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# BOROUGH INFORMATION

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MARCH Bulk Pick-Up Zones 1 & 2 Monday, March 4th

Zones 3 & 4 Monday, March 11th

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

Zones 3 & 4 Monday, April 8th

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EGG HUNT
SATURDAY,
MARCH 23RD
9:00 A.M.
at McCarter Park

OPENING DAY
BASEBALL/
SOFTBALL
PARADE
SATURDAY,
APRIL 13TH
10:00 A.M.
at McCarter Park

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Borough Offices, Library and DPW will be closed FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH in observance of GOOD FRIDAY



## Dear Fair Haven Neighbors,

## "Well done is better than well said." - Benjamin Franklin

I enjoy connecting with our community through the bi-monthly Focus sent out to our residents. Every other month I get the opportunity to update you on the latest and greatest around the Borough. This time, however, rather than reading my description of what's to come, you can see the progress right in front of your eyes. As we approach spring, we have tremendous momentum. We have broken ground on the new Police Department and Community Center buildings, and have begun renovating the Department of Public Works building. McCarter Pond has been partially hydroraked and will be completed in the spring. Several microprojects are underway and drainage work has been completed. We continue to install new sidewalks and curbing to aid our safe routes to school and to help with storm drainage throughout the Borough. Additionally, we will be milling and paving Hance Road/Cooney Terrace, improving the Pocket Park on Grange Avenue, updating the municipal small craft ramp on Battin Road, and making Bicentennial Hall ADA compliant. Working with our utility partners, we also plan to pave all roads affected by gas and water main replacements upon completion of the concrete work at no cost to taxpayers.

We continue our due diligence on the potential purchase of 21 Fair Haven Road and are cautiously optimistic about the potential to create a park that appropriately blends the fabric of our historic district with our Municipal Dock. We are still in the planning phase but are looking forward to completing road improvements on Fair Haven Road between River Road and Ridge Road.

We are rolling out a new Brush and Leaf Pickup program in 2024. We realize there will be some speed bumps and frustration as we begin a long overdue refresh of this service. As the new schedule begins, please provide feedback so we can pivot when necessary to ensure a positive impact on all residents. Finally, we are introducing a new tree ordinance with the goal of balancing the property rights of our residents with the overwhelming consensus that planting, preserving and maintaining trees is part of what makes Fair Haven such a special place to live.

Will you be joining the Foundation of Fair Haven for the Haven Hoe Down on March 2nd? Will we see you at Fair Haven Day on June 8th as we dance, eat, and light up the sky again? Will we see you on May 25th on Willow Street for our first monthly Farmers Market? What about the Fishing Derby? Town Wide Yard Sale? Easter Egg Hunt? Daddy/Daughter Dance or Mother/Son Dance?

The journey continues. Let's enjoy it together as one community.

With warm regards,



# From Our

# Borough Administrator 🥌



One Christmas, when I was a young girl, my sister and I received a set of Princess Phones, which allowed us to talk to each other from separate bedrooms; mind you, the two phones were connected by a wire running down the hallway that linked our rooms. I remember that we thought these phones were the coolest gift and we would even ask to go to bed early just so we could talk to each other in the dark. Retrospectively, I realize those chats connected my sister and I in a special way that left us with a bond that remains strong to this very day. Little did we know back then that we would see the day when we would be able to video chat thousands of miles apart, or talk hands free from our cars, without any wires at all. I can't even imagine how my grandchildren will communicate, but I am sure that they too will love staying connected, because that desire is part of the human condition, and it is quite timeless.

Here in Fair Haven, we have any number of ways for our residents to feel connected to the Borough, including, Facebook posts, a weekly electronic newsletter, the "Buzz", through the Constant Contact platform, as well as real-time information that can be sent directly to your computer and/or smart phone via Nixle. We encourage all our residents to take advantage of receiving timely information by registering online. Please visit our Borough's website https://www.fairhavennj.org/ to register or scan the code listed below. If you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please tell them to call or come to Borough Hall and we will assist them with the registration process.

