



THE CURRENT

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Week of
December 15, 2025

With such a frigid start to this week, it almost seems like we're heading towards another "white Christmas" like the one as seen in this week's cover photo, featuring a **15-year throwback to December 2010**, when Oak Island experienced a rare **Christmas Snowstorm** with around 2 inches of snow.



While the 15 years since that moment was captured seem to have gone by just as fast as the last few weeks, there's no need to write the year off just yet! While the Parade and Holiday Markets are behind us, there's still a few **HOLIDAZE** activities to go, and some final 2025 Town Business to attend to.

So before we enter the final rush of 2025 next week, let's take a moment to slow down, reflect on the past, and sail through the year's remaining moments in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



PLANNING BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, December 18 at 9:00 AM** in the Council Chamber 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

THIS WEEK: Town Administrative Offices & Facilities will **CLOSE** at **NOON** on **Friday, December 19** for an All-Staff Development & Appreciation event.

Town offices will also be **CLOSED** next **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.



Town Council Actions Review

This past **Tuesday, December 9** the Oak Island Town Council held its regular meeting in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

[CLICK HERE to View the Council Actions Taken](#)

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To watch the video of this meeting, or to view the video and agenda information from any previous meeting, visit the ***Meetings Information*** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below. the link below.

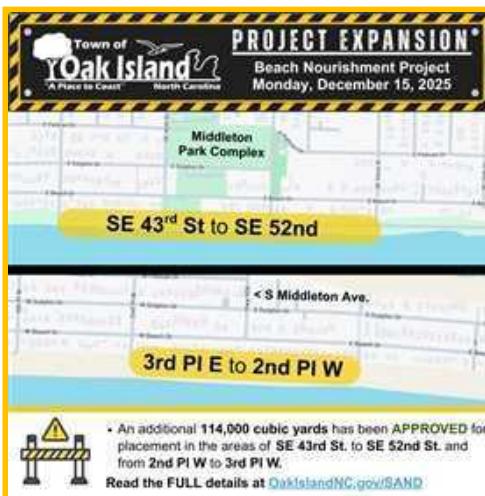


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Beach Nourishment Update

This week, the **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project** marks a full month since on-beach operations began back on **November 21**.

IMPORTANT UPDATE • ADDITIONAL SAND APPROVED: As noted in the **Council Actions Report** above, Council approved the placement of an additional **114,000 cubic yards of sand**. This was made available due to a **Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Grant** in the amount of **\$3M**. This additional sand will be placed in the areas of **SE 43rd St.** to **SE 52nd St.** and from **2nd Pl W** to **3rd Pl W**. Beyond this noted addition, the project has already placed over 255,000 of the 941,000 cubic yards provided in the Base Contract.



NOTE: Work on the **Wilmington Harbor Project**, which will provide sand to the eastern portions of the Town's beach area, continues to progress on schedule as well. Sand placement in neighboring Caswell Beach continues, with the project expected to reach Town Limits at the McGlamery St. Beach Access Location by early January, 2026. Once this operation reaches the Town Limits, it will be reflected on the **Progress Tracker** map, located on the **Beach Nourishment Project** page.

To **VIEW & SHARE** the latest updates and full project information, visit the page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SAND** or click the link below.



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Sidewalk & Crossings Update

Following a soggy start over the first weekend in December, **Phase I** of the **Commercial Area Sidewalk Improvement Project** gained (or rather, "**paved**") much ground over the past week. So far the project added approximately **900 linear feet** of **NEW** sidewalk on the North side of E Oak Island Drive as it works from **NE 46th St.** to **NE 56th St.**

Once the sidewalk is finished, construction will begin on the NCDOT approved **Pedestrian Crosswalk** featuring a **lighted crossing signal** at the intersection of **E Oak Island Dr.** and **NE 51st St.**



This new sidewalk and pedestrian crossing are expected to **greatly improve pedestrian safety** in one of the busiest areas of Town, and will be joined by future pedestrian safety enhancements to come.

REMINDER: 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!**

To **VIEW & SHARE** the latest updates for this and all other construction efforts throughout Town, just visit the **Town Projects** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS or click the link below.

