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Week of

October 6, 2025

"It's LIVE and it's LOCAL!" While September may have ended with a bit of weather nervousness due to Hurricane Imelda, it thankfully blew out to sea and let Autumn "Fall" right into place (*that's right, the same pun from a month ago!*)!



As seen in this week's cover photo provided by Jamie Corbet, this past Saturday kicked off another AMAZING **Live & Local: Market + Music** series, proving once again that fun in Oak Island isn't just limited to the Summertime! Ask anyone who's been around and they'll tell you October is actually one of the most exciting months in Town. You don't have to take our word for it either, you can **VIEW & SHARE** all the Fall Fun right on the **Town Events** page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS.

But before you start filling out your calendar, there's still plenty of other Town business to go over first, so let's grab your seasonally appropriate swim attire, and let's dive into this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, October 6 at 4:00 PM** in the Community Center, located at 102 SE 47th St.

PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE regular meeting has been **rescheduled** to **Tuesday, October 7 at 12:30 PM**, still to be held in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

- 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.



Duke Energy Siren Test THIS WEEK

The **outdoor warning sirens** around the **Brunswick Nuclear Plant** will be **tested** between **10:00 AM and 11:00 AM** on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**.

The 38 sirens within 10 miles of the Brunswick Nuclear Plant will sound at full-volume for five to 30 seconds. To ensure they are functioning properly, it may be necessary to test some sirens more than once. Follow-up testing after siren maintenance may be required after 11:00 AM.

Testing is performed in cooperation with emergency officials in Brunswick and New Hanover counties, who are responsible for sounding the sirens.

Because this is a test, local broadcasting stations will not interrupt regular programming to broadcast Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages. If there was ever a real emergency at the plant requiring the sirens to be sounded, local radio and television stations would broadcast information and instructions to the public.



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CoastWise Initiative Now Open

During the **July 8, 2025** Oak Island Town Council heard a proposal from the **UNCW College of Science & Engineering** (UNCW) for a **three-year** project to evaluate living shoreline approaches at multiple Oak Island sites.

What began as a proposal for a joint study quickly grew into a full partnership, providing multiple other opportunities for both the Town and UNCW. The **Memorandum of Understanding** approved by the Town Council to establish this partnership, has since been branded as the new **CoastWise Initiative**.



This partnership will be mutually beneficial, as it utilizes the knowledge and resources of UNCW to benefit the Town's natural environment, while at the same time providing valuable spaces for students and staff to research, study, and contribute to the ecology of marine habitats.

In addition to the **Living Shoreline Project** (now scheduled to launch in **Spring of 2026**), as the **CoastWise Initiative** grows and develops, new projects will be added, further enhancing the natural benefits to the Town and the educational resources to the University.

Information on these programs and upcoming educational opportunities will be published on the **NEW CoastWise Initiative** page of the Town Website. To view the page and learn more, visit OakIslandNC.gov/CoastWise or click the link below.

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Kayak Launch CLOSED



Last week, the **Tidalwaves Kayak & Canoe Launch** located on the Davis Canal, near the Recreation Center at **SE 3rd Street** was **CLOSED** due to damage from weathering and significant deterioration over time.



The **GOOD NEWS** however is that this ramp will now be replaced, thanks to a **Public Access Grant** of **\$32,000** from the **North Carolina Coastal Management Program**. The Grant was procured thanks to the hard work of the Town's **Development Services Department**, and was awarded in early September. It will be administered through the NC Division of Coastal Management and the NC Department of Environmental Quality.

Grant funds will provide for installation of an all-new, fully ADA compliant Kayak Launch, consisting of 3ft. x 12ft. launch, a 4ft. x 12ft. open slip, an ADA transfer platform, and a new aluminum gangway.

The funds have just been released as of this week, and the Public Works Department has immediately begun working with the project engineer to establish a construction timeline. Once building starts and a completion date is determined, updates will be made available on the **Town Projects** page. To view the page, visit OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS or click the link below.

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Business Bulletin Published for October

This past Wednesday the **October 2025** edition of the **Business Bulletin** has been published! This latest edition has several exciting announcements for the business community, including the **Oak Island Candy Crawl**, and the **Business of the Month** Inergy Market.



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 link below.



Staff Spotlight: Isabel Bair

This week, the Town is proud to spotlight **Isabel Bair**! Isabel joined the **Ocean Rescue** division of the **Beach Safety Unit** in May of 2025, when the Fire Department hosted its second Academy for Ocean Rescue.



