

MAY/JUNE 2020
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WE WILL SURVIVE #COVID-19



TOGETHER!

BOROUGH INFORMATION

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**2nd Quarter Taxes**  
**Due May 1st**  
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ELECTION DAY
JULY 7, 2020
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**PARADE**  
**Monday, May 25, 2020**  
**Begins 9:00 a.m.**  
**at Knollwood School**  
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Borough Offices,
Library and DPW
will be closed
on Monday, May 25
in observance of
Memorial Day

Borough Offices,
Library and DPW
will be closed to the public
until further notice. Our
staff is available during
regular office hours.

Please call or email for
assistance
STAY SAFE
STAY WELL



FOCUS on FAIR HAVEN

This Month In Fair Haven

TRASH COLLECTION

MAY

Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, May 4th
Monday, May 11th
Monday, May 18th
Thursday, May 21st
Monday, May 25th
Thursday, May 28th

Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, May 5th
Tuesday, May 12th
Friday, May 15th
Tuesday, May 19th
Friday, May 22nd
Tuesday, May 26th
Friday, May 29th

JUNE

Trash - Zones 1 & 2

Monday, June 1st
Thursday, June 4th
Monday, June 8th
Thursday, June 11th
Monday, June 15th
Thursday, June 18th
Monday, June 22nd
Thursday, June 25th
Monday, June 29th

Trash - Zones 3 & 4

Tuesday, June 2nd
Friday, June 5th
Tuesday, June 9th
Friday, June 12th
Tuesday, June 16th
Friday, June 19th
Tuesday, June 23rd
Friday, June 26th
Tuesday, June 30th

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

BULK PICK-UP

SUSPENDED FOR MAY DUE TO COVID-19
June 1st—Zones 1 & 2 June 8th—Zones 3 & 4

MAY 2020—BRUSH & LEAVES

JUNE 2020—BRUSH ONLY

Please place any Brush and/or Leaves at your curbside in separate
piles 3-4 days BEFORE your designated week
*Once DPW has picked up on your street they will not be back until
the following month.*

Message from the Mayor . . .

Dear Fair Haven Residents:



The Borough has strived to address all your concerns during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. We have done so by trying hard to balance public safety with personal freedom, particularly when it comes to leaving our parks open to the public. I recently received a letter from a resident who strongly objected to our decision to keep our local Fair Haven parks open to the public. I am sharing my response to this complaint, so you have an idea of how we are trying to approach this important topic. When you read my response, please also keep in mind that I have had several reports that a very small number of people may not be following proper social distancing protocols when using our parks. I am again asking all residents to please continue to social distance in our parks, as this is a time for us all to be both vigilant and considerate of the greater community. I would hate to have a few people's thoughtless behavior result in us having to reexamine our ability to keep the parks safe and available to all during this very challenging time. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Mayor Ben Lucarelli

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Dear Concerned Resident,

Thank you for your letter of concern regarding the Fair Haven Parks. I believe that you may have misinterpreted the Facebook post. Our parks have remained open throughout the crisis and we do encourage people to go outside and take in fresh air for the sake of mental and physical health. In our parks, we have closed off all touchable surfaces, including playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball hoops and all bathroom facilities. Additionally, our water fountains will remain winterized until it is deemed safe to turn on the water. Our police department is closely monitoring all parks for volume of people and general behavior compliance. In addition, we have posted the attached sign in all parks, reminding residents to maintain social distancing.

Governor Murphy's decision to close all State and County parks came from a single report from the State Park Police that some parks had been overrun with not only residents, but an inordinate amount of non-residents. Many shore towns have taken similar precautions and closed their boardwalks and beaches. The concern driving these decisions is that the volume of people would make social distancing impractical. Governor Murphy left the decisions regarding Borough Parks to the discretion of the local governing bodies.

