

The Borough of Union Beach

Newsletter

"The Best Little Town in New Jersey"

Winter 2025

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Annual Reorganization Meeting

Please join us at the Annual Union Beach Reorganization Meeting on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, 650 Poole Avenue. All are welcome to attend!

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas Tree pick-up will begin January 7, 2025, following the same schedule as used for leaf pick-up. Section A will be picked up on Wednesdays; Section B will be picked-up on Tuesdays through the end of the month. Final pick-ups will take place on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 and Wednesday, January 29, 2025. We ask that you please understand if weather prevents us from picking up trees.

Clean Communities Day

While it was a cold and rainy day, three groups showed up at our Clean Communities Day on September 28. A fourth group did a clean-up in the weeks following. All together, 42 volunteers collected over 200 pounds of garbage! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Another big thank you to Wawa Store #8417 for their contribution of bottled water for our volunteers. It was, once again, greatly appreciated. Mini-grants were distributed at the November 25 Borough Council Meeting to the four groups that participated. They were: Blackbaud, Cedar Hill Prep School, Girl Scout Troop 60003, Grace United Methodist Church.

Special thanks to the three employees from the Department of Public Works who volunteered their time to help out that day: Daniel Long, Brian Maher, and Joe Van Orden. Also thanks to Monmouth County's Clean Communities Coordinator, Anthony Morrell for being there to take the trash and have it weighed for us!

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

January

- 3 (Friday) Annual Reorganization Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Borough Hall
4 (Saturday) Special Recycling Pick-up in Section A
7 (Tuesday) Christmas Tree Pick-up Begins in Section B
8 (Wednesday) Christmas Tree Pick-up Begins in Section A
8 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
9 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
14 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
16 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
27 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
28 (Tuesday) Final Christmas Tree Pick-up in Section B
29 (Wednesday) Final Christmas Tree Pick-up in Section A
29 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

February

- 11 (Tuesday) Library Association Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Library
12 (Wednesday) Borough Offices Closed — Lincoln's Birthday
12 (Wednesday) Community Alliance Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
13 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Agenda Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
17 (Monday) Borough Offices Closed — Presidents' Day
17 (Monday) Board of Health Meeting at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall
20 (Thursday) Mayor & Council Public Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
21 (Friday) Deadline for Submission to 2025 Spring Newsletter
24 (Monday) Recreation Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall
26 (Wednesday) Planning Board Meeting at 7 p.m. in Borough Hall

March

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** 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.

Happy New Year!!!

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. | |
| 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 Spring Issue of the Borough of Union Beach Newsletter are due by February 21. All submissions should be sent in writing to Mary Mancini, Department of Public Works by emailing memancini@unionbeachnj.gov.

SPECIAL RECYCLING PICK-UP

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.

American Legion Post 321

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for happenings at the Post. Please consider joining our units. The **American Legion** membership is open to all Veterans, whether or not you were in a combat zone. All current, active-duty military are eligible to join. The **Sons of the American Legion** membership is open to males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. Military and were eligible for American Legion Membership. **American Legion Auxiliary** membership is open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, and spouses of veterans who were eligible for membership in the American Legion. Stop by the Post if you have any questions about membership.

Food Donation Drop-Off at DPW

The Union Beach Department of Public Works is still 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.

Dumpster/Storage Container Permits

EVERY dumpster and container used in the Borough of Union Beach **MUST** have a proper permit. All dumpsters/containers **MUST** be placed on property. Special permission to use the street may be given in extreme cases only. Permits cost \$30 and are good for thirty (30) days. For more information, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 732-526-8686.

Recycling — Did You Know?

Municipalities in Monmouth County generate tons of garbage each year. Most of it is transported to the Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls, where it will stay forever. Special steps are taken to make sure that odor, pests and generated gases are controlled and that fluid run-off does not pollute our groundwater.

