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Week of

May 19, 2025

"WORK HARD. PLAY HARD." It's almost a tired cliché, but the saying still rings true in the Town of Oak Island. This week marks the 65th Annual **National Public Works Week**, when we set aside time to honor those who provide the services and maintain the infrastructure which supports the daily functions of the Town.



This year's theme is "**People, Purpose, Presence**" which highlights the "three cornerstone ideals" that motivate public works professionals, such as the 30+ employees in our own **Public Works Department**.

If you didn't notice them this week because you were busy Riding The Tide or taking in a Sunday afternoon Softball Game, that just means they did their job and everything was working as it should! Sure, things don't always go according to plan, and delays and frustrations happen, just as they would with any job; but when an entire Town is riding on your shoulders, you stay committed to the work at hand. That's something this publication has been pointing out since its **very first edition**.

So before sailing off into the week ahead, let's stop and take a moment to say ***thanks*** to the Public Works staff who simply make things ... well, **work!** And afterwards, whether you're hard at work or easy at play, we'll all take a moment for a quick splash through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

There are NO Board or Council meetings for the week ahead. ***As a reminder:***

TOWN COUNCIL will hold a **Budget Public Hearing** next **Tuesday, May 27** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Dr.

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

Holiday Closures

Administrative Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 26, 2025** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

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

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Actions Review

The Oak Island Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 13** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall.



To view the full video from this or any previous meeting, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below.



Traffic Change Coming

If you regularly visit the Community Center, or have played a round or two of pickleball lately, then you know the area surrounding Town Hall is growing in popularity ... and traffic! That's why during the [April 8 Town Council meeting](#), Council approved converting **SE 47th Street** to a **one-way traffic pattern**.



Starting on **Saturday, May 31**, traffic will only be able to turn onto SE 47th Street from E. Oak Island Drive, but must use SE 46th Street to exit the Town Hall parking lot.

This change will provide a more efficient traffic flow, with vehicles coming in off Oak Island Drive to one of the Town buildings or recreation areas, and exiting traffic going north or south on SE 46th Street. This will also make the parking lot behind Town Hall one-way for vehicular traffic. The new traffic pattern should help increase pedestrian safety, while also creating an easier-to-follow traffic flow around the Town facilities.

For questions or more information on the new traffic pattern, contact the Oak Island Police Department through the [Department Contact Form](#) or click the image below.



Summer Collection Schedule Started



This past Saturday, May 17, the **Garbage & Recycling Collection Summer Schedule** began for **Collection Zones 3, 7, & 8**. This change means that Garbage Collection service is now being provided every **Wednesday & Saturday**, with **Recycling Collection** provided every Saturday. Collection will switch back to the normal schedule in September.

The Town of Oak Island has a total of eight (8) Garbage & Recycling Collection Zones. The more heavily trafficked areas of **Zones 6 - 8** essentially cover the beach areas, including Beach Dr., Dolphin Dr., Pelican Dr. and Ocean Dr. While most of the year these areas are provided collection service on one day of the week, during the Summer they are switched to twice per week to cover the higher volumes.

To view information about Collection Zones, the current year Collection Schedules, and other services provided, visit the **Public Works** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below.



Par 3 Golf: Residents Day

The **Oak Island Par 3 Golf** course has been working very hard recently to make improvements to course conditions, programs offered, and overall player experience ... and they're excited to invite YOU out to give them a try in the new **Residents Day Open House** event!



On **Saturday, May 31** from **8:00 AM - 5:00 PM** come out to the Course at 4188 Vanessa Drive for a full day of fun, food trucks, games, and giveaways! Meet your Oak Island area neighbors and get to know the course while experiencing all of what Par 3 Golf has to offer.

This event is open to everyone of all skill levels, even if you've never swung a club! For more information on **Oak Island Par 3 Golf**, just visit OakIslandNC.gov/PAR3. To share this event with friends and family, or on your own social media, just visit the **Town Events** page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the link below.



