

**Town of Kure Beach**  
**Community Center Committee**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
June 9, 2026

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM by Ellen Owens. Other committee members in attendance were Christine Burrows, Shelley Germain, Alice Gilliland, and Mike McMahon. Town Council Commissioner Connie Mearkle, Recreation Department Director Nikki Keely, Recreation Department intern Hunter Lindsley, and the Town Clerk Beth Chase were also present.

**Approval of minutes:** The May committee minutes were approved.

**Admin Update (Beth Chase, Town Clerk):** Reminder that emails and text messages of a committee quorum (min of 4 members) is officially a meeting. Need 48-hour notice if we want to schedule an additional meeting.

**Town News:**

Connie Mearkle gave a brief update on town council activities. The budget hearing was last night (June 8<sup>th</sup>). Closing out the fiscal budget year is on June 30<sup>th</sup> (FY26).

**Facility Update [Recreation Department]:**

Nikki provided an update on recreational activities and the state of community center bookings. Things are busy with the highest rental rate yet.

The HVAC units at the Community Center had to be replaced recently.

**Community Center Old Business:**

Genealogy Interest Group (GIG): GIG continues to meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month, but June's event was cancelled due to conflicts.

Lectures:

Birding Lecture was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM on 8-10 bird varieties and included bird photos from local photographer. It was well attended and very informative.

**Community Center New Business:**

Artificial Intelligence Round Table Discussion: Proposed monthly event from 7-8:30p. The committee agreed that the best initial topic will be an invited expert overview. Mike McMahon is the lead committee member to organize and host, and a sub-committee will be considered. Mike will look at dates and options to kick it off.

## **Upcoming Events, Lectures, and Classes:**

### Ping Pong:

Next Ping Pong tournament is scheduled for Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-5PM.

The next Pick-up Ping Pong date is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to some inconsistencies, Christine Burrows will take the lead on this event.

### Pasta Classes:

May 31<sup>st</sup> Community Center Committee Trial Pasta Making Class was very helpful in testing some efficiencies and new supplies. Several committee members helped with the cooking process which went very smoothly.

June 14<sup>th</sup> pasta class: The class is full. Alice Gilliland has the lead, and Shelley Germain will help support.

July 12<sup>th</sup> pasta class: Due to the level of interest, a second class has been set up for July 12<sup>th</sup>. Alice Gilliland has the lead, and Mike McMahon and Christine Burrows will be there to help support.

We plan to teach another class in the early fall, date to be determined.

### Volunteer Opportunities Lecture:

June 15<sup>th</sup> @3p: Becky Doherty (New Hanover County Senior Resource Center) will give a lecture on how they can help coordinate volunteer opportunities.

### Neighbor Nights:

Community Center Committee can participate (every Thursday at 6:30 – 7:30p, would need to arrive early) – we need to get some suggested dates to Nikki.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:48AM and the next meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:30AM in the town hall.