FOCUS on FAIR HAVEN

This Month In Fair Haven

TRASH COLLECTION

APRIL 2015

Trash - Zones 1 & 2
Monday, April 6
Monday, April 13
Monday, April 20
Monday, April 27

Trash - Zones 3 & 4
Tuesday, April 7
Tuesday, April 14
Tuesday, April 21
Tuesday, April 28

MAY 2015

Trash - Zones 1 & 2
Monday, May 4
Monday, May 11
Monday, May 18
Thursday, May 21
Monday, May 25
Thursday, May 28

Trash - Zones 3 & 4
Tuesday, May 5
Tuesday, May 12
Tuesday, May 19
Friday, May 22
Tuesday, May 26
Friday, May 29

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING - ALL ZONES

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

Second Quarter Taxes Due - May 1, 2015

April - Brush and leaves may be placed curbside in separate piles
All Zones - All Month

May - Only brush may be placed curbside
All Zones - All Month
Welcome to the April/May 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 May 11, 2015 will be the deadline for the June/July 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
GOOD ADVICE IS TIMELESS

This past January, the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company was kind enough to invite me to their swearing in ceremony. As part of the evening’s program, First Aid and Fire Department Member, Raquel Falotico, gave the following invocation. The author is unknown, but even if you have read it before, it is still worth your contemplation.

Image that you had won the following “Prize” in a life changing contest. Each morning your bank would deposit $86,400 into your own private account for your use only.

However, the prize came with the following rules:

1. Everything that you don't spend during each day will be taken away.
2. You may not simply transfer money into another account.
3. You may only spend the money.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank replenishes your account with another $86,400 for you to spend that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, Game Over! It can close the account and you will not receive a new one. With this money you would probably buy everything you wanted, not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care about and even for people you don't know. You would try to spend every penny and use it all up by the end of the day, because you knew you would lose what you didn’t spend.

Actually, this game is real and each of us is already a winner of this “Prize.” We just can't seem to see it. What you need to know is that, in life, the prize is time! Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us. What we haven’t used up that day is forever lost and yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but remember, the bank can dissolve your account at any time, without any warning. Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply, help others along the way and enjoy every second of your life.
**Borough Administrator’s Notes**

**FAIR HAVEN DAY CELEBRATION – SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

The Borough of Fair Haven will be celebrating “Fair Haven Day” on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The event will include food, music, fun, games, and fireworks. The Foundation of Fair Haven, which is a 501C-3 tax exempt charity, has been raising funds to help offset the cost of the Fair Haven Day activities. If anyone is interested in helping to directly fund this June 13, 2015 community-wide celebration, The Foundation of Fair Haven has a variety of Fair Haven Day sponsorships, which are available to both individual residents and companies. Please contact the Foundation of Fair Haven Chairwoman, Susan Sorensen, directly, if you are interested in sponsoring this fine annual event.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OPENING** – Fair Haven’s Environmental Commission, which has a long history of doing a very good job protecting our local environment, has openings for two regular members and one alternate member. If you are interested in serving on this important Commission, please contact Borough Hall or Mayor Lucarelli directly.

**TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The Borough of Fair Haven will be holding a “Town-Wide Yard Sale” on Saturday, May 2, 2015. This annual event has proven to be a very successful way for our Borough residents to do some spring cleaning and to take advantage of yard sale customers who like to shop all around town. Yard Sale Permits, which cost $7.00 per household, are required and they are available at Borough Hall, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday nights until 8:00 p.m. The Borough’s Department of Public Works will also alter the bulk drop-off hours for Saturday, May 2, 2015. Drop-off hours will be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., which will allow residents who host a yard sale to dispose of any unwanted items at the end of the day.

**FOND FAREWELL AND MANY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE**

The Borough of Fair Haven is very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated workforce, many of whom have worked here for their entire career. On May 1, 2015, Dale Connor, who is known to many of our residents as the longstanding friendly face at Fair Haven Borough Hall and who holds the titles of Tax Collector, Court Administrator, and Registrar, will be retiring. Dale has been a dedicated and hard working Borough employee for the past 38 years and it won’t seem the same without her in our halls. On behalf of the Mayor and Council and the residents of Fair Haven, I want to thank Dale for her many years of dedicated service and I know that we all wish her good health and much happiness in her retirement.

