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Week of
December 1, 2025

Did you blink? If so, you might have missed what seemed like 2025 whizzing right by! From **Mardi Gras** fun in February to a **Spooktacular** October, we've already made it to the last month of the year.



That doesn't mean the fun is over however. In fact, we're just getting started on a **FULL** slate of **HOLIDAZE** activities for the month ahead, along with some important Town business to cover too.

So toss out that leftover turkey, as ***don we now our "swimming" apparel*** and jump into this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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Council & Board Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, December 1 at 4:00 PM** in the Community Center, located at 102 SE 47th St.



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

Holiday Closures

Town Administrative Offices and Facilities will **CLOSE** at **NOON** on **Friday, December 19** for a Staff Development & Appreciation event, and also be **CLOSED** this **Wednesday - Friday, December 24 – 26** in observance of **Christmas**.

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will run on normal schedules; **however, delays may occur** due to increase volumes and holiday traffic.
- The **Convenience Disposal Site** will **CLOSE** at **NOON** on **Friday, December 19**, and also be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday & Friday, December 24 & 26**.
- To view all Holiday Closures, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY.



SPECIAL NOTICE: Social Media Changes Coming

Earlier this year, the Town conducted a **Social Media Survey** to help review and refine the way we engage with followers online (*a special Thank You to the hundreds of participants who responded!*). This Survey was the first public action taken as part of a comprehensive overhaul of the Town's **Social Media Policy**.

In our efforts to create a more focused, engaging social media presence, **several SIGNIFICANT changes will be made to the Town's Social Media Accounts beginning in JANUARY 2026**. To learn more about these changes and the reasons behind them, click the **special message** below.

Special Message on Social Media Changes

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We understand that significant change can sometimes be alarming. These changes come after more than a year of dedicated research and evaluation, and will add to the mission of the Town's Communications Office.

If you have questions or would like to know more, contact the **Communications Office** through the Department Contact Form at OakIslandNC.gov/CO or click the link below.



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Christmas By the Sea Weekend Preview

The lights are up and the tree has been trimmed! **THIS WEEKEND** brings some of the most festive fun of the year for Oak Island! Here's a quick rundown of the **Christmas By the Sea** activities for the weekend ahead:

- **TREE LIGHTING:** On **Friday, December 5** at **5:00 PM** in the Middleton Park Complex, the Town's annual Christmas Tree Lighting event will include train rides, live entertainment, craft stations, letters to Santa, and even a visit from the Big Guy himself!
- **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** (**Registration FULL** - waitlist available) Following his appearance at the Tree Lighting, Santa will build up quite an appetite! On **Saturday, December 6** at **8:00 AM**, join Santa at the **Oak Island Community Center** for a hearty breakfast for only **\$10** for Town Residents (**\$12 Non-Residents**). Registration is required for this event, so [CLICK HERE to learn more](#).
- **PARADE:** Following breakfast, Santa will take a stride down E Oak Island Drive as the featured entry in the **Christmas By The Sea Parade**. Starting at **2:00 PM** on **Saturday, December 6**, the Parade will begin in front of Town Hall at SE 46th St. and proceed all the way down the McGlamery St.
- **HOLIDAY MARKET:** On **Sunday, December 7** from **NOON - 4:00 PM** in the Middleton Park Complex, Oak Island brings holiday shopping opportunities directly to coastal residents! Visit with area vendors as they offer a one-of-a-kind shopping experience, complete with locally made and grown gift opportunities just in time for the holidays!

These are just the kickoff, as there's plenty of other activities being offered through throughout the **HOLIDAZE**. To view all of the upcoming activities, just visit the **Town Events** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS](#) or click the link below.

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Beach Nourishment Update

The **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project** has now entered its second full week of operations, and progress continues to move on schedule for the Town's **largest non-emergency beach nourishment** operation in **25 years!** Over the holiday break last week, Assistant Town Manager Kent Jackson (pictured below) toured the construction areas, and was given a full onsite briefing now that regular operations are underway.



