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BOROUGH INFORMATION

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MARCH Bulk Pick-Up Zones 1 & 2 Monday, March 6th

Zones 3 & 4 Monday, March 13th

APRIL Bulk Pick-Up Zones 1 & 2 Monday, April 3rd

Zones 3 & 4 Monday, April 10th

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EGG HUNT
SATURDAY,
APRIL 1ST
9:00 A.M.
at McCarter Park

OPENING DAY
BASEBALL/
SOFTBALL
PARADE
SATURDAY,
APRIL 22ND
10:00 A.M.
at McCarter Park

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Borough Offices, Library and DPW will be closed FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH in observance of GOOD FRIDAY



#### Dear Fair Haven Neighbors,



While the most celebrated groundhogs may be Punxsutawney Phil and Staten Island Chuck, we have our very own groundhog, Fair Haven Fred. Every year, Fair Haven Fred predicts an early spring. Fifty percent of the time he is right, which is pretty impressive.

Speaking of Groundhog Day, every year at this time we begin to prepare the budget for the Borough. However, this year is very different because we are at an inflection point. At first-glance, the Fair Haven municipal spend for 2023 appears to be \$550,000 over

the New Jersey State Appropriations Cap Allowance. We must therefore ensure that our budget is appropriately balanced.

We are committed to providing a continuum of key services to our residents, while also ensuring the proper maintenance of grounds, vehicles, and facilities, and considering new endeavors. This year's budget is currently undergoing a stringent review. The primary headwind in our budget is the increase in health insurance costs, which accounts for nearly \$300,000. Moreover, we are replacing our current Police Department building and renovating the Department of Public Works facility. We recognize that taxes were raised over the past few years, without taking into account these potential new expenses.

So, what does this mean for the year 2023?

We are going to be extremely diligent in where we spend funds. Unfortunately, that means saying "not now" for certain projects. We will prioritize all projects, balancing multiple factors in a matrix-type manner. This includes factors such as life/safety, cost, resource constraints, and grant guidelines (as applicable).

We are going to request creative funding solutions with projects brought to the Governing Body.

Our committees will receive increased communication, transparency, and flexibility for all decisions requiring financial expenditure and/or resources.

<u>Please be assured, our Governing Body and Finance Committee are committed to being fiscally responsible and ensure we do what is best for Fair Haven.</u>

In closing, I would like to congratulate the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mid-Monmouth Boys Basketball Team. They completed the most successful run in Fair Haven Basketball History by winning back to back Championships defeating a town with *seven times* our population in the Finals! An incredible feat that gives our small, yet strong, community a ton of pride, and will undoubtedly provide a lifetime of memories to the players, coaches, and parents involved.

Warmer weather is approaching. Big things are on the horizon for Fair Haven. Save the Date for the return of Fair Haven Day on June 10th! The journey continues. Let's enjoy it together as one community!.



#### From Our

## Borough Administrator 🥌



On February 1st, I began my thirteenth year as Fair Haven's Borough Administrator. Over the past twelve years, there have been many exciting changes in this wonderful Community, yet I think most people would agree that Fair Haven still has a very special smalltown feel. However, I am also very much aware that the ongoing building boom, in both our downtown and our residential neighborhoods, as well as multiple major utility infrastructure upgrades, present a host of qualityof-life considerations for our residents. Please be assured that the Borough has processes and procedures in place to effectively deal with contractors who are either non-compliant with Borough ordinances and/or just plain inconsiderate of how their actions can impact the neighborhood. We also work very hard to limit the inconvenience that comes with road work and road closures. If at any time you have a concern, or specific complaint, related to noise, parking, littering, traffic flow, etc., please call the Fair Haven Police Department's non-emergency number at 732-747-0991 and a Police Officer will respond, in as timely a manner as possible. If your concern is related to zoning considerations, construction code issues, or a utility company project, you are welcome to contact me directly and I will forward your concern to the appropriate Borough Official.

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize and thank the many outstanding Borough staff members, as well as numerous very informed and engaged Governing Body members, who have worked with me and supported me for the past twelve years. I have also received ongoing support and a great deal of very valuable input from many Borough residents, noting that 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 ext \*219 or via my Borough email account, tcasagrande@fhboro.net.

