



THE CURRENT

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Week of
June 30, 2025

[NOTICE: Town Offices will be OPEN on Tuesday, July 1 during Beach Day, but the Recreation Center will be CLOSED to accommodate the activities at the Middleton Park Complex. All Town offices and facilities will be CLOSED on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Due to the live music on Beach Day, there will be NO Summer Concert Series for this Friday, July 4.]



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

It's the "***busiest week of the year***" in Oak Island, as we celebrate the independence of our nation (July 4) and the birth of our Town (July 1) ... and this week just happens to hold BOTH!

In case you didn't know, those fireworks pictured in this week's cover photo are celebrating ***BEACH DAY*** - which commemorates the July 1, 1999 merger of the Towns of Yaupon Beach & Long Beach into what is today known as the Town of Oak Island.

But before we can commence with the music, games, and fun of the week ahead, there's some important Town business to attend to! So put on your patriotic birthday hats and grab the sunscreen, because it's time to speedboat our way through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

WORKING GROUP: A **Boards & Committees Optimization Working Group** will meet at **8:30 AM** on **Wednesday, July 2, 2025**, in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive. The purpose of the meeting is to begin work on a plan to optimize the effectiveness of the Town's advisory boards and committees, as directed by Town Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, July 3** at **8:30 AM** in the Ocean Education Center, located at 4700 E Oak Island Dr.

PAR 3 GOLF COMMITTEE has **rescheduled** its regular meeting from Friday, July 4 to **Friday, July 11** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop, located at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

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

Holiday Closures

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

- The **Recreation Center** will be **CLOSED** on Tuesday, July 1 for **Beach Day**
- The **Disposal Convenience Site** will be **CLOSED** on **Saturday, July 5**
- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will operate on the **regular schedule** (***NOTE:*** Services may be slow or delayed due to large collection volumes, heavy traffic, and weather conditions)

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

NEWS & NOTICES



Beach Day Events & Traffic Plan

For several weeks, the **Recreation Department** has been advertising the packed schedule planned for this year's Beach Day celebrations. Additionally the **Police Department** has also been working to share the **UPDATED Traffic Plan** ahead of the Fireworks Display capping off the day's events.



Now is ***YOUR last chance*** to help share all of the fun and informative graphics above! Please help these departments by sharing the these details on ***activities, event registration***, and especially the **NEW TRAFFIC PLAN** asking everyone to exit the Island through Middleton Ave. / Swain's Cut Bridge.

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

To share this information or learn more, just visit the ***Beach Day*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/BeachDay** or click the link below.



Nourishment Project: Survey Work Notice

Starting on **Monday, July 7**, the **Summer Beach Survey** work will begin as part of the Town's upcoming **Beach Nourishment Project**.

Surveying contractor **TI Coastal Services** will be conducting the survey work, which will include operations on the **land** and **water**. During the Survey, a truck with the *TI Coastal* logo and GPS equipment will be seen on the beach areas, while a small boat will be used for hydrographic measurements near the shore.



As pictured above, the survey boat will be clearly marked and may come close to shore during this process. **This is normal and not cause for alarm**; however, those fishing or swimming near the boat are asked to temporarily reel in their lines or move until the boat passes.

The work is expected to take between **7 - 14 days** to complete, weather permitting. For more information and updates, visit the Beach Nourishment Projects page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAND** or click the link below.



Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Launched

On **Thursday, June 19**, a kickoff meeting was held for the **2025 Update** to the **Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan** (RHMP). Though probably a familiar term for most coastal residents, **Hazard Mitigation** is defined as *any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards*.



Last updated in 2021, updating the RHMP will help ensure all applicable counties and their municipalities remain eligible for various forms of federal pre-disaster and post-disaster hazard mitigation funding.

Links to the previous Plan, along with the latest updates and a **Public Survey** opportunity are available on the Plan website by clicking the link below.



Garbage & Recycling Collection Notice

There are many "seasonal increases" Summer brings to this area, including seasonal tourists, seasonal revenues, and of course ***seasonal Garbage & Recycling Collection volumes***.

Between the increases in traffic, collection volume, and outside temperatures, contracted service provider, **GFL Environmental** is reminding all customers that collection services ***may take a little longer than usual***.

