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**Week of
July 28, 2025**

WELCOME to ***THE CURRENT***, the weekly digital newsletter for the [Town of Oak Island, NC](#).

This week brings the final days of July and the first few for August. While there is still a LOT of Summer left to go, we've officially tipped the "halfway mark" in our journey through the season. We no longer look at the thermometer with a h



Just remember, *the heat is temporary ... but the memories being made will last a lifetime!* So put on another layer of sunscreen and grab another gallon of water, because the **Sun Hasn't Set On Summer Yet.** There's still plenty to do and enjoy, starting with a little Town business as we sail through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT.***

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

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



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

"Ramp Repair"

As of **Monday, July 28**, the public **Boat Ramp** at **NE 55th St** remains **CLOSED**. The bid for repair work has been awarded to **McPherson Marine Services**, who is anticipated to **begin this week**. To view and share further updates, visit OakIslandNC.gov/RAMP.

NEWS & NOTICES



Mobi-Mat Damage Update

On **Monday, July 28**, the **Mobility Assistance Mat (Mobi-Mat)** at the **SE 40th St Beach Access Location** was **REMOVED** due to damage from vehicles driving illegally on the beach ([**CLICK HERE to read the initial notice**](#)).



As an **update to the initial notice**, the Town is actively working to estimate replacement costs and assess the drivers for damages / replacement of the Mobi-Mat. While the priority of the initial notice was to quickly alert the public that the Mobi-Mat would be temporarily removed, any **further developments will be updated on the original notice**.



Sunset On Summer Returns

It's the best way to close out a Summer full of fun! The immensely popular ***Sunset On Summer Music Festival*** will return on **Saturday September 6, 2025** From **NOON - 8:00 PM**.



Held in the Middleton Park Complex at 4610 E Dolphin Dr., this event will host food trucks and multiple bands throughout the day on ***TWO stages!*** All capped off with a special ***FIREWORKS*** show to help say goodbye to another awesome Summer!

LIVE music provided by, ***Hoods Creek, North Tower, Departure*** (*Journey tribute band*), and ***Deep Creek Soul***. ***NOTE:*** There will be **NO** rescheduling due to weather; the Festival will proceed "Rain or Shine" unless otherwise noted.

To view and share information on the ***Sunset On Summer Musical Festival***, just visit the dedicated Events Page at OakIslandNC.gov/SOS or click the link below.





Oak Island Awarded NCDEQ Grant

On **Thursday, July 24**, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) **issued a media release** announcing nearly \$6 million in coastal resiliency grants to 32 communities for planning, engineering, design, and construction.

The Town of Oak Island is one of the grant recipients, and will be awarded **\$70,000** as part of the **NC Resilient Coastal Communities Program** (RCCP). The Town does not receive funds directly, but rather NCDEQ directly pays a consultant to complete the Program's **Phase 1 & 2**. The consultant selected by DEQ is **Colliers Engineering and Design**, based in Holmdel, NJ.

The main deliverable for Phases 1 & 2 is a Resilience Strategy, which includes a Project Portfolio of projects that address the community's specific coastal resilience needs. The Resilience Strategy provides a strong foundation that can later inform a full Resilience Plan or be integrated into existing local plans and ordinances. Having a document like this helps communities clarify their goals, attract funding, and pave a more direct path to implementation.

Once Phase 1 & 2 are complete, the Town can then apply for future funding through RCCP for engineering and design (Phase 3) and implementation (Phase 4) for projects identified in our Project Portfolio.


To view the full media release from NCDEQ announcing the grant funding, visit **www.deq.nc.gov/news** or click the link below.



THIS WEEK Bike Plan Open House

FINAL REMINDER: The ***Bicycle Plan Public Open House*** is **THIS Wednesday, July 30**, starting at **5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall.



This is your chance for in-person learning and feedback on proposed projects for the **Oak Island Bicycle Plan**. This "floating event" is not **structured meeting**, so attendance will be **in-person only** with **NO livestream or recording** available. 

To learn more and help share this event information, visit OakIslandNC.gov/BikePlan or click the link below.



Hazard Mitigation Public Input Meeting

Last month **June 19, 2025** a kickoff meeting was held for the **2025 Update** to the **Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan** (RHMP). Following up on this, the RHMP Planning Committee has scheduled the first **Public Input Meeting** for **Monday, August 18, 2025** from **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**.

