

The CURRENT



Week of
May 25, 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>).

"The issues, involving divergent ideals and ideologies, have been determined on the battle fields of the world and hence are not for our discussion or debate." In the opening words of his [speech at the surrender of Japan](https://www.history.navy.mil/research/archives/digital-exhibits-highlights/vj-day/surrender/macarthur-speech.html) (<https://www.history.navy.mil/research/archives/digital-exhibits-highlights/vj-day/surrender/macarthur-speech.html>), on 2 September 1945, General Douglas MacArthur was clear, direct, and final in his assessment of what the previous three years and nine months of fighting had rendered. While victory in the Pacific Theater of WWII was no longer up for debate, he also understood the cost it required.

Living in a place as beautiful as Oak Island can sometimes make it difficult to visualize the reason for the federally designated holiday of **Memorial Day**. While barbecues and beach days are often enjoyed around this time, it's important to remember **WHY** we have the freedom to enjoy those activities.

That's why we take this moment, at the start of this week and the introduction to this edition, to **Honor & Remember** the U.S. Military personnel who have died while serving in our Nation's armed forces. Please note, Town Offices are **CLOSED** this **Monday, May 25** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

Following most of the events and regional observances, please take a few minutes to dive into this early publishing of **The CURRENT**.

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

- **BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD** will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, May 26 at 9:00 AM** in the Training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.
- **TOWN COUNCIL** will hold a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

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.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (**<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meetings-Information>**)

Holidays & Closures

Town Administrative Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, May 25, 2026** in observance of **Memorial Day**.

- **[Garbage & Recycling Collection](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information)** (**<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>**)

Special Meeting Notice

The Oak Island Town Council will hold a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM** in the Town Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

The purpose of calling this Special Meeting is as follows:

- To hold the required **Public Hearing** for the **FY 2026-2027 Recommended Budget** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Finance/Budget>)
- Consideration of the Town's **Advisory Boards / Committees Handbook & Policies**
- **Closed Session** to discuss specific personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Action may be taken. This meeting will be broadcast live on OKI-TV (Spectrum Cable channel 8), and livestreamed on the Town Website. To view the livestream, download the Meeting Agenda, or watch the meeting at a later playback, 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.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes-Video>)

Hurricane Conference *THIS WEEK*

REMINDER: The **2026 Hurricane Conference** is **THIS WEEK** on **Thursday, May 28**, taking up the entire second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.



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

This year, the doors open early for our largest-ever **Resource Fair**, featuring over **20 vendors** in the public services and storm resilience industries! Following that will be the **Panel Discussion** with Town Staff and a special **Forecast Presentation** from the National Weather Service.

For more information or to help **SHARE** this event, just visit the **Hurricane Information** page at [OakIslandNC.gov/HURRICANE](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/HURRICANE) (<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>)

No Wake Zone: Kickoff Success

This past **Friday, May 22**, Chief Charlie Morris and the Oak Island Police Department officially kicked off the **NEW No Wake Zone Street Safety Campaign** with an event at **Veterans Park**.



Dozens of residents and property owners came out to learn about this new campaign, which is starting with a 30-day targeted effort on Yacht Drive, with later expansion possible in other high-traffic areas. Attendees learned more about the purpose of the Campaign, and were able to get their own **No Wake Zone** Yard Signs and Info Cards, as they prepared to help show their support throughout the coming Summer months!

No Wake Zone is a shared safety initiative between the Police Department and Town Residents. The goal is to encourage safety across the multiple modes of travel used on many Oak Island streets, just like how a "No Wake Zone" works to keep everyone safe on the water!

To learn more about this new campaign and how you can get involved, visit the dedicated webpage at [OakIslandNC.gov/STREETS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department/No-Wake-Zone) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department/No-Wake-Zone>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department/No-Wake-Zone>)

Dune Planting Updates

Between **Monday, May 25 - Thursday, May 28**, the **Dune Vegetation Planting** operations will **RESUME** work in the following areas:

- Between **5th PL W** and **17th PL W**
- Between **33rd PL W** and **48th PL W**



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/5/images/news-images/beach-nourishment-project-notice.jpg>)

SAFETY: While this work will **NOT** cause beach or access closures, it **WILL** involve a single vehicle and multiple workers. To help ensure work is completed on time and in a safe manner, beachgoers in the immediate area should **STAY CLEAR** of any vehicles or equipment, and **DO NOT stop vehicles** or speak with crews working onsite, as this will delay completion.

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>)

Resilience Survey Reminder

Throughout the month of May, the **Coastal Resilience Survey** (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW>) has been active and providing an opportunity for **YOU** to help the Town identify and prioritize projects that strengthen our resilience to coastal hazards. If you haven't yet participated in the Survey, don't wait, as **the Survey will CLOSE on Friday, June 12**.



This Strategy is being developed in partnership with the N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP), and is working to design policies, programs, and projects that protect residents and ensure long-term sustainability. This Survey will help the Project Team understand what environmental risks are of the greatest concern, and how the Town 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.OakIslandResiliency.com (<https://www.oakislandresiliency.com/>). To participate in the Survey, visit [OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/SURVEY) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSHTNVW>)

Join The Team

Board & Committee Openings

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

- **Environmental Advisory Committee** (one unexpired term ending June 2027, and four terms expiring June 2029)
- **Board of Adjustment** (one alternate term expiring March 2029)

New members may be appointed to fill these terms by the Town Council at the Regular Meeting on **June 10, 2026**.

