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

Hold on to your hats and hoist your sails! Spring is flying by, and April is more than midway over with! However, unlike all the children (and puppies) **hunting for eggs this past weekend**, you don't have to look too hard to see life's little treasures right in front of you.

Before the quickly approaching summer season gets here, there's still plenty of springtime fun and community connection to be had ... and even a little Town business to take care of too. So trade out that the Spring bonnet for a new swim cap, because it's time to take a dive in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

PLANNING BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, April 17** at **9:00 AM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall.

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

Holiday Closures

Administrative offices and public facilities for the Town of Oak Island will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, April 18, 2025** in observance of **Good Friday**.

- **NOTE:** The Recycling Convenience site will also be **CLOSED** on Friday, April 18

To view all Holiday Closures, visit: [**OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).



Town Council Actions Review

Last **Tuesday, April 8**, the regular Town Council meeting was held for the month of April.

CLICK HERE to view the Council Actions Report



To watch this meeting LIVE or view the full agenda, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at [**OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS) or click the link below.

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Beach Nourishment Updates

During the **April 8 Town Council meeting**, Town Manager Kathryn Adams provided several key updates on current and upcoming Beach Nourishment projects.

- The **Lockwoods Folly Inlet** project currently underway and servicing the West end (The Point) began on April 1 and just reported a **volume increase** from 65,000 cubic yards to 105,000 cubic yards of sand. this is being placed West End, from The Point extending to the 6700 block of W Beach Dr. at a 75ft+ width. To view a map of the service area, [CLICK HERE](#).
- Additionally, the **Wilmington Harbor** project servicing the EAST end was rebid by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on April 1. The Town has been presented with an option to accept 600,000 cubic yards of sand for \$6,6M, per the contract with USACE signed in September 2024. During the update, the Town Manager recommended to Council to exercise both extension options. To view a sand placement map for this project [CLICK HERE](#).
- The extensive **2025 / 26 Renourishment Project** (OSOKI) which will service the entire beachfront, now has a finalized lease by the **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management** (BOEM). Contracted engineering firm **Moffatt & Nichol** will rebid this project this week, and hold bid openings on May 12.

For complete updates on these projects, as well as the ongoing **USACE Study Project**, just visit the **Beach Nourishment & Preservation** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SAND or click the link below.

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Outside Agency Funding Updates

A top priority for the Town of Oak Island is to ensure all tax dollars are used in the best possible manner for the benefit of our citizens. To help achieve this, recent updates have been made to the qualifications and requirements for the way funds are provided to specific programs. These updates have replaced the previous funding methods for general nonprofit services and operations.

The purpose of this policy is to promote partnerships between the Town of Oak Island and non-profit agencies for the benefit of Oak Island residents, to equitably and efficiently allocate resources to strengthen agencies, and to provide sound and clear methods for decisions.

The **NEW Outside Agency Funding Application** requires an **Agency Mission Statement, Key Accomplishments, Goals, Objectives**, and information on the specific program(s) for which the agency is requesting funds and how it aligns with the Town's Strategic Plan.

The **Outside Agency Funding Applications** for **Fiscal Year 2025 / 2026** are now available to apply for and include the updated Funding Policy. **PLEASE NOTE: Applications are DUE by close of business on Monday, May 5, 2025.** Applications can be downloaded from the **Form Center** page at OakIslandNC.gov/FORMS or by clicking the link below.

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Recreation Survey Reminder



In the first month since its launch in March, the **2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey** has already received well over **400 submissions**. While that is a great start, there's still plenty more responses needed! Thankfully, there's still some 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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Staff Spotlight: New Deputy Clerk



The Town of Oak Island is proud to introduce **Erin Baker** as the new **Deputy Clerk / Administrative Assistant**.

Originally from Winston-Salem, Erin has almost 20 years of experience working for the City of Winston-Salem and UNC School of the Arts. Taking a lead from her extended family who've already moved to the area, Erin and family are excited to finally call their favorite 'happy place' home.

As the Deputy Clerk, Erin will perform intermediate administrative and professional work assisting the Town Clerk, the Human Resources Officer, Town Council, and other Boards and Committees as needed. These duties include maintaining and distributing agendas and reports, preparing and maintaining records and files, and assisting HR with applications, benefits, and maintaining personnel files.

Her experience and skills have already proven extremely useful in assisting with Town Council meetings as well as several public records requests; as she is certain to become a great asset to the Town and its residents. Please help us welcome Deputy Clerk, Erin Baker.



CPR + AED Class Success!

Last week, we announced a **combined CPR + AED Training**, following the installation of a **NEW Automated External Defibrillator** (AED) in the ball courts at the Middleton Park Complex. This training was highly beneficial and timely, as just the day before installation, an AED had been used on the Pickleball court to restore the pulse of an individual in cardiac arrest.

This past **Thursday, April 10** and **Friday, April 11** we offered this Town of Oak Island's combined training course to an amazing reception. We saw several pickleballers and generally interested citizens show up to this free course, to learn life-saving techniques and operation of these life-saving devices.

With just one hour for this **abbreviated class**, we covered the basics of both **hands-only CPR** and **AED usage**; vital skills for helping to save a life in an emergency situation! ***But safety isn't just for the Pickleball crowd!*** If your business or civic organization would like to offer an onsite class at your location, reach out to us through the **Department Contact Form** at **OakIslandNC.gov/FD** or click the link below..

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SLOW RIDE: *Take It Safely*

It's a familiar story. The weather is getting warmer, the sun is shining more, and you want to dust off the ol' cart for a ride down to Middleton Park. Between residents' rides, rental runarounds, or even registered **Mobility Devices**, the traffic will only be increasing with for these **Low Speed Vehicles** (LSVs).

That's why it seems like a great time remind everyone of our **SLOW RIDE: *Take It Safely*** campaign for Low Speed Vehicles.



Facebook Watch

Just like when we first launched the campaign last year, we'll continue our LSV enforcement, and focus on education with our **LSV Information Cards**, which you can also download at **OakIslandNC.gov/LSV**.

These cards feature a map that gives LSV drivers alternative routes to use so they can enjoy a nice "***Slow Ride***" without impacting the heavier traffic on streets like Oak Island Dr. and Beach Dr.

Remember, **LSVs are treated just like any other vehicle on the road**. We respect their right to enjoy our streets as much as any other vehicle, and apply the law equally. By providing these safety reminders and helpful route suggestions, we can work together to let everyone enjoy the Island at their own pace.

If you'd like to learn more or help share this important information on your own personal social media, just check out the video on the ***Police Department Facebook*** page at **Facebook.com/OakIslandPD** 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



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, April 15

- **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, April 16

- **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
- **Oak Island Recreation Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Strider walking Club
- **Recreation Center**

- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM April Craft Class (pre-registration required)

Thursday, April 17

• 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 – 7:00 PM Barre

Friday, April 18

- Recreation Center **CLOSED** in observance of **Good Friday**

Saturday, April 19

• Recreation Center fitness classes

- 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, April 20

• 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 event flyers below to download, print, and share!



Fitness Calendar



Coffee With A Cop



Earth Day / Arbor Day



Seafood Festival

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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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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 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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