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**Week of
February 2, 2026**

This week certainly didn't start out with all the "warm, fuzzy feelings" you get in the month that hosts Valentine's Day! From **record-setting snowfall** to a very **uncooperative groundhog**, it seems the icy grip of Winter refuses to let go.



- **NOTE: For the latest Storm Response Information, visit OakIslandNC.gov/WX.**

Don't lose hope just yet! Even though this week's cover photo may feature the Middleton Park Amphitheater all blanketed in snow, **Summer is still coming** ... and we've got the **Live Band Lineup** to prove it!

But before we start trading the snow sleds for surfboards just yet, there's still plenty of Town business and events to cover. So get cozy, as we skip the usual water metaphor (NO "diving into" today!) and simply read this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD regular meeting was **POSTPONED** due to weather. A **RESCHEDULE** date will be determined and published later this week.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, February 5 at 8:30 AM** in the Police Department Training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.

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

Holidays & Closures

There are **NO holidays or facility closures** expected within the week ahead. Town Offices & Facilities will next be **CLOSED** on **Friday, April 3, 2026** in observance of **Good Friday**.

- To view all Holiday Closures, visit: OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY.



Storm Response Review

As briefly mentioned in this edition's intro, this past weekend Winter Storm Gianna brought the **lowest temperatures** and **highest snowfall** amounts the Cape Fear region has seen in **DECades**.

Throughout the entire event, the **Storm Response Information** page has remained the **official source** of preparation and response information from the Town of Oak Island. So far, this event provided the page with more than a dozen updates, resulting in **FOUR** Emails / Text Alerts through the **OKInformation** system and **thousands** of page visits!





- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** will resume the **normal schedule** on Tuesday, February 3
- **ALL Town Offices & Facilities** will have a **delayed opening** at **10:00 AM** on Tuesday (unless otherwise noted)
- The **Oak Island Pier** will be **open** on Tuesday from **10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
- and the **Par 3 Golf** will remain **CLOSED** until further notice
- The Emergency Declaration signed by Mayor Chris Brown on Sunday, February 1 **remains active**, with no restrictions currently imposed, however the Declaration may be amended as necessary.

Additional page updates will continue to be posted throughout the week ahead, as lingering cold temperatures may create further travel and personal safety hazards.

In the meantime, **the Management & Staff of the Town of Oak Island extend a sincere THANK YOU** to everyone who followed Storm Response page, received the updates, and helped guide others to this single source by SHARING the link. By joining together, we help to eliminate the misinformation and confusion caused by so many voices speaking at once.

To continue viewing and sharing the latest updates on the **Storm Response Information** page, just visit OakIslandNC.gov/WX or click the link below.



OKInsight Survey Now Open

Last week we announced the return of the Town's **OKInsight Community Survey**! Starting **NOW** through the end of the month, the "OKI + Insight" Survey is once again **OPEN!**



The largest and most comprehensive survey the Town hosts has returned to engage **residents, property owners, and businesses**, providing input on a wide range of issues. The Survey looks at multiple areas, including quality of life in the Town and satisfaction with core Town services, as well as perceptions of safety and value.

The Survey is open to **EVERYONE** and will be available from **February 2 - 28, 2026**. Results will help provide statistically valid insights that Town leaders can use to strategically plan for the future.

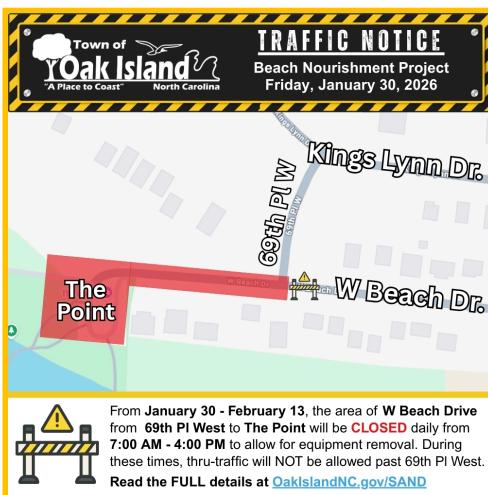
To SHARE and PARTICIPATE in the Survey, visit OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY or click the link below..



