3	Borough Hall-Council Chambers	650 Poole Avenue
4	Borough Hall-Seniors' Room	650 Poole Avenue
5	Union Beach Fire Company No. 1	1110 Union Avenue

Color the World Orange — November 4, 2024

As proclaimed by Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza, Monday, November 4, 2024 is "Color the World Orange Day" in the Borough of Union Beach. This day is being celebrated throughout the United States and many 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 Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD). Wear orange on November 4 to show your support! Visit: www.colortheworldorangeday.com

Please check the Borough's web site www.ubnj.net to find answers to your questions, in addition to valuable information about what is going on in our community.

*** 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

October

- 8 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
9 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
10 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Columbus Day
15 (Tuesday) Deadline to Register for General Election
17 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
19 (Saturday) Fall Festival from 1 to 4 p.m. at Scholer Park/Rain Date: 10/20
20 (Sunday) UB5K Race starting at 9 a.m.
21 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
22 (Tuesday) Leaf Collection Begins in Section B
23 (Wednesday) Leaf Collection Begins in Section A
26 (Saturday) Early Voting Period Begins for General Election
28 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
29 (Tuesday) Deadline to Apply for Mail-In Ballot by Mail for General Election
30 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

November

- 4 (Monday) Color the World Orange for CRPS/RSD Awareness
5 (Tuesday) General Election Day (Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
5 (Tuesday) Borough Offices Closed — General Election Day
9 (Saturday) Free Rabies Clinic at 10 a.m. at 1400 Florence Avenue (DPW)
11 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Veterans' Day
12 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
13 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
18 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
22 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2025 Winter Newsletter
25 (Monday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Monday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
28 (Thursday) Borough Offices Closed — Thanksgiving Day
28 (Thursday) No Garbage Pick-Up in Section B
29 (Friday) Borough Offices Closed — Day After Thanksgiving

December

- 1 (Sunday) Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. at Scholer Park/Rain Date: 12/8
10 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 6:30 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 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
16 (Monday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Tuesday) Last day for leaf pick-up in Section B
18 (Wednesday) Last day for leaf pick-up in Section A
19 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
25 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — Christmas Day
25 (Wednesday) No Recycling Pick-Up in Section B
28 (Saturday) Recycling Pick-Up in Section B

- ** More information on many of these events can be found throughout this Newsletter.
** Please check the Borough's web site, ubnj.net, as well as the web sites and social media pages of each separate organization for updates regarding cancellations.

Borough Phone Numbers

FIRE	911
FIRST AID	911
POLICE	(732) 264-0313
Chief Michael Woodrow	
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-3026
Robert M. Howard, Jr.	
HUMAN RESOURCES	(732) 264-5611
Paula Cavalier	
HEALTH OFFICE	(732) 264-2365
SPCA of MONMOUTH CNTY	(732) 383-1090
SEWER DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-5657
Alice Ostervich	
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	(732) 264-9029
Michael Pennell	
BOROUGH CLERK	(732) 264-2277
Alexandra Sweeney	
Dawn Gambacorto	
TAX ASSESSOR	(732) 264-2360
Michael DelRe	
COURT ADMINISTRATOR	(732) 264-9098
Sharon Devaney	
TAX COLLECTOR	(732) 264-5662
Desiree Durkin	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. & RECYCLING CENTER	(732) 264-1133
Ronald Burkhardt	
Mary E. Mancini	
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	(732) 739-1503
Laurette Wade	
CODE ENFORCER	(732) 526-8686
Amado Bencosme, Jr.	
CONSTRUCTION DEPT.	(732) 526-8687
Timothy Davis	
RECREATION	
"Union Beach Recreation" on Facebook	
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) 850-6103
Michael DeRupo	

NJ AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

1-800-652-6987

NJ NATURAL GAS COMPANY

1-800-GAS LEAK

JCP&L

1-800-662-3115

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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

Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the 2025 Winter Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by November 22. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov.

Clean Communities Day

We would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to our Clean Communities Day on Saturday, September 28. Details of the day will follow in the next Newsletter.

