

**DEC 2016
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Borough Information:

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Borough Offices, Library
and DPW
will be closing at noon on
Friday,
December 23, 2016
and will be closed
Monday,
December 26, 2016
in observance of
Christmas

Borough Offices, Library
and DPW
will be closed
Monday,
January 2, 2017
in observance of
New Years Day

Monday,
January 16, 2017
in observance of
Martin Luther King's Day



Check out the "Borough of
Fair Haven" Facebook Page!!

FOCUS on FAIR HAVEN

This Month In Fair Haven

TRASH COLLECTION

DECEMBER

Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, December 5th

Monday, December 12th

Monday, December 19th

***Thursday, December 29th**

Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, December 6th

Tuesday, December 13th

Tuesday, December 20th

Tuesday, December 27th

JANUARY 2017

Trash - Zones 1 & 2

***Thursday, January 5th**

Monday, January 9th

Monday, January 16th

Monday, January 23rd

Monday, January 30th

Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, January 3rd

Tuesday, January 10th

Tuesday, January 17th

Tuesday, January 24th

Tuesday, January 31st

**Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Monday pick-up for Zones 1&2
will take place the Thursday following the holiday.*

Single-stream recycling will be picked up every Wednesday for all zones!

NIXLE for EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS.

To sign up, please log on to <http://local.nixle.com/register/>

OR logon to our Borough Website www.fairhavennj.org

and Click on the link under



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"EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION"



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DECEMBER

ONLY LEAVES may be placed curbside
a few days prior to your Zone Pick Up week.

JANUARY

Christmas trees may be placed curbside all month long.
No wreaths or roping may be placed at curb.
No Leaves or Brush be placed curbside

BALANCING FUN & SAFETY

There are any number of Fair Haven properties that have a portable basketball hoop which is located within the Borough's right-of-way. While we are very understanding that the hoops are a great source of fun, the location of these portable basketball hoops in the street, on the sidewalk or hanging over into the street, creates specific challenges. The safety considerations associated with street passage, trash collection, utility work, brush/leaf collection, and snow removal made it necessary to institute a policy that balances fun and safety.

Please kindly review and comply with the Borough's policy on portable basketball hoops, as follows:

- **All portable basketball hoops must be completely removed from the Borough's right-of-way from November 1st through March 31st, annually.** Please be sure that they are completely out of the street and they must not be placed within ten feet of the curb, or edge of pavement.
- Portable basketball hoops may never block a sidewalk.
- Portable basketball hoops that are placed in the street will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Police Department and their final determination will be based on the traffic patterns for the individual location.
- Portable basketball hoops that are allowed to be in the street must have reflective tape on both the base and the pole.
- Portable basketball hoops placed in the right-of-way may not have garbage or recycling containers placed within ten feet of the hoop.

I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation as the Borough's Code Enforcement Department will be enforcing this policy throughout the year, particularly in the winter months. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or comments.

If you have any questions regarding your brush, leaf and snow zone, please feel free to contact the Borough offices, 732-747-0241, Ext. 219

Best regards,

Theresa S. Casagrande, Borough Administrator

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR 2015 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Effective on January 1st, 2017, Monmouth County will implement year four of the Assessment Demonstration Program. The previous model of having an outside company perform revaluations, approximately every ten years, to determine property valuation has been replaced by annual reassessments by the local Tax Assessor. It is very important that residents realize that the assessed value of their property will most likely be slightly revised on an annual and ongoing basis. As such, property owners should be sure to carefully review their new assessment, as listed on the 2017 Notification of Assessment postcard, which you should receive by December 1, 2016. If you have a question regarding your assessment, you should contact the Borough's Tax Assessor, Gregory Hutchinson. **Please note that property assessment appeals must be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Taxation no later than January 15, 2017.**

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT

One of the things we can all agree on is how essential our downtown business district is to the character of our community. Whether you are grabbing a bite to eat, a quart of milk or a gift for a friend, being able to shop in town is so easy. When you shop local, you get none of the aggravation that comes with a trip to the mall or a big chain store. Please keep in mind that our local merchants need your support during the upcoming holiday season, and all year long, or they will not be able to stay in business. The thought of Fair Haven without a vibrant downtown is almost too hard to imagine. Please keep that thought in mind and make a conscious effort to **shop here in Fair Haven!**

CALLING ALL FUTURE FIREFIGHTER'S

Anyone interested in learning what it is to be a firefighter and a member of the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 should join the Fair Haven Future Firefighter Program. Teens safely learn skills and techniques as well as fire call responses and participate in the many roles the fire company participates in and aids in the community.

