

December 2025
Monthly Newsletter

OCEAN DUNES HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION

Happy Holidays!

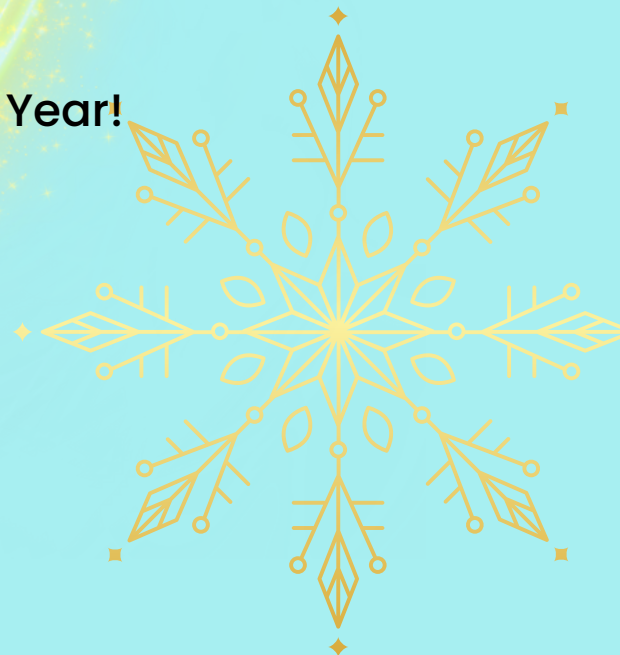
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Happy Hannukah!

Happy Kwanzaa!



Holiday Happenings



Pleasure Island New Year's Eve Celebration, December 31

The New Year's Celebration is always held on New Year's Eve and begins at 9 PM. The location rotates between Carolina & Kure Beaches. Don't miss the giant beach ball being dropped at midnight followed by a spectacular fireworks demonstration. This year the event will be held at the Carolina Beach Boardwalk.

This free family-friendly event will feature a DJ and dancing with refreshments and party favors available for purchase.





Pleasure Island Tour of Homes, December 13

Take a self guided tour through some of Pleasure Island's (Carolina & Kure Beaches) most beautiful homes when they are decorated for the holidays. Enjoy southern hospitality at its best as the owners welcome you into the privacy of their homes for this special holiday treat.

The Tour of Homes is always the third Saturday after Thanksgiving and occurs from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. Tickets will be available at businesses on Pleasure Island.



Christmas Flotilla – Saturday 12/6/2025

Fishing boats and pleasure craft decorated with thousands of lights present a spectacular display on the Intracoastal Waterway. They cruise from Snows Cut to the Carolina Beach Boat Basin and back. The boats compete for prizes and add to the wonderful holiday spirit.

The flotilla always takes place on the second Saturday after Thanksgiving and begins at 6 PM. A panel of judges will be on hand to choose the winners. All are encouraged to participate in text voting for your favorite boat to determine the winner of the People's Choice award. Bring the family and enjoy the evening at Carolina Beach.



Christmas Parade – Friday 12/5/2025



The Island Christmas Parade is Friday, December 5th, with floats, bands and Santa Claus. The parade will head north on Lake Park Blvd in Carolina Beach and conclude at the Publix intersection. Lake Park is transformed into a winter wonderland filled with dazzling floats, toe-tapping bands, and a special appearance by Santa Claus! The parade kicks off at 7:00 PM and runs until 9:00 PM.



The Kure Beach Christmas Palm Tree Lighting event is happening at Kure Beach Ocean Front Park on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at dark. It is a unique coastal tradition to officially start the holiday season. The event is part of the larger "Island of Lights" festival.



*Merry
Christmas*

Meet your Neighbors - Andice and Johan Lucas



Meeting Andice and Johan Lucas, our neighbors in the 2100 Building, is a beautiful experience. These two people personify love and commitment. Their story is fascinating despite Andice's declaring, "I don't think we have led really BIG lives." Here's thinking that, after reading their life stories, one will beg to differ, beginning with their country of origin...South Africa.



Our family on the deck of our new home

The Lucases grew up in different areas of South Africa, surrounded by family. After they married, the two stayed and worked in South Africa before making the decision to move to the States. Johan's background is in banking, insurance, and IT, thus making his move to Charlotte, NC, advantageous for both him and the organization he joined. In 1993, he went to work for Nations Bank as a consultant on their Model Banking project.