Currently, only about 63% of the garbage in Monmouth County is recycled. While some people feel that recycling is not worth the time, recyclable items do NOT go to the landfill, which saves money and protects the environment. Recycled items can also be made into new products.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located in Tinton Falls. The phone number is 732-683-8686. Always call before you go, as their hours change daily. This is where residents can take many items that are not picked up curbside, and are not accepted at the Recycling Center in Union Beach. Some of things they accept are: fire extinguishers, propane tanks, household chemicals, etc. Remember, latex paint containers become regular garbage once they are completely dried up.

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

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Union Beach Police Department, "HAPPY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY UNION BEACH!" Quite an epic milestone and cause for celebration!

To kick-off the UBPD's 100th year celebration, we are extremely proud and humbled to announce the world's largest professional association for police leaders — the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) — which has over 31,000 members in over 165 countries (on all 7 continents) — has chosen to "spotlight" the Union Beach Police Department in its global "Police Chief" magazine (December 2024 issue).

The spotlight article highlights the UBPD policy's and initiatives, centennial anniversary and includes, as well, the recent collaboration between Brookdale College and UBPD regarding the restoration of our 1966 Chrysler Newport police car by the BCC students. (The '66 is dedicated to the memory of UBPD Det. Cpl. Timothy Kelly, Jr. and is now identified with the call sign TK-31.)

The global magazine is presently being distributed to police departments, as mentioned, in over 165 countries and on all 7 continents. We are now truly part of a global celebration! Copies will be at Headquarters for our residents and the public to read. We are also honored to announce we are in receipt of congratulatory centennial letters from our law enforcement partners across the USA, and the globe, that we have worked with over the last 100 years. They will be on display at HQ, as well as an anthology for reference.

Many great community events will be taking place in our gorgeous town throughout the year; all are encouraged and welcome to attend! We recommend you follow our official social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, web site, etc.) to keep abreast of the various community events and general police news. As always, please contact us directly at 732-264-0313 if you have any questions, concerns, or emergencies.

With the change of season(s) come roadway challenges. Just a reminder from the UBPD—Traffic Safety Bureau to keep roadways clear of obstacles (i.e., portable basketball hoops, hockey nets, garbage cans, etc.) so that our hard working Union Beach Department of Public Works (UBDPW) team can safely and efficiently keep the roadways free and clear in the event of inclement weather (snow); the UBDPW covers over 25.6 miles of roadway in our two (2) square mile area. Please also continue to use due caution at Memorial Elementary School, especially during drop-off and pick-up times. In the event you observe careless driving, please advise a police officer so as to address the issue immediately.

The UBPD handles nearly 12,000 calls for service per annum. Our dedicated, professional, and devoted police officers are equipped and trained to handle any given situation that presents itself; no job is too big or too small. Although the UBPD has been recognized internationally for "policing excellence" it is the accolades we receive from our residents on a daily basis that are most important. Union Beach truly is the best place to reside anywhere, not only due to the gorgeous ecosystem we inhabit, but once again, due to the people that reside here.

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 from the end of October until mid-December. Christmas Trees are picked up weekly in January. Bulk items will be picked up by our contractor according to the 2025 Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar.

2025 TRASH AND RECYCLING 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, 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 27 and Thursday, December 25. | |
| <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: |
| January 15 & 29 February 12 & 26 March 12 & 26 April 9 & 23 May 7 & 21 June 4 & 18 July 2, 16 & 30 August 13 & 27 September 10 & 24 October 8 & 22 November 5 & 19 December 3, 17, & 31 | January 8 & 22 February 5 & 19 March 5 & 19 April 2, 16, & 30 May 14 & 28 June 11 & 25 July 9 & 23 August 6 & 20 September 3 & 17 October 1, 15 & 29 November 12 & 26 December 10 & 24 | January 8 & 22 February 5 & 19 March 5 & 19 April 2, 16, & 30 May 14 & 28 June 11 & 25 July 9 & 23 August 6 & 20 September 3 & 17 October 1, 15 & 29 November 12 & 26 December 10 & 24 | January 15 & 29 February 12 & 26 March 12 & 26 April 9 & 23 May 7 & 21 June 4 & 18 July 2, 16 & 30 August 13 & 27 September 10 & 24 October 8 & 22 November 5 & 19 December 3, 17, & 31 |
| 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 information regarding any of this. If you are putting out a refrigerator, all doors must be removed.

