



This Month In Fair Haven

**TRASH COLLECTION
JANUARY**

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

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

FEBRUARY

Trash - Zones 1 & 2
Monday, February 1st
Monday, February 8th
Monday, February 15th
Monday, February 22nd

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

**BOROUGH
INFORMATION**

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Governing Body  
Reorganization  
Meeting  
will be held on  
Monday, January 4, 2021  
at 7:00 p.m.

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Borough Offices,
Library and DPW
will be closed on the
following days:

Friday,
January 1, 2020
in observance of
New Year's Day

Monday,
January 18, 2021
in observance of
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Monday,
February 15, 2021
in observance of
President's Day

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First Quarter Taxes  
are due  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

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

**2021 Municipal Calendars  
have been mailed!!**



If you didn't receive your  
copy in the mail, you can pick  
one up at Borough Hall!

If you have not already done so, please register for Borough Notifications through the Borough's website (right side of the home page: Emergency Notifications) so you do not miss out on important information.



**JANUARY  
ONLY  
CHRISTMAS TREES**  
will be picked  
up at your curbside

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE (WWW.FAIRHAVENNJ.ORG) FOR  
THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULING INFORMATION**

***Dear Fair Haven Residents:***

We never saw it coming and we never could have imagined how it would change so many aspects of our day to day lives, but, for most of 2020, COVID-19 was the central focus throughout the world. Across America, it impacted how we did our jobs, educated our students, lived our daily lives, and interacted with friends and family. I can tell you from firsthand observation and experience that the greater Fair Haven Community went above and beyond to help others through this most difficult time. While we have not come out on the other side yet, it does seem as if there are positive signs that we are moving in the right direction and we are all hopeful that life will return to normal, sometime in 2021. I want to thank all our community members for being so cooperative and compliant, when it came to the many directives that came forth from every level of government. I also want to recognize and thank our first responders, many of whom are volunteers, as well as the millions of essential and frontline workers. When we look back at this challenging time in our nation's history, we may only finally distinguish a few individuals as stand out heroes, with most of the credit going to the quiet, collective and countless COVID heroes.

COVID-19 hit small businesses very hard in New Jersey, with thirty percent having closed since the beginning of the pandemic. In Fair Haven, our downtown business district has always been an essential part of our community's character. Now more than ever, we need to pull together as a community to continue to support our beautiful and still vibrant downtown. Shopping in town is still so easy and our local merchants continue to do all they can to help you shop in a safe and socially distanced manner. The thought of Fair Haven without a vibrant downtown is almost hard to imagine, so please keep that in mind and make an extra effort to shop here in Fair Haven, throughout 2021!

In closing, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, and the entire Borough Staff, I want to wish all our residents a very happy and healthy 2021. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, feel free to contact me by calling 732-747-0241 \*219, or via my Borough email account, [tcasagrande@fhboro.net](mailto:tcasagrande@fhboro.net).

Best regards,  
Theresa S. Casagrande  
Borough Administrator

## Welcome to the January-February Edition of the Focus on Fair Haven

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** Hard to believe another year has come and gone, but what a year it was!

If you are interested in submitting information to be included in an issue of the Focus, please email me at [bberube@fhboro.net](mailto:bberube@fhboro.net) or fax me at 732-747-6962. Kindly note that February 5, 2021 will be the deadline for the March/April 2021 edition. All submissions should include a contact name, phone number and email address. Email attachments should be in Word format. Photographs may be submitted via email or in print form. 300dpi or higher dpi attachments are preferred as their reproduction quality is significantly better. Photographs of community events with a brief description are always appreciated. Just remember that a written release is mandatory for all minors identifiable within the image. As always, feel free to contact the me with any questions, 732-747-0241, ext. \*219. or email me at [bberube@fhboro.net](mailto:bberube@fhboro.net).

*Betty Ann Berube, Editor*





**THANK YOU**  
*for everything!*



**A**t this time, I would like to thank Councilwoman Susan Sorensen (who served nine years three full terms) for her many, many years of volunteerism, time and talent on Council and selfless public service. Your leadership, invaluable experience and tireless efforts will be missed. It was a pleasure working with you. Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.



Councilwoman Susan Sorensen



Councilman Chris Rodriguez

I would like to congratulate Councilman Christopher Rodriguez as he begins his second term on Council and welcome Laline C. Neff to Council.


I wish you both luck and look forward to working with both of you over the next three years.



