

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Fairfield Borough

Newsletter

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Congratulations to this year's Holiday Decorating Contest winners!

The 2026 Christmas elves who hosted this year's Holiday Decorating Contest express their sincere appreciation to the many residents and businesses who went above and beyond to decorate for the holidays and to the judges who shared their expertise in awarding prizes after evaluating more than 60 delightfully decorated properties in the Borough.

Prize winners are:

West Side

1st place 113 W. Main St.
2nd place 105 Franklin St.
3rd place 209 W Main St.

East Side

1st place 33 Hillview Ct.
2nd place 200 E Main St.
3rd place 29 Hillview Ct.



201 Franklin St.

Honorable Mentions

49 Longhorn Ln.



Please note: State statute and Borough ordinance both prohibit depositing snow or ice from private property onto a state or borough roadway. Yes, you must clear your sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of any snow or ice event. No, don't blow or shovel the snow into the road.

America's 250th Anniversary

The 250th anniversary of the United States is this year! The Fairfield Borough will be celebrating as often as possible. First, we would like to encourage everyone in the Borough to fly an American flag all year long. We will also be hosting Paint/Craft nights with an Americana theme. These events will, hopefully, occur once a quarter, starting Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. That night, at the Village Hall, we will be painting American flags from different time periods on a piece slab wood. Spots are limited so sign up today by calling the Borough office at 717-642-5640. The cost will be \$20 a person. The Borough will be rebirthing the Historic Home walking tour. Twenty-two different homes in town will be numbered and flyers can be picked up in the Borough office. The Fairfield Area Historical Society will also be hosting several events throughout the year. Please stay tuned for the quarterly newsletter updating you on upcoming events. You can check out more events in the area by visiting Destination Gettysburg at <https://destinationgettysburg.com/america-250th/>

Fairfield Community Fire Company Calendar

(All dates and times are subject to change. Visit www.fairfieldfire-ems.com for more information on each event.)

Jan 2 - Bingo

Apr 3 - Bingo

Jan 10 - Meat Raffle

Apr 11 - Meat Raffle

Jan 31 - Sportsman/Cash Draw

Apr 24 - 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Feb - 6 Bingo

May 1 - Bingo

Feb 7 - (Snow date) Sportsmans/Cash Draw

May 9 - Meat Raffle

Feb 21 - Meat Raffle

May 17 - Early Day Cruise In

Mar 6 - Bingo

June 5 - Bingo

Mar 21 - Meat Raffle

June 13 - Outdoor Event

Welcome new Council member Jordan Sites, new Planning Commission members Ashly Miller and Robin Laumann and Zoning Hearing Board members Doug Kump and Mary Ann Schwartz!

Fairfield Borough residents are invited to attend any (or all) municipal meetings. Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the Village Hall at 108 West Main Street.

Borough Council now meets the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 PM and again on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM. This year the November meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, November 17th and the December meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, December 15th. A public comment period for residents is set aside at the beginning and near the end of every Borough Council meeting. Agendas are posted in advance of each meeting on the "Minutes and Agendas" page of the Borough website.

FREMA, the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency, meets on the third Monday of every two months, beginning on February 16th, at 6:00 PM.

The Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) meets as needed on the Thursday before the regular Borough Council meeting.

Joint Parks & Recreation Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM. These meetings are held at the Hamiltonban Township municipal building.

Municipal Authority Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Pippinfest Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month from February thru October, with additional meetings in September. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. **

Planning Commission meets on the second Monday of every month, as needed, beginning at 6:30PM.

****Pippinfest Committee always welcomes volunteers to help during the planning process or only for the festival weekend. This year's festival dates are Saturday and Sunday, Sept 26th & 27th. Since this year is the 250th Anniversary of America, the plan is to make it the best festival yet!!**

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Extended cold weather could result in frozen pipes and leaks. Check water lines outside of your building and outside faucets periodically. An unheated basement or crawl space could also hide a leaking pipe.

Observe the water meter for several minutes to see if the dial is spinning, indicating that water is running somewhere after the meter. If your meter is not easily accessible, walk around the inside of your property while the building is completely silent, focusing where water lines are located, while listening for any hissing sounds.

Please note that Fairfield Municipal Authority employees are not authorized to check for leaks on your property; you will have to do this yourself or hire a plumber.

New Usage Rates for April 2026 Billing

On January 13, 2026, the board approved a 5% increase to water and sewer usage rates. Surcharge and SDW fees are not impacted. This was necessary to be fiscally viable in light of continual high supply and energy costs, and continue with repairs and replacement.

Lets try to lower expenses where possible! Customers are strongly encouraged to pay the quarterly bill within the 35-day grace period. Payment after the due date incurs a 20% late fee! After 60 days the shut-off process commences, with a \$20 posting fee added if a second notice is issued.

Set aside 1/3 of your typical bill each month so that when the quarterly bill is issued, sufficient funds are available to pay on time.

Credit card payments accepted through:

→ **eNETPAY** All major credit / debit cards.

Transaction fee applied. Payment website:

<http://www.go2gov.net/go/fairfieldma>

→ **doxoDIRECT** Discover, Visa, Master Card credit / debit cards (3.5% transaction fee).

FREE ACH/E-check payment option, deducted directly from your bank account.

Payment website:

<https://www.fairfieldmunicipalauthority.com/>

We cannot process credit/debit card payments in the office or over the telephone!!