Best regards, Theresa Casagrande

#### **2023 TRASH COLLECTION**

#### **MARCH**

#### Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, March 6th Monday, March 13th Monday, March 20th Monday, March 27th

#### Trash - Zones 3 & 4

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

#### **APRIL**

#### Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, April 3rd Monday, April 10th Monday, April 17th Monday, April 24th

#### Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, April 4th Tuesday, April 11th Tuesday, April 18th Tuesday, April 25th

Single-stream Recycling is picked up every Wednesday for all zones!

Please check our Borough website for Recycle guidelines!



# Bulk Pick-Up for MARCH & APRIL

ZONES 1 & 2 ZONES 3 & 4 Monday, March 6th Monday, March 13th

ZONES 1 & 2 ZONES 3 & 4 Monday, April 3rd Monday, April 10th

Large items may be placed at your curbside (i.e. mattress, couch, dining table, dresser). We **DO NOT** pick up construction debris (cabinets, sinks toilets, sheet rock, fencing, etc).

If you have an appliance (a stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer, hot water heater, air conditioner), you must come to the Administration Office and pay \$25.00 for each appliance that is being disposed.

If you have E-waste (computer, printer, TV, etc.), you must advise the Administration Office (732-747-0241, ext. \*219). There is no fee to dispose of electronics.

#### From the Clerk's Desk

#### **OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

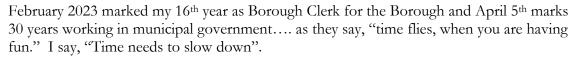




Council Meetings for March will be held on the Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m., via Hybrid Platform, and Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at **1:30 p.m.**, held, in person, at Knollwood School. The April Council Meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup>, via Hybrid platform. The agenda and Zoom access information is posted to the website the Friday prior to the meeting.

#### March 3rd is EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY!

As the Assistant Administrator, I would like to thank all Borough employees whose hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed as everyone contributes to the Borough's success. I am proud to work with a great group of individuals.







#### April 28, 2023 is Arbor Day

As the date approaches, please check our website for events that may take place to commemorate the day.

# ELECT-02

### **Election News**

All voting districts (1 through 6) will be voting at the Church of The Nativity, Parish Center, 180 Ridge Road.

The Primary Election will be held on June 6th, and the General Election, which includes the School Board Election, will be held on November 7th. Hours for both elections are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# N E W

#### **Boat Ramp Permit**

Boat Launch and River Access Permits are available through my office. See the new fee schedule below:

Standard fee/Boats
Canoes, kayaks, shells and paddleboards
Persons sixty-five years or older
Single day pass
Commercial Entity - All Watercraft

\$100.00/year: resident \$50.00/year: resident \$25.00/year: resident \$25.00/day: resident \$100.00 per day \$200.00/year non-resident \$100.00/year: non-resident \$50.00/year: non-resident \$50.00/day: non-resident \$300.00 per year

Please reach out with any comments or questions that you may have regarding agendas, minutes, rules, regulations, permits, requests for information, etc. I am happy to help.

#### Garden Club of Fair Haven News

The Garden Club of Fair Haven would like to share events planned for the coming months to benefit the community. Anyone interested in learning the "Art of Flower Arranging" is invited to a workshop to be held on March 15, 2023, at the Community Center. The workshop begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost of materials is \$25.00. Please sign up through the Public Library by March 8. The class is limited to 15.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10 a.m. the Outreach Committee is presenting a workshop entitled "Mindful and Mindless Gardening". It will cover topics related to both flower and vegetable gardening and is the continuation of our educational program from the Fall. Learn how to incorporate your yard's lighting, soil and pest conditions into your dream garden. We will also cover the use of native plants and how-tos for container gardening. Sign up information will follow soon.

Members of our club have joined individually and as a group to support other NJ organizations in an effort to declare "April as New Jersey Native Plant Month". During our last meeting, we were treated to a wonderful presentation on native plants of NJ by Irene Wanat, Master Gardener. The Rutgers Co-op Extension, located in Freehold, provides county residents with a wonderful resource on this topic.

Finally, the Juniors Committee of our club held its first activity of 2023 with Girl Scout Troop 884 at Sickles School. The troop learned about the life of Henri Matisse from their leader, Meghan Robinson. They then showed their artistic talents with collages inspired by cut-outs made famous by Matisse.







