

Town of Oak Island

BUSINESS BULLETIN

May 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.



KoKo Cabana Named Oak Island's First Business of the Month

We're thrilled to announce that **KoKo Cabana** has been selected as Oak Island's very first Business of the Month!

This local favorite, located at 705 Ocean Drive, was nominated by a community member who shared, "This is a loved restaurant that brings people in from surrounding towns to spend money at not only the restaurant but at other local businesses as well."

Owned by Austin and Alexis Alfonso, Koko Cabana is more than just a great place to eat -- they're a vital part of our community, often seen supporting fundraisers like Banding Together for WNC and sponsoring local events. Their passion for Oak Island shines through in everything they do.

Congratulations to Koko Cabana -- and thank you for all you do for our Town!

The Business of the Month is selected by the Business Advisory Board from nominations sent in by community members like you!

[Submit a Nomination](#)



Calling All Businesses: Be Part of the Oak Island Medallion Hunt

We're thrilled to announce the upcoming *Town of Oak Island Medallion Hunt*, a community-wide event hosted by the Business Advisory Board, that promises to bring excitement, foot traffic, and visibility to our local businesses.

Hunt begins June 9th

We're reaching out to invite you to be a part of this fantastic opportunity to engage with the community and showcase your business.

There are two ways you can participate:

1. Grand Prize Donation:

- Contribute to the grand prize with a product, service, gift card, or monetary donation.
- Your business will be promoted in event materials, showing your community support.

2. Host a Clue:

- Be one of ten selected businesses to host a daily clue for the Medallion Hunt.
- Increase foot traffic and visibility as participants visit your location.
- Engage directly with community members and potential customers.

How to Get Involved:

If you're interested in participating by either being a host or donating, please contact hwillis@oakislandnc.gov by **NOON on May 30, 2025**.

We look forward to your involvement in making the Oak Island Medallion Hunt a success for our

community and local businesses!

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Funds Still 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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How do large Town events (like concerts, festivals, or holiday celebrations) typically impact your business?

Please select an option below.

Increase foot traffic and sales

No noticeable change

Decrease traffic or disrupt normal operations

Not sure / It depends on the event



Upcoming Town Events

Hurricane Conference

Thursday, May 15, 2025
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Town Hall

This is your chance to learn everything the Town has to offer for hurricane preparedness, evacuation routes, shelter locations, emergency supply checklists, staying informed during a storm, and more.

Badges, Boats, & Boots Softball Game

Sunday, May 18, 2025
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Middleton & Bill Smith Parks

Join the Oak Island Police and Fire Departments as they face off against the U.S. Coast Guard in the 3rd Annual Badges, Boats & Boots Softball Game!

Summer Concert Series

May 23 - August 30
NOON - 5:00 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.

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Upcoming Town Meetings

Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 | 6:00 PM | Town Hall

Planning Board

Thursday, May 15 | 9:00 AM | Town Hall

Business Advisory Board

Tuesday, May 27 | 9:00 AM | Police Training Room

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