FOCUS on FAIR HAVEN

This Month In Fair Haven

TRASH COLLECTION

JANUARY

Trash - Zones 1 & 2
Monday, January 7th
Monday, January 14th
Monday, January 21st
Monday, January 28th

Trash - Zones 3 & 4
*Friday, January 4
Tuesday, January 8th
Tuesday, January 15th
Tuesday, January 22nd
Tuesday, January 29th

*January 1st Trash pick up for Zones 3 & 4 will be Friday, January 4th

FEBRUARY

Trash - Zones 1 & 2
Monday, February 4th
Monday, February 11th
Monday, February 18th
Monday, February 25th

Trash - Zones 3 & 4
Tuesday, February 5th
Tuesday, February 12th
Tuesday, February 19th
Tuesday, February 26th

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

2019 Municipal Calendars have been mailed!!

BOROUGH INFORMATION

Governing Body
Reorganization Meeting
will be held on
Monday, January 7, 2019
at 7:00 p.m.

Special
Council Meeting
will be held on
Thursday, January 10, 2019
Knollwood School
at 7:00 p.m.

Borough Offices, Library
and DPW
will be closed on the
following days:

Monday, January 1, 2019
in observance of
New Year's Day

Monday, January 21, 2019
in observance of
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Monday, February 18, 2019
in observance of
President's Day

First Quarter Taxes
are due
FEBRUARY 1ST

If you didn’t receive your
copy in the mail, you can pick one
up at Borough Hall!

Please check our website (www.fairhavennj.org) for the most
up-to-date scheduling information

*January 1st Trash pick up for Zones 3 & 4 will be Friday, January 4th

JANUARY

CHRISTMAS TREES
will be picked up at your curbside
Dear Fair Haven Residents:

I understand and appreciate the public’s right to remain updated on what their elected officials are contemplating, particularly when it involves spending tax dollars and the delivery of public services. However, whenever you hear people talking about what the Borough’s elected officials may have done, or are even considering, please keep in mind that there is a big difference between thoughtful deliberation based on facts and wild speculation based on hearsay. Over the next few months, I am asking you to avoid listening to rumors and speculation on what may, or may not, be happening with our Borough facilities. As public stakeholders, I am asking you to become part of an informed discussion on how best to upgrade our aging facilities, so that they can meet the needs of Fair Haven for the next fifty years.

The following question and answer segment is a follow-up to my prior public statements regarding the Borough’s ongoing facilities upgrade review. The impetus to move forward with this review came out of many committee level and public discussions that have taken place over the past three years, which focused on the state of our Borough’s facilities.

Is the Borough considering purchasing the abandoned Sunoco Property on River Road? Yes, the property has been abandoned for nearly ten years and it is a blight on our downtown. The Sunoco site is being considered as a potential location for a new police station and Borough Hall, but the final and best location for both these facilities is still under review and deliberation. Historically, the Borough also purchased the former Masonic Temple on River Road, worked out a developer’s agreement to provide some very much needed public parking in the eastern portion of our business district and then subsequently sold the property, which now is home to two thriving businesses.

Was the recent public hearing for the removal of the Police Station/Community Center from the Borough’s Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) related to the facilities upgrade project? Not really, the fact is that while considering renovations to those buildings, we discovered that both the buildings and the park area were listed on our tax map as one block and lot, which is why the developed portion was originally and mistakenly placed on the ROSI. Since the buildings and the parking lot area were not open space at the time the Borough was required to submit our ROSI to the State; we are simply correcting a historical error.