2025 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

April 1 - November 1
(weather permitting)

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

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

Union Beach Board of Health

January is "Dog Licensing Month." It is a state law that all dogs be licensed. Registration for a dog license is now available on our web site at ubnj.net, or in person at Borough Hall. To register your dog, the rabies vaccine must be up to date. The rabies vaccination must be valid through October 31, 2025.

The cost is \$10 for neutered/spayed or \$13 for non-neutered/spayed dogs. There is a late fee of \$15 per dog beginning February 1, 2025. If you no longer have your dog, please advise the Board of Health. For critter issues, please call the SPCA at 732-383-1090.

Tenant Landlord Registration is required to be renewed on an annual basis. All Union Beach rental property owners, MUST be registered through the Borough's web site on ubnj.net on the front page icon at "**Tenant Landlord Registration**" or in person at Borough Hall. The annual registration is \$50, and must be completed by February 15, 2025. Call 732-264-2277 with any questions.

Business/Rental Insurance is required to be renewed on an annual basis. All Union Beach rental property owners, and any business with any on-site visitors, MUST be registered through the Borough's web site ubnj.net on the front page icon at "**Business/Rental Insurance**" or in person at Borough Hall. The annual registration is \$25, and must be completed by March 1, 2025. Reminder: Submit a copy of proof of insurance any time the policy expires. Call 732-264-2277 with any questions.

Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry

The Keyport Food Pantry is located at 42 Elizabeth Street in Keyport, 732-888-1986. We are open for food distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Follow us on Facebook: Keyport Ministerium Food Pantry.

We are always in need of non-perishable food items such as: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, vegetables, canned fruit, and soup. Drop donations at the pantry Monday, Wednesday and Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday between 12 and 4 p.m.

To sign up to receive food, bring a photo ID, with your address listed, on Tuesday and Thursday between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

To all those who have helped us out, thank you! Without you, we couldn't do what we do.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, New Year!

Memorial School

On February 1, 2025, preschool registration for next school year (2025-2026) will begin. Any 3- or 4-year-old resident is eligible for free full-day preschool. The child must live in Union Beach to be eligible for our preschool program. Please check the web site at www.unionbeachschools.org for the registration forms or call the nurse at 732-264-5420 for more information.

As we move into the winter weather, please be reminded that sidewalks should be cleared of snow. We want our students to be able to walk to school and/or wait for their school bus safely.

Residency Fraud is a serious issue affecting school districts across New Jersey. Questions of residency will be thoroughly investigated by the Union Beach School District.

Those families committing residency fraud are liable for fines and back tuition costs for their children. If you think you know someone who does not live in Union Beach and their child(ren) attend Memorial School or high school, please contact Kristin Laux at klaux@unionbeachschools.org or 732-739-3092 or Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Union Beach's School District, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Lewert at 732-264-5405. She is always happy to answer any questions you may have.

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 clean and beautiful.

We are asking for help with the following items during the winter season:

1. Please be sure **NOT** to pump or direct water onto the street, as this can create hazardous conditions. Please run it into your yard first.
2. For all properties that have sidewalks, please be sure to clean all snow and ice within 48 hours.
3. All homes and empty lots must be identified with an address number. This information should be in a conspicuous location that is visible from the street.

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

Grace United Methodist Church

Grace United Methodist Church is located at 115 St. James Ave. in Union Beach. We welcome everyone. If you would like to be part of a small, friendly group of people, try us out! 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. If you are unable to attend in person, our service is live-streamed on our Facebook page. Our community outreach programs include NA groups that meet every Sunday and Monday evening, and a yoga group that meets on Wednesday evenings. 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. Watch our Facebook page for information on any of our upcoming events. We are still accepting gently used clothing, shoes, and towels/sheets/linens, as well as stuffed toys, 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 anything pertaining to Grace, including pictures, please contact the church. We will make copies and return any originals to you.

