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### **BOROUGH INFORMATION**

Fourth Quarter Taxes are Due November 1, 2021

**ELECTION DAY** Tuesday, November 2, 2021

**VETERANS DAY** November 11, 2021 Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in Memorial Park

Borough Offices, Library and DPW will be closed as follows:

VETERANS DAY Thursday, November 11th

THANKSGIVING November 25th and November 26th

December 23rd (closed at noon) CHRISTMAS EVE (closed all day)



### From Your Borough Administrator

On behalf of the residents of Fair Haven, I would like to welcome and congratulate Joshua Halpern, who was unanimously appointed to the unexpired Mayor's term at the October 12th **Council Meeting** 

Before moving to Fair Haven in 2011, Josh lived in Manhattan, where he served on executive boards for various co-ops and apartment buildings with responsibility for reviewing financial statements and negotiating leases. As a regis-



tered 9/11 Rescue/Recovery Worker, Josh is proud to have supported the rescue and cleanup effort of the Twin

> Towers by helping to feed frontline emergency personnel in the aftermath of the attacks.



Currently, Josh is the Director of Sales for an international packaging company, where he has held various roles, including the successful management of a sales force.

Locally, Josh sponsors and hosts various social and charitable events, including the Fair Haven Bingo Social Club and the Halpern Invitational

Charity Ping Pong Tournament, which recently donated proceeds to the Local Community Food Bank of NJ. He coaches Fair Haven Recreational and Travel Teams and is also a referee and a participant of the Fair Haven Men's Basketball League.

Josh and his wife Nicole, a former elementary school teacher, are proud parents to Zach and Lily, Knollwood students in 8th and 6th grades, respectively.

Theresa Casagrande Borough Administrator



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### Fair Haven welcomes a New Police Captain!!!



Congratulations to Robert Townshend who was promoted to and sworn in as Police Captain at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Flanked by his wife Jacqueline and two daughters, Mary and Abby, Townshend was sworn in with the Borough's Bible, that was donated by Hap Albert.

Captain Townshend began his career with the Fair Haven Police Department in 1994 as a Class II Special Officer and Dispatcher. He has held multiple departmental positions and responsibilities throughout his career.

Below is the history of his Police Department advancement:

- Patrolman from April 1999-January 2006 & August 2007–August 2008
- Detective from January 2006- August 2007
- Sergeant from August 2008 to November 2015
- Lieutenant from November 2015-September 2021

On behalf of the Governing Body members and the citizens of Fair Haven, I want to thank former Mayor Ben Lucarelli for his volunteer service to this community throughout his nearly ten years as our Mayor and over twelve years as a member of the Fair Haven Governing Body. We collectively wish him and his family all the best and look forward to seeing him around town for many years to come!

Please stay safe and enjoy the holiday season. Sincerely,

Theresa Casagrande, Fair Haven Borough Administrator



### TRASH COLLECTION

### **NOVEMBER**

### Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, November 1st Monday, November 8th Monday, November 15th Monday, November 22nd Monday, November 29th

### Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, November 2nd Tuesday, November 9th Tuesday, November 16th Tuesday, November 23rd Tuesday, November 30th

### **DECEMBER**

#### Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, December 6th Monday, December 13th Monday, December 20th Monday, December 27th

### Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, December 7th Tuesday, December 14th Tuesday, December 21st Tuesday, December 28th

Single-stream recycling is picked up every Wednesday for all zones! Please check our Borough website for Recycle guidelines!

## NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

LEAF ONLY PICK-UP

Please place Leaves at your curbside no more than 3-4 days BEFORE your designated week

Once DPW has picked up on your street, there will NOT be another pick up

Thank you

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### From the Clerk's Desk

### **OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

Please be advised that Council Meetings for November and December will be held as follows beginning at 7:00 p.m. These meetings are a hybrid (in person or you can attend virtually via the Zoom Platform):

Monday, November 8, 2021 \* Monday, November 22, 2021 \* Monday, December 20, 2021

### **GENERAL ELECTION:**

Please keep in mind that the General Election is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021. Governor Murphy signed into law a mandate for early voting (the early-voting period was October 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>; advertised through Constant Contact, Borough Website, Facebook Page since September).



There are two additional ways to vote:

1. Vote by mail, if you choose; there are Official Election Ballot Drop Boxes in all municipalities including Fair Haven (ours is located in front of Borough Hall).

