

OCEAN DUNES

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ODHOA MEETING SCHEDULE

September 16, 2023

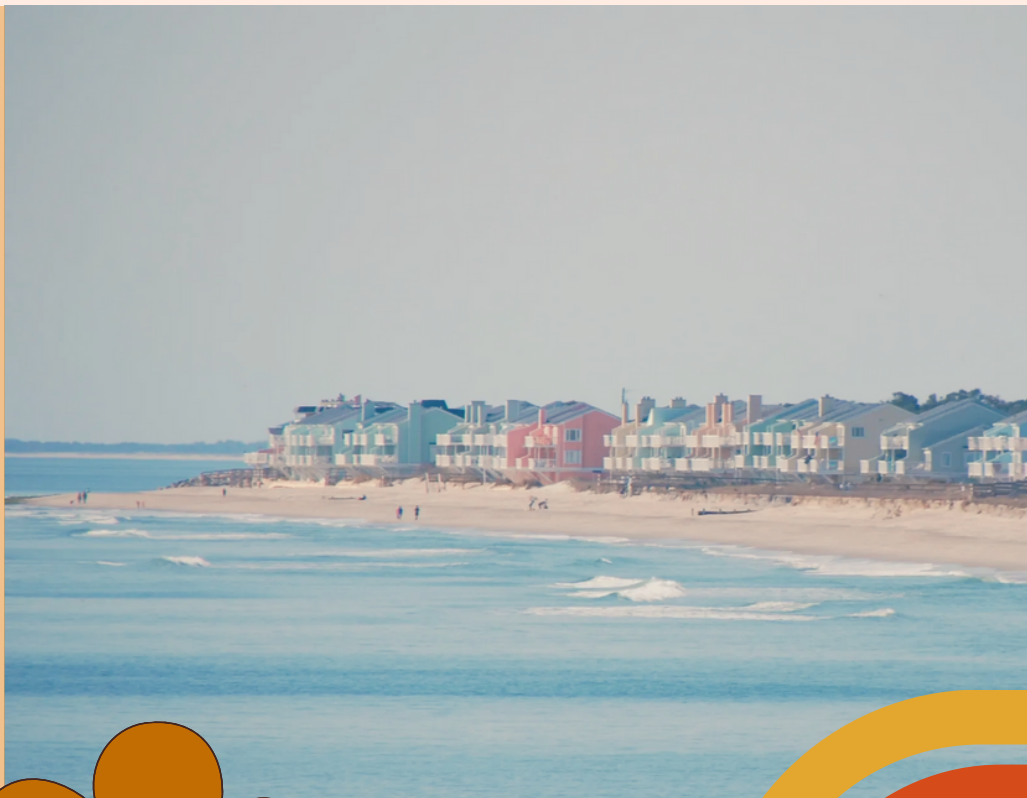
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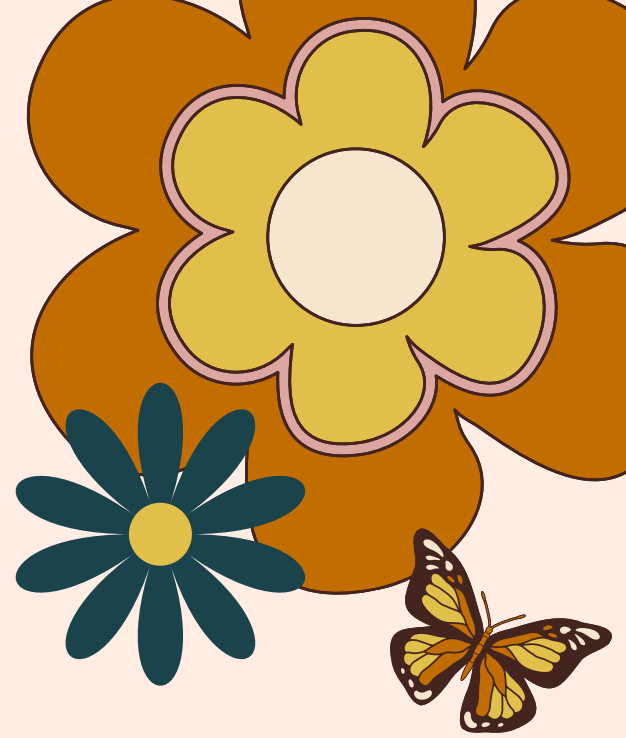
January 13, 2024

March 9, 2024

May 4, 2024
Annual Meeting

**Zoom links will
be sent out prior
to each meeting**





Meet Our Neighbor David & Betsy Rowland

David and Betsy Rowland, our Ocean Dunes neighbors in 904, love being at their place as much as they can. Betsy, especially, takes a hands-on approach to ownership and is an active participant in discussions regarding our community. Her positive approach is appreciated by other residents and with the board, with whom she has a great reputation for being in the know about what's going on and having suggestions to make our place as good as it can be.

