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BOROUGH INFORMATION

GREEN TEAM
LOVE WHERE YOU
LIVE DAY
Sunday, May 5th
1-4 p.m.
Third Street Trail
ANALE
Garden Club
PLANT SALE
Friday, May 10th
4:00—7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 11th
9:00 am to 12 noon
FH Firehouse

FISHING DERBY
JUNE 1ST
McCarter Pond
Two Sessions
8:30 am to 9:30 am
10:00 am to 11:00 am

PRIMARY ELECTION
JUNE 4TH
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FAIR HAVEN DAY
JUNE 8TH
Fair Haven Fields
4:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Borough Offices,
Library and DPW
will be closed
MONDAY, MAY 27TH
in observance of
Memorial Day



Dear Fair Haven Residents,

As we turn the calendar, and the showers turn to flowers, hope springs eternal in the Borough of Fair Haven. Community traditions are stronger than ever while, at the same time, we embrace new events to enhance our way of life. Our resident's commitment, love, and respect for our Borough lands builds on generations who came before us and ensures future enjoyment for those who come after us.

Borough Administrator Theresa Casagrande has helped us with these efforts throughout her more than 13 years of service to the Borough. She has announced her retirement and will continue her role through June. Theresa most notably helped coordinate efforts within the municipality to address the impact of Superstorm Sandy and the COVID 19 pandemic. She served alongside two police chiefs and three mayors, remained committed to maintaining our open space and leaves us financially stable ensuring the prosperity of future generations of residents. Please join me in thanking Theresa for all that she has done for our community by sending her an email at tcasagrande@fhboro.net.

I'm excited to see the micro projects progressing around town. The new sidewalks added on Ridge Road allow our residents, young and old, who live on Harding Road, Charles Court, and Oaklawn Drive to have a safer route connecting to our pedestrian passage to our schools and community destinations. It's rewarding to see the roof go up on our new Police Department, and the stabilization and revitalization of our DPW building taking form.

Who broke out their cowboy/cowgirl boots and hats for the Haven Hoe Down on March 2nd? It was a great event with delicious food, and I hope I didn't show anyone up with my dancing. Have you heard the buzz about the Fair Haven Farmer's Market? The first date is Saturday, May 25th and over 18 vendors have already been confirmed for all 7 planned dates. Stay tuned for details about our "Love Where You Live" event on Sunday, May 5th which will take place on the beautiful Third Street Trail. Finally, let's all celebrate together as we do every year at Fair Haven Day on Saturday, June 8th!

Andy B once told me, "I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them." I think we are in them right now and I am honored to share these good old days with you as your Mayor.





From our Borough Administrator

LET US NOT TAKE GRANTS FOR GRANTED

Over the past thirteen years, the Borough of Fair Haven has been awarded \$8,766,420 in grant funding. These grants came from a combination of Federal, State, and County agencies. To put the \$8,766,420 of grant funding into perspective, keep in mind that in this year's 2024 budget, the Borough is raising a total of \$8,077,883 in local municipal taxes. Through the years, this cumulative and very respectable grant funding total has provided a good deal of relief to Fair Haven taxpayers, while also helping to fund two waterfront property acquisitions, as well as substantial capital improvements all around town.

Arguably, it is fair to say that the source of all governmental grant funding does come from the taxpayers at large; however, it takes a good deal of time, effort, and professional resources to apply for and manage grant funding. Here in Fair Haven, we have managed to secure these grant funds without utilizing the services of outside professionals, because we have been very fortunate to have an outstanding staff and a very engaged and supportive Governing Body. I want to recognize the skillset, dedication, and professionalism of Borough Engineer, Rich Gardella, Assistant Engineer, Nick Poruchynsky, Borough Clerk, Allyson Cinquegrana, Chief Financial Officer, Colleen Lapp, Assistant CFO, Nancy Britton, Director of Communications, Betty Ann Berube, and Director of Parks and Recreation, DJ Breckenridge. I would be remiss if I didn't also recognize Police Chief Joe McGovern, for the outstanding job that he has done securing millions of dollars in FEMA funding over the years, which was another source of much needed tax relief for our residents. It should be noted that I have never taken their collective and ongoing support for granted, especially during the many times that we worked collaboratively on grant submissions!

In closing, I wish everyone a very happy and healthy summer season, which we all know will fly by, as it always does. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, feel free to contact me at my office by calling 732-245-0241, or via my Borough email account, tcasagrande@fhboro.net.

Best regards, Theresa S. Casagrande, Borough Administrator

May 15th through September 30th



Recycle guidelines!

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From the Clerk's Desk

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Council meetings for the month of May will be Monday, May 13th and Tuesday, May 28th and the meetings for the month of June will be Tuesday, June 11th and Monday, June 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are held via Hybrid (inperson and via the Zoom Platform).



