

# The CURRENT



Week of  
May 11, 2026

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

It's the second week in May, and Spring is sliding into Summer faster than our Police & Fire Departments slid into home base during their [Badges, Boats, & Boots](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Badges-Boats-Boots-First-Responder-Softball-Tournament) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Badges-Boats-Boots-First-Responder-Softball-Tournament>), softball game this past Saturday!

As seen in this weeks cover photo, it was a beautiful day to play ball (following a brief rain delay); and although the "Puddle Pirates" of the U.S. Coast Guard technically took home another win, we think the real winners were everyone who got to enjoy another great weekend in Oak Island!

Speaking of enjoying a great time in Oak Island, there's even more Town events and important information for the week ahead. So hop on the boat, as we set sail for another cruise through this week's edition of *The CURRENT*.

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## Meetings & Closures

### Council & Board Meetings

- **ABC BOARD** will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 12** at **10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store at 5402 E Oak Island Drive.
- **TOWN COUNCIL** will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 12** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall.
- **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** will hold a called meeting on **Wednesday, May 13** at **10:00 AM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall.

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

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory>)

## News & Notices

# Council Agenda Preview

The Oak Island Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026** starting at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers. As always, the public is welcome and invited to attend, and sign-up sheets for commenting during the public hearings and / or the general comment period will be available in the back of the meeting room prior to the meeting.

This month's meeting will include three **Public Hearings** along with two **Presentations**, one of which being the **Proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget**. In addition to three items of **Old Businesses**, there are also five items of **New Business** as well.

To learn more and view the additional information for each agenda point, click on the **NEW Agenda Preview** tab, located on the **Meetings Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/MEETINGS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meetings-Information>) or click the link below.

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## Dune Vegetation Planting Resumed

As of **Monday, May 11**, the **Dune Vegetation Planting** operations have **resumed**, starting at **SE 58th St** and progressing **WEST** towards **SE 49th St**. The next areas following will be **5th PL W** to **17th PL W**, and if time and plant supply allows, from **33rd PL W** to **51st PL W**.



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/4/images/news-images/beach-nourishment-project-notice.jpg>)

The **Dune Vegetation Planting** operations began in late April, as one of the final on-beach components of the **2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects/Beach-Nourishment-Preservation>). By the time operations took a brief pause on April 29, more than **60,000 new plants** have been successfully installed. This new vegetation (sea oats) will help to stabilize and secure the dunes, using plants largely grown from seeds harvested locally on Oak Island, to help ensure maximum viability.

During these operations, a vehicle and trailer bearing the **Dune Doctor** logo (pictured) will be driving on the beach as crews work to plant new vegetation on the dune areas. This work is not expected to cause any beach access or street closures. **NOTE:** To help ensure work is completed on time and in a safe manner, please **remain a safe distance from any equipment** and **DO NOT** try to stop vehicles or speak with any crews working onsite. For more information on this work or the 2025 / 2026 Beach Nourishment Project in general, just visit the dedicated page at [OakIslandNC.gov/SAND](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/SAND) (<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>)

## Little Davis Canal Survey Notice

Notice to all property owners, kayakers, boaters, and general users of the Little Davis Canal, starting this **Thursday, May 14, Survey Work** will begin being conducted in the Little Davis Canal, as part of the Feasibility Study for Davis Canal Dredging.



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/images/news-images/davis-canal-study-notice.jpg>)

These initial field activities will involve a physical / bathymetric survey of the channel. To complete the data measuring and gathering stage, a small watercraft like the one pictured above will be used to navigate the channel for two to three days. This work will be overseen by project consultant, [WSP Global \(https://www.wsp.com/en-us/\)](https://www.wsp.com/en-us/).

Updates on the survey work and the Feasibility Study itself will be posted on the [Town Projects](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects) page, which can be viewed at [OakIslandNC.gov/PROJECTS \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects) or by clicking the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects)

## Garbage & Recycling Summer Collection

Helpful reminder that as of this past **Saturday, May 9**, the **Summer Collection Schedule** is now in effect for Garbage & Recycling in **Zones 6, 7, & 8**. With this change, **Garbage** collection in these Zones will now be provided every **Wednesday & Saturday**, while **Recycling** collection will take place every **Saturday**. Collection will switch back to the regular schedule starting on Saturday, September 26.



[\\_ \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v1/images/news-images/garbage-collection-notice.jpg\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v1/images/news-images/garbage-collection-notice.jpg)

The Town of Oak Island has a total of eight (8) Garbage & Recycling Collection Zones. The more heavily trafficked areas of Zones 6, 7, & 8 essentially cover all of the beach-adjacent areas, including Beach Dr., Dolphin Dr., Pelican Dr. and Ocean Dr. While most of the year these areas are provided garbage collection service on one day of the week, during the Summer they are switched to a twice per week to cover the higher volumes.

To view all of the information on Collection Zones, the current year Collection Schedules, and other services provided, visit the [Garbage & Recycling Information](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information) page at [OakIslandNC.gov/GARBAGE \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information) or click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information)

## Coastal Resilience Survey Reminder

Reminder that the [Public Survey \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW) to help build the [Oak Island Coastal Resilience Strategy \(https://www.oakislandresilience.com/\)](https://www.oakislandresilience.com/) is **now open!** This Strategy is being developed in partnership with the N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) with the goal of identifying and prioritizing projects that strengthen our resilience to coastal hazards.