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TO TAKE
THE SURVEY**

Beach Nourishment: Demobilization

As of NOON this past **Saturday, January 31**, sand placement operations were **COMPLETED** for the **Off-Shore Oak Island** (OS-OKI) portion of the **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project**. To allow for the demobilization and removal of equipment, the area of **W Beach Drive** from 69th Pl West to The Point is now being **CLOSED** daily to all thru-traffic from 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



Sand placement for the **Wilmington Harbor** project being conducted by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is **still active**, and is currently near the area of **SE 69th Street**; expecting to be completed by the end of this week.

Although ALL sand placement operations could be completed this week, **it is more important than ever to keep the safety of everyone as a top priority!** Please follow all detours, road closures, and onsite traffic direction as these projects work to remove the many pieces of large equipment and heavy machinery which drove the project.

Their demobilization work will be reflected on the ***Beach Nourishment Information*** page. To **VIEW & SHARE** the page, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/SAND** or click the link below.

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TO VISIT
THE PAGE**

Outside Agency Funding Notice



A top priority for the Town of Oak Island is to ensure all **tax dollars are used in the best possible manner** for the benefit of our citizens. To help achieve this, **recent updates** have been made to the **qualifications and requirements** for specific programs to receive provided funds. These updates have replaced the previous funding methods for general nonprofit services and operations.

The purpose of this policy is to promote partnerships between the Town of Oak Island and non-profit agencies for the benefit of Oak Island residents, to equitably and efficiently allocate resources to strengthen agencies, and to provide sound and clear methods for decisions.

The updated **Outside Agency Funding Application** requires an Agency Mission Statement, Key Accomplishments, Goals, Objectives, and information on the specific program(s) for which the agency is requesting funds, and how it aligns with the **Town's Strategic Plan**.

Applications for Fiscal Year 2026 / 2027, which include the Funding Policy, are **now available**. and are **DUE BY** close of business on **Friday, March 13, 2026**. To download an application, visit the **Form Center** page at OakIslandNC.gov/FORMS or click the link below.



Community Center Events Updates

The **Oak Island Community Center** has updated its **Events Calendar** for the month of February, as well as adding new photos from recent events held in January.

Located at **102 SE 47th Street** beside the Town Hall, the Center is open Monday - Thursday from **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** and on **Fridays for Meals & Trips** (contact the Center for specific times). The Community Center is a congregate nutrition program and senior center where individuals 60 and over can come to enjoy a well-balanced hot nutritional meal.

Individuals from Oak Island and the surrounding towns can participate in the programs, and do not have to be a resident. Transportation is even provided for those who live on the island portion of Town. Individuals can also enjoy social/recreation(bingo, rummikub, etc.) activities while attending the site from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with other special programs listed on the monthly calendar.

To learn more about the programs hosted and how to contact staff, just visit the Community Center page at OakIslandNC.gov/CC or click the Logo link below.



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MORE

SAFETY BRIEF



Unscheduled "Civilian Training"

As mentioned earlier, Winter Storm Gianna this past weekend delivered a significant amount of cold ... and **snow!** During an such a rare event, the **top priority** for the Town's **Public Safety Departments** is to ensure that people are protected and property is secured. Police Chief Charlie Morris and Fire Chief Lee Price, both personally rode patrols through the nighttime and early morning hours, to help monitor conditions and provide visual updates.

With that in mind, it's also important to remember that ***we are people too***; and with the exception of some of our firefighters who've had glorious mustaches since childhood, ***we were all kids at one time as well***.