The discussion of our park facilities has been an ongoing and daily agenda item since the beginning of the crises. After consulting with our Councilmembers, Administrative Staff, Health Department and our OEM coordinator, we believe that the Fair Haven Parks afford the space and opportunity for proper social distancing and full adherence to the CDC guidelines. The use of masks by all was not recommended by the CDC just a few weeks ago. As this crisis has progressed, that guidance has evolved and the use of masks is now required in NJ when people enter stores or locations where social distancing is hard to maintain. At this point in time, we have not witnessed or had any reports of issues regarding social distancing in our parks. We will continue to monitor our parks and we will adjust our policy based on changing information or official guidance.

I hope this addresses your concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my cell. 908-489-0855

Be well, be safe, be observant.

Benjamin J. Lucarelli, Mayor



OUTDOOR LIVING PROJECTS:



DO ALL LANDSCAPE PROJECTS REQUIRE A ZONING OR BUILDING PERMIT?

Not necessarily. If your landscaping project is limited to the planting of grass, plants, flowers, bushes, shrubs and trees, then no Zoning (or Building) Permit is required. All planting must be within the property lines and not in the Borough Right of Way.

However, once you start to add other “outdoor living” features, you are required to submit a Zoning Permit Application first. These projects would include, but not be limited to the following: Outdoor Kitchens, Outdoor Fireplaces (roofed or unroofed), Pools, Patios / Decks, Ponds, Fire Pits, Gazebos, Sheds, etc.

Some of these (Additions to the house, Pools, etc.) are obvious construction projects that require approved Zoning and Building Permits to proceed. The other “hardscaping” projects may be less obvious to the average homeowner.

WHY DO I NEED A ZONING PERMIT FOR HARDSCAPING PROJECT?

Hardscaping features includes such things as Ponds, Patios (Pavers, Concrete, or other), Fire Pits, Gazebos, Sheds, etc. All of these require an Approved Zoning Permit Application prior to beginning any work. Do NOT believe any landscaper who tells you that a permit is not required for such work, as this could be a mistake that may end up costing you additional time and money.



The reason a Zoning Permit Application is required for hardscaping is that these projects involve a change to your lot coverage, which is calculated based on a percentage of your total lot area, which varies by zone. Proceeding with a hardscaping project without an approved Zoning Permit is in and of itself a violation of our zoning ordinance, even if the project would otherwise be allowable under the Borough’s zoning codes.

If your project creates a situation whereby your lot coverage exceeds what is permitted in your zone, Borough ordinances would require that the violation be eliminated/removed. Alternatively, you would be required to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment to apply for variance relief from any potential zoning violation, which is a process that takes time and has related costs. Lastly, and perhaps most important is the fact that the violation could even complicate your ability to sell your home in the future.

WHO CAN I CALL TO GET GUIDANCE?

To avoid this potentially difficult situation from the start, please talk with one the Borough’s Zoning Officers and file a Zoning Permit Application. The Zoning Office stands ready to assist our residents and we will do our best to make the zoning application process as easy as possible so you won’t face any unexpected issues in the future.

The Fair Haven Zoning Office

732-747-0241 Ext's. *215, *224 or *217



From the Clerk's Desk

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Council meetings for the month of May will be held via the Zoom Platform on Monday, May 11th and Tuesday, May 26th and the meetings for the month of June will be Monday, June 8th and Monday, June 22nd beginning at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTION NEWS



The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, July 7th. The deadline to register or change your name or address is no later than Tuesday, June 16th (21 days prior to the election); forms are available in my office.

Governor Murphy has not decided as to whether voting will take place at the poll or via Vote by Mail. We will inform you as soon as we hear what decision has been made.

The Monmouth County Board of Elections is looking for poll workers to assist with elections. Applications can be obtained through the Borough Clerk's office or through the Borough's website.



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



BOAT LAUNCHING PASSES are available through my office with a fee schedule as follows:

Standard Fee	\$85.00 per year
Canoes, Kayaks and Shells	\$40.00 per year
Persons sixty-five years or older	\$20.00 per year
Single day pass	\$15.00 per day

The application is available through the Borough's website. We need copies of your driver's license, vehicle registration, boat registration and trailer registration.