Code Red Emergency Notifications

With the winter months approaching, consider enrolling in the Borough's Code Red notification system. All residents may register their phone numbers, both landline and cellular, to receive emergency notifications and critical community alerts. To opt in or out, please go to www.ubnj.net and click on the link for "Code Red."

Leaf Collection Program

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. 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. If you are in Section B with a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up, leaves will be collected on Tuesdays. The last pick-ups will take place on Tuesday, December 17 and Wednesday, December 18, 2024. We ask that you please understand if weather prevents us from picking up leaves.

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, or picked up (while supplies last) at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue. 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.

All services of the Union Beach Department of Public Works/Recycling Center are available to Union Beach residents only. Please come to the office and be prepared to show your identification before dropping off any type of recyclables.

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

Greetings Union Beach! We hope you enjoyed the great outdoors over the wonderful summer; it truly was a busy, hot, and exciting one! That said, school is in session, which equates to an exponential increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic. As always, please remain extra vigilant when driving. We work very closely with our school administration and support staff to ensure the safest environment possible — as we are directly involved in the traffic and security plan with our school partners.

In case of an emergency, or if you simply have a concern, please call us at 732-264-0313. The UBPD handles on average 12,000 calls for service per annum; all are handled with the same amount of care and due diligence.

Please follow us, as well, on our social media site(s) to stay informed: Facebook, Instagram, Web Site, etc. As I've said before, we truly live in the best community in the State, not just due to the scenic beauty and atmosphere, but most importantly, due to the residents!

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

Appliance, Metal, Leaf & Christmas Tree Pick-Up

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

SPECIAL RECYCLING PICK-UPS

There will be **NO** recycling pick-up for Section B on Wednesday, December 25 and **NO** recycling pick-up for Section A on January 1, 2025. The recycling pick-up for Section B, which would fall on Wednesday December 25, will now take place on Saturday, December 28. The recycling pick-up for Section A, which would fall on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, will now take place on Saturday, January 4, 2025. As always, please put all containers at the curb the night before. Please see calendar included on Page 8 of this Newsletter.

Food Donation Drop-Off at DPW

The Union Beach Department of Public Works will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items. All donations will be brought to the Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry. Please consider making a donation, especially if you're dropping off recycling! Items which are always needed include: pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly and cereal. Please make sure all items are not past their expiration dates. Let's make sure that no one in our community goes hungry!

If you wish to donate perishable items, please call Natalie directly at 732-888-1986.

Recycling — Did You Know?

Did you know that "Terrible Tangles" need to be kept out of your curbside recycling?

Terrible tangles include hoses, cords, clothing, plastic bags, etc. These items are not collected in curbside recycling programs as they will jam recycling processing equipment thereby grinding recycling center operations to a halt! Learn more about recycling at www.recycle.nj.gov.

Disposal of Branches/Brush/Grass Clippings

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

Union Beach Library

Happy Fall!!! The Library Association is open to all residents; we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Your presence is vital to our future. Please consider spending an hour, at the most, to help develop ideas for our Library.

Upcoming events: November 6 to December 7, we will be having gift baskets available. A \$5 donation gives you three (3) chances for your name to be drawn. November 11 the Library will be holding a special Veterans' Day event! A collection will be made for the residents in Union Beach/Hazlet who are serving overseas and will be presented to the groups that mail these care packages for Christmas! Steve Lyons, People's Landscaping, will be selling Christmas Trees this year on our lot, and graciously gives us a percentage of the sales! Thank you Steve!

Santa arrives December 7 from 12 to 2 p.m. for pictures and the gift baskets will be given away at 1:30 p.m. Finally, "Scrooge" will be presented by Traveling Lantern, December 16 at 4 p.m. This is our third year having this group and it is a wonderful experience. While all events are free, we are grateful for any donation given any time! Thank you!

*** PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES ***

2023 Tax Sale

The Union Beach Tax Sale for the 2023 delinquencies will be held the morning of Friday, October 11, 2024. The latest payment that can be made to be removed from the sale would be 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Please refer to your notices for more information or contact the Tax Collector.

