



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

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**Week of
November 4, 2024**

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

Election week. Often called "*the most divisive week in America.*" It is a time when ideologies and closely held beliefs drive citizens to go to extreme lengths to show how different they are from their neighbors. However, there may be political divides in **America the nation**, this week Oak Island showed the **strong unity** that **can and does exist** in the **American people**.



(Click the photo above to view the full gallery)

A sincere "Thank You" to everyone who participated, donated, attended, and helped to promote the **BANDING TOGETHER: Relief for Western NC** benefit concert & donation event this past **Sunday, November 3**. Because of your unity and generosity, the Town of Oak Island raised **over \$27,000** in financial donations and collected a **26' box truck** full of needed supplies for the town of **Spruce Pine, NC**, in support of their ongoing recovery efforts following devastation from Hurricane Helene.

By working together as one community helping another, this event showed that no amount of political, social, or economic differences can stop the people when they are united in the cause of loving and supporting each other.

May we keep that observable truth in mind no matter what the coming days may bring, and remember that we are all just sailing together on this ocean of life, doing our best to share the helm. Now, fasten those life jackets, and let's get ready for a wet n' wild ride through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its meeting this week on **Monday, November 4 at 4:00 PM** in the Community Center, located at 102 SE 47th St.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its meeting this week on **Thursday, November 7 at 8:30 AM** in the Ocean Education Center, 4700 E Oak Island Dr

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** next **Monday, November 11, 2024** for **Veterans Day**.

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will run on its normal schedule
- All currently open **Parks & Recreation Facilities** should remain open
- Police, Fire and Emergency Response services will be available by **calling 9-1-1**

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



ELECTIONS NOTICE: Recreation Center Closure

NOTICE: On Monday & Tuesday, November 4 - 5, 2024 all Fitness Classes at the Oak Island Recreation Center will be CANCELLED, to accommodate the Center's use as a voting location in the 2024 General Election.

NOTE: The Recreation Center Offices and Workout Room will remain **OPEN** for public use.

All classes will resume on their normal schedule on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

For any questions specific to voting on election day, or the use of the Recreation Center as a voting location, please contact the **Brunswick County Board of Elections** by calling **910-253-2620** or through email at elections@brunswickcountync.gov or click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

Christmas Parade Entry Applications DUE SOON

Now that October's **Spooktacular** events are over, we are now full-steam into the fun of the holidays! That's why it's important to **start making plans NOW** to participate in the next big activity ... the **2024 Christmas By The Sea Parade!**

As a reminder, Parade Entry Applications are available **NOW and **DUE** by **Wednesday November 20** ... that's just over two **WEEKS!****

This year's installment of the beloved annual event will be held RAIN OR SHINE on Saturday, December 7 ^{at} 2:00 PM, and will run right through the heart of Town along E Oak Island Drive, starting in front of Town Hall Street. In 2023 the Parade saw the largest attendance and highest number of entry participants EVER! Help us top that this year, by submitting your application TODAY!

To learn more or to download a Parade Entry Application, visit the ***Special Events*** page of the Town Website at OakIslandNC.gov/PARADE or click the Logo Link below.

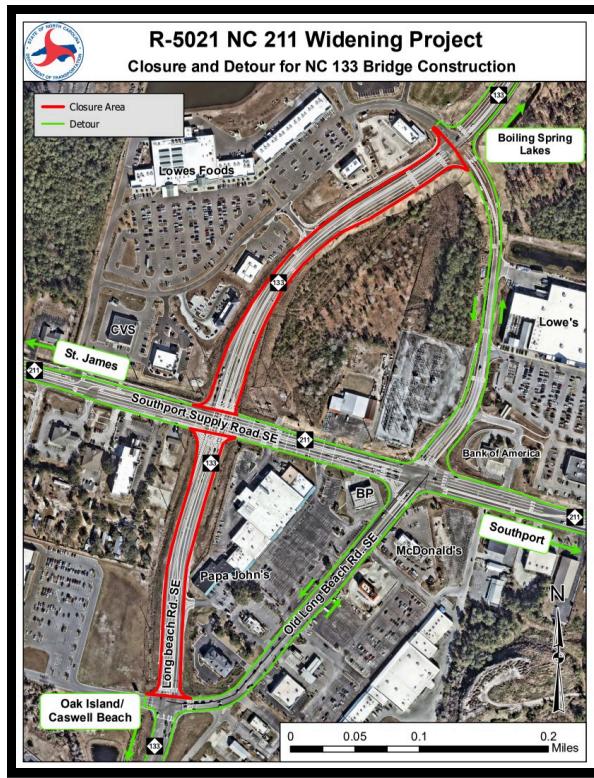


Road Closure Returns

Although delayed due to storm recovery needs, the **NCDOT RESTARTED** the **211 / 133 DETOUR** as part of the **NC 211 widening project** currently underway.

If you're not familiar this project will **CLOSE** the portion of Long Beach Road road near Southport-Supply Road (NC 211), and established a **DETOUR** down Old Long Beach Road ([CLICK HERE or on the map below for details](#)).

IMPORTANT: The new closure & detour will **BEGIN** on **Monday, November 11, 2024** and is expected to **END** by no later than **October 25, 2025**.



While road construction and detours are never enjoyable to commuters or vacation travelers alike, **these improvements are needed**; and will greatly improve traffic flow once complete. During this closure / detour, please remember to plan ahead, and allow a little more time (and patience) when going travelling to and from our great Island!