Monmouth County Paper Shred days Open to all Monmouth County residents:

May 16 th	Keyport @ Fireman's Park, West Front Street
June 13 th	Middletown @ Middletown HS North, 63 Tindall Road
July 11th	Matawan @ Parking Lot #1 Matawan Train Station, Main St/Atlantic Avenue

The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. unless the truck fills first. Limit of 100 pounds of documents

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



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

Fair Haven Recreation Summer Camps 2020

Due to Covid-19 Concerns- At this time, the Borough is not 100% certain if Summer Rec N Crew Camp will run as scheduled. As we all know, this is a constantly evolving situation, with many dynamics.

With that said, **WE WILL NOT BE OPENING REC N CREW or FIELD HOCKEY CAMP REGISTRATION AT THIS TIME** (these registrations were scheduled to open 4/10).

As soon as we have a definitive answer on Rec N Crew Camp and Field Hockey Camp, we will be sure to send out information via E-blast, Borough Website, Constant Contact, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other mediums.

TO NOTE:

- These camps **DO NOT SELL OUT** and **THERE WILL BE SPACE FOR ALL CAMPERS** should these camps take place.
- Any late fees will be adjusted to reflect the new registration formatting.
- The “3rd party” summer camp vendors such as our soccer camps, lacrosse camps, and others listed on the summer flyer are still taking registration at this time. These summer camps handle their own registrations and payments of all kind.

Thank you for your cooperation. Stay safe!

Best regards, DJ Breckenridge
Director, Fair Haven Parks and Recreation,
Special Projects Administration

Senior Fitness Classes
SPRING SESSIONS
THURSDAY MORNINGS—10:00 a.m.
MAY CLASSES ARE SUSPENDED
It is our hope to continue
this program in JUNE



The Memorial Day Parade will take place on **MONDAY, MAY 25TH**. 9:00 a.m. and start from Knollwood School. Ceremony at Memorial Park.

A Message from the Fair Haven School Superintendent . . .



Dear Fair Haven Families!

I hope this message finds you all well during these unprecedented times. As scary as this can be, we know there are better days ahead. We desperately miss all of the energy and smiling faces that normally fill our halls, our classrooms, and our hearts, but we know it shall all return soon!

I am so humbled and honored to be a part of this Staff. I have always felt his way, but to experience what is taking place under the current climate on behalf of children is simply breathtaking. Within a matter of hours, our staff rose to the occasion, and completely redesigned the way they provide instruction for our children. This only happens because of one type of attitude; a universal approach of what we need to do to help our kids and our families. No worrying about anything but what can we do to make this happen. It has been an extraordinary process to be a part of.

This transition has not been easy on anyone, and we are incredibly thankful for the support we have enjoyed from our temporary new staff members...our parents and guardians. We have worked diligently to ensure we remain engaged with the various challenges so that we may adjust in a meaningful timeframe to ensure this virtual delivery of instruction is as impactful as possible. I am proud to say that overall we are hitting that mark!

Staff members are not simply issuing assignments, rather they are providing true instruction through all of this. They are differentiating, supporting small groups, providing resources, and implementing many of the approaches we would expect to see in a more typical classroom environment. This delivery model can be challenging even for college students, yet here we are watching what it can be for even some of our youngest learners who are only 3 years old. The dedication and sincere affection our staff has for our children and their families is second to none, and we are all incredibly grateful for it.

Staff members will continue to provide this virtual home based instruction through the use of multiple digital tools such as Screencastify, Zoom, our online curriculum resources, etc. as long as it is deemed necessary to remain closed.

While we are hopeful to return to our normal routines soon, we will make that decision in close consultation with the Governor's office, our local and State health officials, as well as the Department of Education. We are committed to ensuring the safety and well being of our community and know that regardless of when this reopening might occur, it will certainly be a glorious day when it does!

