

The CURRENT



July 6, 2026

Week of
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We are well into July, well into Summer, and well into one of the **HOTTEST** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Heat-Safety-Notice>), weeks so far this year! While we take a minute to cool off from the excitement of another successful **Beach Day** (<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/18syQtzJ5t/>), last week, it's important to realize there's still a lot of fun left before we say **goodbye to Summer!** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer>).

It's also important to note that there's no "Summer Break" for Town business either! Being in July also means the start of a new **Fiscal Year** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Finance>), as well, and there are plenty of new services, projects, and initiatives starting soon. Lucky for you, you've floated right up to the best sandbar to learn about all of it, right here in this week's edition of **The CURRENT**.

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Council & Board Meetings

TOWN COUNCIL will hold a **Special Meeting** on **Tuesday, July 7, 2026** at **2:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the 2nd floor of Oak Island Town Hall. The purpose of the meetings will be to consider a contract for purchase of a fire truck (the purchase was previously approved, and approval of the contract is now needed), and to hold a Closed Session to Discuss Potential Land Acquisition

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/Meetings-Information>) or click the link below.

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

Holidays & Closures

There are **NO** Holiday Closures for the week ahead. The next Holiday Closure will be on **Monday, September 7, 2026** in observance of **Labor 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.

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News & Notices



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Water Conservation Status Update

Currently, Brunswick County remains at the **Stage 2 MANDATORY Water Conservation Alert** it upgraded to on **Friday, June 26, 2026** (<https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/807>). As drought conditions continue to worsen, this **Stage 2** alert requires water customers who *do not use private groundwater wells or reclaimed water* to only use their irrigation systems between the hours starting at **8:00 PM** through **4:00 AM** on their respective days:

- **All address numbers:** No irrigation on Mondays
- **Odd address numbers and non-addressed facilities:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday (*only between 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.*)
- **Even address numbers:** Wednesday, Friday, Sunday (*only between 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.*)

Brunswick County first issued a Stage 1 Voluntary Water Conservation Alert on June 9, 2026, which was upgraded to Stage 2 on June 26, when a majority of the County was identified as being under **Extreme Drought** (D3) conditions. These conditions continue to strain demands on water, particularly related to irrigation use. **Irrigation represent the majority** of non-essential water use, so a primary way that customers can reduce water usage is to limit irrigation.

To view the full notice and **any future updates or alert upgrades** which may take place, visit the Brunswick County Website at [BrunswickCountyNC.gov](https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/807) (<https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/807>), or click the link below.

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Town Hall Parking Change Reminder

Quick reminder first introduced last week (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/communications/the-current-archive/2026/2026-06-29_the-current.pdf), as of **Monday, July 6** the gravel parking area located directly being Town Hall and adjacent to the Pickleball, Tennis, and Basketball Courts have transitioned to **Resident & Town Staff Parking Only**. This change will help to ensure an adequate number of spaces for residents utilizing these facilities, as well as Town Public Safety and Public Works employees who also park in these areas. Additionally, signage improvements will be made to emphasize Town Employees ONLY in the parking lot to the West of Town Hall on SE 46th Street.

As part of this change, **parking will be enforced in both lots** by the contracted service vendor, Otto Connect (<https://www.ottoconnect.us/our-cast>). All Vehicles parked in these lots must present a Town Employee hangtag or be registered as a resident through the SurfCast (<https://www.surfcast.us/>), application.

For any visitors unable to use these lots and looking for a new place to park, the SurfCast app has launched its **NEW OttoView** feature! This gives users the online ability to identify parking areas with open spaces. For more information on all things parking related in Oak Island, just visit the **Parking Information** page at OakIslandNC.gov/PARKING (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parking-Information>) or click the link below.

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Par 3 Golf Improvements Continue

Another great update in the ongoing Greens Improvement Project out at Oak Island Par 3 Golf (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Par-3-Golf-Course>), where some serious work has been underway to enhance the playability and overall course conditions. The team has now successfully renovated the greens on **holes #2, #4, & #5**. Each green received new sod, while the surrounding areas were carefully graded, leveled, and improved to provide a smoother, more consistent playing surface.

