BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN 748 River Road, Fair Haven, N.J. 07704 (732) 747-0241



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Dear Fair Haven Residents,

As we embark on the construction and renovation of important facilities in our town, this marks a moment of pride for our community—a culmination of seven years of effort. Over the past ten months, the 2023 Facilities Committee revisited the initial designs for the Police Department (FHPD), Community Center (CC), and Department of Public Works (DPW). This action stemmed from a 2022 Governing Body observation that the initial designs were too expensive, and each facility design necessitated further public engagement. These facilities are critical to the Borough, and provide means of safety, security, and support. After innumerable Governing Body meetings, open houses, and extensive resident input, Fair Haven stands on the brink of commencing construction on all three facilities. We recognize the impacts of these projects on residences and businesses and want to provide some key information.

1. The FHPD and CC project, slated for completion in 18 months, was awarded to Hall Construction in September, and contractor mobilization is presently underway. The current CC is going to be closed for the duration of the project to ensure the utmost safety of our residences. The Borough and Governing Body has developed contingency meeting locations, to include Council Chambers, Knights of Columbus, and Board of Education spaces as viable alternatives. Bicentennial Hall will also be an alternate meeting space until Spring 2024. The Borough will also maintain temporary bathrooms at Community Center Fields to coincide with our much-loved sports and recreational activities. For safety, fences will be erected around the site to ensure proper safety protocols.



New Police Department 2D Rendering (colors for siding & trim not finalized)





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New Community Center 2D Rendering (colors for siding & trim not finalized)

2. The DPW project, slated to take 12 months to complete, is currently in the bidding phase, with an anticipated award date in November. For safety and to allow for improvements, the Recycling Center will be closed for the duration of the project. The DPW team will work out of the Fair Haven Fields Concession Stand location, utilizing 13 parking spaces closest to the exit at Dartmouth Avenue. The fence at DPW will remain until the site itself is reduced and a new fence is erected.

DPW 2D Rendering (colors for siding & trim not finalized)



We recognize the proximity of these projects to 3rd Street and will work closely with all contractors to ensure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. To further guard against the unexpected, we will implement additional monitors and patrols to ensure site safety, mitigate impacts to residents, and control deliveries of construction materials. Additionally, we are requesting support from our community in the form of the following:

- Please take time to educate our youngest family members regarding site safety. Although it may be tempting to observe, please avoid the construction sites.
- Maximize use of your blue recycling can to its fullest by folding cardboard into the can.
- Styrofoam can be recycled at Middletown's recycling center; it is available to all Monmouth County residents.

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• Please sign up for The Buzz (QR code below). This will allow the Borough staff to provide you with the latest updates, especially when it may impact the circulation of cars, pedestrians, and bicycles.

Lastly, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the Governing Body or Borough offices at 732.747.0241. Our intention is to mitigate the impact of these projects on our daily lives equally, while ensuring that they are completed in a safe and transparent manner on time and within budget.

Thank you,

Mayor Josh Halpern, member of the 2023 Facilities Committee

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