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Week of
September 22, 2025

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

It's the last full week of September, a month that has flown by faster than the ***Boat-Tailed Grackle*** in this week's cover photo after swiping some poor angler's unattended bait! While local ornithologists may be debating our ability to identify birds (*all corrections welcome!*), we're just happy to see them again on our ***NEW Oak Island PierCam!***



But don't get lost in the livestream just yet, there's still plenty of important announcements and Town business to cover first. So grab your boards and let's hit the waves (at least 350' from the Pier, please) to surf through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

There are **NO** Boards, Committees, or Council meetings scheduled for the week ahead.

- 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



Crosswalk Repairs at 57th Pl West

Please NOTE: The lighted crossing signal for the **Pedestrian Crosswalk** recently installed at **57th Place West** has been temporarily **REMOVED** for repairs.

Evidence currently indicates that at some point on Friday, September 19, the signal pole was damaged due to low speed impact from a vehicle. The **Public Works Department** is working to repair the signal light and pole, and anticipates reinstallation by the end of the week.

Anyone with information on when and how this damage occurred is asked to contact the Public Works Department through the ***Department Contact Form*** at OakIslandNC.gov/CONTACT or by clicking the link below.

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Garbage Collection Schedule Change

Back on **May 17**, the Summer Schedule started for **Garbage & Recycling Collection** in **Zones 6, 7, & 8**.

With the Summer now over, both in tourism and astrological terms, this service will now shift back to the **Regular Collection Schedule** starting on **October 1**. This means in Zones 6, 7, & 8, **GARBAGE** will be collected **EVERY Wednesday** and **RECYCLING** Collected every **OTHER Wednesday**.



As a reminder, the Town of Oak Island has a total of **eight (8)** Garbage & Recycling Collection Zones. The more heavily trafficked areas of Zones 6 - 8 essentially cover the beach areas, including Beach Dr., Dolphin Dr., Pelican Dr. and Ocean Dr. While most of the year these areas are provided collection service on one day of the week, during the Summer they are switched to twice per week to cover the higher volumes.

To VIEW & SHARE information about Collection Zones, including the exact dates for Recycling Collection, visit the **Public Works** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PW or click the link below.



Brunswick County Chlorine Switch

The **Brunswick County Public Utilities Department** has notified the Town of Oak Island that it will begin its **Annual Flushing Program** on **October 7, 2025**.



As part of the program, Public Utilities employees flush the water mains by opening fire hydrants and allowing them to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment and allows routine maintenance of the more than 1,440 miles of water lines and over 7,789 fire hydrants in the Brunswick County service area.

Flushing may result in discoloration and presence of sediment in your water. These conditions are not harmful and are temporary. During the annual flushing program, a **slight change is made in the water treatment process** to facilitate an effective flushing program. Throughout the year, Brunswick County Public Utilities adds combined chlorine (in the form of chloramines), to the water as the primary disinfectant. **During the annual flushing program, chlorine is added** in an uncombined state, commonly referred to as free chlorine. Free chlorine is more effective than combined chlorine at reacting with sediments suspended during flushing. This common practice is also used as preventive maintenance to kill bacteria that, though harmless when consumed by humans, can introduce unwanted taste and odor, and create issues with maintaining a disinfectant residual.

Brunswick County will use free chlorine as the primary disinfectant from October 7 through November 2025.



Rain Garden Workshop

The Stormwater Maintenance division is teaming up with local experts to offer a new educational opportunity through the **Rain Garden Workshop**. The Workshop is scheduled for **Saturday, October 18** at **9:00 AM** in the **Arboretum Park**, located at the corner of S Middleton Ave and E Oak Island Dr.



The **Oak Island Beautification Club** will be on hand to help teach about the benefits of rain gardens, while also helping to install a rain garden in Arboretum Park. This is a great opportunity for hands-on learning that benefits your own home while also beautifying the community.

Best of all, this Workshop is **FREE** to attend, though **registration is required** by no later than **4:00 PM** on **Thursday, October 16**. To register for the Workshop, just visit the Program Registration page at OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS or click the link below.



Permitting Portal Reminder



Reminder on an important announcement from last week, the **NEW Permitting Portal** has been launched by the **Development Services Department**.

This new service allows users to manage their permitting and project plan reviews for more than a dozen supported applications -- all 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.

A user account is required to access the Portal, but is easy to setup with the detailed 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.

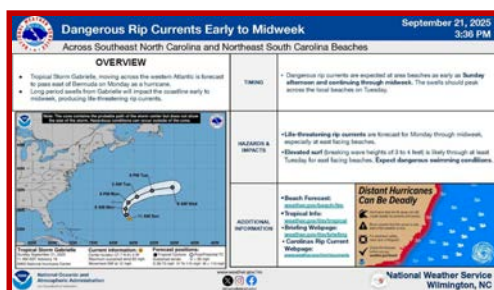
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SAFETY BRIEF



Rip Current Forecast Notice

Here at the **Oak Island Fire Department**, we often hear folks refer to September as "Summer for the Locals." Well, if your idea of "**Sept-ummer**" fun involves in-water activity, please be aware of a **Special Briefing** the **National Weather Service** issued for the week ahead.



Tropical Storm Gabrielle, currently moving across the western Atlantic is forecast to pass east of Bermuda on Monday as a hurricane. While there are no direct impacts expected for our area, **long period swells** from Gabrielle will in the coastline early to midweek, producing **life-threatening rip currents**. While the rip currents are forecast mainly for our neighboring east facing beaches, impacts are still possible in Oak Island; in addition to **elevated surf**, with breaking wave heights of 3 to 4 feet.



While crowds of Summer may be dwindling, the dedicated staff of the Beach Safety Unit are not letting our guards down, and neither should you! To learn more about the Beach Safety Unit, its divisions and how they serve the residents and visitors of Oak Island, just visit their page at OakIslandNC.gov/BSU or click the link below.



New Officer Introduction

The **Oak Island Police Department** is proud to introduce **Officer Gary Green** as the newest (*and returning*) addition to the team!



Officer Green actually began his career serving the Town of Oak Island in **2009** as an **Animal Control Officer**, before moving to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office. While there, he spent about a decade on patrol, with six of those years as a K-9 handler. When not working, he enjoys traveling, camping, and exploring new places with his wife (*pictured left*) and children.

While his time spent with BCSO was appreciated by the greater community, Green remarked during his official swearing in last week "*I'm grateful for the opportunity to return to Oak Island and continue serving this community.*"

Please help us welcome Officer Gary Green back to the Department and service to the Town! To learn more about what our officers do each day to serve this community, just visit our page at OakIslandNC.gov/PD 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



Fitness Class Cancellations

The following **Fitness Classes** at the Oak Island Recreation Center have been **CANCELED**:

- **Total Body Blast with Mary Beth** at **8:00 AM** on **Thursday, September 25, 2025**
- **Mature Aerobics with Debbie** at **7:30 AM** on
 - **Wednesday, September 24**
 - **Friday, September 26**
 - **Monday, September 30**
 - **Wednesday, October 1**

For more information on these cancellations, please contact the **Oak Island Recreation Department** at **910-278-5518** or through the **Department Contact Form**.



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 23

- **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 24

- **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 25

- **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 26



- **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**
 - 9:00 AM: Table Tennis

Saturday, September 27

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

Monday, September 29

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

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