



THE CURRENT

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

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**Week of
July 29, 2024**

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

This week we continue to slide down the "backside of Summer" as July transitions into August. Pretty soon the talk will shift from sunblock and boogie boards, to school supplies and bus schedules. Before that transition starts however, it's important to remember that ***Summer ain't over!*** So let the kids have a few more weeks of fun, and maybe even let your own ***inner kid join in*** as well!

In the meantime, if you still need some business to attend to, there's plenty of that to go around, with important notices, meetings, and safety information to share. So hold off on trading those swim trunks for the office attire just yet, as we settle on in for this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

MEETINGS & CLOSURES

- **Environmental Advisory Committee**
- **Par 3 Advisory Committee**

NEWS & NOTICES

- **Swimming Advisory Lifted**
- **NEW Garbage & Recycling Bin Replacement Form**
- **FINAL REMINDER: Land Use Plan Update: New Committee**
- **Summer Concert Series Rescheduled**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Class Cancellations**
- **This Week In Recreation**
- **Event Flyers**



COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, August 1** at **8:30 AM** in the Ocean Education Center, located at 4700 E Oak Island Drive.

PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting on **Friday, August 2** 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**.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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



Swimming Advisory Lifted

On **Saturday, July 27**, State officials lifted a ***Precautionary Swimming Advisory***, which had been issued a day earlier for the beach area near Crowell St., where floodwater pumping had occurred.

Water quality in the surf areas along Oak Island are regularly tested as part of the ***NC Recreational Water Quality Program***, administered by the ***Department of Environmental Quality*** (NCDEQ).

The program conducts testing at 11 sites in the Town of Oak Island, and two in neighboring Caswell Beach, for *enterococcus bacteria*. This is an "indicator organism" that does not cause illness, but is an indicator of organisms that can.

AS A REMINDER, full program information and current notices are available on the ***Beach Safety*** page of the Town Website.

To view this information, simply click on the ***"Swimming Advisory Information"*** tab on the ***Beach Safety*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

NEW Garbage & Recycling Cart Replacement Form

DID YOU KNOW the Town of Oak Island has over **11,000 homes?** Each one of those homes has at least one **Garbage & Recycling Cart** ... and some have more. That's around **25,000 carts** collected **every seven (7) days**, just from residential use alone!

With so many carts getting collected, things are bound to break, get worn out, or sometimes even "wander off" (*seriously, DON'T forget to bring your empty carts back in before a storm hits!*)

To help streamline the process of requesting a replacement cart, the Public Works Department has launched the new **Garbage & Recycling Cart Request / Replacement Form**.

The new form provides easy one-click options to request a removal broken carts and replacement of missing carts, for both residential and short-term rental properties.

To find the new form, simply visit the **Garbage & Recycling Collection** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/COLLECTION** or click the link below.

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FINAL REMINDER: Land Use Plan Update: New Committee

Third Notice & FINAL Reminder that the DEADLINE to submit applications for both the **Steering Committee** or the **Stakeholders Groups** is **NOON on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.**

Please share this information if you or someone you know would like to participate in the process of updating the Town's **Comprehensive Land Use Plan**. There are ***several ways you can join in!***

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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Summer Concert Rescheduled

Due to already wet conditions and a forecast of additional inclement weather, the **Oak Island Summer Concert Series** for this past Friday featuring **RIVERMIST** had to be **RESCHEDULED** for next **Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 PM.**

As with all concerts in the Series, this rescheduled event will still be held at the Oak Island Amphitheater, in the Middleton Park Complex at 4610 E Dolphin Drive.

The series continues for the week ahead as variety band **Autumn Tyde** takes this stage this coming **Friday, August 2.**

In the meantime, to view the full remaining Band Lineup, just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/CONCERT** or click on the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



FIRE: "Eye on America" Meets Our Eye on the Ocean

If you happened to be watching the **CBS Evening News** this past **Wednesday, July 24**, you might have seen some familiar sights, *and faces!*

The Town of Oak Island was honored to be featured in the ***Eye On America*** segment, which highlighted some of the unique and innovative ways we approach Ocean Rescue, and other life-saving operations using drone technology.

Being presented on a national platform like this is not just about showing our capabilities, but providing a chance to share new and exciting ideas with other communities as well.

This is just one of the many ways we work to serve the community everyday, as part of Oak Island's awesome "**First Responder Family**" comprised of firefighters, rescue, medical, and law enforcement officers, staff, and volunteers!! Be sure to catch CBS Mornings later this week, as additional coverage from CBS' visit will be shown.

In the meantime, to watch the original airing, just visit www.cbsnews.com or click the patch below.



POLICE: School Supply Drive

As noted in the intro to this week's edition of *The CURRENT*, soon the conversations will shift from "**sunblock and boogie boards, to school supplies and bus schedules.**" While school supplies are often thought of as a "student need" - *leading to donation drives all over the nation* - the truth is that teachers can need just as much help sometimes.

That's why on **Friday, August 16**, from **8:00 AM - NOON** we'll be partnering with the community to host our first ever ...

TEACHER'S SUPPLY DRIVE!

The drive will be held in partnership with **Northrop Realty**, located at **4912 E Oak Island Dr.**, and will benefit teachers at the two schools which most closely service our Town, Southport Elementary and Southport Christian School.

Mark it on your calendars and start making plans now to help collect the "wish list" items our local teachers need, such as:

- **Laminating Sheets**
- **Kleenex**
- **Expo Markers** (*variety of colors*)
- **Snacks For Kids** (*Gold fish, animal crackers, pretzels, shortbread cookies*)
- **Glue sticks**
- **Stickers -- All Kinds!**
- **Prize Box Items** (*small items such as rings, bracelets, cars, silly putty, suckers, nerds, etc.*)
- **Card Stock** (*white especially , blue, light pink, yellow, light green*)
- **Highlighters** (*small pencil size*)
- **Colorful Sticky Notes**
- **Hand Sanitizer**

Stay tuned for flyers, videos, and more information about this drive, which will be released in the coming days. In the meantime, you can learn more about the **Oak Island Police Department** and how we serve through our Community Policing model on our webpage at OakIslandNC.gov/PD or click the patch below.



CLASS CANCELLATION NOTICE:

- ***SilverSneakers with Susan*** is **CANCELLED** for **Tuesday, July 30**
- ***SilverSneakers with Mary Beth*** has been **CANCELLED** for **Wednesday, July 31**

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 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

Tuesday, July 30

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan (CANCELED)
 - 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**
 - 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Crochet a beach bag class (Pre-registration required)

Wednesday, July 31

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneaker with Mary Beth (CANCELED)
 - 4:30 PM Yoga for Balance with Tammy
- **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)
- **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**
 - 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Grief and Loss Support Session

Thursday, August 1

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
 - 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)

Friday, August 2

- **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 Autumn Tyde
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

Saturday, August 3

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

Monday, August 5

- **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
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM Paintbrush Academy (pre-registration required)

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



Grief Group



Storytime By The Time

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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