



THE CURRENT

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

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**Week of
October 21, 2024**

No, that wasn't anything **spooktacular** that sent those chills down your spine last week, as we just had some unseasonably cool temperatures coming through. But don't let that **trick** you, as the ***treat*** for the week ahead calls for warm temps and a bright outlook ... with a LOT of fun in store!

As we roll along into this final full week of October, there is a lot of exciting news to cover, with some important events on the horizon. So without further delay, 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, October 22 at 9:00 AM** in the Police Department Training Room, on the 2nd floor of the Police Department.

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.

NEWS & NOTICES

Baseball At Bill Smith Park

Baseball is coming to Bill Smith Park! As presented during the Town Council meeting on **October 8, 2024**, the Town has entered into an agreement with **Brunswick Baseball, LLC**, to host an **Old North State League** baseball team in the Bill Smith Park complex for the 2025 Season! **Now is your chance to help name the team!**



As preparations are underway, team organizer Brunswick Baseball LLC, is looking for public input to help find the perfect team name. To do this, they have opened a contest on the Facebook page for the "as-yet-to-be-named" team. Participants who submit their ideas will be entered for a chance to win **TWO (2) season tickets!**

To enter the naming contest:

1. "Like / follow" the Oak Island Baseball Team Page
2. Comment with your Team Name suggestion under the Contest post
3. Share this post with friends!

The deadline for entering name suggestions is this **Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 11:59 PM**. The first person to suggest the chosen team name will receive TWO (2) FREE season tickets, valid for the 2025 season.

To view the contest post and make your suggestion, visit Facebook.com/OakIslandBaseball or click the link below.

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PTC #8 Recovery: SBA Loans Now Available

(Information provided from [Brunswick County Government](https://BrunswickCountyNC.gov))

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced that businesses and residents in Brunswick County affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred September 16–20, 2024, are eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans from the SBA. Full details about this opportunity are now available on the Brunswick County website.

The SBA will open a Disaster Loan Outreach Center at the Town Creek Community Building, located at 6420 Ocean Hwy E, Winnabow, to assist businesses and residents in completing their disaster loan application, accept documents, and provide updates on an application's status. Walk-ins are accepted, or an in-person appointment can be scheduled at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center in advance.

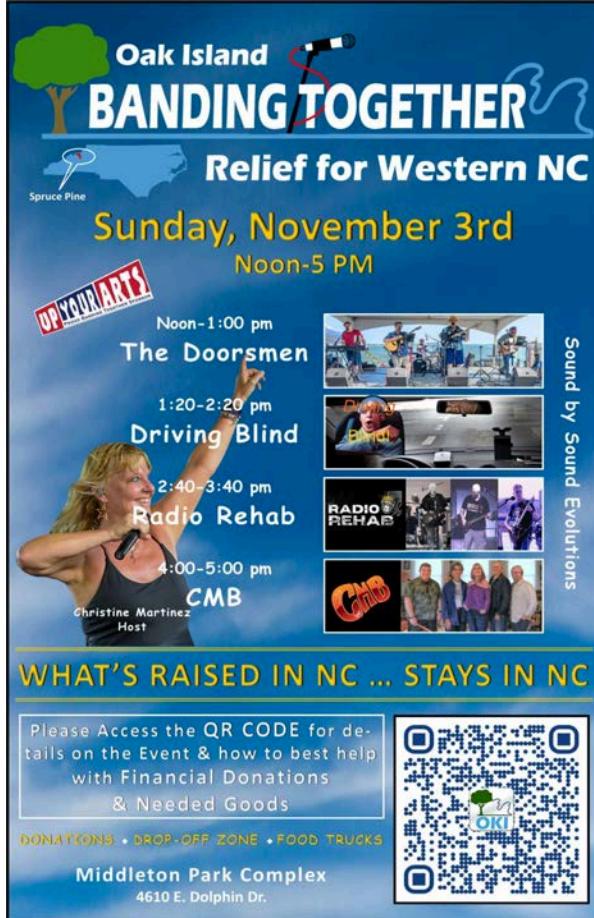
For more information on this program, visit BrunswickCountyNC.gov or click the link below.

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BANDING TOGETHER: New Information Added

Announced this past week, on **Sunday, November 3, 2024** from **NOON – 5:00 PM**, the Town of Oak Island will host "Banding Together: Relief for Western NC" event at the **Middleton Park Complex**.

This **four-band concert** will feature food, music, and donation collections, to benefit the region of **Spruce Pine, NC** in their ongoing recovery efforts following **Hurricane Helene** in September.



Though the devastation experienced in Western North Carolina is starting to fade from public view, ***the need for this "second phase" donation effort is more critical than ever!*** The specific supplies listed and monetary donations brought in by this event, ***will greatly help this region as the colder Fall / Winter months set in.***

Banding Together is being organized in direct coordination with town officials from Spruce Pine, and will focus on the items ***currently needed*** at this stage of the recovery process.

