



THE CURRENT

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

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

The month of June keeps rolling along, much like the waters in this past Saturday's ***Ride The Tide Kayak Event***. However, just like the paddlers who traveled up the Davis Canal pictured in this week's cover photo, we're ready for the fun and fellowship found around every bend!

Thankfully, there's no paddle or "boats that float" needed for today, just perhaps a pair of reading glasses as we get ready to float on in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES

COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

ABC BOARD will hold its next regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 11 at 10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store at 5402 E Oak Island Drive.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town Administrative Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, July 4** in observance of **Independence Day**.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will run on the **normal schedule**, **HOWEVER** service the entire month of July experiences delayed pickup times, **due to the increased volume**.
- The **Disposal Convenience Site** will be **CLOSED** on Friday & Saturday, July 5 & 6.
- **Fire, Police, and all Emergency Services** will be available, as always by calling **9-1-1**.

To view all holiday closures, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY.



REMINDER: "Conversations With Council" Series

As first reported in last week's edition, the Town Council is excited to announce the launch of their new "**Conversations With Council**" Resident Discussion Series.



**CONVERSATIONS
with COUNCIL**
RESIDENT DISCUSSION SERIES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Recreation Center • 3003 E Oak Island Dr.

This is NOT a "town hall" style meeting of the full Council, but a chance to sit with individual members and ask questions, receive answers, and share feedback on how to preserve and improve the quality of life in the Town of Oak Island.

Next session hosted by Council members:
BOB CIULLO & BILL CRAFT



To learn more or email discussion topics, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/COUNCIL

The first session will be held **THIS WEEK** on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024** from **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** in the **Oak Island Recreation Center**, and will be hosted by Council Members **Bill Craft** and **Bob Ciullo**.

This is **NOT** a formal or “town hall” style meeting of the Council, but simply a chance for residents and property owners to sit down and have discussions with individual Council members directly. This is a public opportunity to ask questions, receive answers, and share feedback on how to preserve and improve the quality of life in Oak Island.

Up to two Council members will host each session, which are open to ALL Town residents, property owners, and businesses. As these are not formal Council meetings, **no Council action will be taken**. Other Council members may be in attendance as **observers only**, but will have no active participation when not hosting.

For more information, or to email potential discussion topics, just visit the Council Information page on the Town Website at OakIslandNC.gov/COUNCIL.

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Portable Restrooms Installed

Last week, the Town took delivery of **TWO** new **Portable Restroom Units**, which were purchased through the use of Paid Parking revenues, allocated by the Town Council during a **December 19, 2023 Special Meeting**.

The Council approved the purchase of these two units as a "Pilot Program" to assess their costs to benefit. As mobile units, they can provide restrooms at public Beach Access Locations without the needed infrastructure of a permanent facility. This mobility also allows for them to be safely stored during the winter season, or to be used during emergency response recovery efforts.

The units feature air conditioning as well as handicapped access ramps, and have an expectancy of between of 10-15 years of use as a mobile unit, with possible future use as a permanent installation. They have been placed in the parking lots at the **Middleton Park Complex** and **604 Ocean Drive**. Utility service will need to be connected before they can be put into use, however they are expected to be fully operational by **Beach Day**.

As this is a ***pilot program*** to determine their effectiveness, no additional units are planned for purchase at this time. Staff with the **Operations Division** of the Public Works Department will maintain these units, and evaluate their resilience to public use, weather conditions, and potential vandalism. To learn more about the Operations Division, just visit their page under the Public Works Department at OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below.

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June Business Bulletin Published

The **June 2024** edition of the Town's ***Business Bulletin*** newsletter is now available. Published by the Economic Development Department, every edition is crafted to illuminate the latest updates, insights, and opportunities tailored exclusively for the local business community. The publication works to shine a spotlight on the heartbeat of commerce in the Town of Oak Island, fostering connections and growth.

Even if you're not a member of the local business community, the Bulletin is worth a read, as it provides a unique view into the concerns and interests of those who serve our local economy. The latest edition of the Business Bulletin is now available to view on ***Economic Development*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/ECON or by clicking the link below..

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Free Voter ID Event

Throughout the Summer, the Brunswick County Board of Elections will be hosting a series of ***FREE Voter ID*** events. Scheduled to kick off this week on June 12, this countywide initiative aims to empower citizens by ensuring they have the necessary identification to exercise their right to vote.

To obtain a voter photo ID at one of these events, individuals must be registered voters and residents of Brunswick County. No ID is required, but a form will need to be completed that requires the voter's name, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security number.

In addition to providing FREE Voter Photo IDs to Brunswick County registered voters, staff will provide voter registration, General Election voter guide, and other resources to assist voters in understanding their voting options.

A **Voter ID** event will be held in Oak Island on **Wednesday, June 26, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the G.V. Barbee, Sr. Library**, located at 8200 E. Oak Island Drive.

For a full list of all event dates and locations throughout the County, just visit the Board of Elections website at BrunswickNCVotes.gov or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



POLICE DEPARTMENT: Fighting Phone Scams

Last week, we learned about a new phone scam, wherein scammers were trying to solicit donations "on behalf of the **Oak Island Fire Department**." We received reports of phone calls being made, soliciting donations on behalf of the Fire Department or Fire Marshal's Office.

Almost immediately, the Town issued a **media release**, stating ***THIS IS A SCAM***, and that ***no Department within the Town of Oak Island will ever solicit for donations over the phone.***

Unfortunately, phone scams like these are familiar and heavily used tactic, because they are oftentimes so effective. They prey on our good nature, and take advantage of our desire to help our community.

