



THE CURRENT

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

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**Week of
August 26, 2024**

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

August is coming to an end, and with it goes much of what makes Summer ... well, "*SUMMER!*"

As the last *Farmers' & Artisans' Market* of the season closes up, and kids trade their surfboards for schoolbooks, there's still a hint of heat in the air. Still a lingering scent of sunscreen. Just because the weekdays are getting boring, doesn't mean we still don't have the weekends!

With exciting events like *Sunset On Summer* next week, and the *Live & Local* series in October, we'll keep the fun going all the way until the *Christmas By The Sea Parade* in December! But before we get to all of that, there's still plenty going on over the next few days. So put on your favorite captain's hat, and let's set sail for this week's edition of *The CURRENT*.

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COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its next meeting (non-televised) on **Tuesday, August 27** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department Training Room on the 2nd floor of the Police Department.

TOWN COUNCIL will hold a *Special Meeting* (televised) on **Thursday, August 29** at **5:30 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall.

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town Administrative Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 2, 2024** in observance of **Labor Day**.

NOTE: There are **NO changes** to the Garbage & Recycling schedule, however collection may be slowed due to higher volume over the holiday weekend.

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



Special Meeting Notice

Please be advised that the **Oak Island Town Council** will hold a **Special Meeting** on **Thursday, August 29, 2024** at **5:30 PM** in the Town Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Dr.

The purpose of this meeting is to hold a Closed Session, to discuss Specific Personnel pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Action may be taken.

Non closed session portions of the meeting, including any actions taken, will be broadcast LIVE on **OKI-TV** (Spectrum Cable Channel 8), as well as livestreamed on the **Meetings Information** page of the Town Website. To view this page visit **OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS** or click the link below.

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'Sunset On Summer' is NEXT WEEK!

Next **Saturday, September 7** the best way to close out a Summer returns with the popular **Sunset On Summer** Music Festival!



Held from **NOON - 8:00 PM** 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 **Special Events & Programs** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SOS or click the link below.

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NEW Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program

The Town of Oak Island is committed to maintaining and improving the aesthetic appeal of its commercial districts, which are crucial to the Town's history, image, and economic vitality. To support this goal, the Town Council has approved the ***Façade Improvement Grant*** (FIG) Program, approved by Town Council **August 13, 2024**.

This program provides an exciting opportunity for commercial property owners and tenants in Oak Island to receive **financial assistance** for **exterior improvements** to their buildings. By participating in this program, businesses can not only enhance their own properties but also contribute to the overall revitalization and charm of Oak Island.

The FIG Program offers **matching grants that cover up to 50%** of the cost of qualifying façade improvements. Grants can range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$10,000 per project. Only one application per property will be accepted each year, and funding is limited. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds.

For full details on the program and how to apply, just visit the ***Façade Improvement Program*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/FIG or click the link below.

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Walkover OPEN / Playground CLOSED

Back in March of this year, work was completed on a replacement of the arched northern end of the Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkover, which connects SE 20th Street and 19th Place East. Immediately following in late April, work began on replacing a similar arched section in the Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkover connecting SE 9th Street to 9th Place East.

Despite a couple of setbacks from scheduling and a little tropical storm named "Debby" -- work was finally completed this past week, with the walkover **REOPENED** and returned to service over the weekend. This now completes the total replacement of BOTH walkovers since sustaining damage due to Hurricane Isaias in A 2020.

As one facility opens, so another must close ... ***but only for a DAY this time!*** The ***Pirate Ship & Original Playground*** facilities in the Middleton Park Complex will both be **CLOSED** on **Tuesday, August 27** to accommodate the adding of new mulch. This is mulch specifically designed for playground areas, and will refresh what is currently installed. The closure should only take a few hours for each location, and each feature will be reopened as soon as work is complete.

For more information on alternative recreation areas to enjoy in the meantime, just visit the ***Parks & Facilities Directory*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PARKS or click the link below.

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE: Will You Consider Serving?

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

In last week's edition, we mentioned the Town Council is now accepting applications for several Boards & Committees, including the **Planning Board**, **Environmental Advisory Committee**, and the **Business Advisory Board**.

Advisory boards and committees are an important part of local government. They provide a even more opportunities for residents to connect with the Town Council, and help shape their decisions which affect this community.