Is the Borough looking to build a Parks Maintenance Facility in Fair Haven Fields? That is only a possibility, which is under consideration as part of the plan to replace our present Department of Public Works building. The overall goal is to come up with a plan that delivers services in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Our architect is presently working on two concept plans for our Public Works Facility. One of the options does include a small two bay garage to be located within Fair Haven Fields, which will only store equipment used to maintain those 73 acres. That building could also include additional public restrooms and parking. The other option will not include a garage at Fair Haven Fields and we will continue to store all equipment at the main DPW building. It is important to note that both options will reduce the total footprint of the present facility, which is located in a residential neighborhood. Most importantly, it is a fact that the Borough cannot build a parks maintenance facility in Fair Haven Fields without first getting approval from both NJDEP and Monmouth County. That approval process would require the Borough to give full public notice and hold a public hearing; as such, our residents will have ample opportunity to give their input on whether they want to dedicate a small area of the park to such a building.

Did the Borough consider renovating and/or building a new police station and community center in the present location? Yes, renovation of the site was explored, including concept plans and cost estimates. However, renovation was very expensive and it would still result in facilities that had safety, space, location, inadequate parking and ADA compliance issues. Once again, our present police facility is located within a residential neighborhood, which is less than ideal. Building a new facility in that location is still being actively considered as part of the overall facilities review. The final decision will depend on many factors, including whether the Sunoco site is available and appropriate, as well as the total cost for all options.

When will the public be able to review and weigh in on the various options for Borough facilities? The Borough’s architect is working on general draft concept plans for the DPW facility, the Police Department and the Community Center. Those concept plans will be presented at a public meeting solely dedicated to that single topic, which will be widely advertised. That meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Knollwood School All Purpose Room. We are waiting until January for two reasons: first, the architect needs sufficient time to draft the plans; second and most important, we do not want to hold a meeting and/or meetings on this important topic during the holiday season, because we know our residents are busy and may not be able to attend this important meeting.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important topic. Feel free to contact me, or any member of the Governing Body, directly with your questions, or comments.

Best regards,
Mayor Ben Lucarelli (on behalf of Borough Council Members)
At this time, I would like to thank Councilman Robert Marchese (served three terms) and Councilman Eric Jaeger (served two plus terms) for their time and talents on Council. It was a pleasure working with both of you. Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

I would also like to welcome Jacqueline “Jacquie” Rice and welcome back James Banahan to Council. I wish you both luck and look forward to working with both of you over the next three years.

-Allyson Cinquegrana, Borough Clerk

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**Bulk Disposal Service Upgrade Announcement**

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, I am very pleased to announce that, beginning in January, 2019, the Borough will be replacing our bulk drop off program with a curbside bulk pickup program. The Governing Body is making this change as part of an ongoing effort to increase services to our residents.

Fair Haven residents will no longer have to load up their vehicles with bulk trash and bring it to our Department of Public Works facility. Instead, once a month, from January through October, residents can simply place bulk trash items at their curbside and they will be picked up at no charge.

**2019 CURBSIDE BULK PICK UP SCHEDULE**

Trash Zones 1 & 2 will have bulk pickup on the first Monday of the month, from January through October. Trash Zones 3 & 4 will have bulk trash pickup on the second Monday of the month, from January through October.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THESE VERY IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:**

- All bulk items shall be placed behind the curb or edge of pavement and not in the street.
- Appliance disposal will require prior scheduling through the main office (732-747-0241, ext.*219). There will be a $15.00 fee for the appliance disposal sticker, which must be placed on the appliance. Refrigerator doors and large coolers must have the door or lid removed when placed at the curb.
- E-waste disposal (TV, Computers, Game Stations, etc.) will require prior scheduling through the main office (732-747-0241, ext.*219). E-waste items must be separate from other bulk items and please place smaller E-waste items in a separate container.
- No trash bags will be accepted for bulk pick up.
- All metal items must be placed in a separate pile.
- Bulk pick up will be limited to what, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, is a reasonable amount of bulk, not to exceed what would fit into a small pickup truck. There will be no full basement cleanouts or whole house move outs.
- No construction debris will be picked up, including: cabinets, flooring, plumbing fixtures, drywall, yard fencing or large swing sets.
- There will not be a bulk pick up during November and December as our DPW crews are dedicated to extensive leaf collection.

