



# ***THE CURRENT***

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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.

It's the first full week of May, and everything is **heating** up, on the water, in the air, and even in the Town ***Events Calendar!*** While all of those boats pictured in this week's cover photo were actually part of a **joint training exercise** last week  could be easy to guess they were all headed up to Middleton Park Complex instead, joining in the amazing turnout for this year's **Oak Island Seafood Festival**.

Food vendors, and live music, cooking demonstrations, of course a **shrimp eating contest** all kept the Town awash in fun and festivities. However, between last weekend's events, and the Kayak Trips and Coffee Socials to come, there's still several important announcements and public meetings to attend to. So let's swap the captain's cap for our business hats for just a few minutes, as we hang-10 through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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# MEETINGS & CLOSURES





## Council & Board Meetings

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, May 5** at **8:30 AM** in the Ocean Education Center, 4700 E Oak Island Dr.



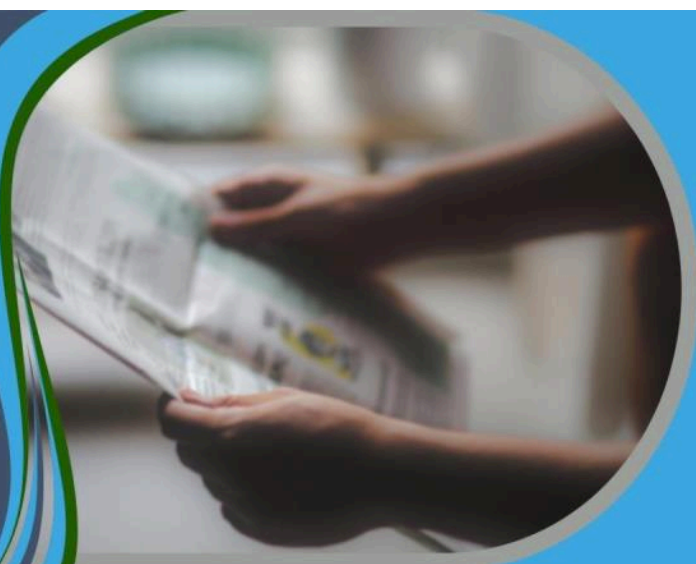
To view all future meeting schedules, visit the **Meetings Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS).

## 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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).

# NEWS & NOTICES




## Hurricane Conference Questions

The **2025 Hurricane Conference** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15, 2025** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Dr.



This year's Conference is coordinated by the Oak Island Police Department, and promises to be the largest ever of its kind in Town History! Over a **dozen** Town Departments and partner agencies will be represented through presentations and the **Panel Discussion**, followed by a **Resource Fair** with more than 20 different vendors already planning to attend!

**REMINDER:** Due to the number of presenters and time constraints **ALL questions for the Panel Discussion must be pre-submitted!**

Your submitted questions will be organized into categories, so they can be efficiently addressed by their respective department or agency. The **Question Submission Form** will **CLOSE** this **Friday, May 9** at **5:00 PM**, so get your questions in !

To submit a question for the Panel Discussion, visit the ***Hurricane Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/HURRICANE** or click the link below.



## **Recreation Master Plan Meetings**

**EDIT (May 8): the Public Input Meetings for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan have been POSTPONED until further notice. CLICK HERE to read the FULL notice.**

The Oak Island Recreation Department has just announced **three** new opportunities to participate in further development of the **Parks & Recreation Master Plan**.

Starting **this Thursday**, and running through the month of May, the department will host three **Public Input Meetings** to receive comments and feedback for the Master Plan. These meetings will be held at various times and locations to give as many as possible a chance to attend at least one; they include:

- **(THIS WEEK!) Thursday, May 8 at 2:00 PM**
  - Community Center, 102 SE 47th St.
- **Saturday, May 10 at 9:30 AM**
  - Recreation Center, 3003 E Oak Island Dr.
- **Monday, May 12 at 5:00 PM**
  - E.F. Middleton Park Shelter, 102 SE 47th St.

This is your chance to have your voice heard in-person when it comes to the future of recreation in the Town of Oak Island. So find the meeting which best fits your schedule and plan to attend so that your ideas can be heard.

All three meeting dates have been listed on the ***Town Events*** page. To view these dates and share them with others, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or click the link below.





Mark your calendars now for the next **Community Open House** event as part of the **Charting the Course 2045** project to update the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

On **Wednesday, June 11, 2025** from **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**, the Open House will be held in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall, to review the **DRAFT Comprehensive Land Use Plan**.

Over the past year, valuable input from residents has been gathered, and now it's time to make sure the draft reflects the community's vision and priorities.

This drop-in event will feature summaries of each chapter of the plan, with opportunities to provide feedback, ask questions, and speak directly with the project team. Whether interested in growth, infrastructure, recreation, natural resources, or resilience, everyone's voice is essential in shaping the final plan.

Once the project team incorporates all feedback from this event, a FULL DRAFT of the Comprehensive Plan will be posted for review on the *Charting the Course 2045* webpage. In the meantime, to learn more about the project itself and the recent updates, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045) or click the link below.



