



THE CURRENT

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**Week of
February 3, 2025**

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

The ***Good News?*** The weather forecast for the week ahead looks to be mild, with temperatures in the mid-to-upper 60° range! However, **snow** in Oak Island is a fairly rare occurrence, so we're getting all the mileage we can out of these static aerial photos from our Drone Unit, including this week's cover photo of the Oak Island Pier!

For many, such photos really are the best way to enjoy the cold on the coast. So take the moment to enjoy the view and appreciate the warmer times ahead, because even though Winter is far from over, things are certainly heating up in Oak Island. Still though, best to put on that wetsuit first before diving into this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, February 6** at 8:30 . . . in the Ocean Education Center, 4700 E Oak Island Dr.

PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Friday, February 7** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

NEW RCFA STEERING COMMITTEE NOTICE: Please be advised that the inaugural meeting of the **Oak Island Recreation Center Facility Assessment Steering Committee** will be held on **Friday, February 7, 2025**, at **11:00 AM** in the second-floor conference room of the Oak Island Town Hall, at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive.

To view all upcoming future schedules visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at [**OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS).

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are no Town closures or service modifications for the week ahead. The next Holiday Closure will be on **Friday, April 18, 2025** in observance of **Good Friday**. To view all Holiday Closures, visit: [**OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).



Summer Concert Series Lineup Announced

It's one of the most anticipated events of the most anticipated season -- the ***Summer Concert Series*** will return on **May 23** for **15 weeks** of sweet summer sounds! The **Recreation Department** is excited to give readers of *The CURRENT* an **exclusive first look** at the **2025 Live Band Lineup**:



With the noted exceptions of Beach Day on July 1, and the Series Finale on August 30, concerts will be held each **Friday** from **6:30 PM - 8:30 PM** in the **Middleton Park Complex**, located at 4610 E Dolphin Dr.

Follow along with special announcements each week in the Town's mobile app, ***OKI Connection*** or through the Special Events page of the Town Website. just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or click the link below.

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NOTICE: Leaf Collection Delayed

Please note, due to the closures from the snow on January 22 - 24 the Public Works department is currently operating on a **one-week delay** for leaf collection in **Zone 2**.

At current pace, Zone 2 should be completed by the end of this week. If needed, any further delays or schedule modifications will be noted on the Public Works Department page of the Town Website.

To find your Collection Zone or learn more about collection in general, visit the ***Public Works*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PW** or click the link below.

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RFP: Audit Services

The Town of Oak Island invites qualified **independent auditors** to submit proposals for providing **Auditing Services** to the Town.

The audit shall be performed in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of North Carolina, which include requirements for the minimum scope of the Town's audit. The selected firm will be considered to be an independent contractor and will be wholly responsible for the services and the supervision of its own employees and permitted sub-contractors. The

Town intends to continue the relationship with the auditor for no less than three years on the basis of annual negotiation after the completion of the first-year contract.

Proposals must be submitted by no later than 3:00 PM on February 28, 2025.

For complete details or to download a full **RFP Information Packet**, visit the RFP Posts page at OakIslandNc.gov/BIDS or click the link below.

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Community Center Calendar Updates

The **Oak Island Community Center** has updated its **Events Calendar** for the month of February, as well as adding new photos from recent events held in January.

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 also enjoy social / recreation activities such as bingo and rummikub 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 Logo link below.



Staff Spotlight: Permit Specialist Nataly Covington

The Development services Department is pleased to announce the addition of **Nataly Covington** as the newest **Permit Specialist**.

Nataly holds an Associates Degree in computer engineering & Bachelors in Environmental Health & Safety, along with 20+ years experience in administration and the construction industry. As Permit Specialist, Nataly will help to provide customer service for the Development Services Department, receive permit applications and payments, and processes applications and requests for inspections.

Nataly is a great addition to the Permitting Division, and Development Services as a whole. Please help us welcome Permit Specialist, Nataly Covington.



Ocean Rescue Recruitment

While it may still be cold out now, we know that the hot days and high crowds of Summer are just around the corner. That's why we are working to prepare **NOW** to be able to ***answer the call*** when we are needed the most!

If you think you might be ready to ***ANSWER THE CALL*** as well, then consider joining our **Ocean Rescue Unit (ORU)**, as we are now hiring for the season ahead.



This specialized unit provides challenging yet rewarding positions within the department, and is one of the most unique ways to serve your community! During the season, the ORU provides Beach Patrols 7 days a week, along 10 miles of beachfront.

The next **Training Academy begins in April**, so make sure to get your applications in NOW! To learn more about the ORU, just visit the dedicated page at OakIslandNC.gov/ORU. To download an application, visit the **Jobs Listings** page at OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS or click the link below.

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New Scam Notice

In last week's edition, we mentioned a series of recent phone scams, where the caller claims to be with the Oak Island Police Department and demanding payment as penalty for a missed court date.

This week, the **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office** has **noted a series of similar phone scams**. In these cases, fake robo-texts are posing as toll road collection services, claiming you owe unpaid fees and pushing you to click a shady link.

Don't fall for it!

Here's how to stay safe:

- Don't click unknown links.
- FasTrak (or any other toll road company) never texts for payments.
- Got a suspicious text? Delete it.
- Clicked the link? Report it at www.ncdoj.gov/complaint or call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

We wholeheartedly agree with the Sherriff's Office when they say **scammers never rest!** Please stay alert, and if you or someone you know feel you may be a victim of this latest effort, please report it to the Department of Justice at www.ncdoj.gov/complaint or click the link below.

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For questions related to any of the content in the ***Safety Brief***, or for more information on the services provided by the **Police Department** or **Fire Department**, just visit the ***Public Safety*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY or view the Department Patches below.



CLASS CANCELLATION

The ***Total Body Blast with Mary Beth*** class scheduled for **Thursday, February 6, 2025** at **8:00 AM** has been **CANCELED**.

For more information on this cancellation, please contact the **Oak Island Recreation Department** at **910-278-5518** or through the **Department Contact Form**. To view alternative fitness class options, 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, February 3

- **Recreation Center**
 - Mature Aerobics with Debbie 7:30 AM
 - SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie 9:00 AM

- Senior Yoga with Mert 11:15 AM

Tuesday, February 4

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

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

Wednesday, February 5

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Mary Beth
- 4:30 PM Yoga for Balance with Tammy

- **Bill Smith Park**

- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Striders walking Club

Thursday, February 6

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Maggie
- 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
- 6:00 PM Slow Flow Yoga with rotating instructors

Friday, February 7

- **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

Saturday, February 8

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, February 10

- **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

- **Community Center**

- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Bingo

REMINDER: A full listing of all fitness classes and recreation programs can be found at OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS.

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



Fitness Calendar



Mardi Gras Festival



Spring Fling



Spring Art Show

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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