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Message from the President

A merry belated holiday season to one and all. This almost seems a contradiction of terms. Hopefully you were able to gather with friends and loved ones either in person or by electronic means. This has certainly been a long strange year. If you were able to celebrate a birthday early in the year without wearing a mask, count yourself lucky. If you were able to avoid illness of any kind, count yourself luckier. If you lost a loved one during this year, we are truly sorry and send our heartfelt condolences. Unfortunately, many fall into this last category, some of them long time neighbors and residents of the 4x4 area who will leave a tremendous loss in the community. We share in the grief and loss of their families. If you have lost someone and would like to list them on a condolences page for the next newsletter, please send their name(s) to FBCAMembership@gmail.com before the end of January.

Neil and I made a quick trip to the beach the other weekend arriving at low tide. We were struck by the lack of sand revealing numerous, normally unseen, stumps at the shoreline. The scene reminded me of the seasons at the beach, that the sand levels shift and are reduced not only during the fall and winter but also appear more drastic during low tide. Soon the seasons will change, and hopefully things will begin to return to normal. Looking at the glass as half-full, the world has nowhere to go but up. Here's hoping 2021 will be an improvement from 2020. Please everyone be careful and stay well.



Till soon,
Eva

FBCA Updates

- A few months ago FBCA Board Member Dana Papas stepped down from her Member-at-Large position due to the sale of her property in the 4x4 area. We greatly appreciate the years of service Dana provided and will miss her contribution to the organization.
- Early December, Cathie Blanton was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Dana's departure. Please join us in welcoming her as Member-at-Large!
- Understandably, many did not pay dues in 2020. As we begin the new year, we ask that you please send your dues for 2021. You may remit the membership form and payment through our website* via PayPal or credit card or you may mail* a check payable to FBCA in the amount of \$30 / member. *Next Spring we will hold elections and would love to have you join the Board! Please let us know if you are interested.*
- FBCA Board and General Membership meetings will be held during the Memorial Day weekend 2021 and will be in-person or virtual according to the Governor's mandate at that time. Information will be available in the Spring 2021 newsletter.

* Website and email addresses may be found in the newsletter header

Currituck County News & Reminders

- Currituck County now requires a decal to use any Recycle Center and has issued two solid waste permit decals with the property tax bill. The static cling sticker should be displayed on the driver's lower corner of the front windshield. You may read more here: <https://co.currituck.nc.us/news/convenience-site-decal-requirement-effective-in-2021/>
- Possible increases in Home Owners insurance rates for 2021 are being considered. Read more here: <https://www.obxtoday.com/top-stories/public-comment-forum-thursday-on-outer-banks-homeowners-insurance-rate-hike-request/>
- Sign-up for Currituck Alerts to stay informed of hazardous conditions and/or non-emergency notifications. Levels of notification may be selected when registering by using event keywords. Review your account or find more information here: <https://co.currituck.nc.us/currituck-alert/>
- Yearly ATV permits are now only available by mail, email, fax or the online form. Find more information here: <https://co.currituck.nc.us/atv-permit/>
- Be on the lookout this spring for beach driving and beach parking permit information

Corolla Wild Horse Fund (CWHF)

- Have you heard of 'Castaño' by Janet Martin? The song, video and lyrics were created to raise funds for the wild horses and are available as a download for \$5.00; 100% of the proceeds go to CWHF to support the care of the horses. Please see this link for more information <https://www.corollawildhorses.com/shop/castano-fundraiser/>
- CWHF has produced a Wild Horse Toolkit containing a variety of *FREE* materials available for anyone interested in education of Corolla's wild horses. Please see their website page dedicated to this effort and share with those renting your house this year. <https://www.corollawildhorses.com/community-wild-horse-toolkit/>

Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (NEST)

- A myriad of storms wreaked havoc with sea turtle nests this year requiring some of them to be excavated, relocated or berms to be built for protection. Some were carried out to sea while others had extra sand deposited upon them. In any case it was not a good year for the hatchlings. Submit your email for online newsletters or consider becoming a volunteer in this organization. All information may be found on their website at <https://www.nestonline.org>

Mid-Currituck Bridge

- Due to COVID-19, the 7-mile Mid-Currituck Bridge project crossing the sound north of the Wright Memorial Bridge has been delayed. The project timeline currently estimates the completion of design and development of permit applications for spring 2021, financing to be completed summer 2021 and construction to begin summer 2022. The website also notes future dates are subject to change. The bridge cost is currently \$491 million with the estimate of a toll rate TBD. There are also no public meetings scheduled at this time. Please remain informed of upcoming events through their website <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/mid-currituck-bridge/Pages/default.aspx>

On a personal note

- The family of Jane Overstreet, long-time resident in the 4x4 area, has posted on her Facebook page that she passed away December 26th. They have requested that remembrances of how you first met Jane be shared with them through Facebook for use during a memorial service taking place at a future date. If you knew Jane, you may already be friends with her through Facebook and can submit a post for them. If you were not Facebook friends with her and have something you would like to share, please email us and we will be happy to forward your note to the family.



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Happy New Year!