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## Town Projects Update

Back in early March of this year, the new ***Town Projects*** page was launched, to provide a basic overview of the details, locations, and current completion status of the Town's large scale building and renovation projects. This page is updated during the first week of every month; with the month of May bringing some particularly welcome updates regarding the ongoing repairs from the **PTC 8** storm last fall.

All **PTC 8** projects received a significant update which included a new Project Schedule, while some other projects were moved into the "Recently Completed" category, such as the Pickleball Court Lighting and the Recreation Center Needs Assessment Study.

To view the recent updates for any of the larger projects currently underway, just visit the ***Town Projects*** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS) or click the link below.



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## Newest "***Business of the Month***" Named

We're thrilled to announce that **KoKo Cabana** has been selected as Oak Island's very first ***Business of the Month***!



This local favorite, located at 705 Ocean Drive, was nominated by a community member who shared, "*This is a loved restaurant that brings people in from surrounding towns to spend money at not only the restaurant but at other local businesses as well.*"

Owned by Austin and Alexis Alfonso, Koko Cabana is more than just a great place to eat -- they're a vital part of our community, often seen supporting fundraisers like ***Banding Together for WNC*** and sponsoring local events. Their passion for Oak Island shines through in everything they do.

***Congratulations to Koko Cabana -- and thank you for all you do for our Town!***

The Business of the Month is selected by the **Business Advisory Board** from nominations sent in by community members like you! Want to nominate your favorite business? Just visit the dedicated page under the Economic Development Department at **[OakIslandNC.gov/ECON](http://OakIslandNC.gov/ECON)** or click the link below.

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# SAFETY BRIEF



## Badges, Boats, & Boots: **RESCHEDULED**

Unfortunately, when everyone in town began singing "*take me out to the ballgame!*" Mother Nature misheard that to mean "**take the ballgame OUT!**"



Originally scheduled for this past Sunday, May 4, the highly anticipated **Third Annual Badges Boats, & Boots** First Responder Softball Game was **POSTPONED due to inclement weather**.

For those unfamiliar with the game, this friendly exhibition sees the Oak Island Police & Fire Departments team up to take on the U.S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island in a unique and fun "First Responder Softball Game."

But don't worry if you missed the event, or are just now learning about it, because the **"3-B" has been RESCHEDULED!** That's right, the game is **BACK ON** and set for **Sunday, May 18**, in the same time and location of **2:00 PM** in the Middleton Park Complex at 4610 E Dolphin Dr.!

So plan to come out and cheer on your favorite First Responders, as they serve the community with some sweet softball action ... **and all for a good cause!** To share the updated date and time with your friends, just visit the ***Town Events*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS)** or click the link below.

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# Joint Training Review



On Tuesday of last week, the Town's **Drone Unit** participated in a joint training exercise conducted by the **U.S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island**. As **seen here in this week's cover photo**, this exercise presented as a full-scale active shooter scenario, which took place on the Bald Head Island Ferry, and utilized several local law enforcement agencies, as well as other state and federal partners.

As it would in a real-world response, the Drone Unit provided critical aerial reconnaissance and situational awareness for all participants.

Just like how the drone was used to help to coordinate the exercise's "moving parts" – training like this is crucial to helping bring those many parts together, to learn how to work as a team in times of crisis.

The Town is honored to have the Drone Unit participate in such an important exercise, and is grateful for our partner organizations who help to support and protect our community and region!

To learn more about the Drone Unit and how it supports all of the Town's first responders, visit the ***Drone Unit*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/DRONE** or click the link below.



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



## Splashpad Splashdown!

It's one of the most anticipated days of the year ... at least it is for kids, anyway! On **Friday, May 23**, the **Oak Island Splashpad** will officially open for the 2025 season!

To help celebrate, the Oak Island Fire Department will be joining the Recreation Department from **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** on opening day to hold a ***Splashpad Splashdown!***

- WHEN: Friday, May 23, 2025 • 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- WHERE: Middleton Park Complex • 4610 E Dolphin Dr.

Come celebrate the season opening of the Oak Island Splashpad with the Oak Island Fire Department and Recreation Department!



**THIS WEEK:**  
***In Recreation***



## **Tuesday, May 6**

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
- 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert
- 11:30 AM Qigong
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Line Dancing Club

## **Wednesday, May 7**

- **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 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

## **Thursday, May 8**

- ***Master Plan Public Input Meeting* • Community Center • 2:00 PM**

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
- 9:00 AM Silver Sneakers with Maggie
- 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

## **Friday, May 9**

- **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

- **Oak Island Peir**

- Pier Yoga with rotating instructors 8:00 AM (Registration Required)

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Nature Center**

- Coffee Social 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

## **Saturday, May 10**

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors



**Monday, May 12**

- **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

- **Recreation Center**

- Jam and Java with the Louis Gilbert Duo 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**REMINDER:** A full listing of all fitness classes and recreation programs can be found at [OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS).

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



**Fitness Calendar**



**Coffee Social**



**Splashdown**



**Summer Concert Series**

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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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