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

It's the first full week of August and the month has already been filled with excitement, as this past weekend saw a **record-setting attendance** at the Police Department's Annual **Dutchman Dinghy Dash!**



As seen in this week's cover photo (and [*social media link*](#)) the creative, colorful, and ***mostly watertight*** builds helped to make a fun event for sailors and spectators alike. Special thanks to all of the partner agencies, sponsors, and competitors who participated, making everyone a winner just from the entertainment value alone!

If you missed the recent action, don't worry! There's still plenty of exciting events to come, and some important Town news to cover, as we sail a ***slightly-less-soggy ship*** through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, August 4** at **4:00 PM** in the Community Center, located at 102 SE 47th St.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, August 7** at **8:30 AM** in the Ocean Education Center, located at 4700 E Oak Island Dr.

To view all future meeting schedules, visit the *Meetings Information* page at 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.

"Ramp Repair"

As of **Monday, August 4** repair work has been started on the damaged public **Boat Ramp** at **NE 55th St**.

IMPORTANT: While work on the ramp may *appear* to be near completion, additional work is still needed before it can be **reopened for safe public use**.

Currently, the ramp is anticipated to be reopened by next week; **until that time, the ramp remains CLOSED -- DO NOT move or cross the barricades to use the ramp**, as this can pose a safety hazard, and possibly delay work in progress, leading to longer closure times.

To *view & share* further updates, visit OakIslandNC.gov/RAMP.

NEWS & NOTICES



New Mobi-Mat Installed

As of **Monday, August 4** the **Mobility Assistance Mat** ([Mobi-Mat](#)) previously damaged in the Beach Access Location at **SE 40th Street** has been **REPLACED**. This had been removed last Monday (June 28) due to damage from vehicles driving illegally on the beach ([CLICK HERE to read the original notice](#)).

However, last week the **Public Works Department** was able to source an immediate replacement, which has since been successfully installed, allowing the access to be returned to service. The Town is continuing to pursue damage and reimbursement by the drivers of the multiple vehicles which led to the Mobi-Mat's destruction.



To view locations of all Mobi-Mat and mobility assistance Beach Access Locations, visit the the ***Beach Access*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/ACCESS](#)** or click the link below.



Dune Infiltration Project Update

An important update for those who live on or frequent Ocean Drive. The **Dune Infiltration Project** has marked a significant milestone in its 120 day construction schedule.

The Project's "infiltration" system, that is the portion which disperses stormwater within the dunes, has been **COMPLETED**. Starting later this week, the contractor will begin laying the storm drain pipe in the area of Crowell Street, which will divert stormwater to the infiltration system, and help reduce standing water on Ocean Drive.

First started on **June 16, 2025**, this project is the continuation of a successful system previously installed in 2023 / 2024 at nearby Barbee Blvd. Before being installed in Oak Island, a similar system was proven successful in neighboring Caswell Beach. As an added benefit, the installation will increase the width of the area's secondary dunes, providing additional protection to infrastructure.

The project is anticipated to be completed by early October. For more information or to follow updates on the construction, visit the ***Town Projects*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS](#)** or click the link below.



Tax Notices Now Available Online

Some important news for home and property owners, the **2025 Property Tax Notices** are now available for download directly from the Town Website.

As a reminder, property taxes are due annually on September 1, with taxes having been paid on or before January 5 to avoid interest and enforced collection.



While printed notices are being mailed out, those looking for a faster route can access their notices now through the ***Property Tax Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/TAX. While on the page, click the ***View Current Tax Bills*** link at the top of the page, or just simply click the link below.



Community Center Calendar Updates

The **Oak Island Community Center** has updated its **Events Calendar** for the month of August, as well as adding new photos from recent events held in July.

Located at **102 SE 47th Street** beside the Town Hall, the Center is open Monday - Thursday from **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** and on **Fridays** for **Meals & Trips** (contact the Center for specific times). The Community Center is a congregate nutrition program and senior center where individuals 60 and over can come to enjoy a well-balanced hot nutritional meal.

Individuals from Oak Island and the surrounding towns can participate in the programs, and do not have to be a resident. Transportation is even provided for those who live on the island portion of Town. Individuals can also enjoy social/recreation(bingo, rummikub, etc.) activities while attending the site from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with other special programs listed on the monthly calendar.

To learn more about the programs hosted and how to contact staff, just visit the Community Center page at OakIslandNC.gov/CC or click the link below.