Please submit **Board & Committee Applications**

(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/clerk/documents/committeapplication_form_may2023.pdf) to the Deputy Town Clerk by **NOON on Friday, May 29, 2026**, either in-person at Town Hallo, located at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive, or via email by clicking the link below.

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS (<mailto:ebaker@oakislandnc.gov>)

Job Opportunities

The Town of Oak Island is committed to providing municipal services to Residents & 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:

- **801 Ocean Event Center Coordinator** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Part-Time-801-Ocean-Event-Center-Coordinator>). (part-time)
- **Development Liaison** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Development-Liaison>)
- **Permits Specialist** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Permits-Specialist>). (part-time)
- **Heavy Equipment Operator** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Heavy-Equipment-Operator-Stormwater>). (Stormwater)
- **Oak Island Par 3 Course Manager** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Oak-Island-Par-3-Course-Manager>).
- **Police Officer** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Police-Officer>).

To learn more and apply for these or future 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.

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Safety Brief

Badges, Boats, & Boots Benefits

It's been a couple of weeks now since the Fourth Annual **Badges, Boats, & Boots Softball Game**, and although our [Police & Fire Departments](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety>), are still working through having to give up another victory to the "Puddle Pirates" - there's at least one thing from the event we **were** excited to be handing out!



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Last Wednesday, Community Resource Officer Joe Trahey was able to deliver a check for over **\$1,300** to the **Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter** (<https://seabiscuitwildlifeshelter.org/>), as this year's selected benefit organization for the **3-B!** Despite the damp weather during the game, there was still a lot of fun had by all, with a large contribution from the **Oak Island Elks Lodge**, and strong t-shirt sales which continued online well into last week!

If you're unfamiliar with the Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter, they are a non-profit wild bird rehabilitation and release organization, who provide medical treatment for wild birds that are injured, sick, or orphaned. They are a great community partner, and always there to help when our officers are called to respond to any injured aviary! To learn more, just visit their website at www.seabiscuitwildlifeshelter.org (<https://www.seabiscuitwildlifeshelter.org>). See less or click the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE \(/www.seabiscuitwildlifeshelter.org\)](http://www.seabiscuitwildlifeshelter.org)

Boating Safety Reminders

Last Monday, May 18, members of the Ocean Rescue Unit and Oak Island Water Rescue jumped into action, when multiple agencies were dispatched to a boat that had lost steering and become capsized in the waters of the Lockwoods Folly Inlet.

May 18, 2026: Oak Island Ocean
Town of Oak Island



Watch on

Crews worked seamlessly together to locate and rescue two boaters still in the water, while also retrieving two other boaters and a dog from a passing civilian boat that had rescued them just before our arrival. In total, **ALL boaters and their dog were safely returned to shore within 15 minutes of the call going out!**

While this was exactly the top-tier level response we train for, it also provides a good opportunity for some **Boating Safety** reminders in the Summer months ahead. When navigating our local waterways, it's important to remember:

- **Check the forecasts** for tide, wind, and boating conditions before heading out
- **Never overload** your boat, and make sure weight is properly distributed
- **Make sure** you have the correct amount of up-to-date **safety equipment**, including fire extinguishers and U.S.C.G. approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
- **Keep all life jackets** and PFDs within easy reach for emergencies; or better yet worn at all times, especially when navigating through inlets and on open water (**NOTE:** Under NC Law, children **under 13** are **required** to wear a life jacket while on moving boat)

Finally, remember that one of the **most unsafe** things on the water is an "EGO" - don't be ashamed to admit if you're unfamiliar with an area or certain aspects of your boat. Even if you're a "local," remember that the channels and shoals of an inlet can change almost daily!

Take your time to practice and plan out what you'll be doing ahead of time, and let others know what your boating plans are for the day. If you'd like to freshen up your knowledge on boating safety, check out the courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard on their website at USCGboating.org (<https://www.uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/index.php?m=rb>) or click the link below.

"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, May 25

- **CLOSED** in Observance of *Memorial Day*

Tuesday, May 26

- **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
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open
- **Recreation Center**
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club

Wednesday, May 27

- **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
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open

Thursday, May 28

- **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)
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open

Friday, May 29

- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
 - 4:30 PM Multi Fit with Claire
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM Table Tennis
- **Nature Center**
 - 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 6:30 PM Summer Concert with The Salty Dawgs

Saturday, May 30

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**
 - 10:00 AM: Community Yoga with rotating instructors
 - 11:30 AM: Barre w/ Suzanne

Monday, June 1

- **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
- **Middleton Park Complex**
 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Farmers Market
- **Oak Island Pier**
 - 8:00 AM Pier Yoga (pre-registration required)
- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM Exploring Nature Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open
- **Recreation Center**
 - 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.

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

Upcoming Event Flyers

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

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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

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.

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