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Fairfield Beach Residents Association Newsletter

ANNUAL Rosa Rugosa and Beach Grass Give Away NOVEMBER 19th from 12 - 2



Paid Up FBRA members get 3 gallon one rosa rugosa plant or a 100 plug pack of beach grasses for FREE.

You can order extras at a slightly discounted price - Click [HERE](#) to pre order
We also have a few 5 Gallon Beach plums you can order

Your FBRA is once again trying to help those who live along the beach protect their property from the erosion of their beach and mitigate the topping of the beach by coastal storms-- protecting all of our members.

Planting beach grasses and rugosa roses on the beach will catch wind drifting sand creating accretion and dunes. Sand dunes are a disposable but a delaying obstacles to coastal storm flooding. With a tide change every 6 hours even a small delay could reduce inland flooding and further beach erosion.

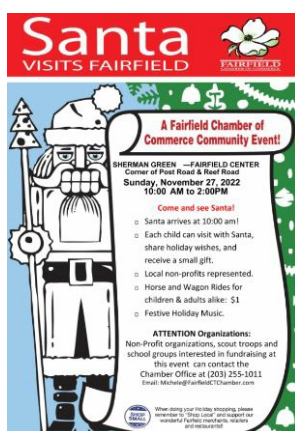
LOCATION: 2005 Fairfield Beach road

Click [HERE](#) to pre - order ; There will also be a few extras for people who did not pre order so stop by between 12 and 2



Beach area events and talks

Take a look below at upcoming local events that are of interest to our beach community



Santa comes to Fairfield

Sherman green on Sunday November 27th from 10am - 2 PM

Come meet Santa , and take a horse and wagon ride and listen to festive Holiday Music



Reduce , Reuse, Recycle –a new range of recycling options you might not have known about

Ever wonder what should go in your blue bin versus what should not? Did you know the town accepts your used electronics, your old motor oil and can also take old pillows, old shoes and even stuffed animals for recycling? Come learn about the NEW food waste drop off program and how Glass gets recycled in Fairfield as well as how to better manage your trash.

Talk will be held 2 times:

PEQUOT LIBRARY - December 1; from 7 - 8 PM

MAIN FAIRFIELD LIBRARY - December 12; from 6 - 7 PM



Living More Sustainably - Saving Money While Helping The Environment.

Come learn about new tax incentives to make your home more energy efficient while saving you money on your utility bills. Home energy audits can save you hundreds of dollars a year. The new Inflation Reduction Act as well as other Federal and State incentives offer substantial tax incentives (up to several thousand dollars depending on income) to help retrofit your house with heat pumps, insulation and energy efficient appliances.

PEQUOT LIBRARY - December 3; from 10 - 11 AM



UPDATE ON PENFIELD PAVILLION

Dear FBRA members

Your FBRA wants to make sure you are updated on the remediation plans for Penfield Pavilion

and asks for your support to increase the resiliency of our beach neighborhood. As most of you are aware, the town is planning a remediation of the Penfield Pavilion to address two key issues.

The first issue is that contaminated soil from the fill pile was used both under the building itself as well as under parts of the parking lot. This must be removed. Yes, it will be costly, but the town has earmarked funds to do this, and it needs to be done.

The second issue is that the design of the Pavilion itself was never formally approved by FEMA and the town must address a standing Notice of Violation. Addressing this Notice of Violation (NOV) is important for the town and all town residents who carry flood insurance as the town and all residents currently qualify for a 10% reduction in the cost of flood insurance. If the NOV is not addressed, town residents stand to lose that reduction and flood premiums will increase for everyone.

The concern that the Flood and Erosion Control Board and the FBRA have with the impact of addressing this NOV is that we understand that FEMA is requesting that the grade beam part of the foundation structure be lowered, the level of the ground beneath the Pavilion itself be lowered and the stone retaining wall in front of the structure be removed such that storm surge water (like we saw with Superstorm Sandy) will now be able to flow freely under the building into the neighborhood beyond the Pavilion. In fact, the higher ground of Rickards Dune on one side and the Durrell pavilion on the other side will actually mean that the lower ground under the Penfield Pavilion will act like a funnel channeling the water back into the neighborhoods with greater force.

Our request to the town is that concurrent with the plan to address the FEMA NOV, the town also explore options to mitigate this possibility of increased flood water, put in place a plan to increase the resiliency of this section of our shoreline and allocate the necessary funds in this coming budget year

Please join us in requesting this resiliency measure from the town by writing to our Board of Selectmen and our RTM members. We have included a draft of a note you might send but please feel free to edit and write your own

Thank you
FBRA board

Suggested letter :

Dear Board of Selectmen and District 9 RTM members.

We are asking that the town allocate funds in this upcoming budget to explore, design and construct resiliency measures to protect the neighborhood beyond the Penfield Pavilion as part of the total Penfield Pavilion remediation plan. It is our understanding that FEMA is mandating that the ground level underneath the Pavilion be reduced along with the grade beam and any flood barriers, such as the small stone retaining wall at the edge of the parking lot be removed, allowing water to more easily flood into our neighborhood. This would cause millions of dollars in damages to our beach community houses.

Please include your name and address and send to: bos@fairfieldct.org and rtmd9@fairfieldct.org with a cc to FBRA06824@gmail.com

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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