



# THE CURRENT

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

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**Week of**  
**October 14, 2024**

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



It's been a busy October so far in Oak Island as we stare down the Ghost of Summer Passed. No need to be scared though there's still plenty of excitement in store for the weeks, and even months ahead.

Whether ***enjoying a night out***, or just ***cruising down the street***, there's already a lot going on, and even more to come. There's even some important business to attend to as well. So grab something that's ***BOOO-uoyant***, as we float along in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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A photograph of a town council meeting room. In the background, there is a large seal on the wall, an American flag, and a potted plant. The room has a curved desk and chairs. Overlaid on the image is the text "MEETINGS & CLOSURES" in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline. The text is split into two lines: "MEETINGS" on the top line and "& CLOSURES" on the bottom line.

# MEETINGS & CLOSURES

## COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

There are **NO** Town Council or Board meetings scheduled for the week ahead.

All Council & Board meeting dates can be found on the ***Meetings Information*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS)**.

# HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The next holiday closure will be on **Monday, November 11, 2024** for ***Veterans Day***.

To view all holiday closures, visit: [OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).

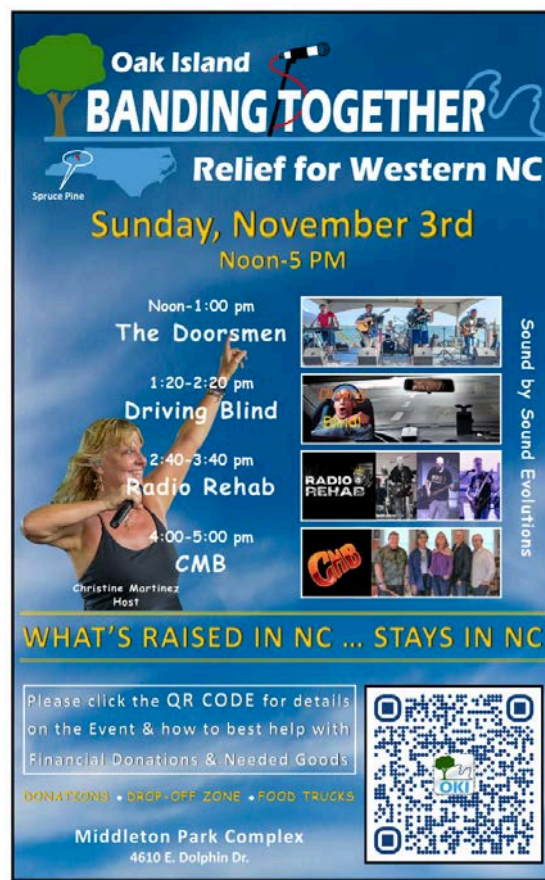
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A hand holding a white cup of coffee over a newspaper. The newspaper has various headlines, including "hidden message" and "Oak Island Newsletter". The text "NEWS & NOTICES" is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters.

# NEWS & NOTICES

## **BANDING TOGETHER: *Relief For Western NC***

On **Sunday, November 3, 2024** from **NOON – 5:00 PM**, the Town of Oak Island will host “**Banding Together: Relief for Western NC**” a **four-band concert** to benefit the region of **Spruce Pine, NC**.



This event will be held in the **Middletown Park Complex**, located at 4610 E Dolphin Drive, and is in direct coordination with town officials from Spruce Pine.

A link to send financial contributions and donation drop-off will be available, with focus on the items currently needed at this stage of recovery.

For further concert details and information how to best help with Financial Donations & Needed Goods visit [OakIslandNC.gov/BandingTogether](https://OakIslandNC.gov/BandingTogether) or click on the Logo Link below.



**NEW Garbage & Recycling Cart Request Options**

Whether it's for a new residence or old rental, a big home or small cottage, there's one common denominator for all properties in Town ... everyone produces trash! With literally ***thousands*** of garbage & recycling carts collected every week in Oak Island, it's a common need to repair broken carts, or replace ones that have gone missing altogether.

Garbage & Recycling Collection services for Oak Island are contracted through **GFL Environmental, Inc.**. After working out the details with the Town's **Public Works Department** for several weeks, the Department is excited to announce ***a more direct way*** of **requesting new or replacement carts**.

There are now several options for requesting carts, based on the specific need, including:

- **Carts that are damaged or go missing on their Service Day**
- **Carts that go missing on days OTHER than their Service Day**
- **Carts for a New Resident, New Construction, or Additional Carts**

To view all of the new ***Cart Request Options*** available, just visit the ***Garbage & Recycling Collection*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/COLLECTION** or click the link below.

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

## Utilities Notice: Water Change to Chlorine

(***NOTE:*** This notice is provided by Brunswick County Public Utilities)

From **October 26, 2024** through **November 2024**, Brunswick County Public Utilities will use **free chlorine** as the primary disinfectant, as part of the ***Annual Flushing Program***.

During the program, Public Utilities employees flush the water mains by opening fire hydrants and allowing them to flow freely for a short period of time. During the flushing, **a slight change is made in the water treatment process**, transitioning the disinfectant used from **combined chlorine** (in the form of chloramines) to chlorine an uncombined state, commonly referred to as ***free chlorine***.

The annual change from chloramines to chlorine for this brief period **is required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**.

***IMPORTANT:*** To view the **FULL RELEASE** containing additional details and **safety information** on this changeover, visit the Brunswick County Website at **brunswickcountync.gov** or click the link below.

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## Customer Service Window Closure

On **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**, the **Customer Service Desk** windows at several Town Facilities will be **CLOSED** until **2:00 PM** to accommodate employee training.



