

The CURRENT



Week of

April 20, 2026

WELCOME to *THE CURRENT*, the weekly digital newsletter for the [Town of Oak Island](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home>).

We're a little past the halfway point of April and coming off another fantastic weekend, and this past Saturday dozens showed up to [Ride The Tide](https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GwkjT3uEE/) (<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GwkjT3uEE/>), and welcome in the warmer days ahead, as noted in this week's cover photo. With those warmer days comes increasing opportunities for more outdoor fun as well!

But it isn't all [fun and festivals](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Earth-Day-Festival) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Earth-Day-Festival>), as there's also some serious [business and budgets](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Meetings/Budget-Workshop-April-21) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Meetings/Budget-Workshop-April-21>), to work on this coming week. So get ready to balance a little of both on your boards, as we surf through this week's edition of *The CURRENT*.

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

- TOWN COUNCIL will hold **Budget Workshops** on **Tuesday & Thursday, April 21 & 23** at **9:00 AM** in the Training Room located on the 2nd floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive (beside Town Hall) - [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THIS NOTICE](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Special-Meeting-Notice) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Special-Meeting-Notice>).

For full information on all Council, Board and Committee meeting dates, visit the **Meetings Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes-Video) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes-Video>) or click the link below.

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Holidays & Closures

There are **NO** Holiday Closures for the week ahead. The next Holiday Closure will be on **Monday, May 25, 2026** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

- **Garbage & Recycling Collection** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information>) will run as scheduled, though **service may run slower** than usual due to traffic and holiday volume.
- Fire, Police, and other Emergency Services are always available by **calling 9-1-1**.

To view all Holiday Closures, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Meetings) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Meetings>) or click the link below.

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News & Notices

Town Council Actions Report

On **Tuesday, April 14** (<https://oakislandnc.granicus.com/player/clip/665>), the Town Council held its Regular Meeting. **Council Actions** taken during this meeting included the following:

- **PUBLIC HEARING I** (Proposed Text Amendment to the UDO): **Council unanimously approved the text amendment.**
- **PUBLIC HEARING II** (Implementation of Blue Ribbon Summit on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Recommendations): **Council unanimously approved a motion to petition the NCDOT to reduce the speed limit on East Oak Island Drive to 35 between SE 38th and SE 19th Street, without allowing LSV use in this area of East Oak Island Drive.**
- **PRESENTATION** (2026 OKInsight Survey Results and Key Findings): **Council heard the report given by Economic Development Manager, Hallie Willis which is now available at [OakIslandNC.gov/OKInsight](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/OKInsight-Community-Survey) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/OKInsight-Community-Survey>).**
- **OLD BUSINESS** (Parks & Recreation Master Plan): **Council unanimously adopted the Plan.**
- **NEW BUSINESS** (Ordinance Ordering Further Proceedings Under The Purpose of the Town of Oak Island Minimum Housing Code and G.S. 160d Article 12): **Council approved the Ordinance.**
- **CLOSED SESSION** to Discuss Specific Personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6): **No action was taken following Closed Session, and the meeting was adjourned.**

To download the Meeting Agenda, view the meeting video, or watch any other previous meeting, visit the **Meetings Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes-Video) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes-Video>) or click the link below.

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Sand Leveling Notice

Starting on **Monday, April 20, 2026** and running through the week ahead, the **Public Works Department** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works>) will be performing **Sand Leveling Operations** on all public beach areas previously serviced as part of the **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects/Beach-Nourishment-Preservation>).



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/images/news-images/beach-nourishment-project-notice.jpg>)

The purpose of this work is to perform leveling of all **escarpment** areas, where placed sand has settled with a height difference of **18" or more**. This will serve to finalize the on-beach operations for the Nourishment Project, and provide a smooth beach gradient for sea turtles expected to be nesting in the area soon. Scheduling of this work was held until now, to allow as much time as possible for the placed sand to settle, before the official start of Sea Turtle Nesting Season on Friday, May 1.