Union Beach Board of Health

Union Beach Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic will be held at the Department of Public Works located at 1400 Florence Avenue on Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All dogs must be on leashes and all cats must be in carriers. Please bring your most recent rabies vaccination certificate.

Dog registration for 2025 begins November 15. The cost is \$10 for spayed/neutered, \$13 for non-spayed/neutered. The rabies vaccination must be valid through October 31, 2025.

For critter issues, please call SPCA Animal Control at 732-383-1090.

Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry

We continue to be very busy at the pantry ... with the high cost of food, children being home for the summer vacation, and the high cost of living in general, we have been serving many more families over the last few months.

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

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

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

Memorial School

Happy Fall!

Classes at Memorial School began on Friday, September 6. We are excited for another great school year! Here are some updates from Memorial School:

- We have updated our Language Arts and Mathematics Curriculum in accordance with the new state standards.
- We have hired a preschool instruction coach, which is fully funded through our PEA preschool funding.
- We are finishing construction on our HVAC project through the Energy Savings Incentive Program, which allowed the school district to install new boilers, lights, and heating/cooling units with most of it being paid with federal funds, rebates, and incentives.
- Legislation that was passed in May has allowed our district to increase the school tax levy from its generally allowed 2% to 9.9%. As a result our school district's tax levy will now increase an additional \$546,336 from what was originally anticipated when the first draft of the budget was developed.

Please be reminded that we have free, full day preschool for 3- and 4-year olds, which is fully funded through New Jersey's PEA program. If you are new to the community and would like to register your preschool through 8th grade student, please visit the district web site at www.unionbeachschools.org. New residents wishing to enroll their child in high school can call 732-264-5405 for more information.

Please check the web site regularly for updated and information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Lewert. She is always available via telephone at 732-264-5405 or via email at alewert@unionbeachschools.org.

Message from the Code Enforcement Office

The Code Enforcement office would like to thank all those residents who are helping to keep our town looking beautiful.

With the cold weather approaching, we are asking for help with the following items:

1. Please be sure **NOT** to pump or direct water immediately on to Borough streets, as this can cause icy and hazardous situations for pedestrians and vehicles alike. Please be sure to run the water into your yard first.
2. Please ensure that during this Fall season, all leaves are being picked up and properly discarded. Do not blow leaves into storm drains or onto neighboring properties.
3. For all homes that have sidewalks, please be sure to clean all snow and ice off of them within 48 hours.

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

Grace United Methodist Church

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church located at 115 St. James Ave. in Union Beach. Our weekly Sunday services start at 9 a.m. led by Pastor Gene Chamberlin. Scott Woolley, Certified Lay Speaker, and Donna Bondi, Lay Servant, assist during our services, as well as our acolytes. Our Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior at our traditional Christmas Eve service, which will be held at 7 p.m. All are welcome! Our service is live-streamed on our Facebook page.

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

We hold various fundraisers throughout the year. Our annual Mickman Brothers wreath fundraiser will be in mid-September. Wreaths and other evergreen products can be preordered and arrive the Friday after Thanksgiving. Our Boscov's fundraiser will be starting soon. For a \$5 donation, you receive a 25% off shopping pass that is good throughout the Boscov's store on October 22. Watch our Facebook page for information on our Christmas Trinket or Treasure event and on other fundraisers that are upcoming!

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

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

If you are in need of prayers for yourself, or anyone else, please contact the church and we will add your request to our prayer list. Pastor Gene will be happy to speak to anyone in need. He will also begin holding office hours on Wednesdays in the near future. If you would like to arrange an appointment to meet with him, please call the church and leave a message. You can contact the church at 732-264-0916 to leave your information. Our email address is GraceUnitedMeth@optonline.net. Please follow us on Facebook at Grace UMC Union Beach.

As always, we ask for God's Blessings on all who are reading this, your families and friends, our first responders, and our men and women serving in our Armed Forces. We keep all of our children in our prayers. We ask that He cover all of us with peace, love and protection. We pray for peace on earth! May God bless everyone in 2025! Happy New Year!

Electronics Recycling

Public Works will continue to accept electronics from Union Beach residents **ONLY**. By law, television sets and computer components must be recycled. Each address will be restricted to the disposal of three television sets per calendar year. Proof of residency must be provided.