In this capacity he traveled frequently to various states with Andice and their two children (Annemie, now 34, and Joubert, now 36) in tow. It was a fulfilling family life with them being able to be together most of the time rather than just when Johan was not traveling for work. This cohesive spirit is still in play today, with Annemie in Wilmington and Joubert in Minnesota.

Meet your Neighbors - continued.....

Johan's work eventually took the family to Minnesota in 1996 for a position with US Bank where he continue to advance until he became Vice president responsible for Strategic Planning, Back Office Systems. In this capacity, he consulted with banks all over the world regarding the needs for having the most efficient back office in the banking industry. Andice started working at US Bank in 2004 and as a project manager she was responsible for many enterprise wide projects spanning multiple platforms with multiple teams contributing at the same time. She later became a development group manager (Assistant Vice President) managing the Base24 development teams responsible for the software running on the largest ATM network. Minnesota International Airport made their lives easier with easy connections to where their work took the family. Andice always jokes and that with so many engineers in the family "she is the beauty and they are the brains!"



Bosun - Johan's service dog. Cute as a button!.



Oh, the stories these two can tell of their fascinating lives. They are charmed, as well as charming, perhaps that is why so many opportunities for adventure and unique experiences have come their way. People throughout the world have naturally been drawn to these enchanting people. They have stayed in opulent quarters all over the world without paying "opulent" prices. There is just something about them that is so appealing. Oh! One regret, if there has to be one, is when a friend in Minnesota offered to get a local singer/musician to play at daughter Annemie's teenage birthday party. The offer was politely turned down. The singer? Prince! It's still a fabulous story, Andice.

Meet your Neighbors - continued.....

The Lucas family had vacationed at many beach towns along the East Coast, but never in the Wilmington area. When thinking about retirement, they initially were drawn to Kill Devil Hills; later, upon closer examination, they realized it was not the "fit" for them as a fulltime residence. Andice happened to catch an article about the "Top 10 Beaches for Families," taking note of the Wilmington area being a cool place for families.

In January, 2019, the Lucas family flew down to get a feel for the area. They ended up staying in Carolina Beach and were not "all that impressed"; so much so that they decided to head back to Minnesota earlier than planned. Andice describes: "On the way to the airport on Thursday, I spontaneously said, 'Can we drive to the end of the island?' So we turned around and decided to stay until Sunday. We saw the pier and walked to the end, where we could see Kure Beach shore on either side. While on the pier, Joubert exclaimed, 'Mom, look, there's your favorite dove!'" Andice's favorite bird is a dove and it seemed, as if by divine intervention, a dove appeared in a place where seagulls, terns, and pelicans are the norm, NOT doves.

Johan and Andice looked at one another and said, "This may be it!" In the ensuing years, they made several visits, staying a month/months at a time in Ocean Dunes condos, while still traveling worldwide extensively. Then covid hit... They isolated together here, while continuing to search for the optimum place for them. Their persistence and faith paid off. They found the unit in 2100 which, with renovations, met their wants and needs.



Annemie skydiving



Johan and Joubert rappelling off Table Mountain, SA

Since January 31, 2025, Johan and Andice have called Ocean Dunes home. Nothing brings them more joy than their daily walks together. Their deck has a superb view, with our beloved "rocks" directly in front of their building. Having the quietude that is our place in which to relax, Andice finds serenity in her morning cup of coffee on the deck where she can "talk with the Lord." Their parting words, which speak so much to them and their home: "I'll say goodbye here."





Ocean Dunes Cooks!

Glazed Ham

After so much turkey, ham sounds good. Hams are on sale before Christmas and are a great way to feed a crowd with plenty of leftovers for sandwiches. In parentheses are suggested substitutes should no mango chutney or port be in the cupboard.

1 BIG bone-in smoked ham (not spiral-cut) This is an economy cut.

1 cup pineapple juice

8 ounces orange marmalade

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup light brown sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Port (or sherry or red wine or grape/apple/cranberry juice)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Dijon mustard ($\frac{1}{4}$ cup yellow mustard)

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup mango chutney (any jelly/preserves + 1tbl vinegar + minced dried fruit/raisins)

Allow the ham to stand at room temperature for one hour. Cut off most of the dark outer layer on top of the ham, leaving all the fat. Score the fat diagonally in a diamond pattern without cutting down to the meat.