SAFETY: While this work will **NOT** cause beach closures, it **WILL** involve multiple vehicles and pieces of large equipment, including tractors, rakes, and graders. A **pilot vehicle** will drive ahead of the equipment to ensure a safe path of travel. To help ensure the **safety of everyone**, beachgoers in the immediate area should **remain a safe distance from any equipment; DO NOT try to stop vehicles** or speak with any crews working onsite, as this will delay completion.

For any questions or concerns related to the Sand Leveling Operations, contact the Town of Oak Island at info@oakislandnc.gov (<mailto:info@oakislandnc.gov>). To learn more about and share this information, visit the **Beach Nourishment Project** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/SAND](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects/Beach-Nourishment-Preservation) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects/Beach-Nourishment-Preservation>) or click the link below.

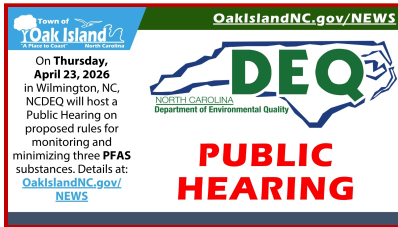
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects/Beach-Nourishment-Preservation>)

Public Hearing on Proposed PFAS Monitoring

[NOTE: This information is provided by the [North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality \(https://www.deq.nc.gov/\)](https://www.deq.nc.gov/). (NCDEQ), and shared as a courtesy to all residents and visitors.]

Last month, NCDEQ announced a series of three public hearings regarding proposed rules for monitoring and minimizing three PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, in wastewater discharged into North Carolina's surface waters. The hearings are part of a comment period that began on March 16.

The Public Hearing closest to our area will be held this week, on **Thursday, April 23, 2026** at **6:00 PM** in the **Wilmington City Hall at Skyline Center** at 929 North Front Street in Wilmington. Sign-in and speaker registration will begin at 5:00 PM.



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/images/news-images/pfas-public-hearing-notice.jpg>)

In addition to accepting comments at the hearings, written comments may also be submitted by email to publiccomments@deq.nc.gov (<mailto:publiccomments@deq.nc.gov>) with the subject title "PFAS minimization" through June 15. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to: **Karen Preston, DEQ-DWR NPDES Permitting Section**, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617.

The FULL notice for this Public Hearing, along with complete details of the proposed rule adoptions and the regulatory impact analysis has been published on the **OKInformation** page. To view the full notice, just visit [OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/NEWS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/PFAS-Public-Hearings-Notice>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/PFAS-Public-Hearings-Notice>)

Pier Piling Replacement Update

As of **Friday, April 17, 2026**, the end of the Oak Island Pier has been **partially reopened**, amid ongoing construction to replace a damaged piling. The new piling has been secured in place, with only the final cross bracing needing to be installed.



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/3/images/news-images/pier-closure-notice-2.jpg>)

Some additional materials will be needed for completion, which are expected to arrive early this week. In the meantime the end of the Pier, include **ALL** of the **King Fishing Stations** are now available to access. The Beach Access Location beside the Pier has also been reopened as well.

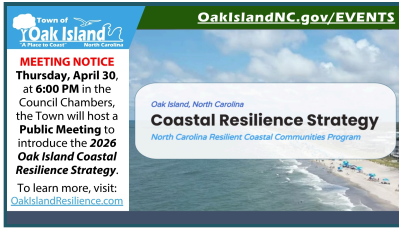
IMPORTANT: barricades may still be put in place to restrict access to certain areas or equipment. Please **use caution** when passing these areas and **DO NOT** cross the barricade for **ANY reason** (if assistance is needed in the area, see a Pier Attendant for help). Once the work resumes this week, some additional, but temporary, re-closures of the area may be needed while the final cross-bracing is installed. Daily updates will be posted as the work continues to move towards completion.

To follow updates, and view work as it happens on the PierCam, visit the Oak Island Pier page at [OakIslandNC.gov/PIER](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/PIER) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Pier>) or click the link below.

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Coastal Resiliency Meeting Reminder

As first mentioned in last week's edition, on **Thursday, April 30**, from **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** the Town will be hosting a public meeting in the Council Chambers, to introduce to the **2026 Town of Oak Island Coastal Resilience Strategy**. Currently in development, this meeting will provide community outreach crucial to the Coastal Resilience Strategy development. Residents are encouraged to attend and learn more.



