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Message from the President

I wanted to reach out to provide a brief update and inform you of some important information regarding your FBCA membership and our upcoming election.

Firstly, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who responded to our membership drive and submitted their applications. Your support and engagement are truly appreciated! However, we must also acknowledge a glitch in our recent printing process, which unfortunately resulted in some recipients not receiving the Winter Newsletter. For those who are receiving an FBCA newsletter for the first time, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused. To ensure everyone has access to the information shared in the Winter Newsletter, sent February, we have made it available online at our website (<https://www.FruitvilleBeach.com/newsletters>). We encourage you to take a moment to review it to provide background information.

For those who have recently joined FBCA, welcome aboard! We're thrilled to have you as part of our community and look forward to collaborating with you on exciting future projects. If you haven't had a chance to submit your membership form and dues payment yet, please take a moment to do so at your earliest convenience. Your active participation is invaluable to us and ensures that our community continues to thrive.

In the attached newsletter (also available online), you'll find a membership form along with a ballot for this year's election (pages 3-4). All dues-paying members are eligible to vote. Additionally, there is an opportunity for active members to mark on your membership form that you would like to be contacted to become a Board Member. Your dedication and contribution to our community make you eligible for this opportunity, and we welcome your participation. All ballots must be received no later than Friday, May 23rd, and will be counted only if dues have been paid.

As we move forward, we encourage each of you to consider becoming active members of FBCA. Together, we can collaborate on pressing issue that face our community. Thank you for your continued support. I'm hopeful that we will either meet in person, or on Zoom, at our upcoming general membership meeting, May 26, 2024.

Till soon,

Eva Casola

President, Fruitville Beach Civic Association

In Memory....

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Carlyn Hudak, a beloved member of the 4x4 community for over 30 years. Carlyn, wife of Tom Hudak, our current Secretary for FBCA, touched the lives of many with her warmth, kindness, and unwavering presence in the 4x4 area. During her time here, Carlyn became an integral part of the FBCA membership by contributing her time keeping the then president straight, who was her husband, and manning the registration table at our meetings. She contributed her energy to various other initiatives and brought joy to those around her. Her spirit and dedication will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. In honor of Carlyn's memory, and in accordance with her wishes, donations may be made to her church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3320 NJ Route 94, Hamburg, NJ 07419 or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38015. Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and the entire Hudak family during this difficult time.

Since our last newsletter

- As you may be aware, in February we filled a vacancy on the Board, and we're thrilled to introduce Carol Slamowitz as our newest Member-at-Large. Carol and her husband, Marc, have been part of the Carova community since 1997, becoming full-time residents in March 2020. Carol has been deeply involved in community activities, notably serving as the Community Activities Chair on the CBVFR Board. She has played a pivotal role in creating, organizing, and coordinating successful fundraisers such as the Donkey Derby/Silent Auction. Carol envisions an engaged and dynamic FBCA that caters to the needs of our rapidly expanding community. Please join us in welcoming Carol to the FBCA Board of Directors.
- Per the president's note on page 1, we ask that property owners complete a membership form and pay dues (online or by check) as soon as possible. Ballots should be submitted by dues paying members and postal mailed, or emailed, along with the membership form. Instructions with addresses are on the form.
- Congratulations to Tony Angell, who was voted to a Board seat as the newest Currituck County Commissioner for our district. **Tony has agreed to be our guest speaker at the FBCA General Membership meeting in May.** Please plan to attend this important meeting. Meet Tony, ask questions and get involved in your community.

Upcoming Fundraisers for the Carova Fire Station

- There will be a bake sale May 24th from 9-1pm at the Carova Fire Station. Contact Bonita Bertovich for more information. bonitabertovich@icloud.com
- Get ready for the Donkey Derby and Silent Art Auction featuring 'Color'. This event will take place July 19, 2024 at the Carova Fire Station. Stay tuned for more information

Upcoming Meetings at CBVFR (2169 Ocean Pearl)

- FBCA Board meeting - Sunday, May 26, 2024, 9:30 AM
- General Membership meeting - Sunday, May 26, 2024, 11:00 AM
- **Guest Speaker, Currituck County Commissioner Tony Angell**

Membership Form

Please remit one (1) completed form and \$30 payment per property owner to:

FBCA
PO Box 482
Corolla, NC 27927 OR EMAIL TO FBCAMembership@gmail.com

Please note: Payment may be sent electronically using PayPal from our website
This form may be submitted through email to
FBCAMembership@gmail.com .

Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

E Mail Address * _____

Beach 911 Address (for main 4x4 property) _____

Subdivision _____

Paid Amount: \$ _____ (\$30 per property owner)

Submission method: Credit Card _____ Check # _____ Cash onsite _____



Please check if you are willing to be contacted about serving on the FBCA Board

Please visit our website at: <https://www.fruitvillebeach.com>

Email us at: FBCAMembership@gmail.com

* Including an email address helps defray the cost of printing & mailing newsletters

Slate of Officers and Board Members:

- Ballots are due no later than Friday, May 24, 2024 and may be submitted online by email to FBCAMembership@gmail.com or mailed to FBCA PO Box 482, Corolla, NC 27927.
- Votes will count only if 2024 dues have been paid
- Eligible candidates for Board positions must have been a dues paying member for two years prior (Article V Section 3, FBCA By-Laws posted on our website at www.FruitvilleBeach.com)

President:

_____ Eva Casola

_____ Write-in Candidate with phone number and contact email (on line below):

Secretary:

_____ Tom Hudak

_____ Write-in Candidate with phone number and contact email (on line below):

Board Member-at-Large (2 needed):

_____ Cathie Blanton

_____ Jennifer Early

Write-in Candidates with phone number and contact email (on lines below):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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News from the County

- The Soil and Water Conservation department is currently running multiple grant programs aimed at tackling drainage issues. If you've encountered or witnessed flooding in Currituck County, we invite you to participate in our short survey regarding stormwater management. Your feedback is crucial in pinpointing problem spots and developing effective solutions tailored to your experiences! Please use the QR code or this link: <https://currituckcountync.gov/soil-water-conservation/soil-water-survey/>



- The Appeals Court ruled that Currituck County misspent occupancy tax funds. The County continues to be in litigation regarding this issue and is appealing the ruling to the NC Supreme Court. Here is the most recent article on this matter: <https://www.outerbanksvoice.com/2024/04/05/currituck-county-to-appeal-occupancy-tax-ruling-to-nc-supreme-court/>
- Rebecca Gay was appointed Interim Currituck County Manager following the retirement of Ike McRee. We extend a warm welcome to Rebecca as she assumes this important role. Rebecca may be reached by phone at 252-232-6080 or by email at Rebecca.gay@currituckcountync.gov
- Beach driving rules begin Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day and beach parking permits (limited to 300/week) are now available on the county website. All details are listed at <https://currituckcountync.gov/beach-parking/>

Keeping the sand and sea safe for all

- The Currituck County Sheriff's office has provided this video as information for driving on the 4x4 beach. Please share with your renters <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zh36hNoEVk>
- Please remind renters to fill in holes that they dig on the beach and to level sandcastles, or other raised artwork, before they leave for the day. Either of these could be harmful, if not fatal, to a horse or person walking at night and could also damage autos or hinder emergency vehicles.
- BE A KAREN (for the wild horses):** A life may depend on it. Homeowners should inform their renters regarding distance and non-interaction with horses. More information may be found here: <https://currituckcountync.gov/horse-tours/> Place the non-emergency police number, 252-232-6031, where it is easily accessible and remind renters to report an infraction, or complete a report or praise form here: <https://currituckcountync.gov/horse-tours/tour-driver-reporting/>
- Remember, loons are beach bums who can't take off from land; they need water to soar! Respect their space and refrain from approaching them while they rest. Keep in mind, once they've grounded themselves, they have to wait for the tide to roll back in before they can take flight again. Let's keep our beaches loon-friendly and avoid squashing our feathered friends!



- Kudos to NEST (Network for Endangered Sea Turtles) for erecting signs in the 4x4 area encouraging drivers to look out for turtle tracks and volunteers monitoring nests. (image left)

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