



THE CURRENT

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Week of

March 3, 2025

It's now March, and whether it's for shamrocks, leprechauns, or the start of Spring, for some reason this month is most associated with the color **GREEN**. However, when we think of green here in Oak Island, our thoughts usually turn to the mighty live oak trees abundantly found throughout Town.

Trees like the one in this week's cover photo, of the beloved old oak in Bill Smith Park named ... uh, well, ***it actually doesn't have a name yet!*** Have no fear though, as you still have **this week to help decide on a name**, as well as several other important Town activities to participate in.

So stop splashing around in the surf, and get ready for a deep dive 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, March 6 at 8:30 AM** in the Ocean Education Center at 4700 E Oak Island Dr.

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

To view all upcoming future schedules visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS.

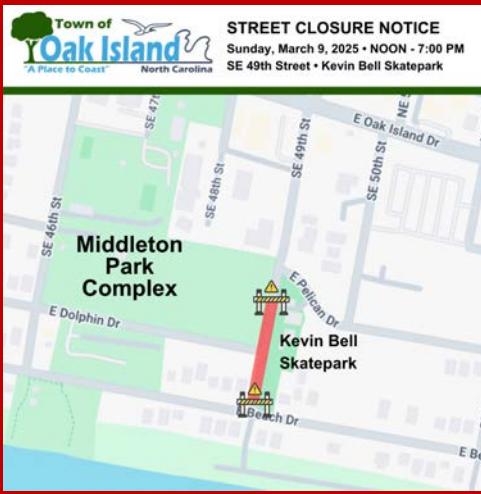
Holiday Closures

There are **NO** closures or service modifications scheduled 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.



Street Closure Notice

On **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** from **8:00 AM – 4:30 PM** a portion of **NE 68th St.** near the intersection of E Yacht Dr. will be **CLOSED** to all thru traffic.



This closure will be to allow for the installation of a **NEW stormwater pipe** at the northern most end of the street, before reaching *E Yacht Drive*. **NOTE:** *E Yacht Dr.* will **NOT** be affected by this closure. The work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the day on Tuesday; however, if additional time is needed, this notice will be updated.

As a reminder, to allow work to proceed **efficiently and safely**, please **do not approach or try to speak with crews working onsite**. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department through the [Department Contact Form](#) at OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below.

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FINAL CALL: Tree Naming Contest & Social Media Survey

Final reminder that this week is your **last chance to participate** in two important community feedback opportunities! On **Friday March 7**, voting in the **Name The Tree Contest** as well as the **Social Media Survey** will both come to a **CLOSE**.

- The **Name The Tree Contest** is a public input opportunity to help name the beloved live oak tree at Bill Smith Park (*pictured in this week's cover photo*). After receiving **over 150 suggestions** from the community, the list has been narrowed down to the **top 10**, which you can vote on NOW at OakIslandbdNC.gov/VOTE.
- The **2025 Social Media Survey** is your chance to provide feedback on the social media channels currently used by the Town, as well as what platforms you think should be added or discontinued. Help improve the Town's presence on social media and become a stakeholder in how information is delivered through the Social Media Survey at OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY.

You can also help spread the word by sharing these links on your own personal social media as well. To learn more, just go to OakIslandbdNC.gov/VOTE and OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY or click the respective graphics below.



Par 3 Golf: Brand Refresh

Oak Island Par 3 Golf is excited to announce a **fresh new look!** Our **new logo** and accompanying graphics reflect the fun, family-friendly environment we're proud to offer -- welcoming players of all ages and skill levels.



While the design brings new energy to the course, it also aligns with the Town of Oak Island's current brand, creating a cohesive connection to our community. **As part of this brand refresh, we're rolling out several updates to enhance your experience:**

- **New Signage:** Look for updated signs around the course that showcase our vibrant new look.
- **E-Newsletter Alerts:** Stay in the loop with course news, weather closures, and upcoming events -- sign up online to receive updates directly in your inbox.
- **Expanded Advertising:** We're spreading the word to attract even more golfers to enjoy the unique charm of Oak Island Par 3 Golf.