The transformation has been incredible, and it's thrilling to see the progress made so far, but **the improvements haven't stopped there!** In addition to these renovations, greens throughout the rest of the course have been repaired and patched to address worn areas and improve overall playing conditions. Cleanup and maintenance in several bunkers has also been completed, as well as hydroseeding in multiple areas, to promote healthy turf growth and establish fuller, more consistent playing surfaces.

The construction phase is mostly complete, and temporary greens will remain in place while the new turf continues to mature and the recently sodded areas establish a healthy root system. In the meantime, if you haven't checked out the Oak Island Par 3 lately, remember there's **no tee times** and **no memberships** required! So stop by at 4188 Vanessa Drive, or visit the **Par 3 Golf** page at OakIslandNC.gov/GOLF (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Par-3-Golf-Course>) or click the link below.



Thursday, July 16, 2026 • 6:00 PM
Council Chambers • 4601 E Oak Island Dr.
 Oak Island welcomes
Dr. Mariko Polk & Dr. Martin Posey
 as presenters in the next **Speakers Series!**

Topic: Living Shorelines & Protecting Property Along Our Waterways.

What if the best way to protect waterfront property wasn't a wall but a living, thriving shoreline? Come explore how natural solutions like plants and oyster reefs can reduce erosion, improve water quality, save money, and create beautiful, strong coastlines.

Learn more about the **Speakers Series** and other Town projects with UNCW at [OakislandNC.gov/Coastwise](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Coastwise)

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Coastwise Speakers Series

Returning **NEXT WEEK** on **Thursday, July 16, 2026** at **6:00 PM** the popular **CoastWise Speakers Series** will be held in the Town Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive. Don't miss the next event in the Series, when the Town welcomes **Drs. Mariko Polk & Martin Posey** to discuss their Series topic **"Living Shorelines & Protecting Property Along Our Waterways"**

This Series asks the question "What if the best way to protect waterfront property wasn't a wall, but a living, thriving shoreline?"

Come explore how natural solutions like plants and oyster reefs can reduce erosion, improve water quality, save money, and create beautiful, strong coastlines! Join us to learn how living shorelines are transforming the way we protect our waterways and how you can take part in this smart approach!

Started in the Summer of 2025, the **CoastWise Initiative** is a collaborative partnership between the Town of Oak Island and the UNCW College of Science & Engineering (UNCW). This partnership will be mutually beneficial, as it utilizes the knowledge and resources of UNCW to benefit the Town's natural environment.

To learn more about the Speakers Series or the Coastwise Initiative in general, just visit the dedicated page at [OakislandNC.gov/Coastwise](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Coastwise) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/CoastWise>) or click the link below

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/CoastWise\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/CoastWise)



Town of Oak Island Community Center JULY 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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The **Oak Island Community Center** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Community-Center>), has updated its **Events Calendar** for the month of **JULY**, as well as adding new photos from recent events held in May.

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](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Community-Center) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Community-Center>) or click the link below.

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Join The Team



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Job Opportunities

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

Currently the Town is accepting **Applications for Employment**

(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/administration/documents/oak-island-employment-application.pdf>) for the following positions:

- **Accounting Services Analyst** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Accounting-Services-Analyst>).
- **Development Services Director** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Development-Services-Director>).
- **Police Officer** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Police-Officer>).
- **Oak Island Par 3 Course Manager** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Oak-Island-Par-3-Course-Manager>).
- **801 Ocean Event Center Coordinator** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Part-Time-801-Ocean-Event-Center-Coordinator>). (part-time)
- **Finance Director** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Finance-Director>).

To learn more about these listings, or to apply for 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.

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Safety Brief



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Dutchman Dinghy Dash

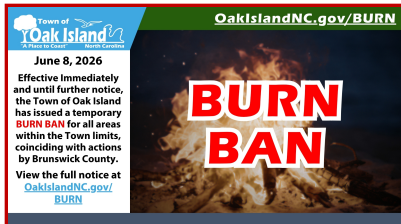
Just because **Beach Day** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Day>), has passed, doesn't mean the Summer fun is over! We're less than a month away from one of the most exciting events of the year, hosted by the Oak Island Police Department ... the **FIFTH Annual Dutchman Dinghy Dash** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Dutchman-Dinghy-Dash-D3-Cardboard-Boat-Race>)!

