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Week of
October 13, 2025

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

You know, **October** is supposed to be the season of scary, **Spooktacular** things! However, the scariest thing so far is that somehow the month is already ***halfway over!***



Don't let the days flying by frighten you though, as it just means we're getting closer to even bigger and better things to come. From a **Haunted Fishing Derby** to a **Pre-Construction Survey**, there's a lot of fun and business to cover for the week ahead! So put on your costumes and grab your snorkels, it's time for a spooky swim in 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, October 14** at **10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store at 5000 Oak Island Drive.

TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 14** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall.

PLANNING BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, October 16** 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.

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**.

- **NOTE:** The Town Council regular meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 12, still at 6:00 PM
- To view all Holiday Closures, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY.

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Agenda Preview

This **Tuesday, October 14, 2025** the Oak Island Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at, starting at **6:00 PM**.

PLEASE NOTE: Just prior to the regular meeting, the Town Council will also hold a **Special Meeting** at **5:00 PM** to hold a Closed Session to Discuss Specific Personnel, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

CLICK HERE to Preview the Meeting Agenda



Council meetings are held in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive. Sign-up sheets for commenting during the public hearings and/or the general comment period are available in the back of the meeting room prior to the meeting. Speakers have three minutes.



To view the meeting online, or to download the Agenda and other materials, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS** or click the link below.



Beach Nourishment: Pre-Construction Survey

Starting on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025** work on the ***Pre-Construction Beach Profile Survey*** will begin as part of the Town's upcoming **Beach Nourishment Project**.

Surveying contractor **Gahagan & Bryant Associates (GBA)** will be conducting the survey work, which will include operations on the **land** and **water**. *NOTE:* This is a different contractor from the one which performed the previous ***Summer Survey*** earlier this year, so the vehicles and markings used may appear different.

During the survey, a truck with the **GBA logo** and GPS equipment will be seen on the beach areas, while a small boat will be used for hydrographic measurements near the shore. The survey boat will be clearly marked and may come close to shore during this process. This is **normal and not cause for alarm**; however, those fishing or swimming near the boat are asked to temporarily reel in their lines or move until the boat passes.

The work is expected to take between **7 - 14 days** to complete, weather permitting. For more information and updates, visit the Beach Nourishment Projects page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAND** or click the link below.



Need Inspections? Check The List!

It's a wonderful feeling; after weeks, or even months of searching, you've finally found that perfect house! The realtors, mortgage officers, clerks and accountants have all aligned and you're ready to sign on that dotted line ... ***but there's just one problem*** ... or maybe even ***MULTIPLE problems!***

Unpermitted work in a home for sale can present several **major risks** for the buyer, and several **major difficulties** for the seller. Whether it's potential safety issues from work that doesn't meet code, or legal liability for fines and repairs, having unpermitted work can often lead to difficulty for buyers in obtaining financing or insurance. Often times, permitted work may have been done, but was simply not given final inspection before the finish work was applied. The **Development Services Department** has noticed this, and is working to help make sure your home is safe now and easier to sell in the future, with the ***Inspections Checklist***.



The image shows a screenshot of a 'DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - INSPECTIONS CHECKLIST' table. The table is organized with columns for various inspection types (e.g., Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Fire, etc.) and rows for different project types (e.g., New Construction, Addition, etc.). Each cell in the table contains a small icon, likely representing a checklist item or a status indicator. The table is framed by a green border.

This comprehensive checklist shows all of the inspections needed before any project can be completely finished. By selecting the type of project you have, you can see exactly what inspections are needed and when they are required. This is the same checklist Development Services staff use everyday, so you're literally working on the "same page" as those doing the inspections.

It's your home, and your biggest investment! While you may have the best licensed contractors performing your repairs or additions, it's always important to remember those final inspections, just to make sure everything is correct before finishing the job.

Download your own **Inspections Checklist** by simply clicking on the graphic above, or from the ***Development Services*** webpage. simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/DS** or click the link below.



