

THE CURRENT

Weekly News & Events for
the Town of Oak Island, NC

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WELCOME to the first **WEEKLY** edition of **THE CURRENT**, the award-winning digital newsletter from the **Town of Oak Island, NC**.

New editions of *The CURRENT* are published every Monday, unless otherwise noted. All previous editions are available in the archive at the bottom of this page.

Important items for the week ahead:

UPCOMING MEETINGS & CLOSURES

- Town Council: Paid Parking Special Meeting
- Par 3 Advisory Committee

NEWS & NOTICES

- OKInsight Survey

- **RFP: Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update**
- **Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkover Closure**
- **Water Change Back to Chloramines**
- **OKI Pier & Pier House Hours Change**

COMING EVENTS

- **Town Christmas Tree Lighting**
- **Breakfast with Santa**
- **Christmas By The Sea Parade**
- **Holiday Craft Market**



COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

TOWN COUNCIL will hold a Special Meeting (televised) on **Tuesday, November 28, 2023** at **6:00 PM** in the Town Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive. ***The purpose of the Special Meeting is to receive public feedback on the 2023 Paid Parking Program; and Consideration of Potential Changes to the Paid Parking Program for the 2024 season. Action may be taken.***

PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting (non-televised) on **Friday, December 1, 2023** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Drive.

Coming up next week:

- **Environmental Advisory Committee** (Thursday, December 7)

All Council & Board meeting dates can be found on the Meetings Calendar of the Town Website at [**OakIslandNC.gov/CALENDAR**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/CALENDAR).

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are **NO** scheduled holiday or other closures for this week.

Next upcoming holiday closures:

- Friday, December 8 (Town Hall to CLOSE early at NOON)
- Monday - Wednesday, December 25 - 27 (Christmas)

NOTE: The **Disposal Convenience Site** will be closed on the times / dates listed above.

During any closure, Police, Fire, and emergency services are always available by **calling 9-1-1**. To view all the full Holiday Calendar on the Town Website, visit [**OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).



"OKInsight" Survey Closes This Week

The ***OKInsight*** ("OKI + Insight") ***Community Survey*** will **CLOSE** at **5:00 PM this Thursday, November 30**.

Participation is already at record levels, but the more input we can receive the better, so take the Survey now if you haven't already or encourage your friends and neighbors to participate as well!

The Survey will help greatly in gathering public input on a wide range of issues impacting the community. The survey is anonymous, however users can provide an email address to be entered for one of eight chances to win a \$25 gift card to Publix.

To participate in the Survey, visit **www.OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY** or click the link below

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Request For Proposals

The **Town of Oak Island is seeking proposals** from qualified, professional consultants who will assist the Town **updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan**.

The existing **Comprehensive Land Use Plan** for the Town was developed in 2017, with no updates since. The selected consultants will assist the Town in the update of a **CAMA certified** Comprehensive Land Use Plan, reviewing the vision, goals, implementing actions, and future land uses of the Town. The consultant(s) awarded this contract will have the primary responsibility of developing the Plan document and will work in coordination with the Town of Oak Island's Planning Department.

Complete submittals must be received no later than 4:30 PM on December 15, 2023. Submissions received after this deadline may not be considered for further review. If sufficient proposals are received, Town Council will review in January 2024

To download a Bid Information Packet, visit **www.OakIslandNC.gov/BIDS** or click the link below.

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Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkover Closure

Beginning on **Monday, November 27, 2023**, the **Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkover** which connects **SE 20th Street** and **19th Place East** will be **CLOSED**.

This closure is to allow for staging of equipment and materials to repair the arched northern section of the walkway, closest to SE 20th Street. This work will compliment the replacement of the southern portion of the walkway, which was completed in 2021 following Hurricane Isaias.

NOTE: While the southern portion of the walkway may still be open at times for walking and nature viewing, ***thru-traffic to SE 20th Street will not be available until further notice.***

Work will be performed by Evans & Sons Contracting and [McPherson Marine](#), with contracts administered by the Town's [Public Works Department](#). An estimated closure length will not be available until work begins; however all work updates will be provided on the *Projects & Facility Closures* page of the Town Website.

During this closure, the two other Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkovers will remain open at SE 31st Street (to 29th Place East and SE 9th Street)to 9th Place East).

For updates on the closure and repair progress, visit [**www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS**](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS) or click the link below.

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Brunswick County Utilities to Convert Back to Chloramines

On October 19, 2023, the Brunswick County Public Utilities Department began its annual disinfection changeover and flushing program. During the past month, Public Utilities crews have worked to flush water mains and distribute chlorine throughout the County system.