Councilwoman Laline Neff

*Allyson M. Cinquegrana, RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk*

**2021 Line Officers for FIRE and FIRST AID**



**2021 FIRE CHIEFS**  
 Fire Chief - Kevin Countryman  
 Deputy Chief - Timothy Morrissey  
 First Assistant Chief - Richard Brister, Jr.  
 Second Assistant Chief - Matthew DePonti

**2021 FIRST AID OFFICERS**  
 Captain: Nancy Medrow  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Ryan Corbett  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Kathy Grabowy

**2021 FIRE POLICE**  
 Captain: Martin Coy  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Doug MacFarland  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Garry Allers

We wish them and the department a safe and successful year and thank them for the countless volunteer hours they give to our community.

# From the Clerk's Desk

## OFFICE OF THE CLERK

### Goodbye 2020.....Hello 2021!!

The 2021 Council Meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, via Zoom Platform broadcast from Borough Hall in the Municipal Council Chambers, 748 River Road, Fair Haven, New Jersey on the following dates:

Monday, January 4, 2021 (Reorganization)  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**  
 Monday, March 8, 2021  
 Monday, April 12, 2021  
 Monday, May 10, 2021  
 Monday, June 14, 2021  
 Monday, July 12, 2021  
 Monday, August 16, 2021  
 Monday, September 13, 2021  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**  
 Monday, November 8, 2021  
 Monday, December 20, 2021

Monday, January 25, 2021  
 Monday, February 22, 2021  
 Monday, March 22, 2021  
 Monday, April 26, 2021  
 Monday, May 24, 2021  
 Monday, June 28, 2021  
 Monday, July 26, 2021  
  
 Monday, September 27, 2021  
 Monday, October 25, 2021  
 Monday, November 22, 2021

Please reference the Borough's 2021 Calendar for other important dates and information.

### The Governing Body for 2021 is as follows:

Mayor:

**Benjamin J. Lucarelli**

Councilmembers:

**James Banahan**  
**Meghan Chrisner-Keefe**  
**Elizabeth Koch**  
**Michael McCue**  
**Laline Neff**  
**Christopher Rodriguez**



On behalf of the Dog Registrar, please remember to renew your dog and/or cat license. All dog and cat licenses expired on December 31, 2020. The 2021 licenses will be sold beginning January 4, 2021. A grace period will be granted until January 31, 2021; after that date, a \$5.00 penalty per month will be assessed. Rabies vaccinations must be renewed for 2021 if the vaccination expires prior to November 1, 2021.



Visit the Borough website to download the 2021 Dog/Cat Registration Form.

### STREET OPENINGS

Street openings are not 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 Director and/or Assistant Director of Public Works.

*Allyson M. Cinquegrana, R.M.C./C.M.R.*  
*Borough Clerk*

### NO KNOCK Registration Ordinance.

There is a NO KNOCK Registration Ordinance in effect which allows you to register with my office to be placed on a NO KNOCK list so solicitors will not approach your home, if you choose. When an applicant applies for such a



license and if they are approved, they will be given a copy of the list (address only) of those who have registered. Hours have also been set for solicitation from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that there are organizations that are federally exempt from state and local regulations and can approach your home at hours other than what has been set. I will also be providing exempt organizations with the list of NO KNOCK registrants and ask for consideration. If you have already registered your property, you do not need to re-register.



# BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Superintendent McNeil and Principal Romano, of Knollwood School, have graciously agreed to continue to support the “Be a Good Neighbor Snow Shoveling Program” for this winter.

The program is a cooperative effort between Knollwood School, the students and volunteer community members. Seniors currently on our list have been mailed a renewal form.

The ability to provide sufficient shovelers depends on the number of student volunteers who sign up (with parental approval). Seniors should not sign up if they can rely on a relative, friend, neighbor or if they use a contractor or will be out of town for a month or more during the winter.





The Committee is seeking additional volunteers and adult volunteers who can occasionally help with transportation to medical appointments or with small household tasks (i.e. changing a hard-to-reach light bulb or opening/closing a stuck window).

Persons interested in helping the committee sustain this program, should contact Ruth Blaser (732) 842-4228 or Rachel Griffin (Parks and Recreation Committee member) [thegriffinfive@gmail.com](mailto:thegriffinfive@gmail.com).

## After Hours Drop Boxes

**F**or your convenience, there is an After Hours Drop Box located in the vestibule of Borough Hall. The box is affixed to the wall and is marked, **BOROUGH HALL, AFTER HOURS DROP**. The drop box is locked at all times and is checked on a daily basis.