*Theresa Casagrande, Borough Administrator*
From the Clerk’s Desk

The Governing Body for 2019 is as follows:

**Mayor:**
Benjamin J. Lucarelli

**Councilmembers:**
James Banahan  
Elizabeth Koch  
Jonathan Peters  
Jacqueline Rice  
Christopher Rodriguez  
Susan Sorensen

The 2019 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:

- **Tuesday, January 7th (Reorganization)**
- **Thursday, January 10th (Special Meeting)**
- **Monday, January 28th**
- **Monday, February 11th**
- **Monday, March 11th**
- **Monday, April 8th**
- **Monday, May 13th**
- **Monday, June 10th**
- **Monday, July 15th**
- **Monday, August 19th**
- **Monday, September 9th**
- **Tuesday, October 15th**
- **Tuesday, November 12th**
- **Monday, December 16th**

Please reference the Borough’s 2019 Calendar for other important dates and information.

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

**NO KNOCK Registration Ordinance.**

There is a NO KNOCK Registration Ordinance in effect which allows you to register with my office to be placed on a NO KNOCK list so solicitors will not approach your home, if you choose. When an applicant applies for such a license and if they are approved, they will be given a copy of the list (address only) of those who have registered. Hours have also been set for solicitation from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that there are organizations that are federally exempt from state and local regulations and can approach your home at hours other than what has been set. I will also be providing exempt organizations with the list of NO KNOCK registrants and ask for consideration. If you have already registered your property, you do not need to re-register.

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**STREET OPENINGS**

Just a reminder that Street openings are not be 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.

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**On behalf of the Dog Registrar, please remember to renew your dog and/or cat license. All dog and cat licenses expired on December 31, 2018. The 2019 licenses will be sold beginning January 2, 2019. A grace period will be granted until January 31, 2019; after that date, a $5.00 penalty per month will be assessed. Rabies vaccinations must be renewed for 2019 if the vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2019.**

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

- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019, 10:00 am-12:00 noon @ Tinton Falls Municipal Complex**
- **TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ Brielle Fire Hall**
- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm @ Highlands Firehouse**

PLEASE HAVE DOGS ON A LEASH AND CATS IN A CARRIER. ANIMALS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.
**PARKS and RECREATION WINTER NEWS**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FALL EVENTS!**

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**2019 Father/Daughter Dance**

- Friday, March 1st (7:00-9:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, March 2nd (6:00-8:30 p.m.)

Participants will enjoy a buffet style dinner, music, photos and a special gift. This event is open to girls in grades 1-5 and their father/father figure. Registration for this event will take place online at https://fairhavennj.leagueapps.com/events. Please visit the Recreation website for more information.

**Important:** If you have a photo taken at the dance, please stop by the Borough Hall office to pick up your FREE copy!!

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**Devils Hockey Night!!**

Sunday, February 17th 6:00 p.m.

@ Prudential Center vs Buffalo Sabres

Each participant will receive a lower level ticket, round trip bus transportation, two NJ Devils gifts and an on-ice photo after the game. This game begins at 6:00 p.m., with the bus leaving Fair Haven Borough Hall at 4:00 p.m. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration for this event will take place online at https://fairhavennj.leagueapps.com/events

Please visit the recreation website for more information.

**Space is limited! Sign up today!**

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**2019 Winter TAI CHI (for Adults)**

- Thursdays
- January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb 7
- 7:00—8:00 p.m.
- $40 for 6 Sessions

**Core de Force**

Full body MMA style workout!

- Saturday, January 5-March 30
- 8:00 a.m.
- Community Center
- $100 for 12 classes

“OFF February 9th”

Fairhavennj.leagueapps.com/camps

Recreation@fhboro.net

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**Snapology at Fair Haven Recreation!**

Come build, play, and learn with Snapology!