Staff Spotlight: John Anderson

This week, the Town is proud to Spotlight ***John Anderson***. John started working for the Streets Division of the **Public Works Department** in 2022, and is now a **Zoning Technician** for **Development Services**. He and his wife moved from Pittsburg in 2016 because he had always wanted to live at the beach, and looked all along the East Coast before deciding Oak

Island was where they wanted to be.



John admits he is definitely a ‘people person’ as his favorite part of his job is getting to interact with residents, but his passion is cooking -- specifically, smoking meats. Pictured above with trophy in hand, he won first place in the Department's recent *BBQ Cook-Off* with his smoked chicken and homemade sauce that he’s perfected over the past 10 years. He learned to cook Polish food from his Grandmother and can always be found in the kitchen (which his wife loves!). **Fun Fact:** John strives to do at least one kind act every single day.

To learn more about the services provided by John Anderson and all of Development Services, just visit their webpage at OakIslandNC.gov/DS or click the link below.

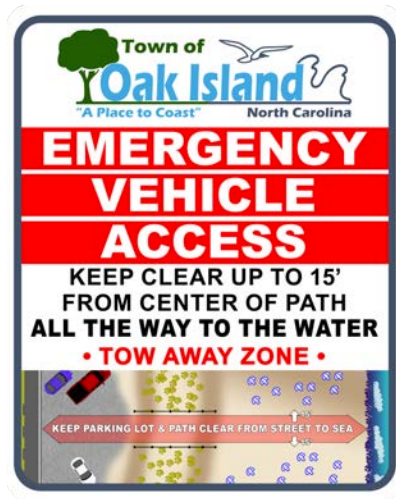
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SAFETY BRIEF



Emergency Access Reminders

It's no secret this has been one of the ***busiest Summers EVER*** for the Town of Oak Island, and that holds especially true for first responders! While beachgoers naturally WANT to get on the sand as quickly as possible, it's important to remind everyone about our NEED to get on the beach even faster.



Usually the ***Emergency Vehicle Access*** pathways help with just that. Currently, **23 out of 65** of the Town's Beach Access Locations have been designated for Emergency Access, with features like a wider pathway and modified parking lot design to allow for emergency vehicles.

With lots of new visitors and even a few forgetful regulars, it's time for the important reminder to "***KEEP PATHS FREE, FROM STREET TO SEA!***" This includes equipment on the beach as well, as there have been several recent incidents where tents, chairs, and even people were placed right in the driving path on the beach side of the dunes.

For the **safety** of first responders, victims, and even yourself, please remember to take a few steps away from these pathways, and ensure you're not obstructing a potential rescue. To **learn more and help SHARE** this important information, just visit the ***Beach Safety*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY or click the link below.



The "Hole" Update

Last month the Town **announced a new Ordinance Update** which now limits the depth and tools used to dig recreational holes on the public beach areas. Deep holes in the sand can be *dangerous* to beachgoers, wildlife, and Beach Safety crews responding to emergencies.



To help raise awareness of these dangers and promote the ordinance updates, the Town launched the "**Goodbye To Deep Holes**" campaign. This aggressive marketing effort and your help to spread the word has really made a difference!

In the month of May, the Beach Safety Unit helped to fill **over 205** large, deep holes left unattended on the public beach areas. For July, we saw a more than **40% decrease** to just 130. We will keep up our efforts to reduce these numbers even further; but in the meantime, please keep sharing this vital information to help us *Say Goodbye to Deep Holes*.

To learn more and **SHARE** this information, visit the **Beach Safety** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY or click the link below.



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



RESCHEDULED Summer Concert

This past **Friday, August 1**, the **Summer Concert Series** featuring *The Sand Band* was **RESCHEDULED** due to inclement weather. This concert has since been rescheduled to **Friday August 29, 2025** -- still at **6:30 PM** in the Middleton Park Complex at 4610 E Dolphin Drive.

To view and **SHARE** the entire Series Schedule, visit the Town events page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS 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, August 5

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM: SilverSneakers with Susan
 - 9:30 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
 - 11:30 AM: Qigong, Breath & Movement with Jude
 - 6:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne
- **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**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, August 6

- **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
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Tennis Academy (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
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-registration required)

Thursday, August 7

- **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
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 10:00 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 – 4:00 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-registration required)

Friday, August 8

- **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
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 9:00 AM – 10:00 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 – 4:00 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-registration required)
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with The Extraordinaries

Saturday, August 9

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

Monday, August 11

- **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.

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



Fitness Calendar



Kayak Tours



Summer Concert Series



Sunset On Summer



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

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