This **virtual** meeting will provide an online opportunity to learn more about the Plan Update, and provide important feedback to help shape the process. 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.

The meeting will be hosted through Microsoft Teams, and **registration is required through this link**. To learn more about the **2025 RHMP Update** and how you can participate further, simply click the link below.



SAFETY BRIEF



New AED Notice

This past **Friday, July 25**, the Town of Oak Island received the donation of a new **Avive Connect AED**, which has now been installed on the pumphouse beside the **Oak Island Splashpad** in the Middleton Park Complex.



This new automated external defibrillator (AED) is one of **TWO units** donated by the **Oak Island Friends of Parks Foundation**. While the unit at the pumphouse joins AED equipment recently installed in other areas of the Middleton Park Complex, the second donated Avive AED will see a much "higher calling" -- as its compact size makes it perfect for ***aerial drone delivery***. The **Town's Drone Unit** has already tested the AED and placed it into service. The Fire Department and the Town of Oak Island sincerely thank the volunteers and donors of the Friend of Parks Foundation for this considerable donation to help improve public health.

The foundation is a 501 (c)(3) public charity, which is separate from the Town. Through events, auctions and donations, they raise funds to purchase items tangible with the goal of enhancing the Oak Island parks experience for everyone. To learn more about the Foundation, visit their website at **okifriendsofparks.org** or click the link below.

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Heat Safety Reminders



An **Excessive Heat Warning** remains in effect, along with **Heat Advisories** for much of the week ahead, with heat indices of **105°F** or greater forecast. ***HEAT is the #1 weather-related cause of death in the United States!***

Whether on the beach or outdoors in general, it will be important to heed the NWS warnings, and **remember to:**

- **Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages with alcohol**
- **Apply SPF 30 or higher sunscreen every two hours**
- **Wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing**
- **Stay in the shade as much as possible**
- **Keep PETS and SMALL CHILDREN off the sand during the heat of the day.**

IMPORTANT: If you or someone around you begins to show signs of **Heat Stroke**, including ***throbbing headache; confusion; slurred speech***, and ***rapid, strong pulse***, **call 9-1-1 immediately**, and follow the instructions provided by the telecommunicator.

To learn more and **SHARE** information on this and other ways to stay safe on the beach areas, visit the ***Beach Safety*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY** or watch / share the safety message below.



Oak Island Fire Department

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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.

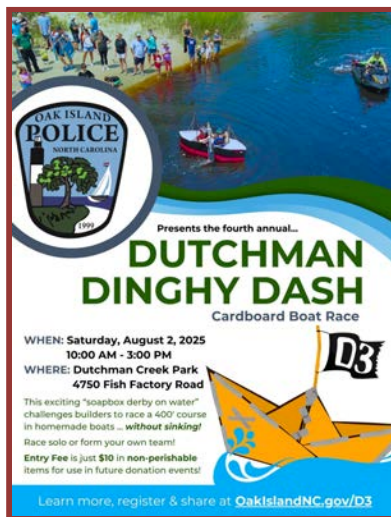


EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Dutchman Dinghy Dash *THIS WEEK*

The **FOURTH** annual Dutchman Dinghy Dash returns this coming **Saturday, August 2**, from **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM** in the **Dutchman Creek Park** at 4750 Fish Factory Road.



Like a soapbox derby on the water, the "**D3**" challenges builders to travel up to 400' in homemade cardboard boats, without sinking! Form your own team and join with multiple first responder agencies, Town Departments, and local businesses who participate in and FUN community event for a good cause! The only **ENTRY FEE** is a donation of at least **\$10 in non-perishable goods** (canned food, utensils, etc.) for use in community donation events.

To learn more or **SHARE** this event with family and friends, visit OakIslandNC.gov/D3 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 29

- **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 Adventure 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 30

- **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

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Adventure Camp (Pre-Registration Required)

- 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 31

- **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 Adventure Camp (Pre-Registration Required)



Friday, August 1

- **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 Adventure 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 Sand Band

Saturday, August 2

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Dutchman Creek**
 - 10:00 AM Dutchman Dinghy Dash

Monday, August 4

- **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
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers & Artisan's Market
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 10:00 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 – 4:00 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.



Fitness Calendar



Dutchman Dinghy Dash



Kayak Tours



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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