



FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY No. 1 *Newsletter*

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PLANS UNDER WAY FOR FIRE COMPANY'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday evening, June 1, 1904, a Certificate of Incorporation was issued to the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company. Now, one hundred years later, the Fire Company is making plans for a gala celebration that will provide an opportunity for the entire community to participate in recognizing the event.

On Saturday, June 12, 2004 fire companies from around the state will join Fair Haven's company in a momentous parade and party. Fair Haven members will parade in historic parade uniforms tailored after the ones used when the young Fair Haven Fire Company paraded in a famous Cony Island event nearly 100 years ago.

Planning for the event is being led by Fire Company member Joe Perrotto. "We are making every effort to make this a memorable and fun day for every family in Fair Haven, and for all of our visiting fellow firefighters," Joe says. "Remember the date! We'll provide more information as the date approaches."

WINTER TIDBITS

Help Us to Help You!

Fair Haven Fire Department reminds residents that they can help the Department help them by making sure house numbers are clearly visible, by avoiding tying up telephone lines with non-emergency calls and by turning outside lights on when they call for an emergency response.

Adopt a Hydrant

During heavy snow conditions, the Fire Department faces a serious challenge in locating fire hydrants that are buried under plowed snow. During a fire situation, time lost in locating and shoveling out these hydrants can be disastrous.

While we do our best to visit each hydrant in Fair Haven and shovel it after a snowfall, this chore is tedious and time-consuming. Even if you don't have time to join our volunteer organization, you can provide a huge service by "adopting" the hydrant closest to your house and keeping it open for us! Talk it up with your neighbors and help us help you!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND —

CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS AT THE FIRE- HOUSE!

For many years the local Lion's Club held their annual Christmas Tree Sale on the grounds of the Fair Haven Firehouse at River and Battin Roads. While the Fair Haven Fire Company was not directly involved, members were happy to support the event, and the trees added to the festivities of the Holiday Season. Ever since the Lion's Club discontinued their event several years ago, Fire Company members have discussed the possibility of recreating it. After hearing from numerous Fair Haven residents about how much they missed the sale, and after considerable investigation, the Fire Company has decided to reinstate the annual Christmas Tree Sale. A committee was formed to investigate the opportunity and plan the event, and was assisted by several Lion's Club members.

According to committee chairman Larry Hartman, the Fire Company

See "Christmas Tree Sale" on p. 2

will begin selling trees December 6 and continue the sales every day through Christmas Eve, or whenever the supply runs out. Please use the Calendar below to plan your visit to select your tree. The trees, which will all be Douglas Firs, will be six to eight feet in height. Wreaths will also be available.

Fair Haven Fire Company members will staff the event and provide assistance with loading the trees into purchasers' vehicles. Holiday music, coffee, hot chocolate and tea will be available for shoppers, and a free raffle ticket will be provided for each tree purchased. Santa Claus is also expected to visit the Fire House one afternoon – like he usually does -- and speak to children whose parents are buying trees. Watch the Fire House bulletin board for the date and time of Santa's arrival.

"It's going to take a lot of work to get this going, but we're convinced enough Fair Haven residents miss the annual event that we're willing to do the work," said Larry Hartman. "We hope this year's event is successful and will lead to many more years of continuing the tradition."

Benefits of the sales will go directly to the Fire Company's funds used for the maintenance and update of firehouse equipment and facilities.

**SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS TREE SALES
AT THE FIREHOUSE— RIVER AND BATTIN ROADS**

D E C E M B E R

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					6 Noon - 8 pm	7 Noon - 8pm
8 2pm - 8pm	9 2pm - 8pm	10 2pm - 8pm	11 2pm - 8pm	12 2pm - 8pm	13 10am - 8pm	14 10am - 8pm
15 2pm - 8pm	16 2pm - 8pm	17 2pm - 8pm	18 2pm - 8pm	19 2pm - 8pm	20 Noon - 8 pm	21 Noon - 8 pm
22 Noon - 9 pm	23 Noon - 9 pm	24 Noon - 9 pm	25 Enjoy the Holidays!			

Anonymous Donor Aids Fire Company

As most readers know, the Fair Haven Fire Company is an all-volunteer department, with no paid employees. The Company relies upon its annual Firemen's Fair (see article on p. 3) as well as numerous other fund raising events to fund its operations.

So, it was with great enthusiasm that the Fire Company Treasurer, William Leonard, announced at a recent business meeting that the Fire Company had received a check for \$15,000 from an anonymous donor. The funds will be put to use to aid in handling normal operating expenses, including equipment purchase and maintenance.

Fire Company President Bud Dupree stated, "We are most appreciative of this donation and want to thank the individual or individuals who were so kind as to take this step. We will put the funds to good work for the community."