Congratulations goes out to Police Corporal John Waltz who retired effective April 1st.

THANK YOU for your service to the Borough as a Law Enforcement Officer and as a volunteer with various organizations.....we wish you luck in your future endeavors!

Help us welcome Anthony Studva who joined the DPW team in March.



Monmouth County Board of Elections is in need of poll workers to assist with elections. Applications can be obtained through my office or through the Borough website.

Election News

The Primary Election is Tuesday, June 4th. The deadline to register or change your name or address is no later than Tuesday, May 14th; forms are available in my office or through the Borough website (Forms and Documents, Clerk, NJ Voter Registration Application). If you are registered and unable to vote at the polls, you may Vote by Mail or take advantage of Early Voting. See the link which provides locations and time frame for early voting: https://www.monmouth-County-Voters-of-Early-Voting-Locations.pdf

The polling location <u>for all voting districts</u> is the Church of the Nativity, Parish Center, 180 Ridge Road. Your sample ballot tells you what district you vote in.

MONMOUTH COUNTY PAPER SHREDDING

Open to ALL Monmouth County residents:

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

May 6th - MARLBORO TOWNSHIP @ the Municipal Complex, 1979 Township Drive

May 20th SHREWSBURY BOROUGH @ the Municipal Center, 419 Sycamore Avenue

June 10th MATAWAN BOROUGH @ the Matawan-Aberdeen Train Station @ Parking Lot 1

June 17th - OCEANPORT BOROUGH @ Borough Hall, 910 Oceanport Way (located in Ft. Monmouth)

July 15 - 4-8pm—OCEAN TOWNSHIP, Joe Palaia Park, Whalepond Road

Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm. unless the truck fills first.

Limited to 100 pounds of documents per residence.

No Businesses Allowed

he Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Deadline to apply/register through my office is Thursday, May 2nd, 12:00 noon. The permit fee is \$10.00.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Borough Hall office hours are as follows:

MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (coordinating with the late opening of the Library) FRIDAY

The Clerk, Finance and Tax Collector's offices will be closed.

LIBRARY HOURS MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. THURSDAY—1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Library will be closed until after Labor Day



Make sure you are registered on the various Borough platformsyou do not want to miss out on important information! Reach out to Betty Ann Berube, 732-747-0241, ext. *219 if you need assistance.





SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. THIRD STREET TRAIL

FAIR HAVEN'S 1ST FARMER'S MARKET



SATURDAY, MAY 25TH 9 AM—1 PM WILLOW STREET

OPENING DAY SATURDAY OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Town Wide Yard Sale will be held on



Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Deadline to apply/register through Borough office is Thursday, May 2nd, 12:00 noon.

The permit fee is \$10.00.

Fair Haven Day 2024: Celebrating Community Spirit

Fair Haven Day 2024 is just around the corner, so please save the date - Saturday, June 8th from 4PM until Fireworks - and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate our community's vibrant spirit. This year's event, sponsored **by** The Foundation of Fair Haven, along with the support of the Fair Haven Business Association, Rice Wealth Management, Lauren Porter of Edward Jones, Daisy Chocolates, Shea Communications, and others, promises to be a day to remember we extend our sincere thanks to The Borough of Fair Haven's Mayor, Council, and dedicated staff for their indispensable assistance in making this event possible. This outstanding event would not be possible without their support, our fantastic local businesses (please remember to shop local) as well as the many people who volunteer.



Susan Sorensen, president of The Foundation of Fair Haven, remarks, "Fair Haven Day is a celebration of our community's unity and camaraderie, where neighbors come together to create lasting memories. We have also added a new attraction this year — a fun photo booth to help capture some of these memories."

Betsy Koch, a Board Executive on The Foundation of Fair Haven and Fair Haven Borough Council President, adds, "Fair Haven Day reflects the values that make our town extraordinary – inclusivity, creativity, and a deep sense of belonging. It's a joyous occasion that brings out the best in all of us."

Join us for a day filled with fun activities for all ages, including bouncy houses, face painting, and live music featuring West End Dogs and Moroccan Sheepherders. Some of the food items again will include a Brennan's picnic and Lighthouse Ice Cream, new this year, Angry Archie's Seafood with their famous lobster roll. The festivities will conclude in a spectacular fireworks display.

Please visit www.fairhavenday.com for more information, how you can sponsor, volunteer and order food and beverage tickets. Sponsorships (including the River Road signs) are on sale now, food tickets sales started April 19.

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Library News...by Anita O'Brien, Library Director 732-747-0241, ext *220 website: www.fairhavenlib.org

Check out our website
"fairhavenlib.org"
for the
LATEST BOOK PICKS!!

"ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY"



BEGINNING JUNE 1st For ALL Age Groups!

STORYTIME FOR LITTLES

Join us for rhymes, fingerplays, stories and songs!

