



Fairfield Beach Residents Association Newsletter

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

RTM district 9 and why should I care?

If you live in the beach area, you are in District 9 and are represented by 4 members of the RTM. Elections for the RTM are NOVEMBER 2 and there are 9 candidates running in our district.



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](#) . For more information, we encourage you to go to the KNOW YOUR REPs [website](#)

Here are the candidates:

- Jim Bowen (Unaffiliated)
- Christine Brown (D)
- Dru Georgiadis (D) **
- Margaret Horton (D)
- Crissy Kelly (R) **
- Sarah Matthews (R)
- Bill Perugini (R) **
- Kelly Scinto (R)
- Debby Zieff (D)

** incumbent

Know your reps describes the RTM as follows:

The Representative Town Meeting (RTM) is the town's legislative body. It is the equivalent of a "Town Council". In addition to enacting town ordinances, the RTM hears and votes on town budgets, considers special appropriations and capital projects, votes on collective bargaining agreements, and addresses a myriad of other issues affecting the community. RTM members are the direct representatives of the people of Fairfield and, as such, town residents are encouraged to turn to their district RTMs as their first point-of-contact for addressing concerns about the community.



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.
- **3 gallon tub of Beach plum.** *Prunus maritima* is a deciduous shrub, in its natural sand dune habitat growing 1–2 m (40–80 inches) high, although it can grow larger, up to 4 m (160 inches or over 13 feet) tall, when cultivated in gardens. The leaves are alternate, elliptical, 3–7 cm (1.2–2.8 inches) long and 2–4 cm (0.8–1.6 inches) broad, with a sharply toothed margin. They are green on top and pale below, becoming showy red or orange in the autumn.

Upcoming Fun Family events

in the beach area:



Halloween on the green

The Fairfield Museum and History Center, in partnership with the Town of Fairfield and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, presents the 5th Annual "Halloween on the Green" event on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 12pm to 4pm on the Museum Commons behind the Fairfield Museum. This free family event features trick-or-treating, giveaways, displays in the historic buildings, food vendors, a bounce house, and more!

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 October 26th 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 Ginleymike@gmail.com

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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