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Week of

August 25, 2025

We're ending August on a high note, having only chanced a brief encounter with **Hurricane Erin** last week. While we still keep our eyes on the Atlantic for any upcoming storms nature may send our way, we are also looking ahead to better things to come.



There are many great things to come for this ahead, including **TWO concerts** to close out the **Summer Concert Series** before next week brings the much-anticipated **Sunset On Summer** Music Festival. With so much going on, better grab your preferred PFDs, as it's going to be a fast float through this week's edition of **The CURRENT**.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



NOTICE: A BOARDS & COMMITTEES ALIGNMENT meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 3 at 8:00 AM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, August 26 at 9:00 AM** in the Police Department training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.

PLANNING BOARD will hold a ***Special Meeting*** on **Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to consider making a recommendation on the **proposed update of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan**.

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

Holiday Closures

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

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** services **will run on normal schedules**; however service may run slower than normal due to higher than usual volumes over the holiday weekend.

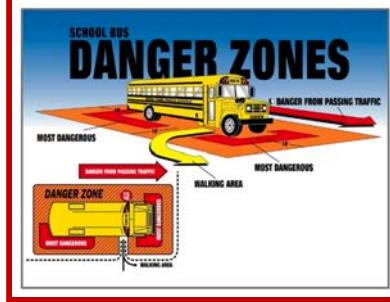
To view all Holiday Closures, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY.

NEWS & NOTICES



IMPORTANT: Schools Bus Safety

While many visitors may see the Town of Oak Island as a *vacation hotspot*, a *weekend getaway*, or even a *retirement destination*, residents know that this is a place many families call home every day. Families with children who (much to their dismay) will be **starting back to school this week**. While traffic safety is something the Town is working aggressively to improve, it's important to remember that ***School Bus Safety starts with YOU!***



While traveling down Oak Island Drive or one of the many side streets this week, **be sure to look out for stopping school busses**, especially during the morning and afternoon hours. Remember that in North Carolina, **ALL traffic in both directions on must stop for a stopped school bus!** This applies to all roads with **two-lanes**, as well as **two-lanes with a center turning lane**, and **four-lanes without a median separation**. Additionally, when traveling in and around busses, remember the **Danger Zones** shown in the graphic above. Just because you can see around a bus, doesn't mean they can see you!

By working together and maintaining awareness of your surroundings, we can help to ensure a safe start to another school year for everyone! For more information on school bus safety, visit the **NC Department of Public Safety** website at www.NCDPS.gov or click the link below.



Calling All Artists! New Mural Opportunity

The Town of Oak Island is **inviting artists** to bring their creativity to the community by **submitting proposals for a mural at the Kevin Bell Skatepark**. The mural will be installed on the south side exterior wall of the Skatepark ramp (pictured), and will serve as a welcoming and inspiring focal point for residents and visitors alike.



The Town is seeking proposals from artists or artist teams with experience in mural design and installation. Artists are encouraged to highlight how their designs reflect Oak Island's community and culture. The **Proposal Deadline** is **September 19, 2025** by **NOON**, with artist selection scheduled for September 30. While there is no designated project budget, artists are welcome to include a proposed budget with their submission.

Once completed, this project will be incorporated into the **Oak Island Public Art Trail**, a collection of public art installations including murals and sculptures, which honor the local history and natural beauty of the Town. To **VIEW**  **SHARE** the full announcement, including proposal submission details, visit the ***OKInformation*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS** or click the link below.



Mosquito Fogging Notice

Late Summer means heat, humidity, rain ... and ***mosquitoes!*** The **Public Works Department**, in accordance with the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the NC Pesticide Board is working to combat the most recent wave.

Please note, equipment and personnel are prepared to **perform Mosquito Fogging operations for the week ahead**, weather permitting. Given the current weather conditions and immediate forecast, ***it is most likely*** that fogging will take place in the following days and zones:

- **Tuesday:** Zones 1 & 2 (All areas WEST of NE/SE 40th St.)
- **Wednesday:** Zones 3 & 4 (All areas EAST of NE/SE 41st St. + Mainland)

This schedule is **NOT a guarantee of if / when Fogging will occur**. Operations heavily depend on the immediate wind and weather forecasts, and can be canceled or rescheduled on short notice due changing conditions. A **FULL NOTICE** is available and **will be updated** prior to the start of any fogging operations on the ***OKInformation*** page. To view the notice, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS**.

During operation, please **DO NOT approach** the Mosquito Management vehicle, or try to stop the driver to ask questions. The fog (mist) will dissipate quickly throughout the treatment area, usually between 5-30 minutes. For 2025, **Exemptions** from fogging operations are offered only to verified **Apiarists** (Bee Keepers) who have registered through the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Apiary Program.

To learn all about the ***Mosquito Management Program***, including information on the materials used, how to prevent mosquitoes, and protections for verified Apiarists (Bee Keepers), click on the ***Mosquito Management*** tab on the Public Works Department page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PW** or click the link below.





Salty Dog Park Schedule Change

This past **Wednesday, August 20**, the **Salty Dog Park** located within the **Bill Smith Park** at 4410 Fish Factory Road, launched a new **Operating Schedule**, in which the Park will be **CLOSED** on the **1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays** of each month.

