



THE CURRENT

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

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**Week of
October 28, 2024**

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

It's the final week of October, and that means all manner of *frightening*, *scary*, and even *hilarious* things lurking about ... but enough about all the political ads on TV, let's talk about ***Halloween!***

This past weekend, the entire Island was rocking to its own Monster Mash, as we once again hosted some **EGG-stra Spooky Egg Hunts** and **Spooktacular spectacles!**

A special "Thank You" to everyone who came out to enjoy this highly anticipated event, which officially closes out the ***Live & Local: Market + Music*** Fall concert series. But the fun's not over yet! We still have some **Haunted Fishin'** and **Trunks full of Treats** to check out before we end this spooky season. So keep the costume handy, and let's eerily float along in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting on **Friday, November 1** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

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



BANDING TOGETHER: Relief for Western NC

While this week **BEGINS** in the last few days of **October**, it will **END** by ushering in **November**; a month typically associated with thankfulness and plenty. This coming **Sunday, November 3**, brings a unique opportunity to Oak Island, where we can show our thankfulness in giving to others.

If you haven't already, please review the most revised "***Needs List***" or consider what financial contribution you can make during the upcoming **Banding Together: Relief for Western NC** concert & donation event. As announced this past week, **donation collection will begin early at 10:00 AM**, with the **four-band concert** set to run from **NOON - 5:00 PM**.

This event 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. With Winter fast approaching, the need for this "second phase" donation effort is more critical than ever!



To view the most recently identified "**Needs List**" or how to **you can already make financial donations NOW**, visit OakIslandNC.gov/BandingTogether or click on the Logo Link below.



Customer Service Desk Closures

REMINDER: Coming up this week on **Wednesday, October 30**, the **Customer Service Desk** windows at several Town Facilities will be **CLOSED** all morning until **2:00 PM** to accommodate **Customer Service** training.

This includes the:

- **Utilities & Tax Payments Desk**
- **Permitting Services Desk**
- **Recreation Center Front Desk**
- **Public Services Building** (Public Works / Utilities)

This Customer Service training will be focused on improving efficiency and the overall user experience. Limited emergency assistance will be available as needed, however all routine transactions are heavily encouraged to be done prior to or after the 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 on the link below.

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Town Hall Renovations RFP

In addition to the training above to improve customer service for Oak Island employees, additional changes are coming for how you ACCESS those employees!

The Town of Oak Island is **inviting qualified (licensed) contractors** to **submit sealed bids** for furnishing labor, materials and equipment required to complete the **Town Hall Renovation Project**. This project will dramatically improve the efficiency in the layout of Town Hall, as seen in the example drawing below:

EXISTING



PROPOSED



This renovation aims to enhance the accessibility and security of the building by repositioning key service areas and adding security features. The project involves moving the customer windows for Tax & Utility Collection, as well as Community Development (Permitting & Inspections) to the front lobby of the building, making these services more accessible to the public while optimizing the existing space.

All bids must be submitted by **10:00 AM** on **Wednesday, November 27, 2024**. So if you are a licensed contractor, or know someone who is interested in helping to improve the customer service experience for the Town of Oak Island, download a complete ***Bid Information Packet*** at OakIslandNC.gov/BIDS or click the link below.

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Oak Island Pier on Fall Schedule

Though we've all held on as long as we could, it's no secret that Summer is long gone, and Autumn has taken over. With that, comes smaller crowds and shorter hours of daylight ... and the need to adjust schedules accordingly.

As such, the Oak Island Pier is transitioning to its **Fall Operating Schedule**. Effective immediately, the operating hours for the Pier & Pier House are **7:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily**.

Located at 705 Ocean Drive, the Oak Island Pier & Pier House remain open 7 days a week, year round. In addition to fishing passes, anglers and visitors alike will find the Pier House conveniently stocked with frozen bait, fishing tackle, sundries, snacks, ice cream, and drinks for purchase. Shirts, sunglasses and other souvenirs are also available. As always, even fans who aren't nearby can still visit the Pier anytime virtually through the ***Oak Island Pier Cam***.

To view the Pier Cam, along with full details on the Pier & Pier House, simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PIER** or click the Logo Link below.



Staff Spotlight: New Officer Opportunities

The **Oak Island Police Department** is **now hiring** for new **Patrol Officers**!

The Department provides opportunities for both experienced and entry-level officers through the **PAID RECRUITMENT PROGRAM**, paying a salary and benefits while you train!

