

*Fair Haven is proud to announce the opening of the newly acquired*  
**“Williams, Albert, and Robards Park”**



#Missyoumore  
 #Loveyoumore  
 Jack Moore #13



ROBERT J. HENNE '37  
 Explorer & PTLMN  
 Dear Son & Brother



“Get off this bench  
 and get back to work!”  
 J. Koch

JOE GALLAGHER  
 1964 - 2018  
 LARGER THAN LIFE

**Borough of Fair Haven**  
**Dedicates New Park on Historic Home Site**  
*Park provides public access to Navesink River overlook*

Fair Haven N.J. – The Borough of Fair Haven officially opened its newest park Tuesday, located at the end of De Normandie Avenue and overlooking the Navesink River, formalizing a family’s longtime practice of allowing public access to their private homestead’s beach.

The park encompasses 0.6 acre of land, and is one of 10 parks and open spaces in the Borough. The site originally was purchased in 2015 for \$1.2 million with a combination of funding and support from:

- NJDEP Green Acres/Blue Acres Grant - \$655,000**
- Monmouth County Open Space Trust Fund Grant - \$250,000**
- Monmouth Conservation Foundation - \$150,000**

The remaining balance of the funding was provided by capital funds from the Borough of Fair Haven.

The picturesque park once was the site of a home built in 1853 by Charles Williams, a free black man. A plaque at the entrance to the park recounts the site’s history.

Land for the home was a wedding gift from the owner of the Rohallion Estates to Williams and his wife Julia; Williams maintained the estate’s horses. Charles and Julie Williams lived in the home for the rest of their lives. Their descendants – the Williams, Albert, and Robards families – also used the house as a home and gathering place.

Lucarelli said Williams, Albert, and Robards Park is a “passive park that allows for folks to relax and enjoy the magnificent views of the Navesink River.” Lucarelli also noted that there are four stone benches overlooking the river, beside a quarry dust trail.

Photo Caption: Among local officials participating in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting and reading of a proclamation at the Williams, Albert, and Robards Park were, from left: Borough of Fair Haven Special Projects Manager DJ Breckenridge, Borough Administrator Theresa Casagrande, Councilwoman Betsy Koch, Councilman Chris Rodriguez, Councilwoman Susan Sorensen, Freeholder Gerry Scharfenberger, Mayor Benjamin Lucarelli, Freeholder Susan Kiley, Assemblywoman Serena DiMaso, and Councilwoman Jacquie Rice.



Ribbon Cutting with Mayor Lucarelli and families of bench donors.