Union Beach Recreation

Fourth Annual Fall Festival — Saturday, October 19

Fall is here and we are ready to CELEBRATE! Union Beach Recreation is proud to announce our fourth annual Fall Festival from 1 to 4 p.m. at Scholer Park. Shop a wide array of local craft and merchandise vendors and get a bite to eat at a food truck! Children are invited to pick a pumpkin to decorate free of charge and enjoy other festive offerings for an additional charge. Bring the whole family to help kick off the Fall Season! For more information, please head to the Union Beach Recreation Facebook or Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Rain Date: Sunday, October 20.

Interested in becoming a food or merchandise vendor? Please email UBRec@unionbeachnj.gov.

Third Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest!

Does your haunted Halloween home have what it takes to be reigning champion of our third annual Halloween Decorating Contest?! Break out your skeletons, cobwebs, and pumpkins to compete in our town-wide Halloween Decorating Contest! Entering is a SCREAM: Head to our social media accounts and fill out the Google Form with your information to be entered. Don't decorate for Halloween? Enter a neighbor who is deserving! Members of the Union Beach Recreation Commission will judge homes the week before Halloween, and winners will be announced on our social media accounts. Three winners will be selected for a chance at First, Second, and Third Place! May the most SPOOKTACULAR home win!

Annual Tree Lighting and Visit from Santa — Sunday, December 1

Join UBRC for the most magical time of the year as we light the town Christmas Tree and welcome in the season with the big man himself: SANTA! The fun begins at 6 p.m. at Scholer Park. Ring in the Holiday Season by lighting the tree and getting a picture with Santa Claus after he rides in on his fire truck! For more information, please head to the Union Beach Recreation Facebook or Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Rain Date: Sunday, December 8.

Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest!

Does your house rival Clark Griswold's?! Put your lighting skills to the test with the Annual Union Beach Recreation Commission House Decorating Contest! Enter a town-wide Holiday Decorating Contest for a chance to win prizes! Entering is easy: Head to our social media accounts and fill out the Google Form with your information to be entered. Don't decorate for Christmas? Enter a neighbor who is deserving! Members of the Union Beach Recreation Commission will judge homes throughout December and winners will be announced on our social media accounts and honored at the Union Beach Reorganization Meeting in January. Three winners will be selected for a chance at First, Second, and Third Place! May the most festive home win!

Stay up to date with all of our upcoming events! Make sure to LIKE us on Facebook: Union Beach Recreation and FOLLOW us on Instagram @UnionBeachRecreation. Questions or concerns? Email us: UBREC@unionbeachnj.gov

Bayshore Family Success Center

Please go to the Borough's web site at www.ubnj.net, and click on Community to find the "Bayshore Family Success Center." You can find all their upcoming events, along with the flyers for any Zoom links and QR codes for registration (and more) for our residents to attend in the Bayshore area.

Every second Tuesday of the month, at 1 p.m., on Zoom, they hold a Grandparents' Group that helps you support the special role you play in your grandchild's life.

The BFSC also holds a Monthly Baby Pantry, which includes diapers, wipes, and formula. It is located at the Church of St. Ann (311 Carr Avenue) in Keansburg, every third Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. It is also located at the Bayshore Family Success Center (945 St. Route 36) every first Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You must pre-register.

2024/2025 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, 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 no will be pick-up on Thursday, November 28.	
<u>Section A — Recycling</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:	<u>Section A — Bulk</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:	<u>Section B — Recycling</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:	<u>Section B — Bulk</u> Pick-up is scheduled on the following Wednesdays:
September 11 & 25 October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18	September 4 & 18 October 2, 16 & 30 November 13 & 27 December 11	September 4 & 18 October 2, 16 & 30 November 13 & 27 December 11 & 28 (Sat)	September 11 & 25 October 9 & 23 November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18
<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>
January 4 (Sat), 15 & 29 February 12 & 26 March 12 & 26	January 8 & 22 February 5 & 19 March 5 & 19	January 8 & 22 February 5 & 19 March 5 & 19	January 15 & 29 February 12 & 26 March 12 & 26
Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS	Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)	Includes cans & bottles, bundled cardboard, bundled newspaper-NO PLASTIC BAGS	Includes wooden furniture, mattresses, couches, other plastics (3 items per pick-up)

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 more information regarding any of this. If you are putting out a refrigerator, all doors must be removed.