- OR -

2. In person, at Church of the Nativity Parish Center (corner of Hance and Ridge Roads) which serves all six voting districts and will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

STREET OPENINGS will 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 Public Works Director.



Enjoy all of the upcoming Holidays!

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk



Monmouth County will hold paper shred events for Monmouth County residents on the following Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or when the truck is full, whichever comes first):

Saturday, Nov. 6 - BRIELLE Borough,
Municipal Building, 601 Union Lane
Saturday, Nov. 13 - MIDDLETOWN
TOWNSHIP, Middletown H.S.
North, 63 Tindall Road
Saturday, Nov. 20 - ASBURY PARK,
Municipal Building,
1 Municipal Plaza

Please remove large binder clips. Staples and paper clips can remain.100pound limit. Page 4 FOCUS on FAIR HAVEN www.fairhavennj.org

### Garden Club of Fair Haven News

September's meeting brought the club members back to the Community Center for our first in person meeting since last October. Everyone enjoyed the delicious luncheon served by the luncheon committee as they caught up with old friends.

Highlights of the meeting included induction of 3 new members into the club. Garry Allers, Tracy Cole and Leslie Eadon. The club acknowledged Mary Warshauer for becoming the President of The National Garden

Club. A club award in her honor was presented and will be given for achievements by a club member in the future.



In November the club will hold their annual fund raiser, a Basket Raffle, on November 3rd. Donated items from members and local businesses will fill the beautifully displayed baskets. This popular event is open to all and is on the first Wednesday of the month. Luncheon will be served at noon before the raffle begins giving everyone time to choose their baskets. It is at the community center where a lunch will be served before the raffle

In December members will create a holiday decoration to take home.

The club continues to beautify Fair Haven by filling the town planters with seasonal flowers several times a year. The Junior program continues to work with local Girl Scout troops helping them earn environmental badges. Garden therapy meets every month to make mini flower arrangements that adorn the trays for Meals on Wheels and the Outreach program will again work with the Fair Haven PTA.

If you are interested in becoming a garden club member contact Lee Davidson at <a href="mailto:lilincar@aol.com">lilincar@aol.com</a>. Meetings are at the Community Center at 12 noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Sent from my iPad

## FAIR HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESCHOOL PROGRAM



he Fair Haven School District will be offering an Integrated Preschool Program for the 2022-2023 school year. The integrated preschool program combines students with and without special needs. Children must be 3 years of age by July 15, 2022. If your child is of kindergarten age by October 15, 2022, your child is not eligible.

This program follows the NJ State Department of Education's Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations, Standards of Quality and taught by a certified teacher. Typically developing children, as well as, children with special needs, will be included in the program.

There are two preschool sections, morning and afternoon. The classes will meet 5 days a week for 2 hours and 20 minutes per day. The preschool program will follow the Fair Haven School District's 2022-2023 academic calendar.

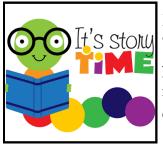
Space is limited; a lottery will be conducted in January 2022 to select the children to fill the available slots. Please complete the FH School Preschool Parent Questionnaire by December 31, 2021 to begin the lottery process. You can find the questionnaire on the Sickles School website in the Special Services tab under About Our School.

Pre-School

For more information, please contact the Special Services Office at (732) 747-0381.

### Library News.....by Donna Powers, Library Director





For information on *In Person Story Time for 2-4 year old* you may call L'S Stow 732-747-0241 x\*220 or stop in person to our Borough Library. To participate, you must be register in advance for each week. On recommendation of the State and Local Health Commission, and for everyone's safety, we ask that you please wear a mask while at the library.

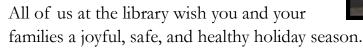
Take and Make Crafts are available at the library to take home. Virtual story time and craft videos are available on the library webpage (www.fairhavenlib.org) the supplies for each craft are listed in advance of the program. So get your supplies together and listen to a great story and then craft along with the librarian. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

**Looking for new books for the kids to read?** Have a look at our curated book lists at the kids tab on the webpage. Book suggestion for special occasions, holidays and much more are available. Then come in or call to check out any of the titles.



Knitting If you had been part of the library knitting group or an avid knitter on Group your own there is a charity group in town that will be sending knitted and crocheted item to groups in need this winter season. Please call the library if you are interested in contributing you time and talent to this worthwhile group of fiber artists.