I also want to encourage our senior citizen population, particularly those who live alone, to register for the Fair Haven Police Department's Well Being Check Program. This program has been ongoing for years and it has been very successful. Registered seniors are contacted and/or visited weekly by a Fair Haven Police Officer. Additionally, registered seniors are contacted during weather events or other emergencies, which gives both the senior citizen and their family members some additional peace of mind knowing that they are being checked on by Fair Haven's finest. If you, or anyone that you know, are interested in registering for our Well Being Check Program, please contact Patrolman Eric Patton via email: epatton@fhboro.net or by phone at 732~747~0241, extension \*333.

Thankfully, Spring is just around the corner, and I hope that we all have the wisdom, and take the time, to embrace the beauty and renewal that will be unfolding with each new day. May it foster positive and uplifting thoughts in all of us and renew our energy and gratitude for all the blessings and joy in our lives!

As always, I welcome your input on all Fair Haven related topics. Feel free to reach out to me by calling Borough Hall at 732-747-0241 ext. \*219 or via email: tcasagrande@fhboro.net

Best regards, Theresa Casagrande, Fair Haven Borough Administrator

# 2024 TRASH **COLLECTION**

# **MARCH**

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

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

## APRIL.

Trash - Zones 1 & 2 Monday, April 1th Monday, April 8th Monday, April 15th Monday, April 22nd Monday, April 29th

Trash - Zones 3 & 4 Tuesday, April 2nd Tuesday, April 9th Tuesday, April 16th Tuesday, April 23rd Tuesday, April 30th

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

2nd Quarter **Property** Taxes are due



Wednesday, May 1st

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# From the Clerk's Desk

# **OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

Council Meetings for March will be held on the Monday, March 11th beginning at 1:30 p.m., in person, at Knollwood School and Monday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m., via Hybrid platform. The April Council Meetings will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 and Tuesday, April 23, 2024, via Hybrid platform. The agenda and Zoom access information is posted to the website the Friday prior to the meeting.



# Changes to the Borough's **Brush and Leaf Collection**

Please read the information that the Borough will be distributing regarding the new Brush and Leaf Collection Schedule. You will be able to find the information through the Borough's website and other social media platforms. Be sure you are signed up to receive these important notifications.

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

Friday March 1st is Employee Appreciation Day. As the Assistant Administrator, I would like to thank all Borough employees for their hard work and dedication each and every day. I am proud to work with a great group of individuals.

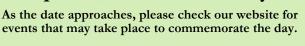
All voting districts will vote at the Church of The Nativity, Parish Center, 180 Ridge Road. The Primary Election will be held on June 4th, and the General Election which includes the School Board Election will be held on November 5th. Hours for both elections are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Bulk Pick-Up - Bulk pick-ups occur January through October; they are the first Monday of the month for Trash Zones 1 and 2 and the second Monday of the month for Trash Zones 3 and 4. The items

must be large (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 you are disposing of. If you have E-waste (computer, printer, TV, etc.), you must advise the Administration Office (732-747-0241, ext. \*219).

# April 26, 2024 is Arbor Day





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, 732-747-0241, ext. \*221.

Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR, Borough Clerk





If you have any questions regarding the various communications platforms listed above, or you need assistance registering for the email options, please contact Betty Ann Berube by calling 732-747-0241 ext. \*219 or via email bberube@fhboro.net

# **RECYCLE RIGHT!!**



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 loose plastic or bagged recyclables.



Please sign up for the "BOROUGH BUZZ"

Scan the QR Code below to Sign Up with CONSTANT CONTACT for important Borough notifications!



# Library News.....by Anita O'Brien, 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!

# NEW! FAIR HAVEN BOOK CLUB!!



Sign up at the Library desk. Club will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 2 pm in the library.



The Fair Haven Library started a NEW INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT!!

The name is @fairhavenlibrarynj

Scan the 'QR Code' and follow the FH Library TODAY!!!

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 Menlo Park—*Call the Library for details* 



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# 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.
- Please DO NOT place your pet's waste in random trash cans.
- Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners.

It's the law!



