



# THE TOWN OF Fenwick Island

Spring 2021 Newsletter

## FENWICK ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**June 23rd:**  
**Candidate Filing Deadline for August 7, 2021 Election**

**July 8th:**  
**Voter Registration Deadline**

**Jr Lifeguard Program**  
**Six Sessions:** June 22-24, June 29-July 1, July 6-8, July 13-15, July 20-22, July 27-29  
**Advanced LG:** July 1-30

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Residents,

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Easter. We are well on our way to Spring and I am already seeing more people and traffic in Fenwick Island. Please be on the lookout for more bikers and pedestrians on the roads.

In regards to Covid, I hope those of you who want the vaccine have had easy access to obtaining it. We are not entirely out of the woods yet, so please continue to use your mask and practice social distancing. The town is doing everything it can to help you stay safe and healthy. Questions still remain regarding our summer activities, including the Town Bonfire, you will be notified when the decisions are made. (Tentatively cancelled, will revisit decision closer to July)

When you come to town to open your homes for the season, please remember to remove all dead trees to prevent the spread of the pine bark beetles. They are still with us.

Many thanks to the town employees and the Council members for their hard work in helping to make Fenwick the best beach town on the East coast.

**-Mayor Gene Langan**



As a continued safety precaution due to COVID-19, all residential parking passes are being mailed out this year (along with this newsletter). As in past years, each property on record with the Town will receive 1 hang tag and 2 parking stickers.

If you have not received your parking pass, please contact Town Hall at 302-539-3011. The parking pass number that was originally mailed to you will then be listed as a voided number and a new parking pass will be issued to you. Be aware: the voided number list will then be given to the Police Department for issuance of parking violations if any of those numbers are then used!



Fenwick Island election will be held August 7, 2021 from 1:00PM—5:00PM at the Town Hall.

There are 4 Council seats up for election. Each seat is a 2-year term. Filing deadline for candidates is June 23, 2021 by 4:30PM

If you are not registered to vote or you need to update your registration please contact Raelene Menominee at (302)539-3011 ext.204 or townclerk@fenwickisland.org.

If you plan to vote by absentee ballot, you must request one by 12:00PM on August 6, 2021.



Yard Waste Pick-up resumes on April 20th! It will continue to be picked up on the third Tuesday every month.

**There are errors on the trash schedule: May 18th & December 21st are corrected dates for yard waste!!**

**Did you know that you are able to join every Town Council/Committee Meeting on Zoom or by dialing in?**

Town Council Meetings are the 4th Friday of every month! Next meeting is 4/23. The Zoom link is always located on the website or contact the Town Hall for more information.

**Remember to familiarize yourself with the parking regulations in Fenwick Island. Permits are required May 15 thru Sept 15 9:00am—4:00pm**



**No U-Turn Sign installed at Bayard & Coastal Hwy– Northbound**



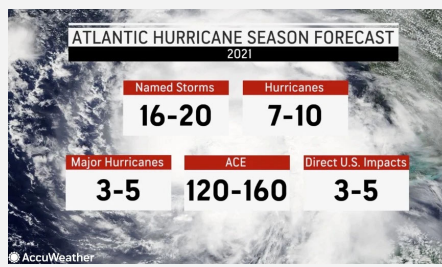
The Town of Fenwick requested this signage from DelDot due to pedestrian safety concerns. FIPD are ticketing anyone who does not follow the posted signage. Chief Devlin also advises everyone to not cut through Sea Shell City as an alternate route.

**Please update your contact information with the Town. In the event of an emergency at your home, this is how FIPD will get in contact with you.**

**House Registry forms are available on our website or by contacting Town Hall at (302) 539-3011.**



Fenwick Island Town Hall has a new look!



Hurricane Season in the Atlantic typically starts on June 1 and runs until late November, with the majority of storms striking over an eight-week period beginning in early August. The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season was the most active and the fifth costliest season on record. The first system formed May 16, 2020.

**How to Prepare.** Staying safe during the hurricane season starts with a simple step: Have a plan. Residents can plan for hurricanes using a simple guide at ready.gov. Plans need to be worked out for all family members and pets. This plan includes deciding whether it’s safe to hunker down at home or whether you are in a evacuation zone.

**During a storm, pets should be leashed or placed in a carrier, and their emergency supplies should include a list of their vaccinations as well as a photo in case they get lost.** During an emergency, they should also be wearing a collar with the information of an out-of-state contact in case they get separated from you according to the Humane Society for the United States.

**Storm proof your home.** Anyone who lives in a hurricane-prone area would do well to protect their property in advance of a flood. Because hurricanes often cause their damage when trees fall on property, homeowners can reduce the risk of damage by trimming trees or removing damaged trees and limbs.

**Another easy step is to make sure rain gutters are fixed in place and free of debris.** Reinforcing the roof, doors and windows, including a garage door, is also important, according to ready.gov.

**Generators can be an important tool if the power is cut off for long periods.** A power generator needs to be kept outside, as it produces dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

**Emergency supplies.** People living in hurricane zones also need to have a stash of emergency supplies.

- \* Gallon of water/person/day for 3 days
- \* Three day supply of non-perishable food
- \* Battery powered or hand-crank radio
- \* Flashlight with extra batteries
- \* First aid kit
- \* Cell phone chargers
- \* Hand sanitizer
- \* 2 cloth face coverings/person
- \* Pet food/extra water for pet
- Whistle to get help
- Dust masks
- Maps
- Wrench/pliers for turning off busted pipes
- Can opener for food
- Moist towelettes, garbage cans/plastic ties
- Cleaning materials
- Medications (prescription/nonprescription)
- Cash/Traveler’s checks

**FENWICK ISLAND BEACH PATROL**

As summer gets closer, FIBP is excited as ever to get back out onto the beach and return to protecting the Fenwick community. We have been working extremely hard this winter to prepare the patrol for the upcoming summer. FIBP is currently in the process of hiring five new lifeguards to fill the openings available on the patrol, as well as making decisions on filling available officer positions. As we look forward to a great summer, we will closely monitor and follow the protocols and safety advice regarding COVID. Our priority is ensuring the well-being of the community and staff at all times. We all look forward to getting back in the stands soon and hope everyone has a fun, safe summer.

**-Captain “Ryk” Rykaczewski**

**Reminders for the Beach**

No pets or other animals are permitted on the beach from May 1– September 30, including emotional support animals.

**No alcohol allowed on the beach from May 15-September 15.**

Glass Containers are not allowed on the beach at any time.

Check out our Community by Diligent website for up-to-date information on upcoming Town Council and Committee Meetings @ fenwickisland.communitybydiligent.com!!