Stay safe Fair Haven and we hope to see you soon!
Sean McNeil, Fair Haven Schools Superintendent

WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION? Water from rain and melting snow that flows over lawns, parking lots and streets is known as stormwater runoff. This water, which travels along gutters, into catch basins and through storm drain pipes and ditches, usually is not treated, but then flows or is discharged into local water-bodies. Along the way, the stormwater picks up trash (fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups, etc.) and toxins and other pollutants (gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet droppings). This polluted stormwater can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water sources and force the closing of beaches because of health threats to swimmers.

Human activity is largely responsible for the stormwater pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. **Whether we have clean water is up to you!**

Here are some simple guidelines to follow:

- Follow the directions on the fertilizer bag, do not apply before it rains and use only when necessary.
- Properly dispose of your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet or by placing it in a bag and throwing it in the trash.
- Recycle used oil at certified facilities and maintain your vehicle to prevent leaks.
- Take your car to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled



Library News . . .



I hope that this unusual time finds all our residents well and safe. It has been very hard to have the library closed and not to see all our friends and their families on a daily basis. Going forward, our library will be a very different kind of library for all of us. We have been working on how to serve our community and still remain safe for our patrons and our employees. It will take time for all of us to settle into a new reality.

Our children's library has an especially difficult challenge ahead. We serve large numbers of children ranging in ages from 10 months to 5 years old in our storytime programs and school age children from grades K-4 in our after school programs. We have discussed online programs for stories and crafts and some of our performance programs are offering video programs too. This will take time to work out and we hope to be able again to have the programming our community deserves.

We will be doing everything possible to make our library available and relevant to our community without jeopardizing safety for all of us. Please stay well and we hope to see you all very soon.

Donna Powers, Library Director

"Wall of Honor"



It is with great pride that Knollwood School displays the pictures of graduates who are serving their country on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. These young men and women have chosen sacrifice and service to their country and are not forgotten as they protect our way of life. This "Wall" reflects that dedication and honors their service. Lets honor and not forget those Knollwood graduates who protect our way of life on a daily basis.

Committee: co-chairpersons Joe Perrotto / Betsy Koch, Darryl Breckenridge; Katy Frissora; Rick Robbins, Superintendent Sean McNeil, Mayor Benjamin Lucarelli and Nicole Bryant.

CURRENTLY SERVING AND ON THE DISPLAY

ALEX HILE (1990) - US NAVY

CHRISTOPHER RICHARDS (2000) - US NAVY

JOEL HYDUKE (2001) - US ARMY

KENNETH EBNER, JR. (2005) - US ARMY

CHRISTOPHER HOFER (2006) - US AIR FORCE

BRENDAN REISS (20007) - US ARMY

BRIAN HAPEMAN (2007) - US ARMY

EDWARD RAGO (2008) - US ARMY

LIAM REDDY (2009) - US ARMY

MATTHEW MURRAY VALKO (2010) -

US MARINE CORPS

ANTHONY SCIAMETTA (2011) - US ARMY

*JOSEPH MCGOVERN JR. (2012) -

US MARINE CORPS

JAMIE LAUGHINGHOUSE (2013) -

US MARINE CORPS

THEO ADDISON (2013) - US ARMY

*2012 graduate Joe McGovern Jr. will complete his active duty obligation with the United States Marine Corps on the 20th of June 2020.. We thank him for his service and wish him the best as he enters a new chapter of his life.. Semper Fi and be safe Joe Jr.!! #beproudfairhaven"



caring for our community

IMPORTANT BRUSH AND/OR LEAF PICK UP FACTS:

- It is very important that residents put brush and/or leaves to the curb no later than the weekend prior to your designated zone's pick up week.
- The DPW will pick up brush and leaves only one time on your street, for each designated week. Place brush and/or leaves to the curb no later than the Sunday night of your respective pick-up week.
- The DPW crew only does one pass on each street during your pick-up week. Once they pick up on your street, they will not return anytime later that week.
- 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

Fair Haven Seniors Give Back

The Fair Haven Seniors collected personal items at their meeting in February to be donated to 180 Turning Lives Around.

