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Borough Offices, Library and DPW will be closed :

Monday, February 16, 2015 in observance of President's Day

Save the Dates!
Thursday,
February 26, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Identity Theft
Presentation

Fair Haven Police Headquarters

Saturday, February 28, 2015 Fair Haven's First Luau Tiki Haven Knights of Columbus



This Month In Fair Haven TRASH COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 2015

Trash - Zones 1 & 2	Trash - Zones 3 & 4
Monday, February 2	Tuesday, February 3
Monday, February 9	Tuesday, February 10
Monday, February 16	Tuesday, February 17
Monday, February 23	Tuesday, February 24

MARCH 2015

Trash - Zones 1 & 2	<u>Trash - Zones 3 & 4</u>		
Monday, March 2	Tuesday, March 3		
Monday, March 9	Tuesday, March 10		
Monday, March 16	Tuesday, March 17		
Monday, March 23	Tuesday, March 24		
Monday, March 30	Tuesday, March 31		

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING - ALL ZONES

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

First Quarter Taxes Due - February 1, 2015

February: No leaves or brush shall be placed curbside during the month of February.

March: Brush and leaves may be placed curbside in separate piles.

All Zones - All Month

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Dick Fuller

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Welcome to the February/March 2015 Edition of the Focus on Fair Haven

All information for publication can be submitted by email to the Borough at ncalore@fhboro.net or by fax to 732-747-6962. Kindly note that **March 9, 2015** will be the deadline for the April/ May edition. All submissions should include a contact name and phone number. Email attachments should be in Word format. Photographs may be submitted in print form. However, 300dpi attachments are preferred as their reproduction quality is significantly better. Photographs of community events with a brief description are always appreciated. Just remember that a written release is mandatory for all minors identifiable within the image. As always, feel free to contact the me with any questions, 732-747-0241, ext. 219.

Nancy Calore, Editor

Borough Administrator's Notes

WISHES AND REFLECTIONS

I made a pot of homemade turkey soup last week and as I was picking through and sorting the meat from the bones, I came across the wishbone, which I put aside to dry. Mind you, now that my children are all grown, I haven't dried a wishbone for many years; however, looking down at that familiar shaped turkey bone brought back a flood of memories for me. My mother always saved the wishbone and she never allowed any two of us to wrap our pinky fingers around it until it had dried for days and was ready to snap with perfection. My four siblings and I waited with great anticipation whenever a wishbone was drying on our kitchen windowsill, as each of us hoped to be one of the chosen two wishers. I can still hear my mom, as she would say with a smile: "now wrap your pinky around your half, close your eyes, make a wish, and pull with all your might." You know how it goes; if, when you opened your eyes, you were lucky enough to be the one holding the top part of the wishbone, your wish was sure to come true.

The wishbone that I found last week is still sitting on my kitchen windowsill; however, just finding it prompted me to think about a series of wishes for 2015 and reflections for 2014, as follows: I wish for justice and harmony throughout our great nation. I wish terrorism had not become so pervasive that it now seems as if it will dominate the world stage for a very long time to come. I wish there will be world peace in my lifetime; at least if not in my lifetime, surely in the lifetime of my children. Finally, much closer to home, I wish that the tragic accident that took the life of Jerome Koch had never happened. Elected Official, or not, Jerome Koch was an outstanding individual, who cared deeply about many things, including the town of Fair Haven, which he proudly called his home for many years.

Borough Administrator's Notes

I had the pleasure of working with Jerome for four years and his sharp wit and good humor brought a smile to my face more times than I could count. He regularly amused me with his great sense of humor and, more importantly, he often challenged me with his keen intellect. I could always count on Jerome for a very accurate street level view of Fair Haven and no detail was too small for him to notice. He cared passionately about the state of the planet we are leaving to our children and grandchildren and when it came to recycling efforts, Jerome put into action the phrase, "think globally, act locally."

The outpouring of love and support shown by a very far reaching community of family and friends was a fitting tribute to Jerome Koch. When we were leaving the church after Jerome's funeral mass, a good friend of his commented to me that the fact that there was an equal amount of tears and laughter at his funeral, which was attended by so many people, was sure proof that his life was well lived. A life well lived in a town where he was well loved, which is all the more reason he will be missed so much.

In closing, I want to note that on February 1st, I will begin my fifth year as Fair Haven's Borough Administrator. Over the past four years, I have received ongoing support and a great deal of very valuable input from many Borough residents and I am very grateful to everyone who took the time to reach out to me. Please know that my door is always open and that I am never too busy to speak to anyone who lives or works in Fair Haven. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, feel free to contact me at my office by calling 732-747-0241, or via my Borough email account, tcasagrande@fhboro.net.

Best regards,

Theresa S. Casagrande

Borough Administrator

Save the Date!