Tuesdays May 7, 14, 21 & 28 and June 4, 11, 18 & 25 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



BOOF

SIGN UP TODAY

Grades K - 3
Tuesdays from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.
unless noted
Registration is required for all
special events

Fair Haven Library Book Club

Club will meet on Wednesdays:
May 8th and June 12th
at 2:00 p.m. in the library
MAY'S Book—Crying in H Mart, by Michelle Zauner

JUNE'S Book—America's First Daughter, by Stephanie Dray

Sign Up at the Library Desk

BRACELET MAKING

Thursday, May 9th - 1:30 p.m. - Call the Library to Register Space and supplies are limited.



You'll learn how to use a mix of semi-precious stones and metal beads on memory wire to make your own unique & stylish cuff bracelet.



Rachel Halsey

Meet our Staff



L to R: Kate Palma, Lynn Shaw, Jennifer Glover, Library Director, Anita O'Brien, Children's Librarian, Rebecca Sherman and Anne Cosgrove

The staff is currently working to pair down the collection for the space to be rearranged and reorganized in order to make it more user friendly. The library will remain in its current space and cosmetic updates are planned for the future. The Board of Trustees and the Beautification Committee are working together to make this happen.

MUSEUM PASSES

Residents may check out the following museum passes:
American Museum of Natural History (voucher—2 per family per year),
Guggenheim Museum,
Monmouth Museum,
Morven Museum and Garden

Call the Library for details

COME VISIT OUR TABLE and get a Library card during Fair Haven's 1st Farmer's Market

Saturday, May 25th 9am to 1pm Located in Front of Sickles School





Here are a few simple things you can do to reduce the amount of stormwater pollution.

Point roof downspouts to the yard where water can soak into the ground.





wash it on your lawn where soapy water can be absorbed.

Sweep up driveways, sidewalks and roads.

Compost yard waste. It makes a great garden additive.

pesticides

and fertilizers sparingly.

Never dump anything down storm drains.

2024 NEW BRUSH & LEAF SCHEDULE

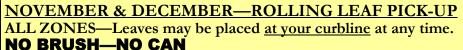
ZONES 1 & 2

MAY thru SEPTEMBER

First and Third **TUESDAY** Pick-Up. BRUSH ONLY in 32 Gallon GRAY CAN

FALL CLEAN-UP

Begin putting Brush & Leaves out for pick-up, <u>at curbline</u>, between September 20, 2024 and September 30, 2024 PICK-UP BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1ST



BROOM NO CAN

ZONES 3 & 4

MAY thru SEPTEMBER
Second and Fourth **TUESDAY** Pick-Up.

BRUSH ONLY in 32 Gallon GRAY CAN

FALL CLEAN-UP

Begin putting Brush & Leaves out for pick-up, at curbline, between October 4, 2024 and October 13th PICK-UP BEGINS ON OCTOBER 14TH.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER—ROLLING LEAF PICK-UP ALL ZONES—Leaves may be placed at your curbline at any time.

NO BRUSH—NO CAN

Please call the Borough office 732-747-0241, ext *219, if you have ANY questions or concerns.



BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER!







FISHING





This year's Fishing Derby will take place on Saturday, JUNE 1ST at McCarter Pond

Two Sessions 8:30—9:30 a.m. 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Participants need to sign up ahead of time for one of the two sessions:

Registration is now open:

https://fairhavennj.leagueapps.com/events

2024 FH RECREATION SUMMER CAMPS

LACROSSE * MAD SCIENCE * **SNAPOLOGY * MARINE SCIENCE** * SOCCER * T-BALL * MULTI-SPORTS * TENNIS * FOOTBALL * **BASKETBALL * RTC COOL RUNNER'S** FITNESS CAMP

SOMETHING for EVERYONE! Visit our Borough website under Recreation

Rec-N-Crew



DATES: 6/24 - 7/26 (M-F) TIME: 8:30-11:30 à.m.

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

*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

Late fee after May 15 Last day to sign up with late fee is June 3

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



Trash receptacles for Fair Haven Parks are placed at entry points to the park. Please remember to clean up after all games and park activities.

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

http://fairhavennj.org/content/recreation.html On our Facebook page: Borough of Fair Haven On Twitter: @ FAIRHAVEN REC

Rec E-blast system: please email Recreation@fhboro.net

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR

Please join us for a MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. - Parade Line up at Sportsman's Field

9:30 a.m. - Ceremony at Memorial Park

Ceremony will be live-streamed on Facebook

Please check our Borough website for information www.fairhavennj.org

Garden Club of Fair Haven - NEWS!

Please join us at our Annual Plant Sale Friday May 10, 2024, 4:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday May 11, 2024, 9:00am to 12:00 to be held on the grounds of our local Fair Haven Fire Department.

