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## Market Outlook

— *Debbie Price*

The National Association of Realtors says it's a great time to buy real estate for several reasons:

1. Interest rates are still near historic lows. If you wait to purchase property, interest rates may be higher, meaning your mortgage payments will be higher. While no one can predict the future, interest rates are low right now.
2. Prices, for the most part, have stabilized. According to Alan Greenspan, there is a positive outlook since "most of the negatives in housing are probably behind us." If you are thinking of delaying a purchase in order to "time the market just right" and get a better price, that is almost impossible to do with any accuracy. Only in hindsight can even the experts pin point when a market turns.
3. During the past decade real estate has been a fantastic investment. Remember what you paid for a house ten years ago anywhere in the U.S.? What would you have to pay for a similar property today?

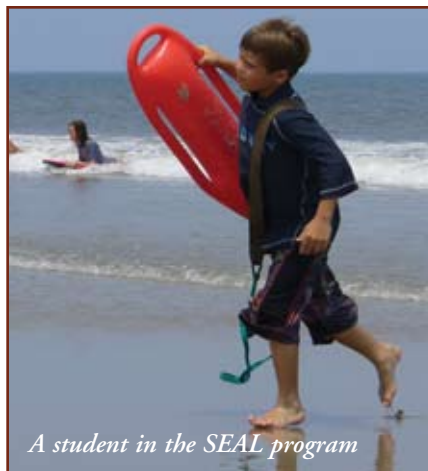
"...it's a great time to buy..."

I believe that all of these points are very true, and that it is a wonderful time to buy real estate. However, I think that people invest in Outer Banks real estate not only for the potential appreciation and tax breaks, but because this is a beautiful place to spend time with family and friends. Memories made here will last a lifetime, something you cannot say about a stock investment. I came to the Outer Banks more than thirty years ago, fell in love with it and decided to make this my home. If you don't already own a piece of this paradise, there's no better place for a home.

## CCV Teams Up With Corolla Ocean Rescue

— *Sylvia Wolff, Supervisor of Corolla Ocean Rescue*

Corolla Ocean Rescue's Safety Education and Aquatic Learning (or SEAL) program is celebrating its third year in existence with record growth once again! The SEAL program, hosted by the local lifeguards, is a weekly two-hour program that teaches children about ocean conditions, emergency situations, and basic lifeguarding skills. The Wildlife Education Center (located just south west of the Lighthouse) joined up with Corolla Ocean Rescue this year to compliment the program with a segment on local ocean wildlife as well. The program takes place on the beach where participants build their own rip current models, go through mock emergency scenarios, and learn to handle rescue buoys and line pulls. They also compete in a mini-lifeguard Olympics and they learn to identify various shells and wildlife.



*A student in the SEAL program*

The program boasted over 125 participants during the July 4th week; an all-time record for the program. Attendance continues to grow each year. The program is offered free-of-charge, thanks to Currituck County and the program's many local sponsors, including Corolla Classic Vacations. More information is available at [www.corollafireandrescue.com](http://www.corollafireandrescue.com).

## New Staff

— Kathleen Reilly

### Nichole Politi

Nichole enthusiastically joined our Reservations staff in October of 2006. From northern Virginia, she grew up 15 minutes from DC where she enjoyed the close proximity to both the city and the mountains. Nichole and her husband Tony live in Corolla with their 3 dogs Giger, Sara, and Murray as well as a cat named Kitty. Her favorite activities include beach romping with the dogs, NASA pro road racing, and cooking – specifically Thai, Indian and Italian foods. Nichole is a huge Washington Redskins fan but we try not to hold that against her.



### Andrew Meisner

Andrew has been a member of our Maintenance crew since October of 2006. He and his girlfriend Donna live in Kill Devil Hills. Andrew hails from Daytona Beach, FL, Reading, MA, and most recently Hampton Roads, VA which, he tells us, is appropriately named as it has the highest concrete and asphalt area coverage per capita in the whole universe. Andrew enjoys traveling, specifically to B&B's, casinos, and amusement parks.



### Keith Cunningham

Keith joined the maintenance department in March of 2007. He and his wife Danielle live on a catamaran sail boat in Manteo. Keith is from Prince George, VA which is just south of Richmond, however he's lived in the Outer Banks area for the last 12 years. In his spare time, Keith enjoys sailing and working on his boat.



## FedEx Courier's Route Saved

— Kathleen Reilly

His smile lights up every room he enters. His greetings to everyone present are gregarious and genuine. His laughter is more than contagious; it's infectious. He is Willie Bell, our FedEx courier. But more than that, he is our friend.

