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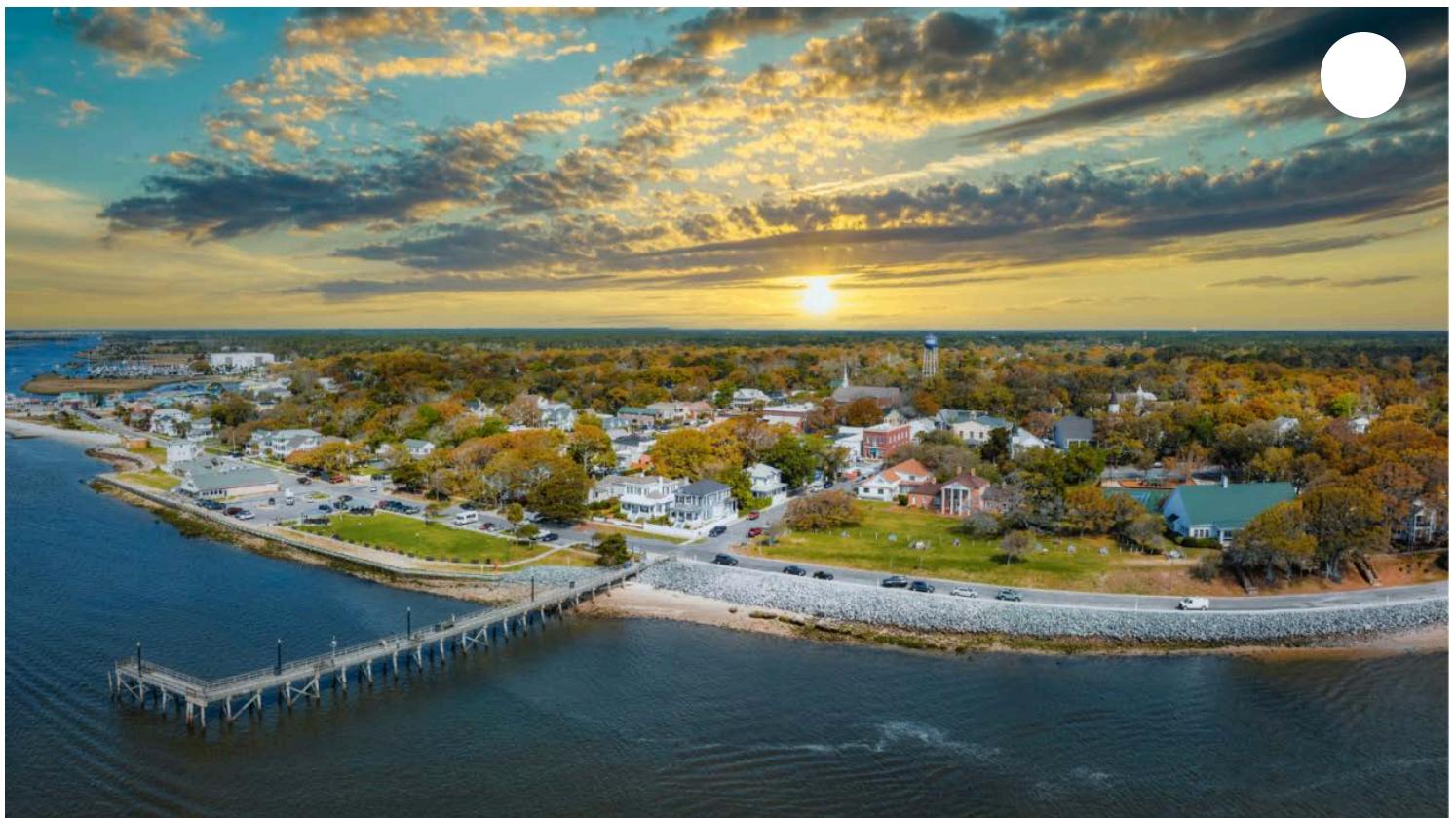
Week of
September 29, 2025

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

As any keen observer may note, this week's cover photo was NOT taken in the Town of Oak Island. Instead, the amazing image for this week features the Southport Water Tower, overlooking the waterfront dining district, as captured by photographer Matt Spangard (PhotoJambo.com) several years ago.

Following the tragic events which took place this past weekend in our neighboring city "across the Way," we've decided to devote this week's edition to offering our support, and our resolve to our regional family.

The regular updates on Town news and notices will return next week, but for now let's all join together for a brief, but very special edition of **The CURRENT**.



Southport Waterfront: Photo Courtesy of Larry Gibson

Salubrious Southport

By its own self-description, you know you're standing on the waterfront of the City of Southport when you feel those warm, calming, ***salubrious breezes*** -- something which is notable for being **"favorable to promoting health and well-being."**

Removed from the roar of ocean waves and screeching gulls, Southport offers its own brand of quiet coastal charm. One where often the only thing shining brighter than the beautiful sunrises forming over the Cape Fear River are the smiles from members of the community as they greet visitors and guests exploring the combination of natural beauty, historic charm, and even Hollywood set pieces.

In all things, the Town of Oak Island and the City of Southport are forever bound, not just by proximity, but by the common goal of providing great coastal communities to live, work, and play. From the mutual aid of our first responders, to the solidarity in our leadership, we offer these messages of hope and encouragement below to our neighbors north of the waterway.

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A Message From the Mayor

Southport, our hearts ache with you. On behalf of Oak Island, I want to express our deepest sorrow and solidarity in the wake of the horrific events of this past weekend. No words can erase the pain our communities are enduring right now.

Our hearts are with the families who lost loved ones, those who were injured, the businesses that were affected, and every resident shaken by this senseless act of violence. What happened at waterfront's edge has touched all, because our towns are more than neighbors -- ***we are family***.

Please know that Oak Island stands beside you, ready to offer comfort, resources, and helping hands in the days and weeks ahead. In times like these, it is ***love, compassion, and unity*** that will carry us forward. May we surround one another with kindness and may the light of our shared strength guide us through the darkness of this moment.

With deepest sympathy and unwavering support,

- Liz White, Mayor, Town of Oak Island



A Message From the Manager

While there are no words to truly comfort the friends and family of the victims of this terrible tragedy, we want them to know that we are deeply saddened by what occurred and wish we could provide some higher level of relief to all affected. The Town of Oak Island, our community and our staff, share in the sorrow and the shock of this and mourn with you and for the pain caused.

To the amazing City of Southport, we offered our support during the event and continue to offer our full support after the event in any way we can. We have already begun to assist with preparations **for an event in honor of the victims** and will work to help coordinate this in the coming days, to begin the healing process.

I want to take a moment to thank the **incredible efforts** of all ***law enforcement and first responders***, along with the many professional ***partner agencies*** who worked together relentlessly that night to bring this to a **swift conclusion**, knowing how every second counts. We praise the effort of these public servants for their incredible collaboration, coordination, hard work, and dedication and results achieved in such an incredibly short time following this tragedy.

Let us all continue to work together now, as we collectively grieve and heal our amazing communities.

Respectfully,

- Kathryn Adams, Town Manager



A Message From Us ALL

We are a Town, and while a town is defined by many things, from its borders to its tax base, those rubrics don't exist without one crucial component...people. You can't have a town without the people to make it so. While previous messages have conveyed the heart of our Town leadership, contained in the [**Facebook post embedded below**](#) is a collection of messages direct from the heart of our people.

To submit your own comments, visit the ***Town of Oak Island Facebook Page*** at [Facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC) or click the link below.



From the Town of Oak Island to the City of Southport ... we are with you, and we carry you with us.

 **Town of Oak Island**
on Monday



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