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Week of

June 2, 2025

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

The **Tide has been Ride**(den), the **Hurricanes Conferenced**, and the **Bands By The Beach** have been back for a couple weeks now ... it's safe to say Summer is here to stay!



As May quickly drifts into the rearview, we'll get the jump on June with a boatload of important events and serious Town business to discuss.

However, unlike like the paddlers up the Davis Canal pictured in this week's cover photo, the only things you'll need for this trip are a good pair of reading glasses, as we ride our own tide down this week's edition the ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, June 5** at **8:30 AM** at the Ocean Education Center, 4700 E Oak Island Dr.



PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Friday, June 6** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

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

Holiday Closures

Administrative Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Friday, July 4, 2025** in observance of *Independence Day*.

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

NEWS & NOTICES



NEW Public Surveys Page

The Oak Island Town Council and Administrative Staff are actively engaged in learning how the Town can improve the departments and services it offers. With multiple opportunities to provide feedback through public surveys available, the Town has now organized them all in one convenient location through the ***NEW Public Surveys***.

This page contains information and links to current and upcoming public surveys, providing an opportunity for direct feedback from the residents, property owners, and visitors served daily.

Surveys currently running on the page include the ***Recreation Master Plan Survey*** (extended until June 30) and the ***NEW Oak Island Bicycle Plan Survey*** (more details on the Bicycle Plan down below!).

Add *your voice* to the future of Recreation in the Town of Oak Island, now from one convenient location! Visit the ***Public Surveys*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEYS or click the link below.



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Community Open House

There's some exciting new updates to share on the next ***Community Open House*** on **Wednesday, June 11** from **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in the Town Council Chambers. This event will feature a review of the **DRAFT Comprehensive Land Use Plan** ***PLUS*** provide an opportunity for public input on ideas for a **NEW Recreation Center**.



PLAN 2045: 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!

To help encourage your friends and neighbors to attend this important event, visit and share the **2045: Charting the Course** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045** or click the link below.

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Bicycle Plan Underway

The Town of Oak Island is developing a **NEW Bicycle Plan!** The plan will identify bicycle infrastructure projects and guide future development, improving safety, mobility, health, economic development, quality of life, and attractiveness to residents and visitors alike. Additionally, this type of plan can also help in obtaining future grant funding to support additional planning, design, and construction phases.

Over the course of the project, Town staff from the [Development Services Department](#) will be working with infrastructure consulting firm [AECOM](#) to develop the Plan over the Summer and Fall of 2025, with an intended Plan adoption following completion.



The first step in the developing this new Plan **involves YOU!** Through the previously mentioned ***Bicycle Plan Survey***, you can get in on the ground floor and provide crucial feedback on ways to improve travel for bicycles throughout Town. To learn more about the Plan itself or take the Survey, just visit the dedicated page at OakIslandNC.gov/BikePlan or click the link below.



Medallion Hunt Returns

One of the most popular public events during the Town's 25th Anniversary Celebrations has ***RETURNS*** for 2025 ... the ***Oak Island Medallion Hunt*** is ***BACK!***



Get ready, treasure hunters -- the Oak Island Medallion Hunt starts back **Monday, June 9, 2025**. Join the fun as we launch another exciting community-wide challenge full of puzzles, clues, and a hidden prize waiting to be discovered.

How It Works:

1. **Daily Puzzle Release:** Each morning, a new puzzle will be posted on the Town of Oak Island website and Facebook page. Solve it to reveal the name of a local Oak Island business.
2. **Find the Clue:** Visit that business to uncover a hidden clue that brings you closer to the medallion's secret location.
3. **Search for the Medallion:** Use the clues to hunt down the medallion somewhere in Oak Island. The first person to find it wins a special prize!
4. **Keep Playing:** The hunt continues with new puzzles and clues each day until the medallion is found.

Stay sharp, think creatively, and you might just be this year's Medallion Hunt champion! To view and share details on this year's Medallion Hunt, visit OakIslandNC.gov/HUNT or click the link below.



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Business Of The Month:

We're excited to share that ***Island Jo Coffee 'n' Cafe*** has been chosen as Oak Island's Business of the Month by the Business Advisory Board.



Known for their friendly service, community spirit, and delicious food, Island Jo is a local favorite for breakfast, lunch, and handcrafted coffee. From fresh bagels and breakfast sandwiches to signature drinks and seasonal specials, everything is made with care and served with a smile.

As one community member put it, “They accommodate every need and support both veterans and other small businesses. It’s always a pleasure.” Congratulations to Island Jo Coffee 'n' Cafe, and thank you for all you do for Oak Island.

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 or click the link below.