Also, once a month a cadet drill is held teaching kids real skills needed in relation to being an active firefighter. Kids ages 14 to 17 can join. Please feel free to print out an application on the Future Firefighter page of the www.fhfd.org website or call for any questions. *This program, since 2008, has been running strong and has since brought us several new members: Nick Lenczyk, Christopher Cerruti (son of Jim Cerruti Ex-Chief 10'), Thomas Brenner and Thomas Lenskold (son of Paul Lenskold Ex-Chief 06').*

the Fair Firefighter aid firefighters in actual fire company participates in

-Nick Lenczyk nlenczyk@verizon.net 732-216-1863



Photos by Nick Lenczyk on behalf of the Fire Company

REMINDER ABOUT OVERNIGHT PARKING

Overnight Parking is in effect from November 1st- April 1st from 2am-5am on all Borough streets. If you need to park a vehicle in the street during these times, please call 732-747-0991 to be put on the overnight parking list for that night. If you need an extended period of time, please come into Police Headquarters Monday-Friday 9:30 am-2:30 pm and fill out a request for extended overnight parking. The Police will be enforcing this Borough Ordinance, so please follow the procedures.

Please refer to Borough Ordinance 7-15A

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The **Be A Good Neighbor Committee**, partnering with volunteer students in Knollwood School's 6th to 8th grades, will again provide snow shoveling services for Fair Haven's seniors and disabled residents who have no family, neighbors or others to assist them during snow events in the 2016-2017 winter season. Former participants will receive their application forms in the mail during October. For new requests or questions, call Ruth Blaser at (732) 842-4228.



From the Clerk's Desk

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

The Governing Body for 2017 is as follows:

Mayor: *Benjamin J. Lucarelli*

Councilmembers: *Aimee Humphreys, Eric Jaeger, Robert Marchese, Jon Peters, Susan Sorensen, Rowland Wilhelm*

Please be advised that there will only be one Council Meeting in December (Monday, December 19, 2016 beginning 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall Council Chambers).

The 2017 Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm, in the Borough Hall Council Chambers, 748 River Road and a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 23rd.

TREE REMOVAL PERMITS are required for trees 10" or more in diameter at breast height even if they are diseased or dying. The fee is \$25.00 per tree unless the tree is found to be diseased or dying then there is no fee. The application can be downloaded from the Borough's website through the forms option, Municipal Clerk and there will be a list of various forms/applications.

—STREET OPENINGS—

Just a reminder that street openings are not permitted between November 15 and March 31 of any year unless it is determined by the Mayor and Council to be of an emergent nature and upon the recommendation of the Director and/or Assistant Director of Public Works.



On behalf of the Dog Registrar, please remember to renew your dog and/or cat license. All dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2016. The 2017 licenses will be sold beginning January 3, 2017. A grace period will be granted until January 31, 2017; after that date, a **\$5.00 penalty per month** will be assessed. **Rabies vaccinations must be renewed for 2017 if the vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2017.**

There will be two more Rabies Clinics held by the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission in January as follows:

Saturday, January 7, 2017, 10:00 am-12:00 noon @ Tinton Falls Municipal Complex

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ Brielle Fire Hall

PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON A LEASH AND CATS IN A CARRIER. ANIMALS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT: 732-493-9520.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2017!

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk

Please reference the
**Borough's 2017
Municipal Calendar**
for Council Meeting dates,
as well as other important dates
and information.

Library News . . .

We had some very special visitors this fall. Derry the service dog and his owner came for a visit to discuss how he became a service dog and all the special training he had. You can see what a special young pup he is!



Fair Haven Martial Arts taught the After School set all about the discipline and

hard work it takes to become proficient in martial arts. Our programs are always a big hit with the kids and parents too.



