

First let me say that I love where I live!

My name is Tracie Fasel. I have lived in Fernandina Beach for five years. I lived in North Carolina for 20 years before moving here, and decided my family needed a change. My husband and I decided we wanted to find a place near the beach to retire to, (if we can ever retire), but there were a few stipulations. It had to be near an airport, (my husband travels for work), it had to have decent schools (my son will be a senior this year), and it had to be a place that we wanted to wake up in every day for the rest of our lives. Amelia Island fit the bill. (Added bonus, my sister and parents live in Jacksonville.) We moved here in the summer of 2018 and have never looked back.

It has taken these five years to really settle in. The house is finally renovated (fun times), the teenager has made friends and looking to apply for college, and I have my dream job. Now it's time for me to give back to this community that I have fallen in love with. I want to be more involved with my new home town/county. I look around me and know that it takes more than just our government to take care of the amazing natural resources that we have the privilege of enjoying. I want to be a part of that. I want to help. I've always been involved in my children's schools, even serving as PTO treasurer, and then president. I loved being a part of groups that "get things done," and I believe that education is key.

I would love to help in any capacity. I see how people take for granted the beautiful views they wake up to, the clean waterways they kayak in, and the clean beaches they tan on. It's time for me to get involved to make sure they continue to have that luxury. I want to look back on my life and say that I tried to make a difference. This is one way I can do that.