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

"Thank you for your service." It's a common expression to show gratitude for those who serve our nation through the armed forces, and one that should be spoken often. However for the last Monday in May, the more appropriate expression would be **"thank you for your sacrifice."**



Originally called **Decoration Day**, the holiday came to be known as **Memorial Day** through the **Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968**. Historical names notwithstanding, the day is rooted in the somber remembrance of those who lost their lives during military service.

While barbecues and beach days are often enjoyed around this time, it's important to remember ***why*** we have the freedom to enjoy those things. The sentiment conveyed by "thank you for your service" carries a much heavier depth of gratitude when standing in front of a white marble headstone, or even a Memorial Brick at our own Veterans Park.

So take some time, whether it's to place a flag in remembrance or to simply observe a **moment of silence at 3:00 PM**, and say "thank you, for your sacrifice" to those no longer present to offer a "you're welcome" in return. From the elected officials, administration, and staff of the Town of Oak Island, we take that moment now, to ***Honor & Remember*** as we start this week's edition of the ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 27** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department training Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Police Department

TOWN COUNCIL will hold a **Special Meeting** on **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.

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.

NEWS & NOTICES



Budget Public Hearing

The Oak Island Town Council will hold a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 27, 2025**, at **6:00 PM** in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to hold a **Public Hearing** to receive comments on the the [Recommended FY 2025 - 2026 Budget](#).

The Recommended Budget was first presented to the Town Council on **Tuesday, May 13**, after which the presented materials were made available on the ***Budget Information*** page of the Town Website.



To view the Recommended Budget and all presentation materials prior to the Public Hearing, visit the ***Budget Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/BUDGET**, or by clicking the link below.



THIS WEEK: Traffic Change on SE 47th St.

As first noted in last week's edition, **SE 47th St.** will change to a **one-way traffic pattern** later this week.



Starting on **Saturday, May 31**, traffic will only be able to turn onto SE 47th St. from E. Oak Island Drive, but must use SE 46th St. to exit the Town Hall parking lot. This change will provide a more efficient traffic flow, and help increase pedestrian safety.

Additionally, the **mailbox** located in the gravel parking lot beside the Public Services Building **will be relocated** to directly behind the Town Hall, as noted in the graphic above. This will provide a singular flow for depositing mail, coming in from SE 47th St. and exiting out onto SE 46th St.

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.



Water Quality Report Now Available

The **Public Utilities Department** is pleased to announce the **Annual Water Quality Report** has been **published** is now available on the Town Website.



The report presents the data gathered from the Sample & Testing Period of **January 1 - December 31, 2024**, as part of the **NC Source Water Assessment Program** (SWAP). The Report provides information about water quality and the services delivered by the **Water Division**, showcasing the efforts they take to continually protect and improve water distribution and resources.

The Town's primary water source is purchased from Brunswick County utilizing the Castle Hayne Aquifer, through 14 wells approximately 175 ft. deep. The Town also has a secondary source from N.E. Cape Fear River above lock and dam #1 at Kings Bluff Pumping Station, in addition to two emergency back-up wells that pump from the Pee Dee Aquifer.

Previous year reports are available on the Water Division page of the Town Website. To view this latest report directly visit at **OakIslandNC.gov/WaterReport** or click the link below.



RESCHEDULED: Recreation Input Meetings

Earlier in May, the deadline to participate in the ***2025 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey*** was ***EXTENDED*** until **5:00 PM on Saturday, May 31**, after the **Public Input Meetings were postponed** due to an emergency cancellation by the Plan's development consultant.

Now, the Recreation Department is excited to announce those meetings have been **RESCHEDULED**.



A total of **THREE** meetings will be held this week at various times and locations to ensure as many as possible have an opportunity to participate, including:

- **Tuesday, May 27 • 2:00 PM:** Community Center
- **Tuesday, May 27 • 5:00 PM:** E.F. Middleton Park Shelter
- **Thursday, May 29 • 9:00 AM:** Recreation Center

Please plan to join in these meetings and have your voice heard on the future of Recreation in Oak Island. In the meantime, only a few days remain to participate in the ***Recreation Master Plan Survey***. To participate in or ***share the survey***, visit OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY or click the link below.