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Place the ham fat side up in a large, shallow roasting pan. Pour the pineapple juice over the ham and roast for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, prepare the glaze. Combine the marmalade, brown sugar, Port, mustard, and chutney in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over low heat, whisking to combine the ingredients, until the sugar has dissolved and the marmalade is melted. Set aside.

Spoon two thirds of the glaze over the ham. Raise the oven temperature to 325 degrees. Bake the ham for one hour, basting occasionally with the remaining glaze, until golden brown. Allow to rest for 30 minutes.

Committee Reports

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The 1000 Building reno is going along well, started on time, staying on time, thanks to Adrian and a crew of 9 working 6 days a week.

Many conversations with insurance reps. Latest discussions with the wind insurance employee who is the direct link with Lloyds of London.

Work orders being attended to by in-house maintenance.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The committee last met on November 19th, 2025 and discussed the upcoming December newsletter.

We discussed the need for owners to interview as content in the newsletter. If any owners want to be interviewed, please send me an email at davidbianchi@sbcglobal.net.

The December newsletter will have an article about Christmas and Holiday happenings in the area. There are lots of fun things to do in Kure Beach and Carolina Beach at this time of year.

Thanks to the members of the committee for their participation. They are Blossom Gardner, Laura Lee Kendziora, Laura Haring, Evan Wittels, and Mike Brown.



BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

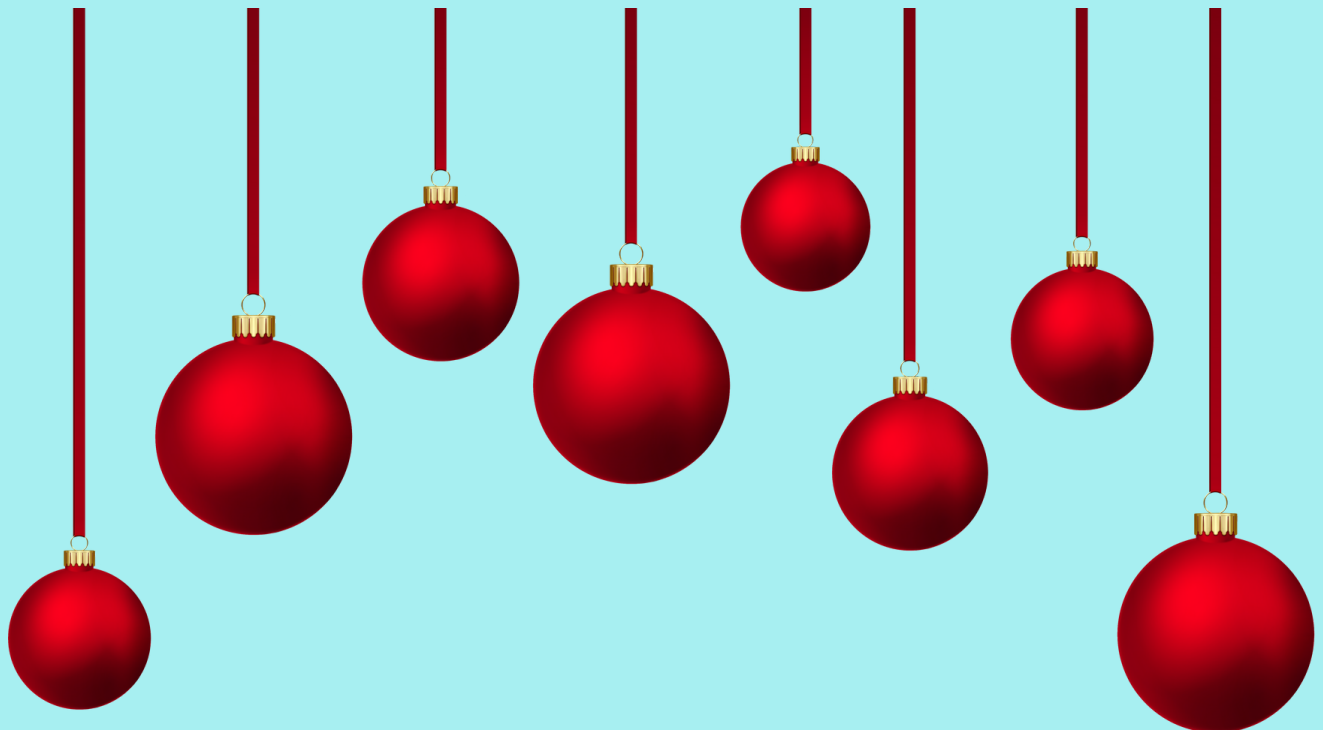
We recently responded to an inquiry from FEMA in regards to a grant we had applied for almost two years ago. They had some questions in regards to our request for funds and our grant application.