In closing, please know that I truly value the ongoing input of both the Borough’s residents and employees. Accordingly, 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
We Wish You a Happy Retirement! We Will Miss You!

Dale grew up one of nine children and after graduating high school began her career in municipal government on April 19, 1977 becoming the Tax Collector in 1979. She has also held the positions of Court Administrator and Registrar.

After 38 years of service with the Borough of Fair Haven she has decided to retire effective May 1, 2015. She has been involved with the Fair Haven Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary serving several times as its President.

Dale is the “familiar face of Fair Haven” and will be missed by the residents and coworkers, past and present.

We wish her luck in her future endeavors and much enjoyment in her retirement with her husband, Michael, daughters Shannon and Allison and grandchildren Logan (8), Hailey (5) and Colton (3 months).

The Environmental Commission Wants You!

The Environmental Commission is responsible for improving Fair Haven’s environment, from the beaches to the waterways to the land on which we live. In 2015, we are undertaking an Environmental Resource Inventory to focus on areas needing improvement and support the redrafting of the Master Plan in 2016. We are recruiting for three open Commission positions. Volunteers are encouraged to self-nominate. Skill sets in the areas of birding and wildlife, as well as gardening, trees and wetlands, are skill sets for which we are searching. Please contact Ralph Wyndrum, FHEC Chairman, to discuss an appointment to these positions. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Borough Hall.

Call Before You Dig

The federally mandated, national phone number, 811, helps prevent you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines. Before you begin projects that involve digging, dial 811 to locate underground electric, gas or other utility lines. Digging without this information can cause power outages and it’s extremely dangerous. Simply tell the 811 operator where you’re planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing and your local utility companies will be notified. Within a few days, they will mark the location of underground lines. Please call at least three days in advance to avoid unnecessary delays to your project. Know what’s below – Call before you dig! For more information, visit www.call811.com.
**From the Clerk’s Desk**

Council meetings for the month of April will be Monday, April 13 and Monday, April 27 and the meetings for the month of May will be Monday, May 11 and **Tuesday, May 26** beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Bulk drop off will be held on the following Saturdays at the Recycling Center (corner of Allen and Third Streets) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.: April 4, 2015, April 18, 2015 and May 16, 2015

The hours for the May 2, 2015 Bulk Drop-Off will be 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you are bringing an appliance (refrigerator, air conditioner, humidifier, etc.), you must pay for an appliance sticker ($15.00 per item) which can be obtained through my office.

The Townwide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You may register through my office. The permit fee is $7.00. The Public Works will hold monthly bulk drop off on **Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** and there will be an additional bulk drop off day on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Boat launching passes are available through my office with a fee schedule as follows:

- $85.00 - Yearly Permit
- $40.00 - Kayaks, canoes, shells
- $20.00 - Senior Citizens (65 years of age or older - proof of ownership required)
- $15.00 - Daily Pass

Boat Ramp Permits are available through the Borough Clerk’s office. The application is available through the Borough’s website. We need copies of your driver's license, vehicle registration, boat registration and trailer registration.

**Election News**

Please be advised that the Annual School Election will be held in conjunction with the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015.

Your sample ballot advises you where to vote. If you are registered and are unable to vote at the polls, you may vote by Mail In Ballot. Please keep in mind there is a procedure and time lines for Mail In voting.

Voting Districts 1, 2 and 5 will vote at the Knights of Columbus, 200 Fair Haven Road.

Voting Districts 3, 4 and 6 will vote at the Community Center, 35 Fisk Street.

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is looking for poll workers to help with elections. Applications can be obtained through the Borough Clerk’s office.

**Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC**

**Borough Clerk**
Fair Haven Public Library

BABY STORYTIME - Ages 10 - 23 months (with parent/caregiver) Tuesdays through May 19 from 10:00 - 10:20 am

TODDLER STORYTIME - Ages 2 - 3 (with parent/caregiver) Tuesdays through May 19 from 10:30 - 10:50 am

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - Ages 3 - 5 (but NOT in Kindergarten) Tuesdays through May 19 from 11:00 - 11:30 am

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS - Grades K - 4 Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.