This includes the

- **Utilities & Tax Payments Desk** on the first floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.
- **Permitting Services Desk** at the Development Services Department, also in Town Hall.
- **Recreation Department Front Desk** in the Recreation Center at 3003 E Oak Island Drive.
- **Public Services Building** (Public Works / Utilities) at behind the Community Center at 113 SE 48th Street.

This training will be focused on improving the efficiency and user experience for customer service, which will better serve the residents and utility customer of the Town of Oak Island. Limited emergency assistance will be available as needed, however **all routine transactions are heavily encouraged to be done prior to or after this closure.**

For questions or non-emergency assistance, please use the **Customer Service Contact Form** provided on the **Finance Department** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/FINANCE** or click the link below.

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## ***Manager's Message: Beach Nourishment Update***

*From the desk of Town Manager, Kathryn Adams...*

Summer is over, Fall is in full swing, and Winter is fast approaching; and for the first time in nearly two years, we'll use the Winter months for some crucial beach nourishment efforts.

In case you missed the **Administrative Reports** during last week's Town Council meeting, we were able to provide some exciting and encouraging updates on the status of our upcoming ***Beach Nourishment Project*** for the 2024-25 Winter Season.

As reported during the meeting, the lease for available sand from the **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management** (BOEM) is expected soon, which is required to proceed with the project. Additionally, the ***Bid Documents*** were prepared, with the project set to go out for bid this week on October 15. The bid openings will take place on **November 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM**. This is encouraging news, as for now it keeps the Town on schedule for starting this current nourishment project; which itself plays a crucial role in our long term Beach and Inlet Management Plan.

To learn more about this upcoming project, as well as the Town's overall plans for long term beach nourishment, just visit the ***Beach Nourishment & Preservation*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAND** or click the link below.

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# SAFETY BRIEF



## FIRE: Ocean Rescue: Season Report

While Labor Day may mean the "end of Summer" for some, the season doesn't officially end for our **Ocean Rescue Unit** (ORU) until October 1. While we still maintain staff at the Fire Stations during the "off season" in case of emergency, the on-beach patrols have ceased until next Summer.

During last week's **October 8 Town Council Meeting**, Chief Lee Price was joined by ORU members to give a detailed Season Report. From July 1 - October 1, the ORU assisted or directly responded to:

- **17 Ocean Rescues**
- **6 Ocean Assists**
- **14 EMS Calls (on the beach strand)**
- **3 Missing Persons Calls**
- **32 Marine Incidents**
- **15 Self-Rescue Assists or Other Response Incidents**
- **5 Standby Events**
- **and 180+ Ocean Safety Education Opportunities!!**

That last one, "***Safety Education***" is key! While out on patrols, our vehicles were stopped constantly to ask questions about everything from current conditions, or explaining the Beach Warning Flags, or even to give advice on spotting rip currents. Each time, we counted that as a major "win" for safety. Any efforts to help educate beachgoers on how to enjoy the ocean safely and responsibly, means one less person we might have to be called to save later.

Once again, THANK YOU Oak Island for helping to make this program and our efforts possible. We have worked hard to build this program to help better serve this community, and the numbers now show the results. To learn more about the Ocean Rescue Unit and the services they provide, just visit their page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/ORU](http://OakIslandNC.gov/ORU)** or click on the department patch below.



# **POLICE: National Night Out: *THANK YOU!***

This past Friday, ***we did it again!*** With the help of several area agencies, community partners and YOU, **Friday, October 11** saw yet another successful ***National Night Out*** event in Oak Island.

This was an awesome evening full of music, food, and fun, as we came together for this annual community-building campaign, to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Special Thanks to all of our participating agencies and community partners for 2024 which included:

- **Oak Island Fire Department**
- **Oak Island Water Rescue**
- **Brunswick County Animal Protective Services**
- **Brunswick County Marine Patrol**
- **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office**
- **Holden Beach Police Department**
- **North Carolina Highway Patrol**
- **North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission**
- **SBI Bomb Squad**
- **US Coast Guard**

The Event Sponsors included:

- **Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation**
- **KONA Ice**
- **Coastal Carolina Reality**
- **Publix**
- **Lowes Foods**
- ... along with **Anthony Benson** (*aka Capt. Jack Sparrow*) and his misfit band of pirates with **Black Sails Adventure Company**

To learn more about NNO in general, visit [\*\*OakIslandNC.gov/NNO\*\*](https://OakIslandNC.gov/NNO) or click on our department patch below.







## Class Cancellations

The ***Yoga 4 Balance*** and the ***Total Body Blast*** classes scheduled for **Wednesday & Thursday, October 16 & 17** have been **CANCELLED**.

For more information on these closures, please contact the Oak Island Recreation Department at 910-278-5518 or through the [Department Contact Form](#). For alternative fitness classes and program information, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS) 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, October 14

- 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, October 15

- Recreation Center Fitness Classes
  - 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
  - 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert
  - 11:30 AM Qigong for Beginners

### Wednesday, October 16

- 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 (Oak Island Recreation Center)

## **Thursday, October 17**

- 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

## **Friday, October 18**

- 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
- Bill Smith Park
  - 3:00 PM Between the Lines book club meeting

## **Saturday, October 19**

- Recreation Center fitness classes
  - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- Middleton Park
  - 4:00 PM Live and Local Market
  - 6:00 PM Live and Local Concert
- Recreation Center
  - 2:00 PM Kids Spooky Run (pre-registration required)

## **Monday, October 21**

- 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
- Recreation Center
  - 10:00 AM Drop off for Pumpkin painting and Gingerbread house contest.

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

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



October Fitness Calendar



Qigong



Spooky Run



Spooktacular

## THANK YOU

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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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