

THE CURRENT

A photograph of a wooden pier with a white railing, extending from the left side of the frame over a body of water. The water is calm with some ripples. In the background, there are trees and a clear sky with a warm sunset glow. A small white circle is visible on the right side of the image.

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

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Week of
September 23, 2024

So ... last week (heavy sigh). Whew! That uh, that was somethin' huh? It's not everyday you have a storm with no name, literally form right over top of you, then proceed to dump higher-than-hurricane amounts of rain and just ... *leave*?

Well regardless of what Mother Nature did, Oak Island responded as it always does: ***with a flexibility and resilience like no other!*** As we get on with the business of moving forward, we also remember our friends, neighbors, and surrounding communities who are still working to recover from the devastation wrought by "**PTC #8.**"

Much like this week's gorgeous cover photo of the newly renovated **Davis Canal Pedestrian Walkover** (*thank you Shawn Barry*) we'll take this last full week of September as a "bridge" to what will hopefully be a quieter, drier Autumn.

In the meantime, remember to follow up with Assistance Opportunities and Recovery Updates on the ***Storm Recovery Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/WX, and let's all take a moment to enjoy this week's ***RETURN EDITION*** of *The CURRENT*.

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COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, September 24 at 9:00 AM** in the Police Department Training Room on the 2nd floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are **NO** holiday closures for the week ahead. The next holiday closure will be on **Monday, November 11, 2024** for **Veterans Day**.

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

NEWS & NOTICES

Stormwater "Sewage" Runoff Statement

Following the impacts of **PTC #8** the Town has received several concerns over potential sewage or oil / chemical spills in areas of standing water. Common concerns were related to a dark, brownish-red discoloration in the water or an oily "sheen" on the surface, and may often have a strong odor.

After further review, these particular concerns are NOT related to any sewage or oil / chemical spill, but rather are the result of a natural occurrence of **iron-oxidizing bacteria**.

To read a full statement with explanation, visit the **OKInformation** page at OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS, or click the link below.

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Mosquito Fogging Notice

With the extreme amounts of **rain and standing water** resulting from **PTC #8**, combating the **Mosquito Population** is an immediate concern.

If wind and weather conditions permit, the Town will conduct **Emergency Mosquito Fogging Operations** beginning on **Tuesday**.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO voluntary "Opt Out" feature for these operations! Crews are aware of all **verified apiarists** (beekeepers) and will adjust fogging to accommodate

For more information on Mosquito Fogging in general, and to learn about how you can help lower the mosquito population, visit the **Mosquito Management** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MOSQUITO or click the link below.

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Medallion Hunt Results

While everyone is working hard to recover following last week's storm event, Town staff also recognized the need for some "positive reinforcement." That's why for those interested and able, the Business Advisory Board **resumed** the Oak Island Medallion Hunt, which had been paused due to **PTC #8**. Well it didn't take long for the action to heat up, and by the final day of the Hunt, BOTH medallions had successfully been found!

Congratulations to Medallion hunt Winners **Tina Jordan** (Grand Prize) and **Timothy Pope**.



Readers may remember the first medallion was found pretty quickly by Tina at the Nature Center, while Timothy found the second medallion in Malcom Register Park.

Special Thanks to all of the participating local businesses and clue hosts, for making this event so special for our community, including Doodles, Hippie Chick Granola Co., Oak Island Senior Center and Gift Shop, Joseph's Italian Bistro, Dunes Mercantile, The Grape & Ale, CENTURY 21 Collective, Crossroads Gathering Place, Art Time, Cape Fear Yoga and Wellness Center, Jamie Corbett Photography, Laureen Weaver, Artist, Priority Waste Inc, Rusty Hooks Dockside Grill, Sarah's Soul, and Tranquil Harbour Restaurant & Bar.

To learn more about this new and unique event, or retrace the clues yourself, just visit the Medallion Hunt page at OakIslandNC.gov/HUNT or click the link below.

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TUESDAY: Conversations With Council

Due to PTC #8 last week, the previously planned **Conversations With Council** Resident Discussion Series has been **RESCHEDULED** for this **Tuesday, September 24**, from **6:00 PM – 8:30 PM** in the Oak Island Recreation Center, at 3003 E Oak Island Drive.

This session will be **hosted** by **Mayor Liz White** and **Council Member Terri Cartner**.



**CONVERSATIONS
with COUNCIL**
RESIDENT DISCUSSION SERIES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Recreation Center • 3003 E Oak Island Dr.

This is NOT a "town hall" style meeting of the full Council, but a chance to sit with individual members and ask questions, receive answers, and share feedback on how to preserve and improve the quality of life in the Town of Oak Island.

Next session hosted by:
LIZ WHITE & TERRI CARTNER

To learn more or email discussion topics, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/COUNCIL

As a reminder, this is **NOT** a formal meeting of the Council, but simply a chance for residents and property owners to sit down and have discussions with individual Council members directly. This is a public opportunity to ask questions, receive answers, and share feedback on how to preserve and improve the quality of life in Oak Island.

