



THE CURRENT

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

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**Week of
July 22, 2024**

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

It is the fourth (*and last*) full week of July. The Summer continues to roll on, and although the days may be *hazy*, they are anything but *lazy*! From Special Meetings to Summer Camps, there's still plenty going on, and some critical updates to provide.

So hop on the boat, it's time to set sail on this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

MEETINGS & CLOSURES

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NEWS & NOTICES

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- **This Week In Recreation**



MEETINGS & CLOSURES

COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT will hold a ***training session*** on **Tuesday, July 23** at **10:00 AM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive. ***NOTE:*** Though there may be a quorum present, this is **not** a regular meeting of the Board, and no action will be taken

BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its next meeting (non-televised) on **Tuesday, July 23** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department Training Room on the 2nd floor of the Police Department.

All Council & Board meeting dates can be found on the ***Meetings Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS**.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are **NO** closures for the week ahead. To view all holiday closures, visit: **OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY**.



Special Meetings Cancelled

Last week, it was announced that on Tuesday & Wednesday, July 23 & 24 the Town Council would be holding two **Special Meetings**, to conduct a workshop on proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance Table of Uses, definitions, and supplemental regulations.

PLEASE NOTE: These meetings have been CANCELLED.

When the meetings are rescheduled, a public notice will be published on the **[OKInformation](#)** page, and sent out via email. To sign up to receive email notifications from the Town, simply visit: **OakIslandNC.gov/INFO**.

As a reminder, you can view the Meetings Calendar, download agendas, or watch video of any Council meeting from the Meetings Information page. Simply go to **OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS** or click the link below.

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NEW "Report A Concern" Button

Sometimes, there are things that simply **concern** you; and the best response is to **report** them to someone. ***But who do you report them to? ... And how do you report them?***

Well, that's at least one set of questions that can easily be answered, thanks to the ***NEW Report A Concern*** button right on the homepage of the Town Website.



The Town of Oak Island is continually working to simplify information and improve access to the departments and staffing who keep the Town running. The new *Report A Concern* button provides a "hotline to help" to some of the most common questions, as it directly links to the (*also new*) ***Services Information*** page.

This page contains information on the commonly used services provided by the Town of Oak Island, as well as Department Contact Forms to request services or a report problem.

Need to report a problem or request service? Simply click on the appropriate Contact Form to send a brief message to the Department who can best help with your concern.

Don't know how to find what you're looking for? Just use the Service Finder information listed to learn more about any of the services, facilities, or amenities offered by the Town of Oak Island.

If you need something even more direct than a button on the homepage, feel free to bookmark the new ***Services Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SERVICES** or click the link below.

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Land Use Plan Update: New Committee

REMINDER: The deadline to submit applications for the Steering Committee and for the Stakeholders Groups is **NOON on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.**

The Town of Oak Island is actively involved in the process of updating the **Comprehensive Land Use Plan**, and there are ***several ways you can participate!***

There will be a ***Steering Committee*** which will meet several times throughout the update process (meeting schedule to be determined), with a recommended makeup including two Council members, two Planning Board members, one member each from the Business Advisory Board, the Environmental Advisory Committee, and the Recreation Advisory Board. Council will also consider applications for two additional at-large members.

A ***Stakeholders Group*** will also be an option for those wanting to be involved but needing less of a time commitment. Each stakeholder group will meet with the consultant for approximately one hour (*meeting date and time to be determined*)

- **[CLICK HERE to download a Steering Committee Application](#)**
- **[CLICK HERE to download a Stakeholders Group Application](#)**

For more information, contact the ***Town Clerk Lisa Stites*** through the Department contact form at **OakIslandNC.gov/CLERK** or click the link below.

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NEW Par 3 Golf "Dot Com" URL

Oak Island Par 3 Golf is one of the best par three courses in the region. Located 30 minutes south of Wilmington, NC and less than an hour north of Myrtle Beach, SC, this exciting course is adjacent to the Cape Fear Jetport, in the serene South Harbour community, on the mainland section of Town.

The course is designed with a layout that all levels of golfers can play and enjoy, whether playing with family, friends, or children, golf experiences here will be both challenging and fun. Throughout the past few years, the course has seen a significant revitalization. With staff pouring countless hours into the aesthetics and playability, the course has increased its status as a "commercially marketable" asset for the Town.

This is being reflected in the NEW website domain for the Oak Island Par 3, launched just this week at **www.OKIpar3.com**.

Although the Par 3's website will remain on the Town's "dot gov" domain, the new "dot com" commercial URL is more appropriate for marketing the course independently of the Town, and attracting even more players.

