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Message from the President

Hello everyone,

Another year has come around, and with it, a new threat to the existence of our little piece of heaven. That's right, BEACH VITEX (BV) is invading the land. <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/terrestrial/plants/beach-vitex> In case you didn't know, BV is a highly invasive, noxious plant that spreads fiercely choking out other plants, including the beach grasses that the horses are dependent upon for their main food source. BV doesn't hold the sand on a dune as well and therefore makes the dunes less stable. Removal of BV by the typical method (ripping it from the ground) is counterintuitive. This method causes the seeds to drop to the ground where they hide in the sand and germinate. The seeds float on the water, are eaten by animals, and when they drop to the ground, the process starts all over again. It's the plant circle of life. The problem is, this plant is ruining our paradise.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The best method for eradicating BV is to find the origin of the plant and apply an herbicide by brush. In the past several months, I've been in conversation with the NC Dept. of Agriculture and Currituck Co Planning and Community Development to learn about the eradication process and determine next steps for continuing the work done by last year's group. The Department of Agriculture has determined **three applications** spaced every other month during the growing season, which is May through September. A group of 10-12 is optimal for a team.

Will you join me in continuing this work?

I hope to hear from you if you have an afternoon to spare. Please reach out to me through our website, Facebook, email or phone.

Website
Facebook
Email/Phone

<https://fruitvillebeach.com/>
Fruitville Beach Civic Association group page
See the header top left

Till soon,
Eva

FBCA Information

The annual FBCA Board and General Membership meetings will take place the Sunday of Memorial weekend on May 28, 2023, at the Carova Beach Volunteer Fire and Rescue station located at 2169 Ocean Pearl, Corolla. The Board meeting will begin at 9:30 and is open to the public to observe. the General Membership meeting will begin at 11:00 and is open to the public to attend. Dues paying members may participate.

Anyone owning property in the 4x4 area is welcome to become a member of the Fruitville Beach Civic Association. See page 3 of this newsletter for a membership form or one may be downloaded from our website at <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com> . When completed, the form may be submitted via email to FBCAMembership@gmail.com. At the same time, please pay \$30 per property owner for membership dues for the 2023 calendar year. Dues may also be paid from our website using PayPal or mail the membership form and payment to FBCA, PO Box 482, Corolla, NC 27927.

All dues paying members may participate in the annual election of officers and Board Members-At-Large. Ballots are printed on page 4 of this newsletter. Positions to be elected for the 2023-2025 term are Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) Board Member-At-Large positions. Members who have paid dues during the current calendar year, and have been active for a minimum of two (2) years prior, are eligible to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions. Nominations or interest in a position may be marked on the membership form at the time of dues payment, emailed to FBCAMembership@gmail.com , or by calling Eva Casola at 434-242-9630.

During the May 2021 meeting, it was voted to amend the FBCA Bylaws to allow electronic ballots. This, and forthcoming newsletters, will be emailed to those for whom we have an email address. Due to cost, newsletters are sent via hardcopy only to those for whom we do not have an email address. PLEASE be sure to give us your email address to help defray the cost of printing and mailing Spring newsletters. Newsletters will also be posted on the Facebook page.

Tentative Membership Meeting Agenda

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| 11:30 | Call to Order & Introduction of Board |
| 11:45 | Guest Speaker and Q/A – TBD |
| 12:15 | Approval of Past Minutes |
| | Membership Report & Election Results |
| | Treasurer & Legal Defense Reports |
| | Old Business (FBCA News, CBVFR, CWHF, Mid-Currituck Bridge) |
| | New Business (Beach nourishment, Spongy Moth, Beach Cleanup, pertinent matters) |
| 1:00 | Adjourn |

Membership Form

Please remit one (1) completed form and \$30 payment **per property owner** to:

FBCA
PO Box 482
Corolla, NC 27927 OR EMAIL TO FBCAMembership@gmail.com

Please note: Payment may be sent electronically using PayPal
This form may be submitted through email to
FBCAMembership@gmail.com .

