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Week of
September 8, 2025

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

It was a great day, and a great way to end another great season; but alas, the **Sunset On Summer** has occurred for the Town of Oak Island. In true Oak Island fashion however, the season didn't go out with a whimper, but a thunderous roar ... 
courtesy of 8,000 lbs. of fireworks!

This past Saturday was filled with great music, fun, friends, food and frosty beverages, as the Town hosted the Third Annual ***Sunset On Summer Music Festival***. A very special thanks to all of the Town staff, volunteers, first responders, businesses, and bands that made the Festival happen; and most importantly, ***THANK YOU*** Oak Island for your support of this awesome community event!

Just because the season changed, doesn't mean the fun goes away! There's still plenty of great events coming up, along with some important Town business to discuss. So get ready for a deep dive into that and more, with 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, September 9** at **10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store, located at 5402 E Oak Island Drive.

TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, September 9** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

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

Holiday Closures

There are **NO** closures for the week ahead. The next holiday closure will be on **Tuesday, November 11** in observance of **Veterans Day**.

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

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Agenda Preview

On **Tuesday, September 9** at **6:00 PM** the Town Council will hold its regular meeting in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.



Sign-up sheets for commenting during the public comment periods will be available in the back of the meeting room prior to the meeting. Individual speakers have three minutes. To download the Meeting Agenda, watch this meeting LIVE, or view video or agenda information from any previous meeting, just visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS** or click the link below.



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PUBLIC HEARING: Land Use Plan

During the Town Council meeting this week, the Council will conduct a ***Public Hearing*** to review the updated ***Coastal Area Management Act*** (CAMA) ***Land Use Plan***, as presented on the **[2045 Charting the Course](#)** update page.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. **Each speaker will be allotted three minutes.** Written comments may be submitted during or following the hearing to the Town Clerk at **lstites@oakislandnc.gov**.

Following the public hearing, the Town Council will consider adoption of the Land Use Plan. Once adopted, the plan will be submitted to the Director of the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management for certification. Written objections, comments, or statements of support shall be submitted to the Division of Coastal Management's District Planner, Mike Christenbury, 127 Cardinal Drive Extension, Wilmington, NC 28405, no more than 30 calendar days after local adoption of the plan. Further information can be obtained by contacting the District Planner at 910-796-7426.

Copies of the Land Use Plan are available for review by the public at the Planning & Development Department during normal office hours, as well as downloaded from the ***2045 Charting The Course*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045** or by clicking the link below.



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2025 Community Candidates Forum

On **Thursday, October 9, 2025** at **6:00 PM** the **League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear** will once again be sponsoring a **Community Candidates Forum**, to allow a public introduction of the candidates running for the Oak Island Town Council and Mayoral seats. The forum will be held in the **Council Chambers**, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.



Residents are welcome to arrive beginning at 5:30 PM, with the formal program starting promptly at 6:00 PM. Longtime WECT personality **Jon Evans** will serve as the moderator.

NOTE: While the Town Hall will serve as a venue, this Forum is being presented and organized solely by the League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear, and co-sponsored by WECT.

Questions will NOT be taken live at the forum; however, residents can **pre-submit** questions directly to the League. All questions will be kept anonymous, and no questions should be directed to any specific candidate by name. **To submit your candidate questions**, simply visit the **League Website** at www.lwvlf.org or click the link below.



Business Bulletin Published

The **September 2025** edition of the **Business Bulletin** has been published! This latest edition has several exciting announcements for the business community, including

- **Business Of The Month**
- **Business Advisory Board**
- **Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program**

The Business Bulletin is an e-newsletter developed by the Town's Business Advisory Board and Economic Development Office. 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.

New editions are emailed directly to those on the subscriber list each month. To sign up to receive new editions, visit the Economic Development page at OakIslandNC.gov/ECON or click on Logo Link below.



Staff Spotlight: New Assistant Town Manager

This week, the Town is proud to spotlight the newest addition to the Administrative Team. On Tuesday, September 2, Town Staff welcomed **NEW Assistant Town Manager, Kent Jackson**.



Bryan Kent Jackson ("Kent") is a North Carolina native and NC State alumnus, who has also completed the Municipal Administration Certification Program through the University of North Carolina School of Government. Most recently, he has served as the **Assistant Town Manager / Engineering Director**, and previously the Town Engineer for the **Town of Pittsboro, NC**.