# The Fair Haven Community Appeal for 2023-2024 is Going Strong!

Don't Forget the Fair Haven Community Appeal!

In our last campaign the Appeal provided \$29,000 to nine organizations; we hope to provide even more this year! The FH Community Appeal is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, and all donations go to programs that rely on funding outside of tax dollars.

Our 2023-2024 Community Appeal is ongoing and we send our sincere thanks to everyone who has already contributed. You can donate easily online at:

tinyurl.com/FHCAPPEAL2023 or mail your check to: FH Community Appeal PO Box 63, Fair Haven.

Thank you, also, for checking to see if your employer offers a matching gift program.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,
The Fair Haven Community Appeal
Committee

# RED BANK CROPWALK THANKS OUR PARTICIPANTS AND DONORS

Thank you to our dear supporters and friends for making our 2023 walk a success!

Together we raised \$115,000 dollars to help reduce poverty and hunger in our local communities and around our world.



Almost \$29,000 and the thousands of pounds of food have been shared among our local partners:

Red Bank Crop Walk has raised well over three million dollars in its 43 years (and counting) and is held every year on the Sunday (Oct. 20, 2024, 44th year) closest to World Food Day (Oct.16th). The 5-mile

walk begins at Red Bank Regional High School, 101 Ridge Rd. Little Silver, registration 1 pm.

You can help anytime of the year at: <a href="https://cwsglobal.org/">https://cwsglobal.org/</a> or by sending a check to: Red Bank Crop Walk, POB 8022, Red Bank, NJ 07701

Note: Crop Walks serve as the fund-raising arm of Church World Service. Learn more about their work at the website link shown above.









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# PARKS and RECREATION NEWS

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

Please check the Recreation portion of the Borough website for updates on spring sports, camps, and events! Information will be posted on the Recreation website and sent out via Recreation Department Eblasts.



Location: Raven & The Peach Friday, Mar 15th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm Grades 1, 2, & 3 Saturday-Mar 16th at 7:00-9:00 pm



SUMMER

Location: Raven & The Peach Friday, Apr 12th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm **Grades 1, 2, & 3** Saturday-Apr 13th at 7:00 - 9:00 pm Grades 4 & 5

# BASEBALL/SOFTBALL



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH 10:00 a.m.

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

**RUTGERS S.A.F.E.T.Y.** CLINIC Tuesday, March 13th 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Little Silver Women's Club

DAY CAME

# 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!

# **Rec-N-Crew**

6/24 - 7/26 (Monday thru Friday) **DATES:** 

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fair Haven children entering grades 1-8 **AGES: COST:** 

\$200, additional children are \$175

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 Opens March 15 ~ Late fee after May 15

Last day to sign up with late fee is May 30

TRIPS AND PIZZA/ICE CREAM DAYS

MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR **AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**  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/parks-

and-recreation.

# Garden Club of Fair Haven News

he Garden Club of Fair Haven meets the first Wednesday of the month at noon in the Parish Center at the Church of the Nativity.

On March 6, 2024, Sarah Galloway will be discussing her Wild Plants in New Jersey as well as screening her film "Wild in the Garden State" with questions and answers to follow. The Juniors Club previously worked with the Sickle School Sprouts and the school garden club planting paper whites and learning how to care for the bulbs. Juniors Program will also be working with the local Girl Scout this month making threaded paper plate flowers.

On April 3, 2024, Natale Siclare, who has worked for Sickles Market Garden Center for 13 years, will demonstrate how to plant and pot up several colorful Spring arrangements that will thrive in our area.

On Tuesday, April 23, Lee Davidson will be leading a third "Flower Arranging" workshop in the Parish Center at the Church of the Nativity. Sign up is at the Fair Haven Library and is limited to 20 people with a cost of \$30.00. The deadline to sign up is April 17.

Members in April will again be touring Holland Ridge Farm to enjoy the fields of tulips as well as getting to pick and choose which tulips to take home.

Juniors Program will be involved in making Cupcake Liner Flowers.

