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**Week of
December 22, 2025**

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

"O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright ..." Far surpassing the red and green boughs of holly, or the glinting tinsel of silver and gold, shines the simple, twinkling beauty of the stars in the night sky. No matter where that star's light may lead, we can think of no better place to view its fantastic display than on a cool Winter's night right here in our own Oak Island.

PLEASE NOTE: Town Offices & Facilities will be CLOSED this week on Wednesday - Friday, in observance of Christmas.

Additionally, *The CURRENT* will NOT be published for next week (December 29) and will return on Monday, January 5, 2026.

From the Staff & Management of the Town of Oak Island, our deepest wishes of ***safety, comfort, joy and peace*** as we close out this year. Looking ahead to a happy and prosperous new one to come, join us as we take one final dip for 2025 in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

There are NO Board or Council meetings for the week ahead. To view all future meeting schedules, visit the *Meetings Information* page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS.

Holiday Closures

THIS WEEK: Town Offices & Facilities will be **CLOSED** on **Wednesday - Friday, December 24 – 26** in observance of **Christmas**.

NEXT WEEK: Offices & Facilities will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday January 1, 2026** in celebration of **New Year's Day**.

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

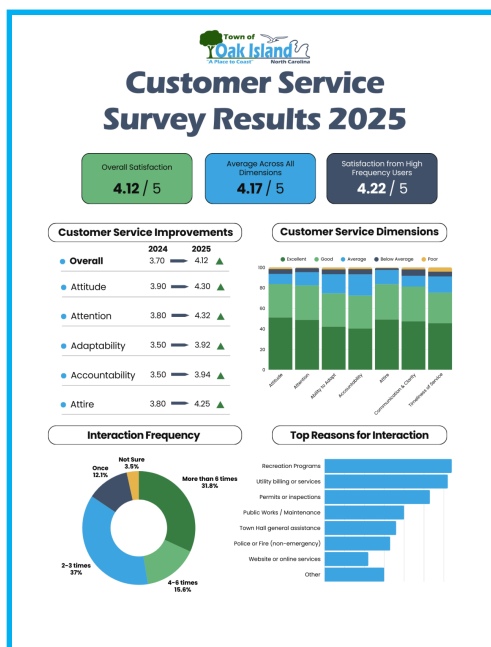
NEWS & NOTICES



Survey Says ... Improvements Made

From November 10 - 30, the Town of Oak Island invited residents and visitors to participate in the Second Annual **Customer Service Survey**, as part of the Town's ongoing efforts to improve the customer experience in Town Hall and all other facilities.

Well now, the results of the survey are in, and thanks to **YOUR** input over the last year, some positive changes are starting to show!



As noted in the graph above, The 2025 Customer Service Survey reveals consistently strong satisfaction with Town staff across all major service areas, with an overall **satisfaction score** of **4.12** (out of 5). This year's Survey showed a **significant improvement** from the first year, where the Survey showed an overall score of **just 3**.

The actions taken to improve the customer experience over the past year are a **DIRECT RESULT** of the feedback given in the first Survey back in 2024 ... **and their success is showing!**

Of course this isn't all just a one big pat on our back. The survey reveals there are still some important **areas for improvement** as well. With a **3.94 score**, is revealed some work is still needed in the area of **Accountability**. While a score solidly falls within the "Good" range, showing the Town's day-to-day customer service behaviors are reliably strong, the Town will working to strengthen follow-through and speed of service moving forward.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this year's Survey. This is **vital part** of improving **your experience** when interacting with Town staff; and provides the **direct communication** that we can't get from any other source. To download and share this news, just click the **Survey Results** graphic above, or click the link below.



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Beach Nourishment Update

Important Note: Work on the 2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project will continue through the Town's holidays closures. This will include *noise, moving machinery, ground vibrations*, and *closed beach areas*.

To ensure the **safety of everyone**, please **respect the boundaries** of all **closed areas**, and **DO NOT** distract crews onsite by attempting to speak with them or ask them questions. The ***Project Information*** page will continue to be updated on a regular basis.



Upcoming Work: As noted last week, **an additional 114,000 cubic yards of sand** has been added to the project. For the week ahead, crews have returned to work in the area of **SE 43rd St. to SE 52nd St.** to place this additional sand. After placement has been completed at SE 52nd St., crews will **return to the area of 9th Pl E** and continue working WEST.

Additionally, work on the **Wilmington Harbor Project** is expected to reach Town limits at the McGlamery St. Beach Access location by next week (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](https://oakislandnc.gov/SAND)** or click the link below.

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Nuclear Siren Test

[NOTE: This notice is provided by Duke Energy, for more information visit [duke-energy.com/NuclearEP/](https://www.duke-energy.com/NuclearEP/)]

On **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** between **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** Duke Energy and county officials will perform a **Five - to 30 second quarterly test** of the sirens around the Brunswick Nuclear Plant.