This refresh represents more than just a new logo, it's a celebration of the course's welcoming spirit and our commitment to making every round memorable. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for being part of the Oak Island Par 3 Golf community!

Located on the mainland at 4188 Vanessa Drive in the South Harbour community, Oak Island Par 3 Golf is one of the best par three courses in the region. To learn more or contact the course, visit OKIPar3.com or click the link below.

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Community Center Events Updated

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

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(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 Logo link below.



Manager's Message: Citizens Academy Success

From the office of Kathryn Adams, Town Manager.

This past **Friday, February 28**, we held the **Program Graduation** for our **2025 Oak Island Citizens Academy**. This year's class featured nearly two-dozen students, as seen in the photo below, ranging from new transplants to longtime residents.



Citizens Academy is an invaluable program, and one in which we are proud to say our Town offers at a level very few others compete with. We provide an interactive and truly "hands on" experience, designed to educate and familiarize residents with the departments and services provided by their local government. Over the past few years, this program has grown to become a staple for engaged residents, filling their Tuesday and Thursday nights in the month of February.

This week, we want to give a big **Thank You** to all of the residents who participated, as well as the Town Staff, who took their evenings to help present and demonstrate their daily work to the citizens they serve.

If you missed this year's class, don't worry! Plans are already underway for 2026. In the meantime, you can learn more about the **Citizens Academy** by visiting OakIslandNC.gov/ACADEMY or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF

Town-Wide Burn Ban In Effect

This past **Thursday, February 27** the Town issued a **Town-wide Burn Ban** for all areas within the Town limits. This ban is due to the **very high fire danger conditions** currently being experienced in the region, and coincided with the **Burn Ban** issued by Brunswick County.

IMPORTANT: This Burn Ban has NOT been rescinded, and remains in effect until further notice!

The Burn Ban:

- **PROHIBITS** open flames from devices such as firepits or outdoor fireplaces, as well as sparklers and all handheld or ground-based fireworks. *NOTE: NC General Statutes 14-410 & 414 already prohibit the use of "explosive or aerial fireworks."*
- **CANCELS** all currently active Beach Bonfire Permits
- **ALLOWS** the use of grills and other enclosed cooking devices.

If at any point an outdoor fire is observed, please **CALL 9-1-1 immediately**. For questions or more information on this Burn Ban, or how to ensure fire safety at your home, contact the Oak Island Fire Department through the Department Contact Form, or click the link below .

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Statewide Tornado Drill

[NOTE: This information is provided by the National Weather Service, Wilmington, NC]

This week, **March 2 - 8, 2025** is **Severe Weather Preparedness Week** for North Carolina. Please join NWS in promoting severe weather safety this year, where each day this week a different topic will be covered.

On **Friday, March 7 at 9:30 AM**, the National Weather Service in cooperation with local broadcasters will conduct a **Statewide Tornado Drill**. The alarm test, which will come in the form of a Required Monthly Test, will activate the State Emergency Alert System and be carried by local radio broadcasters. Every school, business, and residence is encouraged to

participate in this drill.

It's really easy: at 9:30 AM on Friday March 7, **take a few moments to practice your severe weather safety plan**, and seek shelter for a few minutes as if a tornado was headed your way. Practicing this when the weather is good will allow you to react more quickly when the weather turns bad.

To view all of the daily messages for Severe Weather Preparedness Week, visit the National Weather Service website at www.weather.gov/ilm/severeweathernc 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 click on the link below.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Class Cancellation

The ***Qigong*** class scheduled for **Tuesday, March 4, 2025** 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**. To view alternative class options, visit OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS.

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**.

Tuesday, March 4

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan (Canceled)
 - 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, March 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
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - Striders walking Club

Thursday, March 6

- **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, March 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, March 8

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

Sunday, March 9

- **Kevin Bell Skate Park**

- NOON – 7:00 PM RipRide Rally Skate Event

Monday, March 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

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



RipRide Rally



Spring Fling



Spring Art Show

THANK YOU

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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 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.

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

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