



THE CURRENT

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

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Week of
August 19, 2024

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

It's the penultimate week of August, and Summer is sinking faster than half of the boats in this year's **Dutchman Dinghy Dash**. As the Town begins the slow slide to quieter times, there's still plenty of activities to be had before we officially see our **Sunset on Summer**.

In addition to the fun times, there's also some serious business to discuss. So put on your best business swimsuit, and let's take a dive in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

MEETINGS & CLOSURES

- **No Meetings or Closures**

NEWS & NOTICES

- **Town Council Meeting Review**
- **Board & Committee Applications Due**
- **Sunset On Summer *Coming Soon!***
- ***Manager's Message: Pedestrian Safety Improvements***
- ***NEW Staff Spotlight: Four New Firefighters***

SAFETY BRIEF

- **POLICE: NC Risk Review Accreditation**
- **FIRE: Rip Currents & Risk Review**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Rescheduled Concert Reminder**
- **This Week In Recreation**
- **Event Flyers**



COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

There are **NO Council or Board Meetings** planned for the week ahead

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. The next Holiday Closure will be **Monday, September 2, 2024** in observance of **Labor Day**.

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



Town Council Meeting Review

This past **Tuesday, August 13, 2024** at **6:00 PM** the Oak Island Town Council held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Council Chambers.

CLICK THE TAB BELOW to view the Actions Report summary:

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To view the full video of the meeting, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below.

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Serve Your Community! Board & Committee Openings

The Oak Island Town Council is now accepting applications from interested persons for the following appointed boards/committees:

- **Planning Board** (one unexpired term ending August 2026)
- **Environmental Advisory Committee** (one regular term ending June 2027, two unexpired terms ending June 2025 and one unexpired term ending June 2026)
- **Business Advisory Board**
 - 3 seats for 3-year terms (expiring in Sep 2027)
 - 1 seat for 2-year term (expiring in Sep 2026)

IMPORTANT: Appointments may be made during the Town Council meeting on September 10, 2024. Please submit applications to the Town Clerk by **NOON** on **Wednesday, August 28**. Applications can be submitted in person at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive, or via email to lstites@oakislandnc.gov.

Applications are available at Town Hall or online at the ***Boards & Committees*** page; simply visit OakIslandNC.gov/BOARDS or click the link below.

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'Sunset On Summer' Coming SOON!

It's the best way to close out a summer full of fun, and now it is **BACK** for **2024**! The immensely popular ***Sunset On Summer*** Music Festival returns on **Saturday September 7, 2024** From **NOON - 8:00 PM**.



Held in the **Middleton Park Complex** at 4610 E Dolphin Dr., this event will host multiple bands throughout the day; along with food trucks, craft beer, wine, and spirits on site. All capped off with a special **FIREWORKS** show to help say goodbye to an awesome Summer!

Music will be provided by ***Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot*** at NOON, followed by ***Chicago Rewired*** at 3:00 PM and ***On the Border*** at 6:00 PM.

For updates or to share information, just visit ***Events & Programs*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SOS** or click the link below.

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE: Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Direct updates from the office of Interim Town Manager, Kathryn Adams...

During the **Administrative Reports of last week's Town Council meeting** a very special and welcomed update was given on an important topic for many residents and visitors alike, ***Pedestrian Safety Improvements***.

After several months of working with the NCDOT, plans are ready to begin moving forward with both a ***Sidewalk Project*** for E Oak Island Dr. and ***multiple Crosswalk Projects*** for Beach Dr.

The ***TIMELINE*** for the Sidewalk Project will have NCDOT bidding the project in early fall of this year, with the awarded contractor having 75 days to complete. The ***TIMELINE*** for the Crosswalk Projects will have survey work scheduled to begin by the end of this month (2 months to complete), then submitted to NCDOT for approval. Once NCDOT provides the Permit to Construct, installation will be performed "in-house" by Public Works Department crews, taking about a month to complete. A ***target completion*** for all projects will be in Spring 2025 before the Summer Tourism Season starts.

This is exciting and much-anticipated news, which you can keep track of progress updates on from the ***Pedestrian Safety*** page of the Town Website; just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PEDESTRIAN** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Welcome Four New Firefighters

EDITOR'S NOTE: In last week's Manager's Message, the new employee notices was so well received, we have launched it as a new standalone feature for The CURRENT. Expect to see more updates and highlights on Town Staff in future examples of the Staff Spotlight.

