

# THE CURRENT

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

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Week of  
March 4, 2024

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WELCOME to **THE CURRENT**, the weekly digital newsletter for the Town of Oak Island, NC.

*"March, when days are getting long, Let thy growing hours be strong to set right some wintry wrong."* - Caroline May

**[REMINDER: Time change this weekend! Clocks move forward one-hour on Sunday, March 10, 2024.]**

As we March into Spring, the week ahead holds plenty of activities and Town business; with some event reviews and a couple of important reminders as well! So whether its for the spring rain or the sun-soaked surf, grab a towel and let's dive right in to this week's edition of **The CURRENT**.

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## COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** will hold its next meeting (non-televised) on **Monday, March 4, 2024** at **4:00 PM** in the Community Center, located at 102 SE 47th Street, beside Town Hall..

Upcoming meetings for next week include:

- **ABC Board** (Tuesday, March 12)
- **Town Council** (Tuesday, March 12)
- **Environmental Advisory Committee** (Thursday, March 14)

All Council & Board meeting dates can be found on the Meetings Information page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS)**.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are **NO** holiday closures for this week.

The next closure will be **Friday, March 29, 2024** in observance of **Good Friday**. To view all holiday closures, visit: **[OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY)**.



A hand holding a white cup of coffee is visible in the top right corner. The background is a close-up of a newspaper with various headlines and images. Overlaid on the newspaper is the text 'NEWS & NOTICES' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline.

# NEWS & NOTICES

## CLOSURE NOTICE: Pickleball & Tennis Court Resurfacing

Beginning at **SUNSET** on **Sunday, March 10**, the **Pickleball & Tennis** courts will be **CLOSED** until further notice.

This closure is to accommodate **resurfacing** of the courts, which will also include the **conversion** of one Tennis court to 6 Pickleball courts.

The full closure is anticipated to take approximately three weeks, however some **limited openings** may occur sooner, as individual courts are completed. The work is being performed by **Carolina Sport Court**, out of the Charlotte, NC area

Closure information and project updates can be viewed on the ***Projects & Facility Closures*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS** or by clicking the link below.

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## Notice of Permit to Extend Mobi-Mats

The Town of Oak Island has submitted a **Minor Permit** through the **Coastal Area Management Act** (CAMA), to allow the Town to extend the Mobi-mats further onto the following **Beach Access Locations**:

- **Keziah St**
- **SE74th St**
- **SE 55th St**
- **SE 40th St**
- **19th Pl E**
- **10th Pl W**
- **27th Pl W**
- **57th Pl W**
- **The Point** at the end of **W Beach Dr**

This permit is now under review by the Division of Coastal Management. If anyone has comments or questions regarding this permit application, please contact the Division of Coastal Management Field Representative for our area, **Patrick Amico** at **Patrick.amico@deq.nc.gov** or by mail at

**NC Division of Coastal Management, 127 Cardinal Ext, Wilmington, NC 28405.**

Once a decision on the permit has been made, this notice will be updated with any changes moving forward. You can view the full notice on the ***OKInformation*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS** or by clicking the link below.

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# Town Manager Receives Regional Impact Award

This past **Thursday, February 29, 2024**, Town Manager David Kelly was presented with the **2024 Local Government Regional Impact Award** from the **Cape Fear Council of Governments** (CFCOG).

The award was presented at the CFCOG's annual banquet, held in Supply, "*In grateful recognition of the of outstanding dedication and contributions to the people of the Cape Fear Region*" and signed by Brunswick County Commissioner Chairman Mike Forte, and GFCOG Executive Director Allen Serkin.

The Cape Fear Council of Governments is composed of the 44 municipal and county governments in Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender Counties. The CFCOG plans and administers a variety of federal, state, and local programs covering the areas served; ensuring a cooperative relationship with both the public and private sectors.

To view photos of the award presentation, just visit the ***Photo Gallery*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/GALLERY** or click the link below.

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## Successful Public Input Sessions

Speaking of the Town Manager, David Kelly is set to retire at the end of the current fiscal year on July 1. One of the main responsibilities of the Town Council is the recruitment and selection of a new Town Manager. On Wednesday and Saturday of last week, the public was invited to participate in that process through a series of **Public Input Sessions**, which were announced earlier in February through a letter from Mayor Liz White.

Held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall, a total of seven (7) sessions were held, with three public sessions on Wednesday, February 28 and two more on Saturday, March 2. Two sessions for Town Staff were held on Friday, March 1. The sessions provided an in-person overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Town Manager, and how the role interacts with Town Council. They gave participants a chance to speak on what they think the Council should look for hiring for the position.

If you missed the sessions, the materials presented are available to view on the Town Website by clicking the link below.

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## Citizens Academy Graduation

Last **Tuesday, February 27**, the **Oak Island Citizens Academy** held its annual program graduation and appreciation dinner. This year's class featured 17 students (**SEEN HERE**) ranging from new transplants to longtime residents.