Reverse 911 System Installed and Put to Use During Hurricane Isabel

Fair Haven has joined several surrounding towns in installing equipment that provides "Reverse 911" capabilities. This system allows Borough officials or other emergency officers to broadcast critical information to all Fair Haven residents *who have a listed telephone number.*

The system was put to use during the threat of Hurricane Isabel this September. Fair Haven residents received a recorded message from the Fair Haven Office of Emergency Management (OEM), advising of the potential threat. Fair Haven OEM Coordinator and Firefighter James Kirman advises residents who have unlisted telephone numbers to contact Fair Haven Police Headquarters to arrange Reverse 911 announcements to their residencies.

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

Betsy O'Neill of Fair Haven won the Super 50-50 Jackpot prize at the Firemen's Fair and took home almost \$28,000! Congratulations, Betsy!



Fair Haven and “adopted” members of New York City Engine Company 54, Ladder Company 4 and Battalion 9 pose just before final drawing of the hourly 50-50 event during Family night at the Firemen’s Fair in August. From left to right: Fair Haven Deputy Chief Robert Frank, Wendy Feinberg—widow of FDNY firefighter Alan Feinberg, FDNY firefighter Mike Cioffi, retired FDNY Captain Dag Dorph and Fair Haven Chief Marty Coy. Wendy pulled the winning ticket (see article below).

Annual Firemen’s Fair Brings New Visitors from Canada and New York

As August drew to a close, the annual Firemen’s Fair provided one last chance for families to congregate and savor the last days of summer. Many felt the Fair was the best yet — with new rides and food that couldn’t be beat. Few people were aware, however, of another new aspect of the Fair: thanks to a combination of new internet technology and old fashioned Firefighters’ brotherhood we had new visitors from Canada and New York City.

The Canadian visitors were Karen, Richard, Geoffrey and Alyssa Ruddock from Aurora, Ontario. They had read about the Fair on Bruce Springsteen’s internet web site (www.brucespringsteen.net). The Ruddock family was planning on attending a Springsteen concert and saw a posting by a fan saying “While in the Asbury Park area, be sure to visit the Fair Haven Firemen’s Fair.” The Ruddock’s write, “The weather was perfect, the food was delicious (especially the soft shell crab), and everyone was so friendly. Congratulations on a very well organized event! And many thanks Fair Haven for your hospitality! We hope to return next summer for

your 100th Anniversary celebrations!”

Another special set of visitors were members of the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) on Family Night, August 27. As was noted in the December, 2002 Newsletter, Fair Haven has “adopted” the FDNY firehouse located at 48th Street and 8th Avenue in Manhattan. Last December, members of the Fair Haven Fire Company helped set up and serve at a Holiday Party at the FDNY firehouse. Children of the 15 widows, as well as children of the surviving firefighters, had a day of fun and fellowship. And, Fair Haven plans to participate in the New York City Holiday party again this year, scheduled for December 14.

So it was exciting to have some of the New York City heroes visit our Fair and see how we live! It is planned to make this an annual event. Wendy Feinberg, widow of FDNY Firefighter Alan Feinberg, pulled the winning ticket for the last 50-50 event of the evening. Wendy expressed her thanks for all the support Fair Haven Fire Company has provided to our adopted FDNY team.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST AID ORGANIZATIONS SEEK NEW MEMBERS

Fair Haven Fire Company No. 1 is an all-volunteer organization, and we continue to seek members who can help in a number of capacities. Please consider volunteering your time to this worthwhile effort. Here is the information you need, if you are interested:

Fire Department—Active Firefighter. Members in this category respond to fires and emergencies in Fair Haven and surrounding communities in cases of “mutual aid.” Although prior experience is helpful, none is required for admission to this category. Rigorous training is provided by both the Fire Department and by the Monmouth County Fire Academy. Applicants must pass a physical exam and a routine background check. Interested residents should contact James Butler, III at (732) 741-7157 to discuss the membership application procedures.

Fire Department—Social Member. Members in this category participate in non-firematic aspects of operating the Fire Company, including fund raising events such as the annual Firemen’s Fair. The only requirement for membership is a sincere interest in helping the Fire Company. Interested residents should contact James Butler, III. to discuss membership application procedures.

Fire Department—Honorary Member. Historically, this membership category was reserved for public dignitaries and others who have indirectly helped the Fire Company. Recently, however, the category has been expanded to admit potential First Aid Corps Members who are not interested in joining the Fire Department as an Active or Social member. Membership to this category requires a sponsor in the Fire Department. Residents interested in joining the First Aid Corps through this venue should contact William Acker at (732) 747-0241, Ext. 224.

First Aid Corps Member. Members in this category respond to emergency trauma and medical situations and provide basic life support services. The First Aid Squad also responds to all fires and other emergencies in which injuries are likely. Members must be a member of the Fire Department (Active, Social or Honorary), before they can join the First Aid Corps. No prior experience is required, although new members must pass an approved First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician course during their first few months in the organization. Applicants must pass a physical exam and a routine background check unless they are Active Firefighters. Interested residents should contact William Acker to discuss membership application procedures.

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