

Press Release
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Boroughs of Fair Haven and Rumson

After sharing their Construction Office for the past 5 years, the Boroughs of Fair Haven and Rumson have announced that they will be signing a new groundbreaking Shared Services Agreement later this month, expanding on the original very successful cooperative venture.

Resolutions of Intent have been adopted by both Boroughs authorizing the Administrators to finalize and to enter into a Shared Service Agreement for specific Department of Engineering and Public Works Services. The plan, presented by the Administrators and Department of Public Works Managers, will include: engineering services, brush disposal, processing and recycling, parks and grounds maintenance, street sweeping and catch basin cleaning.

In the agreement, the Borough of Fair Haven would provide specific engineering services to Rumson at an agreed upon hourly rate, utilizing their in-house Engineering Office. Fair Haven would also allow Rumson to process its brush at their State approved Brush Transfer Facility for recycling. The Borough of Rumson would maintain Fair Haven's parks and grounds, including Fair Haven Fields, which is located directly across the street from Rumson's Meadow Ridge Park. The two parks are the premier athletic fields for both Boroughs and frequently used by the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School's Athletic Programs. Rumson will also sweep Fair Haven's streets and clean Fair Haven's storm water catch basins.

Fair Haven Mayor Ben Lucarelli stated, "This is a wonderful opportunity that will benefit the residents of both of our communities."

Rumson's Mayor John Ekdahl added, "Rumson is pleased to enter into another shared service agreement with Fair Haven that not only benefits both towns but saves taxpayer dollars. The Borough will continue to pursue these types of opportunities with neighboring towns."

The administrators expect the agreement to be finalized and for the sharing of services to begin to be phased in later in April.

Copies of the Resolutions of Intent are attached from both Boroughs.

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