

CAROLINA DUNES ASSOC.

March 1, 2004

Greetings to all and a "special welcome" to new property owners and members!

Wow, what an unusual fall and winter season. It all started with hurricane Isabel soon followed by a series of nor'easters, then three periods of snow, the most recent on Feb 16th, a storm that was accompanied by 30-35mph winds sustained out of the north for days. And yes, these storms left their mark on the Outer Banks including our development.

The dune line took its toll as most of you know. It removed about 20 feet of dune in some places and, in so doing, all three of our beach access stairs were destroyed. All ocean front property owners lost their stairs as well.

Special thanks to Madeline Roche for taking the lead on behalf of the ocean front property owners by coordinating the effort to have the dune partially restored by pushing sand up from the beach onto the dune. A majority of the beach front property owners opted to have this done. Thanks again Madeline for all you did.

Your Board of Directors met in October and again in February. In October, we voted to defer work on replacing the stairs until spring, and at the February meeting we authorized replacement work to be completed by May 1st. We have a contract to replace the stairs and are working to have the #1 walkway rebuilt (near Spigtail Dr.), possibly with concrete. These expenditures will utilize most of the savings in our CDs.

Attached is the 2003 Treasury Report with assets of \$21,611.63. Expenses totaled \$10,033.96 out of \$12,750 budgeted. Currently we have 185 members of 217 eligible property owners. If you have not joined we encourage you to because we need your support. Dues are \$75.00/year.

The Town of Duck is developing a Land Use Plan, with which I encourage all to become familiar. It addresses all aspects of land use in the areas of Duck. A public meeting with displays will be held at 1:pm on the Thursday before and at 9:00 am on the Monday after Easter in the Duck Fire Station meeting room. For more information visit Duck's web site @ www.townofduck.com as it becomes available, or email info@townofduck.com.

Our annual meeting has been scheduled for Saturday April 10th @ 4:p.m. at the Duck Fire Hall. I hope you will be able to attend. We will update you on CDA business; adopt a budget, and vote on a slate of officers for the coming year. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting to supplement a proposed slate as follows:

President---- Steve Baum Vice President ----Jim Gresham
Treasurer----John Kerch Secretary----Ann Hunter

Board members nominated include Cathy Jackson, Ron Forlano, Charlie Pratt, Jerry Jacobs, and Terry Looney.

A social hour will be held immediately following the meeting with soft drinks, wine, beer, and assorted snacks and cheeses. Please attend and meet some of your neighbors, especially those who have joined over the past year.

A number of residents have expressed concern about feral cats in the area. It is also a problem in other developments. I have asked Mr. Jon Britt to have the appropriate town and county representatives discuss this at the Duck Civic Association meeting to be held @ 10.00 on Sat April 10th at the firehall.

The Town of Duck advises that a trash pickup will be conducted in April to collect large items but an exact date has not been set. Tree, rubbish and wood are excluded. The date will be posted on the Duck web site soon.

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.

Last year's schedule for trash pick-up on Monday and Friday was 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. @ 1-800-877-7521.

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

"Bee" Baum

Ashby "Bee" Baum, President

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