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## 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.

# Fairfield Beach Residents Association Newsletter



## [Beach area news](#)

**Next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is August 5th at 3 PM**

**Next Planning and Zoning meeting will be on July 27 at 6:30 pm.**

Work is proceeding in the waste water treatment plant hardening project. The road is currently being raised so there is extra congestion getting to the transfer station

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

The Fill Pile clean up across various sites is still ongoing. Remediation work will begin next week 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

## FBRA summer social

**Come meet your neighbors and hear about neighborhood news**

July 18th from 4 - 6 pm at the SEAGRAPE CAFE

Light hors D's and a free drink ticket for all FBRA members. If you have a neighbor who is new to the area, bring them as well



## VOLUNTEER Opportunities

**This is a fun way to meet your neighbors and help the community**



**International Coastal Clean up day - September 18th 3 - 5 PM.** The Fairfield Beach Residents Association partners with Save the Sound to help pick up trash and debris along Fairfield Beach and Fairfield Beach Road from the turn around to Penfield. We are seeking volunteers to help. It is a great opportunity for all Fairfield residents to participate in this wonderful community event.

**Grow a row for Hope** - Calling all gardeners, Operation Hope has a food pantry at 636 Old Post road and welcomes any of your extra produce on Monday - Thursday 9 - 5 and Fridays 9-1.

Operation Hope's Food Pantry provides over 123,000 meals a year to our neighbors in need. Each month we provide food to more than 200 families, including 100 children. The Pantry is almost completely stocked and run by generous and dedicated volunteers.

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The town has received a second and final rejection for FEMA to pay the Penfield Pavilion building grant due to issues with the construction so will have to cover the building costs from town bonds.

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](mailto:Ginleymike@gmail.com)

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

**Want to Declutter??**The Operation Hope Tag Sale will take place Saturday, August 7 and Sunday, August 8, 2021, rain or shine. Rather than locating the Tag Sale at First Church, we are asking friends to host tag sales in their own yards and garages that weekend around the Town of Fairfield. This is a great chance to purge so others can benefit from your treasures!

Shoppers from all over will come to Operation Hope at 636 Old Post Road on the days of the Tag Sale, 9am-5pm, to receive the location list. Click [HERE](#) to register

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## HURRICANE



## PREPAREDNESS

For 2021, a likely range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including three to five major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher) is expected. NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence.

"Now is the time for communities along the coastline as well as inland to get prepared for the dangers that hurricanes can bring," said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. Last year's record-breaking season should serve as a reminder to all residents in coastal regions or areas prone to inland flooding from rainfall to be prepared for the 2021 hurricane season.

For tips visit the Red Cross Hurricane preparedness checklist site [HERE](#)

You can sign up to receive Emergency alerts from the Town of Fairfield by following the instructions below:

1. Text FAIRFIELDCT to 888777.
2. Reply to the confirmation text with your zip code.
3. Reply to the text with your email address if you wish to get alerts via e-mail.
4. Follow the link in the reply text and click [here](#). Click "Register for Alerts" and create a profile to customize how and when you receive alerts.

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## Horseshoe Crabs

Be on the look out for horseshoe crabs, which are presently mating at the edge of Long Island Sound. The crabs come to the shore to mate and breed in the sands. They are not dead and should not be moved. Dogs being walked or allowed to run free should not be teasing or hurting these ancient creatures..

The **Just flip 'em!**™ program is designed to bring attention to the hundreds of thousands of horseshoe crabs (*Limulus polyphemus*) who die each year from



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stranding (stuck upside down) during their yearly spawning ritual and to encourage individuals, through a simple act of compassion, to take the time to assist and appreciate these remarkable creatures, who will not survive public indifference.

The idea is simple: when you see a horseshoe crab that is stranded upside down on the beach, just flip them over. It's important not to flip them by their tail, however. Even though it looks scary, the tail is very delicate and can be easily damaged. The best way to turn them over is by the edge of their shell.

Horseshoe crabs are "living fossils" more closely related to spiders and scorpions than they are to crabs.

Horseshoe crabs get their name from the smooth, hard shell (exoskeleton) that is shaped like a horseshoe.



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