The next meeting of the Fair Haven Seniors is scheduled for the third Tuesday of September at the Community Center (located behind the Police Department) at 1:00 p.m.. Some of the activities of the Seniors is monthly collection of various items to be given to charitable groups in our area. We also have guest speakers and entertainment programs as well as trips. Please join us for conversation, activities, dessert, coffee and tea.



Our group welcomes new (and old) members. Off-street parking available, no stairs to climb. For more information on the Fair Haven Seniors call Susan Delaney, President, 732-747-2246.

Pictured are: *Sharon Giunta, Susan Delaney, Jeannine Maloney, Diane Jacoubs and Doreen Bulzis.*



Please keep dogs on a leash at all times. Thank you

Your dog did his duty.
Please do yours.
Pick up after
your pet.



Thank You.

Please refrain from depositing your dogs waste in any receptacle in town. Please take your pet's waste home. Thank you



Fair Haven Police Department

From the Police Department Desk

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, even if it's only for a quick milk run to the Acme. A burglar only needs a few minutes to enter your home and steal your valuables.

Fraud Alert

It's inevitable that scammers/fraudsters will find new ways to profit from the COVID-19 pandemic. They continually prey on the vulnerable and the kindhearted people of our society and will use this pandemic to their advantage. Don't become a victim!

Be vigilant if you're making online purchases for items such as sanitizer, bathroom tissue, and personal protective equipment. Try to use reputable websites that have consumer protections in place.

Be vigilant if you're solicited for donations or looking to make a donation. Donate to local charities and/or online charities that you are familiar with.

Don't provide your credit card number, social security number, bank account number, birth date, etc to anyone unless you are positive that they need that information for a legitimate reason.

Don't make payments in the form of gift card purchases. Scammers often request their victims to purchase gift cards such as eBay, iTunes, and GreenDot from their local convenience stores and to call them back with the card numbers. This is not how legitimate businesses request payment.

If you feel that you've been the victim of fraud, contact the police department to make a formal report. An officer will guide you through steps you can take in the hopes of minimizing any potential damages.



Water safety needs to be practiced at all times. Whether you are at the beach, near a swimming pool or on a boat, make sure that children are watched at all times and flotation devices are available if they do not know how to swim.

Practicing water safety will help make your summer more enjoyable and relaxing.



PART-TIME CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED!

Fair Haven Borough is hiring part-time crossing guards. For further information, please come into Police Headquarters to pick up an application or contact Patrolman John Koetzner at 732-747-0241 x*329 or ikoetzner@fhboro.net.



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Councilwoman Meghan Chrisner-Keefe	Councilman Michael McCue

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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
Administrative and Procurement Coordinator for
Planning, Zoning and Engineering—Jennifer Johnson
Planning Board and Zoning Board Secretary—Jennifer Johnson
Construction Code Official - Dennis Pera
Code Enforcement—Sergeant Jesse Dykstra
Tax Assessor—Gregory Hutchinson

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

BOROUGH MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

ZONING BOARD

Thursday, May 7, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 4, 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 20 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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

FAIR HAVEN FIELDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

**ESSENTIAL
WORKERS** 
We Humbly & Gratefully
THANK YOU!

Non-Emergency Police 732-747-0991

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR MAY & JUNE

Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board
and Historic Preservation Commission,
will be conducted remotely via Zoom.

Please check the Borough's website
and Constant Contact
for updates regarding the following
Commission/Committee meetings
for May and June:

Recreation Committee
Shade Tree Commission
Environmental Commission
Fair Haven Fields Natural Area

Please call the Borough office if you
have any questions.
732-747-0241 Ext. *219

