April 2007 Carolina Dunes Association Box 8153 Duck, NC 27949

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Note from Association President

Greetings,

We had an excellent meeting on April 8, 2007 at the Duck Volunteer Fire Department. These meetings are always a great opportunity to meet your fellow homeowners and catch up on the latest happenings in your Carolina Dunes Homeowners Association (CDHOA). The meeting marked the end of Terry Looney's two-year tenure as our president. We all owe Terry a debt of gratitude because he led CDHOA to unprecedented levels of participation and support. His liaison with the city of Duck and the State of North Carolina on our behalf has aided our association in immeasurable ways. Thanks Terry for a job extremely well done!

I'd like to also thank Jim Gresham (Vice President), Anne Hunter (Secretary) and Charlie Pratt (Treasurer) for their outstanding work as officers on the 2006 CDHOA Board. Charlie, Jim and Terry Looney are still serving on your CDHOA Board.

Chris Blunck, our new Secretary, has done a super job in putting together the notes from the meeting. Please read them carefully and check out our new website (<u>www.carolinadunes.org</u>) for the full details on the information that was discussed at the meeting.

We are embarking on an ambitious rebuild of our ocean-access stairways and our sound access among other projects. We really need your \$75 dues to ensure we can keep those accesses open for you and your renters. If you've already paid your 2007 dues, thank you. If you haven't, please mail your check today.

Your new board is dedicated to improving CDHOA and keeping it responsive to your needs and the needs of your neighbors. Effective communication is key; please let us know your issues/concerns, and we'll do our best to address them.

Best regards, Dave Ellison

Carolina Dunes Association Officers & Board Members

The Officers and Board Members are listed below. If you have a question or issue that you would like the Association to address, please contact anyone of them. All Officers and Board Members volunteer their time and energy and are not compensated for services they provide. Let them know you appreciate their efforts on your behalf.

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<u>Carolina Dunes</u> Association Website

The Association is constructing a new internet website. Check out the evolving format at www.carolinadunes.org Many thanks to Chris Blunck for building the site and acting as the Association webmaster.

To save mailing costs and to increase the speed of communications, the website will be the primary vehicle in the future for providing information and notices to homeowners who have internet access. If you do not have internet connection, please send a note to Ron Blunck, 7100 Eversfield Dr, Hyattsville, MD 20782 and let him know you will need Association communications and notices sent to your mailing address. Ron is maintaining the Association membership database, and he will mark your file so we will use your mailing address. If we have an email address for you, we will assume you can receive information via the internet and will not send postal mail to you unless we hear from you.

For homeowners who have provided email addresses in the past, please email Ron@TheBluncks.com with any new/updated email address(es) so you won't miss any Association notices.

Automatic Notification For Association Website Updates

Since the Association will be primarily using the website to communicate information, you may want to receive automatic notification whenever there is a change posted to the website. Getting posted when changes are made would eliminate the need to periodically scrolling through the website looking for new information. All internet users can subscribe to RSS (Real Simple Syndication) to automatically receive notification of changes. There are several types of notification from which to select. An explanation of RSS and a description of the process to subscribe to RSS can be found on the Association website. RSS services are free.

Your 2007 Association Fees May Be Due

The annual Association fee, still only \$75, is the primary source of funds for all activities. This fee covers maintenance of the 3 ocean access ramps/steps, maintenance of the sound access path, maintenance of the Carolina Dunes sign and surrounding landscaping on NC 12, website, communications. letters. postage. special projects and all other Association expenses. The annual fee is a small amount for each homeowner to pay, and we ask that each homeowner kindly send payment to help support the Association, which is only community uniquely organization that serves all homeowners in Carolina Dunes.

Check the mailing label on any CDHOA mailing. Above your name, on the right, is the date of your last payment (YYYY/MM format). If this date is highlighted in <u>yellow</u>, your 2007 fee (\$75) is due and should be sent to Carolina Dunes Association, Box 8153, Duck, NC 27949. Write your check to Carolina Dunes Association. Note your Carolina Dunes address on the check. Thank you!

<u>Please Add/Update</u> Your E-mail Address(es)

The Association is making an effort to maintain a group e-mail capability for timely and inexpensive dissemination of current issues impacting the community. **PLEASE** check the mailing label on your copy of the newsletter. Below your name is the e-mail address you have provided. Please email Ron@TheBluncks.com with corrections/updates to this. Also include any mailing address updates (if any) in your email.

Association Annual Meeting and Elections

The annual Association meeting was held on April 8, 2007 at the Duck Volunteer Fire Station.

President Terry Looney provided a summary of Association activities over the past year.

Jim Gresham presented a Treasurer's report for Charlie Pratt, who was out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

Terry Looney presented a slate of candidates for Officers and the Board. Additionally, he asked for candidates from the floor. No additional nominations were made. A motion was presented and seconded to vote on the Officer and Board Member slate below:

Dave Ellison	President
Ron Blunck	Vice President
June Forlano	Treasurer
Chris Blunck	Secretary
Terry Looney	Board Member
Jim Gresham	Board Member
Ron Forlano	Board Member
Charlie Pratt	Board Member
Matt McMurtry	Board Member

Minutes from the meeting are on the Association website.

Trash Collection

Trash collection days during the summer season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) in Carolina Dunes are Monday and Friday. Please make sure to put the containers out the night before and bring them back under your house after collection. It's particularly important for renters to use the Friday collection to avoid excessive amounts of trash over the weekend. It's a good idea to post trash collection information on your refrigerator door, especially for renters.

Including Your Rental House In The Carolina Dunes Website

The Association website can be expanded to include references to Carolina Dunes homes that are rented during the summer. If you would like your home listed, email Chris@wxnet.org and provide him the following information:

- 1. Your name.
- 2. Your Carolina Dunes street address.
- 3. Your local agent's name, phone # and website address. Include the rental # assigned to your home.
- 4. A short description (several sentences) of your home.

Useful Phone Numbers

Duck Police-Emergency	911
Surf Rescue-Emergency	911
EMS-Emergency	911
Duck Fire-Emergency	911
Duck Police-Non Emergency	252-473-3444
Duck Fire-Non Emergency	252-261-3929
Town of Duck	252-255-1234
Trash Disposal	252-255-1234
DNCP (Electric)	888-667-3000
Embarq (Phone)	800-672-6242
Charter (Cable)	888-871-4485