**SCIENCE OF SUPER POWERS WEEKLY CLASS**

- Wednesdays, January 16th – February 20th - 3:30-4:30pm
- (Ages 5-10 - $100/student)

Location: Fair Haven Community Center

**Register** @ MonmouthCounty.Snapology.com

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
REASONS TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

- Stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
- Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial underwater grasses, wildlife and fish.
- No one likes to step in pet waste and spread it into homes, cars and businesses.
- Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners.
- IT’S THE LAW!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SURVEY

The following are the Boards, Commissions and Committees where volunteer opportunities become available. Please complete the survey listed below and return to the Borough Hall or mail to Borough of Fair Haven, 748 River Road, Fair Haven, NJ, 07704. Your information will be forwarded to the appropriate Chairperson. Please be advised that even though you sign up for a certain Board, Commission, or Committee, this does not guarantee an appointment.

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The SIXTY–FOURTH 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:

- $4,425 Library
- $2,255 The ARC
- $3,535 Recreation Committee
- $1,350 Girl/Boy Scouts
- $4,500 FH Fields Natural Area
- $3,600 Mental Health
- $1,715 Shade Tree
- $1,095 Bicentennial Hall
- $1,820 Interfaith Neighbors
- $1,380 Post Prom

TOTAL DONATIONS—$25,675

Thank you again for your support
Theresa Casagrande, Borough Administrator
The Garden Club of Fair Haven held its Christmas Luncheon and regular monthly meeting on December 5th at noon at the Fair Haven Community Center. A Holiday Greens Workshop was hosted by Horticulture Chairs Lynda Vaccaro and Melissa Schober. Members and friends created swags for home decorating. Guests paid a nominal fee of $5.00, greens were provided and participants brought additional decorations they wished to use (bows, ribbons etc.).

Guests were also offered a holiday lunch for $5.00 per person.

On January 2, following the regular meeting, a program “Succulents: Care, Design, and Techniques”, will be presented by Alicia Vaccchiano, Certified Horticulturist, Certified Master Gardener and Certified Floral Designer. Alicia will, in addition to the basics, cover how to propagate, problem-solve and use succulents in fun and interesting designs. Lunch is served at noon and there is a $5.00 charge for guests.

Below are some pictures of our recent projects that the Garden Club of Fair Haven Juniors Program did with the afterschool children at Sickles School.

The two projects we did were Nature Bands – leaves, seed pods and flowers that they put on duct tape. The other was cutting shapes from construction paper to imitate paintings from the famous artist, Henri Mattise.

Lata Mahbubani, Chair Juniors - Garden Club of Fair Haven
The Library Board would like to thank our patrons for their generous contributions to the Community Appeal for 2018. Your contributions help to keep our library doors open all year long. Children’s programs, library supplies, books and DVDs all share in the funds that Community Appeals provide. Again, many thanks.

Stop by in January to get help with those new Ebook Readers that Santa brought; we can help you get started. You can also download books onto iPads so make sure you come in to get any help you may need. Don’t forget that the library has a new phone number. Call 732-747-0241 and ext. *220 to reach us. We are all hoping that your holidays were great and we want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

A Great Big Thank You

Many thanks from the Fair Haven Seniors group to the Fair Haven First Aid and Fire Department staff who held presentations and question and answer segments with the senior group during their September and October meetings. The First Aid met with the Seniors in September and the Fire Chief met with the Seniors in October.

Both the First Aid Captain and the Fire Chief took the time to answer multiple questions from the Seniors group regarding various topics and offered invaluable information to the group.

2019 Line Officers for Fire and First Aid

2019 FIRE CHIEFS
Fire Chief - Christopher Schrank
Deputy Chief - Matthew Bufano
First Assistant Chief - Kevin Countryman
Second Assistant Chief – Nick Lenczyk

2019 FIRST AID OFFICERS
Captain: Dan Kane
1st Lieutenant: Roxanne Keane
2nd Lieutenant: Nancy Medrow

2019 FIRE POLICE
Captain: Marty Coy
1st Lieutenant: Daniel Chernavsky
2nd Lieutenant: Larry Hartman

We wish them and the department a safe and successful year and thank them for the countless volunteer hours they give to our community.

