

## **Building Committee**

HOA board member Evan Wittels reports ongoing projects are most of what is happening with the Ocean Dunes buildings and grounds.

Finished projects include the cleaning of the individual HVAC condensate systems and trash can washing. The saunas are now repaired and working.

Dryer vent cleaning continues.

Scopes for the buildings, including their painting, are in progress.

Good planning is a hallmark of how issues are being addressed and accomplished including:

Small issues still from Ian.

Landscaping by OD crew.

Dehumidifier, saunas, plumbing, electrical work at indoor pool and its facilities.

The 2100 elevator is on time in its completion schedule.

Hope that holds.

Sidewalk between 2200/2300 and rec center is in the work.

Committee  
Reports

## **Communication Committee**

The communication committee continues to provide interesting interviews of owners to the newsletter in addition to other community content. Thanks to Blossom for leading this effort.

The newsletter has evolved in a very positive way over the last year due to the efforts of Morgan to change the format and design. Thanks Morgan.

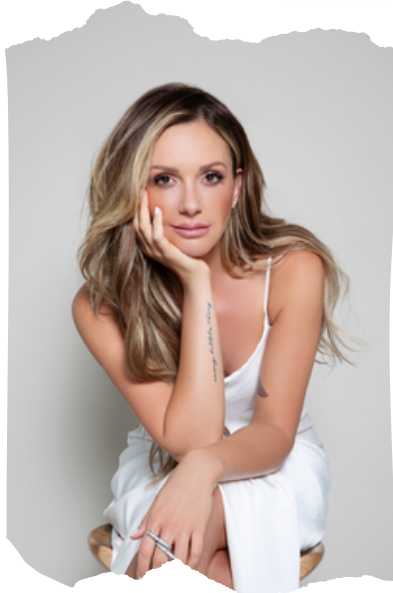
During the year we have been joined by Lawrence Braxton who has brought a great sense of community to the committee with many good suggestions.

We are always looking for more volunteers.

Thanks

CELEBRATING SINCE 1948  
NORTH CAROLINA  
**AZALEA FESTIVAL**  
IN THE  
CITY OF  
**WILMINGTON**  
NORTH CAROLINA

For a full list of the event schedule [click here](#)



**Carly Pearce**  
**Concert**  
THURSDAY, APRIL 13  
Event Time 7pm



**Tunes & Blooms Presented**  
**by Wilmington Grill**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 15  
Event Time 12pm



**Old Crow**  
**Medicine Show**  
**Concert**  
FRIDAY, APRIL 14  
Event Time 7pm

**Queen's Coronation**  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12  
Event Time 2pm



Come and See the Exceptional Artists at the Official Art Show of the Azalea Festival

**ART**  
*Show & Sale*

41ST ANNUAL JURIED SPRING SHOW & SALE

SHOW DATES: April 7 – April 16, 2023  
Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center  
120 S. Second Street, Wilmington, NC 28401

Opening Reception: Friday, April 7th ... 6 pm – 9 pm  
Saturday, April 8 – Saturday, April 15 ... 10 am – 5 pm  
Sunday, April 16th ... 10 am – 4 pm

Presented by the  
**WAA** Wilmington Art Association  
[www.wilmingtongallery.org](http://www.wilmingtongallery.org)

Opening Reception sponsored by **BEYOND BALANCE**

Designed by **MellDesign.com**

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 15  
Event Time  
9pm

**NCAF**  
**Fireworks**

PRESENTED BY GORNING  
CREDIT UNION

# Zeke's Island Estuarine Reserve

Established in 1985 and located 22 miles south of Wilmington, Zeke's Island is unique in that the terrain of this reserve is lagoon-like, and is one of the most unusual spots along the coastline. Though formally known as the "Zeke's Island Estuarine Reserve," the 1,635 acre site is actually comprised of a network of islands, which includes Zeke's Island, North Island, No Name Island, a beach barrier spit, and extensive and ever-changing fringing marshes and tidal flats that can change shape with an incoming or outgoing tide.



## Accessing Zeke's Island Estuarine Reserve

Unlike its larger reserve neighbor to the north – Masonboro Island – Zeke's Island Reserve is fairly easy to reach for virtually all Cape Fear area visitors. Explorers can take US 421 from the heart of Wilmington all the way south to the tip of Federal Point, where a public boat ramp that's managed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is waiting. The New Hanover County Parks and Recreation Department also maintains a pedestrian beach facility, for walkers and hikers who want to patrol the shoreline, as well as a vehicular dune crossover which is situated close to the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

4WD vehicles may be allowed to cruise down the beaches, and more information on driving regulations for visitors can be found online at <http://www.nccoastalreserve.net/web/crp/zekes-island>.



# Things to Do on Zeke's Island Estuarine Reserve

Once on the island(s) – regardless of mode of transportation to get there – visitors will be treated to a wide variety of things to do to make their natural exploration simply extraordinary.

**Hiking** – There are rustic nature trails located on the northern edge of the reserve, which allows visitors to explore a collection of varying habitats with a single leisurely stroll. In addition, visitors can patrol the beaches while enjoying ocean waves and decent shelling, or can enjoy an exploration of the harder-to-reach North Island, which is the largest and most ecologically diverse of the three major island components. Hikers will want to avoid the isolated No Name Island, simply because the ensuing terrain is soggy and hard to navigate under the best conditions.

