



# THE CURRENT

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

It's the week before Thanksgiving, and there's plenty to be thankful about in Oak Island! Between the **Holidaze** coming up and putting on that **new beach look** there's a lot going on.



That also means a lot of opportunities to get involved! Don't let the Fall fly by without finding some activity or Town business to participate in. Although we may be kids at heart, no one is having to ***sit at the kids table*** this November! So put on your best turkey bib and slide up to the table, as we ride the gravy boat down this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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## Council & Board Meetings

**PLANNING BOARD** will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, November 20 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](http://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS)**.

# Holiday Closures



Town Administrative Offices and Facilities will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday & Friday, November 27 – 28** in observance of **Thanksgiving**.

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will continue on its regular normal schedule, though collection may run slower due to increase volumes over the holidays.
- The **Convenience Disposal Site** will also be **CLOSED** on **Friday, November 28**.
- To view all Holiday Closures, visit: [OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).

## NEWS & NOTICES



### Town Council Actions Review

To accommodate the Town Hall closure for **Veterans Day** (November 11) the Town Council regular meeting was instead held this past **Wednesday, November 12**, still at **6:00 PM** in the Town Council Chambers.

[CLICK HERE to review Council Actions](#)



To watch this or any other previous Town Council meeting online, just visit the **Meetings Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS) or click the link below.

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### Paid Parking End of Season Report

During last week's Town Council meeting on **November 12**, the **2025 End of Season Report** on Paid Parking was presented by Jim Varner of the contracted service provider Otto Connect.



Highlights included the report of Net Revenues totaling \$1,313,831, a significant increase from last year at \$1,191,838. This comes despite a slight (4%) decrease in the total number of vehicles parked, at 166,152 in 2025 versus the 172,718 in 2024.

***Where does the money go?*** The distribution of revenues from Paid Services are designated by the Town Council as part of the yearly Budget process.

Currently, the Town Council has established a ***percentage split***, with 15% to remain in the Parking Fund for maintenance of the parking areas (signs, bumpers, gravel, etc.), and the remainder transferred to the General Fund “*to offset costs to taxpayers.*”

You can view the full breakdown of Parking Services revenues on **Page 85 of the Town Budget**. As for the amount transferred to the general fund, that is represented in the pie chart on **Page 17**. It is important to note that the Paid Parking Season is April – September, which spans across fiscal years beginning on July first.

To view the entire presentation from Otto Connect and see the full breakdown, just visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS)** or click the link below.



## Beach Nourishment: Dredging Begins

As of this past Saturday, ***Sea Turtle Nesting Season*** has officially ended in the Town of Oak Island. With that end comes the beginning of the highly-anticipated **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project**.





**NOTICE:** Starting late evening on Thursday, November 20 the *Dredging & Sand Placement* operations for the project will begin. As a *reminder*, the parking areas on SE 49th St. for the Kevin Bell Skatepark and the adjacent Beach Access Location are now **CLOSED**, to allow for equipment placement and project staging.

It is important to note that **work will be conducted 24 hours per day**, which will include *noise, moving machinery, ground vibrations*, and *closed beach areas*. To ensure the safety of everyone, please be sure to **respect the boundaries of any closed staging or construction areas**, and **do not distract crews onsite by attempting to speak with them or ask questions**.

To view the *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQ) and full Progress Updates, visit the *Beach Nourishment Project* page at [OakIslandNC.gov/SAND](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SAND) or click the link below.



## Customer Service Survey *REMINDER*

Last week saw the start of the Town's *Second Annual Customer Service Survey*, where from now until **November 30**, residents and visitors can help improve the customer experience at Town Hall and other facilities.



This Survey is part of the Town's ongoing improvement efforts, and is available both **online** and **in person** with paper copies at every Town Facility. This is ***your opportunity*** to help the Town of Oak Island ***serve you better!***

To VIEW or SHARE more information on the Survey, just scan the QR code on any of the flyers seen around Town, or visit the **Contact & Surveys** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY) or click the link below.



## Contractors Lunch & Learn Workshop

**REMINDER** to all **Contractors, Builders, and Developers!** 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 **Contractors "Lunch & Learn" Workshop**.



Scheduled for **December 12, 2025** at **10:00 AM** in the **801 Ocean Event Center**, this event brings together members of the local building community with Town staff for an in-person, interactive training.