This "**soapbox derby on the water**" is back for its FIFTH year, challenging boat builders to travel up to 400' in homemade cardboard boats ... *without sinking!*

This event is always a FUN time that also benefits a GOOD CAUSE, as the only **entry fee** is a **\$10 donation** of non-perishable goods, to be used in later recovery efforts. Sing yourself or your organization up to participate, or just come out and cheer on your favorite boat builders. Either way, it's going to be Dash!

To learn more and help us to **SHARE** this event, just visit the dedicated page at [OakIslandNC.gov/D3](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/D3) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Dutchman-Dinghy-Dash-D3-Cardboard-Boat-Race>), or click the link below.

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Burn Ban Reminders

In case you haven't noticed (or, you know, walked outside) in the last few weeks ... **it's HOT! And DRY!!** That's why the Fire Department is taking this opportunity as a remind you of the **BURN BAN** which is still in effect for all areas within the Town limits and coincides with the **Burn Ban issued by Brunswick County** (<https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/806>) for all unincorporated areas.

This ban has been in effect since June 8, 2026, and **prohibits all open burning within the Town limits**. As noted by Brunswick County, Current and future weather forecast models indicate conditions that are not favorable to open burning, particularly due to increasing drought conditions and fire danger risks for this week. The burn ban **does not** apply to any open burning permits issued by the North Carolina Forest Service.

Please help us spread the word: This notice will be updated as conditions change, and can be **viewed and shared at** [OakIslandNC.gov/BURN](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/BURN) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Burn-Ban>), or by clicking the link below.

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"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>), located at 3003 E Oak Island Drive. For questions or additional information, contact the Recreation Center at **910-278-5518**.

Monday, July 6

- **Recreation Center**
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Adventure Day Camp (pre-registration required)
 - 10:15 AM SilverSneakers Cardio Dance with Vicki
 - 11:15 AM: Gentle Yoga with Mert
 - 4:00 PM Multi-fit with Claire
 - 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey
 - 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)
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open

Tuesday, July 7

- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:30 AM: SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Adventure Day Camp (pre-registration required)
 - 9:30 AM: Gentle Yoga with Mert
 - 11:00 AM: Qigong, Breath & Movement with Jude
 - 11:30 AM – Shell Drop Making Class (pre-registration required)
 - 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: Line Dancing Club
 - 5:45 PM Build your Own Succulent Conch Shell (Pre-registration required)
 - 6:00 PM: Barre with Suzanne
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open

Wednesday, July 8

- **Recreation Center**
 - 8:00 AM SilverSneakers Strength and Tone with Vicki
 - 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Stability with Mary Beth
 - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Adventure Day Camp (pre-registration required)
 - 1:00 PM Craft Class Ornament Making (pre – registration required)
 - 4:30 PM Multi Fit with Claire
- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**
 - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)

- **Ocean Education Center**

- 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open

- **Nature Center**

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open

- **801 Event Center**

- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Story Time by the Sea (Free with Pre-registration)

Thursday, July 9

- **Recreation Center**

- 8:00 AM Total Body Blast with Mary Beth
- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers Circuit with Maggie
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Adventure Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- 6:00 PM Barre with Suzanne

- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**

- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)

- **Nature Center**

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open

Friday, July 10

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM SilverSneakers Classic Fitness with Susan
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Adventure Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- 4:30 PM Multi Fit with Claire

- **Cape Fear Yacht Club**

- 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sailing Camp (pre-registration required)

- **Nature Center**

- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Open

- **Nature Center**

- 2:00 PM Book Club Meeting

- **Middleton Park Complex**

- 6:30 PM Summer Concert with Entertainers

Saturday, July 11

- **Recreation Center fitness classes**

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

- **Oak Island Pier**

- 8:00 AM Pier yoga with rotating instructors

Monday, July 13

- **Recreation Center**

- 9:00 AM: SilverSneakers Fitness with Maggie
- 9:00 AM Sports Day Camp (pre- registration required)
- 10:15 AM SilverSneakers Cardio Dance with Vicki
- 11:15 AM: Senior Yoga with Mert
- 4:00 PM Multi-fit with Claire
- 5:00 PM Dance Lessons with Casey
- 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)
- **Ocean Education Center**
 - 10:00AM – 2:00 PM Open

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.

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Upcoming Event Flyers

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Farmer's & Artisans' Market

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