Please don't forget that we still have service men and women abroad that are thrilled to receive care packages from home. The charity group Eagles Up needs your donated items to send to these men and women to let them know we care about them and support them. The library is a drop off for your donated items and we have a complete list of the kind of items they could really use. Please consider letting them know we care.





Plus a very Happy, Healthy, New Year 2022! Make it a resolution to visit the library in 2022.



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### 2021-2022 Fair Haven Community Appeal

The 68th Fair Haven Community Appeal has started and Borough residents should have Appeal letters in their mailbox. The Appeal Officers and Trustees would like to thank our residents who last year donated \$30,485 in support of eight organizations that serve the Fair Haven community.

As we face a second challenging year, we recognize that many in our community are still struggling. We ask that you recognize that the organizations we support are also struggling. With your continued generosity, we will be able to help them meet the increased demand for their services.

Donations can be made online at <a href="bit.ly/FHCAppeal2021">bit.ly/FHCAppeal2021</a>, or via the mailing envelope provided with your Appeal letter. The Appeal is a registered 501(c)(3), independent of the Borough, and all contributions are tax deductible.

The Appeal consists of Fair Haven residents who volunteer their time and meet just twice a year. We would appreciate additional help and input, especially from our newer residents who could provide their perspective to this committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact us at FHCAppeal@gmail.com.

Sincerely, 2021-2022 Fair Haven Community Appeal Committee

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE

The Be A Good Neighbor Committee, with the support of Knollwood School's Superintendent McNeil and Principal Romano, are partnering with students in Knollwood's 6th to 8th grades, to 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 this winter.

- Former adult participants received their application forms in October. Students received their sign-up forms through the school.
- For new requests or questions call Ruth Blaser (732) 842-4228 or email Rachel Griffin at <a href="mailto:thegriffinfive@gmail.com">thegriffinfive@gmail.com</a>
- The committee is also seeking adults willing to assist seniors with small chores and/or drive seniors to appointments, shopping, banking, etc.



Local businesses are owned and operated by your neighbors! ...
Local businesses are more accountable to their local communities and donate more money to non-profits.

Supporting local businesses is good for the environment because they often have a smaller carbon footprint than larger companies.







### PARKS and RECREATION NEWS



### Thursday, November 11, 2021

November is the month that we honor our Nation's Veterans. Veteran's Day is a day when we all should take a moment to reflect on and be thankful for the men and women who have served in America's Armed Forces. Honoring the service of our Nation's Veterans with a fitting and respectful day of thanks is an annual tradition that makes us all very proud to be Americans.

The Borough of Fair Haven will honor our Veterans on Thursday, November 11, 2021. The service will take place in the area of the "Doughboy" statue in Memorial (Victory) Park, corner of Fair Haven and River Roads. Ceremony will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Please join us for this day of thanks and reflection.

## Fair Haven Basketball is BACK!!



Registration is open for the 2021/2022 season

### FAIR HAVEN SENIORS ARE MEETING ONCE AGAIN!

First meeting will be on Tuesday, Novem-



ber 16th at 1:00 pm at Bicentennial Hall. Come join this amazing group!



### The MENORAH LIGHTING

will take place on Sunday, November 28, 2021 in Memorial Park at 4:30 p.m.

# HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATION CONTEST



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR HOUSE JUDGED? Open to all Fair Haven residents!

WHEN DOES JUDGING TAKE PLACE? Houses can be judged between December 16th and December 20th WHO ARE THE JUDGES? This contest will be judged by fellow Fair Haven residents via online poll! An e-blast will be sent out with the link for residents to cast their votes!

ARE THERE PRIZES FOR WINNERS? The top 3 vote getters will receive a prize!

### Santa in the Park & Holiday Stroll Friday, December 10, 2021

Santa In The Park + Holiday Stroll- Friday, December 10th. 6-7:30 pm. Photos with Santa in Memorial Park 6-7:30 pm. The FH Business Association hosts a Holiday Stroll in the east side business district until 7:30 pm. Businesses in the east side business district (Canyon Pass Provisions and east) will stay open until 7:30 pm and offer little giveaways and/or have a fun activity such as face painting or complimentary holiday treats.

