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## **Message from the President**

Hello there FBCA Family!

I come to you with warm wishes hoping each of you are safe and well. If you read our last newsletter, you are aware our family of Board members has changed over the past few months. I'd like to introduce you to them now:

- **Connie Johnson** is originally from Virginia Beach, VA (a farm, one mile from Sandbridge Beach) and has lived full-time in Carova since September 2003. Prior to that time, she was employed at the Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite law firm in Phoenix, AZ from 1980 thru 2003. She now works full-time at Corolla Light Resort. Connie is a dedicated supporter for fund raisers of the Carova Volunteer Fire & Rescue and served as Treasurer for the Fire Department for 14 years. She has a great deal of passion for the welfare of all the 4x4 area including its visitors, residents and wildlife and enjoys fishing from her dock in her spare time. Connie has been an instrumental part of the FBCA Board as Member-at-Large since 2003 and was recently nominated by the Board to fill the interim role of Vice President.
- **Jennifer Early** first came to the 4x4 area in 2001 when on vacation and fell in love with the area as all of us do. She and her husband, Kyle, moved here full-time in 2018 and live in Swan Beach. Jenn works for NetApp, a hybrid cloud data management company, and volunteers numerous hours per week at the Carova Beach Volunteer Fire & Rescue where she serves as the Treasurer and performs a myriad of roles including driving the fire apparatus. She has been assisting with the fundraising and development of the Swan Beach fire property as well. Jenn also volunteers her time as a Nest Mother for Network for Endangered Sea Turtles (NEST) and enjoys crafting in her spare time. Jennifer has been a regular attendee and supporter of FBCA meetings since 2015 and a dues paying member since 2020. She was

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nominated by the Board in fall 2022 to fill one of the two vacant roles of FBCA Board Member-at-Large.

- **Leon (Bud) Nusselt** has been visiting the OBX since the 1960's, vacationing with family as a child, then as an adult bringing his wife, Eleanor, and their children. During one of their vacations in the 1990's, they decided to purchase land in Swan Beach. In 2003 they bought a house in Whalehead and moved it 6 miles north to their lot where they visit roughly 6-8 weeks yearly as a welcome respite from their home in Greensburg, PA. The presence of the wild horses along with occasional sightings of deer and foxes make this area special. Bud has been enjoying retirement from his career as a metallurgical process engineer since 2017. He has been an FBCA member for many years, attending meetings and supporting our efforts, and was nominated by the Board in fall 2022 to fill one of the two vacant roles of FBCA Board Member-at-Large.

Please attend our next meeting and introduce yourself to these appointees or reach out to them individually with a welcome through phone or email. Their information may be found on the front-page sideline.

Till soon,

Eva

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## FBCA Updates

You may remember at last year's General Membership Meeting, the Board and attending members voted to purchase and erect an additional cluster mailbox at the Carova fire station. As the result of your generosity, the mailbox was ordered, delivered and erected in 2022. Many thanks to all of you who paid dues so that we could afford this gift, and to Jay Laughmiller and any other CBVFR members, who poured the foundation and worked with the Post Office during the inspection process. This was truly a team effort and we are pleased it has come to fruition. If you are interested in obtaining one of these mailboxes, please make your request online at [USPS.com](https://usps.com) or contact the Corolla Post Office at 252-453-2552 or in person at 1150 Ocean Trail, Corolla.



*Photo courtesy of Jennifer Early*

## FBCA Updates (cont.)

The annual FBCA Board and General Membership meetings will take place Memorial weekend 2023. Stay tuned to our website, Facebook page and spring newsletter for an announcement regarding specific date, time and location.

Anyone owning property in the 4x4 area is welcome to become a member of the Fruitville Beach Civic Association. You can download a fillable membership form from our website at <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com> . When completed, the form may be submitted via email to [FBCAMembership@gmail.com](mailto:FBCAMembership@gmail.com). At the same time, please pay \$30 per property owner for membership dues for the 2023 calendar year. Dues may also be paid through our website using PayPal or mail the membership form and payment to PO Box 482, Corolla, NC 27927.

Annual election of officers and Board Members-At-Large will be in the next FBCA newsletter. Positions to be elected for the 2023-2025 term are Vice President, Treasurer, and two (2) Board Member-At-Large positions. Members who have paid dues during the current calendar year and have been active for a minimum of two (2) years prior, are eligible to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions. Nominations or interest in a position may be marked on the membership form or emailed to [FBCAMembership@gmail.com](mailto:FBCAMembership@gmail.com) or by calling 434-242-9630. Nominations should be submitted on or before **March 30th**.

## News & Reminders

- On January 26<sup>th</sup>, a stranded sei whale was discovered in Kitty Hawk. Find the article here <https://tinyurl.com/Stranded-Sei-Whale> . The whale is now presumed to be deceased and could wash up on one of the Outer Banks beaches. Please remember, if you find a live or dead stranded marine mammal, stay back a safe distance and call the marine mammal experts. That number for the Outer Banks is 252-455-9654. Please add this number to your contact list for future reference.

## Please note the following as the summer season approaches

- **To report a horse tour infraction or submit a praise comment**
  1. Take pictures
  2. Call the Sherriff's non-emergency number (252-453-3633)
  3. Call/email the County ([Commissioners@CurrituckCountyNC.gov](mailto:Commissioners@CurrituckCountyNC.gov)) 252-232-2075 ext. 4002  
**ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE:** Commend a driver or register a complaint  
<https://co.currituck.nc.us/horse-tours/tour-driver-training/>
  4. Call the tour company (try to have truck # or license plate)
- **For a refresher as to beach driving, parking or to obtain permits, please see the Currituck Co website at** <https://currituckcountync.gov/beach-parking/>



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