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

It's the last full week of June and the first "official" week of Summer ... but ask anyone on the beach and they wouldn't know!
We've been kickin' it "Summer Style" **since the snow melted!**



Despite all the fun we're having (**and preparing for on Beach Day!**), there's still some very important business and a few critical announcements to cover for the week ahead. So get serious for just a second, as we take an informative swim through 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, June 24 at 9:00 AM** in the Police Department training Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Police Department

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



DRAFT Land Use Plan Published

Officially launched in September 2024, the ***2045 Charting The Course*** project is the Town's effort to update its existing **CAMA Comprehensive Land Use Plan** (often referred to as a “***Comp Plan***”). This update will examine progress made and new initiatives that should be considered for the future.

After a successful kickoff, several steering committee meetings, and multiple public input sessions, the ***DRAFT Comprehensive Land Use Plan*** has been published and is now ready for public review!



REMEMBER: This is the **DRAFT plan**, and it is not final until voted on by the Town Council. Even if you missed the initial kickoff or any of the previous public input sessions, there is now a **public comment period** which will be **open until 5:00 PM on Friday, July 25, 2025**.

So be sure to provide your input NOW through the Online Comment Form! Simply visit the ***Charting the Course*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045 or click the link below.



Town Surveys Update

Earlier this month, the Town launched a new ***Surveys & Public Input*** section on the **Contact Us** page of the Town website. This is a new, one-stop location for all of the public surveys, question forms, and other opportunities for community engagement.

The ***Draft Land Use Plan Comment Form*** linked in the article above is just the latest to join the listings in this section; which makes for a good time for some reminders of other upcoming deadlines.

- **Recreation Master Plan Survey**: Previously extended, this chance to help shape the future of recreation in our community will **CLOSE** at **5:00 PM** next **Monday, June 30**.
- **Bicycle Plan Survey**: With just under **400 submissions** so far, this great opportunity to help identify bicycle infrastructure projects to improve bicycle safety, access, and connectivity will also **CLOSE** at **5:00 PM** next **Monday, June 30**.
- **Development Services Stakeholders Meeting**: Question forms for this July 15 meeting must be submitted by **5:00 PM** on **Friday, July 11**.

To participate or help share these important outlets for feedback to your local government, just visit the ***Public Surveys*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY** or click the link below.



Solid Waste Fees Increase Notice

As reported in last week's edition, during the **June 10 meeting**, the Town Council voted unanimously to adopt the **FY 2025-2026 Budget** and **Fee Schedule**.

Starting on July 1, minor fee increases for Solid Waste collection will go into effect for certain areas. It is **important to note** this is a "passthrough" charge, which directly reflects rate increases from the contracted service provider, **GFL Environmental**. These rate increases **do not** affect all residents.

Monthly increases will affect those properties along the beachfront areas in **Collection Zone 6, 7, and 8** that receive a **second weekly collection** during the **Summer Season** (May 10 - September 27); as well as any properties that have **additional Garbage & Recycling carts**. The increase will range from **\$1.00 to \$41.00**, depending on the location and number of carts serviced.



Additionally, while GFL will continue to repair or replace broken and damaged carts as needed, complete **replacement carts** will now be charged **\$75.00**, which will be added to the monthly utility bill.

To view the Collection Zones, visit the **Public Works** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below.



"CURB ALERT!" On Illegal Dumping

"CURB ALERT!" It's the common phrase used to quickly tell others about items being given away for free, which have been left by the side of the street. Word gets around, and usually these items find a second life by the end of the afternoon. **But what about items nobody wants?** The stranger's yard debris, the streetside couches, or even the occasional ditch-mattress? What becomes of these not-so-natural wonders? Well, the **Code Enforcement Division** is working hard to help clean up some **myths** and **misuse** of **Collection Services** for both Solid Waste and Yard Debris!



Generally speaking, **Yard Debris** is collected by the **Public Works Department**, and should only consist of leaves, clippings, and small sticks generated by typical yardwork; **Bulk Items** like furniture, appliances, electronics, and other large items placed beside the street will **NOT** be collected with regular garbage & recycling Collection through **GFL Environmental**. These must be disposed of at the Town's **Disposal Convenience Site**, or at one of the locations provided by Brunswick County.

