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It's Fair Time!
The 2009 Fireman's Fair
opens this week!
Friday, August 28

Saturday, September 5
The fun starts at 6:00 pm every night.
- The Fair will be closed Sunday -



HELP WANTED:

Would you like to be part of the fun?

There's still time to sign up to volunteer for one or more nights!



Where would you like to work?
Game Booths
Food Prep and Set Up
Waitresses
Restaurant Hosts
Outback Snack Bar

Sign up today at: www.fhfd.org

Or



Stop by the **Personnel Booth** any night of the Fair and sign up with Joe or Rich.

The Fair Haven Fireman's Fair is the longest running Fair in New Jersey!

Don't miss out on these traditions:

- **Homemade clam chowder** at the Firehouse Seafood Restaurant (Doors open at 6:00 pm)
- **Wednesday is Family Night!** One less ticket gets you on a ride!
- **Super 50/50 Drawing** is Saturday night, September 5th! Last year's winner won over \$20,000!
- **First Aid Squad Raffle: A SONY 40" LCD HDTV Flat Screen TV!**
- Many rides and game booths for kids of all ages! Old favorites such as the Rainbow Ride, the Zipper and the Ferris Wheel...plus some surprises! Have you noticed the new **Teacup Ride**?

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE! FAIR HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT



On June 13th, the Fair Haven Fire Department hosted its first wetdown in over 15 years. Not only did neighboring fire companies hose down the new fire truck, 1375, but



the community was officially introduced to the new building and our 1356 ambulance, which was

purchased in 2007. Judging by the happy smiles on the faces of those who danced to the tunes of the Tommy Santelli Band, or the squeals of delight by the many children (and some spirited adults!) who scampered joyfully underneath the streams of water, or the old timers who enjoyed sharing stories, it was a successful day. President Jim Butler shares some thoughts at right.



The Tommy Santelli Band played a wide variety of tunes enjoyed by all, young and old.



Wetdown Thoughts by President Jim Butler III:

As President of the Fire Company, one essential role is to put together the dozens of committees that help our company run smoothly, effectively and safely. Last year Deputy Chief Jim Ceruti took on the task of leading the committee that would put on the first Wetdown Fair Haven had hosted in over 15 years. What made our Wetdown a success was the tireless attention to details by the committee. The only thing that was of concern that day was the weather, and Jim had no control over that. But even the meteorological fates were in our favor that day.

A wetdown is a kind of "ritual", if you will, when visiting fire companies come to celebrate a new piece of equipment being placed in service. Traditionally, visiting fire companies "anoint" the new truck by spraying water from their equipment onto the new piece of equipment.

It was nice to see a great turnout by over a dozen visiting fire companies, but most enjoyable was seeing the hundreds of Fair Haven residents who stopped by. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. The band, the food, the crowd was really great and the kids seem to enjoy it. What made the day special, in the tradition of our Fire Company, was when the hoses of 1374, our "retired" truck, sprayed 1375 to officially "christen" the new truck into service. It was especially poignant to see the long-time members of the Fire Company who have experienced first-hand the history of 1374 for many years, ride "their" truck onto the apron and then aim its hoses at our new truck.

I haven't been to too many wetdowns in recent years, but of the ones I've been to, nothing will compare to the images of our 1375 being welcomed to the community. I think it was a great (and very wet!) ending to a great day and I hope we see this tradition continue in our neighboring towns.



HOSTS FIRST WETDOWN IN OVER FIFTEEN YEARS!



Young and Old mingle: Here, a vintage FHFD Fire Patrol truck is parked in front of 1373, awaiting the hoses to fire up.



Former FHFD Chief (1956) Fred Maffeo inaugurates the Wetdown. He was Assistant Chief the year 1374 was put into service in 1955!



This meticulous attention to detail ensures that our volunteers can quickly access any needed equipment and fire fighting tools at an emergency.



An aerial truck from Long Branch takes aim.



The **New Truck Committee** consisted of current and former Chiefs and First Aid Captains, from left: Larry Hartman, Dave Binaco, Jack Mulvihill, Joe Perrotto, Bob Frank, Jim Cerruti, Mike Reddy and Hal Trenton.

Congratulations on a job well done.



Fair Haven First Aid Squad President Derek DeBree is joined by, from left, Tom Fahey, Andy Pruzick and AJ Hunter, as the festivities begin.



Fair Haven First Aid Squad's Checklist for Babysitters



BE CALM

- Take a deep breath during any emergency.
- If you are calm, the victim and the other children under your care will stay calm.
- Speak s-l-o-w-l-y and carefully when giving 911 operators or family member/neighbor information.

BE CLEAR

- First Aiders or police officers will always ask: "Tell me exactly why you called." Be ready to answer this question.
- Does the child have any allergies?
- What medications does the child usually take?
- If you see or help a child take his or her medications, write down time and dose.
- Be observant: Is the child acting differently than normal? What was the child doing at the time of the emergency?
- When did the child last eat or drink?

BE READY

- Make sure the parents or guardians have left you with cell phone or reach numbers. Put this information in a place where you can quickly access it.
- Help the First Aiders reach the child.
- Send another child to clear a path to the victim.
- Lock any dogs in another room.
- Make sure the front of the house is lit up.
- If possible have someone waiting by a door to wave to the first aid or police officer.

FHFA Prepared for Anaphylaxis Emergencies

In 2008, NJ Department of Emergency Management approved the use of Epinephrine Pens by EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians). Each of our ambulances, plus the Captain's car are now equipped with these devices, for both children and adults.

Squad EMTs have been trained in the administration of the "Epi-Pens". Most importantly, if anyone in your household has had allergic reactions to bee stings, food or other items, please ensure that that information is updated and available to emergency personnel.



