



Duck Tales

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Points of Interest:

The Town of Duck is now recycling. Pick up is scheduled for Monday mornings year round.

When you are in Town, please be sure to listen to Duck's Radio Station: "Duck AM 530," to get the latest traffic advisories and for updates on Town events.

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New Town Council Sworn In

On December 7, 2005, the Town of Duck's new Town Council was sworn in by Town Manager Christopher Layton.

Neil Morrison was elected as Mayor. Mr. Morrison has served on Council since 2002. After vacationing in the Outer Banks for many years, he and his wife became permanent residents in 2000.

Monica Thibodeau was elected as Mayor Pro Tempore. She has served on Council since 2002 and has lived in Duck for over 18 years. Also sworn in were Nancy Caviness, Denver Lindley, and Bart Smith.

Ms. Caviness is currently in her second term on Council. She was one of the original appointed Town Council members after the Town's incorporation in 2002.

Denver Lindley is new to the Town Council this year.

He has formerly served on the Town's Board of Zoning Adjustment and as a County Commissioner in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Bart Smith is also newly elected to Council. Mr. Smith has served as president of the Duck Civic Association. He is currently a lieutenant with the Duck Volunteer Fire Department.



Municipal Property Master Plan Update

The Municipal Property Master Plan implementation has been progressing at a steady pace. The plan is to develop the property into a public park with a boardwalk and trail network, canoe/kayak launch, and picnic pavilions.

Engineering and site plan development have reached the 50% mark and the final documents are expected to be completed by the end of January. The Town will also apply for a major CAMA permit in early 2006. Once the permit is issued by CAMA, the Town will begin construction on the property starting with the canoe/kayak launch.

In other news, after first consulting with the Curator of the Herbarium at N.C. State University, crews began the process of removing non-native plant species from the property. By removing the non-native plants, the indigenous plants will be able to thrive and the rare maritime forest and willow swamp area on the property will be preserved.

Lastly, pending approval by the Dare County Board of Commissioners, the Town will receive a grant from the Dare County Tourism Board in the amount of \$225,000 to assist in the implementation of the Municipal Property Master Plan.

NC12 Drainage Study Update

On the evening of December 15, 2005, representatives from the consulting firm Vanasse Hangen and Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) and Town Staff held the final public meeting to receive input on the NC12 Drainage Study.

This study, which is being funded jointly by the Towns of Duck and

Southern Shores, along with NCDOT, is intended to address the nuisance flooding issues along NC12. The goal is to provide solutions for specific areas (i.e. Tuckahoe Drive/NC12 intersection, the Town property, and the Sanderling Inn) and general solutions that could be effective in other areas throughout the Town.

The Town has also met with representatives from the Tuckahoe Subdivision, as well as with NCDOT to discuss proposed solutions.

The study is expected to be completed by late January/early February at which time the Town will begin the process of implementing proposed solutions.

Duck Welcomes Two New Employees

The Town of Duck recently hired two new employees to better serve the town's residents, homeowners, and business community.

In October 2005, John Mascaro was hired as the first full-time Duck Fire Chief. He comes to Duck with 20 years of public safety experience, most recently serving as the Fire Chief of the Olympia Gardens Fire Department in the south suburbs of Chicago, Illinois.

Chief Mascaro is skilled in personnel management, fire prevention, fire inspections/investigations, EMT (Emergency Management Technician), and budget preparations.

In November 2005, Kathy McCullough-Testa joined the Town as the new Public Relations/Events Coordinator. She most recently worked for a Fortune 500 financial company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a Vice President of Information Technology.

She has also served as an elected town council person and an elected county Recorder of Deeds in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Both Chief Mascaro and Ms. McCullough-Testa have recently relocated to the Outer Banks with their families.

Please join us in welcoming them to the Town of Duck!

Police Department Recognized in State Magazine

The Town's Police Department was recently featured on the front page of the fall 2005 edition of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Magazine for its success in building a first-class police force from the ground up.

Police Chief Dale Hamilton has led the efforts during the past three years to grow the force to 8 full-time officers and a public safety assistant.

The officers focus on crime prevention, commu-

nity education, and public safety.

Officers have special training in K-9 handling for search and rescue, traffic management to assist traffic flow during the busy summer season, and in grant writing.

The department also features state-of-the-art equipment which includes in-car digital cameras; external defibrillators; night vision goggles; and mobile data terminals operating over a wireless network.

Additionally, since there is a large non-resident population, accident and select incident reports are posted on the Town's web site.

Pictured below is the Town of Duck's Police Force, along with Morse, the department's search and rescue dog.



Nominations for Annual Community Appearance Awards Being Accepted

The Town has instituted a Community Appearance Award Program to recognize homeowners, community associations, and business owners in their efforts to enhance, improve, and beautify the Town of Duck.