The Community Appeal program is such an important part of our wonderful community. It demonstrates how *important* community is. When you donate, it makes it possible to continue keeping the doors open at the library for everyone and makes programs possible. New books, movies and computers are also available to one and all. We are here to serve you and want to thank you so much for your continued generosity to the library.

December is a busy month for everyone and we hope that you will be able to join us for some of our programs. We will be giving away a basket of goodies to a lucky patron in our Holiday Drawing. Stop in starting December 5th to enter your name for the drawing. The happy recipient will be announced on December 19th.

As the holidays come to a close we will be busy preparing for 2017 and we would like to wish a happy and healthy New Year to all.



December Children's Programs



TOT TIME: Ages 10 months – 3 years (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesdays, December 6, 13 and 20 from 10:00 - 10:20 am. Stories, fingerplay, songs and social time with toys

FAMILY FUN: All ages (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, and 20 from 10:30–10:50 am. Stories, fingerplay, songs and crafts

KIDS YOGA: Ages 1 - 5 (with a parent/caregiver)

Tuesdays December 6, 13, and 20 from 9:30 -10:00 am
Yoga stretches, songs and stories

PRESCHOOL PALS: Ages 3 – 5.

Tuesdays, from 2:00 -2: 30 pm

Contact the library one week in advance to register for programs.

DECEMBER 13 THE NUTCRACKER!

See below. Ages 4 and up

DECEMBER 20 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE!

See below.

AFTER SCHOOL ANTICS: Grades K- 4

Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted. Stories, crafts and special activities.

Contact the library one week in advance to register for programs.

DECEMBER 6 PAWS TO READ! Get in the holiday spirit and read with our friendly therapy dogs!

DECEMBER 13 THE NUTCRACKER! See below.

DECEMBER 20 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION! See below.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Contact the library one week in advance to register.

THE NUTCRACKER! **Tuesday, December 13,** 3:15-4:00 pm. Ages 4 and up. Join us for this classic holiday story accompanied by the music of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet and play real instruments with Claudia from *Touch the Music*.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE! **Tuesday, December 20,** 3:15-4:30 pm. Ages 2 and up. Crafts, music and holiday treats. Please let us know if your child has a food allergy.

Shade Tree Commission Notes

The Sixty-Third Annual COMMUNITY APPEAL

Dear Fair Haven Community:

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, and the residents of Fair Haven, I want to thank the residents who generously contributed to this year's campaign, as well as the organizers of the annual Fair Haven Community Appeal drive. The distribution of those donations are as follows:

COMMUNITY APPEAL DISTRIBUTION:

\$3,280	Recreation Commission
\$5,700	Library
\$1,075	Post Prom
\$1,000	Bicentennial Hall
\$1,775	Interfaith Neighbors
\$1,980	The ARC
\$1,100	Girl/Boy Scouts
\$2,025	Mental Health
\$1,754	Shade Tree
\$4,030	Fields Natural Area

TOTAL DONATIONS—\$23,719

Fair Haven Seniors - *Calling all Fair Haven Seniors - 55 and up...*

Join us for conversation, activities, dessert, coffee and tea at our monthly meetings (Third Tuesday of each month except July and August) at 1:00 p.m.** at the Community Center located behind the Police Department at 35 Fisk Street. Our group welcomes new (and old) members. Off-street parking available, no stairs to climb. Call Ruth Blaser at 732-842-4228 with any questions. We hope to see you soon! **Unless changed due to holiday or activity.



WINTER SAFETY TIPS



- A good ice scraper
- Good winter wipers and tires with good traction on your vehicles
- Keep a blanket, flashlight, spare batteries and an extra change of clothes in your vehicle
- Always let someone know where you are going
- Have your chimney swept yearly and furnace checked/oil tank filled
- Stock your pantry
- Have a phone with a cord in the event of a power outage and make sure your cell phone is always charged
- Have a flashlight and battery operated radio
- Dress for the weather-dressing in layers is recommended



Garden Club of Fair Haven

Please join the Garden Club of Fair Haven at our December 7th and January 4th meetings. At the December meeting, the Horticulture Committee will conduct a greens workshop where you will make a lovely holiday decoration for your home. A nominal fee will be charged for materials.