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/images/news-images/resilience-strategy-meeting-notice.jpg>)

The Coastal Resilience Strategy is being developed in partnership with the N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) through a locally driven process. The strategy will establish coastal resilience goals, evaluate community capacity, and identify and prioritize projects that strengthen resilience to coastal hazards. The program will build local capacity while advancing a proactive, equitable, and sustainable approach to coastal resilience.

To view and share the FULL notice visit the **OKInformation** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/NEWS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Resilience-Strategy-Meeting>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Resilience-Strategy-Meeting>)

Join The Team

Town Manager Recruitment Underway

The Town is currently seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the next Town Manager. Kathryn Adams announced her upcoming retirement earlier this year, having served as Manager and previously, Finance Director, for the Town.

A Recruitment Brochure and details about the Town Manager position have been published on a dedicated page of the Town Website, and advertised at the state and national levels.

To view and share the Town Manager Recruitment Brochure, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/MANAGER](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/MANAGER) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Town-Manager>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Town-Manager>)

NEW: Board & Committee Openings

Did you know? There's more ways to get involved that just employment with the Town of Oak Island! Starting now, this section of **The CURRENT** will also display a list of **Boards & Committees openings!** Check the listings below and see how you can sign up to serve the community in an official capacity!

The Oak Island Town Council is now accepting applications from interested persons for the following appointed Boards & Committees:

- **Environmental Advisory Committee** (1 unexpired term ending June 2026)
- **Recreation Advisory Board** (1 unexpired term ending March 2028 and 1 term expiring March 2029)
- **Board of Adjustment** (1 Alternate term expiring March 2029)
- **Planning Board** (1 unexpired term expiring August 2026)

Appointments may be made at the Town Council Meeting on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**. Applications must be **submitted by NOON on Friday, May 1, 2026** to the **Deputy Town Clerk** at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive, or via email to ebaker@oakislandnc.gov (<mailto:ebaker@oakislandnc.gov>).

To download an Application, visit the **Boards & Committees** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BOARDS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/BOARDS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Boards-Committees>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS (PDF, 1011KB)
(/files/assets/town/v/1/clerk/documents/committeeapplication_form_may2023.pdf)

Job Opportunities

The Town of Oak Island is committed to providing municipal services to our residents and visitors in a professional, timely manner. That means having the **right people** in place to achieve **success as a team!**

Currently the Town is accepting Applications for Employment for the following positions:

- **Town Manager** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Town-Manager>).
- **Oak Island Par 3 Course Manager** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Oak-Island-Par-3-Course-Manager>).
- **Ocean Rescue EMT** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Ocean-Rescue>).
- **Day Camp Counselors** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Day-Camp-Counselors>).
- **Youth Sailing Instructor / Seasonal Summer Camp** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Youth-Sailing-InstructorSeasonal-Summer-Camp>).
- **Police Officer** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Police-Officer>).

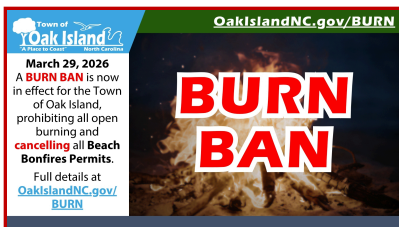
To learn more or apply for these and any other opportunities as they become available, just visit the **Job Openings** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/OBS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/OBS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings>)

Safety Brief

Burn Ban Reminder

At the end of March the Town of Oak Island issued a **temporary BURN BAN** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Burn-Ban-Notice>) for all areas within the Town limits, which coincided with Burn Bans issued by both Brunswick County (<https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/762>) and the NC Forest Service (<https://www.ncagr.gov/news/press-releases/2026/03/28/statewide-burn-ban-issued-north-carolina-due-hazardous-forestfire-conditions>). Once again, and **this cannot be stressed enough, the BURN BAN is still in effect!**



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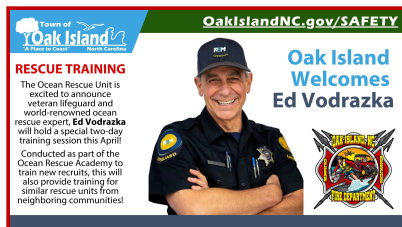
Although some rain briefly touched the area rain over this past weekend, conditions throughout many counties within the state remain in drought conditions. Please continue to check the notice posted on the Town Website (linked below) for the latest updates, as officials monitor and evaluate conditions for the Burn Ban.