NOTICE: Brunswick County will convert BACK to Chloramines as the primary disinfectant on December 1, 2023. Flushing will continue through December.

During this transition period of changing the primary disinfection agent back to chloramines, customers may experience a brief period when there may be a noticeable change in the taste or smell of the water. This is a normal part of the process and water is safe to use. Depending on your location within the distribution system and usage patterns, it could be two to three weeks for your drinking water to transition from free chlorine to combined chlorine. If taste and/or odor problems persist, please contact the Brunswick County Public Utilities Department or your local water provider.

Please note, if you have an aquarium or pond always test the water that you add to your aquatic environment to be sure it is free of any chlorine before adding fish or other animals. Chemical additives with directions for removing either free chlorine or chloramines from water for use in fish tanks or ponds are available at pet/fish supply stores. Kidney dialysis clinics and customers on home kidney dialysis equipment should also be aware of this change.

To view this notice in full, visit [**www.OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS**](http://www.OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS) or click the link below.

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Pier & Pier House Now on Winter Hours

On **Monday, November 27, 2023**, the [Oak Island Pier & Pier House](#) transitioned to their **Winter Operating Schedule**.

NOTICE: The Pier & Pier House will now be open from **8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**, seven days / week.

This schedule will be in place over the Winter months until the Spring, when hours will once again expand to accommodate increased daylight.

For those unable to plan a visit in the near future, remember the Pier can be visited anytime virtually, through the **Oak Island PierCam**.

To view the PierCam or learn more about the Pier and its amenities offered, visit [**www.OakIslandNC.com/PIER**](http://www.OakIslandNC.com/PIER) or click on the link below.

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Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

- **When:** Friday, December 1, 2023 • 5:00 PM Entertainment Begins • 6:00 PM Tree Lighting
- **Where:** Middleton Park Complex • 4610 E. Dolphin Dr.
- **Cost:** FREE to Attend
- **Ages:** All Ages
- **About:** Spend an evening with friends and family as OKI Parks and Recreation ushers in the magic of the holiday season. Relax before the Christmas rush as the community comes together to enjoy FREE entertainment with local music, crafts, Santa mailing station, and more! Be sure to stick around as islanders welcome the arrival of good ole’ Saint Nick.

Breakfast With Santa

- **When:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 • 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- **Where:** Community Resource Center • 102 SE. 47th St., Oak Island, NC 28465
- **Cost:** \$8 Town of Oak Island Residents • \$10 Non Residents and Island Visitors
- **Registration Required:** www.oakislandnc.gov/RecDesk
- **Ages:** Designed for ages 10 years and under
- **About:** Celebrate the holidays this season in style as Oak Island Recreation Department hosts Breakfast with Santa! Hang out with Santa and friends while enjoying a breakfast buffet, holiday crafts, and reading of “The Night Before Christmas”. The perfect photo opportunity, be sure to come in your favorite holiday attire as we make this magical morning a highlight of the holiday season

Christmas By The Sea Parade

- **WHEN:** Saturday, December 2, 2023 • 2:00 PM
- **WHERE:** SE 46th Street (Start) to McGlamery Street (End)
- **COST:** FREE
- **AGES:** Full family event - all ages welcome!
- **ABOUT:** Drop your tailgates and setup your lawn chairs, and get ready to watch as the annual Christmas By The Sea Parade makes its way down E Oak Island Drive. Stretching from Town Hall at 46th street and going all the way down to McGlamery Street, this year's parade will feature over 100 entries!

9th Annual Holiday Craft Market

- **When:** Sunday, December 3, 2023 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- **Where:** Middleton Park Complex • 4610 E. Dolphin Dr.
- **Cost:** Free to Attend
- **Ages:** All Ages
- **About:** Oak Island’s Holiday Craft Market will be returning to Middleton Park this December. Discover a unique assortment of craft and homemade items that are sure for wow worthy gifts this holiday season. Enjoy holiday music while you shop until you drop, or simply peruse the market the perfect Sunday afternoon outing. With close to 100 small businesses in attendance, this year’s event will one holiday opportunity you won’t want to miss. For more information, or

to inquire about becoming a vendor, please email Recreation Department Director, Heather O’Brien, at hobrien@oakislandnc.gov.

REMINDER: A full listing of all coming events can be found on the ***Events & Programs*** page of the Town Website at www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS.

Click on the event flyers below to download, print, and share!



Christmas Tree Lighting



Breakfast With Santa



Holiday Craft Market

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Thank you for reading this edition of ***THE CURRENT***, and choosing to stay informed on the News & Events happening in Oak Island, NC.

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