**Beaching** – The shoreline of Zeke's Island is fantastic and nicely uncrowded, thanks to miles of wide beaches to go around. Enjoy a full day of sunning and swimming, but use caution when entering the ocean waters – there are no lifeguarded beaches in the reserve, and few crowds, so visitors will inevitably swim at their own risk.

**Shelling** – Zeke's Island is a prime destination for shelling, due to its isolation and lack of development. Try to plan a shelling expedition around low tide, or a couple days after a storm, for the best chance of acquiring North Carolina treasures like whelks, olive shells, sand dollars, and the rare Scotch Bonnets.

**Kayaking** - Zeke's Island is well known as a paradise for paddlers, thanks to endless marshy trails that circle isolated islands where the wildlife watching is nothing short of outstanding. Launch from the eastern edge of Federal Point or anywhere along the western edge of the island (close to The Basin) to avoid maritime traffic, and to enjoy miles of secluded marshes and impromptu paddle trails.

**Fishing** – The waters that surround the western edges of the Zeke's Island Estuarine Reserve are popular with inshore fishermen, and it's easy for visitors to join in the fun. The area is well-known as a great spot for kayak fishermen, and a wide range of species – including flounder, mackerel, mullet, and pompano – can be pulled in from the waters. Just be sure and have a North Carolina Saltwater Fishing License in hand before casting a line.

**Birdwatching** – Because of its reputation as one of the most important shorebird habitats in southern North Carolina, it should come as no surprise that the Zeke's Island Reserve is a spectacular destination for birdwatchers. Look for both common and more unusual / threatened species along the tidal flats, ocean beaches and marshes, such as black-bellied plovers, short-billed dowitchers, white ibis, great blue herons, black ducks, mallards, and pintails.

**Photography** – Nature lovers and artists will fall in love with the Zeke's Island Estuarine Reserve, due to its network of secluded landscapes where the local wildlife comes into focus. Take a waterproof camera and a kayak to explore the small salty channels on the western edge of the reserve, or just hit the beach around sunrise / sunset, (depending on the time of year), for fantastic ocean views without the crowds or neighboring Carolina Beach and Kure Beach.



# Important Information/Reminders

- **STAY OFF THE DUNES.** This is a town ordinance, please make sure that your guests and renters are aware.
- Only owners are permitted to have pets. Renters and guests are not permitted to have pets at OD.
- Please pick up after your dog when you walk them.
- Grilling is NOT ALLOWED on the decks or inside the carports. The use of a grill within 20 feet of the building is against fire code and will result in a fine.
- Extension cords cannot be used when charging golf carts. This is against the fire code and will result in a fine if an extension cord is found being used.
- Please make sure all your contact information (including mailing address) is up to date in the owner portal.
- All owners need to have an Ocean Dunes Parking sticker in their vehicle front window. You can pick these up at the Rec Center if you need one. This is not new, and the stickers have not changed. This is just a friendly reminder.
- Please make sure when you have someone renting your unit that you provide them with the proper parking and rec center passes. You can pick these up at the rec center as well.
- **Please remember that CAMS needs to have a key or a key code to access your unit in an emergency. If you change the key or the code, please advise the CAMS on site management team and provide this information.**



## Important Contact Information

- Rec Center/HOA Office 910-239-1370 (option 1)
- CAMS Customer Support 910-239-1370 (option 2)
- After Hours Emergency Line 910-239-1370 (option 2)
- Insurance Certificate Request: NCCondo@mcgriff.com
- Kure Beach PD "non-emergency" 910-452-6120
- Kure Beach Fire Department 910-458-2014
- Kure Beach Public Works 910-458-5816
- Kure Beach Animal Control 910-798-7500
- Duke Energy 800-419-6356
- Kure Beach Water/Sewer 910-458-5816
- Spectrum (Cable/Internet) 855-855-8679

## Management Staff

Community Manager - Mike Brown

Assistant Community Manager - Morgan Kobelia

Maintenance Lead - Siobhan Wilson

Maintenance Tech - Pete Derrick

Maintenance Tech - Bryan Barton

Rec Center Attendant - Olivia Granquist

Rec Center Attendant - Zach Pearce

Rec Center Attendant - Tracer Malray

## Board of Directors

Steve Channell - President

Evan Wittels - Vice President

Debbie Stock - 2nd Vice President

Dave Bianchi - Secretary

Mark Sposato - Treasurer

Gene Costa - Assistant Treasurer



•The Ocean Dunes website

<https://oceandunesresortnc.com/>

•The PRIVATE Ocean Dunes Owners Group Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/324887891854120>

•Town of Kure Beach:

<https://www.townofkurebeach.org/>

\*NOTE: To register for alerts, look to the upper right corner for the tab "Register for Alerts" and click to receive email and/or texts from the town regarding storms, etc.

•Kure Beach Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/42704092681>

•Kure Beach Pier:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=kure%20beach%20pier>

•Carolina Beach Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/places/Things-to-do-in-Carolina-Beach-North-Carolina/109744462385819/>

•Town of Carolina Beach:

<https://www.carolinabeach.org/>

•Carolina & Kure Beach Locals:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1122812144558265>

## Facility Hours of Operation

HOA Office:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rec Center  
(indoor pool, hot tub,  
sauna & fitness center)  
7 days a week  
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Outdoor Pools:  
NOW OPEN  
9 a.m. - Dusk