We have new faces in the Fire Department! Starting this past week, the Town welcomed ***FOUR (4) new Firefighters!*** Pictured below (L to R) are fulltime Firefighters Zachary Taylor, Zachary Knoerl, Ian Hanley and part-time Firefighter, Brent Wells.



Zachary Taylor was previously stationed in Fayetteville as a firefighter for Cumberland County.

Zachary Knoerl came to us from Sunset Harbor Fire Department as a full time Engineer.

Ian Hanley is originally from Wilmington is an Army Veteran (thank you for your service)!

Brent Wells joins the Town as a part-time firefighter, having been in the fire service in one way or another since he was 14 years old, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and uncles.

Town Staff are excited to add these skilled, talented, and dedicated individuals to our emergency response personnel. So please say hello if you see them out and about, and help us welcome them not only to working for, but enjoying life in Oak Island.



SAFETY BRIEF



FIRE: Rip Currents & Risk Review

With the lingering effects of **Tropical Storm Debby** and some recently rough weather in general, the past few weeks have been one of the **busiest** times for our **Ocean Rescue Unit** this entire season.

Over the past couple of weeks alone, nearly a ***DOZEN*** ocean rescues have been made, with one instance seeing the **rescue of FOUR victims at the same time**.

Thankfully all of these calls resulted in a happy ending, with victims being rescued and families being reunited. However, we know that with new residents and an ever-increasing visitor population, the need for education will never slow down. That's why we're **increasing our efforts like never before** to help warn and educate beachgoers about potential dangers. Similar to **this "spot check" video** we released this past Friday, which quickly raised over 16,000 views, we have much more content headed your way.

In the meantime, remember that ***you can help!*** Read the information provided on the **Beach Safety** page of the Town Website, and share the page with your friends and neighbors. ***And remember:*** visitors, and even new residents have not had the luxury of experiencing this area for long, so when you share our information be sure to be kind, be understanding, and let them know their safety is appreciated.

To view the ***Beach Safety*** page, simply visit at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY**. or click the patch below.



POLICE: NC Risk Review Accreditation

During last week's **Town Council meeting**, the Department was recognized for completing the completing the **Law Enforcement Risk Review** through the ***NC League of Municipalities*** (NCLM).



PICTURED: Assistant Chief Frankie Cooke (L) and Chief Charlie Morris (R) receiving the the award by Joe Graziano, Public Safety Risk Management Consultant for the League

According to the NCLM, the Risk Review process involves a comprehensive agency review of the high-risk policies, operations, and practices and includes a detailed on-site agency review designed to validate that practices align with policy and, in turn, with industry best practices.

An emphasis is placed on reviewing the high-liability areas, including Police Pursuits, Use of Force, stop-and-frisk, employment practices, and training, in addition to many more areas of risk. The review process includes a policy review and comprehensive agency site-evaluation, designed to validate that policies and practices are meeting the recommended best practices.

During the meeting, Chief Morris commented on how honored we are to be among the only 80 or so departments who have achieved this milestone so far, and credited the work of Assistant Chief Cooke in helping to spearhead this effort.

For more information on the services we provide each day, just visit our webpage at [**OakIslandNC.gov/PD**](http://OakIslandNC.gov/PD) or click the patch below.



CONCERT RESCHEDULE REMINDER:

- The **Summer Concert Series** scheduled for **Thursday, August 8** featuring ***Rivermist*** has been **RESCHEDULED** to **Thursday, August 29**

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, August 19

- **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
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 AM: Special Activities

Tuesday, August 20

- **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
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Granny Square Crochet class (pre-registration required)

Wednesday, August 21

- **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
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Special Activities
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Strides Walking Club (Oak Island Recreation Center)

Thursday, August 22

- **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

- **Nature Center**

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

- **Recreation Center**

- 10:00 AM – NOON Davis Canal Kayak Trip

Friday, August 23

- **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

- **Summer Concert Series**

- 6:30 PM LunaSea

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Veterans Park**

- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Book Club meets at Veterans Park

Saturday, August 24

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, August 26

- **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

- **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!





August Fitness Calendar



Crochet Class

Explore Davis Canal



Walking Club

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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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