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

It's the last week in October, and while we've already had a **Spooktacular time** so far, there's still one final "**Crawl for Candy**" left to go before the month ends!



Of course, then we head into November and Thanksgiving, followed closely by December and the **Christmas the By The Sea Parade**. Before you know it, we'll be back at **Beach Day** all over again!

But let's not get ahead of ourselves, there's still plenty of activities and Town Business to cover right here in the week ahead. So before we ditch the witches and dig into a turkey, let's get ready for one final spooky swim through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 28** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department Training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department.

PLANNING BOARD will hold a **Special Called Meeting** on **Friday, October 31** at **3:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive. The purpose of the meeting is to review proposed amendments to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 32 - Vegetation.

- 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



THIS WEEK Oak Island Candy Crawl

Happening **ALL DAY** this coming **Friday, October 31**, it's the first-ever **Oak Island Candy Crawl!** Coordinated by the **Business Advisory Board**, this family friendly Halloween event gives a chance for the entire community to Trick-Or-Treat at local businesses through out the day.



A total of **17 participating shops** will hand out candy during their regular business hours on Halloween, stretching from the G.V. Barbee Bridge all the way to the ***Trunk-Or-Treat*** held that evening at the Recreation Center at 3003 E Oak Island Ave.



The Candy Crawl is open to all ages, is completely **FREE** to participate in, and offers a great way to explore local businesses while having some spooky family fun.

To ***VIEW & SHARE*** details including a special ***EVENT MAP*** for this year's Candy Crawl, just visit the Town's Facebook page at **[Facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC)** or click the link below.



First Responders & Public Services Day

Earlier this month during the **October 14 Town Council meeting**, Mayor Liz White read a proclamation recognizing **October 28, 2025** as ***National First Responders and Public Services Employees Day***.



Pictured L-R: Public Works Director Scott Thornall, Fire Chief Lee Price, and Police Chief Charlie Morris stand in recognition during the Proclamation.

First responders -- including public works and utilities professionals, firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and other emergency personnel -- stand on the front lines of our communities, selflessly serving and protecting the citizens of the Town of Oak Island in times of crisis. Whether it's restoring infrastructure, performing a rescue, or ensuring public safety, they respond swiftly and courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others. In natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or public health and safety threats, our Public works and Public Safety departments are always there to be counted on when needed most.

So all this week, and Tuesday in particular, please join the Town Council and the rest of Town Staff as we say ***THANK YOU*** to those who serve us all in our times of need. To view and share the full presentation, just visit the Meetings Information page at **OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS** or click the link below.



Little Davis Canal Dredging Study

Last week, the Town published a ***Request For Qualifications*** (RFQ) seeking professional consulting firms to assist the Town in studying the ***Feasibility of Dredging the Little Davis Canal***. The purpose of this study is to assess the viability of dredging to address **water quality, flooding, and navigation restrictions**.

The primary objectives of this study are to:

- Determine the current condition of the canal, including sediment depth and composition.
- Evaluate potential environmental impacts and identify permitting requirements.
- Assess the engineering challenges and logistics associated with a dredging project.
- Provide a cost estimate for various dredging and sediment disposal options.
- Recommend a preferred dredging strategy, including potential funding sources

Throughout the process, the selected firm will be expected to utilize their experience and drive the process to produce an assessment in a timely manner. The firm awarded this contract will have the primary responsibility of developing the Assessment Document, and will work in coordination with the Town's Assistant Manager, Kent Jackson.

The final day for submissions is currently set for December 15, 2025 at 4:00 PM. To learn more and share this information, visit the ***Bid Postings*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/BIDS or click the link below.



Lunch & Learn Contractors Workshop

Calling all ***Contractors, Builders, Developers*** and ***Property Owners!*** Don't miss your opportunity to learn about the latest updates to regulations and ordinances regarding **Stormwater Management** and **Tree Preservation**. One of the most sought after and well-attended informational events of the year returns with the Second Annual ***Lunch & Learn Contractors Workshop***.



This event brings together members of the local building community with Town staff for an in-person, interactive training on new and existing requirements for Land Development Permits, to maintain compliance with the Town's NC DEQ MS4 Permit.

First held in December 2024, the **Lunch & Learn** series was very well attended, and received highly positive feedback. This event offers easy explanations and direct communication with Town staff, all with a great lunch provided!

Best of all the Lunch & Learn is **FREE** to attend, but **registration is required**. To get your registration in NOW, simply visit the OakIslandNC.gov/LEARN page or click the link below.



Staff Spotlight: Margaret Mendez

This week, the Town is proud to spotlight **Margaret Mendez**! Margaret works as a **Planner I** in the **Planning Division** of the **Development Services Department**, having just joined earlier this month on October 6, 2025.



Mendez brings a wealth of knowledge gained from a Bachelor's degree in Geography from UNC Chapel Hill, with minor concentrations in Urban Planning and Environmental Science. Originally from Apex, NC, Margaret is excited about the position, as she noted *"it provides the opportunity to serve the community and improve [the] local quality of life."*



When she's not helping residents build their own futures, Margaret enjoys gardening, cooking, spending time with her family, and traveling. In fact, she's visited over 30 countries! so please help us welcome our own world traveler, Margaret Mendez!

To learn more about the role of the **Development Services Department**, just visit their page at [**OakIslandNC.gov/DS**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/DS) or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



NOTICE: Beach Warning Flag Season Ends

Earlier this month back in the **October 13 edition**, we announced the **End of the 2025 Season** for the **Beach Safety Unit**.

As first mentioned in the original release, the **National Weather Service** will **END** the daily **Beach Warning Flag** forecasts ***THIS WEEK*** on **October 31**. As always, the forecasting for our area will resume next April 1, 2026.



Just as intermittent patrols may still be possible during says with large crowds or special events, similarly the warning flags may be occasionally flown is locally observed conditions call for extra warning.

The Warning Flag System, and the forecasts which drive them are a tremendous asset to ensuring public safety, and we are grateful to our partners at the NWS for the dedicated, and well informed forecasting services they provide.

Once again, the Town of Oak Island and the Oak Island Fire Department would like to extend sincere gratitude to all of our Beach Safety Unit and fellow first responders for their hard work throughout the 2025 Season!

As always, to learn more about the Beach Warning Flag system or any of the many other ways we support safety ion out public beach areas, just visit the ***Beach Safety*** page at [**OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) 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**](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) or click on the link below.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Christmas By The Sea Parade

As mentioned in the intro to this week's edition, October is almost over! After this week it's just a VERY short trip to the **FIRST Saturday in December** and the highly anticipated ***Christmas By The Sea Parade!***

- **WHEN:** Saturday, December 6, 2025 • 2:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Town Hall (Parade Start)

The ***Christmas By The Sea Parade*** is annually held on the first Saturday in December RAIN OR SHINE!! This event runs right through the heart of Town along East Oak Island Drive, and boasts some of the largest crowds of any event throughout the year.

REMINDER: Parade Entry Applications will be due **SOON!** If you or an organization you represent would like to participate in the parade, **Submit a Parade Entry Application** or click the graphic below.



THIS WEEK:
In Recreation



Tuesday, October 28

- **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 29

- **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 30

- **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 31

- **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

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 1

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors



Monday, November 3

- **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



Candy Crawl



Christmas Parade

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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