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Manager's Message: Review Ready Budget

Last Tuesday, May 13 our Finance Director, Helen Brank presented the **Recommended FY 2025 - 2026 Budget** to the Town Council, after which the presented materials were made available on the **Budget Information** page of the Town Website.

As Town Manager, I am thankful for the dedicated staff who worked so diligently to bring this together; as well as the Town Council who listened to concerns and provided thoughtful input and directives.

Most notably, this recommendation offers a **Balanced Budget** with **No Tax Increase**. The Town's Fund Balance continues to remain strong at 92% for the General Fund, which is in compliance with state law and well over the Town's internal policy to maintain a minimum total fund balance of 40%.

As noted earlier in this edition, there will be a **Budget Public Hearing** next **Tuesday, May 27 at 6:00 PM**. In the meantime, the Recommended Budget and all presentation materials can be viewed on the **Budget Information** page at OakIslandNC.gov/BUDGET, or by clicking the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



Hurricane Conference Wrap Up



Last **Thursday, May 15**, the Town of Oak Island hosted its **2025 Hurricane Conference**.

As coordinators for this event, the Oak Island Police Department would like to extend a sincere **Thank You** to all of the attendees, participants, and vendors who helped to make our 2025 Hurricane Conference a huge success!

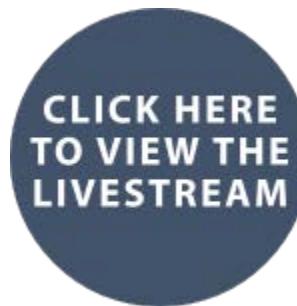


This conference provided residents and property owners an important opportunity to learn about how the Town works to **prepare for, respond to, and recover from** severe weather. Our **Panel Discussion** was a unique feature that brought particular interest among attendees, as it provided direct insights from those at the helm of an emergency response effort.

We would also like to thank Steve Pfaff of the National Weather Service for once again sharing his invaluable knowledge, which always proves so critical in our decision making.

If you missed this event, you will definitely want to make it an annual appointment in the future; but don't worry for this year, the full video is now available online as well!

To watch this year's Conference, just visit the ***Hurricane Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/HURRICANE or click the link below.



Badges, Boats, & Boots *REPLAY*

While our original date was a rain out, we were excited to finally compete in our **Third Annual Badges Boats, & Boots** First Responder Softball Game this past **Sunday, May 18**.



A great crowd was on-hand in the Middleton Park Complex to help cheer on their favorite first responders. In the end, our Police and Fire Departments didn't come out with a win, bringing the series to 2-1, but everyone had a great time!



The real winner by far was the **Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation**, for which we raised **\$1,065** through combined t-shirts sales, a \$200 donation from the Oak Island Elks Lodge, and \$50 donation from Kona Ice.

This organization, whose mission is to prevent drownings through education and awareness, has been instrumental in helping to save lives not only in our community, but all throughout our region.

As always, we are grateful for such a supportive community, and for great organizations to rally behind. To learn more about the Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation, just visit their website at jackhelbig.org 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



Class Cancellations

NOTICE: The following ***SilverSneakers with Susan*** classes have been CANCELED:

- **Friday, May 23, 2025 • 9:00 AM**
- **Tuesday, May 27, 2025 • 8:30 AM**
- **Friday, May 30, 2025 • 9:00 AM**



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 link 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, May 20

- **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 21

- **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**
 - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Striders Walking Club

Thursday, May 22



- **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

- **Excursions**

- Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson and Local's Restaurant (Per- Registration Required)

Friday, May 23

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
- 10:30 AM: Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB

- **Oak Island Pier**

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

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 10:00 AM opening day of the SPLASHPAD

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 6:30 PM Summer Concert Seres with the Entertainers

Saturday, May 24

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, May 26

- **CLOSED in Observance of Memorial Day**

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



Splashpad Splashdown



Summer Concert Series



Par 3 Residents Day



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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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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