April 7 LEGO®s - SPRING FLING! Listen to spring stories and build LEGO® creations with your friends!

April 14 FOR THE BIRDS! Listen to “flighty” stories and make a bird craft!

April 21 BANDANA BANGLES! We’re recycling old bandanas for Earth Day and creating new, colorful bracelets! Listen to stories and have some fun!

April 28 PAWS TO READ! - Bright & Beautiful therapy dogs will be here to listen to your favorite stories!

Register for one session: 4:30 - 4:50 pm OR 4:55 - 5:15 pm.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Tuesday, April 28

Toddlers ▶ 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. - DUPLO®s

Preschoolers ▶ 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. - LEGO®s

Listen to a story about spring and have some fun using your imagination to build with DUPLO®s or LEGO®s!

The Summer Reading Club is starting again in June! Our theme this year is “Local Heroes” and we have a fabulous kick-off program scheduled for June 23, 2015 at 3:15 p.m. in the Community Center. It will feature New YorkTimes bestselling author Capt. Luis Carlos Montalván and his service dog, Tuesday. Captain Montalvan will tell us about his service in the Middle East and how he and Tuesday became a team! Captain Montalvan’s books will be available for sale and Captain Montalvan will be available for autographs after the program. Registration for this event will begin in June. Don’t miss out on this special visit from this special man and his dog.
**Garden Club of Fair Haven**

Mark your calendars everyone - the Garden Club’s annual plant sale is Friday, May 8, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday morning May 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Fair Haven Firehouse, River Road. Garden Club members are putting together lots of perennials and specialty shrubs as well as beautiful hanging baskets and garden items for sale. We divide many of our own perennials for the sale, so you can be sure they are well established to grow locally. Our boutique will have gift items to help you find the perfect Mother’s Day gift. Members are overflowing with gardening advice and love to answer any and all questions. So please plan to join us and shop for a growing gift for Mom - and share our delicious refreshments! The plant sale proceeds support the Club’s local projects and an annual $1,000 scholarship awarded to an RFH senior, RFH graduate or student resident of Fair Haven who plans to attend or who is presently attending an accredited college and majoring in Horticulture, Environmental Sciences, Landscape Design, Botany or allied subjects. Please contact Trish Sullivan (732-741-5482) for information. We hope to see you at our sale and appreciate your helping us keep Fair Haven blooming!

**Fair Haven Seniors**

Fair Haven Seniors ages 55 and up please feel free to join us for conversation, activities, trips, dessert and coffee/tea at the monthly meetings. Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month** (except July and August.) at the Community Center located behind the Police Department at 35 Fisk Street. New and former members are welcome to attend! Off-street parking is available….no stairs to climb. For additional information, please contact Ruth Blaser at 732-842-4228. We hope to see you soon. (**Unless changed due to holiday or activity). The Seniors are planning a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on April 24, 2015. The name of the play is “Abie's Irish Rose.” Tickets are $54.00. We will leave from the Firehouse at 9:00 am. Only a few tickets left. For additional information or to purchase tickets contact Sonia Reevey 732-747-5583.

**Yellowbook**

Yellowbook Directory upcoming delivery schedule for Monmouth County

Start date May 8, 2015; delivery end date June 19, 2015

All residents have the choice about future phonebook directories. You can learn more about recycling options at www.recycleyellowbook.com. You can select which phonebooks you wish to receive and can opt-out by visiting www.yellowpagesoptout.com

Your out-of-date Yellowbook is 100% recyclable. Did you know Yellowbooks are….

- Made from recycled fiber, discarded wood chips and pulp
- Printed with biodegradable soy ink
- Bound together with vegetable based glue
CRIME PREVENTION

Fraudulent Scams - There have been reports of residents receiving calls from someone claiming to be part of an FOP (Fraternal Order of Police) or PBA (Police Benevolent Association) and asking for a donation. The Fair Haven PBA will never call you on the phone for a donation; we will only mail out a letter one time a year. If you receive a similar call it is best not to answer it if your Caller ID identifies one of these organizations. If you do answer just say that you are not able to donate but thank them for the call and hang up.