As of **Monday, December 1** Dredging & Sand Placement has been **COMPLETED** from **SE 43rd St.** to **29th Pl E.** Operations are currently in the area between **29th Pl E** and **19th Pl E**, working to move WEST.

As a reminder, operations are conducted **24 hours per day** and 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.



Staff Spotlight: NEW Parks Manager

This week, the Town is proud to spotlight our **NEW Parks Manager, Rob Crabb!** As part of this new position, his hiring brings the "**Parks**" back into the **Parks & Recreation Department**.



Rob has more than over 32 years of experience working in Parks & Golf Course Construction and Maintenance! Born and raised in Georgia, where he also graduated from the University of Georgia, Rob enjoys watching Bulldogs football almost as much as his hobbies of beachcombing, fishing, grilling ... and of course, *golfing!*



FUN FACT: Rob comes to Oak Island from previous work in Colorado, where he also once played leftfield for the MABL's Denver Indians baseball team.

Rob is excited to be joining the Oak Island team, and looks forward to this new chapter serving the community. To learn more about the work he'll be doing each day, visit the **Parks & Recreation** page at OakIslandNC.gov/REC or click the link below.

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Help Prevent "Porch Pirates"

Living on the coast, we're all familiar with **PIRATES**. This holiday season however, the **Police Department** reminds everyone to **keep pirates in the past & off of your porch!**



With a majority of shoppers now buying at least some of their holiday gifts online, here are some helpful reminders to help prevent "porch pirates" from swiping your seasonal gifts:

- **USE the “Specific Instructions” option.** Many online retailers allow you to add specific instructions on where and how to leave packages. Use this feature to let couriers know a more secure or hidden location to leave packages.
- **REQUIRE a signature.** If you can schedule a time to be home when your packages arrive, that's great! However, there may also be contact-free ways to sign through most delivery services. Adding the “signature required” and “delivery confirmation” options are great tools if available.
- **INSTALL motion activated lights.** Even though it's getting darker earlier, delivery drivers are still working well into the night. Simple, inexpensive, outdoor lighting with motion sensors can be a big deterrent to thieves.
- **CONSIDER adding a doorbell camera.** These don't have to be expensive units - you can even repurpose an old smartphone! Their main goal is to have a clear, high quality view of your delivery area when you're away. This is much easier to do if you're following the “Special instructions” tip above, and designating a safe space for deliveries.

FINALLY, remember to simply **be a good neighbor**. The holidays can be a stressful time, and delivery drivers are human too. Mistakes happen! With streets named by number AND direction here in Oak Island, we often see packages delivered to the wrong house (ex: a “NE” address instead of “NW” street, etc.). Taking a few minutes to make sure an incorrectly delivered package gets to the right home, could make all the difference in someone else's holiday. Even “Santa's Helpers” need a little help sometimes!

For further questions or concerns about safety this holiday season, or to sign up for a 'Security Check' while you're away traveling, use the Department Contact Form on the **Police Department** page at 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 the link below.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



More Holidaze Ahead

As mentioned earlier, this weekend's ***Christmas By The Sea*** activities are just the beginning! Because there's more Parks & Recreation's ***Holidaze*** events to come in Oak Island!



We have programs and events for all ages to last throughout the month ahead! From Christmas Crafts, to the Snowball Dance, to the Candy Cane Hunt -- there's still more events coming to help ignite a Yule Log of cheer in everyone!



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, December 2

- **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
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Santa Paws

Wednesday, December 3

- **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

Thursday, December 4

- **Recreation Center**
 - 7:00 AM Gentle Sunrise and Shine Yoga with Jeanette
 - 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with MB
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Maggie



- 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

Friday, December 5

- **Recreation Center**
 - 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
 - 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow yoga
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 6

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
 - 11:30 AM: Barre w/ Suzanne
- **Oak Island Community Center**
 - Breakfast with Santa (pre-registration required)
- **SE 46th Street**
 - 2:00 PM Christmas by the Sea Parade put on by the Town

Sunday, December 7

- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - NOON – 4:00 PM Holiday Market

Monday, December 8

- **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
- **Oak Island Community Center**
 - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Christmas Bingo

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

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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