

*Town of Oak Island*

# BUSINESS BULLETIN

*August 2025*

*Welcome to the Town of Oak Island's Business Bulletin! Every edition is crafted to illuminate the latest updates, insights, and opportunities, tailored exclusively for the local business community. Join us as we shine a spotlight on the heartbeat of commerce in the Town of Oak Island, fostering connections, and fostering growth.*



## **Business of the Month: Doodles Market & Convenience Store**

This month, we're proud to recognize Doodles Market & Convenience Store as our Business of the Month! Owned and operated by the Kinlaw family, Doodles is a shining example of what it means to be a true community partner.

From offering free air to kids for their basketballs and bike tires, to supporting local farmers by selling their eggs and honey, the Kinlaws go above and beyond to serve Oak Island. They're

known for their strong support of veterans, creating a welcoming space for those who have served and showing appreciation in meaningful ways. Their cheerful service and genuine care make every customer feel like family.

The Doodles team is also a regular presence at community and Town events, always ready to lend a hand. Whether it's helping a local baseball team or cheering on the Oak Island Loggerheads, their support strengthens our community spirit.

As one nomination put it:  
"The Kinlaws are nothing short of amazing!"

Congratulations to Doodles Market & Convenience Store! Thank you for all you do to make Oak Island a better place!

[Submit a Nomination](#)



## Join the Business Advisory Board: Applications Now Open

Are you passionate about supporting local businesses and helping shape the future of Oak Island's economy? The Town is now accepting applications for two (2) business representatives and one (1) resident seat on the Business Advisory Board.

This committee serves as a vital link between the business community and Town leadership, offering recommendations on small business development, economic strategy, and ways to make Oak Island more business-friendly.

This is your chance to get involved and make a difference in the community. If you're a local business owner, commercial property owner, or resident with an interest in economic development, we encourage you to apply!

Applications due by: **Wednesday, August 27th, NOON** to Deputy Town Clerk Erin Baker, [ebaker@oakislandnc.gov](mailto:ebaker@oakislandnc.gov)

[Apply Now](#)



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## Funds Available for Façade Improvement Grant Program

The Town of Oak Island is committed to maintaining and improving the aesthetic appeal of its commercial districts, which are crucial to the Town's image, and economic vitality. To support this goal, the Town Council has approved the Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program.

This program provides an exciting opportunity for commercial property owners and tenants in Oak Island to receive financial assistance for exterior improvements to their buildings. By participating in this program, businesses can not only enhance their own properties but also contribute to the overall revitalization and charm of Oak Island.

The FIG Program offers matching grants that cover up to 50% of the cost of qualifying façade improvements. Grants can range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$10,000 per project. Only one application per property will be accepted each year, and funding is limited. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds.

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## **Do customers arriving by LSVs/golf carts have any impact on your business?**

Please select an option below.

**Yes, they increase foot traffic and sales**

**Yes, but mostly create parking or safety concerns**

**No noticeable impact**

**We're not in a location where LSVs are common**

**Not sure**

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## Upcoming Town Events

### Summer Concert Series

May 23 - August 30

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Middleton Park

The sun is out, the fun is back, and Bands by the Beach is ready to bring the soundtrack to your summer!

### Farmers' & Artisans' Market

Mondays

June 2 - August 25

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Middleton Park

Farmers and artisans alike can be found in this great showcase of baked goods, produce, handmade crafts, and artistic goods.

### Sunset on Summer Music Festival

Saturday, September 6

NOON - 8:00 PM

Middleton Park

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!

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## Upcoming Town Meetings

### Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 12 | 6:00 PM | Town Hall

### Planning Board

Thursday, August 21 | 9:00 AM | Town Hall

### Business Advisory Board

Tuesday, August 26 | 9:00 AM | Police Training Room

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