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FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY No. 1 *Newsletter*

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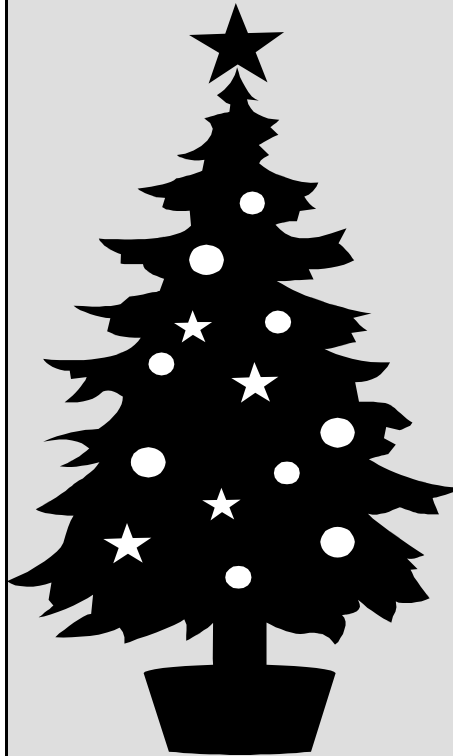
CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS AVAILABLE NOW!

As reported in the March edition of the *Newsletter*, the Fire Company reinstated the sales of Christmas trees and holiday wreaths last year. The local Lion's Club, which had discontinued the annual event a few years ago, helped the Fire Company set up the operation, which turned out to be a success.

Larry Hartman, the Fire Company's chairman of the activities, states, "Even though last year was a great start, we're looking forward to even more sales this year. Our goal is primarily to keep the tradition going in Fair Haven, and secondarily to raise much-needed funds for the Fire Company."

Some residents have mentioned that they didn't see the trees, which are located in the rear lot of the Fire Company property. "We have a large sign out front that will let folks know when we're open," Hartman states, "but it may be hard to see." "Please drive around back and you'll be welcomed by lots of beautiful trees!" Sales will continue until the trees are all sold, or through Christmas Eve, according to Hartman.

YOUR SUPPORT



IS NEEDED!

**Support the Christmas Tree
and Wreath Sales
At the Firehouse**

Weekdays 2 pm – 8 pm

Weekends 10 am–8 pm

CHIEF'S REPORT...

This is my final report as Chief, and I want to thank Fair Haven residents for the wonderful support I've received in this very special year for the Fire Department—our 100th Anniversary. While we've had numerous emergencies to contend with, as of this writing there have been no major property losses in the Borough this year. I thank you for doing your part to help us achieve that record. I also want to introduce you to the new line officers of the Fire Department for 2005. They are:

Mike Reddy—Chief
Paul Lenskold—Deputy Chief
Robert Townshend—1st Ast. Chief
Mike Wiehl—2nd Ast. Chief

As many of you may know, each of the line officers serves for one year and is then usually promoted to the next highest position. The four-year commitment that each of us makes is taken very seriously by us and our families. Please join me in welcoming these new officers and in giving them the same excellent support that you provided this year.

Our newest Line Officer—Mike Wiehl, joined the Fire Company in 1996 and has been extremely

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FAIR HAVEN APPROVES LOSAP

active as a firefighter. Mike is very qualified for the line officer chief's assignment, having participated in numerous training activities at the Middletown Fire Academy and in our own rigorous training.

In terms of this past year, the Fire Company has been very busy. Through November, we responded to

- 121 Fires, Emergencies and Drills
- 365 Emergency Medical Runs
- 114 Fire Police Responses.

The total volunteer time spent in response to these situations, including Fire, First Aid and Fire Police was over 6500 man-hours!

Some of these responses are very uneventful. For example, we have an increasing number of calls from activated carbon monoxide detectors. However, we treat each of these calls very seriously and arrive on the scene ready for any eventuality. Please DO NOT hesitate to call us, even if you're not sure how serious your problem is. We would much rather respond early to a trivial problem than to arrive at a delayed call where very serious and life-threatening dangers may exist.

On a final note, I am very proud to have served in the capacity as Fire Chief, and I look forward to continuing to serve as an active member of this great Fire Company.

Bob Frank
Chief, 2004

Fair Haven residents voted overwhelmingly on November 2 to approve a Length of Service Awards Program for all members of the Fair Haven Fire Company. Of the 3812 ballots cast in the general election, 2224 voted in favor of the municipal bill. The LOSAP program will be put into effect January 1, 2005. As of that date, all members of the Fire Company will be able to earn points for each participation in emergency events and for leadership responsibilities they assume. As an example, points will be awarded for

- Serving as a line or administrative officer of the Fire Department, Fire Police or First Aid Squad
- Chairing key committees
- Maintaining levels of training
- Responding to fire calls
- Responding to emergency medical calls
- Attending training meetings and drills
- Participating in other activities that support the organizations
- Maintaining membership for more than 10 years.

In addition, members who are called to active duty in the Armed Services or who are disabled because of a fire-related injury will receive points. The points thus earned accumulate toward a 100-point annual objective to qualify for the LOSAP retirement benefit.

"We have worked hard to design our program both to benefit Fair Haven residents and to provide incentives to attract and retain new members," said John T. Feeny, FHFDF LOSAP Chairman. "We are very grateful to the citizens of Fair Haven for showing their support and confidence in this program."

