



# 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.

It's the "***busiest week of the year in Oak Island***" as we celebrate the independence of our nation (July 4) and the incorporation of our Town (July 1). ***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, and is held each year on the same date.

Counting up from 1999, the more "mathematically inclined" readers might realize 2024 marks a particularly significant achievement.



That's right! ***The Town of Oak Island is officially 25 years old!***

Not only does Beach Day itself hold a stacked ***schedule of events***, but July 1 also kicks off a months-long ***Calendar Events***, all for the celebration of our ***Silver Jubilee!***

But before you enter a Sandcastle Building Contest, listen to some local bands, or set out for the ***Fireworks Display***, there's still a lot to cover for the week ahead. So put on your birthday hats and grab the sunscreen, because it's time to cruise on down this ***Birthday Edition*** of ***The CURRENT***.

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# MEETINGS & CLOSURES

## COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

**PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold its next meeting on **Friday, July 5** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Drive.

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

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**BEACH DAY:** Administrative Offices will **CLOSE EARLY** at **2:30 PM** on **Monday, July 1, 2024** in celebration of **Beach Day**.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Town Administrative Offices will be **CLOSED** all day on **Thursday, July 4** in celebration of **Independence Day**.

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will run on the **normal schedule**, **HOWEVER** service during 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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).

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# NEWS & NOTICES

## "25th" Commemorative Items Now Available

In case you haven't heard, **July 1** marks the *Town's Birthday*, with 2024 marking **25 Years** since the Town's Charter was first recognized on July 1, 1999. During the Town Council's **June meeting**, Mayor White officially announced the **25th Anniversary Calendar of Events** along with special promotional items available for purchase, including as **T-shirts** and **commemorative Challenge Coins**.



These items are **NOW AVAILABLE**, and can be purchased during Beach Day at the Event Registration Table in the **Middleton Park Complex**. If there are any items remaining after Beach Day, they will be available at the **Recreation Center**, located at 3003 E Oak Island Drive, and / or the **Oak Island Pier House**, at 705 Ocean Drive.

Supplies are limited, and re-orders are not guaranteed, so come out and get one while you can! To view full information on events the newly available swag, just visit the **25th Anniversary** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/25YEARS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/25YEARS) or click the link below.

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## Legal Services RFP

The Town of Oak Island is accepting Proposals for the purpose of establishing a **Contract for Municipal Legal Services**. The Town will select an Attorney or Law Firm to provide municipal legal services and serve in the capacity as Town Attorney on a contractual basis. The information listed in the Proposal is to establish quality standards, not to limit competition. The contract with the practicing Attorney or Law Firm can be cancelled at any time through simple majority vote of the Town Council.

The original term for the Contract is **one-year** (1) and will be **subject to annual renewal based upon satisfactory performance and rendition of services**. The Town Attorney should submit a monthly detailed statement with billing, said statement to include the date and length of time of services rendered. These statements shall be subject to review and approval by the Town Manager and / or Finance Director.

To view this RFP in full or download an information packet, visit the **Bids / RFQ Postings** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BIDS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/BIDS) or click the link below.

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## Community Center Updates

The **Oak Island Community Center** has updated its **Events Calendar** for the month of **July**, as well as adding new photos from recent events held in June.

Located at 102 SE 47th Street beside the Town Hall, the Center is open **Monday - Thursday** from **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** and on **Fridays** for Meals & Trips (contact the Center for specific times). The Community Center is a congregate nutrition program and senior center where individuals 60 and over can come to enjoy a well-balanced hot nutritional meal.

Individuals from Oak Island and the surrounding towns can participate in the programs, and do not have to be a resident. Transportation is even provided for those who live on the island portion of Town. Individuals can also enjoy social / recreation (bingo, rummikub, etc.) activities while attending the site from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with other special programs listed on the monthly calendar.

To learn more about the programs hosted and how to contact staff, just visit the Community Center page at [OakIslandNC.gov/CC](https://OakIslandNC.gov/CC) or click the link below.

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## Duke Nuclear Siren Test

Next **Wednesday, July 10, 2024** between **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**, Duke Energy and County officials will conduct a **5 to 30 second test** of the sirens around the Brunswick Nuclear Plant.

As part of regular, quarterly testing, the 38 sirens within 10 miles of the Brunswick Nuclear Plant will sound for five to 30 seconds on July 10. To ensure they are functioning properly, it may be necessary to test some sirens more than once. Testing is performed in cooperation with emergency officials in Brunswick and New Hanover counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens.

To view the full notice and learn more about Duke Energy and their service in this area, visit the **OKInformation** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS) or click the link below.