Willie's route every day consists of driving from Virginia Beach to deliver packages to customers in the Outer Banks. Approximately two months ago, a change in strategy by FedEx management brought about by the coming introduction of FedEx flight operations into Manteo, resulted in a potential transfer of Willie's route. Willie was told he must take a route closer to his home in Virginia Beach; a route he did not want to take. After 18 years of dedication and loyalty, and more recently a special acknowledgement video to Willie on the FedEx website, <http://www.fedexstories.com/> (click on Va. Beach on the globe for his story), it became clear that even the very best employees can experience job upheaval.

As word got out of the certainty that Willie would lose his Outer Banks route, the battle to "save Willie" began with a vengeance.



## Employee Promotions

— Denise Graham

### Kathleen Reilly, Director of Marketing and Communications

You have known Kathleen Reilly as Eddie's and my assistant for the past three years. In January, a new position was created and Kathleen was given the reins to head it. She was promoted to the Marketing and Communications Department. Kathleen is in charge of all our print advertising, web advertising, virtual tours and brochure production. No small feat. She also coordinates with and advises on wireless internet, virtual tours and other marketing efforts between you and vendors. Kathleen assists with keeping the office communication lines operating with our web server and general computer troubleshooting.



### Susan Mason, Director of Finance

Most of you know Susan Mason as she is the person who has been sending you your Owner's Statements and money for the past three years. Susan began as a Reservationist five years ago and was promoted to Bookkeeper three years ago. After three years of working with Jim Hayes, she deserved a promotion. Ha, ha, ha! Seriously, Susan has done a great job and has advanced within the position. Her knowledge of the trust accounting and company's finances made it easy for us to ask her to take over the finance department.



*Congratulations to both of you, your hard work is appreciated!*

### Jim Hayes, Retired

Jim was our Director of Finance but retired in July and moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Jim will enjoy meeting new people, some time on the boat and many frustrating hours of golf. We wish Jim and Roz the best of luck!

Emails were sent to FedEx top management en masse opposing the move. Petitions were signed by hundreds of people and forwarded to the same group of executives. Long-term FedEx customers threatened to switch carriers if Willie's route was changed. Would our voices be heard?

On July 31st, letters were sent next-day air from FedEx Vice President of Central Region Operations, Michael St. Martin to those who communicated their opposition. The letter declared that a contingency shuttle between Virginia Beach and the Outer Banks would be maintained and that Willie Bell will remain behind the wheel! St. Martin wrote that, "At the same time we continue to make such system improvements, we recognize the value our employees bring as the

daily face of FedEx." We look forward to seeing Willie's smiling face for years to come!

## 2007 Relay For Life

Another successful Relay for Life took place at First Flight High School on May 19th & 20th, 2007. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the annual overnight event that raises money for the American Cancer Society. 31 teams from the Outer Banks area ran booths that ranged from selling waffles, turkey legs, smoothies, baseball cards and glow necklaces to Sumo wrestlers, Karaoke and a climbing wall. With tents littering the landscape, walkers made their pilgrimages around the track and attendees enjoyed the varied food items and fun activities. A multitude of bands provided the entertainment, the dual silent auction proved a popular gathering, and the late night bingo was a welcome reprieve for the campers. An especially emotional time of the evening came when the names of survivors of cancer as well as those who have lost their battle were read as luminaries provided light for the somber and reflective surroundings.

The Corolla Clubbers again currently top the list of local teams as far as amount of money raised at \$20,178.46. Our baseball-

themed team has worked diligently starting last November on this effort by selling hotdogs at Wal-Mart, having numerous bake sales, weekend beverage sales, and with our Relay booth which included selling hotdogs, popcorn, peanuts, and the vastly popular radar gun for local pitching talents (and some not-so-talents!). We are very aware, however, that a lot of our contributions come from many of you. We are truly grateful for your support of our efforts to fight this horrible disease that has affected so many of our lives. Thank you for helping all of us to make a difference.



*Serving up the hot dogs  
and having a ball at the  
Relay for Life '07.*

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## Corolla Ocean Rescue Takes 2nd At Regional Competition

— *Sylvia Wolff, Supervisor of Corolla Ocean Rescue*

After claiming the champion title at the local Outer Banks lifeguard Olympics for the last six years in a row, Corolla Ocean Rescue decided to send a team to the USLA regional competition to see how they stack up against teams from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. They sent a team of eight to compete in Virginia Beach, and placed an impressive second out of the eight teams in their division. The team consisted of first year guards Mike McAlpin (Mt Pleasant, MI), and Jess Koenig (Shelby, NC); second-year veterans Brian Burkhardt (Warsaw, NC), Mike Hudson (Southern California), and Jacob McCafferty (Round Rock, TX); third-year veteran Jeremy Lindauer (Roan Mountain, TN); fourth-year veteran Catherine Parks (Winston-Salem, NC); and eight-year veteran Sylvia Wolff (Columbus, OH.)



