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Week of
October 20, 2025

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

Although it's not the last full week of October, it is certainly the **busiest** and **funnest** - so much FUN, we didn't have time to find out if "funnest" is even a real word! From **Halloween Egg-Hunts** and a **Candy Crawl** to a **Spooktacular National Night Out**, there's is so much going on in the days to come.



There's more than just these **treats** to go around; no **tricks**, but there is still come important Town business to cover as well. So dust off (*or maybe apply some dust?*) to that special spooky costume, as the boatman takes us for a frightening float through this week's edition of **The CURRENT**.

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MEETINGS & CLOSURES



Council & Board Meetings

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

Holiday Closures



There are **NO** closures for the week ahead. The next holiday closure will be on **Tuesday, November 11** in observance of **Veterans Day**. **NOTE:** The Town Council regular meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 12, still at 6:00 PM.

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

NEWS & NOTICES



Town Council Actions Review

This past **Tuesday, October 14** the Oak Island Town Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 PM. Just prior, the Council also held a **Special Meeting** at **5:00 PM** to hold a Closed Session for discussing specific personnel, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).

[CLICK HERE to Review Council Actions](#)



To view the meeting video and agenda items for this or any other Town Council meeting, visit the **Meetings Information** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below.

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A "Spooktacular" National Night Out

One is an annual night set aside to build Police-Community relations, the other is a night for kids to have fun dressing up as their favorite heroes. Since they both happen in October, it just seemed fitting to combine the efforts and create the BEST experience possible!

This coming **Saturday, October 25, 2025** from from **4:00 PM - 8:00 PM** the **Recreation** and **Police Departments** are teaming up to offer the combined **2025 Spooktacular** and **National Night Out** events in the **Middleton Park Complex!**



Please note: important traffic information will be shared later in the Safety Brief section of this edition!!

Grab your little goblins and ghouls and plan to attend to attend this **FREE** event, featuring an Outdoor Concert • Trick-R-Treat • Costume Contest • Fall Market • Carnival Games • Food Vendors ... and of course, the BEST in Local Law Enforcement Displays & Interactions!

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to help make neighborhoods a safer, more caring places to live. Organized locally by the Oak Island Police Department, 2025 marks the Town's third year of NNO participation, wherein our officers, staff, and volunteers work hard to ensure a memorable evening for all!

The Town is excited to present this partnership effort between departments to help build a better event for both occasions! To help ensure a great turnout this year, you can **SHARE** this event information on the **Town Events** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS** or click the link below.



New Sidewalks Coming Soon

As part of the **Consent Agenda** during the October 14 meeting, the Town Council approved motions to the begin the contracting services for **Phase I** the **Commercial Area Sidewalk Improvement Project**.

This project will **add NEW sidewalk** along **more than half a mile** of E Oak Island Drive, from **NE 46th St.** to **NE 56th St.**, which will also accommodate the future installation of Pedestrian Crosswalks.



As of this **Monday, October 20**, Town Staff have met with representatives from **Rummel, Klepper, and Kahl, LLP (RK&K)**, who bid **\$386,770** for the project in a very "responsive and comprehensive" proposal. In the meeting, RK&K reviewed the plans with the Assistant Town Manager Kent Jackson, who oversees the engineering and implementation of the Town's capital projects, and is working to finalize any adjustments to the Scope & Fee Agreement.

RK&K will administer the project with construction work performed by **Morgan Trucking and General Construction Inc.** Currently the tentative project timeline is to have construction begin sometime in the late Fall / Winter of 2025, with completion anticipated by the Spring of 2026. As a reminder, progress updates on this and all other ongoing projects will be posted on the **Town Projects** page. To view and share these updates, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS** or click the link below.



Beach Nourishment Survey Reminder

Speaking of upcoming projects, the the ***Pre-Construction Beach Profile Survey*** will continue through this week ahead, as part of the Town's upcoming **Beach Nourishment Project**.

Started last Monday, contractor **GBA** will continue conducting the survey work, which will include operations on the **land** and **water** using the vehicles shown below.



During the survey, a truck with the **GBA logo** and GPS equipment will be seen on the beach areas, while a small boat will be used for hydrographic measurements near the shore. The survey boat will be clearly marked and may come close to shore during this process. This is **normal and not cause for alarm**; however, those fishing or swimming near the boat are asked to temporarily reel in their lines or move until the boat passes.

The work is expected to be completed by this week, For more information and updates on the entire project, visit the **Beach Nourishment Projects** page at OakIslandNC.gov/SAND or click the link below.



Manager's Message: Projects & Committee Updates

With **even more** updates, Town Manager Kathryn Adams provided a packed **Manager's Report** during the October 14 Town Council Meeting.

In addition to the Pedestrian Safety (sidewalks) and Beach Nourishment updates already mentioned above, Adams also provided updates on several other ongoing Town efforts, including

- **Economic Development Commercial Code Revisions:** will be sent to the Planning Board in segments and back to Council as ready.
- **New Website Project:** New Website has been BUILT! Content migration currently at 40% complete and on-track to launch by January 2026.
- **Facilities Assessment:** In progress, currently reviewing conditions of all Town buildings and facilities. Anticipated completion by end of October.
- **Fleet Assessment:** In Process, currently reviewing Town vehicles and alternatives for replacements including. Anticipated completion by end of October.
- **Development Services Improvements:** The **Permitting Portal** has successfully launched - users can now apply for permits, pay invoices, request inspections, and view plan review and inspections all online.