That's why, we once again felt it was our duty to lend a hand to childhood memories made. On Sunday, we provided some unsolicited traffic control for important civilian exercises in "unscheduled, high-velocity, non-motorized declining egress" -- also known as some ***good ol' sleddin'!***





It truly warmed the heart of our officers to see such wholesome fun, and to know that our level of trust and community partnership meant we were welcomed with smiles and appreciation at our arrival "on scene."

Similarly, as Chief Price and our Drone Pilot performed aerial surveys, it was difficult at times to keep from pausing and just simply taking in the beauty of this rare spectacle.

There's an old saying of "*this is why we can't have nice things*" ... but we tend to disagree. When residents, visitors, and first responders work together to have fun in a safe, respectful way, well, this is when "*we CAN have nice things.*" And we've found not one thing nicer than this wonderful Town of Oak Island.

So **THANK YOU Oak Island** for showing your warmth on such a cold afternoon! To learn more about Police and Fire Departments, and all their divisions which make up Public Safety in Oak Island, visit the **Public Safety** page at [**OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY**](http://OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) or click the link below.



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**](http://OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) or click on the link below.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Summer Concerts Announced

As seen in this week's cover photo, Summer may seem so far away ... but **HOLD ON!** The sun WILL come out, the fun WILL be back, and the “*Bands by the Beach*” WILL once again be ready to rock, groove, swing and swoon their way through the soundtrack of your perfect summer!

With some **hot news** to warm the **cold days** currently upon us, Oak Island Parks & Recreation has JUST ANNOUNCED the **Live Band Lineup** for the **2026 Summer Concert Series!!!!**

From May through August, we turn the amps up to “11” for concerts **each Friday** from **6:30 PM - 8:30 PM** (unless otherwise noted). So grab your lawn chairs and coolers (*but no glass containers, please*) and make your plans NOW to see some of your favorite bands this Summer!

To **VIEW** and **SHARE** the dates and details for each individual concert, just visit the **Town Events** page at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS.

Oak Island Summer Concert
"Bands By The Beach!" Series • 2026

2026 LIVE BAND LINEUP:

- May 22 • Band of Oz
- May 29 • The Salty Dawgs
- June 5 • Christine Martinez Band
- June 12 • Catalinas
- June 19 • Julio & The Saltines
- June 26 • Too Much Sylvia
- July 1 (Wed.) BEACH DAY • 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
The Extraordinaires
- July 10 • The Entertainers
- July 17 • Chocolate Chip & Company Band
- July 24 • Rivermist
- July 31 • Crystal & Aria
- August 7 • I-42 Band
- August 14 • 52nd Street Band
- August 21 • Hoods Creek
- August 28 • The Conspiracy

Follow the schedule at OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS

2026 Sponsorships ARE NOW AVAILABLE!
If your business or organization would like to participate as a Series Sponsor for 2026, opportunities are available at the Platinum, Gold, & Silver levels!
For more information, contact: rgordon@oakislandnc.gov

Get exclusive Series Updates on the Town's **OKI Connection** mobile app! Available on:

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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 **Parks & Recreation Department at 910-278-5518**.

Monday, February 2

- **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, February 3

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM: SilverSneakers with Susan
 - 9:30 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
 - 11:00 AM: Qigong, Breath & Movement with Jude
 - 12:30 PM Strength & Tone with Vicki
 - 6:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, February 4

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers with Mary Beth
 - 10:30 AM Yoga for Balance with Tammy
 - NOON Zumba with Emily
- **801 Event Center**
 - 11:00 AM ZUMBA (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 5:00 PM Chess Club

Thursday, February 5

- **Recreation Center**
 - 7:00 AM Gentle Sunrise & Shine Yoga with Jeanette
 - 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Maggie
 - 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy
 - 11:30 AM Cardio Dance with Vicki
 - 5:00 PM Zumba with Emily
 - 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne



- **Recreation Center**

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

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM Table Tennis

Saturday, February 7

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

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

Monday, February 9

- **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

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



Valentines Dance



Mardi Gras Festival



Spring Art Show

THANK YOU



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