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Lunch & Learn Success

They say one of the best ways to get to know somebody, is to share a meal together. This past **Friday, December 12**, that's exactly what happened when more than **60 contractors, builders, and developers** came together for the 2nd Annual **Lunch & Learn Contractors Workshop**.

This workshop invited members of the local building community for an in-person training on the latest updates to regulations and ordinances for Stormwater Management and Tree Preservation.



Over the past year the Town has made several significant advances in tree management, as well as improved regulations for managing stormwater runoff from construction sites. The Workshop provides a crucial meeting point for Town staff and builders to come together and learn about changes, discuss impacts, and even address frustrations with any further improvements that may be needed. All with the ultimate goal of promoting responsible growth that helps to preserve our environment and tree canopy.

If you're a local builder who missed the event, we can't give you the delicious meal, but you can still watch the video of the presentation. Just go to the Town's **YouTube channel** at OakIslandNC.gov/TV or click the link below.



Grinding Of The Greens Returns

While the Christmas season may have just begun for some, there are other observers who've been watering their Christmas trees since **Spooktacular** ended. Regardless of when the trees were first trimmed, the **Public Works Department** will be there to help when it's time to take them down.

The annual ***Grinding of the Greens*** program will once again be available, starting on **December 26** and running through **January 16, 2026**, with collection area in the **Middleton Park Complex** parking lot at 4610 E Dolphin Drive.

This program provides a convenient and environmentally beneficial way to dispose of live Christmas trees, where after collection they are ground up and used as mulch in various Town parks and facilities. For those participating, please **remember to REMOVE ALL decorations** before dropping trees off.



DO NOT leave trees on the beach / dunes or burn trees as part of beach bonfires!

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SAFETY BRIEF



Cold Weather Reminders

This week has started off unpleasantly, as the **National Weather Service** issued an **Extreme Cold Watch**, due to arctic air which arrived Sunday evening and brought **wind chills of 6°-15°**.

Over the weekend, the Town's Public Safety Departments joined with Public Utilities to provide some important reminders to help ensure **Personal & Pet Safety** as well as **Home Protection**.

In general, the goal is to **Protect the 4 “Ps”** (People, Pets, Plants, Pipes)! As we're sure this isn't the last of the cold weather we'll be seeing in the season ahead, it's important to keep these reminders handy. To VIEW & SHARE the **FULL notice** with all of the reminders, visit the **OKInformation** page at OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS or click the link below.



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Chief Morris Responds to Southport Award

In a special presentation during the Oak Island Town Council Meeting last week, Southport Police Chief Todd Coring presented Oak Island Police Chief Charlie Morris with one of the highest awards issued by the Department, a **Meritorious Service Award**. This was presented in recognition of the assistance Chief Morris provided during a mass shooting response which occurred on September 27th of this year.



During the presentation, Chief Coring noted the two departments share “ ,” which was “ () .” Later in the week, Chief Morris responded in a heartfelt posting on the Town's social media pages, in which he wrote, in part:

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From the Oak Island Police Department and all of the Town of Oak Island, Thank You to our neighbors in Southport! We remain committed to standing with you! To **VIEW & SHARE** the **FULL** response, visit the Town of Oak Island Facebook page at [Facebook.com/TownofOakIslandNC](https://www.facebook.com/TownofOakIslandNC) 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



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 ***THIS WEEK*** at ***Ms. Suzie's Dazzling Christmas Wonderland*** for our latest ***Coffee With A Cop!***



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**](http://OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS) or click the link 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, December 16

- **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 Groovy Whiskers Coffee Truck at the Center selling coffee



- **Recreation Center**

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

Wednesday, December 17

- **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 18

- **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

- **801 Ocean Event Center**

- 10:00 AM Story Time by the Sea

- **Bill Smith Park**

- 6:00 PM Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt

- **Excursion**

- 4:30 PM Enchanted Airlie (pre-registration required)

Friday, December 19

- **Recreation Center**

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

- **Recreation Center Closes at NOON**

- **Ocean Education Center**

- 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting

Saturday, December 20

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

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

Monday, December 22

- **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



Coffee With A Cop



Candy Cane Hunt

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