This is a multi-use box where you may drop off forms, tax payments or correspondence for Borough staff.

In addition, there are multiple containers in the vestibule designated for several departments, Clerk’s Office and Administration, Engineering, Zoning and Planning, Finance and Tax and Recreation.

The vestibule is open 24 hours, 7 days a week.



**Please Pick Up After Your Pet**



### 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.
- Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners. **IT’S THE LAW!**



# caring for our community

## The SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL 2020-2021 Fair Haven Community Appeal

It's not too late to contribute to the Fair Haven Community Appeal.

The 2020-2021 annual campaign is ongoing, and we have a link to make donating even easier: [Bit.ly/FHCAppeal](http://Bit.ly/FHCAppeal)

Please include which one of our organizations your donation should be directed:

- FH Library
- FH Recreation Committee
- Interfaith Neighbors  
(Meals-on-Wheels)
- The ARC: Monmouth Unit  
Mental Health Association  
of Monmouth County
- 180 Turning Lives Around (Mon.  
County Women's Shelter)
- FH Shade Tree Commission
- FH Fields Natural Area

Your checks are also welcome - please mail to PO Box 63, Fair Haven, NJ! The Community Appeal is a 501(c)(3) organization that operates independently of the Borough of Fair Haven, and your donation is deductible as allowed.

If you have questions please email the Appeal Offices at [theappeal@gmail.com](mailto:theappeal@gmail.com)

Thank you for your generosity and Thank You to everyone who has already donated!

*The Fair Haven Community  
Appeal Committee*



## LOOKING FOR INFORMATION?

Keeping our residents informed is VERY important to us. There are multiple ways we continue to make important information available!!



- BOROUGH WEBSITE [www.fairhavernj.org](http://www.fairhavernj.org)
- FACEBOOK Page "Borough of Fair Haven"
- CONSTANT CONTACT—weekly emails for upcoming meetings, events, local news and updates. Sign Up Today!
- MAYOR'S MESSAGE—weekly email, through Constant Contact, from Mayor Lucarelli
- ELECTRONIC SIGN in front of Borough Hall
- EBLASTS sent out through NIXLE\*  
\*Have you registered for Borough notifications/alerts? Please log on to the Borough's website: [www.fairhavernj.org](http://www.fairhavernj.org) and register under Emergency Notification (lower right hand side of the page), under the Notifications and Alert tab.
- FOCUS NEWSLETTER (bimonthly)
- MUNICIPAL CALENDAR—mailed to every resident in the Borough—copies are available at Borough Hall for pick-up.

Have questions? Remember when calling the Borough offices that you need to hit star (\*) before the extension number in order to reach the correct department.

Drop by or call our Borough offices!!

**Let us assist YOU!**



## Welcome to the New Year 2021 and lets all hope it will be a happier and healthy new year for us all!

Starting on January 4<sup>th</sup> library fines will start again for late materials. Ten cents a day for books and audio books, DVDs will be \$1.00 a day, when late. Late fines were suspended from March 15th through Dec 31st, 2020. We hope that this will not cause any hardship for anyone.

The past 10 months have indeed been difficult for everyone. We hope that the library has helped our patrons through those months and we will continue to serve the community, curbside, until such a time as Borough Hall will again open. We can help you choose books or movies and make requests to the Monmouth County Library. We are still receiving new DVDs every month from the County as well as new Large Print books. Please call and we will assist you in any way we can.

We have placed paperback books in the lobby for you to take as you like. If you have gently used paperback books in clean condition, please call the library (732-747-0241\*220) and we will let you know if we can give them a new home. (Children's paperbacks too)

Please check our kid's page for all the virtual programs that are available for our young patrons. We will continue to offer weekly Storytime with Miss Laura, crafts –to–go, and special programs for children and family.

As soon as we have an opening date, we will be posting it around town.

**Happy New Year and hope to see you all soon!**



## "Wall of Honor"



If you know of any Knollwood graduate who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and who is not included in the current list of graduates on the display, please contact Joe Perrotto, by email, at [joeotto@aol.com](mailto:joeotto@aol.com). "Let's keep all our service men and women (and their families) in our thoughts and prayers as they serve our country." . . . . . Joe Perrotto



## Garden Club of Fair Haven News for January & February 2021



### Garden Club Uses Technology to Showcase Workshops and Keep Members COVID Safe

The Garden Club of Fair Haven, like all clubs, has to limit member interactions because of the COVID virus. Through small group activities and technology, the club is successfully keeping their club spirit alive!