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



REMINDER: Brunswick Utilities Changeover to Chlorine

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

Reminder that **beginning this week on October 26**, Brunswick County Public Utilities will transition to using free chlorine as the primary disinfectant, during their ***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. The annual change from chloramines to chlorine for this brief period is required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. 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*.

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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Manager's Message: "Customer Service is Key"

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

One of our top priorities currently, and looking towards the future, is the improvement of ***Customer Service***. As with any organization that serves the public, continually refining and building upon the way we interact with the public on a daily basis should be a standard practice; and we're aiming to make it so.

Through the combined resources of public input from the [***Customer Service Survey***](#) (still active through October 30), and new [**employee training opportunities**](#), we're making great strides to improve the "in-person experience" at Town Hall everyday.

As a reminder, on the last day of the Survey, **Wednesday, October 30**, the Customer Service Desk windows at all Town Facilities will be **CLOSED** until **2:00 PM** to accommodate the employee training previously mentioned.

While this may mean a few hours of inconvenience for some, the future benefits will far outweigh the time invested. We appreciate the patience as we train to improve quality, and welcome the input as the survey will help to shape those changes.

For other questions about the training or other 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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SAFETY BRIEF



FIRE: Hydrant Testing Continues

As a reminder, our annual [Fire Hydrant Testing & Maintenance](#) program is still underway, and will continue through the month of November. While things like the weather, [County Hydrant Flushing](#), and our own call volume have slowed some progress, we are still hard at work to complete this requirement of the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI).



Until completed, testing will continue each Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

As a reminder: please allow firefighters to complete the testing safely and quickly, and do not approach fire engines or try to talk with firefighters while they are testing. If there is an emergency while firefighters are in your area, **call 9-1-1 FIRST.**

The Town maintains over 830 fire hydrants. Each year, ALL of these hydrants must be inspected, with full testing performed on 20% of the hydrants. This ensures that every hydrant is inspected yearly, and goes no more than 5 years without full testing. Hydrant testing is an important aspect of maintaining readiness in response to emergency calls for assistance.

To learn more about the **[Fire Hydrant Testing & Maintenance](#)** program, as one of the many other services provided by the Oak Island fire Department, just visit the dedicated at [OakIslandNC.gov/HYDRANTS](#) or click on the department patch below.



POLICE: New Pet Microchip Scanner

As a pet owner one of the most heart-wrenching experiences you can have, is the sudden realization ***you don't know where your pet is***. While we all try to be responsible pet owners, things can and do happen. Whether it's due to a loose gate, an open door or window, or simply an ambitious four-legged escape artist, pets sometimes do go on their own adventures and lose their way to get back home.

That's where we come in, as we often respond to calls of lost pets seen wandering. Thankfully we now have a new tool to help assist in such cases, through our **Proscan 700 Pet Microchip Scanner**.



With this new tool, donated by Dr. Jim Adams, we can scan lost and found pets for any microchips, which can help immediately locate their owners. This small handheld device is available to our officers on-the-go, which means the best part you don't have to do anything new! Just call 9-1-1 to report the animal as you normally would, and one of our responding officers can come to your area to help find any potential information that may be available.

We'll be evaluating the effectiveness of this tool over the coming weeks and months, with the possibility of expanding the program in the future. In the meantime, you can learn more about any of the other services we provide through our webpage at OakIslandNC.gov/PD or by clicking on our department patch below.





COMING EVENTS

REMINDER: The EGG-stra Spooky Hunt and the Annual Spooktacular events are THIS WEEK!

Class Cancellations

The following **Fitness Programs** at the Oak Island Recreation Center, scheduled for **October 24, 25, & 29** have been **CANCELLED**:

- ***Total Body Blast with Mary Beth*** for Thursday, October 24
- ***Silver Sneakers with Maggie*** for Thursday, October 24, 2024
- ***Silver Sneakers with Susan*** for Friday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 29

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** 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 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

Tuesday, October 22

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

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

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:00 PM Movie Night

Wednesday, October 23

- **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

Thursday, October 24

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth (**CANCELED**)
- 9:00 AM Silversneakers with Maggie (**CANCELED**)
- 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
- 6:00 PM Slow Flow Yoga with rotating instructors

Friday, October 25

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Susan (**Canceled**)
- 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Bill Smith Park**

- 6:30 PM EGG-STRa Spooky Halloween Hunt

Saturday, October 26

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors

- **Middleton Park- SPOOKTACULAR**

- 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Market
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Activities and Concert

- **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!



October Fitness Calendar



Qigong



EGG-stra Spooky Hunt



Spooktacular

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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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commentary, and content contributed from community partners.

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