The first ***Lunch & Learn*** series held in 2024 was very well attended, and received highly positive feedback, which is why the **Stormwater Division** of the Public Works Department is bringing it back. This workshop offers easy explanations of stormwater management, direct communication with Town staff, along with a FREE lunch provided!



**Registration is required.** but seats are filling up ***FAST!*** To get your registration in NOW, simply email Stormwater Administration division at **[stormwater@oakislandnc.gov](mailto:stormwater@oakislandnc.gov)** or click the link below.



## Workplace Safety Training

Last week, the **Police Department** conducted multiple staff trainings focused on "Active Shooter" response and Workplace Safety & Security. While this is a very standard training for most workplace settings these days, we are proud of the fact that this training was conducted entirely in-house by our own **Sgt. Kristy DeMello** and **Community Resource Officer Joseph Trahey**.



Not only do we strive to keep the community of Oak Island safe, but we also want to keep our employees of the Town safe as well. In this training, they discussed what ***to do*** or ***not to do*** when faced with an "active shooter" event in the workplace.



A significant portion of the Town's workforce were served by this crucial training over a two day period. The hard work and dedication of Sgt. DeMello and CRO Trahey to not only serve the community, but to share their time, knowledge, and career experiences with their fellow employees is just one more example of the outstanding individuals who make up the Oak Island Police Department.

To learn more about the services provided by the Department and how these can benefit your workplace, just use the Department Contact Form at [\*\*OakIslandNC.gov/PD\*\*](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PD) or by clicking the link below.



## Beach Safety Season Report

Last week we talked about the start of **Beach Bonfire Season**, but before we get too far into the Fall, there's a final piece of business from the Summer to address. During the **Town Council meeting** last week, Fire Chief Lee Price gave the **2025 Beach Safety Season Report** providing season data from the **Beach Safety Unit** (BSU).



The report touched on the consolidation and restructure of the Town's ***Ocean Rescue*** and ***Beach Services Units***, and how they provide an enhanced service level for residents and visitors on the beach areas.

That enhancement shown through in the numbers, as for 2025 the BSU provided "***Safety, Education, Response, Enforcement***" of:

- 566 Dogs Leash violations
- 196 Sand Dune Violations
- 809 Deep Hole "discussions" (615 Holes directly filled)
- 75 Glass Container Warnings
- 750 Emergency Access Blockages
- 1,176 Rip Current Education Contacts



With these daily interactions, plus the more than 30 estimated Rescue Tube uses, it was certainly a busy Summer for Beach Safety. **While numbers like these can make the beach seem like a dangerous place, it's just the opposite.** Increased efforts of BSU staff have worked to create a safer, better observed beach for everyone.



**But remember, safety starts with YOU!** Scanning the QR codes to view the Beach Warning Flags, and learning how to recognize and respond to Rip currents is important. To VIEW and SHARE information on these important skills, as well as the full Season Report, just visit the **Beach Safety Unit** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BSU](https://OakIslandNC.gov/BSU) 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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) or click on the link below.



## "Run Oak Island" Award Received

Last week the Recreation Department was notified that the Annual **Run Oak Island** marathon event, held in the Town each February, was recently named the **Top Marathon in North Carolina** by **RaceRaves**.



Run Oak Island is NOT a Town sponsored race, but is a massive event which is felt throughout the entire Town for multiple days during the Winter each year. Additionally, the event organizer, **Coastal Race Productions** is valued Town partner, and co-sponsor of the annual **Sunset On Summer Music Festival**.

Congratulations to CRP, along with Run Oak Island and all runners near and far on this nationwide recognition!

## 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**.

#### Monday, November 17

- **Recreation Center**
  - 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

#### Tuesday, November 18

- **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
- **801 Event Center**
  - 10:00 AM Story Time by the Sea
- **Recreation Center**
  - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

#### Wednesday, November 19

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
  - 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
  - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers with Mary Beth
  - 4:30 PM: Yoga for Balance with Tammy

- 801 Event Center
  - 11:00 AM Zumba
- Recreation Center
  - 5:00 PM Chess Club



## Thursday, November 20

- **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, November 21

- **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**
  - 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting

## Saturday, November 22

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
  - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
  - 11:30 AM: Barre w/ Suzanne

## Monday, November 24

- **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](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS).

**Click on the event flyers below to download, print, and share!**





### Fitness Calendar



### Christmas Parade

### Tree Lighting



### Holiday Market

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