These closures will accommodate routine park maintenance, including **cleaning, mowing, and spraying** (for both weeds and / or pest control), as well as to allow for any **small repair projects or accessibility improvements** as needed. During these routine closures, the parking spaces at the Park will remain open and available for access to the rest of Bill Smith Park.



Located within the larger Bill Smith Park, the Salty Dog Park is one of two exclusive dog parks offered by the Town of Oak Island. It is the only dog park on the mainland portion of Town, positioned just north of the South Harbour neighborhood and **[Oak Island Par 3 Golf](#)**. Amenities include fully fenced off-leash areas, activity structures, watering stations, waste cleanup bags, sitting benches, and shade areas.

To learn more about this and all of the Parks & Recreation facilities offered by the Town of Oak Island, visit the ***Parks Directory*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/PARKS](#)** or click the link below.



Staff Spotlight: Clerk Of The Year

This past week during its annual meeting, the **North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks** (NCAMC) named Oak Island's own **Lisa Stites** (*pictured below on the left*) as the **2025 NCAMC Clerk of the Year**.

NCAMC presents their Clerk of the Year Award annually to recipients who have "*demonstrated exceptional service to their municipality, their community, and the profession.*" Recipients are recognized for their leadership, dedication, integrity, and commitment to advancing the role of the municipal clerk across North Carolina.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Lisa Stites has lived in Oak Island since 1994. She previously worked as the Deputy Clerk of Court in Brunswick County, and later as a staff writer in a local newspaper. This month she **celebrates 15 years of service** to the Town of Oak Island, having joined in **August of 2010**. The Clerk of The Year title is actually a familiar one for Lisa, as she was also named "COTY" in 2018 for the Cape Fear Council of Governments. She has also served as a past President for NCAMC in 2021-22.

With years of dedicated public service, Lisa has been a steadfast advocate for clerk education, transparency in government, and the highest professional standards. She has served on numerous NCAMC committees, held leadership positions within the Association, including President, and willingly shared her knowledge and mentorship with clerks statewide.

To learn more about the Town Clerk's office and the many services provided, just visit the dedicated page on the Town Website at OakIslandNC.gov/CLERK.



SAFETY BRIEF



Supply Drive SUCCESS!

LAST WEEK the Police Department held our second annual **Teacher Supply Drive**, to help prepare our local teachers for the coming school year! On Tuesday, August 19 we partnered Coastal Carolina Group to host this event at the Middleton Park Complex, where even in spite of a threatening hurricane, you **showed your support in a BIG way!**



Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to "Cram The Cruiser" with donated items to *benefit teachers* at **Southport Elementary** and **Southport Christian Academy**, as well as **South Brunswick Middle & High Schools**.

THANK YOU Oak Island for showing your support, and for once again proving the effectiveness of the Police Department's **Community Policing** model in building stronger, safer communities! To **LIKE & SHARE** a review and photos of the event, visit the **Police Department Facebook** page at [Facebook.com/OakIslandPD](https://www.facebook.com/OakIslandPD) or click the link below.



Hydrant Testing Reminder

Earlier this month, the **Fire Department** published a notice that **Fire Hydrant Testing** would begin a **month early**. Starting **next week** and lasting through the months of **September, October, and November**, our firefighters will conduct annual Hydrant Testing on **Monday - Friday**, between the hours of **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**.



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**.

This program is required by the 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.

To learn more and SHARE information on the Fire Hydrant Testing program, simply visit the **Fire Department** page at OakIslandNC.gov/FD 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



Summer Concert Series Closes Out

The sun came out, the fun came back, and for the past **15 weeks** the “Bands by the Beach” have laid down the soundtrack of your perfect summer! This week we close out the **2025 Summer Concert Series** with **TWO separate events!**

First on **Friday, August 29** is the previously rescheduled concert featuring ***The Sand Band***. Then on **Saturday, August 30**, we're once again joined by ***The Main Event Band*** to close out the 2025 Series in style!



Sunset On Summer Music Festival



NEXT WEEK on Saturday, September 6 from NOON - 8:00 PM, the best way to close out a summer full of fun returns! The immensely popular **Sunset On Summer Music Festival** is back 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 an awesome Summer! *LIVE* Music provided by *Hoods Creek • North Tower • Departure (Journey tribute band) • Deep Creek Soul*.

NOTE: There will be **NO rescheduling due to weather**, this event will proceed "Rain or Shine" unless otherwise noted.

To keep up with (and *SHARE*) all the happenings around Town, be sure to bookmark the Town Events page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or just click the link below.



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 26

- **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

- **Ocean Education Center**

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the season

- **Davis Canal**

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

- **Recreation Center**

- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, August 27

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers with Mary Beth
 - 10:15 AM Barre Combo with Suzanne
 - 4:30 PM: Yoga for Balance with Tammy

- **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, August 28

- **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

- **Nature Center**

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season

Friday, August 29

- **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

- **Nature Center**

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open for the Season



- **Register Park**
 - 2:00 PM Between the Lines Book Club
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with The Sand Band

Saturday, August 30

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Summer Concert Series with The Main Event Band

Monday, September 1

- **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
- **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



Summer Concert Series



Sunset On Summer



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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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