

*Town of Oak Island*

# BUSINESS BULLETIN

*January 2025*

*Welcome to the Town of Oak Island's Business Bulletin! Every edition is crafted to illuminate the latest updates, insights, and opportunities, tailored exclusively for the local business community. Join us as we shine a spotlight on the heartbeat of commerce in the Town of Oak Island, fostering connections, and fostering growth.*



## **Apply Now for the 2025 Citizens Academy!**

This free course offers a unique opportunity for residents to learn about their local government and the services it provides. Classes meet twice weekly during February, culminating in a special dinner and certificate presentation. A 100% attendance commitment is required.

Applications due by January 13.



## Façade Improvement Grant Program Accepting Applications

The Town of Oak Island is committed to maintaining and improving the aesthetic appeal of its commercial districts, which are crucial to the Town's image, and economic vitality. To support this goal, the Town Council has approved the Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program, approved by Town Council August 13, 2024.

This program provides an exciting opportunity for commercial property owners and tenants in Oak Island to receive financial assistance for exterior improvements to their buildings. By participating in this program, businesses can not only enhance their own properties but also contribute to the overall revitalization and charm of Oak Island.

The FIG Program offers matching grants that cover up to 50% of the cost of qualifying façade improvements. Grants can range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$10,000 per project. Only one application per property will be accepted each year, and funding is limited. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds.



## For Lease: Second Floor Commercial Space in Oak Island

Located at 5215 East Oak Island Drive, this 1,200 sq. ft. second-floor space is ideal for office or professional use. Featuring a private rear entrance, a bright and versatile interior, and ample parking, this location offers convenience and accessibility in the heart of Oak Island's business district.

Contact: 910-612-0596 for more information or to schedule a tour.

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# What is your biggest business-related resolution for 2025?

Please select an option below.

**Launching a new project or initiative**

**Collaborating with other local businesses**

**Upgrading technology or equipment**

**Focusing on sustainability and resilience**

**Finding more work-life balance as a business owner**



## Upcoming Town Events

### **Mardi Gras By the Sea Parade and Festival**

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Parade 11:00 AM

Festival NOON-4:00 PM

Middleton Park

One of the most celebrated and anticipated events returns to the Town of Oak Island. With a parade, artisan market, food vendors, kids zone, and concert, it's sure to be a day of fun and excitement.

**Learn  
More**



## Upcoming Town Meetings

### Special Town Council Meeting

Friday, January 31 1:00 PM | Town Hall

### Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 | 6:00 PM | Town Hall

### Planning Board

Thursday, January 16 | 9:00 AM | Town Hall

### Business Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 28 | 9:00 AM | Police Training Room

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Calendar](#)

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