Additionally, the Town Manager gave a brief update on the various Board and Committee activities, including:

- **Boards and Committees Improvements:** Staff Liaison training work in process.
- **Economic Development Strategic Plan Work Group:** An initial meeting was held on September 30, 2025. Stakeholder input sessions to be held later in year.
- **Recreation Center Steering Committee:** Currently meeting to continue determination of the next phases.
- **Bicycle Transit Plan Steering Committee:** A final Steering Committee Meeting was held in September; with the plan expected to be presented to the Town Council in early 2026.
- **Blue Ribbon Safety Summit:** Anticipated to finalize in October and provide recommendations to Town Council in November or December.



Video of the Town Manager's report can be viewed as part of the meeting video by clicking on the *Administrative Reports* agenda point. To view the meeting video, visit the **Meetings Information** page at OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS or click the link below.



TRAFFIC NOTICE: Spooktacular Safety

As previously mentioned, the Town is anticipating a record crowd for the **Spooktacular / National Night Out** event this coming Saturday. As with any large crowd event, we here at the **Police Department** also know that means large amounts of **TRAFFIC**.

PLEASE NOTE the listed Traffic Changes for Saturday, October 25, 2025:

- **SE 49th St.** will be **CLOSED** from **E Pelican Drive** to **E Beach Drive**.
- **E Dolphin Drive** will be **CLOSED** from the Middleton Park Complex **parking lot entrance** to **SE 49th St.** (Parking will **ENTER** from SE 46th St. and **EXIT** onto E Beach Drive)
- The **Hayride** will start at **Kevin Bell Skatepark** and drive a loop consisting of



- **E Beach Drive**
- **SE 52nd St.**
- **E Pelican Drive**
- **SE 49thSt.**
- Officers will be directing traffic through all intersections, and will stop traffic, to allow for the Hayride to pass through

This event falls outside of Paid Parking enforcement season, and is FREE to attend. As a reminder, Any vehicles parked in the Right-Of-Way (streetside) must have **all tires completely OFF** the street. As always, please follow all onsite traffic direction from any officers present so that we can all have a SAFE Spooktacular event.

This information will be posted on the **Town Facebook Page** later this week. To help us spread the word about these traffic changes on your own Facebook page, visit [Facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC) 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](https://www.OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY) or click on the link below.



**EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES**



Oak Island Candy Crawl



- **WHEN:** Friday, October 31, 2025 • All Day
- **WHERE:** Various Businesses

The ***Oak Island Candy Crawl*** is a family friendly Halloween event where the community can Trick-Or-Treat at local businesses through out the entire day! Participating shops will hand out candy during their regular business hours on Halloween. It's free to participate, open to all ages, and meant to encourage people to explore local businesses while enjoying the holiday!

For a full list of participating businesses, visit the exclusive Facebook event post at [Facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC](https://www.facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC) or click the graphic below.



Christmas By The Sea Parade

- **WHEN:** Saturday, December 6, 2025 • 2:00 PM
- **WHERE:** Town Hall (Parade Start)

The ***Christmas By The Sea Parade*** is annually held on the first Saturday in December RAIN OR SHINE!! This event runs right through the heart of Town along East Oak Island Drive, and boasts some of the largest crowds of any event throughout the year.

REMINDER: Parade Entry Applications will be due **SOON!** If you or an organization you represent would like to participate in the parade, [Submit a Parade Entry Application](#) or click the graphic 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, October 21

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM: SilverSneakers with Susan
 - 9:30 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
 - 6:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, October 22

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:30 AM: Mature Aerobics with Debbie
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers with Mary Beth
 - 10:15 AM Barre Combo with Suzanne
 - 4:30 PM: Yoga for Balance with Tammy

- Recreation Center
 - 5:00 PM Chess Club

Thursday, October 23

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 7:00 AM: Gentle Sunrise & Shine Yoga with Jeanette
 - 8:00 AM: Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
 - 9:00 AM: Silver Sneakers with Maggie
 - 10:15 AM: Chair Yoga with Tammy
 - 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne

- **Excursion with Recreation Division**
 - 9:30 AM Cape Fear Museum of History and Science (pre-registration required)

Friday, October 24

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

- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM: Table Tennis

- **Bill Smith Park**

- 2:00 PM Book Club meeting

- **Bil Smith Park**

- 6:30 PM Start for the Egg-Straw Spooky Halloween Egg Hunt



Saturday, October 25

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- Live and Local Market and Concert
- 4:00 PM Market Starts
- 6:00 PM Music Starts with The Cruise Brothers
- 6:00 PM Spooktacular and National Night Out Activities start

Monday, October 27

- **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



Live & Local



Spooky Egg Hunt



Spooktacular

THANK YOU



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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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