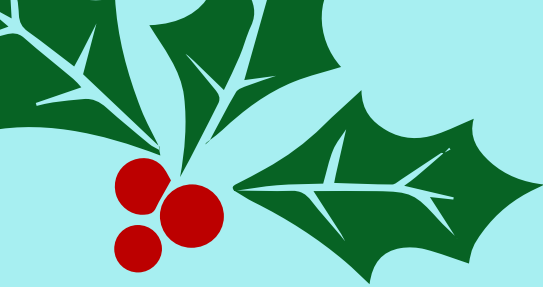
A response has been submitted to FEMA and we will keep the ODHOA updated on the progress of this grant application.

We also continue our advocacy work with the local and national government agencies and officials.

The renourishment project on our beaches has begun in Carolina Beach and Kure Beach had a meeting on Monday 11/17/2025 to discuss this project in Kure Beach.

The board also recently approved a contract with a coastal engineering company to do some preliminary work on a coastal protection plan that will be used in our advocacy efforts and in our grant applications.





AD-HOC COMMITTEE

The committee last met on October 14th, 2025 and our next meeting will be December 16th, 2025.

Funding for the project has been included in the 2026 budget with 50% of the project to begin in late Fall of 2026. The completion of the project would be in early 2027. This spreads the cost over 2 years.

The funding for this project is in the reserve funding that is part of the 2026 budget vote which is ongoing.

In early 2026 we will ask for approval to do a core sample of the area below the courts to see it's depth, content, and ability to support the courts.

Thanks to all the committee members who have participated in this study. We began this committee about a year ago and have come a long way since then.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Hobbs continues to work on pruning over the winter months. On 11/13 Mark and Evan did a property walk with Hobbs and CAMS. They identified trees, shrubs, and bushes that need to be pruned, removed, or relocated. Some of this will be done by Hobbs and some by maintenance.

In January we will meet with the company that handles tall trees and palms. Thank you to DeDe Sposato and Martina Doyle for joining the walk. They have also volunteered to start a program regarding the landscape islands to improve the look and condition of the buildings. Look for more information in the future and please if you're able to volunteer!