Looking for Information?
Keeping our residents informed is very important to us. There are multiple ways we continue to make important information available!!

- Borough Website www.fairhavennj.org
- Facebook Page “Borough of Fair Haven”
- Focus Newsletter (bimonthly)
- Electronic Sign in front of our Borough offices
- Eblasts sent out through NIXLE*
  *Have you registered for Borough notifications/alerts? Please log on to the Borough’s website: www.fairhavennj.org and register under Emergency Notification (lower right hand side of the page).
- Have questions? Drop by or call our Borough offices!!! Let us assist YOU! Remember when calling the Borough offices that you need to hit star (*) before the extension number in order to reach the correct department.

If you have not already done so, please register for Borough Notifications through the Borough’s website (right side of the home page: Emergency Notifications) so you do not miss out on important information.
Snow and Ice Removal from Vehicles and Sidewalks
N.J.S.A. 39:4-77.1a – Failure to Remove Snow/Ice from Motor Vehicle

Each driver of a motor vehicle operated on a street or highway in this State shall have an affirmative duty to make all reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow from exposed surfaces of the motor vehicle prior to operation. Surfaces shall include, but not be limited to, the hood, trunk, windshield, windows, roof of the motor vehicle, the cab of a truck, the top of a trailer or semitrailer being drawn by a motor vehicle and the top of an intermodal freight container being carried by an intermodal chassis. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection may be stopped on a street or highway by a law enforcement officer who believes the accumulated ice or snow may pose a threat to persons or property regardless of whether any snow or ice is dislodged from the motor vehicle.

Borough Code 14-6.1—Snow and Ice Removal Required; Time Limit.

The owner, tenant or occupant of any building or lands abutting upon any street within the Borough of Fair Haven shall cause the sidewalk in front of the property to be cleared of snow or ice to a width of at least two (2) feet within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of the snowfall or formation of ice. In case of ice on the sidewalk, should it be impracticable to remove same, then the sidewalk shall be covered with sand or some other suitable substance so as to cause the sidewalk to be made safe and convenient for persons traveling thereon.

Remember not to leave your vehicles in the street if there is a chance that it may snow. Also, if you have a corner property, it is your responsibility to shovel the sidewalk in front of your residence and on the side.

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. Further information can be obtained at www.MCSNRRNJ.org or contact our SNR liaison Patrolman Eric Patton at 732-747-0241 x333 or epatton@fhboro.net.

PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Newsletter of the Borough of Fair Haven

Mayor Benjamin Lucarelli
Councilman Jonathan Peters  Councilman James Banahan
Councilwoman Elizabeth Koch  Councilman Christopher Rodriguez
Councilwoman Susan Sorensen  Councilwoman Jacqueline Rice

Borough Administrator - Theresa S. Casagrande
Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator - Allyson Cinquegrana
Chief Financial Officer - Colleen Lapp
Police Chief - Joseph P. McGovern
OEM Coordinator - Chief Joseph P. McGovern
Director of Engineering/Public Works/Planning Board Engineer - Richard Gardella
Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works - Nicolas Poruchynsky
Tax Collector/Finance - Judith Vassallo/Melissa Abrahamsen
Tax and Finance Office Assistant - Debbie Ozut
Administrative Assistant/Registrar - Betty Ann Berube
Parks & Recreation, Special Projects Administrator - D.J. Breckenridge
Zoning Officer - Nicolas Poruchynsky
Planning, Zoning and Code Compliance Officer—Joseph Mulé
Construction Code Official - Dennis Peras
Code Enforcement—Sergeant Jesse Dykstra
Tax Assessor - Gregory Hutchinson

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

BOROUGH MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.  Monday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.  Monday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.
(Knollwood School)
Monday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD
Thursday, January 17, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, February 7, 7:15 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD
Tuesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 19, 7:30 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.

HISTORIC COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 2, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.

FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is in effect from November 1st - April 1st from 2:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. on all Borough streets.

If you need to park a vehicle on 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 to Police Headquarters Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-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.