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. You can contact the church at 732-264-0916 to leave your information, and someone will return your call. 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! God Bless!

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.

Engineer's Corner

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

Reconstruction of Fifth Street

The Reconstruction of Fifth Street from Florence Avenue to Pine Street — The improvements include the installation of drainage, new concrete curbs, and sidewalks, where it exists today, and a reconstruction of the existing roadway surface. We anticipate the project to be included in the 2025 Roadway Improvement Program.

Scholer Park Improvements Phase X

The Borough received a grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the Monmouth County Open Space Grant program for Scholer Park Improvements Phase X. The improvements include the installation of Sports Lighting at existing ball fields. We anticipate the construction to begin late Spring 2025.

Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control Project

The construction contract for Phase I of the multi phased shore protection project is completed and the beach was open to the public early 2024. The contractor will be planting the remaining sections of dune grass in early Winter of 2024/2025. The Corps continues with the design plans for the remaining phases of the project. The design plans for Phase II are scheduled to be completed in early 2027.

2025 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant

The Borough was awarded a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant program in the amount of \$217,456 for the Roadway and Drainage Improvements along Park Avenue from the Flat Creek Bridge 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. We anticipate the project to be included in the 2025 Roadway Improvement Program.

2025 Turf Maintenance Program

On-Site Landscape continues in the Spring of 2025 with the second 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.

Union Beach Library

Happy New Year to all! The Library hours are Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Wednesday and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. We are adding new items to our children's section: toys for toddlers!

Our Association meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; we need new members to provide us with new enthusiasm. Check out ubnj.net under the Community tab to see our monthly newsletter and up to date information.

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."

A Message from Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and memorable Holiday Season with friends and family.

Our annual Reorganization Meeting will take place on Friday, January 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. At that time, we will be administering the oath of office to our many volunteers and professional staff, as well as our Re-elected Council members, Albin J. Wicki and Eileen Woodruff. This meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

As many of us do in our personal lives, as we begin the New Year, I would like to look back on the accomplishments of the past year and some of the plans we have in store for the New Year.

Highlights of 2024:

- Phase One of the Army Corps of Engineers Flood Protection Project at the beachfront was completed in time for the summer season.
- Concrete repair and repaving of Park Avenue, Phase II from Pine Street to the bridge deck over Flat Creek was completed. This included raising a portion of the roadway between Spruce Street and the bridge deck to minimize road closures due to flooding.
- Reconstruction of 8th Street between Florence Ave & Pine Street
- Three newly constructed Pickle Ball Courts were added to Scholer Park.
- A new lighted and paved walking trail was constructed at Scholer Park that stretches around the baseball & softball fields.
- Florence Avenue bridge deck was reconstructed by Monmouth County and the adjacent roadway to the south was raised to minimize road closures due to flooding events. The project included replacement of sidewalks on both sides of the road.

Plans for 2025:

- Installation of lighting around the baseball and softball fields at Scholer Park utilizing a \$300,000 Monmouth County Open Space Grant that was awarded to the Borough
- Concrete repair and repaving of Park Avenue, Phase III from the Flat Creek bridge deck to Union Avenue utilizing a \$217,456 grant from NJ Department of Transportation
- Reconstruction of 5th Street between Florence Avenue and Pine Street
- Continued commitment to maintenance and facility improvement upgrades at all of our parks and beachfront

Finally, remember that this is the time to make your preparations for bad weather. Despite our hope for a mild winter, we are sure to get a few snow events. Avoid the last-minute rush once snow is in the forecast. We also ask that in the event of snow, please make every effort to move your vehicles off the street (where possible) to allow our Public Works department the room they require to clear your street.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, first responders, borough employees, administrative and professional staff and Borough Council members for their hard work and dedication each and every day to make Union Beach the Best Little Town in New Jersey!

God Bless and Be Safe!

Charlie

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