As crews continue to work hard through extreme heat conditions, please be considerate and help to make their job run faster. Make sure carts are neatly placed by the streetside, and no other materials are left outside of the carts (***as noted in the recently launched CURB ALERT campaign***).

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



REMINDER: Draft Land Use Plan Published

As first reported in last week's edition, the **DRAFT Comprehensive Land Use Plan** has been published and is now ready for public review!



As part of the **2045 Charting The Course** project to the **CAMA Comprehensive Land Use Plan** (often referred to as a “**Comp Plan**”), the **DRAFT Plan** is not final until voted on by the Town Council. A **public comment period** is available until **5:00 PM on Friday, July 25, 2025**.

To review the Draft Plan and provide your comments, visit the ***Charting the Course*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045** or click the link below.

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NEW Public Safety Videos

Last week the **Beach Safety Unit** launched a new series of new public safety videos aimed at educating residents and visitors alike on several important beach-related safety issues, including:

- **Heat Safety**
- **Rescue Tube Stations**
- **Inlet Safety**

Just through shares on the Town's **Facebook** and **X** platforms alone, these videos have garnered nearly **30,000 views** in less than a week.



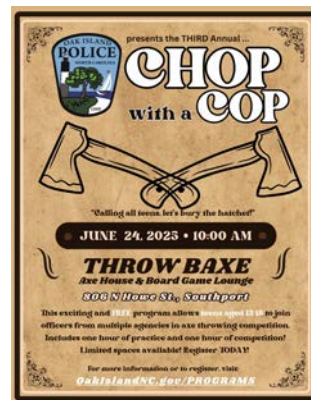
A sincere ***THANK YOU*** to everyone who has shared, and continues to share these important messages, especially as we enter our busiest week of the year! Please continue to help us spread the word by liking, following, and sharing the links above. We will continue working to produce content as able.

In the meantime, if you do not have social media accounts to view or share these videos from, you can always find them on the ***Beach Safety*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY** or by clicking the link below.



Chop With A Cop

Last week, the Police Department held the THIRD Annual "**Chop With A Cop**" event, once again packing out the **Throw Baxe Axe House and Board Game Lounge**. This event paired kids and teens with local law enforcement for a time of fun and furious axe-throwing competition.



Once again, this event was a huge success, with lots of fun had by all! The Oak Island Police Department offers a special thanks to all of the partner agencies, which included the **Southport Police Department**, **Brunswick County Sheriff's Office**, and the **Town of Leland Police Department**.

This innovative and exciting program continues to grow and connect us with our community, and remains one of the only programs of its kind in our region! Partnering with neighboring agencies and local business to offer these positive outlets is a key part of our Community Policing model. We look forward to keeping this tradition going for years to come!

To view a photo review of all the axe-throwing fun, just visit the Police Department's 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



Class Cancellations Notice

The ***Total Body Blast with Mary Beth*** classes scheduled for **Thursday, July 3** and **July 10, 2025** at **8:00 AM** has been **CANCELED**.

For more information on this cancellation, please contact the **Oak Island 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

[Due to the live music provided on July 1 for Beach Day, there will be NO Summer Concert Series for this Friday, July 4.]

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, June 30

- **Recreation Center**
 - 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)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM Jam and Java

Tuesday, July 1 - BEACH DAY

- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - Beach Day Events Middleton Park Complex
 - Registration start 7:00 AM
 - Events until 2:00 PM
 - **6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
 - Chairmen of the Board Feat. Ken Knox
- **Oak Island Pier**
 - Fireworks Display starting at SUNSET



- **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)

- **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

Thursday, July 3

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 9:00 AM: Silver Sneakers with Maggie
- 10:15 AM: Chair Yoga with Tammy
- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne

Friday, July 4

- **Town Office CLOSED in observance of Independence Day**

Saturday, July 5

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, July 7

- **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

- **Par 3 Golf Course**

- 8:30 AM Golf Camp (pre-registration Required)

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Sports Camp (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
- **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.

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



Fitness Calendar



Beach Day 2025



Dutchman Dinghy Dash



Summer Concert Series

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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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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