The awards, administered by the Town's Community Improvement Committee (CIC), comprises two programs.

The first is the Annual Community Appearance Award which honors those who are helping to preserve the Town's unique character. These awards will be presented in April during a regular Town Council meeting.

Nominations are currently being accepted, and encouraged, for the 2006 Annual Community Appearance Awards Program. Nominations can be made by any Town resident, homeowner, business person, or visitor, with the deadline for nominations being March 1, 2006.

The nomination form can be found

on page 4 of this newsletter, as well as at the Town offices and on the Town's web site at <http://www.townofduck.com>. Questions can also be answered by calling the Town of Duck Office at 252-255-1234.

The second awards program is awarded at various times throughout the year to recognize best seasonal display. To date, the CIC has presented awards for both the best fall and holiday displays, with plans to present these awards at various times throughout 2006.

The winners of the best holiday display were presented in late December 2005. The winners are listed as follows:

Commercial awards winners:

- Commercial Daytime Award: Scarborough Faire, 1177 Duck Road, owned by Walter Story, display and decorations by Pat Dozier;
- Commercial Nighttime Award: Duck Village Outfitters, 1207

Duck Road, owned by Robert and Tanya Hovey;

- Commercial Honorable Mention: Duck's Cottage, 1240 Duck Road in the Waterfront Shops, co-owned by Allen Lehew and John Power, display and decorations by Allen Lehew.

Residential awards winners:

- First place: Theodore and Cynthia Majewski, 106 Skimmer Way in Sanderling;
- Second place: Ken and Claiborne Yarbrough, 101 Azalea Court in Tuckahoe;
- Third place: Marilyn March, 103 Mallard Drive in Wild Duck Dunes.

Neighborhood awards were presented as follows:

- The United Neighborhood Holiday Appearance Award was presented to the Wild Duck Dunes Subdivision;
- The Neighborhood Entrance Holiday Appearance Award was presented to Port Trinitie, display by Sue Braun and Linda Dail.

Dark Sky Lighting

In July 2002, the Town of Duck adopted lighting standards that were designed to help preserve the visual integrity of the nighttime environment and maintain the character of our coastal community.

When these standards were adopted, many of the existing lighting fixtures in the Town became nonconforming and were allowed to remain in operation for a period of several years to permit amortization of their economic usefulness.

By May 7, 2006, lighting that does not meet Town standards must be replaced with fixtures that meet the requirements of the current lighting

ordinance. The ordinance can be reviewed on-line at <http://www.townofduck.com/zoningordinance2005-08-15.htm> under Section 46.

With good lighting, everyone wins. We can help preserve dark skies, see better at night, have a more pleasant nighttime environment, and save a great deal of energy and money as well.

Of course, there are definitely many reasons for artificial lighting at night. They include: helping us to see better; for security; for utility; and for an attractive nighttime environment.

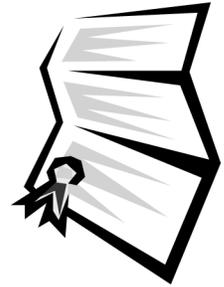
There are many solutions to meet lighting needs that also help to preserve dark skies.

Some of these solutions are to: shine the light down where it is needed; use time controls or dimmers; design and install lighting to minimize glare; and use the right amount of lighting for the task. A good web site for more information is the International Dark-Sky Association at <http://www.darksky.org/links/links.html>.

Additionally, for more information on the Town's lighting standards, please contact the Town Office at 252-255-1234.



Town of Duck COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AWARD 2005-2006 APPLICATION / NOMINATION FORM



Application Requirements:

- The property must be within the Town of Duck municipal boundaries.
- A "before" and "after" photograph of the property is preferred, but not required. If the nomination describes a commitment to ongoing property maintenance, current photos would be appreciated. Photos will not be returned.

___ Business Property ___ Residential Property (Private Home or Community Common Areas)

Name of Property Owner/Tenant (if known)

Location of Property

Describe what makes this property attractive and inviting and how it improves the character, environment, or livability of our community. Include specific examples: colorful seasonal flowers or good use of native vegetation, excellence in design of public spaces and site features, tasteful and imaginative seasonal displays, etc.

Nominator: _____ E-mail/phone # _____ Date Submitted: _____

Any additional information that you would like to include may be submitted as an attachment to this application. For information, call 252-255-1234 or visit: www.townofduck.com.