Fair Haven's First Luau ~~ Tiki Haven

Saturday, February 28, 2015

Knights of Columbus

Sponsored by the Foundation of Fair Haven



Fair Haven Public Schools

On February 4, March 25 and April 22, the Fair Haven Public Schools will be offering Community Computer Workshops. These workshops are free and open to any Fair Haven resident. They will take place at Knollwood School from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. in the Computer Lab and will be facilitated by our new Educational Systems Technology Coordinator, Chris Aviles.

The workshops will focus on basic computer skills as well as researching techniques. The goal of our computer workshops is to provide our residents with essential computer skills that are needed in every day life. Our computer labs have 50 desktop computers which are all updated with the latest software and technology. In addition to the desktop computers, we will have laptops, Chromebooks and iPads for the residents to try out. To RSVP for one of these workshops, please visit www.fairhaven.edu and click on Technology (left-hand side) and then click on Community Workshops.

Knollwood School Glee Club



Under the direction of Fair Haven Schools' Choral Director Vince Mottern, the Knollwood School Glee Club performed at the December 16, 2014 Senior's meeting at the Community Center. Nearly 40 4th through 8th grade students were very excited to show off their talents to our community's longtime residents at their monthly get-together. It was a wonderful day of holiday spirit for everyone!

Fair Haven First Aid Squad

The Fair Haven First Aid Squad recognizes the sacrifices our senior citizens, families and businesses make and are proud and thankful for all the financial support our community has shown us during the 2014 Annual Fund Drive. Thank you!!

Remember all cats and dogs should have been registered by January 31, 2015. After that date, a \$5.00 penalty will be assessed for each month late. Please make the payment in person, by mail or place it in the drop box. A new license will be sent upon payment. We ask that you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of the license. The 2015 Dog and Cat Registration form is available online or may be obtained at Borough Hall!

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From the Clerk's Desk

The 2015 Council Meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the Municipal Council Chambers, 748 River Road, Fair Haven, New Jersey on the following dates:

Monday, January 26, 2015

Monday, February 9, 2015	Monday, February 23, 2015
Monday, March 9, 2015	Monday, March 23, 2015
Monday, April 13, 2015	Monday, April 27, 2015
Monday, May 11, 2015	Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015
Monday, July 20, 2015	Monday, August 17, 2015
Monday, September 14, 2015	Monday, September 28, 2015
Tuesday, October 13, 2015	Monday, October 26, 2015
Monday, November 9, 2015	Monday, November 30, 2015

Monday, December 21, 2015

Bulk pick-ups are handled every Thursday. Remember that you must be placed on the bulk pick-up list that is kept in the Administration Office at Borough Hall. There is a five item maximum. The items must be large (i.e. mattress, couch, dining table and four chairs, dresser). We **do not** pick up construction debris (cabinets, sinks toilets, Sheetrock, etc). The cost to dispose of appliances is an additional \$15.00 each and requires a sticker. An appliance is considered a refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer, hot water heater. If you are bringing recycling items or bulk items to the DPW Facility (the first Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). You need your driver's license or vehicle registration as proof of residency. The cost to dispose of an appliance follows the same guidelines as bulk pick-ups; \$15.00 each appliance. You must obtain a sticker for your appliance(s) through the Borough Clerk's office.

Storage of Garbage/Trash and Recycling Containers

Containers shall not be stored or placed within front yard area prior to the time at which materials are permitted to be placed at the curb lines for collection. Such containers may be stored in either rear or side areas, but if stored in side areas, they shall be screened from the view of street areas with planting or fencing. Please be sure the lid is securely fastened and we ask that you be considerate of your neighbors in where you place your garbage and recycling containers between collection days.

Election News

Voting Districts remain the same: Districts 1, 2 and 5 will vote at the Knights of Columbus, 200 Fair Haven Road and Districts 3, 4 and 6 will vote at the Fair Haven Community Center, 35 Fisk Street. Please refer to the sample ballot sent to you by the Monmouth County Board of Elections for voting district information. **Please be advised that the School Election will be held during the General Election on November 3, 2015**. Public Law 2011, Chapter 202 was signed into law by Governor Christie on January 17, 2012 allowing School Boards to move the School Board Election to the November Ballot (in a separate section).

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC

Borough Clerk

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Fair Haven Public Library

Baby Storytime is happening at the Fair Haven Library. Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Miss Laura spins tales and toys for babies 10 months to two years old. Drop in to share in the adventure.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month the Bright and Beautiful Reading Dogs visit the library to listen to stories from school age children (grades K-4). Starting at 4:30 p.m. through 5:15 p.m. our furry friends are waiting to hear their stories. Call (732-747-5031 x220) or check our web page (www.fairhavenlib.org) for complete information.

