



Waterfront

Description

The Town of Fairfield is fortunate to have five public beaches on Long Island Sound and one fresh water facility for summertime recreation. The six waterfronts are Jennings Beach, Penfield Beach, South Pine Creek, Sasco Beach, Southport Beach and Lake Mohegan. The amenities provided at the waterfronts afford residents the opportunity to enjoy both active and passive recreation activities.

Combined salary and benefits account for approximately 90% of the budget while utilities account for 1% of the budget. The remaining 9% account for other operating costs.

Highlights and Goals

Our waterfront facilities offer a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors, with attentive and well-trained lifeguards overseeing six beaches. To enhance accessibility, we've implemented an Online sticker system, reducing administrative costs while simplifying the process for obtaining beach permits.

In addition to ensuring compliance with parking regulations, attendants manage waterfront parking lots and facilitate fee collection for non-permit holders. For added convenience, food concessions are available at Jennings Beach, Penfield Beach, and Lake Mohegan, providing refreshments for beach-goers.

Furthermore, our commitment to water safety extends to offering swimming lessons at Jennings and Lake Mohegan, providing valuable educational opportunities for community members of all ages.

By prioritizing visitor safety, accessibility, and recreational opportunities, we aim to provide a welcoming and enjoyable waterfront experience for residents and visitors alike.

Beach Sticker Sales

<u>Pass Type</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u># Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Beach Stickers	34,281	33,131	-1,150	0.38%
Lake Mohegan	3,631	3,105	-526	37.02%
Daily Parking Pass	11,202	12,207	1,005	4.90%
Total	49,114	48,443	-671	3.44%



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REVENUE	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE
42351 PARK DEPT. - BEACH STICKERS	883,578	1,013,151	960,172	940,000	962,300	2.37%	22,300
42352 PARK DEPT. - DAILY PARKING	293,861	333,631	410,249	285,000	355,913	24.88%	70,913
42474 PARK DEPT. - CONCESSIONS	27,177	27,743	26,937	30,000	23,495	-21.68%	(6,505)
TOTAL WATERFRONT	\$1,204,615	\$1,374,525	\$1,397,357	\$1,255,000	\$1,341,708	6.91%	\$86,708



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BUDGET REQUEST 07070	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 ACTUAL	FY 2024 ACTUAL	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 BUDGET	% CHANGE	\$ CHANGE
51070 SEASONAL PAYROLL	424,744	545,380	497,233	515,324	564,944	9.63%	49,620
52200 SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	6,159	8,385	7,189	7,472	8,179	9.46%	707
54120 UTILITIES - GAS	0	157	0	0	0	0.00%	0
54130 UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	7,272	4,207	5,065	2,500	2,500	0.00%	0
54310 MAINT/REPAIR EQUIPMENT	4,052	1,059	2,388	4,000	4,000	0.00%	0
55300 COMMUNICATIONS	3,807	3,231	3,553	3,800	3,800	0.00%	0
56100 PRINTING, BINDING & PHOTOGRAPH-	11,500	19,186	18,335	18,000	18,000	0.00%	0
56120 CLOTHING AND DRY GOODS	5,861	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0.00%	0
56140 SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	7,690	5,391	5,742	7,800	7,800	0.00%	0
56150 POSTAGE	6,557	5,431	29	7,000	7,000	0.00%	0
57000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,000	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0
58100 EDUCATIONAL AND MEMBERSHIPS	2,570	554	1,589	1,500	1,500	0.00%	0
58120 TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	1,475	1,419	1,919	1,500	1,500	0.00%	0
TOTAL WATERFRONT	\$491,688	\$600,401	\$549,042	\$574,896	\$625,223	8.75%	\$50,327