



# THE CURRENT

**Weekly News & Events for  
the Town of Oak Island, NC**

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**Week of  
September 30, 2024**

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

***Do you remember***, September? While we started the month off ***Dancin' In September***, we ended it on a soggy, very windy note. No thanks to a Hurricane and even more devastating (for our area) nameless storm from which recovery is still being done. For better or worse, the month has finally come to a close; so somebody go ahead and ***wake up the band, because September has ended.***

While it is sad to see the seasons fly by so quickly, the good news is there's a LOT to look forward to in the cooler weeks and months ahead. From concerts and markets to full on parades, there's many more fun times coming. So even though the water temps may be lowering, it's never too cold for a dip in the latest edition of ***The CURRENT***.

## MEETINGS & CLOSURES

- **Environmental Advisory Board**
- **Par 3 Advisory Board**

## NEWS & NOTICES

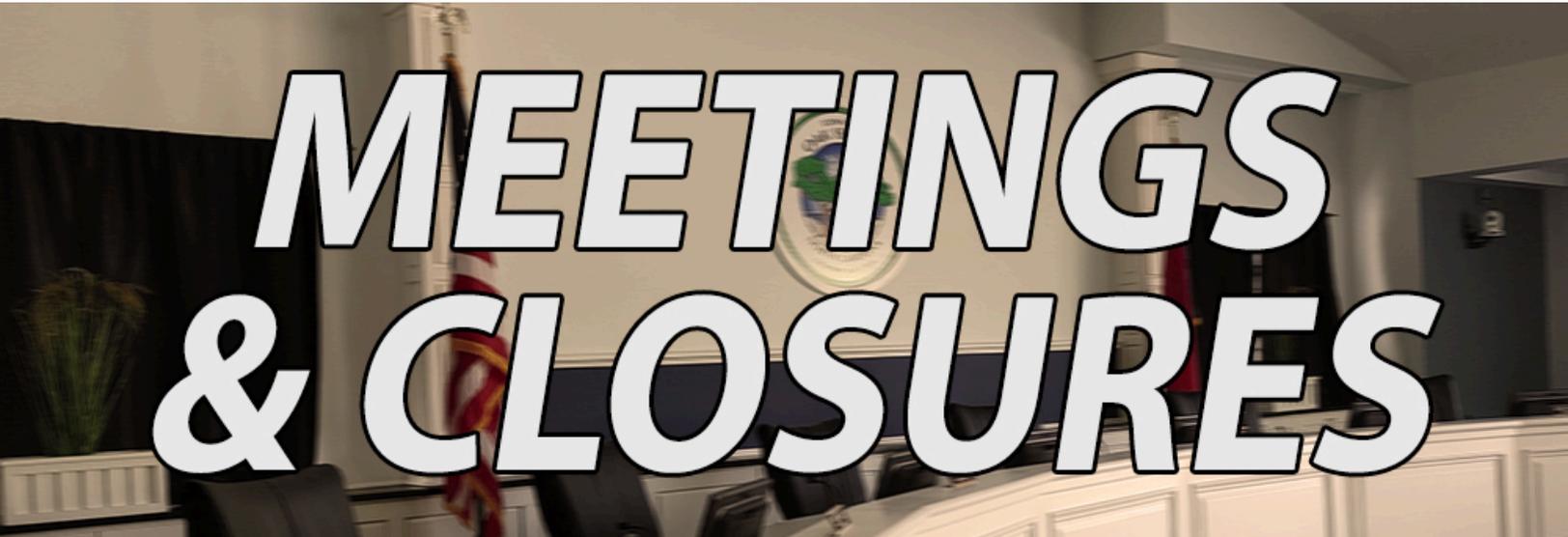
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A photograph of a city council meeting room. In the background, there is a large seal on the wall, a flag, and several rows of desks with chairs. The room appears to be a formal meeting space. Overlaid on the image is large, bold, white text with a black outline that reads "MEETINGS & CLOSURES".

# MEETINGS & CLOSURES

## COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its meeting on **Thursday, October 3** at **8:30 AM** in the Jean Education Center, at 4700 E Oak Island Dr.

PAR 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its next meeting on **Friday, October 4** at **1:00 PM** in the Par 3 Pro Shop at 4188 Vanessa Dr.

All Council & Board meeting dates can be found on the ***Meetings Information*** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS).

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

There are **NO** holiday closures for the week ahead. The next holiday closure will be on **Monday, November 11, 2024** for ***Veterans Day***.

To view all holiday closures, visit: [OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY](https://OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY).



### **REMINDER: PTC #8 Recovery Information**

While progress is being made daily, the **Public Works Department** continues to address damages and areas of concern resulting from **PTC #8** on **September 16**. All planned and active repair work has been marked on the ***Storm Recovery Projects*** maps, available on the Storm Recovery Information page.