*back: Mike Hudson, Jeremy Lindauer*

*front: Mike McAlpin, Jake McCafferty, Brian Burkhardt, Sylvia Wolff, Jess Koenig, Catherine Parks*



*Jess Koenig placing second in the women's run-swim-run event.*

The Lifeguard Olympics involves lifeguarding events that test agility, skill in equipment handling, rescue strategy, and pure athleticism. Corolla Ocean Rescue placed first, second, or third in the following events: the landline, the

run-swim-run, the 4x100 beach run, beach flags, the rescue relay, the board rescue relay, and the surf swim.

The squad also sent the team to the Nationals in Myrtle Beach in mid-August to challenge teams from all over the United States. The results can be found at [www.USLA.org](http://www.USLA.org) or [www.corollafireandrescue.com](http://www.corollafireandrescue.com).

## Fish On!!!

— *Malissa S. Suggs*

One of the most popular beach activities for vacationers to the Outer Banks is fishing – surf fishing, sound fishing and charter boat fishing. You can walk out on the beach any day, rain or shine, and find poles lined up for as far as the eye can see. The waters off the coast of the Outer Banks and the waters of the sounds are some of the best fishing areas on the East Coast.

But before you clean up all your rods, reels, tackle and lucky fishing garb, you need to be aware of a new law that went into effect January 1, 2007. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Division of Marine Fisheries-now requires all fishermen/women who recreationally fish in coastal waters of North Carolina to obtain a Coastal Recreational Fishing License. Now don't go and get your spinner baits all up in a wad! This license is easy to obtain and inexpensive.

The license can be purchased for a 10-day, annual or lifetime basis. It can also be combined with other fishing/hunting licenses issued by the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission. The 10-day non-resident license costs \$10.00 and can be purchased 4 different ways.

1. Call the Wildlife Resources Commission-1-888-248-6834 Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

2. Visit the Wildlife Resources Commission website-[www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) and click on "purchase license".

3. Stop by a Wildlife Service Agent-located in most bait & tackle shops, hunting goods and sporting goods stores and larger chain stores across the state-locally the Wal-Mart in Kitty Hawk.

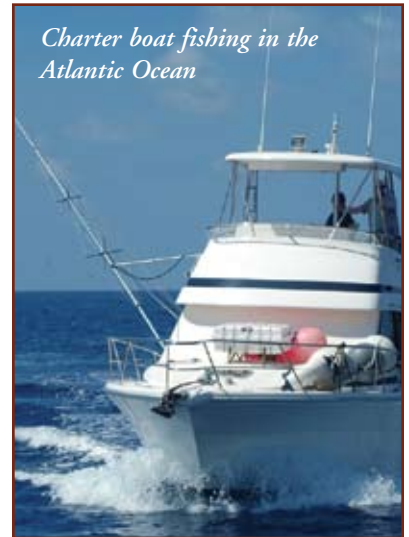
4. Stop by a Division of Marine Fisheries office.

If you are planning on charter boat fishing, no license is required. Contact Keith, Jill or any of their knowledgeable staff at Corolla Bait & Tackle. Their numbers are 252-453-9500 or 252-453-9690. They have 2 convenient locations-Corolla Light Town Center and the Harris Teeter shopping center at the Currituck Club main entrance. I'm sure they will be glad to assist you with all your fishing needs. While you are there, give Petey (their French bulldog) a hug for me.

The proceeds from the sale of the licenses goes to manage, protect, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve and/or enhance North Carolina's marine resources.

Tight lines and good fishing! Fish On!!