For full details on this closure, or general information on the NC211 Widening Project itself, visit the *NCDOT Project Page* at NCDOT.gov or click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

Community Center Updates

The [Oak Island Community Center](#) has updated its Events Calendar for the month of **November**, as well as adding new photos from recent events held in October.

Located at **102 SE 47th Street** beside the Town Hall, the Center is open **Monday - Thursday** from **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** and on **Fridays** for **Meals & Trips** (contact the Center for specific times). The Community Center is a congregate nutrition program and senior center where individuals 60 and over can come to enjoy a well-balanced hot nutritional meal.

Individuals from Oak Island and the surrounding towns can participate in the programs, and do not have to ^{be} a resident. Transportation is even provided for those who live on the island portion of Town. Individuals can enjoy social/recreation(bingo, rummikub, etc.) activities while attending the site from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with other special programs listed on the monthly calendar.

To learn more about the programs hosted and how to contact staff, just visit the Community Center page at OakIslandNC.gov/CC or click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)

Manager's Message: Customer Service Training Complete

If you came to the Town Hall last Wednesday morning (October 30), you may have noticed things were a bit, **quiet**. That's because all of the **Customer Service Desk** windows throughout every Town facility **CLOSED** to accommodate a new **Customer Service Training**.



(Click the photo to view the full album)

As part of a commitment from Town Manager, Kathryn Adams to improve the "user experience" at Town Hall, customer service company **Fountainworks** was brought in to help provide support and training. As seen in the [photo album](#) linked above, staff from all departments were present to learn valuable new ways to help perfect customer interactions as a team. This training was developed using real user input provided through **Customer Service Survey** conducted throughout September and October.

While the training has been completed, the improvements don't stop there! The overall experience will be enhanced **even more** through upcoming **Town Hall renovations**, which will place the services you need in one convenient space right on the first floor.

To learn more about the Town Hall Renovation Project and how it will help streamline your future Town Hall visits, view the ***Bid Postings*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/BIDS or click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE](#)



POLICE: 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!

The Oak Island Police Department is
NOW HIRING



POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
• Entry-level Officers
• Experienced Officers

OAK ISLAND POLICE
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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

OFFICER BENEFITS:
• Health, Dental, Vision, 401k
• 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



FIRE: Beach Warning Flag Season Ends

As of last **Friday, November 1**, the **National Weather Service** has **ENDED** its **Beach Warning Flag** forecasts for the 2024 Season.

With the exception of isolated extreme weather events, this now means that:

- **Rescue Tubes** have been **REMOVED** from all Water Safety Stations for the Winter season
- **Beach Warning Flags** will **NO LONGER** be physically flown from Town Facilities, the Oak Island Pier, Emergency Response Vehicles, or partner agencies & businesses
- **Beach Warning Lights** will be **TURNED OFF** until forecasting resumes in April 2025
- **Warning Flag Graphics** will **NO LONGER** be updated on the **Beach Information** and **Beach Safety** pages of the Town Website

WHY DO WE DO THIS? To put it plainly, the amount of in-water activity during the winter months is so sparse, it simply doesn't justify the cost of personnel and equipment needed to maintain these services on the beach at all times. However, staffing will still be present at the Fire Stations, and we will always be ready to respond to any emergency calls received.

These services will all RESUME when forecasting for the 2025 season begins on **Tuesday, April 1, 2024**.

The Town of Oak Island wishes to thank all of the partner agencies, community organizations, local businesses, and concerned residents and property owners who contributed to this year's beach safety efforts by flying Beach Warning Flags and sharing Beach Safety information. This heightened level of community involvement contributed to another successful season.

For more information on Ocean Safety, calls for service, and agency response for the current year, view the **2024 Season Report** available on the **Ocean Rescue** page of the Town Website at **OakIslandNC.gov/ORU** or by clicking patch below.



Oak Island Par 3: Resident Day

The Town of Oak Island is excited to announce "**Resident Day**" at the **Oak Island Par 3 Golf Course** on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**. This special event, open to all residents, will take place from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, with food served from **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Located at **4188 Vanessa Drive**, the Oak Island Par 3 Golf Course invites community members to enjoy a day of games, delicious food, and opportunities to connect with neighbors.



Resident Day promises a variety of activities for everyone to enjoy. **Games** will include a putting contest, bocce ball, horseshoes, spike ball, and cornhole, with all games provided by **Island Games to Go**.

Adding even more excitement, attendees will have the chance to enter **a raffle for a free annual membership** to the Par 3 Golf Course, providing one lucky winner with unlimited access to Oak Island's beloved course for the year!

Food trucks will be available, featuring **Lobster Dogs** and **Tiki Pineapple Whips** to satisfy attendees' cravings. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to Oak Island, Resident Day provides a welcoming environment to mingle, enjoy the great outdoors, and discover what the Par 3 Golf Course has to offer.

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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, 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

Tuesday, November 5

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

Wednesday, November 6

- **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
- **Middleton Park**
 - 1:00 PM Strides walking Club

Thursday, November 7

- **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

Friday, November 8

- **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 9

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

Monday, November 11

- **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 Recreation Department programs can be found at OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS.

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



October Fitness Calendar



Walking Club



Table Tennis



Christmas Parade

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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Past editions of both the weekly and monthly formats are available to view anytime, by clicking the tabs below.

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