

# ***Carolina Dunes***

**August 2003**

Greetings from Duck!

On April 19<sup>th</sup> the Carolina Dunes Homeowners' Association met at the Duck Fire Hall and held the Ninth Annual Meeting followed by a Wine and Cheese Social. Special thanks to those who made this event so successful and to all the homeowners who attended. We currently have 163 active members out of 210 eligible homeowners.

Our 2003 summer season is moving along well and it appears we are having another record year for cottage rentals. Most, if not all, of the cottages in Carolina Dunes are occupied. Suffice it to say our beach is fully occupied on sunny days.

Again this year we held our July 4<sup>th</sup> parade along Bufflehead Road, and it too was a complete success. Judging from the number of participants and the observers it is estimated that well over two hundred people participated. It was great fun for the children and adults as well. We had volunteers from the fire, police, EMS, and ocean rescue departments participating. Our new Police Chief, Dale Hamilton and the new "bloodhound police unit" were welcome participants as well. A large number of carts, cars, pick-up trucks, wagons, bicycles, golf carts and ATV's were decorated in patriotic fashion.

With the new Town Ordinance that bans the use of "any type of fireworks", we nevertheless had a large number of visitors and guests who were breaking this law. I encourage each of you to give ample notice to your renters and guests in the future to please obey this law. It poses a serious fire and safety hazard to everyone.

During the spring we experienced several northeasters' that adversely affected our dune line. Approximately 3-4 feet of sand dune was lost to the sea in most areas. We lost the steps on our #1 beach access and had them replaced. Major repair work was performed on to the other two accesses as well. Most

ocean front cottages also lost their steps. Hopefully, this will subside and the beaches can rebuild in height before the fall hurricane season.

We have had several instances where individuals have injured their foot on the wooden walkways. Fortunately, none have been too serious. We monitor them frequently for nails that occasionally pop up. Your assistance in helping to correct these situations will be appreciated, by correcting the problem or simply call it to our attention. While the walkways are in reasonably good shape, it may be necessary to replace segments of them in the coming years as our budget guidelines allow.

Our new schedule for trash pick-up on Monday and Friday is a big improvement. If you do not have sufficient trash containers in place for your cottage, please arrange to procure additional ones from Waste Management Inc. by calling 1-800-877-7521.

The Carolina Dunes Signage aids in the beautification of our development. Flowers have been planted each season and decorations are added to the sign on special occasions during the year. We have contracted with a local firm to maintain the sign areas by cutting, planting and weeding it periodically.

Our relocated sound access on the adjacent lot on Hwy 12 near Canvasback Drive has been cleared. This allows our guests continued use of a private access to the sound. The bench has been relocated as well near the waters' edge for those who may enjoy a beautiful view during the day or evening sunsets.

Please aid in keeping your lot and our common areas free of litter. If we all pitch in, it will make certainly make a big difference, especially on the beach, around the walkways and the sound access.

If any of us on the Board\* can be of assistance please do not hesitate to call or write with your comments or concerns. They are always welcomed. We hope you have an enjoyable summer and fall season.

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