A hiring poster for the Oak Island Police Department. The top half features a photo of police officers standing in front of a pier with two patrol cars. The text "The Oak Island Police Department is NOW HIRING" is prominently displayed. Below the photo is the department's seal. The bottom half of the poster is divided into sections: "POSITIONS AVAILABLE" (Entry-level Officers, Experienced Officers), "Community Policing Supportive Environment Advancement Opportunities", "Competitive salaries starting at: \$52,054", "For more information or to apply, call: 910-201-8014 or visit: www.OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS", "PAID RECRUIT PROGRAM" (Full B.L.E.T. sponsorship, Hourly pay during training, Full benefits upon hiring), and "OFFICER BENEFITS" (Health, Dental, Vision, 401k, Life Insurance / Sick Leave, Tuition Reimbursement, Take Home Vehicle). The bottom of the poster includes a QR code, a photo of officers, and contact information: 910-201-8014, www.OakIslandNC.gov/PD, and the Facebook logo with "OakIslandPD".

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Entry-level Officers
- Experienced Officers

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- Life Insurance / Sick Leave
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Take Home Vehicle

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Competitive salaries starting at \$52,054, with benefits including:

- Health / Dental / Vision / Life Insurance
- 401K Contribution (5%)

- State Retirement Plan
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Annual & Sick Leave
- Overtime Opportunities
- Workout Facility Access
- Take Home Vehicle

For more information on how you can join the Oak Island Police Department family, just visit the **Job Openings** page at OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



POLICE & FIRE: Joint Message on Halloween Safety

As noted in the intro to this week's edition, the Town has certainly had **lots of fun with our annual Spooktacular event** already, but there's still a few days left in October, and Halloween itself to go!

For events such as the Recreation Department's **Trunk-Or-Treat**, along with local neighborhood activities, we know there will be lots of tricksters out calling for treats (and adults looking to collect their "parent tax").

To help ensure a safe and fun evening for everyone, the Fire and Police departments would like to offer the following important reminders.

For PERSONAL SAFETY out trick-or-treating or attending an event:

- **Take a current picture of your child**, showing their face and costume, to assist emergency personnel in locating them if they get lost

- **Walk together in groups**, continually checking with each other to ensure everyone is watching for oncoming traffic
- **Choose costumes that are bright and reflective**, or that at least have reflective portions
Avoid costumes that have long, trailing fabric
- **Wear masks with large holes cut out**, so they do not restrict vision or breathing
- **Use actual flashlights** (not just phone lights) or glow sticks to help you see and be seen

For FIRE SAFETY with home decorations:

- **Avoid candles, torches, or decorations with a real flame** - use battery powered candles or glow sticks instead
- **Use appropriately rated electric / extension cords** and ensure they are not in wet areas
- **Don't leave decorations running all night** or when not able to be monitored
- **Keep sidewalks, pathways, and entrances clear of decorations or signage** - keep emergency exit routes open
- **Test all smoke alarms and fire extinguishers** to be sure they are in working order

Most importantly, remember ***if you see something ... say something!*** If there is an emergency, if someone gets lost, you encounter a problem, or something simply does not look right, **do not be embarrassed or afraid to call 9-1-1** for assistance. Police, Fire, and Medical first responders will be available and ready to assist as needed.

For more information on either of our departments and how we work to keep you safe year round, just visit OakIslandNC.gov/PD or OakIslandNC.gov/PD, or click either of our respective patches below.



Class Cancellation

The ***Silver Sneakers with Susan*** for Tuesday, October 29 has been CANCELLED:

For more information on this cancellation, 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 28

- **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 29

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

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

- **Oak Island Pier**

- 5:30 PM Haunted Fishing Derby

Wednesday, October 30

- **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**

- 5:00 PM Grief and Loss Support Group

Thursday, October 31

- **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

- **Recreation Center**

- 7:00 PM Trunk or Treat

Friday, November 1

- **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

Saturday, November 2

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Bill Smith Park**
 - 8:00 AM Disc Golf Competition

Sunday, November 3

- **BANDING TOGETHER: Relief for Western NC**
 - Donations Start at 10:00 AM
 - Live Music / Events from NOON - 5:00 PM
 - Middleton Park Complex

Monday, November 4

- **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
- Off Island Adventure
 - 8:30 AM Shopping at Tanger Outlets (Pre-registration required)

REMINDER: A full listing of all Recreation Department programs can be found at OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS.

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



October Fitness Calendar



Haunted Fishing Derby



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 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.

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