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Week of
April 21, 2025

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

It's the fourth week in April and the fun is rolling along! Whether your definition of "Springtime excitement" is found in *Will Smith Park* or at a *Budget Workshop*, we've got both coming your way!

While the temperatures continue their climb towards Summer, we'll keep things cool with a look at the news and events for the week ahead. So dress in layers as we float by your seasonally transitional surroundings in 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, April 22** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department Training Room, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Dr.

TOWN COUNCIL will hold a **Budget Workshop** to discuss the **DRAFT FY 2025-2026 Budget** on **Tuesday, April 22** and **Thursday, April 24** at **9:00 AM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 Oak Island Dr.

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

Holiday Closures

There are no facility closures for the week ahead. The next Holiday Closure will be on **Monday, May 26, 2025** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

To view all Holiday Closures, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY.



CLOSURE NOTICE: Training In Middleton Park Complex on Thursday

PLEASE NOTE: During the **afternoon hours** on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, the **Middleton Park Complex** will be **CLOSED** to accommodate a **joint training exercise** between Brunswick County EMS and the Oak Island Fire Department.

This training will present as a **Mass Casualty Event**; and primarily focus on emergency medical and triage procedures. This is not a large-scale exercise, and **no street closures or parking lot restrictions are expected**, *however* several features within the Middleton Park Complex will be **temporarily CLOSED**, including the **Pirate Ship Playground**, **Amphitheater**, and **Concert Field**.

The exercise grounds will be marked with fire line tape, and some minor traffic control may be needed. Those in the area are asked to follow any directional signage posted, or traffic control officers present.

To ensure a safe and efficient training for all involved, **please do not approach the exercise area or try to speak with responders onsite**, even if they do not appear to be "active" participants at the moment.

*This information is being provided as a special preview for readers of **The CURRENT**, a **FULL PUBLIC NOTICE** with **detailed information** and **exact closure times** will be published on **Tuesday, April 22** through the **OKInformation** system, available at OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS or by clicking the link below.*

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Arbor Day / Earth Day Celebrations

This coming **Saturday, April 26** will mark the Town's dual celebrations (in *dual locations*) for both **Arbor Day** and **Earth Day**!

The festivities will take place from **NOON - 4:00 PM** in the **Middleton Park Complex** at 4610 E Dolphin Dr. and **Bill Smith Park** at 4410 Fish Factory Road.

The Middleton Park Complex will have educational and interactive opportunities as well as active play opportunities, while Bill Smith Park will host the **Tree Dedication Ceremony** (2:00 PM) complete with a food truck, learning opportunities, and a **giveaway of ONE HUNDRED Live Oak saplings**. Starting at 2:30 PM, representatives from the **Tree City USA** will also be on hand to speak, followed by a special planting ceremony of two Live Oaks!

For more information or to download and share a copy of the Festival Flyer, just visit the Events & Activities page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the link below.

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REMINDER: Funding Applications Due Soon

As first reported in last week's edition, the **NEW Outside Agency Funding Applications** for **Fiscal Year 2025 / 2026** are now available, and **are DUE by close of business on Monday, May 5, 2025.**

These applications include the updated **Funding Policy**, which serves 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.

Ensuring all tax dollars are used in the best possible manner for the benefit of all citizens is a top priority for the Town of Oak Island. As such, the **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.

Applications can be downloaded from the **Form Center** page at OakIslandNC.gov/FORMS or by clicking the link below.

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Brunswick County Free Cleanup Week

For those doing some annual Spring Cleaning, **April 21 - 26** is the **Free Cleanup Week** at the **Brunswick County Landfill**.

Brunswick County property owners and residents can dispose of all materials, except for regular household trash and hazardous waste, free of charge during Free Cleanup Week.

Individuals can dispose of metal, tires, electronics, latex paint, clothing, shoes, used oil, oil filters, antifreeze, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, used cooking oil, smoke detectors, household batteries, and yard debris in their designated area at the landfill during this week. Participants must show proof of Brunswick County property ownership or residency.

Businesses and commercial vehicles will be charged normal tipping fees. The Brunswick County Solid Waste and Recycling Division hosts two Free Cleanup Week events a year, typically the third full week in April and September.

for more information, you can contact the division through their website at www.brunswickcountync.gov or click the link below.

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Leaf Collection Delay Update

In a [notice published this past Tuesday](#), the Public Works Department provided an update on **Yard Debris Collection** service, which is currently operating on a **DELAYED** schedule due to needed mechanical repair on the **Leaf Collection Truck**.

Currently, crews are still working to complete **Collection Zone 3**, where larger than usual loads and ongoing repairs are continuing to slow progress. Work in **Zone 3** is now projected to take the entire week ahead. It is important to note that **ALL** debris will be removed before proceeding to the next Collection Zone.

Remember that you can help prevent costly equipment repairs and unwanted downtime, by making sure leaf piles in the right-of-way are free of items such as **limbs, bricks, rocks, and other debris**, which can cause **major damages (picture here)** to the trucks' operating systems

For more information on the Collection Schedule or any other services provided by the Public Works Department, just visit OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



2025 Hurricane Conference Announced

Mark your calendars for next month, when the Town of Oak Island will host its **2025 Hurricane Conference** on **Thursday, May 15, 2025** from **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**.



This years Conference is coordinated by the Oak Island Police Department, and will be held in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Dr.

As a resident or property owner in Oak Island, this is your change to learn all the information available from the Town's related to:

- **Hurricane Preparedness**
- **Evacuation Routes**
- **Shelter Locations**
- **Emergency Supply Checklists**
- **Staying Informed During A Storm**
- **... and much MORE!**

Additionally, hear from local experts, meteorologists, and emergency responders as they provide vital information and answer your questions, to help make sure you're ready for any storm!

This event is **open to the public** and all are welcome, but **seating may be limited**. All presentations will be broadcast LIVE on OKI-TV channel 8, and recorded for later viewing on the Town Website.

More details will follow as the event gets closer! To learn more about this event and share the date with family and friends just visit the ***Hurricane Preparedness*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/HURRICANE 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 Notice

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

- ***Mature Aerobics with Debbie*** on **Monday, April 21** at **7:30 AM**
- ***SilverSneakers with Maggie*** on **Thursday, April 24** at **9:00 AM**

For more information on these cancellations, 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**.

Tuesday, April 22

- **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 23

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

Thursday, April 24

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
 - 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
 - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Barre with Suzanne
- **Excursion**
 - 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM Airlie Gardens (pre-registration required)

Friday, April 25

- **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
- **Bill Smith Park**
 - 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Between the Lines – Book Club

Saturday, April 26

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Earth Day Festival**
 - NOON – 4:00 PM Middleton Park
 - NOON – 4:00 PM Bill Smith Park

Monday, April 28

- **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



Earth Day / Arbor Day



Badges, Boats, & Boots



Seafood Festival

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 EDITION ARCHIVE

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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