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Carolina Dunes Association, Inc

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Note from Association President

Greetings Carolina Dunes Owners,

While there was recent snow on the Outer Banks, it won't be long and the weather will improve and warmer spring temperatures will arrive. When that happens, many of you will again return to Carolina Dunes for some restful and enjoyable time, except for spring maintenance of course!

Let's hope the spring nor'easter storms will be kind to us and that there will be minimal beach erosion and associated damage. Rest assured that the Association will repair the access paths and steps during the spring, should that be needed. As you probably know, we have performed lots of repairs over the past couple of years, and that has been a drain on the Association treasury. So, please send in your annual dues (still only \$75) if you have not already done so.

Included in this newsletter are short articles on several topics related to Carolina Dunes. These articles, and others, are also available on the Association website. Hopefully, you will find all of the information in the articles helpful and interesting.

Best regards,

Ron Blunck

Carolina Dunes Association Annual Meeting

The Association's annual meeting will be conducted at 2 PM on Saturday, April 11, 2009 in the meeting room at the Duck Town Office. The room at the Duck Volunteer Fire Station is no longer available for community meetings, which is why our meeting will be held at the Town Office. The topics to be discussed include the following:

1. Beach Erosion
2. Year-in-Review Status
3. Membership Dues
4. General Information
5. Treasurer's Report

6. Board Elections

Minutes from all of the annual meetings are included in the CDA website (www.CarolinaDunes.org/newsletters.html)

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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**2009 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 specifically serves all homeowners in Carolina Dunes.

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 Carolina Dunes 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.

**Duck Police Department Offers
Property/House Check Program and Video
Service**

The Duck Police Department offers a property/house check program to the Town's property owners. As part of the program, the officers make periodic checks of residences that are not occupied during the off-season. The officers look for open windows and doors and other signs of unauthorized entry, as well as looking for other items such as water leaks. If an officer finds anything at a residence, the homeowner or rental company will be contacted so the residence can be secured. Additionally, if it appears that a crime has occurred, the incident will be investigated.

The Duck Police Department is also offering a video service to residential property owners. As a homeowner, your property can be vulnerable to natural disasters, theft, and fire. It's important to take preparatory steps and have an inventory of your property complete with photographs or video. If you are interested, a Duck Police Officer will come to your home and videotape your personal property. As part of the service, you will receive a copy of the video on CD for your records and the police department will also keep a copy for its records in a secure database as a back-up.

To sign up for either of these programs or if you have additional questions, please contact the Police Department at (252) 261-1112 or via e-mail at policeinfo@townofduck.com

**Residential Trash & Recycling Container
Stickers Are Now Available**

Stickers, brochures and magnets can now be obtained by stopping in the Town offices, calling (252) 255-1234, or e-mailing info@townofduck.com and the Town will mail them to you. The stickers contain useful instructions for trash and recycling and can be physically attached to your containers. Your

property management company can also pick them up. For additional information on the waste collection program, visit <http://www.townofduck.com>

Beach Life Guard Station Will Return 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.

Carolina Dunes Street Sign Repairs

The Association contacted the Town of Duck and asked them to replace missing street signs and adjust ones that were not straight. The Town agreed and completed the work in October.

Mid-Currituck Bridge Project Update

According to the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, the range of alternatives under consideration for the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project has narrowed to three alternatives. Two alternatives would involve a bridge and one would only involve widening of existing roadways.

Visit the CDA website for a link to the October status report from the State. It's under 'News' and 'Community News'

NC 12 Road Drainage Project for South Duck Approved

To address severe drainage problems, the NC 12 roadway from Bias Shores to Sea Hawk in the southern part of Duck will be elevated and new drainage infiltration chambers will be installed next to the roadway. This work is expected to be completed by May 2009.

Beach Erosion May Be Tied to Ancient River

According to the Town of Duck, an Army researcher recently doing sand/soil samples north of the Army pier inadvertently discovered sediment believed to be from an ancient river along the Carolina Dunes beaches. At this point, the researcher thinks that about 4,000 years ago (before the OBX barrier islands existed) there was a river that flowed from the NC mainland and emptied into the ocean here. As a result, the sediment on the ocean floor in this location is different from normal ocean sediment, and some of the sediment has mounded perpendicular to the beach rather than parallel to it. At this point, the researcher thinks this may be the cause for larger-than-usual ocean waves in Carolina Dunes, which is what has then led to more beach erosion.

As an historical perspective, the normal average long-term beach erosion is around 2 feet per year. In Carolina Dunes, the average is now up to 3 feet per year.

The researcher has also discovered two larger ancient river basins that flowed into the ocean in the Kill Devil Hills and South Nags Head areas. Both of these areas have also had higher-than-average erosion levels in recent years.

Visit the CDA website for a link to beach pictures showing erosion levels in 2002. They are under 'News' and 'Community News'

Carolina Dunes Association Website

The Association website contains useful information for Carolina Dunes owners and is updated throughout the year. 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.

Summer 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!

Ghost Ship at Carolina Dunes

Did you know that there is a ghost ship that occasionally reappears on the beach near the end of the steps at the southern ocean access path?

Visit the CDA website for a link to an article with some pictures. It's under 'News' and 'Ghost Ship'.

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.

NCDOT Street Repairs

The Association contacted NCDOT and reported several problems (i.e., a pot hole and 2 water drainage issues) on Carolina Dunes streets. NCDOT is now looking into these problems.

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