SYMPTOMS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (Call 911 Immediately!):

- HIVES 80% OF THE TIME
- RAISED RED OR WHITE SKIN BUMPS
- WHEEZING
- SWELLING TONGUE
- RAPID PULSE, THEN SLOW PULSE
- LOW BLOOD PRESSURE, THEN HIGH

FHFD Volunteerism Scholarship Awarded

Fair Haven resident **Kelsey Ambrose** has won the Fire Company's 2009 Volunteerism Scholarship. The award was announced at the Annual Awards Assembly at Rumson-Fair Haven High School in June.

The scholarship offers the winner a 4-year stipend of \$4000, based upon the continued college enrollment and acceptable scholastic performance of the winner, who must be either a Fair Haven resident or the child of a member of the Fire Company. Four non-Fire Company local



educators evaluate the application forms submitted by the contestants and make their selection based upon criteria that include community involvement, volunteerism and scholastic accomplishments.

As a long-time member of the Little Silver First Aid Cadet Corps, Kelsey has not only responded to calls but she has also spent many hours at every monthly drill, helping train new Cadets and helping the First Aid Squad behind the scenes. In Fair Haven, she has been a loyal and dedicated Fair worker. If you have eaten at the Fair Seafood res-

taurant over the last few years, you have no doubt seen Kelsey, helping out in endless ways.

Kelsey will be studying nutrition and dietetics at James Madison University. She adds, "Winning the FHFD scholarship was really important to me because it made feel like I made a difference as a volunteer."

Previous award winners are: Anat Waldman (2008), Theresa Hartman (2007), Whitney Breckenridge (2006), Erin Puck (2005) and Ben Smith (2004).



Chris, in FHFD dress "whites" at FHFD's 100th Anniversary celebration.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE CONTINUES: FIREFIGHTER CHRIS BRETT JOINS the NAVY

Dozens of members of the Fire Company have served our country in every branch of the military, an astounding testament to the spirit of service that infuses the FHFD. Chris Brett continues this tradition, as he leaves this Fall for United States Navy basic training at Great Lakes Boot Camp in Illinois. Chris follows in the footsteps of both his father, Barry Brett, as well as his wife Shannon's grandfather, JW Connor. Each of these former FHFD Chiefs served in the US Navy.

We wish Chris good luck and safe travels.



JW Connor (FHFD Chief, 1958) on leave from duty in 1943, standing next to another future FHFD Chief, toddler Vin Feeny!

Note: See below for article about our current "Future Firefighter Squad"!



Chris' father, the late Barry Brett: Navy officer, First Aid Captain & FHFD Chief (1994, 1987)



Fair Haven Future Firefighter Update: Our future firefighters have been very active since the group was formed last summer. These young men have spent many hours in training, supporting fire department members and helping out in a variety of ways at the firehouse and drills. They represent what it means to be a resident in Fair Haven: Giving back to their community, not just standing by. We encourage other teens, girls as well as boys, over the age of 14 to join. Contact Paul Lenskold if interested: (732) 576-1798. Below: We invited Future Firefighter Captain Nick Lenczyk to share some thoughts.

The duties of the Fair Haven Volunteer Future Firefighters are to learn as much as we can about fire company life, including apparatus and equipment, as well as have fun along the way.

We meet twice a month as a group. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month we have a meeting, and on the 4th Wednesday of each month we conduct a drill. We also help out during the Fair and car show and many other activities associated with the fire company.

When working at a scene, it is done in a safe environment. We aid firefighters and rescue workers, making their jobs easier. We work as a team and learn together.

I have always been interested in the Fair Haven Fire Company and learning about the equipment. Engine 1373 or the "Pierce", remains my favorite truck in the fleet, but it is the

members of the fire company that makes the department special. Because we are such a small, unique town, our fire department gets to connect with the community.

It is an honor to be a part of this tradition. There is no other company I would want to work with other than the Fair Haven Volunteer Fire Company.



— Nick Lenczyk



Nick is also a talented photographer and has documented many FHFD moments. Here, he got behind the lens to capture firefighters during an intense smoke drill.



Chris Cerruti (son of Deputy Chief Jim Cerruti) and Nick L. helping with Christmas tree sale.



Another Nick, Nick Kafaf, a recent Future firefighter recruit.

Members Needed!

There are many ways you can support the Fire Department.

- ◀ Are you interested in fighting fires, maintaining fire equipment and responding to rescues, motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies? Consider becoming a **FIREFIGHTER**.

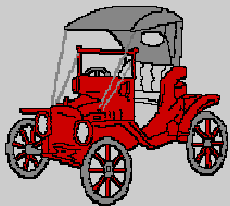
- ◀ Are you ready to learn emergency medical technician skills, respond to hundreds of calls every year, maintain our ambulances and provide first aid support to our community? Then consider becoming a **FIRST AIDER**.

- ◀ Do you want to support emergency calls by maintaining safety perimeters at calls, managing traffic, and protecting the volunteers as well onlookers? Then consider becoming a member of the **FIRE POLICE**.

- ◀ Do you want to support the fire company while enjoying the camaraderie at our firehouse by helping out at the many community events the fire department participates in, firehouse maintenance, and a myriad of other activities? Then consider becoming a **SOCIAL MEMBER**.

It's easy to submit an application. Learn more at
<http://www.fhfd.org/joining.html>
or call
FHFD president, Jim Butler, III at (908) 461-1575

Coming soon!
Saturday, Oct 18
(raindate: Oct 19)



**FALL
ANTIQU
AUTO SHOW**
9:00 am—3:00 pm
Over 150 Vintage Cars
DJ Music
Outback Concession Stand
will be open!

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