Internet Workshop presented by Tom Bull of Two River Computer

February 19, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Borough Hall Please call library to register: 732-747-5031 x220

Tom Bull, owner of Two River Computer in Fair Haven and computer expert with over 30 years of experience, will host a basic Internet Safety Workshop. He will share the basics on how to best use the Internet effectively and safely. Proper search techniques, safe shopping and avoiding scams will be among the topics presented. There will be time at the end of the workshop to ask questions.

News from Department of Public Works

One of the more popular services that our Department of Public Works provides for our residents is our monthly bulk drop-off, which presently is offered on the first Saturday of every month. The demand for this service during certain months is particularly high, which sometimes resulted in long lines leading to the Public Works Yard. In an effort to increase both service and convenience for the residents, the Mayor and Council have authorized a second bulk drop-off for the following months: January, April, May, June, September and October. All residents are reminded that our bulk drop-off service is for Fair Haven residents only, so please be sure to bring proper identification with you when using this service. If dropping off an appliance, you must purchase an appliance sticker for \$15.00 prior to drop off. Stickers are available at Borough Hall.

2015 Bulk Drop-Off Days

February 7	March 7	April 4	April 18	May 2	May 16
June 6	June 20	July 11	August 1	September 5	September 19
October 3	October 10	November 7	December 5		

Let It Snow!

Borough Code 14-6.2 states that no person shall sweep, throw or deposit any snow or ice in that part of the street which has been or is being plowed, swept or cleared by the municipality for the passage of traffic. Property owners, tenants or occupants must clear the sidewalk in front of their property of all snow and/or ice within 24 hours after the end of the snowfall or the formation of ice. The path cleared must be a minimum of two feet in width (Ord. 14-6.1). If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home or business, please clear the snow around the hydrant. Borough Code 7-10.1 states whenever snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets and highways, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on the streets or highways or portions thereof indicated. The parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the snow has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

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Garden Club of Fair Haven

The Garden Club of Fair Haven is getting through the cold winter months by focusing on indoor activities and projects. The horticulture chairmen will be leading a workshop on making bee hotels and the juniors will be making bird houses. Garden Therapy continues to brighten the trays for the Meals on Wheels program.

Our February meeting will be in Sickles greenhouse featuring a discussion of herbs and their many uses, both culinary and decorative (guest fee \$10 includes lunch). Our March gathering will focus on floral design classes one a monochromatic color scheme and the other a complimentary color scheme. April's program is a lecture and demonstration of the Ichiyo style of floral arranging presented by Kaya Abe Magee and Sushama Jaisingh, members of Ikebana International. Our meetings are open to the public and anyone interested in attending, should call Kathleen Mullarkey for details (732-224-0198).

Once again the Garden Club is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an RFH senior, an RFH graduate, or a student resident in Fair Haven who plans to attend, or who is presently attending, an accredited college and majoring in Horticulture, Environmental Science, Landscape Design, Botany or allied subjects. Please call Trish Sullivan for information 732-741-5482.

NJAW Updates!

NJAW Update: Temporary Water Treatment Changes in Monmouth and Ocean County

As part of a maintenance program for our water distribution system, New Jersey American Water will temporarily change the water treatment process at its Swimming River Water Treatment Plant in Colts Neck and its Jumping Brook Water Treatment Plant in Neptune from chloramines (a combination of ammonia and chlorine) to free chlorine. The treatment change will begin the week of January 19, 2015 and last through April. During this period, customers may notice a slight increase in the taste and smell of chlorine in their water. This is normal and will only be temporary until the system maintenance is complete. New Jersey American Water will continuously monitor water quality to ensure that it meets or surpasses federal and state drinking water standards.

The temporary treatment change applies to New Jersey American Water customers in the following communities:

Aberdeen Township, Allenhurst, Asbury Park City, Avon, Bayhead, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brick, Colts Neck Township, Deal, Eatontown, Elberon, Fair Haven, Highlands, Holmdel Township, Interlaken, Keansburg, Lake Como, Lavalette (in part), Little Silver, Loch Arbor Village, Long Branch City, Matawan, Middletown Township, Monmouth Beach, Neptune City, Neptune Township (incl. Ocean Grove), Ocean Township, Oceanport, Red Bank, Point Pleasant, Rumson, Sea Bright, Shorelands, Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury Township, Toms River (Mantoloking), Tinton Falls, Union Beach, Wanamassa, and West Long Branch.

During the treatment change, customers' water will continue to meet or surpass state and federal standards, however some may not prefer the taste of chlorine: Here are some helpful tips to remove the taste of chlorine:

- Place water in a glass container in the refrigerator overnight uncovered. This will allow the chlorine to dissipate at a faster pace.
- Bring your water to a rolling boil for five minutes and allow the water to cool. This should reduce the chlorine taste and smell in the water.
- Add a lemon slice or a few drops of lemon juice to a glass of drinking water. For more information visit newjerseyamwater.com.

