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

It's the middle of August, and while **one year ago** we were just coming back from a **brief hiatus due to Tropical Storm Debby**, the tropical outlook for the week ahead seems nice and quiet ... ***for now***.



Regardless of what the weather is spinning up in the Sargasso Sea, there's a full forecast of fun and activities here on land. So trade the swimsuits for some reading glasses, because it's time for a dive into 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, August 12** 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, August 12** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall.



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.

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Agenda Preview

On **Tuesday, August 12, 2025** at **6:00 PM**, the Oak Island Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Council Chambers, 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 public hearings and / or the general comment period will be available in the room prior to the meeting. Speakers will have three minutes. To view the full agenda information, or watch the livestream of the meeting, visit the **Meetings Information** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below.

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NOTICE: Driveway Repairs Started



Earlier this year, the **Public Works Department** oversaw the installation of a new **Stormwater Drainage System** along portions of **NE 63rd St.**, **E Yacht Dr.**, and **NE 64th St.** Now that the system has been installed, with adequate time to evaluate and ensure effectiveness, the Department will now **begin work on restoring driveway ends** affected by the project.

The addresses where repair work will be performed include **210, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, and 248** on **NE 63rd Street**, as well as **6301, 6310, and 6305** on **E Yacht Drive**.

The work is anticipated to begin this week, and be completed within the next two weeks, pending favorable weather and contractor availability. All updates to the project, including the completion timeline will be posted on the notice in the **OKInformation** system. to view this notice, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS** or click the link below.



CURB ALERT! Updates

Back in **June of this year**, the Development Services Department launched the new ***CURB ALERT!*** campaign to help stop illegal dumping in the **Right-Of-Way** (ROW) areas. Using the common phrase to advertise free items left along the roadside, "***CURB ALERT!***" aims to draw attention to the not-so-wanted things that wind up the ROW.

At BEST, these good intentions can become a public eyesore; at WORST, they are cases of others unloading trash under the guise of helping others.



While sometimes there may be good items which can find a second home somewhere (as pictured above), sitting exposed to the elements in the public ROW is **simply NOT the appropriate place** to unload these items. Wind can blow lighter materials into traffic, rain can spread chemicals, and even "wildlife" (*rats, people. we're talking rats*) can find temporary shelter in the items you may be trying to give away to others.

The **Code Enforcement Division** is working hard to help clean up the ROW areas, along with some of the myths and abuse of Solid Waste Collection services. ***YOU CAN HELP*** by ensuring your giveaway items are properly donated to reputable organizations, announced on local social media platforms, or simply disposed of at the **proper locations**.



To learn more and share information and graphics from the new ***CURB ALERT!*** campaign, simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/CURB** or click the link below.



Gravel ROW Reminder

Speaking of the Right-Of-Way areas, **Development Services** has received several questions regarding gravel in the ROW, following the Town Council's decision to update **Town Ordinance Section 26-1**.

To recap, on **July 18, 2025** the Town Council voted unanimously to ***approve existing ground-level improvements*** (gravel, mulch, etc.) **installed prior to July 18**. That means these materials can remain in place, but must be maintained by the property owner. Additionally, the Town is not responsible for damage and / or replacement during infrastructure improvements or maintenance.

To clarify, following this decision and ordinance update, if you are a property owner who received a ***Notice of Violation*** (NOV) for gravel in the ***Right-Of-Way*** (ROW), the **violation has been rescinded and is no longer active**. It is important to note that **vertical obstructions that are still in violation must be removed / relocated**, as well as **vehicles and obstructions** which are parked / placed in the street ends.

To view and share the ***FULL*** ordinance updates, including information on new gravel and ground-level landscaping, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/LAW** or click the link below.



Alligator Awareness

Recently the Town of Oak Island's neighboring **Caswell Beach** shared a notice from the Oak Island Golf Club, reminding everyone that **feeding or interacting with alligators is strictly prohibited**.

In case you are unaware, alligators inhabit much more of Oak Island than just the **Back 9** of your local clubhouse; in fact they're pretty much ***par for the course*** anywhere you look.



With the recent flurry of social media buzz surrounding our "less sociable" residents (talking about the gators), the Town would like to issue its own reminders as well.