Staff Spotlight: Will DeAngelis

This week, the Town is proud to spotlight ***Will DeAngelis***. Will joined the Town of Oak Island in September as an IT Support Specialist. He was excited to join the team as it offered a chance to apply his skills in the world of local government; all while learning new skills and gaining valuable experience in a new environment.



Will moved to North Carolina from Maryland about six years ago to attend North Carolina Wesleyan College. Before joining the Town of Oak Island, he previously worked in Information Technology for Novant Health. According to Will, his goal everyday is to be "*as helpful as possible*" with any IT-related issue that comes up for his fellow employees. He has fully jumped into his role by providing huge support in helping to build the **NEW Town Website** - keeping the project on-schedule for its early 2026 launch!

Will loves electronic gaming and problem-solving, with a competitive streak that extends from the real-world soccer fields, both recreationally and in college. Although you may not see Will DeAngelis as his role is more behind the scenes, if you ever click on a webpage or interact with a Town Employee electronically, you can thank Will for making it happen!

Will serves in the Administration Department, primarily under the Communications Office. To view his more work, just visit the **Communications Office** page at OakIslandNC.gov/CO or click the link below.



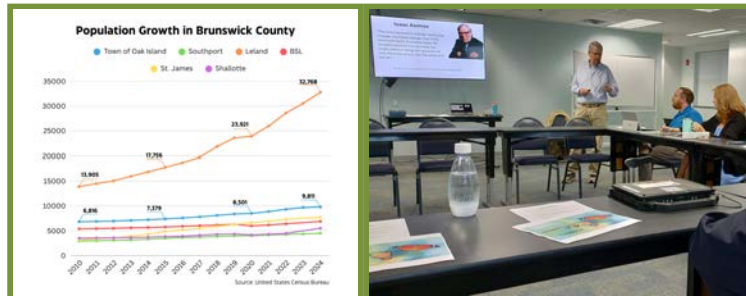
Manager's Message: Training In Change

Every other Monday, our administrative staff come together for a regular Updates & Progress meeting. This week's meeting welcomed a very special guest in educator and noted author, **Dr. Bill Millard**, who provided a brief presentation on ways to ***manage and ensure positive change***.



Since being founded more than a quarter century ago, the Town of Oak Island has changed a lot! (Much like all of Brunswick County) While some are excited to see the new opportunities and experiences this can provide, others, understandably, “the good old days.” As much as nostalgia might make one long for the days of dirt roads and less neighbors, the reality is that growth and the **challenges of change** are inevitable.

Dr. Millard spoke about the differences between change that is “Formational” (something entirely new) and “Transformational” (something old that is changed). With a near 50% population increase over the last 15 years, its safe to say the Town has seen a little of both.



In the last couple of years following the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Town has been working hard to adapt to these changes, by increasing staffing to equal and adequate levels (formational), and improving the services provided each day to our residents and visitors (transformational).

As staff learned during today’s training, **responding to change** in a way that **honors past experiences** while also **preparing for future needs** can be tough! That’s why it’s important to make sure **everyone has a voice** in the conversation! Remember, if you have questions or concerns about program changes, different services offered, or even new staff you may see around Town, you can always reach out directly for information. Simply click the **Contact Us** button on your **OKI Connection** mobile app or right on the on the homepage of the Town Website. **It’s just that easy!**

When it comes to being "in the know" about change in your town, there's no need to go second guessing through an AI overview on a search engine or social media page. Your neighbors, your friends, and your fellow residents are all right here, serving you everyday through the Town of Oak Island!



Beach Safety Unit: End of Season Notice



While you may think Summer ended last month, for the **Beach Safety Unit**, our season goes on well into the Fall. However, as with all good things, so too must our season must also come to an end.

IMPORTANT: Daily **beach patrols** of the **Ocean Rescue Division** will **END this week** on **October 15** (*NOTE: Patrols of the Beach Services Division have already ended*). Additionally, the **National Weather Service** will **END** the daily **Beach Warning Flag** forecasts on **October 31** (forecasts will resume next April).

