



THE CURRENT

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**Week of
December 8, 2025**

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



More eagle-eyed readers may recognize this week's cover as an **older** photo of the Town's Christmas Tree, located in the Middleton Park Complex ... mainly because the one in this photo ***isn't soaking wet!***

Yes sadly, last Friday's Annual **Tree Lighting Ceremony** was moved indoors due to heavy downpours, but thankfully the **Christmas By The Sea Parade** and ***Holiday Market*** were eventually able to shake off the soggy weather and end on a dry(ish), happy note! 🎵

Even though the season may have started in the rain, there's still a whole stocking full of **HOLIDAZE** activities to go, along with some important Town business for the week ahead. So swap last week's raincoats for a festive wetsuit, and let's dive right in to 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, December 9** at **10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store at 5402 E Oak Island Drive.

TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 9** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 10** at **10:00 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

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 increased 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.

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Agenda Preview

On **Tuesday, December 9** at **6:00 PM** the Town Council will hold its regular meeting in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

CLICK HERE to PREVIEW the Meeting Agenda



Sign-up sheets for commenting during the public comment periods will be available in the back of the meeting room prior to the meeting. Individual speakers have three minutes. To download the Meeting

Agenda, watch this meeting LIVE, or view video or agenda information from any previous meeting, just visit the **Meetings Information** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below. the link below.

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Sidewalk Project Underway

Back in the **October 20 edition** we announced the start of **Phase I** of the **Commercial Area Sidewalk Improvement Project** designed to add **NEW sidewalk** along more than half a mile of E Oak Island Drive, from NE 46th St. to NE 56th St.

In the latest update to that project, last week **construction officially began!** Pictured in the graphic below, the sidewalks are being installed by Morgan Trucking and General Construction Inc., with a currently projected completion time at the **end of February, 2026.**



This new sidewalk will greatly improve safety in one of the busiest areas of Town, and make way for the future installation of **Pedestrian Crosswalks**, as required by NCDOT before crosswalks can be installed.

IMPORTANT: While construction is underway, there may be periods of **noise, dust, moving machinery**, and **temporary access restrictions** to streets and parking lots in the area. **Please drive cautiously through these work zones, and pay attention to any traffic controls onsite!**

For more information on the or to follow along with the progress of this and all other construction efforts throughout Town, just visit the **Town Projects** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS or click the link below.



Beach Nourishment Update

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT WALK IN OR NEAR CONSTRUCTION AREAS!! There have been several reports of people walking in or around construction zones, and bypassing the safety netting. **THIS IS PROHIBITED AND DANGEROUS!** For the safety of everyone, please respect the areas which have been **CLOSED** for construction, including Beach Access Pathways. Even if no activity is present, staged equipment can be dangerous.

The **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project** is now in its **THIRD** full week of operations, and progress continues to move on schedule. Crews have started this week working in the area from **22nd Pl E** to **11th Pl E**. As of **Monday, December 8** Dredging & Sand Placement has been **COMPLETED** from **SE 43rd St.** to **25th Pl E**.



REMINDER: This project is a **24 hours per day** operation, resulting in **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.



Social Media Changes Reminder

In **last week's edition**, a first announcement was made on important changes coming to the Town's various **Social Media Accounts**. As part of the Town's efforts to create a more focused, engaging social media presence, **several social media pages will be consolidated or deactivated, beginning in JANUARY 2026**. Additionally, accounts on some new platforms may be added as well.

On **Wednesday, December 3**, notices for these changes were officially posted on the affected social media pages themselves.



These changes come after more than a year of dedicated research and evaluation, with a goal of modernizing our platforms to help **serve you better**. Even with that goal in mind, we understand that significant change can sometimes be alarming.

To READ & SHARE the FULL Notice explaining these changes and the reason's behind them, visit the **Special Notification Page** at OakIslandNC.gov/SOCIAL or click the link below.



Business Bulletin Published for February

This past Tuesday, the **December 2025** edition of the **Business Bulletin** was published, featuring several exciting announcements for the business community to round out the calendar year. This month's edition featured progress updates on the Commercial Code Repair project, and highlighted funds still available for **Façade Improvement Grant Program**.



The Business Bulletin is an e-newsletter developed by the Town's Business Advisory Board and Economic Development Office. Every edition is crafted to illuminate the latest updates, insights, and opportunities, tailored exclusively for the local business community. Join us as we shine a spotlight on the heartbeat of commerce in the Town of Oak Island, fostering connections, and fostering growth.

New editions are emailed directly to those on the subscriber list each month. To sign up to receive new editions, visit the Economic Development page at OakIslandNC.gov/ECON or click on link below.

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SAFETY BRIEF



Coffee With A Cop

- **WHEN:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025 • 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- **WHERE:** 2710 W Yacht Drive
- **COST:** FREE

Come join Santa and the Oak Island Police Department at **Ms. Suzie's Dazzling Christmas Wonderland** as **Coffee With A Cop RETURNS** to close out the year with some holiday cheer!



Enjoy coffee or hot cocoa, snap free pictures with Santa, and marvel at the spectacular lights and decorations! All while chatting with our friendly officers -- No agenda, just holiday cheer and good company, where everyone's welcome!

To VIEW & SHARE this and all other special happenings in the Town of Oak Island, just visit the ***Town Events*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS 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***



Remaining Holiday Activities

Although the official ***Christmas By The Sea*** weekend is now past, that doesn't mean the holiday fun is over! There's still plenty of ***Holiday*** activities being offered at ***Oak Island Parks & Recreation!***



From ***Christmas Crafts***, to a ***Snowball Dance***, and even a ***Candy Cane Hunt*** -- there's still more holiday fun for everyone to be had in Oak Island.

To view the full list, just visit the ***Town Events*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS or click the link below.

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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 9

- **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 Chocolate & S'mores Truck

- **Recreation Center**

- 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club



Wednesday, December 10

- **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 11

- **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 12

- **Recreation Center**

- 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
- 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow yoga

Saturday, December 13

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- 11:30 AM: Barre w/ Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:30-7:30 Snowball Dance (pre-registration Required)

Monday, December 15

- **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



Coffee With A Cop



Snowball Dance



Candy Cane Hunt

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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PAST EDITION ARCHIVE

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Past editions of both the weekly and monthly formats are available to view anytime, by clicking the links below.