In the coming months, expect to see even more changes and improvements online and in real life, as this great gem starts to truly shine! In the meantime, you can learn more by simply visiting the ***Oak Island Par 3 Golf*** website at **www.OKIpar3.com** or clicking the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



FIRE: "Meet With The Chief" Success

On **Friday, July 19**, Chief Lee Price held the first ever "**MEET With The CHIEF**" Public Availability Session in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall. This presentation and informal discussion provided a chance for residents to ask questions, correct misinformation, and learn valuable fire prevention information.

Oak Island Fire Department invites you to ...

Meet with the **CHIEF**

Friday, July 19, 2024
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Town Hall, 2nd Floor
4601 E Oak Island Dr.

Fire Chief Lee Price
will be hosting a
Public Availability
to answer questions, address concerns, and give important fire prevention information!
Session will be recorded for later viewing online at:
OakIslandNC.gov/FireSafety



The session proved a tremendous success, with nearly **60 people in attendance**. Real topics of concern were discussed, and real examples of misinformation were addressed. The session was broadcast LIVE on OKI-TV (Spectrum Cable channel 8) and made available immediately afterwards on the **Fire Prevention** page of the Town Website.

With the great reception and positive feedback received, more sessions may be announced in the future. In the meantime, to view the July 19 **Meet With The Chief** event, just visit the **Fire Prevention** page at OakIslandNC.gov/FireSafety or click the patch below.



POLICE: "Soft Heroes" Donation

Most folks do not know this, but the Oak Island Police Department has a policy that ***every Department vehicle must have a stuffed animal in it.***

Unfortunately, this isn't because of Chief's Morris's innovative, "***Bring your Teddy Bear to Work***" policy; the sad reality is that there are times when children are simply caught in the middle of some of life's scariest, most difficult situations.

These stuffed animals are some of the best "tools" at an officer's disposal; as they provide a way to comfort and connect with the most vulnerable of those we serve.

That's why we are grateful to **Miah Strader** and **Northrop Realty**, who after learning that we were running low on supplies, stepped in with three (3) large bags full of brand new stuffed animals.



Pictured here with Community Resource Officer Matthew Tweedie, the support from Miah and her team will go far in helping us, to connect with and provide comfort to the most vulnerable in our community.

Actions like this are just one more example of the how Community Policing model we employ works to serve everyone better.

To learn more about the **Oak Island Police Department** and how you can help with needs like this, just use the Department Contact Form on our page at OakIslandNC.gov/PD or click the patch below.





CLASS CANCELLATION NOTICE:

- ***Silver Sneakers with Susan*** is **CANCELLED** for **Friday, July 26** and **Tuesday, July 30**
- **SilverSneakers with Maggie** is **CANCELLED** for **Thursday, July 25** at **9:00 AM**

For more information on these closures or any alternative program options, please contact the Oak Island Recreation Department at 910-278-5518 or through the [Department Contact Form](#).

This Week in Recreation

Provided below is a listing of the recreation activities specifically for the week ahead! For questions or additional information, contact the **Recreation Department** at **910-278-5518**.

Monday, July 22

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - Mature Aerobics with Debbie 7:30 AM
 - SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie 9:00 AM
 - Senior Yoga with Mert 11:15 AM
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Artisan and Farmer's Market
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Summer Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Special Activities

Tuesday, July 23

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
 - 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert

- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM -2:00 PM: Summer Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Rainy Day kids art class (Chicken Little 3D shaker) (pre-registration required)
- **Davis Canal/ Recreation Center**
 - 10:00 AM – NOON Davis Canal Kayak Tour (pre- registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Crochet a beach bag class (Pre-registration required)

Wednesday, July 24

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneaker with Mary Beth
 - 4:30 PM Yoga for Balance with Tammy
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Striders Walking Middleton Park Complex (pre-registration required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities
- **Oak Island Cabana**
 - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Story time by the Sea (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Rainy Day kids art class (Ceramic Mosaic Hot Plate) (pre-registration required)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM -2:00 PM: Summer Camp (pre-registration required)

Thursday, July 25

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth (CANCELED)
 - 9:00 AM Silversneakers with Maggie
 - 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
 - 6:00 PM Slow Flow Yoga with Rotating instructors
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM -2:00 PM: Summer Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Rainy Day Kids Art Class (Stormy Day Watercolor) (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Fort Fisher Aquarium speaking.

Friday, July 26

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
 - 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM -2:00 PM: Summer Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Summer Concert**
 - 6:30 PM Rivermist
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:00 AM: Table Tennis
- **Register Park**
 - 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Between the Lines Book Club Meeting (pre-register required)

Saturday, July 27

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, July 29

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - Mature Aerobics with Debbie 7:30 AM
 - SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie 9:00 AM
 - Senior Yoga with Mert 11:15 AM
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Artisan and Farmer's Market
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM -2:00 PM: Summer Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Special Activities

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!



July Fitness Calendar



Summer Concert Series



Learn to Crochet



Aquarium Visit

THANK YOU

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