

## Winter 2024

## Fruitville Beach Civic Association

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### Message from the President

My husband's family was fortunate enough to have found the 4x4 paradise when he was a young child. They vacationed (camped mostly) in Sandbridge and drove just a few miles south on the beach to cross the VA state line and arrive at the area that everyone reading this newsletter now calls home, or home away from home. In the mid 80's, they built a house on Canary, which is still being enjoyed by the, now grown, children and their children. In those early days of construction, the landscape teemed with buffalo, cows, and pigs, roaming freely amidst the wild horses. Despite the passage of time and the inevitable transformations it brings, our community remains a cherished sanctuary which we have a duty to protect. It's in this spirit of community and preservation that we invite you to join us in becoming a member of Fruitville Beach Civic Association (FBCA). Please see the ABOUT US page on our website ([www.FruitvilleBeach.com](http://www.FruitvilleBeach.com)) for past events in which FBCA has initiated or played an integral part.

By becoming a member of FBCA, you not only gain access to a network of like-minded individuals but also can contribute to meaningful initiatives that shape the future of our community. Here's just a glimpse of some of the numerous challenges on the horizon:

- Lack of road, water and electrical infrastructure to accommodate growth
- Lack of space for the recycle center to accommodate growth
- Congestion at beach ramps during peak times
- Inadequate enforcement of infractions related to beach and wildlife safety and cleanliness
- Increased beach traffic and day trippers
- Limited space for roaming horses
- Infractions related to horse tours
- Drainage issues that will address flooding roads during moderate to heavy rain
- Persistent trash on the beach, including debris like car parts
- Beach erosion (planting dune grasses)
- Volunteer and financial support of the Volunteer Fire Station(s)
- Eradication of Beach Vitex that is killing the native grasses, the main food source for the wild horses

We invite you to become a part of this impactful work by joining the Fruitville Beach Civic Association (see membership form and payment instructions on page 2). Together, we can address pressing issues facing our community. Your involvement can make a real difference. Join us today and help shape the future of our piece of paradise.

Till soon,

Eva Casola

President, Fruitville Beach Civic Association

## 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](mailto:FBCAMembership@gmail.com)

**Please note:** Payment may be sent electronically using PayPal  
This form may be submitted through email to  
[FBCAMembership@gmail.com](mailto:FBCAMembership@gmail.com) .

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \* \_\_\_\_\_

Beach 911 Address (for main 4x4 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](mailto:FBCAMembership@gmail.com)

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

## Meet the Candidates

We are pleased to announce the lineup of candidates vying for the esteemed position of Currituck County District 1 Board of Commissioner seat. Each candidate brings a unique blend of experience, expertise, and passion to the table, promising to represent the interests and concerns of District 1 residents with integrity and diligence. As we embark on this democratic journey, let us embrace the spirit of civic engagement and thoughtful consideration in choosing the leaders who will guide us towards a prosperous and vibrant future for Currituck County. Voting takes place March 5<sup>th</sup>.



Ronda Galko, Carova - With deep community roots as a real estate broker, firefighter, and construction worker, I bring a wealth of experience to the table. I have also been in Currituck and the surrounding area for many years, with extensive involvement throughout the county. My platform prioritizes responsible growth, infrastructure investment, and promoting ecotourism while fostering financial growth. I'm dedicated to halting agricultural rezoning, updating development ordinances, and revitalizing our economy without burdening taxpayers. Open communication between key boards is vital, alongside addressing infrastructure, senior citizen and farmer support, and tax management. With your support, I'll tirelessly pursue a brighter future for Currituck County. Reach out at (757) 537-1822 or [RondaGalko@gmail.com](mailto:RondaGalko@gmail.com) to discuss your concerns.

**T**ony Angell, Knotts Island - I have spoken with multiple residents on the 4x4 to better understand the issues you all face. I will continue to listen, talk, and with your help, we can tackle some of the major issues you are facing. We have to push the county to plan better. We cannot wait until an emergency to start trying to develop a solution. Water issues, drainage issues, and beach erosion are all important things that need to be worked on. I look forward to serving you as your Commissioner and welcome anyone who wants to participate in improving the community. Anyone wanting to discuss issues or concerns for the 4x4, please call or text me at (336) 692-1099 or send email to [Angell.Tony.2024@gmail.com](mailto:Angell.Tony.2024@gmail.com)



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## In Recent News



Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has REJECTED the proposed 42% homeowners increase! He was "shocked" by the size of the request, calling it "excessive and discriminatory." More than 24,000 emailed comments were received with hundreds more policy holders commenting by mail. People also spoke during a public comment forum. A hearing date is set for 10/7/24, after which Commissioner Causey will have 45 days to issue an order. Thank you to everyone who sent a letter. This is indeed a great victory for all homeowners in NC! Read more about it at [The Outer Banks Voice - Insurance Commissioner Causey rejects 42.2% proposed home insurance increase](#)

## Upcoming Meetings at CBVFR (2169 Ocean Pearl)

- FBCA Board meeting - Sunday, May 26, 2024, 9:30 AM
- General Membership meeting - Sunday, May 26, 2024, 11:00 AM

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