



Duck Tales

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Points of Interest:

2007 marks the five-year anniversary of Duck's incorporation. Special events commemorating the Town's anniversary will be held throughout the year.

When you are in Town, please be sure to listen to Duck's Radio Station, "Duck AM 530," to get the latest traffic and weather advisories and for updates on Town events.

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Park Groundbreaking A Resounding Success

Over 100 people attended a groundbreaking ceremony held on Friday, November 3, 2006 for the Town of Duck's new Municipal Park.

Mayor Neil Morrison was the emcee for the afternoon's festivities during which former Mayor Gene Schwarz led the invocation, former Mayor Paul Keller over-viewed the timeline and events leading up to the groundbreaking ceremony, and Town Manager Christopher Layton over-viewed the park schematic and vision.

A number of Town officials and dignitaries were on hand to help the Town celebrate the park groundbreaking. Duck Council members that attended the event were Mayor Pro Tempore Monica Thibodeau; Councilor Nancy Caviness; Councilor Denver Lindley, Jr.; Councilor Bart Smith; and former Mayor Pro Tempore Allen Beres.

Also attending the ceremony were: Dare County Commissioner Chairperson Warren Judge; Mayor of Nags Head Renee Cahoon; Mayor of Southern Shores Don-

ald Smith; Carolyn McCormick, managing director of the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau; and Charlan Owens representing North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR).

The groundbreaking ceremony is the kick-off of a multi-phase park implementation project that will include a soundside boardwalk, nature trails, public kayak/canoe launch, picnic pavilion, playground, gazebo, and small amphitheater.

The Town of Duck Municipal Park is designed to be a premier community recreational facility enabling Town residents and visitors alike to partake in the natural beauty of this 11-acre soundside maritime forest and willow swamp.

Currently, construction on Phase I of the park project is underway. The driveway, parking areas, playground area, and public kayak/canoe launch on the north end of the park property are in the process of being developed. Construction will continue throughout 2007.



Town officials and invited guests helped to kick off the construction of Duck's 11-acre soundside park. Construction on Phase I will occur throughout 2007.

Town Waives Permit Fees for Damage Sustained During Thanksgiving Storm

The Thanksgiving week Nor'easter that hit the Outer Banks in November inflicted minor damage on some of the Town's oceanfront properties.

During the Town's damage assessment process, we have seen beach crossovers, stairs, and sand fencing in need of repair, removal, or replacement.

At the December meeting of the Duck Town Council, it was agreed to waive permit fees for most of the work that needs to be completed as a result of this storm.

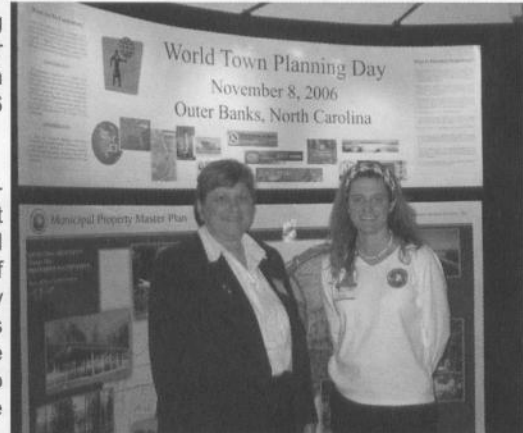
In most cases, it will be necessary to obtain permits from the Town **PRIOR** to any work being undertaken.

Before you make any repairs to your property, please call us at 252-255-1234 and we will be glad to assist you and to answer any questions that you may have!

Town of Duck Photo Gallery

The Town of Duck's Planning Board hosted a reception for World Town Planning Day on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Blue Point Restaurant.

Over 50 planning board members and planning department staff from Currituck County and the Dare County municipalities of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head, and Manteo attended the event which was designed to recognize and promote the role of planning on the Outer Banks.



Pictured are Suzanne Cotellessa, Duck's Director of Community Development, and Sandy Cady, Duck's Zoning Technician, greeting reception guests.

Work on the new Town of Duck Municipal Park is moving along nicely.

Pictured is the driveway on the north side of the park being prepared for the installation of Gravelpave2 which is an environmentally-friendly solution that allows for storm water to filter into the driveway without causing run off.



It will also blend in with the native environment that is being preserved throughout the park grounds.

For more photographs, visit our photo album page at www.townofduck.com/photoalbum/.

Fire Department Holds Live Burn Training Exercise

The Duck Volunteer Fire Department conducted training exercises at the Town's Municipal property on December 16, 2006.

The training exercises lasted the entire day and culminated with a controlled burn of the structure that was located at 1202 Duck Road.

The removal of this structure paves the way to begin planning for the construction of a Town Hall and Community Building, and will provide facilities for upcoming Town events.

Pictured is the building that was used for fire department training about halfway through the controlled burn.

This was taken as the sun was setting behind the structure in the late afternoon.

In addition to the Duck Volunteer Fire Department, members of Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, and Southern Shores Fire Departments participated in the day's training activities.





Dark Sky Lighting

The right solution to light pollution!

The Town of Duck Community Improvement Committee

is sponsoring a

Friendly Lighting Project

for our Town's Homeowners

by offering specially-designed covers

that snap on to existing floodlights

to improve visibility; and reduce glare and sky glow.

- The covers are available in sets of two at a cost of \$20 per set.
- They are available in a choice of two colors: bronze or white.
- The covers can be ordered from the Town of Duck. Order forms are on the reverse of this sheet.
- We can only accept checks or cash (if paying in person). Please make checks payable to "Town of Duck."
- If you need assistance installing the floodlight covers, we will be more than happy to do that for you. Just let us know.
- If you are a Duck property owner, but live out of Town, you may order the floodlight covers from us and we will be happy to put them up for you.
- For additional information, please contact The Town of Duck at 252-255-1234.





