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FIRE PIT BY GRAY BERRYMAN



An outdoor fire pit can be a great way to provide a social focal point in the outdoor living area of your beach home. Proper planning will ensure safety and success with a project like this. For a reasonable cost a gas or wood burning fire pit can turn an ordinary back yard into the place to be.

When planning a fire pit at the beach, it is critical to anticipate the threat that wind and renters pose. It is important to provide a water source, windbreak, and non flammable ground cover near the fire pit to minimize risk of accidents.

Gas fireplaces that are built into the landscape are becoming more common. These are relatively safe, and are reliable and easy to use, especially in wet or damp weather. Depending on their location, salt damage will require maintenance and regular replacement of some parts. Outdoor wood fireplaces are less common in beach homes and can only be used when there is little or no wind. They require more effort to light and use but are the only way to go for piro-purists.

For advice on how to incorporate a fire pit into your landscape, please feel free to call me and I am happy to help you plan it out. If needed I can connect you with a good contractor and landscape designer.

OYSTER ROASTS

Tired of turkey and don't want to cook a ham? If you are going to be at the beach this winter, consider having an oyster roast instead. Crab Slough (pronounced "slew") oysters have tiny crabs in the shell with the oyster. They are harvested locally near Oregon Inlet.

A gas grill is an easy way to steam oysters but if you want a smokier flavor an open fire is the way to go. My favorite way to eat an oyster: fire steamed until firm and topped with butter, fresh squeezed lime juice, and a drop of Tabasco sauce.

3 RESTAURANTS YOU HAVEN'T TRIED (BUT DEFINITELY SHOULD!)

Corolla Pizza (252)453-8592, *Just north of the lighthouse, next to Winks in Corolla* This is a popular option for lunch!

Bunker's Grill and Bar (252)453-9400 *at the Currituck Club in Corolla* A quiet option for lunch. The Cobb salad and onion straws are favorites.

Captain Franks (252)261-9923 *on the bypass in Kitty Hawk* Specialty hot dogs and local flair abound in this Outer Banks original!

UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS

OUTER BANKS WEDDING ASSOCIATION WEDDING EXPO

January 7th—9th

www.outerbanksweddingassoc.org

For brides and wedding service vendors, this is the place to meet. This is a great time to explore the fascinating Outer Banks wedding industry.

OUTER BANKS TASTE OF THE BEACH

March 17th

www.obxtasteofthebeach.com

This is a grand food festival with tastings, cooking classes, celebrity appearances, and more!

WINTER FISHING

Rock Fish, Red Drum, Trout and more offer an exciting diversion!



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FEATURED LISTINGS



Oceanfront - KDH
 10 bedrooms, 10.2 baths
 Outstanding rental income
 MLS#59773 \$2,275,000



Oceanfront - Pine Island
 9 bedrooms, 11.3 baths
 Exceptionally appointed
 MLS#67135 \$3,495,000



Under Contract

Oceanside—Duck
 4 bedrooms, 4.1 baths
 Outstanding curb appeal
 MLS#67723 \$799,900



Oceanside - Duck
 5 bedrooms, 4.2 baths
 Beautiful finishes, water views
 MLS#63676 \$875,500



Between Highways - KDH
 4 bedrooms, 4.1 baths
 Custom built as model home
 MLS#60174 \$569,000



Oceanside—Duck
 Lot in X Flood Zone
 Subdivide into 2 lots
 MLS#65159 \$495,000



Oceanfront—Corolla
 5 bedrooms, 4.2 baths
 Stunning ocean views
 MLS#66042 \$1,375,000



Oceanside—Duck
 5 bedrooms, 5.1 baths
 Inviting amenities, many updates
 MLS#67287 \$799,500

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