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

E Mail Address * _____

Beach 911 Address (for main property) _____

Subdivision _____

Paid Amount: \$ _____ (\$30 per property owner)

Submission method: Credit Card _____ Check # _____ Cash onsite _____

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Please check if you are willing to be contacted about serving on the FBCA Board

Please visit our website at: <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com>

Email us at: FBCAMembership@gmail.com

* Including an email address helps defray the cost of mailing newsletters

Slate of Officers and Board Members:

- Ballots are due no later than Friday, May 26, 2023 (Dues may be paid online and ballot info may be emailed to FBCAMembership@gmail.com or sent as per above instructions)
- Votes will count only if 2023 dues have been paid
- Eligible candidates must have been a member for two years prior (Article V Section 3, FBCA By-Laws posted on our website at www.FruitvilleBeach.com)

Vice President:

_____ Connie Johnson

_____ Write-in Candidate with phone number and contact email:

Treasurer:

_____ Pat Carstater

_____ Write-in Candidate with phone number and contact email:

Board Member-at-Large (2 needed):

_____ Neil Casola

_____ Bud Nusselt

Write-in Candidates with phone number and contact email:

1) _____

2) _____

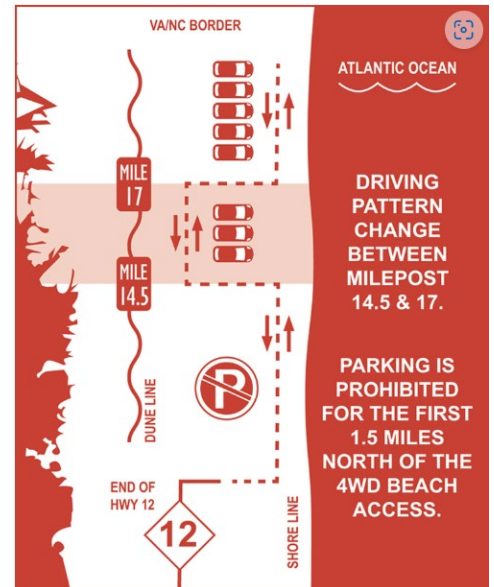
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Visit our website at: <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com>

Join our Facebook page: [Fruitville Beach Civic Association](#)

Currituck News & Reminders

- **Beach Driving Rules** (along the dune line between 9-5pm) between milepost 14.5 and 17. Restrictions will be in effect beginning the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day with **parking passes being required between April 30 and October 1.**
- Learn more here: <https://co.currituck.nc.us/beach-parking/>
- **This bears repeating:**
 - If you are interested in receiving updates on [Municipal Code changes](#) for Currituck County, search the term "Municipal Code", click the email icon at the top, select ordinances of interest to you, then enter your email address. You may also take a tour showing how to navigate this document by clicking the red "MORE" button, then "SHOW WALKTHROUGH".
 - Sign up for text alerts at <https://currituckcountync.gov/communications/currituck-alert/>
 - Do you know how to spot a rip tide? <https://giphy.com/gifs/corolla-knowbeforeyougo-ripcurrent-ov9OMoHYSolsjV3YfR>



Carova Beach Volunteer Fire & Rescue

- Mark your calendar for this year's Donkey Derby (July 21st). There will be an art auction and fundraising event for the fire department. Support the station (7-1), and the one projected to be built in Swan Beach (7-2). Donations may also be made through their website. <https://www.cbvfandr.com/>
- CBVF&R has reminded us that reflective house signs at the street level can be helpful in finding your house in an emergency. A link for purchasing reflective signs can be found on their website. Each house sign is \$30. They will install it for an additional \$55 per location. Also, be on the lookout for this year's fundraiser. Information will be forthcoming. You can also check their website at <https://www.cbvfandr.com/> for information about both of these fundraising opportunities.

Wildlife

- At least three foals have been born this year and can often be seen wandering with their harem. Please be sure to give them plenty of space as the foals are prone to unexpectant frolicking. Follow the Corolla Wild Horse Fund Facebook page to stay informed and see videos of their cute antics.
- Please see this article and learn what you can do to **protect sea turtles** who are threatened from artificial lighting <https://conserveturtles.org/information-sea-turtles-threats-artificial-lighting/>

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