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**Carolina Dunes Association, Inc**

Box 8153

Duck, NC 27949

*Is Your Label Highlighted In Yellow??*

*If So, Please Pay Your Association Dues*

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## Note from Association President

Greetings,

We had a very successful year in 2007 from modernizing and streamlining the way your Association conducts its business to the betterment of Association infrastructure. A lot of time and money were expended to make our area and the services the Association provides the finest in the Outer Banks for our owners and renters. We enter 2008 in good shape financially but we cannot be complacent. One Nor'easter or Hurricane and we could have some serious problems. We need all owners to send in their \$75 yearly dues so we owners and our renters can continue to enjoy all that Carolina Dunes and the Outer Banks have to offer.

I'd like to encourage all of you to take an active role in your Association. Our annual meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> is an excellent opportunity for your voice to be heard as well as a wonderful time to meet your neighbors. We'll be nominating and voting for your Association Officers and Board of Directors; please make your plans to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

*Dave Ellison*

## Carolina Dunes Association Annual Meeting

The Association's annual meeting will be conducted on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 2 PM in the upper room at the Duck Volunteer Fire Station. The agenda will include but not limited to the following:

1. Review activities from the past year  
Presentation by Duck Police
2. Treasurer's report
3. Review plan and budget for next year
4. Officer and Board elections
5. Proposed by-law changes
6. Other topics

Listed below are the current Officers and Board members. Feel free to contact any of them should you have any questions or concerns.

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## Highlights from 2007

The Association addressed a number of maintenance items last year. These included complete replacement of the southern ocean access walkway, maintenance on the northern and center ocean access walkways, fixing the erosion problem on the sound access path, clearing additional brush on the edge of the sound access path and at the edge of the sound, fixing water and electrical problems at the south sign, replaced the lighting on the south sign and provided some holiday decorations on the south sign. The Association also reviewed/expanded the Association insurance policies, monitored events and activities around the Town of Duck and posted information and maintenance pictures on the Association website.

Also in 2007, the Association website was created and hosted, a new/enhanced membership database was created and welcome letters (containing Association information) were sent to new owners in Carolina Dunes.

The cost associated with all of the maintenance work that was required was high last year, so we would greatly appreciate your timely payment of the annual Association fee. This fee is the primary source of funds. Without it, the maintenance and web services described above could not be provided. We kindly ask that all owners stay current with their fees.

### **Your 2008 Association Fees Are 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 2 Carolina Dunes signs 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 organization that uniquely serves all homeowners in Carolina Dunes.

If you received this newsletter as an attachment to an email, the message in email will let you know if your Association fees are due. If you received this newsletter through the US Post Office, check your mailing label on the cover page. Above your name, on the right, is the date of your last dues payment (YYYY/MM format). If this date is highlighted in yellow, your 2008 fee (\$75) is due and should be sent to Carolina Dunes Association, Inc, Box 8153, Duck, NC 27949. Write your check to Carolina Dunes Association, Inc. Please note your Carolina Dunes address on the check. Thank you!

### **Proposed By-Law Changes**

There will be a discussion and vote on proposed by-law changes at the annual meeting in March. A summary of the main changes are listed below:

Document Cleanup. Edited text to:

- Correct spelling errors
- Be consistent with use of upper/lower case letters
- Improve readability and understandability of sentences
- Use language specific to Carolina Dunes

Article I. Eliminated out-of-date address and made addresses generic so that the bylaws don't have to be changed each time new officers are elected.

Article III, Section 3. Changed annual dues period-of-time to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> (from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Mar through the end of the following Feb) to avoid membership confusion over whether dues have been paid. Also set a deadline date of the end of Feb for the dues to be paid.

Article IV, Section 1. Changed member notification period to match the period listed in Section 3 to improve consistency.

Article IV, Section 4. Changed quorum from 10% to 5% to ensure annual meetings can be conducted. A quorum of 10% would require 22 properties to be represented. It's

common that roughly 30 people attend the annual meetings, but that usually includes husbands and wives. It's likely that fewer than 22 properties have sometimes been represented at past annual meetings.

Article VI, Section 1. Changed the minimal size of the Board from 7 to 5 to make it easier to find candidates for Board members and to make it easier for the entire Board to be actively engaged in Association activities.

Article VI, Section 11. Add a provision that provides for special rules, procedures and potential fees for non-owners who may want to use Carolina Dunes access paths.

A copy of the current and proposed by-laws are posted on the 'History' page of the Association website ([www.CarolinaDunes.org](http://www.CarolinaDunes.org)).

If you have any questions or concerns over the changes, we ask that you communicate them to Ron Blunck or any other Officer or Board member before the annual meeting, especially if you can't attend the meeting.

**Please Add/Update  
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 we have on record for you. Please email [Ron@TheBluncks.com](mailto:Ron@TheBluncks.com) with corrections/updates to this. Also include any mailing address updates (if any) in your email.

**Carolina Dunes  
Association Website**

The Association constructed a website last year. Check it out if you haven't visited it in the past. The URL is [www.carolinadunes.org](http://www.carolinadunes.org) Many thanks to Christopher Blunck for building and

maintaining 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 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 maintains the Association membership database, and he can 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 with new/updated email addresse(s), please email [Ron@TheBluncks.com](mailto:Ron@TheBluncks.com) and provide them so you won't miss any Association notices.

**Automatic Notification For  
Association Website Updates**

Since the Association will be 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.

To get started with RSS, click on the small orange icon below the blue 'Contact Us' link on the home page.

### **Trash & Recyclable Collections**

Trash collection days during the summer season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) in Carolina Dunes will continue to be 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 put trash collection information on your refrigerator door, especially for renters

Recyclables should be placed in the blue containers and put out on Fridays.

### **Fire Safety**

To help prevent fires, it would be advisable to keep grass around BBQ units cut short and to encourage the use of propane BBQs instead of charcoal BBQs. Any dried grass around BBQs should be removed.

If you rent your house, you may want to post some fire safety points on your refrigerator for your renters to read.

For owners and renters alike, you should quickly call 911 should you see any fire that is not under total control.

### **Bulk Waste Pick Up on Friday, March 28**

The date for Duck's semi-annual bulk waste collection has been set for Friday, March 28, 2008. On that day, no later than 5:00 a.m.,

please leave bulk waste out by the curb for collection by employees of Waste Management. Bulk waste can include all large items that you want to dispose of except the following: refrigerators or appliances that contain hazardous waste (refrigerant/Freon); hazardous materials such as paints, solvents, chemicals, etc.; and building materials or demolition debris, roofing, soil, rocks, concrete and stumps. These materials will not be collected. *Yard and vegetative debris will be collected; however they must be bagged or tied in bundles of four foot lengths or less with each bundle weighing no more than 50 pounds, otherwise it will not be picked up.*

### **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 Christopher.Blunck@CarolineDunes.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.
5. The URL for any applicable website you'd like to reference.

### **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