Citizens Academy is an interactive program designed to educate and familiarize residents with the departments and services provided by their local government. Through hands-on class learning and field demonstration, the Citizens Academy helps to provide a deeper understanding of the "***who, why, & how***" government operates at the municipal level. The program also serves to encourage stronger participation in local government, from residents of all interests.

If you missed this year's class, don't worry! Plans are already underway for the 2025 class next February. In the meantime, you can learn more about the program and see photos from this past year's class on the Citizens Academy page at **OakIslandNC.gov/ACADEMY** or by clicking the link below.

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# SAFETY BRIEF



## FIRE DEPARTMENT: A Pleasant Polar Plunge

The Fire Department was excited to provide support for the **2024 Brunswick County Special Olympics Polar Plunge** this past weekend, which was held at the SE 49th Street Beach Access Location.

Although quite foggy, the conditions weren't too "polar" as the event drew hundreds of spectators, plungers, and donors, raising nearly \$30,000 to support Special Olympics athletes across Brunswick County.

The Fire Department had **two rescue swimmers** in the water to assist plungers, along with four (4) EMT's standing by for medical support, if needed. Our support efforts worked seamlessly with the **Oak Island Police Department, Brunswick County EMS, and Oak island Water Rescue.**

Providing safety support for community events such as this is always a real treat for our team. You can view our photos from the on the Photo Gallery page at **OakIslandNC.gov/GALLERY** or click the OKI-FD patch below.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT: Five Officers (5) Complete Supervisor Leadership Training

The Oak Island Police Department is proud to announce that **FIVE (5)** of our supervisor staff have just completed the **Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI)** provided by the **FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA)**.

The Supervisor Leadership Institute (SLI) class is a program developed for first line and middle management supervisors. The SLI program was designed to develop personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision making and supervisors, as well as enhancing overall leadership skills. This also serves as one of three critical components in the FBI Trilogy course

**PICTURED HERE** (Left to Right) are SLI graduates **Lt. Loyd Hames, Sgt. Mark Taylor, Sgt. Jesse Birchfield, Sgt. Kristy DeMello, and Sgt. Brad Stevens.**

We are very proud of their accomplishments, which furthers show their dedication to the community they serve.

To learn more about the Police Department and how we serve our community, just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PD** or click the OKI-PD patch below.





## **CANCELLED: ALL Fitness Classes for Monday & Tuesday**

**Please note**, to accommodate the Recreation Center's use as a voting location, **ALL Fitness Classes** will be **CANCELLED** for **Monday, March 4, 2024** & **Tuesday March 5, 2024**.

Classes will resume their normal schedule on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. For questions or additional information, please contact the Recreation Center at 910-278-5518.

To view and share this full notice, visit the ***OKInformation*** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS) or click the link below.

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## **POSTPONED: Community "Paint Day"**

**RAIN DATE NOTICE:** Due to a forecast of inclement weather, the Community Paint Day event has been rescheduled for next **Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM**.

- **WHEN:** (*Rain Date*) Saturday, March 16 • 10:00 AM
- **WHERE:** Oak Island Splashpad Pump house • 4610 E Dolphin Drive

Mark your calendars, and break out your brushes ... ***actually, we'll provide the brushes!*** It's time to add a "splash of color" at the Splashpad, as Town hosts the "***Community Paint Day***" as part of the **Oak Island Public Art Trail**.

To learn more about the Public Art Trail, just visit the program's dedicated page on the Town Website at [OakIslandNC.gov/ART](https://OakIslandNC.gov/ART) or click the link below.

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## **7th Annual Doggie EGGstravaganza**

- **WHEN:** Saturday, March 16, 2024 • 11:30 AM
- **WHERE:** Salty Dog Park (inside Bill Smith Park) • 4410 Fish Factory Rd.

- **COST:** FREE

Join Oak Island for the **7th Annual Doggie EGGstravaganza** at the Salty Dog Park inside Bill Smith Park. There will be many special prizes and yummy treats hidden inside eggs around the park. There will be separate a hunt for **Dogs over 25 lbs** and **Dogs under 25 lbs**. Pets must be up to date on their vaccinations to participate.

For more information visit the **Events & Programs** page for the Recreation Department at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or click the link below.

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## Spring Fling

- **WHEN:** Saturday, March 23, 2024
  - **Market & Kids Zone:** NOON - 4:00 PM
  - **Concert:** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Middleton Park Complex, 4610 E Dolphin Drive

Spring into the season with the Town of Oak Island as we say goodbye winter and hello spring! This event is free and no need to register. Come ready to shop at the Artisan Market, enjoy some lunch and dinner at our food vendors, let the kids play in the kids zone and then relax for some music by *The Doorsmen*!

For more information, check out the event listing on the **Events & Programs** page for the Recreation Department at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or by click the link below.

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

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



Community Paint Day



Spring Fling

## THANK YOU

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