SEASON REPORT

Though there's still a few days left, this announcement does provide an opportunity to review the BSU's upcoming **2025 Season Report**. Over the last five months, the unit has made an amazing **7,830 "Contacts"** - that is, public interactions on the beach to educate, intervene, or even rescue those in need.

These included interactions ranging from ordinance concerns such as ***Dogs At Large*** (566) or ***Sand Dune Violations*** (196), to serious emergency response including ***Rip Current Rescues*** (43), ***Missing Persons*** (12), or ***Medical Assists*** (85). In a BSU first, there was even an ***Aircraft Emergency Ocean Landing Rescue*** (1) performed this year!

Most notably, our ***Beach Warning Flag Education*** efforts were nothing short of top notch. The month of July held the most risk, with seven days at **Red Flag**, and 13 days at **Yellow flag**. These contributed to our total of **1,176 "Education"** interactions, where we spoke directly to individuals about the Beach Warning Flags and current Rip Current dangers.

This hard work in responding to emergencies, and commitment to prevention education, has truly helped to foster an atmosphere of safety for residents and visitors alike. Stay tuned for more information on the full report later this month. In the meantime as they wind the season down, if you see one of our BSU staff out in Town, be sure to say hello and thank them for a job well done this season.

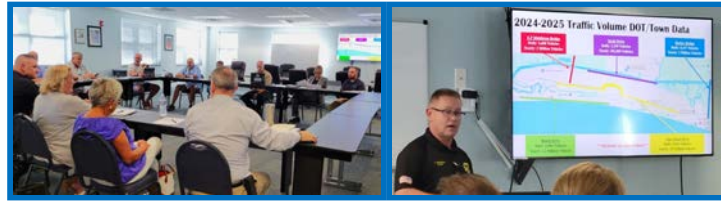
To learn more about the BSU and all the services they provide, visit the Beach Safety Unit page at **OakIslandNC.gov/BSU** or click the link below.



Blue Ribbon Summit Update

In August, the Town Council approved the creation of a new ***Blue Ribbon Summit on Safety***, for the purpose of helping to ***identify and recommend improvements for pedestrian safety***.

Council followed up on this during the **September 9** regular meeting by nominating Council Members Bob Ciullo and John Bach to join the "*small, but diverse group of community stakeholders*" which included representatives from Brunswick County, NCDOT, the Cape Fear RPO, and the Town's Public Safety departments. The Mayor and Town Manager also participate as ex-officio members.



To date, the Summit has held ***TWO meetings***, with the first on September 24 and again last week on October 8. A third meeting is planned later this month.

Early reports are that meetings have been very productive, with a positive anticipation of the recommendations to come. Progress seems on track to have an initial report ready to present to the Town Council by the regular meeting in November, as initially directed when the Summit was established.

In the meantime, updates on improvements and new additions for pedestrian use in Town can be viewed on the ***Pedestrian Safety*** page of the Town Website. Simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PEDESTRIAN** or click the link 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



Fitness Class Cancellations

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

- ***SilverSneakers with Susan*** on **Tuesday, October 14**, at **8:30 AM** and **Friday, October 17** at **9:00 AM**
- ***Total Body Blast with Mary Beth*** on **Thursday, October 16** at **8:00 AM**

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

To view alternative fitness class options, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS** or click the link below.

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Halloween Fishing Derby ***THIS WEEK***

- **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, October 14

- **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**
 - 8:00 AM – NOON Coffee Truck at Recreation Center
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club
- **Oak Island Pier**
 - 5:30 PM: Halloween Fishing Derby

Wednesday, October 15

- **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 16

- **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 17

- **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, October 18

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- Live and Local Market and Concert
- 4:00 PM Market Starts
- 6:00 PM Music Starts with Chocolate Chip & Co.

Monday, October 20

- **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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