To keep track of these ongoing efforts, and all other recovery updates, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/PTC8](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PTC8) or click the link below.

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## New Customer Service Survey

The Town of Oak Island is inviting residents to participate in a new *Customer Service Survey*.

This survey will run through the end of October, 2024 and is part of research being conducted to help improve the quality and consistency of the customer experience in Town Hall and all other facilities. Paper copies of the survey will also be available in several Town facilities.

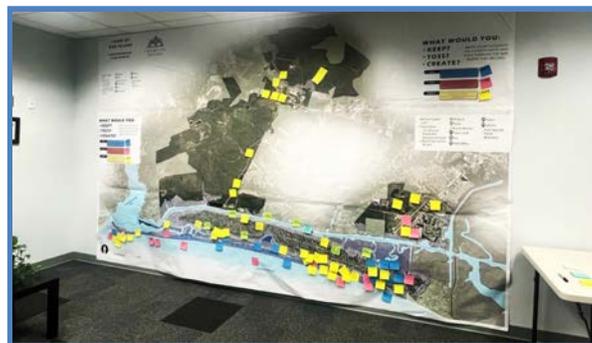
To participate in the survey, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY](https://OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY) or click the link below.

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## "Charting The Course" Map

On **Thursday, September 19** the Town held the official public *Kickoff Event* for the **2045 Charting The Course** project! One of the highlights of the *Open House* portion of the event was the **9 foot tall x 20 foot wide Project Area Map**, which allowed users to give their input quite literally *on the mark!*

For those who missed it, we have **good news!** The map has been installed as an interactive display in the lobby of Town Hall:



Throughout the remainder of the **2045 Charting The Course** project, you can stop by Town Hall and add your thoughts on future development, via color-coded post-it notes. This public input will greatly enhance the Town's effort to update the existing **Comprehensive Land Use Plan** (often referred to as a "Comp Plan"). This update will examine progress made and new initiatives that should be considered for the future, as well as conduct a **Streetscape Visioning Plan** to re-imagine area along East Oak Island Drive.

To learn more about the **2045 Charting The Course** project, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045](https://OakIslandNC.gov/PLAN2045) or click the link below.

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## Garbage & Recycling Ends Summer Schedule

Important reminder for all beach area property owners: this past **Saturday, September 28** was the FINAL week of the *Summer Garbage & Recycling Collection Schedule* for **Collection Zones 7 & 8**. Starting on the following week, these zones which cover the beach areas along Beach Drive, Ocean Drive, Pelican Drive, Dolphin Drive, and Kings Lynn Drive, will

revert BACK to their regular schedule of GARBAGE collected every Wednesday, and RECYCLING every OTHER Wednesday.

As a reminder, the full Collection Schedule and all Collection Zones can be viewed at any time on the **Garbage & Recycling Collection** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/COLLECTION](http://OakIslandNC.gov/COLLECTION) or by clicking the link below.

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## Community Center Calendar Updated

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

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](http://OakIslandNC.gov/CC) or click the link below.

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## Staff Spotlight: Finance Director Wanted

The Town of Oak Island is seeking a new **Finance Director!**

The Finance Director serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the Town of Oak Island. Emphasis of the work is on the exercise of managerial and professional accounting knowledge and abilities required to oversee the operation and supervision of the Finance Department, including subsidiary functions for financial reporting, treasury, investments, billing and collection of municipal services, payroll, and other accounting operations.

Work is performed with broad discretion and judgement in managing the department and is performed under the general direction of the Town Manager. Supervision is exercised over department personnel. Work is evaluated based on attainment of individual and departmental objectives, compliance with federal and state laws, accuracy of records, and adherence to national generally accepted accounting principles.

The Finance Director also aids and supports the Town Manager in making decisions and recommendations regarding the Town's finances.

If you or someone you know are qualified and interested in joining the Town of Oak Island team, you can find the full position listing on the **Job Openings** page. Just visit [OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS](https://OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS) or click the link below.

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# SAFETY BRIEF



## POLICE: National Night Out is BACK

We're less than **TWO weeks** away from our **SECOND** ever **National Night Out** event! Next **Friday, October 11, 2024** from **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM** we light up the Middleton Park Complex for an amazing evening to help promote safer, more caring neighborhoods.

**National Night Out**  
is coming BACK to Oak Island!  
**Friday, October 11, 2024**  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Middleton Park Complex  
4610 E Dolphin Dr

**DISPLAYS & ACTIVITIES BY:**

- US Coast Guard Helicopter
- ALL Brunswick County Law Enforcement
- Fire Trucks w/ Functional Water Cannons
- Displays from ALL Military Branches
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission
- NC State Bureau of Investigation
- Air Link Helicopter
- US Coast Guard Helicopter
- Music Provided by Live DJ
- FREE Ident-A-Kid Kits
- Free Food & Desserts
- Bounce Houses
- ... and so much more!