Engineer's Corner

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

Reconstruction of Eighth Street — Fiore Paving recently completed the Reconstruction of Eighth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements included the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs and sidewalks, where it exists today, and a reconstruction of the existing roadway surface. The project was part of the 2024 Roadway Improvement Program.

Roadway Improvements Park Avenue-Phase II — Fiore Paving recently completed the Roadway and Drainage Improvements along Park Avenue from Pine Street to the Flat Creek Bridge, as part of the 2024 Roadway Improvement Program. The improvements included the installation of drainage, replacement of certain sections of concrete curbs and sidewalks, installation of ADA compliant sidewalk ramps at the intersections, elevating the low area near the bridge to minimize nuisance flooding, and the milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. The project was funded in part through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program in the amount of \$314,292.

Scholer Park Improvements-Phase IX — Shoretop Construction recently completed Scholer Park Improvements Phase IX. The improvements include the installation of a lighted walking trail and the construction of three (3) Pickleball Courts. The project was funded in part through a grant in the amount of \$125,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Program.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project — The construction contract of Phase I of the multi-phased shore protection project is now completed and the beach is open to the public. The project included the construction of an easterly and westerly terminal stone groin, the installation of approximately 600,000 cy of sand extending from the westerly stone groin to the easterly stone groin at Flat Creek. The contractor will be planting the remaining sections of dune grass in the Fall of 2024. The easterly staging area will be restored with landscaping in the Fall. The Corps continues with the design plans for the remaining phases of the project.

2024 Monmouth County Community Development Grant Application — The Borough has submitted a grant application to the Monmouth County Community Development Grant Program for the Reconstruction of Fifth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street. The improvements will include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs, and a total reconstruction of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to be part of a future Roadway Improvement Program.

2025 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant — The Borough submitted a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Program for the milling and repaving of Park Avenue Phase III from the Flat Creek Bridge east to Union Avenue. The improvements will include the installation of certain drainage, installation of certain sections of new concrete curbs and sidewalks, and milling and resurfacing of the existing roadway. If successful, we anticipate construction to be part of the 2025 Roadway Improvement Program.

2024 Turf Maintenance Program — On-Site Landscape continues with the first year of a three-year contract for the Turf Maintenance Program for all ball fields, parks, and open space areas throughout the Borough. The Turf Maintenance Program includes the fertilization and treatment of all athletic fields and common grassed areas within the Borough.

A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Dear Friends,

As the summer season winds down, I hope everyone had a chance to use the new bayfront beach area that is part of the Army Corps flood protection project for the borough. Whether for sunbathing or a pleasant stroll on the sand or walkway, the extended beach and sand dune provide added enjoyment and represents Phase 1 of the overall Corps project. We believe our first season went well and we hope to continue improving the area with what was learned from our experiences this year.

Our 2024 Capital Improvement projects have also made an impact. Scholer Park has seen the addition of a lighted walking trail along the outside of the ballfields and the skateboard park has been converted to three (3) pickleball courts. Park Avenue, Phase 2 has been completed with concrete repairs and a 'mill & pave' from Pine Street to the bridge over Flat Creek which will greatly minimize the street flooding during storm events and moon high tides. 8th Street between Florence Avenue and Pine Street received a complete reconstruction. Funding for some of this work was supplemented by grants from Monmouth County Open Space and NJ Department of Transportation. Also, NJ Natural Gas Company milled and paved half-width portions of four (4) streets that recently received extensive utility work.

The cooler autumn months will have many community events taking place. Please check our website and signboard for details as plans are finalized. With our children back in school, we ask that all our residents be aware while driving as the students travel to and from Memorial School.

Our community has a dedicated group of first responders, volunteers and employees working with our Borough Council. Their efforts and dedication are truly appreciated. May they all remain safe.

God bless all & be safe!
Charlie

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