As an additional reminder, this ban prohibits all open burning within the Town limits, including **Beach Bonfires** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Bonfire-Permits>). At this time, it does not appear likely that conditions will improve to allow for Beach Bonfire Applications to be reopened before the end of the season next Thursday, April 30.

However, to view the latest updates on conditions and the Burn Ban for the Town, just visit the **Special Notice** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BURN](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/BURN) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Burn-Ban-Notice>) or click the link below

Beach Safety Special Training

Since the start of **Beach Safety Season** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Beach-Safety-Season-Reminders>) on April 1, the Fire Department's **Beach Safety Division** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Safety-Division>) has been hard at work to prepare their equipment and themselves for a safe and fun season ahead. But the right equipment is only as useful as the rescuer using it! That's why next week the Town will be excited to host veteran lifeguard and world-renowned ocean rescue expert, **Ed Vodrazka** (<https://www.rescueswimmermindset.com/aboutus>), for a special **two-day Ocean Rescue Training seminar!**



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Vodrazka has served in the ocean rescue field for nearly 50 years, and is the author of several best-selling books, as well as developer of the **Lifeguard Masterclass** curriculum. The special training will take place as part of the **Ocean Rescue Academy** to train new recruits for the season, and will provide learning in both the classroom and the water. During his time here, the Town will also serve as host for several other rescue units from neighboring communities to train with Ed as well.

Whether you're getting specialized training, or just scanning a **QR code** on the **Rescue Tube Station** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information/Beach-Safety>), remember that **Beach Safety starts with YOU!** Help us help everyone, by **learning** and **sharing** the information provided on the **Beach Safety** page; just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/SAFETY** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information/Beach-Safety>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information/Beach-Safety>)

"This Week At The Rec"

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Provided below is a listing of the fitness programs, education classes, and events happening at the **Oak Island Recreation Center** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Town/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities>), located at 3003 E Oak Island Drive. For questions or additional information, contact the Recreation Department at **910-278-5518**.

Monday, April 20

- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Circuit with Maggie
 - 10:15 AM SilverSneakers Cardio Dance with Vicki
 - 11:15 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
 - 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey

Tuesday, April 21

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**
 - 8:30 AM: SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
 - 9:30 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert

- 11:00 AM: Gongxi, Breath & Movement with Jude
- 6:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

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

Wednesday, April 22

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 8:00 AM SilverSneakers Strength and Tone with Vicki
- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Stability with Mary Beth
- 10:30 AM Yoga for Balance with Tammy
- 4:00 PM Community Sound Bath with Sue
- **(CANCELED)** 5:00 PM Zumba with Emily

- **Recreation Center**

- 4:30 PM Teen TV & Film Acting Class (pre-registration Required)

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Earth Day Festival

Thursday, April 23

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers Circuit with Maggie
- 10:15 AM Community Deep Stretch with Rotating Instructors
- **(CANCELED)** 5:00 PM Zumba with Emily
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Excursions**

- Fort Fisher Historic Site (per-registration Required)

Friday, April 24

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
- 10:30 AM Sculpt and Flow yoga

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM Table Tennis

Saturday, April 25

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

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

Monday, April 27

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie
- 10:15 AM SilverSneakers Cardio Dance with Vicki
- 11:15 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

- 4:15 PM – 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey

To view and register for any Recreation Center programs, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/PROGRAMS](https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/oakislandnc) (<https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/oakislandnc>) or click the link below.

Upcoming Events

Click on the Event Flyer below for more information, or to download and print your own!

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Summer Concert Series

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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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PAST EDITION ARCHIVE

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

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