If you have any interest in serving your community through action, then please consider applying for one of the available positions. **REMINDER: Appointments may be made during the Town Council meeting on September 10**, and applications are due by **NOON** this **Wednesday, August 28**.

For more information on available positions, and how to submit your application, visit the Boards & committees page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BOARDS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/BOARDS) or click the link below.

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FIRE: Missing Juvenile Makes for A "Teaching Moment"

This past **Wednesday, August 21** at **1:45 PM**, responders were notified of a missing juvenile in the area just east of the Oak Island Pier. The drone unit (already in the area) immediately launched, while the parent was able to visually observe the monitor and assist in finding their child within minutes.

The child had walked over **ONE MILE** west of the Pier, and was located around **SE 70th St**. Members of the **Ocean Rescue Unit** provided a ride back to the Pier in the new Utility Vehicles, recently entered into service.

While the child was NOT in immediate danger, and this call had a positive outcome, it provides a great opportunity for some important safety reminders:

1. Just like “highway hypnosis” can affect you while driving, the similar lines of the beach and sea landscape can often have you walking much farther than you might realize. this can lead to fatigue, and as in a recent missing persons case, disorientation. If going on a long walk, take frequent pauses to note your surroundings and how far you’ve come, and remember to save enough energy to make it back!
2. Exploring your surroundings can be fun. If ANY of your family (not just children) like to go for walks, remember to take a photo of them when heading out onto the beach, so that we’ll know what they look like and what they’re wearing that day, to help make locating them easier if needed.
3. Finally, remember to "make a game plan when you hit the sand." Make sure everyone knows WHEN and WHERE to meet in case they get separated or go off to do their own thing.
The beach is a fun and safe place to enjoy the beauty of nature, but like most things, it’s always good to keep some general safety practices in mind.

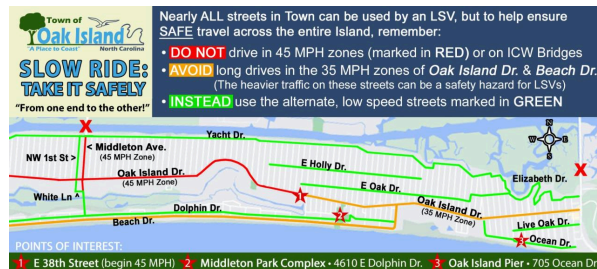
To view a video of this most recent event, check out our **Facebook Page** at [Facebook.com/OakIslandFire](https://www.facebook.com/OakIslandFire). or click the patch below.



POLICE: New "SLOW RIDE: Take It Safely" Campaign

Although it was delayed a couple of weeks (no thanks to Tropical Storm Debby), we are excited to finally launch our new **SLOW RIDE: Take It Safely** campaign for Low Speed Vehicles.

As noted in the [announcement video on our Facebook page](#), we have already increased our LSV enforcement, and have **ALL NEW Information Cards** we'll be passing out, which feature a NEW MAP on the backside that gives LSV drivers alternative routes to the heavier traffic on streets like Oak Island Dr. and Beach Dr.



Remember, LSVs are treated just like any other vehicle on the road. We respect their right to enjoy our streets as much as any other vehicle, and apply the law equally. By providing these safety reminders and helpful route suggestions, we can work together to let everyone enjoy the Island ... ***at their own pace!***

To view this information and download your own card to help share this message, just visit the LSV Information page at OakIslandNC.gov/LSV or click the patch below.



YOGA CLASS CANCELLATION

- The **Yoga For Balance with Tammy** on **Wednesday August 27** at **4:30 PM** has been **CANCELLED**.

CONCERT RESCHEDULE REMINDER:

- The **RESCHEDULED Summer Concert Series** featuring **Rivermist** will be on **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 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

Tuesday, August 27

- **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

Wednesday, August 28

- **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 (Veneer Memorial Garden)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM Grief Share Group

Thursday, August 29

- **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
- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 6:30 PM Summer Concert Series (Rescheduled) featuring *Rivermist*
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Special Activities

Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Summer Concert**
 - 6:30 PM The Main Event Band
- **16th Place East (by Ocean Crest Peir)**
 - TBA Surf Off

Monday, September 2

- **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

REMINDER: A full listing of all coming events can be found on the *Events & Programs* page of the Town Website at [OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/EVENTS).

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



August Fitness Calendar



Book Club



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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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 form 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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