Par 3 Golf: Residents Day

Speaking of ***recreation***, one of the Town's best sources of recreation is excited to be showing off recent improvements and new features, in the **Oak Island Par 3 Golf Residents Day Open House** event!



This **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.



SAFETY BRIEF



Beach Safety Unit Training

Earlier this year, the Town combined the previously separate Beach Services Unit and Ocean Rescue Units, merging them into the new **Beach Safety Unit** under the Fire Department. Last week, we wrapped up the Ocean Rescue training with all team members, with the Beach Services team later joining in training as well.



These 12 new members will team up with the 5 supervisory members, along with other Fire Department members that have also completed the training. Together, this will allow the Beach Safety Unit to provide ***on-beach patrols*** from **6:00 AM - 6:00 PM - 7 days a week** when coupled with the Beach Services Division!

Congratulations to all of these individuals on the hard work they've put in so far. We look forward to a safe season ahead! To learn more about the newly formed Beach Safety Unit, and how they are innovating safety in Oak Island, visit OakIslandNC.gov/BSU or click the link below

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NEW LSV Signage Installed

There is anticipated to be well in excess of over 25,000 vehicles passing over the bridges of Oak Island throughout the Memorial Day weekend. That leads to a lot of cars, trucks, LSVs, bicycles, and even pedestrians sharing our streets! One way we're working to help with traffic is through these new ***LSV directional signs*** just installed this past **Friday, May 23** with

the help of the Public Works Department.



These large, simple, and easy-to-read signs will remind LSVs of the 45mph zones they are not allowed in, and help direct them along alternate routes which better accommodate their more "relaxed" pace!

Regardless of how you travel: remain alert, don't be distracted by phones or in-car media, and above all **SHARE THE STREETS**, using a little patience and awareness! Remember, "**safety starts with YOU!**" We're all different, and we all enjoy different ways of getting around. Our concern is making sure everyone can do so as safe and enjoyably as possible! Through initiatives like this, and the hard work our officers will be doing over the next few days, we hope for a great weekend and Summer ahead.

To learn more about **and help share** Low Speed Vehicle safety information, visit the LSV Information page at OakIslandNC.gov/LSV 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

The ***SilverSneakers with Susan*** classes for this coming **Tuesday, May 27 at 8:30 AM** and **Friday, May 30 at 9:00 AM** have been **CANCELED**.

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.

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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**.

Monday, May 26

- **CLOSED** in observance of **MEMORIAL DAY**

Tuesday, May 27

- **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 28

- **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

- **Striders off Island Adventure**

- Belville Riverwalk

Thursday, May 29

- **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

- **Davis Canal**

- 10:00 AM: Kayak Tour down the Davis Canal (pre-registration is required)

Friday, May 30

- **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**

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

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Veterans Park**

- 2:00 PM Between the Lines Book Club

- **Ocean Education Building**

- 6:00 PM Surf Fishing Seminar with Ian Sands (Pre-Registration Required)

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with Christine Martinez Band

Saturday, May 31

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors



- **Caswell Beach**

- 8:00 AM Surf Fishing Seminar with Ian Sands (Pre-Registration Required)

Monday, June 2

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie
- 11:15 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert

- **Oak Island Pier**

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

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers Market

- **Oak Island Fire Station #2**

- 8:30 AM Public Safety Camp (Pre-Registration Required)

- **Oak Island Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM Art Creations Camp (Pre-Registration Required)

- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**

- 9:00 AM Tennis Academy (Per-Registration Required)

- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**

- 3:00 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-Registration Required)

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 Programs Calander



Fitness Calendar

Summer Concert Series



Par 3 Residents Day



Farmers' Market

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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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