- **IMPORTANT: In North Carolina, it is ILLEGAL to FEED, TOUCH, HARM, HARASS, or POACH an alligator! •**

While they **rarely pose a threat to humans**, alligators can become a nuisance when humans feed them, causing them to associate humans with an easy meal. Going beyond the laws surrounding alligators, feeding ANY wild animal, including turtles, birds, raccoons, or squirrels, can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans.

REMEMBER: Oak Island is their home too! The Town **WILL NOT** remove an alligator simply for being present in a given area; **wildlife are removed only if they pose a legitimate and immediate threat** to humans. *In most cases, their mere presence is not considered an immediate threat.*

To learn more and help protect wildlife by sharing this information, simply visit the Wildlife Information page at **OakIslandNC.gov/WILDLIFE** or click the link below.

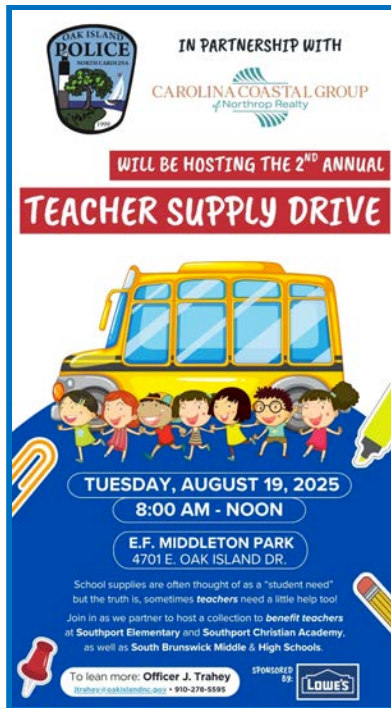


SAFETY BRIEF



Teacher Supply Drive

School supplies are often thought of as a “student need” but the truth is, sometimes ***teachers need a little help too!*** That's why the Oak Island Police Department is once again teaming up with local businesses to host the ***Second Annual Teacher's Supply Drive.***



Next **Tuesday, August 18, 2025** from **8:00 AM - NOON** the Department will partner with **Coastal Carolina Group** to host this event at the **E.F. Middleton Park** right beside the Police Department / Town Hall at **4701 E Oak Island Dr.**

Join in as we partner to host a collection to *benefit teachers* at **Southport Elementary** and **Southport Christian Academy**, as well as **South Brunswick Middle & High Schools.**

To learn more and SHARE this event with friends and family, simply visit the ***Town Events*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or click the link below.

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Hydrant Testing Coming Soon

DID YOU KNOW? The Town of Oak Island maintains over **800 fire hydrants**. Every year, at least 25 hydrants are replaced, with all 800 inspected, and full testing completed on at least 160 (20%) of those. This work is not only required, but also helps us to ensure the **Town's recently upgraded ISO 2 Fire Rating**.



To help ensure all **testing is completed on-time**, the Department **will begin testing a month early** for 2025. Now lasting the months of **September, October, and November**, our firefighters will conduct annual Fire Hydrant Testing on **Monday - Friday**, between the hours of **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**.

This program is required North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI), and allows the Town to identify the quantity of water available for firefighting, as well as ridding the system of accumulations and sediment deposits.

POSSIBLE WATER DISCOLORATION. When a hydrant is being tested, nearby homes should not see a noticeable drop in water pressure; ***however*** they could experience discolored tap water, due to sediment stirred up by the process. If this occurs, **simply flush the home's water system by turning on an outside COLD water tap**, and letting it run for a few minutes until the water clears.

An additional, direct notice will be emailed out as we get closer to the start of program in September. For now, you can help others be "in the know" by sharing the **Fire Hydrant Testing** information on the ***Fire Department*** page of the Town Website. Simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/FD** or click the link below.

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



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 12

- **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

- **Davis Canal**

- 10:00 AM Explore The Davis Canal Kayak Tour (pre-registration required)

- **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 13

- **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)
- **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
- **Recreation Center**
 - 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM August Craft Class (Pre- Registration Required)
- **Middleton Park Racquet Courts**
 - 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Pickleball Academy (Pre-registration required)

Thursday, August 14

- **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 15

- **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



- **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)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 6:00 PM Crabbing to Cuisine Class (pre-registration required)
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with The Salty Dawgs

Saturday, August 16

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

Monday, August 18

- **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



Teacher Supply Drive





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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