



# THE CURRENT

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



**"Who knows the end? What has risen may sink, and what has sunk may rise!"** Thankfully, the tentacled menace attacking this week's cover photo isn't some madness-inducing sea monster. It's one of the entries in the ***Sandcastle***  **est** (or rather, the *SandCREATURE* Contest!) held last week as part of the **events for Beach Day!**

While the **"busiest week of the year"** in Oak Island may now be behind us, you wouldn't know it with all of the fun and excitement still to be had. So don't trade the hammock for Halloween décor quite yet, Summer's just getting started!

So put on another layer of sunblock, grab another burger off the grill (because hey, *you've earned it*), and let's fire up the boat for another cruise through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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# MEETINGS & CLOSURES



## Council & Board Meetings



**ABC BOARD** will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, July 8 at 10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store at 5402 E Oak Island Drive.

**TOWN COUNCIL** will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, July 8 at 6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

**PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE** will hold its *rescheduled* regular meeting on **Friday, July 11 at 1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** will hold a Called Meeting on on **Wednesday, July 9 at 10:00 AM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive

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

## Holiday Closures

Administrative Offices and Town Facilities will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 1, 2025** in observance of *Labor Day*.

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

## "Collection Notice"

As a reminder for the month of July, due to several factors, including increased traffic, collection volume, and outside temperatures, contracted service provider **GFL Environmental** has noted that Garbage & Recycling Collection services *may take 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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PW).

# NEWS & NOTICES



# Town Council Agenda Preview



The Oak Island Town Council will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, July 8 at 6:00 PM** in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

**CLICK HERE to preview the Meeting Agenda**



Sign-up sheets for commenting during the general comment period will be available in the back of the Council Chambers prior to the meeting. Speakers will be allotted three minutes to speak. To watch this meeting LIVE or view the Agenda Packet materials provided, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS)** or click the link below



## Nuclear Plant Siren Test

*(Contributed by [Duke Energy](#))*

The outdoor warning sirens around the **Brunswick Nuclear Plant** will be **TESTED** between **10:00 AM and 11:00 AM** on **Wednesday, July 9, 2025**.

The 38 sirens within 10 miles of the Brunswick Nuclear Plant will sound at **full-volume** for **five to 30 seconds**. To ensure they are functioning properly, it may be necessary to test some sirens more than once. Follow-up testing after siren maintenance may be required after 11 a.m.

Testing is performed in cooperation with emergency management officials in Brunswick and New Hanover counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens.

Because this is a test, local broadcasting stations will not interrupt regular programming to broadcast Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages. If there was ever a real emergency at the plant requiring the sirens to be sounded, local radio and television stations would broadcast information and instructions to the public.

For more information about the outdoor warning sirens, residents can refer to information available at **[duke-energy.com/NuclearEP](https://duke-energy.com/NuclearEP)** or click the link below.



## Bicycle Plan Open House

On **Wednesday, July 30, 2025** from **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**, the Town will be hosting a **Public Open House** event in the Council Chambers, to gather community input on proposed projects for the **Oak Island Bicycle Plan**.



First announced in the **June 2 edition**, the ***Oak Island Bicycle Plan*** will work to identify priority bicycle infrastructure projects to improve bicycle safety, access, and connectivity across the Town of Oak Island. The Plan document will also recommend accompanying policies and programs as well as implementation steps to support and move the projects forward. The upcoming Open House event will also provide an opportunity to review input from the recently completed **Public Survey**, which ran throughout the entire month of June.

To learn more about the Bicycle Plan and how to get further involved, visit **[OakIslandNC.gov/BikePlan](https://OakIslandNC.gov/BikePlan)** or click the link below.



**REMINDER: Survey Work Begins**

Reminder that starting **this week**, the **Summer Beach Survey** work will begin as part of the upcoming **Beach Nourishment Project**.



Surveying contractor **TI Coastal Services** will be conducting survey operations on both **land** in a pickup truck on the beach areas, and in **water** using small boat like the one pictured below.



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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SAND)** or click the link below.



## Dune Pathway Safety Notice

Recently, Town Staff in the Development Services Department have been notified of potential hazards when privately accessing the public beach areas. Due to **shelf erosion** and other factors, some of the private **Shared Access Pathways** have developed significant drop-offs on the beach side, as pictured below.





While some of these pathways may be restored by the upcoming **B2025 / 26 Beach Nourishment Project** mentioned in the article above, the currently damaged or incomplete pathways can be dangerous, as well as contribute to additional damage.



**It is important to note, pathways that do not fully and safely connect to the beach should NOT be used!** Broken, damaged, or incomplete pathways should be reported to the property owner or property management agency as soon as they are discovered.

For a list and map of all Town-provided public **Beach Access Locations**, visit **OakIslandNc.gov/ACCESS** or click the link below.

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# SAFETY BRIEF



## **NEW Police Recruitment Video**

When advertising for prospective employees, even the best job descriptions can fall short of simply showing people what to expect. That's why in the field of officer recruitment, short "slice of life" videos are crucial to showing potential recruits the sights and sounds of what could be their new community.

With that in mind, the Oak Island Police Department is excited to debut our new **2025 Recruitment Video**, which you can now view on the Town's **YouTube Channel** at **[youtube.com/TownofOakIslandTV](https://youtube.com/TownofOakIslandTV)** or through the media player below



Working with a nationally recognized video author and producer, the department wanted to capture the positive "everyday visuals" our officers see as they interact with the community. While any position in law enforcement will see the negatives of society, it is important that our future employees know they will serve a community that is appreciative and approachable.

As a department which follows the **Community Policing** model, this new Recruitment Video is as much about showcasing our Town as it is our department. If you are someone you know is interested in changing their service location, or starting a new career altogether, you can help our recruitment efforts by sharing the video posted above. To view the latest positions available within the Department, just visit the **Job Openings** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS) 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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) or click on the link below.





# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



## Class Cancellations Notice

The ***Total Body Blast with Mary Beth*** class scheduled for **Thursday, 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](https://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**.

#### **Tuesday, July 8**

- **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



- **Par 3 Golf Course**
  - 8:30 AM Golf Camp (pre-registration Required)
- **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)
- **Ocean Education Center**
  - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Recreation Center**
  - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

## Wednesday, July 9

- **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
- **Par 3 Golf Course**
  - 8:30 AM Golf Camp (pre-registration Required)
- **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)
- **Cabana (Corner of SE 46<sup>th</sup> 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 10

- **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
- **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)
- **Davis Canal**

- 10:00 AM – Kayak Trip down the Davis (Pre-Registration Required)



## Friday, July 11

- **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
- **Par 3 Golf Course**
  - 8:30 AM Golf Camp (pre-registration Required)
- **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)
- **Nature Center**
  - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season
- **Middleton Park Complex**
  - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with The Embers Feat. Craig Woolard

## Saturday, July 12

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
  - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Middleton Park Complex (*RESCHEDULE from May 30*)**
  - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Summer Concert Series with Christine Martinez Band

## Monday, July 14

- **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](https://oakislandnc.gov/PROGRAMS).

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



**Fitness Calendar**



**Splashpad After Hours**



**Dutchman Dinghy Dash**



**Summer Concert Series**

# THANK YOU

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