



# The Dune's News

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## Editor's Comments:

Thank you for all the positive feedback from our first Caswell Dune's Newsletter. Thanks to Norma Eckard for suggesting the newsletter's new name & to Helen Radcliffe for the Sand dunes/Oats drawing. We invite questions you may have about your community. Just email [joycercrabtree@gmail.com](mailto:joycercrabtree@gmail.com) and your Board of Directors will respond. If the subject is one that may be of interest to the community, we will include that information in our subsequent newsletter.

Caswell Dunes could use volunteers for the Good Neighbor and Special Events (or Social) committees. Please consider volunteering. You do not have to be full time residents to serve on these committees.

## Special Notices, Reminders and Dates to Remember:

Please know that all homeowners are welcome to attend the open CD Inc. Board of Directors' meetings and ask questions. We only ask that you pre-submit your questions. The next BOD meeting is tentatively set for May 21 but you will receive confirmation of that date as the time nears.

If you have a request for Construction/Renovation/Repairs, please remember to submit your request through the Caswell Dunes Inc. website. At the Home page, click on 'more', then 'forms' and then 'Construction Renovation/Repairs'. Complete the form giving as much detail as possible. When submitted, the request goes directly to Gary and he shares with the BOD.

If you will, go to the Caswell Dunes website and make certain your contact information is correct. The directory is found under the section "Minutes and Budgets" (yes we need to change that). If we are missing phone numbers or email addresses that you are willing to share, please email Joyce Crabtree.

### Caswell Dunes Pancake Breakfast- Saturday, April 9

Please mark your calendars for April 9 to attend the Pancake Breakfast at Caswell Dunes clubhouse. It's a great deal -- \$5 gets you all the pancakes you can eat, sausage and a beverage. Come on out and Break Fast with your neighbors, old and new! We'll be there from 7:30 to 10:00am.

### Friends of the Ft. Caswell Rifle Range Fundraiser- Saturday, May 7

Please mark your calendars for May 7 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Derby Day' Celebration to be held at the Caswell Dunes Clubhouse, coinciding with the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. This yearly event is sponsored by Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range. The event provides an opportunity for all Caswell Beach residents to have fun with the table top horse races and a chance to be a 'horse owner'. Door prizes, a silent auction, pre-dinner snacks, a free mint julep, and dinner catered by Turtle Island are all included for a nominal fee per person. Tickets and price will be available soon, as well as the names of the table top horses running this year.

An extra-special 'human element' is being added to this historical preservation task. We want to recognize your family members, "Doughboys", who served in World War I. A 'WALL of HONOR' is being

constructed and decorated by the Friends. If you have pictures of your relatives in uniform, please email those to Norma Eckard at [normaron@mindspring.com](mailto:normaron@mindspring.com) or mail to Friends of Fort Caswell Rifle Range: 5 Foxfire Trace; Caswell Beach, NC 28465. Please send copies of photos, the soldier's relationship to you, his/her name, rank and what state he/she hailed from. Any other pertinent information is welcome. We anticipate displaying the Wall at the Clubhouse until 2018, the Centennial of the Great War. Thanks! (In case you are unaware, one of the (if not the only) still standing rifle ranges from WWI is on Caswell Dunes Inc. property. Private funds are raised to try to preserve it- thus this fundraiser. Please consider attending (it's great fun and you get to spend time with neighbors!) or donating (donations are tax-deductible). Again, Norma can answer your questions.)

### General Manager Report:

All the condo decks are complete and most of the patio homes have new decks and front steps. We are working on replacing the lower level front steps. Most of the treatment to the new wood will not be done until the fall. The treatment will be Ready Seal with a slight tint, color to be determined. We will start replacing the soffit vents on the condos that still have the old aluminum strip vents. These will be completed before the summer season so we don't disturb vacationers.

All of the deck and step work is being funded by the \$3,000.00 assessment. Total collected for that assessment is \$456,000.00, spent to date is \$424,076.00.

Our grounds crew: Joe Higginbotham, Victor Cash, and Dietra Kruse will be picking up leaves, mowing, and trimming. Most of the winter projects have been completed, hopefully we have saved a number of live oaks. We found a lot of dead ones in the process of cleaning out the vines and briars.

Finally, don't forget to make sure your air conditioning condensate line is open and draining!

Gary McDaniel

### CDBOD/President Report:

The NC Department of Transportation has started repaving Caswell Beach Rd. Your Board of Directors petitioned the Town of Caswell Beach to have the DOT move the crosswalk at Pinehurst from the west side to the east side of the intersection after the paving is completed. DOT reportedly will do this. We also petitioned for a crosswalk at Bob Spake Way as many of our residents use that walkway to access the beach. The DOT declined that crosswalk (too close together) but all the Town commissioners agreed there was a safety concern relative to that beach access. Therefore, the town plans on their own to place a "Pedestrian Crossing" sign plus trim back much of the growth on their easement to improve the line of sight.

On March 15th, the Caswell Beach Senior Support met at the Caswell Dunes Clubhouse. There was a fantastic turn out and all communities were well represented at this meeting. Ideas were solicited from the Seniors and others at the meeting. Please contact your representatives from Caswell Dunes if you have any ideas, suggestions, or in need of assistance:

Janice Carter [910-880-0124](tel:910-880-0124) Joan Bernaciak [910-278-9789](tel:910-278-9789) Audrey Ellinger [910-523-1038](tel:910-523-1038)

Tommy Lewis [910-278-1916](tel:910-278-1916).

We will begin replacing the "old style" lights with the coastal style lighting this spring. These lights should not only add decor to our landscape they are also very resistant to the harsh conditions here on the coast and will be energy efficient as well.

Work continues on removing invasive vines, shrubs, and other unwanted growth that is choking our beautiful Live Oaks. To date we have received many, many positive comments regarding the efforts of our Maintenance crew in front of Foxfire Trace. While there is some expected negativity and opposition to

this project, the overwhelming positions and opinions of our homeowners have been positive and supportive. We continue to be sensitive to the ecology and environment of this crucial woodland area. Suggestions and feedback are always welcomed.

Again this year, the Landscaping Committee will be planning work days to involve all of us in our ongoing efforts to beautify our grounds. If anyone has any ideas and areas you would like to suggest that need improvement or enhancement, please let Nancy Freeman([nancyrfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:nancyrfreeman@gmail.com)) or Gay Ausband ([dutchmancrk@yahoo.com](mailto:dutchmancrk@yahoo.com)) know.

Tom Freeman

## Celebrations/Commemorations:

(Let us know if you would like to announce births, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and the like.)

## Nearby Beach Events:

Southport Spring Festival                      March 25 / 26

The Sea Notes Choral Society presents their 2016 FREE Spring Concerts (Odell Williamson Aud.)  
"That's What Friends Are For"              Sat, April 2 at 7:30 pm; Sun, April 3 at 3:00 pm

Oak Island Lighthouse Fun Run-              April 16

Phlock to the Beach-- A Jimmy Buffett Style Beach Bash                      April 16

Brunswick County now has a Nature Park with a Zip Line! The next time you/your visitors are up for an adventure, consider Shallotte River Swamp Park. It opened in 2015 at 5550 Watts Rd SW, Ocean Isle Beach. Visit their website for details and visit the park for fun!

## Free Classified Ads:

- (1) A homeowner has a decorative wall mirror, approximately 81 inches long and 43 inches wide, that was in the home when purchased. They are offering to anyone who could use it, free of charge. The mirror has a mirrored frame and would attach to the wall similarly as bathroom mirrors. There is no hanger on the back. If you are interested, contact Gary.