As an NC Licensed Professional Engineer, Kent brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the fields of development services, public works, and transportation; skills that will prove crucial in his role as Assistant Town Manager, overseeing important Town projects.

It's not all "business and blueprints" however, as Mr. Jackson has a long history of supporting community involvement. This includes active involvement in various boards devoted Human Services and Affordable Housing, as well as serving as past Chairman of the NC State Building Commission, and Director of State Construction.

On a personal level, Kent is eagerly looking forward to "*finding the best golfing and fishing spots*" while also getting to work, saying "***I am honored to join the Oak Island Team and very impressed by our great staff and the community spirit here! My family is equally excited to call Oak Island home, and we are grateful to have this special opportunity to move closer to our family in the area. I commit to give my all to help this great community keep being its best. I look forward to getting to know you and here what inspires you about working for Oak Island.***"

So please help us welcome to the Oak Island team, new Assistant Town Manager, Kent Jackson. To learn more about the administrative structure of the Town of Oak Island, just click the **Administration** link on the **Government** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/Government** or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



"Closing The Loop" on Misinformation

"Hey, whatever happened in that situation?"

"Did the Town ever say how that ended?"


"No follow up notice was published, they must be hiding something!"

Questions and comments like these are ones we see often in the **Police & Fire Departments**. In a world of **instant communication**, mixed with social media **misinformation**, it can be hard for the truth to keep up with a good story!

Overall, Oak Island is one of the state's safest communities to live, work, and enjoy, but that doesn't mean emergencies, crimes, and other serious incidents don't happen. **When they do occur**, we begin **immediate** contact through our **Communications Office**, to keep **you informed** on ANY possible impacts to personal safety, property security, or travel safety.

Whether it's a total loss house fire, or even an unattended death, these responses often involve **very complex**, but **very thorough** investigations. While social media can condition us to expect answers immediately (and assume darker motives when those answers aren't provided), the **truth** is often that investigations ... or rather **good investigations**, take time.

We understand the need for closure, and the importance it provides in your sense of security. That's why we work hard to **"Close The Loop"** and provide regular updates on important topics of community interest. While you WON'T find us discussing every case detail in your favorite social media group, you WILL receive important email notifications and emergency text alerts through the **OKInformation** system. **IMPORTANT:** Once an **immediate safety concern has passed**, any ongoing updates will be provided on the same notice posted in the **OKInformation** page at OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS.

So remember the next time you see a claim that doesn't seem verified, YOU can help dispel misinformation, by checking for the latest updates! And if you don't see the updates you're looking for, ***just ask us directly!*** Simply use the **Department**  **Contact Form** on the **Contact Us** page at OakIslandNC.gov/CONTACT 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



SilverSneakers Fee Adjustment

NOTICE: The fee for the ***SilverSneakers with Mary Beth*** class held on **Wednesdays** at **9:00 AM** has been adjusted to **\$5 for residents** and **\$6 for non-residents**. This change brings the fees to a consistent costs with other Recreation Classes Offered.

For more information on this or any other classes fees, contact the **Recreation Department** through the **Department Contact Form**.



As noted in the intro for this week's edition, we've officially seen the "Sunset On Summer" ... But that doesn't mean the fun (and music) has to stop!

With break of just a few short weekend's to catch our breath, we kick off the **Live & Local: Market + Music** series to capture "*That Fun Fall Feeling!*" Every **Saturday in October**, the **Middleton Park Complex** comes alive with **live music, local food**, and **craft vendors** as residents and visitors keep the beat going.

Markets start at **4:00 PM**, Music start at **6:00 PM**. To see the full schedule, visit the Town Events page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the poster 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, September 9

- **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
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, September 10

- **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



Thursday, September 11

- **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

Friday, September 12

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
- 9:00 AM: SilverSneaker Fitness with Susan
- 10:30 AM: Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Ocean Education Center**

- 6:00 PM Surf Fishing Seminar (Pre-Registration Required)

Saturday, September 13

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

- **Caswell Beach**

- 8:00 AM Surf Fishing Seminar (Pre-Registration Required)

Monday, September 15

- **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



Live & Local



Haunted Fishing



Spooky Egg Hunt

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 EDITION ARCHIVE

DID YOU KNOW? *The CURRENT*, hasn't always been a weekly publication. Originally produced as an award-winning digital monthly newsletter, *The CURRENT* published 35 editions, spanning a period of three years from from December 2020 to 2023. As a monthly publication, *The CURRENT* provided longer form, "magazine style" reading, along with added commentary, and content contributed from community partners.

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

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