Record-keeping to support LOSAP will not be a trivial problem. Each organization of the Fire Company will have to maintain up-to-date records of each member's participation. A new Information Technology Committee, headed by chairman Frank Leslie, is tackling that requirement, along with other expanding IT needs of the Fire Company.

COMCAST CABLEVISION AIRS FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY'S 100th ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

Every Thursday in November, Comcast Cablevision Channel 21 showed a 33-minute feature on the Fair Haven Fire Company's history. The documentary, entitled "Fair Haven Fire Company—the First 100 Years," was produced by the Brookdale Community College Television unit in collaboration with the Fire Company's Video Committee

The final version of the tape was distributed to all members of the Fire Company in October. The video, which includes narration by Fire Company member Tom Dorick and Fair Haven Borough Historian Tim McMahon, traces the history of the firefighting in Fair Haven from the earliest

bucket brigade days, through the Vaudeville era, and into the present day. Included in the musical accompaniment are songs by Bruce Springsteen judged to be particularly appropriate, including "Lift me Up" and "When You Need Me." The "Boss" graciously granted permission for the Fire Company to use his music.

According to Brookdale's Executive Producer of Television, Roger Conant, "This was one of our most enjoyable productions. We came to know the Fair Haven Fire Company members well, as we traced both their history and their current activities."

Fire Company President Jack Mulvihill commented, "This video is going to be a great part of Fair Haven's archives. I hope, 100 years from now, the Fair Haven Fire Department — whatever that may be — enjoys this history and provides their own version for their past 100 years. We're proud to start such a tradition."

Brookdale expects to air the video several times during 2005. Fair Haven residents interested in seeing the documentary can visit the Fire Company's web site—www.fairhavenfiredept.com — early next year to check on the schedule of the next airing.

2004 IN PHOTO REVIEW—FAIR HAVEN FIRE COMPANY'S 100th YEAR OF SERVICE



January— Fire Dept. conducts "Live burn" drill at a house scheduled for demolition

August— First Aid Squad responds to capsized boat rescue near Cooney Terrace



Two Examples of the Hundreds of Emergencies and Drills Which Members of the Fire Company Participated In



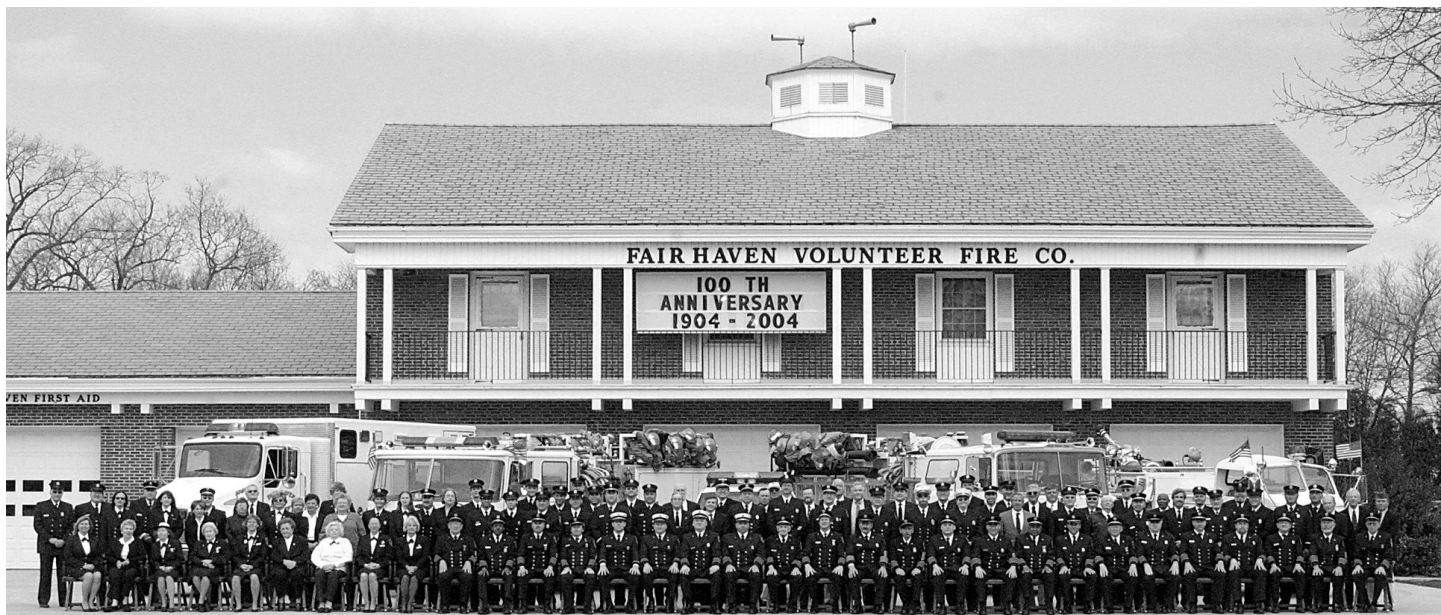
August— The Biggest Firemen's Fair Yet



June — Spectacular 100th Anniversary Parade!



March — Dedication of Memorial Statue



Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 the People, Equipment and Headquarters that Make It All Work

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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) 671-8082 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—Affiliate Member. This is a new category of membership that has been established to encourage area residents who are interested in joining the First Aid Corps but who are not interested in joining the Fire Department as an Active or Social Fire Department 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 Affiliate), 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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