Being a member of the Garden Club of Fair Haven has many advantages, especially instructional workshops presented to the members. These workshops are lead by talented members who are floral design winners and master gardeners. The workshops are designed to educate the members and encourage participation in design and horticulture events.

Floral design competition is one of the activities of the garden club. Recently, experienced designers Cassy Abel and Terry Simboli taught a workshop on Colonial American flower design from the years 1607-1720. The Grover House in Lincroft opened their doors to allow a small group of garden club members to take this workshop. The emphasis of the workshop focused on staging, requirements and fundamentals for Colonial American floral design. Two weeks later, the participants entered their designs in a judged competition that took place at the office of Doctor Chris Storti, a local chiropractor. National Garden Club Accredited Life Judge, Marina Kerber, critiqued the beautiful designs and gave positive feedback. The judging was video taped and shared with the entire membership on YouTube. The winners were Mary Maas 1st place, Paula Thorogood 2nd place, Beth Ruda 3rd place and Pat Corboy honorable mention. Terry Simboli, Design Chairman, commented that, "this workshop was not business as usual, but a successful "new normal" to keep our design efforts ongoing."



A workshop on forcing spring bulbs for winter enjoyment was presented by Master Gardener Elizabeth Lilleston at the November club meeting. The meeting was viewed via Zoom, while Elizabeth did her demo from her kitchen. After the Zoom meeting, members could pick up bulbs and soil at a designated place to plant for winter enjoyment. Co-chairs Linda Vaccaro and Mary Maas were the creative minds behind this presentation that allowed all members to participate with limited contact.

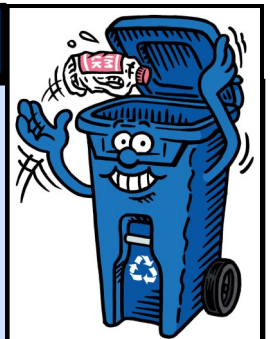
If you are interested in the Fair Haven Garden Club, please reach out to Lee Davidson at [lzilincar@aol.com](mailto:lzilincar@aol.com). You do not have to live in Fair Haven to be a member.

### MONMOUTH COUNTY RECYCLING

Please visit the Borough website ([www.fairhavennj.org](http://www.fairhavennj.org)) for important information regarding recycling in Fair Haven and Monmouth County.

For more information regarding recycling opportunities in Monmouth County please click on the following link:

<https://www.visitmonmouth.com/Page.aspx?Id=4185>







# 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 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.

## 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 interaction 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. Further information can be obtained at [www.MCSNRNJ.org](http://www.MCSNRNJ.org) or contact our SNR liaison Patrolman Eric Patton at 732-747-0241 ext. \*333 or [epatton@fhboro.net](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:jkoetzner@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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Councilwoman Meghan Chrisner-Keefe  
Councilwoman Laline Neff

Borough Administrator—Theresa S. Casagrande  
Municipal Clerk/Assistant Administrator—Allyson Cinquegrana  
Chief Financial Officer—Colleen Lapp  
Police Chief—Joseph P. McGovern  
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/Finance—Debra Marchetti/Melissa Abrahamsen  
Tax and Finance Office Assistant—Debbie Ozut  
Administrative Assistant/Registrar—Betty Ann Berube  
Parks & Recreation, Special Projects Administration—D.J. Breckenridge  
Planning, Zoning and Code Compliance Officer—Joseph Mulé  
QPA/Engineering and DPW Administrative Assistant—Jennifer Johnson  
Planning Board and Zoning Board Secretary—Jennifer Johnson  
Construction Code Official - Nick Fabiano  
Code Enforcement—Sergeant Jesse Dykstra  
Tax Assessor—Gregory Hutchinson

**Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991**

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

## BOROUGH MEETINGS

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.      Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.      Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

### ZONING BOARD

Thursday, January 7, 7:15 p.m.  
Thursday, February 4, 7:15 p.m.

### PLANNING BOARD

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 6, 7:30 p.m.

### HISTORIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.

### FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.

**Help us out**



**NO BAGS**  
IN YOUR RECYCLE  
**BIN**

The reason . . .  
Plastic bags don't  
play nice with the  
machinery at the  
recycling facility.



**NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE CART**



**DO NOT BAG**  
Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag?  
Empty the contents into the cart.  
Return plastic bags to retailers.