The Rowlands hail from Gastonia, near Charlotte, and come down often. Their ultimate goal is to retire early and move to OD permanently. They "knew" each other in school growing up, but didn't start dating until after graduation. They have been together ever since. They started coming to the area many years ago. David's best friend's grandparents had one of the lovely, longtime beach cottages in Kure Beach, on 3rd, and Betsy and David came one weekend and immediately "fell in love with it." After that initial introduction, they started coming to vacation there for years. At that time, it was a "dream" to have their own place. Eventually, they started renting at Ocean Dunes along with their family and, by 2004, they concluded they knew they really wanted/needed to "buy something." Keeping that in mind until 2010, when the market was down, they looked at three units that July. By September, they found the right place for them. So, on September 30, 2010, they bought 904. The date is easy to remember as September 30th is David's birthday. Two reasons to celebrate!



The Rowlands grew up in Gastonia and have close ties there. David graduated from UNC-Charlotte with a BS in Biology (major) and Chemistry (minor). He has worked in the water treatment for the city since 1995 and is currently the Assistant Division Manager for Water Quality and Compliance there. He has watched this "town" outside of Charlotte become a thriving, stand-alone city with all the responsibilities that entails. He takes his work seriously and appreciates the respite that Ocean Dunes' stays lend.



Betsy is a proud 1992 graduate from the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte. As any of we longtime North Carolinians know, "Presbyterian," as it is admiringly called, is one of the most prestigious, well-thought-of medical facilities in the state. Upon graduation, she spent two years at the hospital, followed by 29 years in Home Health Care. Some new, exciting news from Betsy: Last week during the interview, she revealed that she has accepted a position in Wilmington at the Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center as a nurse case manager. She began her work on August 21. This is another step toward fulfilling the Rowlands' dream of permanent residency.

David and Betsy love their location here: the south end and the convenience of being close, but with the luxury of not being crowded. They enjoy not having yard maintenance and have formed friendships with several good neighbors. David loves to fish and can be spotted most days when he's here surf fishing between Buildings 900 and 1000. You will know him by the visor he always has on! He is available for advice on fishing and other subjects and he's eager to educate. We can all use some of that. Both enjoy hunting for sharks teeth and other fossils.

Betsy and David dote on their "furbabies" and love having them with them. Many happy times are spent in their company, on walks and just being together.

Betsy states, "As long as I can have this view [of the ocean from their deck], I will sacrifice." The entire Ocean Dunes community wishes you well and that you are able to fulfill your dream of living full-time in our piece of heaven.

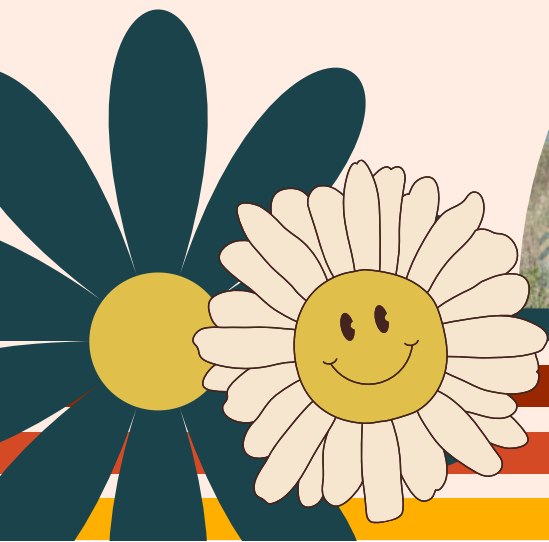


KURE BEACH PIER

Kure Beach Pier is a destination for many seacoast visitors from Wilmington and the beaches up and down the North and South Carolina coasts. Known for its exceptional fishing, the pier is extremely picturesque and has a unique history, including the distinct honor of being the oldest fishing pier on the Atlantic coast.

The original pier was built in 1923 by L.C. Kure (yes—that family for which our town is named) who wanted to create a place for families to come and enjoy the beauty of the surrounding beach and small-town beach life with the pier being the centerpiece.

Within a year, the initial 120' foot long pier was destroyed by the work of burrowing marine life and was replaced with a 240' foot long structure with reinforced concrete. Completed in 1924, this pier was a local institution until 1954's Hurricane Hazel completely wiped it off the map. It was rebuilt and stood again for nearly 30 years until 1984's Hurricane Diane swept through and took half the pier with her. Then in 1996, Hurricane Bertha wreaked havoc once again, leaving nothing. The current pier was built by the grandson of L.C. Kure who went back to the original design of a three-piling structure, but raised the elevation to 26 feet above the ocean. This design has worked well over the nearly ten years it has been standing, despite brushes with other hurricanes and weather-related issues that are a part of being directly on the ocean





A healthy walk from Ocean Dunes Resort, the pier is free for walking and has the best 360 degree vantage point on Pleasure Island. There's a concession stand, an arcade, and a souvenir shop full of must-have kitsch.

Of course, the main draw is the fishing and our pier brings in folks from everywhere with its reputation for excellent catches, be it flounder, pompano, drum, spots, sharks, blues, and king mackerel. There are fishing tournaments on a regular basis for all levels of skills, a favorite being the Cape Fear Disabled Sportsman's Fishing Tournament held every April. This tourney regularly attracts 300 entries. Other specialized tournaments for young people and women only bring avid participants to our beach. The fee for fishing is usually \$5.00 per person for one rod and reel, with a sliding scale for king mackerel multiple rod fishing and shark fishing.

The pier house facilities include bathrooms for most of the year. Kure Beach Pier is family friendly and no alcohol is allowed. For further information, call 910-458-5524 or, better yet, stop by and see for yourself.

