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**Week of
September 15, 2025**

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

It's the middle of September, and although we're now a couple weeks removed from the Sunset On Summer, **Autumn** still isn't quite ready to **Fall** into place! (See what we did there? Yeah. Comedy.)



Even so, these few "calm" weeks of September make for a good time to stop and reflect on all the fun and memories made over the last few Summer months. They also provide a good opportunity to be thankful for the cooling temperatures!

Regardless of your preferred season, there's still plenty more fun things to come, and some important Town business to discuss. So slather on that Pumpkin Spice sunscreen, because it's time for a "seasonally transitional" dip in this week's edition of **The CURRENT**.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting ***one week earlier than usual*** this month, on **Tuesday, September 23** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department training Room, located on the 2nd floor of the Police Department.

PLANNING BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, September 18** at **9:00 AM** 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**](https://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**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Actions Review

Last **Tuesday, September 9** the Town Council held its regular meeting for the month of September.

CLICK HERE for the Actions Review



To view the video of this meeting, or view video and agenda information from any previous meeting, just visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at [**OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS) or click the link below.

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Permitting Portal Now Open



As announced during the Town Council meeting this past Tuesday, the **Development Services Department** has officially launched the ***NEW Permitting Portal*** on the Town Website.

This new service will allow users to manage their permitting and project plan reviews in one convenient place online. Through the **Permitting Portal**, users can apply for permits, pay invoices, request inspections, and monitor the status for plan reviews and inspections.

With **more than a dozen** supported permit applications included, there's very little this new service can't assist with! A user account is required, but simple to setup prior to accessing the Portal; with detailed Account Setup Instructions provided on the introduction page.

To access the new Portal, just click the ***Permitting Portal*** button on the ***Development Services*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/DS** or click the link below.



GovDeals Auction Notice

NOTICE: From **Wednesday, September 24** through **Friday, October 3, 2025**, the Town of Oak Island will place up for auction surplus equipment through the website **www.GovDeals.com**.

Bidding will **OPEN** at **10:00 AM** on **Wednesday, September 24** and will **CLOSE** approximately **10 days later**.

Surplus items auctions may include, but are not limited to:

- **Vehicles**
- **Mechanical / Utilities Equipment**
- **Audio / Visual Equipment**

All items will be listed with photos and descriptions, provided as accurately as possible. Only online bids through the GovDeals website will be accepted, and prospective buyers must register with GovDeals to bid (registration is free).

Bidders are subject to all payment and pick-up terms as detailed with the GovDeals website. All items are sold as is, where is, with no warranties of any kind expressed or implied. To register to bid, visit the ***GovDeals*** website at **www.GovDeals.com** or click the link below



Candidates Forum Reminder

As first announced last week, the ***League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear*** will once again be sponsoring a ***Community Candidates Forum*** on **Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers**, located on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Forum is to allow for education and a public introduction of the candidates running for the Oak Island Town Council and Mayoral seats. 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 for this forum, it is being presented and organized solely by the League of Women Voters of the Lower Cape Fear. **The Administrative Staff and Management of the Town of Oak Island in NO WAY endorses or promotes the individual candidacy of any one individual.**

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. ***Stay tuned, as information will be published in the coming days on where to submit questions.*** To ***SHARE*** this specific notice with fellow voters, just copy the link from the ***OKInformation*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS** or click the link below.



Manager's Message: Land Use Plan "Is / Nots"

As the Town Council considers adopting an updated **Comprehensive Land Use Plan**, it makes for a good opportunity to provide some important clarifications on just what a Land Use Plan **IS** and **IS NOT**.



A Comprehensive Land Use Plan IS:

- An **advisory document** that lays out the **long-term vision** used to guide future Town development.
- Intended to guide **coordinated, efficient, and orderly development**, based on an analysis of present and future needs.
- The **goals, policies, and programs** identified as needed to achieve present and future physical, social, and economic development.
- Specifically for coastal communities, a plan that meets the criteria of the **Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA)**, is approved by the **Coastal Resources Commission (CRC)**, and considers certain topics required by CAMA.

A Comprehensive Land Use Plan IS NOT:

- **A new set of Laws / Ordinances.**
 - It **does not change or replace** the development regulations in place. It is an **advisory document** only, for guiding future development decisions.
 - **NOTE:** Any changes to Development Regulations must still go through the proper procedures, whether that be a Planning Board review, a public hearing by the Town Council, or any required referendums or votes. **Land use Plans have no regulatory authority.**
- **A list of all future projects or policies.**
 - Since comprehensive land use plans look so far into the future and cover such broad categories, they are general in nature and don't get into the specifics of all projects or policies.
 - Instead, they provide "high level" visions, goals, and actions the Town can consider taking in order to help advance those goals.
- **An expansion of government powers.**
 - The Plan does not expand the scope of what local governments can and cannot regulate.
 - The Plan cannot grant new powers or authority for development regulations.

Keep in mind, this is just a **BRIEF** overview of the basic "Is / Nots" for a Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The goal is to **keep you informed**, so that you can respond correctly, the next time you hear or see misinformation being spoken, or shared online. If you'd like to take a deeper dive into the Plan itself, just check out the **2045 Charting the Course** page, devoted to our update project at OakIslandNC.gov/Plan2045 or click the link below.



SAFETY BRIEF



National "Spooktacular" Night Out

One is an annual night set aside to build Police-Community relations, the other is a night for kids to have fun dressing up as their favorite heroes. Since they both happen in October, it just seemed fitting to combine the efforts and create the BEST experience possible!

That's why the **Police Department** is proud to be teaming up with the **Recreation Department** to offer **National Night Out** as part of the **2025 Spooktacular** event on **Saturday, October 25, 2025** from **4:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in the Middleton Park Complex!



Start making your plans now to attend this **FREE** event, featuring an Outdoor Concert • Trick-R-Treat • Costume Contest • Fall Market • Carnival Games • Food Vendors ... and of course, the **BEST** in **Local Law Enforcement Displays & Interactions!**

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to help make neighborhoods a safer, more caring places to live. Organized locally by the Oak Island Police Department, 2025 marks the Town's third year of NNO participation, wherein our officers, staff, and volunteers work hard to ensure a memorable evening for all!

We're excited to be partnering with the Recreation Department this year to help build a better event for both occasions. And because **Spooktacular** also hosts a **Costume Contest**, *we look forward to counting all the Law Enforcement Costumes this year!*

Please help us to ensure a great turnout this year, by **SHARING** this information on the **Town Events** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** 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



Halloween Fishing Derby

- **WHEN:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Oak Island Pier • 705 Ocean Drive
- **COST:** FREE but *pre-registration is required*

Come dressed in your spooky best and ready to fish at Oak Island's own haunted fishing Derby. Participants will *NEED* to bring their own fishing pole and bait. To register, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS



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 16

- **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 17

- **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
- **Excursion**
 - 9:30 AM Excursion – Wilmington Railroad Museum (Pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 1:00 PM September Craft Class (pre-registration required)

Thursday, September 18

- **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 19

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Fitness with Susan
 - 10:30 AM: Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB
- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:00 AM: Table Tennis
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 2:00 PM Between the Lines Book Club Meeting

Saturday, September 20

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

Monday, September 22

- **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



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