



THE CURRENT


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Week of
March 24, 2025

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

Although we technically already declared "***Spring had begun***" during the **February 24 edition**, last Thursday made it official. While the weather didn't disappoint, neither did the Recreation Department, as they once again hosted the **AI  Spring Fling Festival** with spectacular success!

With amazing vendors, a great band, and awesome food trucks, it was a great way to kick the Spring season into high gear! Now just a few short weeks remain before the Egg Hunts of Easter and all of the other amazing **Special Events** planned for the remainder of the year.

But before you dive too deep into the Events Calendar, there's a lot to dive into for the week ahead. So suit up and let's jump right in to this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 25** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department training Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Police Department

To view all future meeting 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.



Pickleball Courts Closure

From **Tuesday, March 25** through **Friday, March 28, 2025** the **South Pickleball Courts** in the Middleton Park Complex will be **CLOSED**, to accommodate installation of a **NEW Court Lighting System**. This closure will also affect the **parking areas** immediately adjacent to the courts on SE 46th St. and SE 47th St. The North Courts and all associated parking are expected to remain **OPEN** during this time.



Additionally, installation and programming of the Lighting Control System will take place over the following week of March 31, once the new lighting has been installed. During the setup of the Control System, individual courts may be closed for 15 minutes at a time, and will be marked as needed; however, no parking areas will be affected.



The project is anticipated to be fully complete and the new lighting system operational by the following **Friday, April 4**. If any schedule changes are needed, the original notice will be updated on the **OKInformation** page. To view the original notice visit OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS or click the link below.

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Tree Preservation Progress

The Town of Oak Island is continuing the success of the **Tree Preservation Project** for 2025 (*as recently noted in Coastal Review magazine*) with the recently completed planting of **200 NEW Live Oak Trees** in the public right-of-way (ROW) areas along E Holly, E Oak, and W Oak Island Dr.



These areas were selected based on recent studies showing tree canopy loss from 2007 to the present, highlighting significant damage from hurricanes and new development. Other areas will follow as funding becomes available. This project will also be removing several Bradford Pear trees and replacing them with live oaks as well. This effort should help create a more resilient and sustainable urban forest.

In addition to these steps taken by the Town, YOU can also help preserve and grow the precious Tree Canopy.

Remember that if you or someone you know needs to remove trees from your property, contact the **Stormwater Permitting** division of the Development Services Department **FIRST**. Staff will be able to help guide you through the process of **Tree Removal Permitting & Documentation**. If you see trees being removed without a permit, you can also report this to the department as well. By Town staff, residents, and property owners working **together**, we can help to preserve and grow our most precious resource from which the Town gets its namesake.

For more information on this all things tree-related, visit the **Tree Preservation & Removal** page at OakIslandNC.gov/TREES or click the link below.

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Recreation Survey Reminder



In just under two weeks since its launch earlier this month, the **2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey** has already received well over **350 submissions** so far. While that is a great start, there's still plenty more responses needed! Thankfully, there's still plenty of time, as the Survey will remain open until **5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 14!**



This is a thorough, comprehensive review of the recreation facilities, programs, and services offered by the Town of Oak Island. It only takes about 15 - 20 minutes to complete, and provides multiple opportunities for feedback on current programs, as well as suggestion for new services and facility expansion.

This is your chance to be a part of growing and shaping recreation in Oak Island for the long-term future. To participate in and share the survey, visit OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY or click the link below.

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Spring Cleaning Reminder

The sun comes out, the weather warms up, and the windows open ... all welcomed signs of Spring! However, with the added light of longer days comes the added waste that results from **Spring Cleaning**. In keeping with seasonal tradition, the **Public Works Department** offers some reminders on how to best dispose of your more unconventional items.

The most important reminder being the Town of Oak Island **DOES NOT** offer **curbside removal** of bulk, "brown and white" goods such as furniture or appliances. While the local wildlife may appreciate a fancy curbside couch or mattress to live in, we can assure you your neighbors won't. The good news however, is that residents can **dispose of these items** and more for **FREE** at the Town's **Disposal Convenience Site**, located at 4110 Airport Road.

Additionally, if you're disposing of your regular garbage and recycling and notice you need a **new or replacement cart**, be aware the process has recently changed. To report damaged carts or request replacements, Please contact **GFL Environmental** directly at **910-253-4177** or use the Customer Portal at gflenv.com/support.

So remember to let the community enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of Spring that nature provides, without adding to it through discarded curbside décor! For full details on disposal options, as well as cart replacement procedures, visit the **Public Works** page OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below..

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Convenience Site Closure Notice

Speaking of the "Spring Cleaning" mentioned above, there is one slight delay to report for anyone disposing of their bulkier items this week.

The **Disposal Convenience Site**, located at 4110 Airport Road will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** in order to accommodate staff realignment.

For full details on the **Disposal Convenience Site**, along with regular operational hours and lists of accepted items, visit the **Public Works** page OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below..

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SAFETY BRIEF



Burn Ban Still In Effect

This past **Friday, March 21, 2025** the Town of Oak Island issued a **Burn Ban** for all areas within the Town limits, which **remains effective until further notice**. This ban is due to very high fire danger conditions currently being experienced not only in our area, but across the entire state as well. This action coincides with Burn Bans issued by **Brunswick County** and the **State of North Carolina**.

This 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** and prohibits any new permits.
- **PERMITS** the use of **grills** and other **enclosed cooking devices**.

Remember, 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 Department](#) at through the [Department Contact Form](#) or click the link below.

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New Officer On Duty

This past Friday, the Oak Island Police Department introduced the community to our newest **Officer, John Wilbur**.



Officer Wilbur started his law enforcement career in 1990, with the Pittsburgh (PA) Police Department, where he was promoted to Detective in 1996.

After the tragic events of 9/11, he became a Special Agent for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; going on to serve as a federal agent in several notable capacities, including the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, the FBI's Crimes Against Children Task Force, the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, and most recently for the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Officer Wilbur retired in January 2025, and afterwards relocated to the Oak Island area with his wife Terry. Still having a strong desire to serve the community, he has made himself a valued and welcome addition to the Oak Island Police Department.

We appreciate the wealth of knowledge and experience he brings to our Department, and sincerely hope you'll join us in welcoming Officer John Wilbur! To learn more about our officers and the services they provide, visit our newly updated webpage at OakIslandNC.gov/PD 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



Fitness Class Cancellations

The following Fitness Classes provided at the **Oak Island Recreation Center** have been **CANCELED**:

- ***Total Body Blast with Mary Beth*** at **8:00 AM** on **Thursday, March 27** and **April 3**
- ***SilverSneakers with Maggie*** at **9:00 AM** on **Thursday, March 27** and **April 3**

For more information on these cancellations, please contact the 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 logo below.



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 25

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**



- 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
- 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert
- 11:30 AM Qigong
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, March 26

- **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
- **Off Island Adventure**
 - Strider walking Club Off to For Fisher Recreation Area (pre-registration required)

Thursday, March 27

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
 - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Barre
- **Recreation Center**
 - 6:00 PM Ferral Cat Club

Friday, March 28

- **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 29

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Art Show Reception

Monday, March 31

- **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



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



Fitness Calendar



Spring Art Show



Easter Egg Hunt



Doggie EGG-stravaganza

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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