Since 2012, New Jersey American Water has used chloramines in its water treatment process for customers in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

Fair Haven Police Department

IDENTITY THEFT PRESENTATION

An Identity Theft Presentation will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center (located behind Police Headquarters) Detective Stephen Schneider of the Fair Haven Police Department will give a comprehensive presentation on the current scams and safeguards that you need to be aware of. For more information please contact Detective Schneider at 732-747-0241 x331 or by e-mail sschneider@fhboro.net.



BOROUGH ORDINANCES

Remember not to leave your vehicles in the street if there is a chance that it may snow. After any snowfall, it is your responsibility to shovel the sidewalk in front of your residence and on the side, if you have a corner property. **Overnight Parking** is in effect from November 1, 2014 though April 1, 2015 from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. 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 to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and fill out a request for extended overnight parking. The Police will be enforcing this Borough Ordinance, so please follow the procedures.

CRIME PREVENTION

This time of year is when a lot of car burglaries seem to take place. Please be sure to always lock your vehicle doors and remove all personal items from view, especially at night, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway. The first step to fighting crime is preventing it from happening. Always make sure that your house doors and windows are locked when you are not home and to set alarm systems if you have them. If you are going out of town, please contact Police Headquarters at 732-747-0991 to be put on the Homes Watch List. Please make sure to have your house number posted and visible from the roadway. This will make it easier when emergency personnel are responding to your residence or a neighbor's house. Make sure that the exterior of your residence is well lit at night. When away on vacation please be vigilant when you are at airports, train stations, major events, etc. Look for any suspicious items left alone, suspicious behavior by a person or anything else out of the ordinary. Please report any suspicious incidents immediately to the proper authority.

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 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

Fair Haven Police Department

The Fair Haven Police Department is proud to announce a partnership with the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Affairs. Through this partnership, we were able to successfully be accepted into a

program called "Project Medicine Drop". You will now find located within the Lobby of the Fair Haven Police Department, a mailbox style drop box which is for the public to deposit their unwanted or unneeded medicines. There are limitations, so please read below before bringing your medicines to the Police Department.

Materials Accepted Into the Drop Box:

- The Drop Box is clearly labeled to identify the materials that may be deposited and materials that may not be deposited. Please take note of the following:
- The Drop Box accepts household medications only.
- The Drop Box accepts pills, capsules, patches and pet medications.
- The Drop Box does not accept mail, trash, syringes or liquids*.

*If you have medicine that is liquid, such as cough syrup, and the container and cap are tightly sealed, it can be deposited.



When depositing accepted items, the process remains completely anonymous. An Officer will not ask for identification. We must stress the importance of only depositing the accepted items. Accepted items may be deposited Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. If those times are not convenient, you can contact the Police Department by dialing 732-747-0991. An Officer will set up a time for you to access the drop box. The abuse of prescription painkillers is every bit as dangerous and deadly as the abuse of illicit drugs such as heroin – and it is growing at epidemic rates. For those who abuse and/or sell these drugs, the easiest way to obtain them is to raid the medicine cabinets of relatives and acquaintances. Project Medicine Drop is an important part of New Jersey's solution to this problem. The number of admissions to N.J. addiction treatment programs due to prescription drug abuse rose by 200 percent over the past five years and 700 percent over the past decade. Prescription painkiller overdoses now kill more people in the U.S. than heroin and cocaine combined. Two in five teenagers mistakenly believe prescription drugs are "much safer" than illegal drugs. In a growing trend, New Jersey teens who abused prescription drugs went on to become addicted and turned to heroin use. SOURCES: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.

Parks and Recreation

The 2015 Father Daughter Dance will take place on Saturday, February 21, 2015. There will be two seatings, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.. Participants will enjoy a buffet style dinner, music, photos, and a special gift. This event will take place at Raven and the Peach. Please contact the Recreation Department for further information.

The spring Rutgers Coaching Clinic will be held in Rumson's Bingham Hall on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. You must attend this meeting if you plan on coaching a spring sport and do not have a valid New Jersey coaching card. Topics will cover general coaching guidelines, training tips, first aid, and more. Please visit the Recreation website for registration information.

Want to be kept in the loop regarding all recreational activities including sports sign ups, camp registrations and community events? Join the Fair Haven Recreation E-Blast list! Simply send a request to Recreation@fhboro.net and we will be sure to add you to our list.

DJ Breckenridge, Director

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Non- Emergency Police 732-747-0991

BOROUGH MEETINGS

Borough Council Meeting

Monday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee

Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board

Wednesday, February 11, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 7:15 p.m.

Historic Commission

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Court

Thursday, February 5, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.

Zoning Board

Thursday, February 5, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 7:15 p.m.

Shade Tree

Wednesday, February 4, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Commission

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.