Code Enforcement staff are working to review current ordinance violations, and issue citations for illegal dumping of yard debris and large items discarded in the public right-of-way. To learn more about the “***Curb Alert!***” or to report illegal dumping in your area, visit OakIslandNC.gov/CURB or click the link below.



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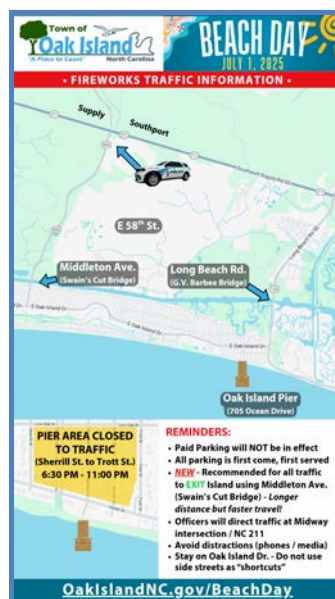
SAFETY BRIEF



Beach Day Fireworks Traffic

Just ***ONE WEEK*** left until the spectacular ***BEACH DAY Fireworks Display!!*** Please take this week to start helping us spread the word about the **NEW TRAFFIC PLAN** (see below) in place for after the fireworks!

While this route may be a longer distance for some it will make for faster travel for all, as it will help avoid current traffic detours and construction on NC 211 / 133, and take advantage of the shorter bridge and multiple lanes on Middleton Blvd.



As seen in the graphic above, once the Fireworks are over, officers will be asking **ALL** traffic exiting the Island to use **N Middleton Ave.** and the **Swain's Cut Bridge**. **Remember: *slightly longer distance* = *significantly less time* sitting in traffic!**



Officers will be stationed at several points along E Oak Island Dr to help with vehicle and pedestrian traffic alike, as well as the "Midway" intersection with NC 211, to provide fast travel those heading ***East towards Southport, West to Supply, or North to Bolivia.***

To share this graphic and information, just click on the ***Fireworks & Traffic Information*** tab on the Beach Day page at **OakIslandNC.gov/BeachDay** or click the link below.



Fundraising Success

Last week, the **Oak Island Public Safety** departments were honored to join together and help participate in the **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals** fundraiser, held at the local **Publix Oak Island Marketplace!** With the incredible support from our fellow first responders, they were able to raise an impressive ***\$1,080!!***



Special thanks to our officers and firefighters who volunteered their time. Whether interacting with customers at the entrance table, bagging groceries at the checkout, or just generally helping out and engaging with customers, their commitment to community service truly shone through.

Most importantly, ***THANK YOU*** to our community! This achievement would not have been possible without your support and generosity. Together, you've helped to make a tangible difference in the lives of so many children in need.

To view the all of the photos from this event, visit the ***Police Department Facebook Page*** at **Facebook.com/OakIslandPD** 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



LOGGHERHEADS: "Hometown Heroes" Game

NOTICE: On **Thursday, July 3** the **Oak Island Loggerheads** baseball team will be partnering with local businesses to host a "**Hometown Heroes**" game, which will provide **FREE parking and admission** to all **veterans and active military**. The game will be held in the Town's **Bill Smith Park**, located at 4410 Fish Factory Rd., with the first pitch set for **7:00 PM**.

Please note, between the Independence holiday and anticipated crowd size for this game, traffic impacts may be expected in the areas of Fish Factory Rd. and South Harbour Village, Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to the event, while those driving through the area should remain alert and follow all traffic directions. **This event is not sponsored or endorsed by the Town of Oak Island, and is shared on behalf of community partners for purposes of public safety. For more information please see the contact information in the flyer provided 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 24

- **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**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ocean Fun (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Davis Canal**
 - 10:00 AM Kayak Tour down the Davis Canal (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 25

- **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)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ocean Fun (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (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 26

- **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
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ocean Fun (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-Registration Required)

Friday, June 27

- **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
- **Recreation Center**



- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Ocean Fun (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Tennis Academy (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (Pre-Registration Required)
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Register Park**
 - 2:00 PM Between the Lines Bookclub
- **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 Julio & the Saltines

Saturday, June 28

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

Monday, June 30

- **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 (Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers & Artisan's Market
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Games 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)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey

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



Fitness Calendar



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Summer Concert Series



Beach Day 2025

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