- 1/04** AMERICAN LEGION BBQ PLATE FUNDRAISER
- 2/14-2/20** ANTHONY'S WAY-ROAD TO KINDESS WALK A MILE 4 KINDNESS
- 2/22** ISLAND MEN MISSED PLEASURE ISLAND COURTYARD MARRIOTT
- 3/01** CB CENTENNIAL - I ♥ CB SCULPTURE CB MARINA
- 3/06** CB CENTENNIAL KICKOFF
- 3/08** CB CENTENNIAL GALA KINDRED
- 3/22** ISLAND MEN MAC & CHEESE FESTIVAL GOOD HOPS BREWING
- 3/29** OCEAN CURE NEON BIKE BRIGADE
- 4/19** ISLAND MEN BACKYARD BBQ COOKOFF BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC
- 4/26** KURE COMMUNITY FEST 11AM-3PM
- 5/04-10/19** BOOGIE IN THE PARK CONCERTS (1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS) OCEAN FRONT PARK 5-7PM
- 5/17-5/18** CAROLINA BEACH MURAL PROJECT CB100 MURALFEST CB LAKE
- 5/21-8/27** ISLAND WOMEN FLAMINGO BINGO
- 5/23-8/29** BOARDWALK BLAST FIREWORKS BY THE SEA (THURSDAYS)
- 5/24-10/4** CAROLINA BEACH MARKET (SATURDAYS) CAROLINA BEACH LAKE 8AM-1PM
- 5/25-8/31** MOVIES AT THE LAKE (SUNDAYS) CAROLINA BEACH LAKE AT DUSK
- 6/02-8/18** TURTLE TALK (MONDAYS) OCEAN FRONT PARK 7-8PM
- 6/03-8/19** KURE BEACH MARKET (TUESDAYS) OCEAN FRONT PARK 8AM-1PM
- 6/7-6/8** CAROLINA BEACH MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 6/11-8/13** STORY TIME BY THE SEA (WEDNESDAYS) OCEAN FRONT PARK 10-11AM
- 6/12-8/14** NEIGHBOR NIGHT (THURSDAYS) OCEAN FRONT PARK 6:30-7:30PM
- 6/14** GOOD HOPS 5K'ISH BEER RUN GOOD HOPS BREWING
- 8/02** OCEAN CURE LIFE ROLLS ON
- 8/08** BLAKESLEE CONCERT SERIES BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC 6:30-8:30PM
- 8/22** BLAKESLEE CONCERT SERIES BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC 6:30-8:30PM
- 9/06** CB CENTENNIAL FLOTILLA CB MARINA
- 9/07** CB CENTENNIAL FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC CB LAKE
- 9/07** BOOGIE IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES OCEAN FRONT PARK 5-7PM
- 9/12** BLAKESLEE CONCERT SERIES BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC 6:30-8:30PM
- 9/19-20** CAROLINA BEACH DRAGON BOAT REGATTA
- 9/21** BOOGIE IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES OCEAN FRONT PARK 5-7PM
- 9/20-21** ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL ART IN THE YARD
- 9/20** CAROLINA BEACH DRAGON BOAT REGATTA
- 9/26** BLAKESLEE CONCERT SERIES BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC 6:30-8:30PM
- 9/27** ISLAND MEN & GOOD HOPS BREWING OKTOBERFEST
- 10/03** KURE BEACH FAREWELL SUMMER JAZZ FUNERAL 7-9PM
- 10/05** PETS IN THE PARK CB LAKE 10AM-2PM
- 10/05** BOOGIE IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES OCEAN FRONT PARK 5-7PM
- 10/10** BLAKESLEE CONCERT SERIES BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC 6:30-8:30PM
- 10/19** BOOGIE IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES OCEAN FRONT PARK 5-7PM
- 10/24** BLAKESLEE CONCERT SERIES BLAKESLEE AIR FORCE REC 6:30-8:30PM
- 10/25** HALLOWEEN STORY TIME BY THE SEA OCEAN FRONT PARK 10-11AM
- 10/25** ISLAND MEN HALLOWEEN GOLF CART PARADE
- 11/7-9** CAPE FEAR KITE FESTIVAL
- 11/22** KURE BEACH HOLIDAY MARKET OCEAN FRONT PARK 9AM-3PM
- 11/28** ISLAND OF LIGHTS LIGHT UP THE LAKE
- 11/29** KURE BEACH HOLIDAY MARKET OCEAN FRONT PARK 9AM-3PM
- 12/05** CAROLINA BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE 7PM
- 12/06** ISLAND OF LIGHTS FLOTILLA 6PM
- 12/13** ISLAND OF LIGHTS TOUR OF HOMES
- 12/19** KURE BEACH HOLIDAY WHOOBIE WHATTY OCEAN FRONT PARK 6-8PM
- 12/20** HURRICANE ALLEY'S CB SANTA CRAWL 2-9PM
- 12/20** HOLIDAY STORY TIME BY THE SEA OCEAN FRONT PARK 11AM-12PM
- 12/31** ISLAND OF LIGHTS NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION IN KURE BEACH

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. -

8:00 p.m.*

Contact Information

• Rec Center/HOA Office	910-239-1370(opt. 1)
• CAMS Customer Support	910-239-1370(opt. 2)
• After Hours Emergency Line	910-239-1370(opt. 2)
• 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)	833-697-7328

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Rec Center Attendant (Sat) - Zach Pearce

Rec Center Attendant (Sun)- Chas Elbinger

*** Ocean Dunes Website:**

<https://oceandunesresortnc.com/>

•The PRIVATE Ocean Dunes Owners

Group Facebook page:

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Town of Kure Beach:

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

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receive email and/or texts from the
town regarding storms, etc.**

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•Carolina Beach Facebook Page:

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•Town of Carolina Beach:

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

•Carolina & Kure Beach Locals:

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