



Fairfield Beach Residents Association Newsletter

STUDENT NEIGHBOR RELATIONS



Dear FBRA members:

During our annual meeting in September the continuing issues surrounding good neighbor relations between student renters and full-time residents were discussed and the First Selectwoman pledged to host a meeting with FBRA, FBPA the Fairfield Police Department and representatives of Fairfield University.

Below is a link to a letter to beach residents from First Selectwoman Kupchick as a result of that meeting.

You will see her emphasis on contacting the Fairfield Police Department with any immediate concerns you have for your safety or protection of your property.

You can and should also contact Fairfield University as well. You can use the link [HERE](#). Your information can be sent anonymously or by stating your name. If you choose to reach out to the university anonymously, you will not be contacted but your complaint will at least be received.

Click here for the letter from First Selectwoman Kupchick:
www.fairfieldct.org/filestorage/10726/15800/17963/19428/beach_letter_10,28,21.pdf

Lastly, please note the First Selectwoman addresses the issue of possible overcrowding in our area. You can contact the Fairfield Health Department with questions and concerns, <https://www.fairfieldct.org/health> or 203-256-3020.

**Best,
Carolyn Kamlet
President**

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Tuesday November 2, 2021 is election day. The FBRA does not endorse any candidate but encourages residents in the beach area to read up on who is running and what they stand for.

We asked all nine candidates to share a brief description of what they are focusing on and you can read about it on the FBRA website, [HERE](#).



PLACE YOUR ORDERS

Annual Rosa Rugosa and Beach Grass give away November 14th from 11-1

The FBRA holds an annual give away of salt tolerant plants for all paid up members as a way of helping our community create a more erosion resistant environment

WHERE - Plant pick up will be at 1774 Fairfield Beach road on November 14 from 11-1

The best time to plant beach grass is when the air is cooler in early to mid November. The FBRA is offering the following on a first come first serve basis.

Each paid up member of the FBRA can get one of the items below FREE - and can purchase additional plants, as inventory allows, for \$35.00 each. Please e-mail Becky at becky.bunnell@gmail.com to preorder and reserve your choice:

- **100 plugs of beach grass** - Beach grass, (genus *Ammophila*), also called marram grass, psamma, or sand reed, genus of two species of sand-binding plants in the grass family (Poaceae). Beach grasses are coarse perennial plants about 1 metre (about 3.3 feet) tall. These are great to help keep your sand in place and are very salt tolerant. They should be planted once cooler weather arrives in the fall, often 2 - 3 plugs together, roughly 4 inches deep.
- **3 gallon tub of Rosa Rugosa.** *Rosa rugosa* is a suckering shrub which develops new plants from the roots and forms dense thickets 1–1.50 m tall with stems densely covered in numerous short, straight prickles 3–10 mm long. The flowers are pleasantly scented, dark pink to white, with somewhat wrinkled petals; flowering occurs in spring. The edible hips, which resemble cherry tomatoes, are large, 2–3 cm diameter, and often shorter than their diameter, not elongated; in late summer and early autumn the plants

often bear fruit and flowers at the same time. The leaves typically turn bright yellow before falling in autumn. These are also great for mitigating erosion and are very salt tolerant.

Upcoming Fun Family events in the beach area:

Legends and Hauntings: A Halloween Experience in the Old Burying Ground

Fairfield's history comes alive in the town's centuries-old Burying Ground when the spirits share the scary legends of days gone by. Feel your spine shiver listening to true ghost stories and local folklore as night descends and the dry leaves rustle in the trees.

Did body snatching happen in the cemetery? Did witches really live in Fairfield? What do all those skulls on the grave stones mean?

As you walk among the ancient gravestones of the Old Burying Ground, prepare to be greeted by some of the spellbinding characters buried there. Meet Eunice Burr, Samuel Smedley and Goody Knapp who was convicted and executed for witchcraft in 1653, while discovering long-buried legends that have haunted Fairfield for nearly 400 years.

Legends and Hauntings Immersive Experiences will take place on Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30, 2021 with showings at 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:20, 7:40, 8, and 8:20pm.

Tours are 45 minutes long and will depart every 20 minutes beginning at 6:00 PM.

This program is recommended for adults and kids ages 12 and up.

Registration is required. In the case of inclement weather, we will make every effort to reschedule tours.

Other Beach Area News:

Next **Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting is November 4th at 3 PM. Agenda posted at least 24 hours prior

Next **Planning and Zoning meeting** will be on November 9th at 6:30 pm. No agenda posted yet.

Work is proceeding in the waste water treatment plant hardening project. The road has been raised and a wall erected around the plant to protect against the "500 year" flood.

The town is working on an updated noise ordinance which should simplify enforcement.

The Fill Pile clean up across various sites is still ongoing. The town has allocated over \$6 Million of its last year surplus to help remediate the various sites.

Remediation work has begun at Jennings Beach for an area around a water line that's north of the parking lot. This work will not have an impact on residents or disrupt use of the beach. There will be an evaluation of remediation options for the Penfield Pavilion and parking area.

There is a group that is working on a plan to dredge Pine Creek. It is expected that a permit request will be sent to the state next month. For more information contact Mike Ginley at

We will update the membership on the above as more information becomes available.

About the FBRA:

Founded in 1955, the Fairfield Beach Residents Association is a 501(c)4 advocacy organization comprised of homeowners from the Old Post Road south to Fairfield Beach Road west to the end of the road, and Reef Road east to Beach Road. The FBRA aims to: Represent and implement the interests and desires of the membership in maintaining and improving Fairfield Beach and vicinity; promote cooperation among the owners and renters; represent the common interests of the membership in relation to governmental authorities; and provide for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, and quality of life for all people residing in the Fairfield Beach area.



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