Save the Dates of Friday May 10, 2024, 3:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday May 11, 2024, 9:00am to 12:00. Please join us at our Annual Plant Sale to be held on the grounds of our local Fair Haven Fire Department grounds.

All programs are open to the public. Please notify us of your attendance in advance via the link provided at gcfhnj.org. For more information about the Club, email Membership Chair Nancy Bosco at nancy.bosco@verizon.net.



# GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Garden Club of Fair Haven is seeking applicants for the club's \$1,000 annual scholarship. Your application must be received by no later than April 1, 2024.

Those eligible must be a graduate of OR a graduating student from RFH, OR a resident of Fair Haven who plans to attend OR is presently attending an

accredited college and is or plans to major in Horticulture, Environmental Science, Landscape Design, Botany or allied subjects.



Applications are available at the Rumson-Fair Haven High School from:

Jennifer Fiorini (jfiorini@rumsonfairhaven.org 732-842-1597 x266 (Guidance) or from GCFH Scholarship Chair Christine Braceland at Christine\_aman@yahoo.com

Thank you and good luck!!!



# Fair Haven Police Department



# TAX SEASON PHONE SCAMS

Tax season is upon us. Inevitably, this means that phone scammers and/or email scammers will be upon us as well. There are several things you can do to prevent yourself from becoming their next victim.

- 1. First and foremost, the IRS <u>does not</u> make phone calls or send email. If they need to contact you, they will contact you via postal mail only.
- 2. If you happen to receive a call from someone claiming to represent the IRS, it is recommended to not engage in conversation and immediately hang up the phone.
- 3. <u>Never</u> provide any personal information such as your legal name, birth date, social security number, bank account information, etc.
- 4. Do not open email from senders you are unfamiliar with. If you do open an email in error, do not click on any links or provide any of the personal information described above.

This is a very lucrative business so these types of scams will continue. Educating our residents is the best defense we have against them as prosecution is highly unlikely. *Don't become their next victim!* 

# **BOROUGH ORDINANCES**

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

# 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 only via cell



# SIGN ORDINANCE

for contractors
doing work in
fair haven

DO NOT POST

SIGNS

## \*PLEASE BE ADVISED\*

—CHAPTER 30, SECTION 7.24, Subsections c 6 and 14 do NOT allow for business advertisement signs on a lawn or fence where work is being done.

# PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

Fair Haven Borough is hiring part-time crossing guards. Please call 732-747-0241 ext. \*329 or jkoetzner@fhboro.net.

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



## Newsletter of the Borough of Fair Haven

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Borough Clerk/Assistant Administrator—Allyson Cinquegrana

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OEM Coordinator—Chief Joseph P. McGovern

Director of Engineering/Public Works/Planning Board Engineer—Richard Gardella

Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works—Nicolas Poruchynsky

Zoning Officer—Nicolas Poruchynsky Tax Collector—Debra Marchetti

Tax/Finance Assistant—Zaneta Malinowska

Director of Communications/Administrative Assistant/Registrar—Betty Ann Berube

Parks & Recreation, Special Projects Administration—D.J. Breckenridge

Planning, Zoning and Code Compliance Officer—Joseph Mulé Planning Board and Zoning Board Secretary—Sheilah Olson

Construction Code Official - Nick Fabiano Code Enforcement—Officer Brock Seibert

Tax Assessor—Gregory Hutchinson

Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991

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

# **2024 BOROUGH MEETINGS**

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Monday, March 11, 1:30 p.m.—Knollwood School Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.

### **ZONING BOARD**

Tuesday, March 5, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 7:15 p.m.

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

### HISTORIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. Wedesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

### FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.

### **GREEN TEAM**

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.

# Calling all Fair Haven SENIORS!!

Calling all Fair Haven residents age 55 and older to join our active and involved Senior Group. We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 1pm in Bicentennial Hall. On March 19, we will be entertained by Enda Keengan, an Irish Singer, helping us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. On April 16, we will be completing an appreciation service project, which will draw on our imagination and creativity.

If you are interested in joining or attending our meetings, please email us at fairhavenseniors@gmail.com