For more details visit [OakIslandNC.gov/NNQ](https://OakIslandNC.gov/NNQ)  
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to help make our neighborhoods a safer, more caring places to live. Organized locally by the Oak Island Police Department, 2024 is the second year the town is hosting an NNO event, so we are working hard to ensure a memorable evening for all!

Organized locally by the Oak Island Police Department, **2024** marks the Town's **second** year hosting an NNO event, in which officers, staff, and volunteers work hard to ensure a memorable evening for all! The night will feature music, food, and fun with activities and static displays from all military branches and the local first responder community, as well as local sponsors and

partner agencies.

For more information and to make your plans NOW to attend, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/NNO](http://OakIslandNC.gov/NNO) or click on our department patch below.



## **FIRE: Fire Hydrant Testing Underway**

This week begins our annual ***Fire Hydrant Testing & Maintenance*** program, with testing scheduled throughout the months of October and November each **Monday - Friday** from **8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**.

This program is required by the North Carolina Department of Insurance (NCDOI) in order to maintain the current Fire Protection Classification rating. This testing is very important as it also allows the Town to identify the quantity of water available for firefighting purposes, and serves to rid the Town's water distribution system of accumulations and sediment deposits. The health of the hydrants are evaluated with a full test, which usually takes around 15 minutes to complete.

The Town of Oak Island maintains over 830 fire hydrants. Each year, all of these hydrants must be inspected, with full testing performed on 20% of the hydrants. This ensures that every hydrant is inspected yearly, and goes no more than 5 years without full testing. Hydrant testing is an important aspect of maintaining readiness in response to emergency calls for assistance.

If you have additional questions, **please do not approach fire engines or try to talk with firefighters while they are testing!** This allows them to complete the testing safely and quickly. If there is an emergency while firefighters are in your area, **call 9-1-1 FIRST**.

To learn more about the *Fire Hydrant Testing & Maintenance* program, or the many other services provided by the Oak Island Fire Department, just visit the dedicated webpage at [OakIslandNC.gov/HYDRANTS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/HYDRANTS) or click on the department patch below.





- **Saturday, October 5:** The British Invaders
- **Saturday, October 12:** The 52nd Street Band
- **Saturday, October 19:** Dave's Not Home Band
- **Saturday, October 26:** The Cruise Brothers Band

To keep track of all the upcoming happenings, check out the *Special Events & Programs* page at [OakIslandNC.gov/LIVE](http://OakIslandNC.gov/LIVE) 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**.

### Monday, September 30

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
  - Mature Aerobics with Debbie 7:30 AM
  - SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie 9:00 AM
  - Senior Yoga with Mert 11:15 AM

### Tuesday, October 1

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
  - 8:30 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
  - 9:30 AM Senior Yoga with Mert
  - 11:30 AM Qigong for Beginners

### Wednesday, October 2

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
  - 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
  - 9:00 AM SilverSneaker with Mary Beth
  - 4:30 PM Yoga for Balance with Tammy
- **Recreation Center**
  - 10:30 AM – 11:30AM Strides Walking Club (Middleton Park Complex)

### Thursday, October 3

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
  - 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
  - 9:00 AM Silversneakers with Maggie
  - 10:15 AM Chair Yoga with Tammy

## Friday, October 4

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
  - 7:30 AM Mature Aerobics with Debbie
  - 9:00 AM SilverSneakers with Susan
  - 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow Yoga with Tammy or MB
- **Recreation Center**
  - 8:00 AM: Table Tennis

## Saturday, October 5

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
  - 10:00 AM Community Yoga with rotating instructors
- **Middleton Park**
  - 4:00 PM Live and Local Market
  - 6:00 PM Live and Local Concert

## Monday, October 7

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
  - Mature Aerobics with Debbie 7:30 AM
  - SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie 9:00 AM
  - Senior Yoga with Mert 11:15 AM
- **Recreation Center**
  - 5:00 PM Bingo

**REMINDER:** A full listing of all coming events can be found on the *Events & Programs* page of the Town Website at [OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS](http://OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS).

**Click on the event flyers below to download, print, and share!**



**October Fitness Calendar**



**Walking Club**



**Table Tennis**



**Live & Local**

# THANK YOU

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**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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***DID YOU KNOW?*** *The CURRENT*, hasn't always been a weekly publication. Originally produced as an award-winning digital monthly newsletter, *The CURRENT* published 35 editions, spanning a period of three years from from December 2020 to 2023. As a monthly publication, *The CURRENT* provided longer form, "magazine style" reading, along with added commentary, and content contributed from community partners.

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

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