Submit to:
Town of Duck Planning Department
ATTN: Sue Cotellessa
P.O. Box 8369
1240 Duck Rd. Suite 106
Duck, NC 27949

- Award Categories
- ▷ Landscaping
 - ▷ Best Seasonal Display
 - ▷ Community Spaces (common areas, walkways, seating areas, outdoor gathering spaces)

(The Town will seek this permission from the property owner if this is not a self-nomination)

Permission: I hereby allow the submission of the above property to the Town of Duck Community Improvement Committee Community Appearance Award Program, and I have no objection to judging or publication of the material submitted. I give permission to the Community Improvement Committee and Town staff to visit the project site.

Owner Signature: _____ Date _____

Duck Fire Department Volunteer Opportunities

The Fire Department is always looking for residents who are willing to serve the Town as volunteer firefighters.

Currently, the department has a full-time fire chief, a part-time maintenance person, and 28 volunteer firefighters to serve the Town's residents in the event of emergency.

As a Town firefighter, you would receive complete training and the gear necessary to do the job. Offered are both fire-fighting and

medical response courses for our volunteers, as well as continual training opportunities.

The Fire Department possesses state-of-the-art equipment to respond to various emergency situations.

Currently, the department has one aerial truck, two engines (one being brand-new as of mid January), one squad truck, one brush truck, a few all terrain vehicles (ATV's), and a chief's truck.

Average yearly calls number around 400, with the busiest season being between April and October. The department also provides mutual aid for the Towns of Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, and Corolla.

If you are interested in joining the Duck Fire Department, we would be happy to have you!

Please contact Chief John Mascaro at 252-261-3939, or via e-mail at chiefmascaro@townofduck.com, for additional information.

Curbside Recycling Information

The Town's curbside recycling program has been underway since late Fall 2005.

Recycling is picked up every Monday throughout the year.

Items that are accepted include:

- Plastic bottles, only those with a neck or pouring spout (no plastic bags or motor oil containers);
- Paper — clean newspaper, including inserts;
- Unwanted mail — including catalogs and magazines;
- Telephone books

- Cardboard boxes — please flatten and make sure they are not wet;
- Paper grocery bags;
- Clear green and brown glass bottles and jars — remove all lids;
- Aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans.
- Chipboard — cereal and cracker boxes, etc.

Items that are NOT recyclable:

- Bags of garbage
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam peanuts, blocks and

- boxes
- Food containers - such as pizza boxes and "to go" containers
- Automotive, poison or pesticide containers.
- Yard waste - leaves, grass clippings, branches, wood, etc.
- Overstuffed Cans

Once your recycling, and regular trash is picked up, please remember to roll the containers back from the curb within 24 hours.

If you have any questions, contact the Town Office at 252-255-1234.

Flood Map Changes Being Implemented by FEMA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released new flood insurance maps for Dare County, including the Town of Duck. These maps are expected to be finalized within the next few months.

These new maps will affect many property owners in terms of building new homes or additions in flood zones, and will affect flood insurance rates.

FEMA regulations apply to all man-made activities in flood zones, from construction of buildings, pools, and

fences, to the installation of driveways and patios. The majority of construction in Duck is regulated by these FEMA rules and a Floodplain Development permit is required for all development activities in flood zones. This is to ensure compliance and allow the Town to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Owners of property affected by these revisions, should be aware of the NFIP's "Grandfather Rules" under which flood insurance premiums

can be determined based on the flood map in effect when the home was built, even though a new map places the home in a higher risk flood zone. Owners should ask their insurance agents for the lowest cost option after the new flood maps are adopted.

The preliminary flood maps, as well as publications on flood regulations and flood insurance, can be found at www.ncfloodmaps.com. Paper copies of the preliminary maps are available at the Town office.



Duck Town Council

- Neil Morrison, Mayor
- Monica Thibodeau, Mayor Pro Tem
- Nancy Caviness
- Denver Lindley
- Bart Smith

Duck Town Staff

- Christopher Layton, Town Manager
- Dale Hamilton, Chief of Police
- John Mascaro, Fire Chief
- Suzanne Cotellessa, Planning/Zoning Director
- T. Michael Goodwin, Building Inspector
- Lori Kopec, Deputy Town Clerk
- Kathy McCullough-Testa, PR/Special Events
- Sandy Cady, Administrative Assistant/
Zoning Technician
- Beth Garino, Administrative Assistant

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Town Web Site

Up-to-date information regarding various other news items, projects, committees, agendas, and minutes can be found online at the Town of Duck website at:

<http://www.townofduck.com>

The Town's website also has a calendar of events which details upcoming meetings and special Town events.

From our web page, you may request that your e-mail address be added to our Town's "Subscriber List" to receive periodic e-mail updates regarding Town news and events.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Town Council: Council meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (as needed) in the Town Offices.

Planning Board: The Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Offices, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.

Spring Cleanup: A Town spring clean-up will be held again this year. Look for details and volunteer information on the Town web site.

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