The Garden Club of Fair Haven meets the first Wednesday of the month at Noon in the Parish Center at the Church of the Nativity. The meeting on May 1, 2024 will have a floral design Program Titled "Spring is Here" featuring a traditional floral design with a second floral design program titled "A Not so Traditional Spring" featuring a creative design using spring colors.



This meeting will also include a Horticulture Exhibit titled "Amazing Spring" where members bring in and display cuttings from their respective gardens. The categories include (1) Perennials, Flowering and Foliage; (2) Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes and Tubers; (3) Flowering Shrubs and Trees.

The Town Planters Committee headed by Linda Leasor and Lydia Brenner will be refreshing the planters throughout the Borough.

Jenice McGinley is planning a docent tour for members in May of the Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills, N.J.

Our June 5, 2024 meeting will have the Annual Design and Horticulture Awards Presentation for members who have participated in different programs throughout the year.

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

BULK PICK-UP for MAY & JUNE

ZONES 1 & 2 Monday, May 6th M

ZONES 3 & 4 Monday, May 13th

ZONES 1 & 2 Monday, June 3rd ZONES 3 & 4 Monday, June 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.



FAIR HAVEN SENIORS ARE MEETING!

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.

A big thank you goes out to Rumson Fair Haven Tower Players for a wonderful afternoon spent enjoying "High Tea" and the very funny musical presentation of "Anything Goes". We are lucky to have so many talented performers and musicians. In April, Betty Ann Berube gave a special presentation to the Club outlining the new Brush and Leaf pickup schedules. She listened to concerns particular to Seniors and our aging population.

In May, one of our last two meetings before we break for the summer, involves a presentation on "River Cruising, is it right for you?" The Seniors Club also has a

trip planned in May to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to have lunch and see "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne & Sam Bobrick involving two couples, two generations, and one cabin.

Back by popular demand is the year end Pot Luck Luncheon in June. Last year was a big success and we hope to continue this every year. For more information about the Club, please email us at fairhavenseniors@gmail.com

Our next meeting after June 18th, will be September 17, 2024. Hope to see you then and have a great summer!

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Fair Haven Police Department

10 Tips for Parents of New Drivers

Tip #1: Be the example your children need. If *you* refrain from using a cell phone while driving, buckle up your seat belt, respect others on the road and follow the traffic laws of your state, your teenager will follow your example.

Tip #2: Choose the appropriate car. A newer car may have better safety features and airbags than an older model. Larger cars offer more protection in a crash and your teen may be a bit less tempted to rev the engines for a race.

Tip #3: Practice makes a (nearly) perfect driver. No one becomes good at something after doing it for just a few hours. Your child needs at least two hours of practice driving each week for six months to reach a level of proficiency.



Tip #4: Limit nighttime driving. Reduced visibility at night makes nighttime driving much more challenging for inexperienced drivers.

Tip #5: Have the impaired driving talk. Talk with your child *before* he or she gets a license. If your teen were to consume *any* alcohol or other drugs before getting behind the wheel, they would be engaging in impaired driving. In addition to warning them about the risks of crashes and fatalities, make sure your child knows the legal and economic consequences of disobeying the law.

Tip #6: The dangers of texting. Hundreds of people die every month because a driver got distracted while behind the wheel. Teach your child to keep their eyes on the road and their minds focused.

Tip #7: Prepare them for the weather. Snow? Black ice? Heavy rains? Teach your child to know how to handle the common (and even uncommon!) situations that arise on the roads in your area.

Tip #8: Don't drive while drowsy. Fatigued drivers are dangerous drivers. Encourage your teen to balance their activities and get enough rest.

Tip #9: Keep an eye on maintenance. If your teenager knows how to test tire pressure, check essential fluids and change a flat tire, they'll be safer on the roadway.

Tip #10: Use technology to your advantage. Technology can allow you to monitor your teen's driving performance, to set speed alerts, radio volume limits, etc.

HOME SECURITY:

With the warmer weather approaching, many homeowners will begin to open their windows and sliding doors to allow the fresh air into their homes. An open window or slider, especially on the first floor, is an easily accessible entry point for any burglar looking for an "easy score". Remember to close and lock these windows and doors every time you leave your home. A burglar only needs a few minutes to enter your home and steal your valuables.

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Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991

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

2024 BOROUGH MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD

Tax Assessor—Gregory Hutchinson

Thursday, May 2, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 7:15 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 7:15 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

HISTORIC COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

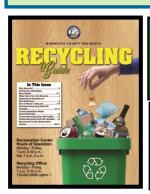
Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE

May 15, 7:30 p.m. June 19, 7:30 p.m.



2024 MONMOUTH COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE

CHECK IT OUT PLEASE VISIT OUR **BOROUGH WEBSITE** www.fairhavennj.org