## IMPORTANT BRUSH AND/OR LEAF PICK UP FACTS:

#### -APRIL STARTS LEAF & BRUSH COLLECTION-

- It is very important that residents put brush and/or leaves to the curb <u>no later than the weekend</u> <u>prior to your designated zone's pick up week</u>.
- Please note that the DPW will pick up brush and leaves only one time on your street, for each designated week. As such, it is essential that you have your brush and/or leaves to the curb no later than the Sunday night of your respective pick-up weeks.
- The DPW crew only does one pass on each street during your pick-up week. <u>Once they pick up on your street, they will not return anytime later that week.</u>
- If you miss the pick-up day on your street, or if you have additional brush and/or leaves after your street has been picked up, please keep the brush and/or leaves on your property, as opposed to in the street, until the weekend before your next designated pick-up week.
- All Landscapers are required to register annually with the Borough, at which time they are given a copy of our zone brush and leaf pick-up schedule to follow. Please speak to your landscaper and reinforce the need to follow the zone pick up schedule



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

732-747-0241, ext \*220 Website: www.fairhavenlib.org

#### STORYTIME FOR LITTLES

Join us for rhymes, fingerplays, stories and songs!

Ages 2-4 (with parent/caregiver)

Tuesdays: March 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 9:30—

10:00 am or 10:30—11::00 am

Tuesdays: April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 9:30—10:00

am or 10:30—11:00 am



#### TAKE-AND-MAKE CRAFTS

Engage your child creatively with take-and-make crafts appropriate for all ages available to take home. Stop in and pick up a craft project kit!

#### AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES—Grades K-3

Tuesdays from 3:45—4:15 p.m., unless noted. Registration required for all special events.

March 7 - SNAPOLOGY CLUB! Use LEGO bricks in a special maker workshop!

March 14 - Seasonal Stories, Crafts and/or Activities!

March 21 - READ TO A DOG! Practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog! NOTE: This program runs from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

March 28 - EYES OF THE WILD presented by Wallaby Tales - a LIVE Animal Experience!

Join us for a fun and educational live animal show!

April 4 - SNAPOLOGY CLUB! Use LEGO bricks in a special maker workshop!

April 18 - READ TO A DOG! Practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog! NOTE: This program runs from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

April 25 - Seasonal Stories, Crafts and/or Activities!

MUSEUM PASSES—Residents may check out the following museum passes: American Museum of Natural History, Children's Museum of Manhattan, Guggenheim Museum, Historic Village at Allaire; Morven Museum and Garden; Newark Museum of Art; and Thomas Edison Center at



Call the Library for details





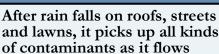
#### **StormX Demonstration Project**

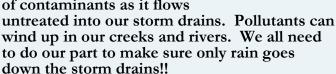


The DPW installed the StormX outfall netting on the existing stormwater outfall pipe located at FH Dock. The StormX is an end of pipe netting system designed to capture floatables and pollutants and handle stormwater runoff. The StormX will capture litter and "first flush"

contaminants. As part of this demonstration project, the DPW will be monitoring and coordinating with the FH Environmental Commission on public outreach and awareness. Additional educational resources and links can be shared about the importance of Stormwater Management and various water quality

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STORM DRAIN







measures that residents can incorporate on their own properties and backyards. (See links and photos)

https://njclean.org/storm water-management







# USE THESE 3 BASIC RECYCLING RULES TO HELP GET IT RIGHT:

- 1. Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
- 2. Keep food and liquid out of recycling.
- 3. No BAGGED recyclables.

Help us out

US OUT DON'T OVERFILL CAN!



#### PARKS and RECREATION NEWS



Friday, Mar 10th at 7:00 - 9:30 pm Saturday-Mar 11th at 7:00-9:30 pm Location: Raven & The Peach Grades: Grades 1st -5th





Friday, April 21 or Saturday, April 22 7:00—9:30pm Location: Raven & The Peach

#### RUTGERS S.A.F.E.T.Y. CLINIC Tuesday, March 22, 2023 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

The spring Rutgers Coaching Clinic will be held VIRTUAL-LIVE on Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 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 www.fairhavennj.org, for more information or contact DJ Breckenridge at Recreation@fhboro.net.



9:00 A.M.

MCCARTER PARK

# Rec-N-Crew SUMMER DAY CAMP

DATES: 6/26–7/28 (M-F) TIME: 8:30-11:30am

AGES: Fair Haven children entering grades 1-8

\*COST: \$195, additional children are \$170

\*Expected cost

For the Rec N Crew Summer Day Camp, registration takes place through our ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM: https://fairhavennj.leagueapps.com/camps

When registering through our website you will be prompted to create a Fair Haven LeagueApps family username + password if you do not have one

Registration Opened Feb 15 ~ Late fee after May 15 Last day to sign up with late fee is June 1 TRIPS AND PIZZA/ICE CREAM DAYS

MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

To register for Recreation Dept. E-blasts please email

Recreation@fhboro.net

#### BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

OPENING
DAY PARADE
Saturday, April 22nd
10:00 a.m.