For more information, or to email suggested discussion topics, visit the ***Council Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/COUNCIL or click the link below.

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THURSDAY: "Charting The Course" Kickoff

This past **Thursday, September 19** the Town held the official public ***Kickoff Event*** for the ***2045 Charting The Course*** project!. This started with a presentation from civil & environmental engineering firm **WithersRavenel**, followed by an "open house" style information session.

Click the invite for a brief "open house" tour:



If you haven't heard of the ***2045 Charting The Course*** project, it is the Town's effort to update the existing **Comprehensive Land Use Plan** (often referred to as a "Comp Plan"). This update will examine progress made and new initiatives that should be considered for the future, as well as conduct a **Streetscape Visioning Plan** to re-imagine area along East Oak Island Drive.

To watch the presentation and learn more about the ***2045 Charting The Course*** project, visit OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045 or click the link below.

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Manager's Message: "Staff vs. Storm"

As everyone is acutely aware, last week our Town and surrounding areas experienced an unexpected and unprecedented weather event, Potential Tropical Cyclone 8 (PTC #8), which brought rainfall totals of over 16-18 inches in less than 48 hours, resulting in historic flooding.

If you haven't read it yet, or would like to share with someone who isn't a subscriber to our **OKInformation** emails and text alerts (*and really, they **should** be!*), then you may have missed a special "**Manager's Message**" presented in the 11th and final Response Update.

This details not only the actions that took place during and immediately after the storm, but also gives valuable insight into the inner workings of emergency response for your Town government.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to take a moment and read this candid look at the heart of our commitment to you, our fellow residents, neighbors, friends and family. To view the full message, visit the **OKInformation** page at OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS, or click the link below. or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



POLICE: National Night Out is BACK

National Night Out is BACK for its **SECOND** year in Oak Island! Following the massive success of our first-ever effort in 2023 the community-building campaign returns on **Friday, October 11, 2024** from **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM** in the Middleton Park Complex at 4610 E Dolphin Drive.



For over 40 years, NNO has been held as an annual event around the nation, serving to promote police-community partnerships that help make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Organized locally by the Oak Island Police Department, **2024** marks the Town's **second** year hosting an NNO event, in which officers, staff, and volunteers work hard to ensure a memorable evening for all! The night will feature music, food, and fun with activities and static displays from all military branches and the local first responder community, as well as local sponsors and partner agencies.

For more information and to make your plans NOW to attend, visit OakIslandNC.gov/NNO or click on our department patch below.



FIRE: Visit From The Commissioner

This past **Thursday, September 19**, we were honored to host a special visit from **NC Department of Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey**. Commissioner Causey wanted to learn firsthand about our innovative use of drone technology, particularly during ocean rescues and other lifesaving actions.



Chief Lee Price, along with Drone Pilot Shawn Barry gave a full presentation on how the program works, including sharing recent footage and a live demonstration on the beach.

Meeting with state-level leadership is a great opportunity to connect and collaborate with other departments and agencies far beyond our normal reach.

Learning from our peers in other areas, and being able to contribute our own innovations, helps improve the best practices for everyone. Not only for our community, but our regional “extended family” of first responders as well.

Thank you Town of Oak Island for allowing us to serve you in a way that actively seeks out and employs new trends in emergency response!

To learn more about our department and all of the many resources we utilize everyday, just visit our webpage at OakIslandNC.gov/FD or click on the department patch below.



COMING EVENTS



Live & Local: Market + Music

It's time to *rock & roll* into Fall as the **Live & Local: Market + Music** series starts **NEXT WEEK!**

OCTOBER 05
The British Invaders

OCTOBER 12
The 52nd Street Band

OCTOBER 19
Dave's Not Home

OCTOBER 26
The Cruise Brothers Band

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Connect with your coastal community in the Middleton Park Complex each Saturday evening with live music, local food, and craft vendors, as residents and visitors embrace active island living.

2024 Band Lineup:

- **Saturday, October 5:** The British Invaders
- **Saturday, October 12:** The 52nd Street Band
- **Saturday, October 19:** Dave's Not Home Band

- **Saturday, October 26:** The Cruise Brothers Band

To keep track of all the upcoming happenings, check out the ***Special Events & Programs*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/LIVE or click the link below.

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THIS WEEK: *In Recreation*

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

Monday, September 23

- **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

Tuesday, September 24

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
- 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert

Wednesday, September 25

- **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**

- 10:30 AM – 11:30AM Strides Walking Club (Wrightsville Beach Loop)

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:00 PM Grief and Loss Support Group

Thursday, September 26

- **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

- **Recreation Center**

- 6:00 PM Feral Cat Club Meeting

Friday, September 27

- **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
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:00 AM: Table Tennis
- **Middleton Park**
 - 2:00 PM Between the lines Book Club

Saturday, September 28

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

Monday, September 30

- **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.

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



September Fitness Calendar



Walking Club



Cat Club



Live & Local

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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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 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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