We are pleased to have Ms. Laurel Von Gerichten discuss at our January meeting how to use native plants to beautify our gardens. Ms. Von Gerichten is a certified rain garden instructor and a member of APLD.



Our meetings are held in the Community Center, 35 Fisk Street, Fair Haven. They start at noon with lunch (\$4 fee for non-members), followed by a short business meeting. The programs start around 1:00 p.m. Please call Kathleen Mullarkey, President, at 908-930-4763 if you have any questions concerning these meetings or our Garden Club.



Fair Haven Fields Natural Area

Fall 2016 Nature Walk

November 5, 2016 – Residents of the community were treated to a knowledge-filled walk on the trails on a crisp and colorful Saturday morning. Ecologist Bill Shadel led the way; he discussed the changing landscape of the Natural Area as the trees and animals get ready for the colder weather ahead.



The outing illustrated that people of all ages are bound together in their love of nature. Fair Haven is fortunate to have this idyllic spot set aside to enjoy.

Thanks to Bill Shadel, Aimee Humphreys, Chris Rodriguez, and members of the Fair Haven Fields Natural Area Committee for all of their support.



Fair Haven Business Association

Saturday, Nov. 26 is **Small Business Saturday**. Did you know that Fair Haven is home to over **150 local businesses**? This is a great day to Shop Local and support our terrific local businesses.



Please come out to enjoy and support our holiday events:

**Tree Lighting, Santa Visits
and Holiday Stroll**
Friday, December 2nd
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

This event is a joint effort with the Borough and the fire department. Come for photos with Santa and stay for the Holiday Stroll! Businesses on the east end of River Road will stay open late with treats and attractions for all!

Did you know that the Fair Haven Business Association has a website?

Check out
www.infairhaven.com to
learn more about
Fair Haven's
business community.

We're also on Facebook!

Shop the Neighborhood
Thursday, December 8th
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Ride our red trolley up and down River Road making stops for the holiday shopping and to see high school musical acts performing at businesses on both sides of town. Businesses will be open late and **it's a great night to Shop Local!**

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX

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For your convenience, there is an overnight payment box located in the vestibule of Borough Hall. The payment box is affixed to the wall and is marked, **BOROUGH HALL, AFTER HOURS DROP BOX**.

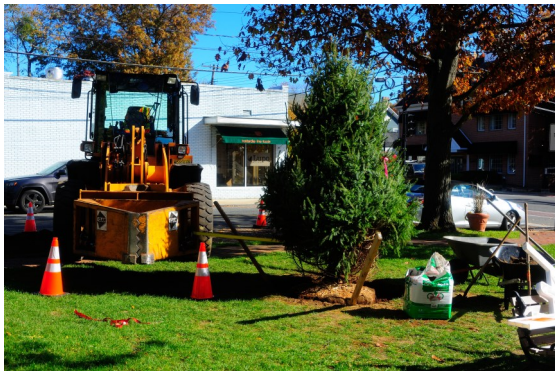
This is a multi-use box where you may return your key for the Community Center, drop off tax payments, correspondence for Borough staff, etc. The vestibule is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The drop box is locked at all times and is checked on a daily basis.

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**Join our next meeting:
December 7 at 7:30 pm**

Recent Downtown Planting



A new Serbian Spruce tree was planted on November 8th. The tree was donated by Twin Industries, owner, Bill McCabe. Our latest green friend will be decorated on Friday, December 2, 2016

The Shade Tree Commission:

Municipality mandated and NJ State recognized to focus on tree growth, health and safety in Fair Haven's public spaces

The 5-year Shade Tree Commission plan is available for your review.

Contact us for a copy: cro1972@gmail.com

**Fair Haven is a
Tree City USA Town**



PARKS & RECREATION

Thank you for supporting our fall events!
A special thank you goes out to everyone who dressed up for the Halloween parade!

On Friday, December 2nd the Tree Lighting/ Holiday Stroll will take place at Memorial Park. The event will begin at 5:00 pm and run until 7:30 pm. Children will have the chance to take a picture with Santa! There will be music, refreshments and fun activities for the children.

Please check our website for information pertaining to our Hanukkah Celebration and Menorah Lighting.

Do you want updates on sports sign ups, special events, and more??