Parade begins at McCarter Park and finishes at Fair Haven Fields.

#### SPRING CAMPS

Fair Haven Recreation will host many different types of camps this spring. Please check the Fair Haven Recreation page on the Borough website for details and to register.

https://www.fairhavennj.org/parksand-recreation. Registration is LIVE!

Be sure to stay in the know regarding new events, camps, last minute cancellations and more!!!

On our website: <a href="http://fairhavennj.org/content/recreation.html">http://fairhavennj.org/content/recreation.html</a>
On Facebook: @ Borough of Fair Haven On Twitter: @ FAIRHAVEN\_REC
On Instagram @ FAIRHAVEN\_REC
Or join our Rec E-blast system: To join, please email Recreation@fhboro.net

#### The Fair Haven Community Appeal for 2022-2023 is ongoing!

# Don't Forget the Fair Haven Community Appeal!

We would like to remind residents that the 2022-2023 Community Appeal is ongoing and we send our sincere thanks to everyone who has already contributed. You can donate easily online at: <a href="bit.ly/FHCA2022">bit.ly/FHCA2022</a> or mail your check to Fair Haven Community Appeal, PO Box 63, Fair Haven. We appreciate the online donations as it greatly simplifies our process. Thank you, also, for checking to see if your employer offers a matching gift program.

In our last campaign, the Appeal provided over \$31,000 to nine organizations; we hope to provide even more this year. The Community Appeal is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations go to programs that rely on funding outside of tax dollars.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely, The FH Community Appeal Committee



# County announces 2023 paper shredding dates

All shredding events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations:

**Saturday, March 25:** Atlantic Highlands - Municipal Harbor Parking Lot

**Saturday, April 15**: Brielle - Municipal Parking Lot, 601 Union Ln.

**Saturday, April 22:** Long Branch - Community Pool Club, 275 Atlantic Ave.

**Saturday, May 6**: Marlboro - Marlboro Municipal Complex, 1979 Township Dr.

**Saturday, May 20:** Shrewsbury Boro - Shrewsbury Municipal Center, 419 Sycamore Ave.

**Saturday, June 10** – Matawan - Matawan-Aberdeen Train Station, Parking Lot #1

**Saturday, June 17**: Oceanport - Oceanport Borough Hall, 910 Oceanport Way





Working as a crossing guard is a great opportunity to work with children and keep communities safe.

We are looking for dependable individuals to fill several School Crossing Guard positions. The job is to ensure the safety of children and other pedestrians as they cross the street before and after school.

Crossing guards not only guide our children safely across the street, they are also a role model in helping children to develop the skills necessary to cross the streets safely at all times. The job is ideal for anyone who loves children and looks forward to a 'hello' or a 'how is your day' or a 'thank you for crossing me!' Anyone who wants a wave from

a child who looks up to you, knowing that yours might be the first smile they see in a day.

Please call 732-747-0241 ext. \*329 or jkoetzner@fhboro.net.



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## Fair Haven Police Department



#### 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

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 in-SPECIAL NEEDS teraction 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. Furinformation can be obtained www.MCSNRNJ.org or contact our SNR liaison

Patrolman Eric Patton at 732-747-0241 ext. \*333 or



epatton@fhboro.net.

#### **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. Please call 732-747-0241 ext. \*329

or ikoetzner@fhboro.net.

Anyone interested in becoming a part-time crossing guard, please contact Patrolman John Koetzner at Police Headquarters at 732-747-0241 ext. \*329.



#### Newsletter of the Borough of Fair Haven

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#### **Mayor Josh Halpern**

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Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991

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

#### **2023 BOROUGH MEETINGS**

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 27, 1:30 p.m. at Knollwood School Monday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

#### **ZONING BOARD**

Tax Assessor—Gregory Hutchinson

Thursday, March 2, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 7:15 p.m.

#### PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.

#### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

#### **HISTORIC COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. NO APRIL MEETING

#### FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

# FAIR HAVEN SENIORS ARE MEETING!



Don't forget!
The Fair Haven Seniors
meet the third Tuesday
at 1:00 p.m.
at Bicentennial Hall.

Contact Jeannine Maloney at jeanninemaloney@comcast.net for more information