



Dear Fairfielders,

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Christmas and the New Year in the next ten days, I extend heartfelt holiday greetings to each of you. This season can be a reminder of the values we share in Fairfield: gratitude for our blessings, friendship toward our neighbors of all faiths, and goodwill for all. The candlelight of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the New Year can be seen throughout our town, reflecting the diversity that enriches our community.

I am grateful for the privilege to serve as your First Selectman as we begin the next chapter in Fairfield's history. I am inspired every day by the strength of our town and its people in confronting the challenges that lie ahead of us. As we reflect at year's end on how we can lift each other up as a community, I know we will continue to build bridges of understanding, because we're better together.

Sending you all warmest wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season.

*Bill Gerber
First Selectman
and the staff members of the First Selectman's Office*

Holiday Schedule

Please note that Town Hall is closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25, and for New Year's Day on Monday, January 1.

Here's a quick update on several key priorities we continue to drive forward.

UI Monopoles

We met on Wednesday, December 20 with Congressman Jim Himes, who visited Pequot Library to discuss the impact of UI's plans to disrupt our historic neighborhoods, along with other areas of Fairfield, with the proposed monopoles. Several of the intervenors were in

attendance at the meeting. SCNETI member David Parker shared large-scale photographs of the landscape as it exists today, contrasted with visual representations of the drastic impact that monopoles would inflict on treasured areas of town. This process continues to advance with vigorous opposition from the town, businesses, 501 (c) (3) organizations, and individuals.

We encourage you to advocate and stay informed by joining Sasco Creek Neighborhood Environmental Trust at empoweringfairfield.org. Although their name is “Sasco Creek”, this group is advocating for our entire community, from Southport to Grasmere and extending into Bridgeport. The group doesn’t want to see any of us have to bear the burden of these intrusive and unsightly 145’ monopoles, especially in areas that historically have been a dumping ground for ugly and invasive structures.

See photos of our meeting with Jim Himes below.





SantaCon

Following this year's SantaCon event that resulted in a huge amount of trash strewn about the beach, many Fairfielders have voiced their concerns about the size of the student gathering, the environmental impact to our fragile coastal ecosystem, and safety concerns. We held a constructive meeting with representatives of Fairfield University this week. Next steps are to meet as a group of stakeholders with Fairfield University officials, students, impacted citizens and beach residents. Our goal is to curtail the number of SantaCon participants, mitigate any future environmental impacts, and be prepared to enforce our community standards. We'll continue to update you.

Town Boards and Commissions

Fairfield is blessed with a highly talented pool of residents eager to volunteer their time and talent for the betterment of our community. If you think your skills might benefit the Town, you can learn more about the process of serving on a Town Board or Commission and apply [here](#).

Board of Selectmen Meetings

Our next Board of Selectmen meeting of the new year will be held on Wednesday, January 3 at 4PM. Meetings are held in Town Hall and open to public, and you can attend either in person or on Webex. You can also read minutes of previous meetings [here](#).

We're Better Together!
