

April 2008
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Note from Association President

Greetings Carolina Dunes Owners,

The summer season is about to begin, and I hope you will be able to spend lots of restful and enjoyable time in Carolina Dunes!

The spring nor'easter storms have again damaged the three ocean access steps. Rest assured that we are in the process of repairing them. Unfortunately, we have performed more repairs over the past couple of years than we normally have to do, and that has been a drain on the Association treasury. So, please send in your annual dues (only \$75) if you have not already done so.

With the rental season fast approaching we created a 'Welcome Guest' flyer that you can put on your refrigerator for guests and renters. It contains information that should be useful to them, and we encourage you to post the flyer in your house.

Included in this newsletter are short articles on installing signs on the access points for EMS personnel, return of life guards this summer, the 4th of July parade, and trash/recycling collections. Hopefully, you will find all of the information helpful.

Best regards,

Ron Blunck

Carolina Dunes Association **Annual Meeting**

The Association's annual meeting was conducted on March 22, 2008 at the Duck Volunteer Fire Station. The topics discussed included the following:

1. Presentation by Duck Police
2. Year-in-Review Pictures
3. General Information
4. Treasurer's Report
5. By-Law Changes
6. Board Elections

Minutes from the meeting are included in the CDA website (www.CarolinaDunes.org/newsletters.html)

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

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**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 three ocean access ramps/steps, maintenance of the sound access path, maintenance of the two Carolina Dunes signs and surrounding landscaping on NC 12, Association 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 contained in the 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 is due.

All fees should be sent to Carolina Dunes Association, Inc, Box 8153, Duck, NC 27949. Write your check (\$75) to Carolina Dunes Association, Inc. Please note your email address and Carolina Dunes address on your check.

**Please Add/Update
Your E-mail Address(es)**

The Association is making an effort to maintain a group email capability for timely and inexpensive dissemination of information regarding current issues impacting the CD community.

If you received this newsletter through the US Postal Office **PLEASE** provide your email address(es) so we have them on record for you. Providing your email address will help save postage and printing expenses.

More Storm Damage to Steps & Walkways

Nor'easter storms have again damaged the ocean access steps, especially the northern steps. The Association has gotten a preliminary bid to fix the damage, and the repairs should be completed early in May. Until repairs are made, homeowners and guests should completely avoid using the northern steps and be cautious in using the middle and southern steps.



As a reminder, funding for all repairs that have to be made come from your \$75 annual membership fees, and we ask that all owners kindly pay their 2008 fee if it is still due.

Duck 4th of July Parade Coming

Suggested Guest Information Flyer

The Association produced a ‘Welcome Guest’ flyer that all homeowners are encouraged to post on your refrigerators for guests and renters. The flyer contains information on the following:

1. CD Walkways to Access the Beach
2. Ocean Safety
3. Fire Safety
4. Trash Pick-up
5. Duck Road Trail
6. Town of Duck Park
7. Emergency Numbers

To access and print the flyer from GoogleDocs use your web browser and the following URL:
http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dccbr334_06hzfjggh

Reflective Address Signs on Ocean Access Steps

The Town of Duck will be placing an address sign at each of the three ocean access steps so that homeowners and guests can easily direct EMS personnel to the correct set of steps should EMS services be needed.

The brown signs are designed like the brown house number signs many homeowners have purchased from the Fire Department.

The Town of Duck is installing the three signs at no cost to the Association.

Beach Life Guard Station Returns to Carolina Dunes

The Association coordinated with the Town of Duck and life guards will again be watching our stretch of beach this summer. In part, a life guard station is positioned in Carolina Dunes because the Association allows the life guards to park on the community lot on Sprigtail Drive.

The Town of Duck is again sponsoring their annual 4th of July parade and homeowners are cordially invited to participate in the parade by walking, driving, dancing, singing, laughing, dressing up or any other way you want! Several owners have already expressed some interest in participation. There’s a form the Association has to complete and submit to the Town in order to participate in the parade. Please email Ron.Blunck@CarolinaDunes.org by May 15th if you would like to participate, and you will be included in the form the Association submits.

If you simply want to watch the parade, you don’t have to email Ron!

Carolina Dunes Association Website

The Association website contains useful information for Carolina Dunes owners. Check it out if you haven’t visited it in a while. The address is www.CarolinaDunes.org

To save mailing costs and increase the speed of communications, the website will be a key 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.Blunck@CarolinaDunes.org 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 automatically 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 CDA website 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. 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. Do not put regular trash in the blue container!

Keep Trash & Recyclable Containers Under Your House

Please make sure to put your containers out the night before and bring them back under your

house after collection. The Town of Duck can fine owners who leave containers at the edge of the street. While we are not aware of any fines being levied, putting containers under the house does avoid the risk of a fine, eliminates possible obstacles to EMS vehicles and also improves the overall community appearance.

For absentee owners, listed below are two people who can be hired to provide container 'roll-in service' if you would like that. Please consider contracting a service to "roll-in" your cans during rental season.

The following people provide this service for reasonable fees:

1. Phil Dombeck of Clean Streets: phone 252-453-9474; cell 252-619-7300
2. Ralph Kasper: 252-216-007 (also provides lawn maintenance for a number of Carolina Dunes homes)

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