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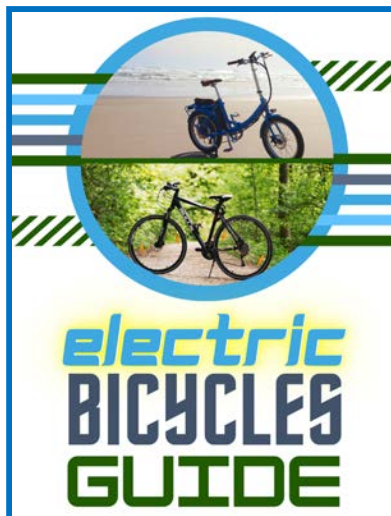
SAFETY BRIEF



E-Bike Information

Whether it's updating the Speed & Traffic Data, or adding new LSV signage, the Oak Island Police Department is working hard to make streets safer for ALL travelers, regardless of what method of travel they are using.

Recently **Electric Assist Bicycles**, or **e-bikes**, have become an increasingly popular way of getting around. While their cost-friendly nature and ease of use are appealing, they are distinctly different from regular bicycles. That's why we'll soon be launching our new **Electric Bicycles Guide**.



COMING SOON!

Similar to our popular **Slow Ride: Take It Safely** cards for LSVs, these printed information sheets will offer clarification on the laws surrounding e-bikes, their classifications, and rules around where they **can and can't** be ridden in Oak Island. For instance, E-bikes **CAN** be driven on any public street throughout Town; however, they **CANNOT** be driven on sidewalks or the Davis Canal Pedestrian Crossovers. Seasonally, they also cannot be driven on the public beach strand from **March 16 through October 14**.

These ordinances also prohibit the use of similar motorized recreational riding devices such as scooters, Onewheels, skateboards, and unicycles

While we hope to have these new cards in print soon, in the meantime, we've added the most important details to our page of the Town Website, under the **E-Bikes** tab. To view and share this information, just visit OakIslandNC.gov/P... or click the link below.



"Mud Buster" Rescue

Last week, the Oak Island Fire Department was contacted about a rumor of rescue that took place of someone "**stuck in quicksand**." Well in spite of what your childhood might have prepared you for, our concern is more for mud than sand!

With a rapidly changing tideline and the thick muck of the coast marshes, mud can be a serious, and even deadly problem. On Wednesday, May 21, the Department responded to a mud rescue call, where Chief Lee Price arrived to find a victim buried up to the waist. Responding crews used the mud boards and a ladder to create a working platform, allowing us to deploy one of our simplest and most creative tools ... our "**Mud Buster**."



It may not look like much, but this simple device is **made in-house** by our firefighters and has helped to save many lives! It uses a pressurized stream of water to help break up and release the vacuum created by mud. Often times, the suction created is so powerful it is nearly impossible to lift victims out.

Once that vacuum is broken, removal becomes a much easier task that usually leads to a happy ending, as was the case with the call the other week.

While we are thankful for the dedication and innovation of our firefighters, the **need** for a tool such as this just reinforces a key safety reminder: ***Before going out, always make sure someone knows where you'll be and when to expect you back!*** This rings especially true if kayaking, fishing, or enjoying any other activities in mud-prone areas.

For more information on the Fire Department and any of the tools we use daily (*whether bought or built!*) just visit our page at OakIslandNC.gov/FD 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

The ***Qigong*** class scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3, 2025** at **11:30 AM** has 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.



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, June 3

- **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
- **Oak Island Fire Station #2**
 - 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Public Safety Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Arts Creations Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, June 4

- **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
- **Cabana (Corner of SE 46th St and E Beach Drive)**
 - 10:00 AM -11:00 AM Story Time by the Sea (Pre-Registration Required)



- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM: Striders Walking Club
- **Oak Island Fire Station #2**
 - 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Public Safety Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Arts Creations Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-Registration Required)

Thursday, June 5

- **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 with Suzanne
- **Oak Island Fire Station #2**
 - 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Public Safety Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Arts Creations Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-Registration Required)

Friday, June 6

- **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 Pier**
 - 8:00 AM: Pier Yoga with rotating instructors (Registration Required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:00 AM: Table Tennis
- **Oak Island Fire Station #2**
 - 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM Public Safety Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Recreation Center**



- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Arts Creations Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with Jim Quick & Coastline

Saturday, June 7

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, June 9

- **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: Peir Yoga with rotating instructors (Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers & Artisan's Market
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Exploring Nature Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 5:30 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 Calendar



Summer Concert Series



Farmers' Market



Beach Day 2025



THANK YOU

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Past editions of both the weekly and monthly formats are available to view anytime, by clicking the tabs below.

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