[\\_ \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v1/development-services/images/crs-slide.jpg\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v1/development-services/images/crs-slide.jpg)

By developing a Coastal Resilience Strategy, the Town is working to design policies, programs, and projects that protect residents and ensures the long-term sustainability of the community. This Survey will help the Project Team understand what environmental risks are of the greatest concern to you, and how Oak Island can plan ahead for future coastal hazard impacts to the community.

To learn more about the Oak Island Coastal Resilience Strategy itself, just visit the dedicated website at [www.OakIslandResilience.com \(https://www.oakislandresilience.com/\)](https://www.OakIslandResilience.com). To participate in the Survey, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/SURVEY) or click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW)

## 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:

- [Permits Specialist](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Permits-Specialist) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Permits-Specialist>).
- [Heavy Equipment Operator](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Heavy-Equipment-Operator-Stormwater) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Heavy-Equipment-Operator-Stormwater>).
- [Town Manager](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/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) (<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) (<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) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings>).
- [Youth Sailing Instructor / Seasonal Summer Camp](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings>).
- [Police Officer](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/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/JOBS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/JOBS) (<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

## Hurricane Conference Questions

**Hurricane Season is almost HERE!** That means the Town's **2026 Hurricane Conference** is in just **TWO WEEKS!** If you haven't already, make sure to submit your questions **NOW** for the Conference Panel Discussion, using Question Submission link at [OakIslandNC.gov/HURRICANE](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/JOBS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Hurricane-Conference>).



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/calendar/town-events/hurricane-conference-slide-slide.jpg>)

This year, it's more important than ever to make sure you are prepared for whatever nature may send your way! So mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 28, 2026** on the second floor of Town Hall. As a reminder, the doors open early at **5:00 PM** for our largest **Resource Fair** yet, featuring public service agencies and private vendors with information and products that can help you in times of natural disaster! Then at **6:00 PM** will be the **Panel Discussion** with Town Staff, followed by a **Forecast Presentation** from the National Weather Service.

As a reminder, to keep the Panel Discussion on schedule, **questions will NOT be taken live**, so please submit questions **NOW** by going to the **Hurricane Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/HURRICANE](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/JOBS) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Hurricane-Conference>) or click the link below.

**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS** (<https://us.openforms.com/Form/9eec5726-83df-4f36-b50b-bc4d1f51104a>)

# Emergency Access Reminders

On May 1, the Beach Services and Ocean Rescue Units of the [Beach Safety Division \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Safety-Division\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Safety-Division) began their daily beach patrols for the 2026 Season. Since then, the number of incidents where visitors, and yes even residents, have been **blocking the Emergency Vehicle Access pathways** with beach equipment has accounted for **more than 13%** of the Divisions interactions with the public.

These incidents provide an important education opportunity, to let beachgoers know the importance of these specially designated pathways, and how critical it is to **"keep paths free, from street to sea!"**



[\\_ \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/administration/images/2022\\_emergency-vehicle-access-](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/administration/images/2022_emergency-vehicle-access-)

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Across the 65 public [Beach Access Locations \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information/Beach-Access-Locations\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information/Beach-Access-Locations) within Oak Island, approximately 19 are currently identified as Emergency Access Locations which can accommodate a full sized rescue vehicle. These special locations feature a wider path over the dunes and modified parking lot, designed to accommodate emergency response vehicles and the boats or rescue watercraft they may be trailering.

Whether it's answering calls for medical assistances, responding to swimmers in distress, or even performing search and rescue operations, the beach access pathways at these locations **must remain open and unobstructed at all times!**

So please, do your part to help out this Summer! Before you or a neighbor sits down in that beach chair or sets up that sunshade, make sure you know exactly **where** you are, and **who** you might be blocking! To learn more about and **SHARE** the information on Emergency Vehicle Access Locations, just click the **Beach Safety** tab on the Beach Information page at [OakIslandNC.gov/BEACH \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information) 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"

## "This Week At The Rec"

Provided below is a listing of the fitness programs, education classes, and events happening at the [Oak Island Recreation Center \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Town/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities\)](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**.

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Monday, May 11

- Recreation Center

- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Circuit with Maggie
- 10:15 AM SilverSneakers Cardio Dance with Vicki
- 11:15 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
- 4:00 PM Multi Fit with Claire
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey

## Tuesday, May 12

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 8:30 AM: SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
- 9:30 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
- 11:00 AM: Qigong, Breath & Movement with Jude
- 6:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

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

## Wednesday, May 13

- **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
- NOON Zumba with Emily
- 4:30 PM Multi Fit with Claire

- **Recreation Center**

- 1:00 PM May Craft Class (pre-registration required)

## Thursday, May 14

- **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
- 5:00 PM Zumba with Emily
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

- 4:00 PM Acting Class (pre-registration required)

## Friday, May 15

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
- 4:30 PM Multi Fit with Claire

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM Table Tennis

- **Veterans Park**

- 2:00 PM Book Club meeting

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:00 PM Crabbing to Cuisine Class (pre-registration required)

## Saturday, May 16

- **Recreation Center Fitness Classes**

- 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors

- 11:30 AM: Barre w/ Suzanne

## Monday, May 18

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie
- 10:15 AM SilverSneakers Cardio Dance with Vicki
- 11:15 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
- 4:00 PM Multi-fit with Claire
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Recreation Center**

- 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey

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

**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/oakislandnc>)**

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## Upcoming Events

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

(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-calendar-directory/Town-Events/Splashpad-Splashdown>)

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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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