No public action is required. This quarterly test is performed to ensure the sirens are functioning properly. Sirens will sound for five to 30 seconds, and anyone who hears a siren **during scheduled testing does not need to take action.**

- During testing, some sirens may be tested more than once. Follow-up testing after siren maintenance may be required after 11:00 AM.
- Because this is a test, local broadcasting stations will not interrupt regular programming to broadcast Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages. If there was a real emergency requiring the sirens to be sounded, local radio and television stations would broadcast information to the public.

To VIEW & SHARE this notice as provided by Duke Energy visit the **OKInformation** page of the Town Website at **[OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/NEWS)** or click the link below.



Grinding Of The Greens Reminder

Christmas is officially on Thursday, and for some punctual partakers, that means the their live Christmas trees will come down first thing on Friday!

Thanks to the annual ***Grinding of the Greens*** program, tree collection will once again be available starting this **Friday, December 26** and run through **January 16, 2026**, with a collection area in the **Middleton Park Complex** parking lot at 4610 E Dolphin Drive.

Organized by the Public Works Department, 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. **REMINDERS:** please **remove ALL decorations** before dropping trees off, and **DO NOT** leave trees on the beach / dunes or burn them as part of beach bonfires!

To VIEW & SHARE this information, just click the notice on the ***OKInformation*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/NEWS)** or click the link below.





Travel Safely; Celebrate Responsibly

We know the next couple of weeks will be ***BUSY***, so let's get right to the point with some **important annual messaging**:

FIREWORKS. Pretty, but problematic. We get it, sometimes people just like to send out the old year with a bang! However, as a general "rule of thumb" please "try to keep your thumbs" and avoid fireworks which ***explode or fly up into the air***, as those is illegal in the state of North Carolina.

Sharing an island space where houses are close together, we've sadly seen the results of what happens when this isn't followed. **Also prohibited** are fireworks such as firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets, and things that spin on the ground, and can result in a Class II misdemeanor.

To us however, it's about so much more than just following a set of rules, it's about **SAFETY and the protection or property**. If you're knowledge of operating an aerial firework is to simply "*light it and run*" then there's a good possibility our fire engines could be showing up at your house ***or your neighbors!*** So please, be considerate of yourself, of others, and even their pets. Leave the New Year's Eve pyrotechnics to the professionals.

Speaking of considering others ...

DRUNK DRIVING: DON'T DO IT! It's a simple as that.

Regardless of whether you're celebrating a new year, or just getting through a holiday dinner with your crazy cousins ... don't make 2026 the worst year ever for you or someone you love.

Remember that "***buzzed driving IS drunk driving!***" Being even slightly impaired isn't just taking a chance on your skill, it's forcing everyone else on the road to take a chance on you as well.

If there's even the slightest concern of impairment, then please ***use a taxi, friend, or ride sharing*** service to get you where you need to go. This is the season to celebrate with the ones you care about. Don't let one set of poor decisions steal that opportunity from you or others.

Finally, if at any point you need emergency assistance throughout this holiday season, **WE ARE HERE!** Do not hesitate to CALL 9-1-1. As always, Police Fire, and Emergency Services are available in your time of need.

You can help us to **SHARE this important holiday safety message**, simply visit the ***OKInformation*** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/NEWS)** or click the link below.



Coffee With A Cop Success

On **Wednesday, December 17** The Oak Island Police Department Officers enjoyed the coffee, conversations, and connections made with OVER 200 residents who showed up to the last ***Coffee With A Cop*** event for 2025, held at Ms. Suzie's "***Dazzling Christmas Wonderland***" on W Yacht Drive.



It was a great night for the community, with Santa & Mrs. Claus onsite to greet everyone as they enjoyed the extensive Christmas light show!

This event was organized by our **Community Resource Officer**, who works to strengthen relationships within our community, so that the Department can better serve our residents and visitors. Special thanks to Suzie Todd for hosting the event and for sharing her spectacular light show, along with Lisa Robinson of Coastline Insurance for sponsoring the Coffee & Hot Chocolate, provided by Big Pups Coffee Company.

To **VIEW & SHARE** and share the photos from the evening's activities, just 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](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/SAFETY)** or click on the link below.



Class Time Change: Yoga For Balance

Starting on **Wednesday, December 31, 2025** the ***Yoga for Balance with Tammy*** fitness class offered at the Oak Island Recreation Center each Wednesday at 4:30 PM, will be **MOVING** to **NEW TIME** of **10:30 AM**.

For more information on this or any other fitness classes offered at the Oak Island Recreation Center, visit the ***Weekly Fitness Programs*** listing page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/PROGRAMS)** 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**.

Monday, December 22

- **Recreation Center**
 - 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, December 23

- **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, December 24 - Friday, December 26

- **Recreation Center CLOSED**

Saturday, December 27

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

- 11:30 AM: Barre w/ Suzanne

Monday, December 29

- **Recreation Center**

- 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, December 30

- **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, December 31

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers with Mary Beth
- 10:30 AM Yoga for Balance with Tammy

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- **Recreation Center CLOSED**

Friday, January 2, 2026

- **Recreation Center**

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

Saturday, January 3, 2026

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

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

Monday, January 5, 2026

- **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



Mardi Gras Festival



JANUARY Calendar

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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