Sign up for our Recreation E-blast! Please send an email to Recreation@fhboro.net and we will sign you up!

Thank you for your support of Fair Haven Recreation!

Follow us on Twitter @ FAIRHAVEN_REC

**Please note: January Recreation meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.*

2016 VETERANS DAY



Our Veterans Day Ceremony was held on Friday, November 11, 2016 in Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. It was well attended by many of our local Veteran's and their families.

Our speakers included Mayor Lucarelli, Joe Perrotto for the Wall of Honor, Michael Humphreys, reading of poem selection; Ray Taylor, closing remarks and special guest speaker, Frederick Dispensiere, a United States Marine Veteran.

Also in attendance were the Boy Scouts for the flag salute, Sophie Barabas who performed the Star Spangled Banner and this year's essay contest winners, Bryn Eustace, Avery Fratto and Dylan Rumage.



View Live-stream on Facebook



FAIR HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME PREVENTION

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Safety Tips

- Always park in a well-lit and well-traveled area.
- When you are returning to your vehicle, check to make sure no one is following you.
- Remain vigilant by avoiding distractions, such as talking on your cell phone.
- Have your keys in hand prior to leaving the store so you will not be delayed by fumbling and looking for your keys.
- Store purchased items out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash. Use credit or debit cards.
- Don't resist if someone tries to take your belongings. Try to get a good description and call 911 immediately.

"NOT HOME"

for the HOLIDAYS—Safety Tips

- Lock up. Make sure every door and window in your home is properly shut and locked. Disable automatic garage doors.
- Avoid posting your whereabouts on social media. Do you really trust every one of your 274 "Friends" on Facebook?
- Put lights on a timer.
- Ask someone to pick up your mail or stop your mail. A buildup of mail is a tell-tale sign that no one is home.
- Keep valuables out of sight. Store jewelry, cash and prescription drugs in a safe. Hide larger valuables in unexpected locations.
- Set your burglar alarm.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

In April 2016, the Monmouth County Special Needs Registry website began accepting new registrants. The goal of the registry is to ensure all Monmouth County residents who have special needs are able to get the help and support they need in a time of emergency or during interaction with Law Enforcement, Fire or EMS personnel. It is open to any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities due to a physical and/or intellectual disability.



We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!!

Fair Haven Borough is hiring part-time crossing guards. For further information please come in to Police Headquarters to pick up an application or contact Ptl. John Koetzner at 732-747-0241 x329 or jkoetzner@fhboro.net.



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Councilwoman Susan Sorensen

Councilman Eric Jaeger

Borough Administrator - Theresa S. Casagrande

Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator - Allyson Cinquegrana

Administrative Assistant/Registrar - Betty Ann Berube

Police Chief - Joseph P. McGovern

OEM Coordinator - Chief Joseph P. McGovern

Tax Assessor - Gregory Hutchinson

Chief Financial Officer - Denise Jawidzik

Tax Collector/Finance - Judith Vassallo/Melissa Abrahamsen

Tax and Finance Office Assistant - Debbie Ozut

Director of Engineering/Public Works/Planning Board Engineer - Richard Gardella

Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works - Nicolas Poruchynsky

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer - Nicolas Poruchynsky

Parks & Recreation - D.J. Breckenridge

Construction Code Official - Dennis Peras

Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991

Governing Body Reorganization

Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
at 7:00 p.m.

SIGN ORDINANCE for Contractors Conducting Work in Fair Haven



PLEASE BE ADVISED
—CHAPTER 30, SECTION
7.24, Subsections c 6 and 14
do **NOT** allow for business
advertisement signs on a
lawn or fence where work is
being done.

BOROUGH MEETINGS

Borough Council Meeting

Monday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10th, 7:30 p.m. & Thursday, January 26th, 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board

Thursday, December 1st, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 5th, 7:15 p.m.

Recreation Committee

Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 3rd, 7:30 p.m. *

** meeting to be held at Community Center*

Historic Commission

Tuesday, January 24th, 7:00 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission

Wednesday, December 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 4th, 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Commission

Wednesday, December 14th, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25th, 7:30 p.m.

***** All Other Borough Meetings as Noticed at Borough Hall and Borough Website *****