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The right solution to light pollution!

Floodlight Shield Set Order Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: (Best one to contact you if there are any questions.)

E-Mail Address: _____

Number of Sets Requested. Cost is \$20 per set.

(Note: There are two covers per set.)

_____ Set of 2 Bronze Covers _____ Set of 2 White Covers

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (Checks only, please.)

Please make checks payable to: "The Town of Duck"

Send to: The Town of Duck, Attn: Dark Sky Lighting Project,
P.O. Box 8369, Duck, NC 27949

Will you be picking these up or will we be installing them?

(We will let you know when they are installed.)

_____ Pick up _____ Install



Please provide installation address, rental company (if applicable),
and location of floodlights on your home:

Installation Address: _____

Rental Company: _____

Floodlight Location(s): _____

Note: If you are purchasing for more than one home, please feel free to attach additional sheets.

Police Officers Expand Emergency Response Capabilities

The Town of Duck Police Department has initiated a program to train its Police Officers as emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

According to Chief Dale Hamilton, "Our Officers are typically first to arrive at the scene of accidents and other calls where immediate medical attention can make a huge difference in the welfare of the victim.

Our training allows us to do more to sustain life while waiting on advanced life support."

Currently two of the eight Town Police Officers, Sergeant Jeff Ackerman and Officer Donna Greene, are certified as EMTs. Two more of the Town's Police Officers are scheduled to attend training in 2007.

The Duck Police Department is the first law enforcement agency in Dare County to implement such a program.

Additionally, all Town of Duck Police vehicles are equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and all Police Officers and Town staff are trained in their use.

2007 Marks Town's Five-Year Anniversary

The Town of Duck is commemorating its five-year anniversary with a schedule chock full of events throughout 2007.

The first event will be held on Tuesday, May 1st, the official anniversary of the Town. The Town was incorporated on May 1, 2002. This event will be a Town picnic at the new park on the southern lawn.

The summer schedule will begin on July 4th and will include:

- Our 3rd Annual 4th of July Parade and After Event;

- A Five-Week Summer Evening Concert Series in the park;
- Lost Colony Morning Performances of Broadway Reviews and a Children's Puppet Theater;
- Various other activities for children and adults alike.

The Town's first-ever **Jazz Festival** is also being planned. It is currently scheduled for October 7th. This will be a day-long event featuring several regional and local jazz and blues artists.

Details are being finalized now for the upcoming season. A complete schedule of events will be published on the Town's web site at www.townofduck.com, sent to our e-mail subscriber list, and published in the Spring edition of "**Duck Tales**".

If you have any questions, suggestions for future events, or would like to volunteer to assist us with any of these events, please contact the Town of Duck at 252-255-1234 or info@townofduck.com.

Seasonal Community Appearance Awards

The Town of Duck recently awarded seasonal community appearance awards for both fall and holiday decorative displays.

The Fall Community Appearance awards were presented to:

Residential

- Patricia Scarlett, 102 Mallard Drive;
- Terry and John Rose, 122 Mallard Drive;
- Cathy Herron, 106 Oyster Catcher Lane.

Neighborhood Association

- Port Trinitie Condominiums/Homeowners Association;

- Caffey's Inlet Hamlet Owners Association.

Commercial

- Duck Deli.

The Holiday Community Appearance Awards were presented to:

Residential

- Daytime Decorating Award: Bill and Pat Pettit, 128 Marlin Dr.;
- Night-Time Decorating Award: Mark Meana, 132 Sea Breeze.

Neighborhood Association

- Daytime Decorating Award: The Sanderling Homeowners

Association and the Sanderling Property Owners Association;

- Night-Time Decorating Award: Port Trinitie Condominiums/Homeowners Association;
- Honorable Mention Decorating Award: Saltaire Subdivision.

Commercial:

- Daytime Decorating Award: Scarborough Faire, 1177 Duck Road;
- Night-Time Decorating Award: Sunset Grille and Raw Bar, 1245 Duck Road;
- Honorable Mention Decorating Award: Nags Head Hammocks, 1212 Duck Road.

Congratulations to our winners!



Duck Town Council

- Neil Morrison, Mayor
- Monica Thibodeau, Mayor Pro Tempore
- Nancy Caviness
- Denver Lindley, Jr.
- Bart Smith

Duck Town Staff

- Christopher Layton, Town Manager
- Dale Hamilton, Chief of Police
- Donna Black, Fire Chief
- Suzanne Cotellessa, Director of Community Development
- Cory Tate, Building Inspector
- Lori Kopec, Deputy Town Clerk
- Kathy McCullough-Testa, PR/Special Events
- Sandy Cady, Zoning Technician/CAMA LPO
- Beth Garino, Administrative Assistant Public Safety

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Town Subscriber List and Web Site

The Town of Duck maintains a subscriber e-mail list to provide you with timely updates on meetings, information, events, and other news that occurs between the printings of this newsletter. To be added to our list, please send us an e-mail at info@townofduck.com and let us know that you would like to receive our informational e-mails. We would be happy to add you!

Additionally, The Town also maintains a web site at www.townofduck.com which is designed to keep our community up-to-date on Town happenings. Our web site contains information on Town meetings including agendas and minutes; Town Council biographies; planning and zoning items and forms; an events calendar; recycling and trash schedules and requirements; and many other Town-related items.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Town Council: Council meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (as needed) in the Town Offices.

Planning Board: The Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Offices, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

5-Year Anniversary: The Town will be celebrating its five-year anniversary throughout 2007. Information on events scheduled to commemorate this milestone will appear here in future newsletters and will be on our web site at www.townofduck.com.

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