

The Annual East Haven Fall Festival

The East Haven Fall Festival began in 1992 as a cooperative effort between the office of then-Mayor Henry J. Luzzi and the East Haven Chamber of Commerce. An independent non-profit organization, East Haven Fall Festival, Inc., was formed to coordinate the venture. The first Fall Festival was a two-day experiment featuring live entertainment, restaurant booths, a business expo, rides for small children, games and activities offered by local civic groups, and an arts and crafts exhibition. The experiment was an overwhelming success and the Festival has been held every year since, growing to a three-day event boasting renowned musical performers and additional features such as the Community Classic Road Race, the Fall Festival Classic Car Show, and the Teen Corner.

The Fall Festival has become one of the most popular events of its kind in the region. Over the years the Festival has proudly presented nationally known musical performers including Livingston Taylor, John Sebastian, The Drifters, the Coasters, the Five Satins, the Shangri-Las, Jay Siegel and the Tokens, Leslie Gore, Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, Little Anthony and The Imperials, the "New" Rascals, Shirley Alston Reeves, and Lou Christie, all free of admission charge.

In addition, the Festival has provided a stage and spotlight for many talented local musicians and performers, from area rock, jazz, dance and singing groups, to East Haven's award-winning school musicians.

The Fall Festival's core purpose is to give the people of our town and neighboring communities the chance to meet each year for a weekend of entertainment, food, fun, and friendship.