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# SAFETY BRIEF



## SPECIAL FINAL REMINDER: Fireworks Traffic & Safety

### TRAFFIC

After a wait 25 years in the making 🏖️ **BEACH DAY** 🏖️, and the Town's **25th Anniversary** are both upon us!

As of this publication, there have been **NO cancellations or postponements** of the 🎆 **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** 🎆 from the Oak Island Pier. So, as a **FINAL REMINDER**, please help spread the word on these important Post-Firework Traffic Reminders:

🚧 **USE BOTH BRIDGES:** even if you are returning to our neighboring Southport, using the Swains Cut Bridge and double lanes of E.F. Middleton Blvd can actually make for a faster Island exit!

🚗 **STAY ON OAK ISLAND DRIVE:** trying to make "shortcuts" out of Beach Dr., Yacht Dr., or Ocean Dr. only slow everything down when you eventually have to merge back into traffic later.

🚫 **AVOID DISTRACTIONS:** keep traffic moving and pay attention to the road ahead! Let someone else handle posting all of those "amazing-and-totally-not-like-everyone-else's" fireworks pics.

💰 **PAID PARKING** will **NOT** be charged during this event

🚗 **ALL PARKING** is "first come, first served" - so no "reserving" or holding public spaces please!

🚧 **OCEAN DRIVE** will be **CLOSED** at **6:00 PM** from Barbee Blvd. to Keziah St.

🚓 **OFFICERS** will be at all intersections to help keep the flow of traffic moving, so please stay alert and follow their directions.

Again, if any schedule changes occur due to weather or other conditions, they will be posted on the Beach Day page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BeachDay](http://OakIslandNC.gov/BeachDay) -- so be sure to check and refresh this page often!

## ***FIREWORKS SAFETY***

Later on this week, we know the temptation will be there to enjoy **home use of FIREWORKS..**

In addition to **NC General Statutes 14-410 & 414** prohibiting the use of "*explosive or aerial fireworks*" please remember that we are currently under a **Town-wide Burn Ban.**

Despite some recent rainfall, conditions remain extremely dry, leading to a high **Fire Danger Index** rating. This action coincides with the burn ban issued for unincorporated areas within Brunswick County which went into effect on **Friday, June 28.**

This Town-wide ban **PROHIBITS** open flames from devices such as fire pits or outdoor fireplaces, as well as sparklers and all handheld or ground-based fireworks not covered by NCGS 14-410 & 414.

This ban **DOES NOT** prohibit the use of grills and other enclosed cooking devices.

This ban **DOES NOT** affect the municipal Fireworks Display planned as part of the Beach Day activities on July 1, as a Fire Protection Plan is already in place for that event.

To learn more about the **Oak Island Fire Department** or the **Oak Island Police Department** and the many ways we work to help serve our community, just visit the our pages at [OakIslandNC.gov/FD](http://OakIslandNC.gov/FD) and [OakIslandNC.gov/PD](http://OakIslandNC.gov/PD) or click on one of the patches below.





# COMING EVENTS

## This Week in Recreation

Provided below is a listing of the recreation activities specifically for the week ahead! Moving forward, this is how recreation events, programs, and special celebrations will be provided in *The CURRENT*.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to reach out to the Recreation Department at **910-278-5518**.

**SPECIAL NOTE: There WILL NOT be a Summer Concert Series event for this week on Friday July 5, due to the multiple live music events held on Beach Day.**

### Monday, July 1

- **Middleton Park Complex** (Cabana and immediate beach area)
  - o 7:00 AM - 8:30 PM: **Beach Day** (see flyer for details)

### Tuesday, July 2

- **Recreation Center**
  - o 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
  - o 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert
- **Ocean Education Center**
  - o 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities

### Wednesday, July 3

- **Recreation Center**
  - o 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie

- o 9:00 AM SilverSneaker with Mary Beth

- o 4:30 PM Yoga for Balance with Tammy Canceled

- o 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Striders Walking Club (4610 E. Dolphin DR.)

- **Ocean Education Center**

- o 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities

- **Nature Center**

- o 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities

### **Thursday, July 4**

- **Closed for Independence Day**

### **Friday, July 5**

- **Recreation Center**

- o 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie

- o 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Susan

- o 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB

- **Nature Center**

- o 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities

### **Saturday, July 6**

- **Recreation Center**

- o 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors

### **Monday, July 8**

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- o Mature Aerobics with Debbie 7:30 AM

- o SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie 9:00 AM

- o Senior Yoga with Mert 11:15 AM

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- o 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Artisan and Farmer's Market

- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**

o 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp

- **Recreation Center**

o 9:00 AM -2:00 PM: Summer Camp

- **Ocean Education Center**

o 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Special Activities

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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](http://OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS)**.

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



**Jam & Java**



**Summer Concert Series**

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## THANK YOU

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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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## 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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