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**Week of
November 24, 2025**

"**Thanks**" and "**Giving**" - two distinct, yet equally powerful words. One expresses gratitude for blessings received, and the other describes how those blessing are provided. Separately, these two words seem at opposite ends of the spectrum; when they come together that magic truly happens!



Thanksgiving is not just a holiday celebrated with turkey and dressing, but an action we take to change our perspective. It is quite literally, when we give our most closely guarded emotion ... our gratitude. Whether it's a big family dinner or quiet walk on the sand, chances are it doesn't take much to find something worth of your gratitude .here in Oak Island.

Between a full schedule of Holiday events and the building of a new beach, there's plenty to be thankful for we have to cover. So tie on a napkin and grab your favorite ladle, because we're about to serve a heapin' helpin' of good news in 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, November 25** at **9:00 AM** in the Police Department training Room, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Dr.

- To view all future meeting schedules, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS.

Holiday Closures

Town Administrative Offices and Facilities will be **CLOSED** this **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.



Beach Nourishment Now Underway

This past **Friday, November 21** the Dredging & Sand Placement operations as part of the **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project** began, with crews supporting the Hopper Dredge **RB WEEKS** operating in the area of 37th Place E.

This officially kicked off the Town's **largest non-emergency beach nourishment** operation in **25 years!**



Crews made quick work throughout the weekend, as this week starts with operations already nearing the east end of the first project section at SE 43rd St. From there, crews will resume work at 37th Pl E and proceed West.



As a reminder, 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 & SHARE the latest project updates, including the **NEW Progress Tracker Map**, just visit the **Beach Nourishment Project** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SAND or click the link below.



Customer Service Survey **CLOSING SOON**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This is the **FINAL WEEK** to participate in the **2025 Customer Service Survey**, which closes at **5:00 PM on Sunday, November 30**. Open to all Residents & Visitors, this is the Town's annual opportunity to help improve the customer experience.



The Survey is available both **online** and **in person** with paper copies at Town Hall, the Recreation Center, and all other Town facilities. This isn't just a "complaint form" either, as the Survey also welcomes positive reinforcement, and refinement of things you think are working well.

To VIEW or SHARE this FINAL WEEK of the Survey, either scan the QR code on any of the flyers seen around Town, visit **Survey Page** at OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY or click the link below.



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THE SURVEY**

Remaining Holiday Lights Install Notice

This coming **Sunday, November 30**, the remaining ***Holiday Lighting*** will be installed on the street lights and utility poles along **Country Club Drive** and **E Oak Island Drive**.



The installations will be performed by a Town contractor working within the Town Right-Of-Way (ROW), and will complete the work began by Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) on Long Beach Road SE this past Wednesday, November 19. The installations should not cause any full road closures; however, minor traffic changes may be needed in some work areas. **Please drive cautiously, and follow any onsite traffic directions given.**

To **VIEW & SHARE** this notice with others, visit the **OKInformation** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS** or click the link below.

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Toys-For-Tots Returns

Last week, one of the most iconic symbols of the season made their return to Town Hall and several other Town Facilities ... the **Toys-For-Tots Donation Boxes** are now here!



The **Oak Island Fire Department** has received and placed the official collection boxes for program in the lobby of Town Hall, as well as the **Fire Stations**:

These boxes are in addition to the many other private businesses and non-profit organizations which also have them available.

Donations can now be dropped off through Wednesday, December 10.

Although no official "wish list" is provided for the campaign, **Toys for Tots** reminds donors to please bring new, un-wrapped toys that are preferably around the \$10 or above price range. Homemade toys are also accepted, and books are also needed. Children receive 2 toys each, and 3 books count as ONE gift! *Please avoid donating realistic looking weapons or gifts with food.*

For more information on the Town of Oak Island's participation in this year's Toys for Tots campaign, contact the Oak Island Fire Department through the **Department Contact Form** at **OakIslandNC.gov/FD** or click the link below.



Staff Spotlight: Shawn Davis

This week, the Town is proud to spotlight ***Shawn Davis***, one of the newest employees of **Development Services Department**! He joined the department earlier this month as part of the Building Division.



Retired from the Army National Guard, Shawn has an extensive background in construction and even taught high school carpentry. He enjoys spending time with his family, building furniture, fishing, and learning to play golf. **Fun fact:** Shawn played Tigger at Walt Disney World!

He moved to Oak Island about 7 years ago when his wife, who used to vacation here with her family when she was younger, was offered a teaching job close by. Both were excited to make Oak Island 'home' with Shawn now enjoying the opportunity to serve the community in a greater capacity.

To learn more about the work Shawn and all of the Building Division staff do each day, just visit the **Development Services** page at OakIslandNC.gov/DS or click the link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



Holiday Travel Safety



It's no secret, **Thanksgiving** is the **busiest travel time of the year**, and 2025 looks to be no exception. According to **AAA**, a "projected **81.8 million people** will travel at least 50 miles from home over the Thanksgiving holiday period." That estimate includes 1.6 million more travelers than last year, setting a new overall record.

If you plan to do any traveling on the roads this week, please heed these simple, important reminders:

- **Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time.**

- Even if you're off the highway and have made it safely to your destination, don't let a quick trip to the store for a forgotten ingredient turn into disaster for your family. Seatbelts save lives and can turn a tragedy into a holiday miracle.

- **"If You Feel Different, You Drive Different"**

- Whether it's from alcohol, recreational drugs, or even prescription medication, it's important to remember that anything which affects your motor skills and orientation even the slightest, can have major impacts to your reaction times and awareness when driving. Just like you ensure your own safety by buckling up, help ensure others on the roadway get to their holiday events safely by driving sober.

As you drive the roads through the week ahead, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is working to help make you aware of potential travel hazards and slow downs, through the **DriveNC website**. This helpful resource provides important information to keep you safe as you travel across the state. To **VIEW & SHARE** the **DriveNC** site, visit **www.DriveNC.com** or click the link below.



New Officer Notice

The **Police Department** is starting this holiday week being **THANKFUL** that we get to announce a **NEW OFFICER ... Cody Barker!**



Born and raised in High Point, North Carolina, Barker graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) in 2022 and worked for the Davidson County Sheriff's Office for two years before joining the City of High Point as a Park Ranger. 

This allowed him to gain valuable experience in law enforcement, and helped shape his overall experiences in public service, which also includes Firefighter Level I & II and HazMat Certifications he earned as a volunteer with the Guil-Rand Fire Department.

Throughout his more than 1,500 hours of law enforcement training and several years career experience, he has developed a deep understanding of safety, crisis response, and community engagement. Skills which will be welcome addition to our community.

Please help us welcome Cody Barker as the newest addition to the Oak Island Police Department team. To learn more and share about the services provided by the Department just visit OakIslandNC.gov/PD 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 or click on the link below.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



FINAL NOTICE: Parade Applications Due



OK, it's getting serious ... this is the **FINAL WEEK** for **Parade Entry Applications** to be submitted for the 2025 Christmas By The Sea Parade.

Don't let that post-thanksgiving "Turkey Nap" keep you or your business from participating in one of the most anticipated events of the year! The parade is scheduled for **Saturday, December 6** starting at **2:00 PM** and will be held **RAIN or SHINE!**

To submit YOUR Parade Entry Application now, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PARADE** or click the flyer below.



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, November 25

- **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, November 26

- **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 27

- **Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving**

Friday, November 28

- **Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving**

Saturday, November 29

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

Monday, December 1

- **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



Tree Lighting



Christmas Parade



Holiday Market

THANK YOU



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