*Charter boat fishing in the Atlantic Ocean*



## Keep Our Beaches Clean

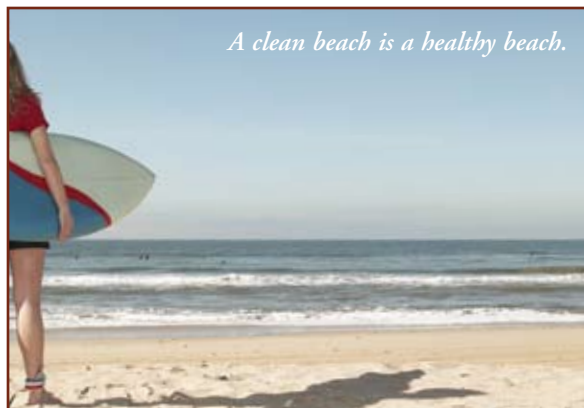
— Nancy Russell

Remember the commercial with the Indian crying because the land was littered and polluted? I am amazed that nearly 30 years later, we, as a society, are not doing much better. Well just imagine you're at your favorite beach wiggling your feet in the sand, sifting a handful of shells to look at, and listening to the seagulls' plaintive cries. Ouch! You slice your toe on a broken beer bottle. Yuk! There are more cigarette butts than shells in your hand.

**FACT:** Cigarettes are the most littered item in America. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate tow, NOT COTTON, and they can take decades to degrade. Not only does cigarette litter ruin even the most picturesque setting, but the toxic residue in cigarette filters is damaging to the environment. Cigarette butts also present a threat to wildlife. Cigarette filters have been found in the stomachs of fish, birds, whales and other marine creatures who mistake them for food ... Composed of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic, cigarette butts can persist in the environment as long as other forms of plastic.

**SIMPLE SOLUTION....**Take along an empty water or soda bottle for your butts and pitch it at the end of your day.

**FACT:** Dog feces left on the beach eventually finds its way into our natural waterways, contaminating and spoiling our swimming and fishing recreational areas. Current research has shown that dog feces are one of our major water pollutants. Pet waste contains



harmful bacteria and organisms that can spread disease. Guess what; it's the law, and it is a responsibility of all pet owners to properly dispose of their pet's waste.

**SIMPLE SOLUTION....** Take along a plastic grocery bag, pick up pet waste, seal it in a plastic bag, and dispose of it in trash cans.

**FACT:** Plastics which generally make up about 60 percent of trash are the worst offenders. An estimated 100,000 marine mammals and turtles are killed by plastic litter every year around the world.

Please do not leave your plastic cups & plates at the beach. If something gets away from you, make every effort to retrieve the item and dispose of it properly. If you go fishing, make sure you take all your trash home with you. That means all your bait bags and lunch wrappers and cans as well as any snagged line and worn-out gear like old nets.

**SIMPLE SOLUTION....**Take along a plastic grocery bag, gather up your trash and throw it away on your way back to your beach house.

**FACT:** E-Z Up Tents, baby pools, beach chairs and beach umbrellas are not bio-degradable. You leave them at the beach, high tide comes in and they are gone. Please take them with you when you leave the beach.

**SIMPLE SOLUTION...** If you don't want them, throw them away. I can honestly say I have never seen a fish using a beach umbrella.

## The Mid-Currituck Bridge-Fact Or Fiction

— Margaret Allen

Is it really going to happen, the construction of the bridge that will shorten your commute to the Outer Banks by approximately one hour to one and a half hours? According to the latest article in the North Beach Sun the project is moving forward. The momentum is due to the changing of the status of the bridge to a private/public partnership toll bridge which places the stewardship of this project under the North Carolina Turnpike Authority. There will be the required research and examination of all the alternatives to building the bridge, including widening SR 12 through Duck and Southern Shores, but this Authority has fewer projects on its plate so, hopefully, the bridge will get the attention it deserves.

Did you know that the concept of building the Mid-Currituck County bridge was first

proposed in 1972 by a group of NC State graduate students who outlined a development plan for Corolla, entitled the "Currituck Plan". Since that time the idea has been examined and kicked around by county commissioners, state representatives, public groups, private individuals, and everyone who sits on 158 on Saturdays and Sundays in season, waiting to cross the Wright Memorial Bridge and head north to Corolla.

Construction is slated for 2009 and the years of 2011 and 2014 are being kicked around as proposed completion dates for the bridge with a \$10 toll fee. I know there are some folks who will think that \$10 is too high but the old saying "time is money" fits into this equation. Let the vacations begin earlier and the ride home be shorter!

### No Vote on Corolla Incorporation

A state panel has recommended against holding a referendum on incorporation in Corolla, a move that effectively kills efforts to make the Currituck Outer Banks community a town. The N.C. Joint Legislative Commission on Municipal Incorporations voted unanimously to urge lawmakers not to approve the referendum. Playing a large role in the board's decision included a resolution from the Currituck Board of Commissioners taking a neutral stance on Corolla's incorporation as well as the overwhelming opposition of non-resident property owners.



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