The good news is ***you can fight back!*** The **Federal Communications Commission** (FCC) offer several great tips for helping to prevent these scams from taking root in our community, including:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers
- Be aware that Caller ID showing a "local" number does not necessarily mean it is a local caller.
If you answer the phone and the caller - or a recording - asks you to hit a button to stop getting the calls, you should just hang up.
- Do not respond to any questions, especially those that can be answered with "Yes."
- Never give out personal information such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, mother's maiden names, passwords or other identifying information in response to unexpected calls or if you are at all suspicious.
- Use caution if you are being pressured for information immediately.

CLICK HERE to read the full list from FCC.gov. Just like it is important to be aware of your surroundings in the real world, it is equally important to do so in the "virtual world" online and over the phone. If you or someone you know feels you may be a victim of this latest effort, feel free to reach out to us through the **Department Contact Form**, available on our webpage at **OakIslandNC.gov/PD** or by clicking the OKI-PD patch below.



FIRE DEPARTMENT: Firefighter Recruitment

We are now hiring *FIREFIGHTERS!* The Oak Island Fire Department Is looking for qualified individuals with a dedication to serve the community, and a desire to work in a growing department, with a heavy focus on training and an aggressive operational culture.

Oak Island, NC Fire Department
NOW HIRING FIREFIGHTERS
Part-time positions now available!
Learn more at OakIslandNC.gov/FD

ANSWER THE CALL!

Full Time Starting Range:
\$47,214 - \$57,967
+ Overtime & Holidays
Part Time: \$17.50 - \$19.50

- 11 Paid Holidays
- Retirement
- Matching 401K
- Tuition Assistance
- Staffed Tower Company
- 2 NEW Engine Companies
- Aggressive Operational Culture
- TRAINING!!!
- Specialty Rescue Division

Featuring competitive salaries for full and part time employees, the Department features a staffed Tower Company, 2 **NEW** Engine Companies, and a special Rescue Division. The Department has been working hard to build upon the service excellence already seen by our community, and now you can join the team to help achieve that goal.

If you or someone you know is already a firefighter, or considering becoming one in the future, contact the Department today, to learn more. Just visit the Fire Department's webpage at OakIslandNC.gov/FD or click the OKI-FD patch below





COMING EVENTS

Summer Concert Series: *Too Much Sylvia*

- **WHEN:** Friday, June 14, 2024 • 6:30 PM
- **WHERE:** Middleton Park Complex, 4610 E Dolphin Drive
- **COST:** FREE

This week enjoy, we welcome back longtime Series favorite, *Too Much Sylvia*.

The Summer Concert Series is a FREE event, so bring a chair or blanket and enjoy great entertainment on the amphitheater lawn in the Middleton Park Complex. There will also be food trucks onsite in case you get a little hungry.

Concerts each week start at 6:30 PM. For more information and to view the *Live Band Lineup*, visit OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the link below.

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Surf fishing Seminars

- **WHEN:** Friday & Saturday, June 21 - 22
- **WHERE:** Recreation Center • 3003 E Oak Island Drive

Join longtime instructor, *Ian Sands* to learn everything you need to take a fish from the surf sand to the frying pan. In this class, specifically designed for Oak Island anglers, we'll discuss the different fish in our surf and talk about the right rig and bait for the fish you want to catch.

For more information or register, visit OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS or click the link below.

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Chop With A Cop

The Oak Island Police Department & recreation Department are excited to announce the RETURN of **CHOP WITH A COP** as this wildly popular and unique event returns for its SECOND year in a row:

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, June 25, 2023 • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **WHERE:** 806 N Howe Street, Southport, NC
- **COST:** FREE!!!

“Calling all teens, let’s bury the hatchet!” This FREE program allows teens aged 13-18 to join officers from four different agencies in axe throwing competition. This event provides teens with one hour of practice and one hour of competitive throwing. Only 48 spaces available ... which agency will YOU HELP take home the Gold?

In partnership with the Southport Police Department NC, Brunswick County Sheriff’s Office, NC, and the Boiling Spring Lakes Police Department; teams will be randomly assigned, however selected time slots will be honored.

For more information or to register, visit OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the link below.

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Beach Day

- **WHEN:** Monday, July 1, 2024 • 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Middleton Park Complex • 4610 E Dolphin Drive

July is approaching fast, and that means the most important (*and busiest*) day of the year in Oak Island ... **BEACH DAY!** Beach Day commemorates the July 1, 1999 merger of the Towns of Yaupon Beach & Long Beach into what is today known as the Town of Oak Island. It is held each year on July 1. This year provides a particularly special note to Beach Day, as it is also the Town's **25th Anniversary**.

The Recreation Department now has the [Beach Day 2024 Events Schedule](#) published online!

To learn more about Beach Day including the history of the occasion and the events for this year, just visit the dedicated **Beach Day** page of the Town Website at OakIslandNC.gov/BeachDay or 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!



Sunset On Summer



Chop With A Cop



Beach Day Events Schedule

THANK YOU

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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PAST EDITION ARCHIVE

DID YOU KNOW? *The CURRENT*, hasn't always been a weekly publication. Originally produced as an award-winning digital monthly newsletter, *The CURRENT* published 35 editions, spanning a period of three years from from December 2020 to 2023. As a monthly publication, *The CURRENT* provided longer form, "magazine style" reading, along with added commentary, and content contributed from community partners.

Past editions of both the weekly and monthly formats are available to view anytime, by clicking the tabs below.

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