DOGS

Please make sure that your dog is always on a leash anytime it is off your property, especially when you visit the Nature Trails. Fair Haven has a leash ordinance and everyone needs to cooperate and abide by it. Please make sure that you always clean up after your dog and update the license yearly at Borough Hall. Contact Police Headquarters at 732-747-0991 if your dog does run away from your home, so we can contact you in the event someone finds your dog. Call Police Headquarters to report any violations observed.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

A reminder to mark your calendars! This year’s National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the Community Center behind Police Headquarters. This is the 13th year that we are participating in this nationwide event. It’s a great night for friends and family members of the community to get together and get to know the Officers of the Police Department. There are many fun events planned for this year, which will be announced at a later date. For more information please contact the event coordinator Detective Stephen Schneider at 732-747-0241 x331 or sschneider@fhboro.net

TRAFFIC SAFETY

We would like to remind everyone to follow all of the traffic laws. Since the weather is getting warmer, there will be a lot of children out playing and riding their bicycles and we want to make sure the streets are safe for them. Be sure to stop at all stop signs and look both ways for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vehicle traffic before entering the roadway. Be sure to follow the speed limit and not follow too closely to the vehicle in front of you. Be sure to stop at all traffic signals that are red and even yellow unless it had just turned yellow when you were within 25 ft. of the intersection. Also make sure to stop for any pedestrian that has entered a crosswalk. If you follow these laws, it will help to make your travels more safe and enjoyable.

CELL PHONE

Reminder that all drivers are not permitted to talk, check voicemail, text, read texts, play games, etc. on their cell phones or operate any other devices while driving. Drivers are permitted to use a hands-free device to talk on cell phones while driving.
News from Parks and Recreation

The Fair Haven Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade will take place on Saturday, April 11. The parade will take off from McCarter Park at 9:00 a.m. and head towards Fair Haven Fields. There will be music, free hotdogs and other refreshments available at the Fair Haven Fields Concession Stand. Team photos will take place after the ceremony.

Our Spring Teen Canteen is set to take place on Friday, April 24, 2015. The Teen Canteen will run from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. and will take place at Knollwood. Parents: please contact the Recreation Department if you would like to volunteer!

The Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at McCarter Pond. Please bring your own rods and bait. Prizes will be awarded for the best catches of the day! No pre-registration is necessary!

Please join us for the 2015 Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Parade line up takes place at Knollwood and the parade will finish with our traditional ceremony at Memorial Park.

Please check the Fair Haven Recreation Website for updates regarding the 2015 Mother-Son Brunch.

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

Project Medicine Drop!

Located within the lobby of the Fair Haven Police Department, is 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.
Mayor Benjamin Lucarelli
Councilman Jon Peters     Councilman Eric Jaeger
Councilman Robert Marchese Councilman Rowland Wilhelm
Councilwoman Susan Sorensen Councilwoman Aimee Humphreys

Borough Administrator - Theresa S. Casagrande
Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator - Allyson Cinquegrana
Administrative Assistant/Deputy Borough Clerk - Nancy Calore
Police Chief - Darryl Breckenridge
OEM Coordinator - Lt. Joseph P. McGovern
Tax Collector/Court Administrator/Registrar - Dale Connor
Assessor - Gregory T. Hutchinson
Finance - Denise Jawidzik/Melissa Abrahamsen
Borough/Planning Board Engineer/Public Works Superintendent - 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

**BOROUGH MEETINGS**

**Borough Council Meeting**
- Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m.**

**Recreation Committee**
- Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Board**
- Wednesday, April 8, 7:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 13, 7:15 p.m.

**Historic Commission**
- Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

**Municipal Court**
- Thursday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.
- Please call main office for May Municipal Court schedule - 732-747-0241

**Zoning Board**
- Thursday, April 9, 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7, 7:15 p.m.

**Shade Tree**
- Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Environmental Commission**
- Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

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