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## "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"



After a year off for pandemic, two major FHBA events are back! **Fair Haven's Small Business Saturday is Sat. Nov. 27.** This is a national event that was started by, and is promoted by, American Express. The FHBA organizers for this event are Lisa Philips of Physhion and Chelsea Delaney of Sadie James Boutique. The FHBA's Small Business Saturday event will include:

- A red trolley will drive around town 11 am 4 pm making stops on east and west sides of town so attendees can visit local businesses
- Businesses are encouraged to set up promotions, specials, giveaways, and/or activities. The FHBA will promote your participation in this event, and you are asked to also promote this event and what you'll be doing that day.
- You will soon receive an email from Lisa and Chelsea asking you to let them know 1) if you will be participating, and 2) what will be happening at your business that day.
- A map listing participating businesses will be given out at this event. So think about what your business will do this day, and be sure to contact Lisa and Chelsea so your business gets on the map! Lisa and Chelsea can help you come up with a plan.

The trolley will be stopping at our member business, the Columbus Club (at the Knights of Columbus). They will have kids activities and pop-up shops. Their bar will be open and selling refreshments. Local businesses are invited to set up at the Columbus Club. If you are interested, send email to <a href="columbusclub07704@gmail.com">columbusclub07704@gmail.com</a>

# FAIR HAVEN STREETLIGHTS TO BE UPGRADED TO LED TECHNOLOGY



At the Fair Haven Environmental Commission, our mission is to keep Fair Haven at the forefront of the most economic and environmentally advantageous technology, while making sure that these solutions work for our citizens.

Currently, we have three technologies: Mercury (bluish light), sodium (yellow light) and incandescent. For environmental safety, no new mercury lights can be installed. Yellow sodium lights are good in fog (same as your car's fog lights) and the incandescent lights waste huge amounts of energy and are expensive (it is these we want to replace first). The 100 to 300 watt incandescent lights can be replaced by 50-90 watt LEDs which also are far more reliable with a much longer life and better lighting on the ground

Going forward, we expect JCP&L will replace all incandescent lights with the energy-smart LEDs.

## WHAT REQUIRES A ZONING PERMIT?

All exterior construction projects, as well as, all hardscaping projects (paver patios, pools, firepits, seating walls, etc.), fences, sheds, generators, etc.. An approved Zoning Permit must be obtained before work can begin. Failure to do so, may result in fines and, more importantly, may delay the future sale of your home.

If you have any questions, please call the Zoning Office – we are here to help.

## Leaf Pickup

- o As leaf season is upon us, please keep leaves at least 10 feet away from all storm drains to protect our streams and river.
- o For the safety of pedestrians, the beautification of our neighborhoods and to avoid a potential summons, please put ONLY your leaves to the curb 3-4 days before your assigned pick-up week, and tell your landscapers the same refer to the Municipal Calendar or website for schedule details or call Borough Hall.
- o Place leaves clearly in front of your own property, not your neighbors they will appreciate your kind consideration.



## Fair Haven Police Department





### **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
- **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.

### ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER



During school days, the length of Third Street will be closed to ALL vehicular traffic between the hours of 7:30-8:45am and 2:30-3:45pm. The ONLY exceptions will be for those who reside on Third St or an adjoining street (Church St, Maple Ave, Allen St, Williams St, Cedar Ave, Country Ln). We kindly ask that these residents use the roads closest to their homes to enter/exit Third St. DÓ NOT enter/exit Third St from either Fair Haven Rd or Hance Rd where the crossing guards are posted during these times and barricades are erected. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

### **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.

### **PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!**

Fair Haven Borough is hiring part-time crossing guards.

For further information, please come into Police Headquarters CROSSING GUARDS to pick up an application or contact Patrolman John Koetzner at 732-747-0241 x\*329 or



### PLAN BEFORE A FIRE

If a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as three minutes to escape. To be sure you and your family members get out quickly and safely, start planning and practicing your escape now!

Begin with a simple map of your home to plan two ways out of each room. Don't forget to identify a meeting place outside the front of your home. Next, practice your plan with a home fire drill. Push the test button on a smoke alarm and have everyone exit to your meeting place. School-age children should be encouraged to escape unaided in the event you can't help them. Finally, talk about how your drill went. Identify ways to improve and make a goal to have at least two a year, including one at night.



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Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991

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

### **BOROUGH MEETINGS**

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

### **ZONING BOARD**

Wednesday, November 10, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, December 2, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, December 16, 7:15 p.m.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Tuesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

#### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Wednesday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.

#### **HISTORIC COMMISSION**

Tuesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, 7:00 p.m.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.

### FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

## Stay Connected to your Community!



### SIGN UP TODAY

### **CONSTANT CONTACT**

weekly emails
for upcoming meetings,
events, local news
and updates.
Visit Boro website to sign up

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November 1, 2021