Having trained and practiced as an EMT in Raleigh, Isabel learned rescue drills in the Academy, which helped prepare her for the physical aspects of Ocean Rescue. Isabel stated one of the most surprising aspects of the daily beach patrols was helping to make the public aware of their presence, saying *"I'd love for people to know that we are out on the beach every day, and are a resource for them to use. If you have questions or concerns about something, just flag us down!"*

Isabel grew up vacationing in the area, with her parents having owned a home in Oak Island for many years. While she more than achieved her goal of gaining experience in an emergency setting, she's also made great friends throughout this Summer, and has been reminded of her love for the ocean! As this season winds to a close, Isabel looks to continue working towards her Bachelor's degree in Biology at UNC Wilmington and wants to pursue a career in healthcare. However, she's already looking forward to what opportunities next Summer may bring!

To learn more about the services Bair and all of the Beach Safety Unit provide, just visit the **Beach Safety Unit** page at OakIslandNC.gov/BSU or click the link below.



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SAFETY BRIEF



Be The Helper: "Muting Misinformation"

In regards to **Public Safety** and emergency response, 2025 has proven to be a quite busy year. One growing concern for first responders in recent months is the amount of **misinformation** being shared online and in social media.

This week, we offer the **important reminder** to "**Be The Helper in 'Muting Misinformation!'**"

The modern climate of social media has given us all an expectation of "immediate updates" and unlimited information. That's why it's more important than ever to **ensure the information you see is from a valid source** before believing, or especially sharing such posts.

While you may think you are helping your neighbors and community to stay informed, in reality, **sharing misinformation can be dangerous**. Those same neighbors you are trying to help could be making decisions based on what you've shared which could put them in jeopardy. Likewise, this can also drain the resources of local law enforcement when they have to spend needless hours verifying claims made on social media.

So remember to **Be The Helper** -- make sure you're watching and sharing only the FACTS and VERIFIED information. As always, the Town of Oak Island, our Public Safety departments, and Communications Office maintain the highest commitment to providing the **correct information**, at the **correct time**, so that you can make the **correct decisions** for your personal safety.

REMEMBER: If at any point, an immediate threat to Town residents is perceived, Email and Emergency Text Alerts will be sent through the Town's *OKInformation* system!

To sign up for Email Notifications & Emergency Text alerts through the **OKInformation** system, visit OakIslandNC.gov/INFO or click the link below.



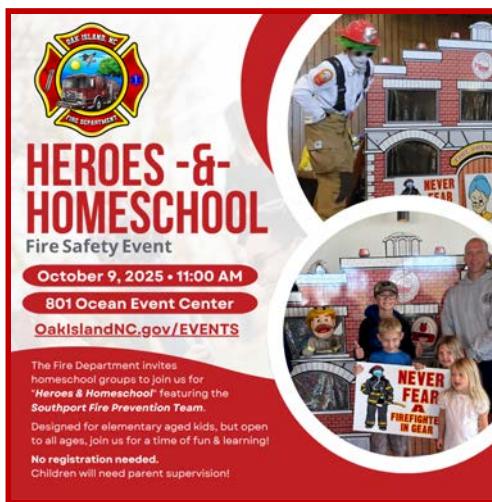
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Heroes & Homeschool **THIS WEEK**

Reminder, this coming **Thursday, October 9** at **11:00 AM**, local homeschool groups are invited to join the **Oak Island Fire Department** for their Annual "***Heroes & Homeschool***" event at the **801 Ocean Event Center**, located at **801 Ocean Drive**.

This event is focused on ***Fire Safety & Prevention***, featuring the **Southport Fire Department** Fire Prevention Team. Designed for elementary aged kids, but open to all ages, this will be a fun time of learning fire safety and prevention, while introducing kids to the firefighters who serve their community!

No registration is needed and all children will need parent supervision. To ***VIEW & SHARE*** this event from the Town Website, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or click the graphic below.



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



Spooktacular Returns!

- **WHEN:** Saturday, October 25, 2025 • 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Middleton Park Complex • 4610 E Dolphin Drive
- **COST:** FREE



A **FREE** event featuring: Outdoor Concert • Trick-R-Treat • Costume Contest • Fall Market • Carnival Games • Food Vendors • Local Law Enforcement Events and it's Dog friendly! This Event is presented by the Oak Island Recreation Department and the Oak Island Police Department.

To VIEW & SHARE this event, visit the **Town Events** page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the link below.

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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, October 7

- **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, October 8

- **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
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM Chess Club

Thursday, October 9

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:00 AM: Gentle Sunrise & Shine Yoga with Jeanette
 - 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, October 10

- **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**
 - 9:00 AM: Table Tennis
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 6:00 PM Surf Fishing Class (pre-registration Required)



- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- Caswell Beach
 - 8:00 AM Surf Fishing Class (pre-registration required)
- Middleton Park Complex
 - Live and Local Market and Concert
 - 4:00 PM Market Starts
 - 6:00 PM Music Starts with The Doorsmen

Monday, October 13

- **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

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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 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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