The CURRENT



Week of

August 24, 2026

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

It's the last week in August, which also means the last week of the **Summer Concert Series (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Summer-concert-series/The-Conspiracy)**, and less than two weeks before we celebrate another **Sunset On Summer (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer)**.

Between kids going back to school and the heatwaves (hopefully) cooling off, Fall is definitely on the way! Even though the Summer fun may soon be coming to an end, there are still a lot of new and noteworthy things happening in Town Hall. Lucky for you, we have updates on all of it, as we get set for a swim through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, August 25** at **9:00 AM** in the Training Room located on the 2nd floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.

REMINDER: The **Planning Board** will **NOT** be holding a meeting for the month of August, as there are no applications for rezoning or text amendments for review.

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
- The **Disposal Convenience Site** will be **CLOSED** on **Saturday, September 1**
- 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)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory)

News & Notices



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/images/news-images/meeting-notice-1.jpg)

Council Actions Review

Last week on **Tuesday, August 18 (https://oakislandnc.granicus.com/player/clip/709)**, the Oak Island Town Council held its regular monthly meeting in the Council Chambers.

A full ***Actions Review*** of decisions made by the Council during the for this meeting has been published in the***OKInformation***page. To view the Actions Review in full, simply visit**OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Meeting-Notice)**or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Meeting-Notice)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/images/news-images/street-paving-notice-1.jpg)

Street Paving Project Update

For the week ahead, the Paving Services Contractor is expected to be working in the following areas:

- **Wednesday, August 26 • NW 7th Street**
- **Thursday, August 27 • NW 7th Street**
- **Friday, August 28 • SW 12th Street**

As previously noted, streets will **NOT** be paved in the order they are listed on the town Website page, as the paving contractor will set their own route, based on which is most efficient. However, **notices will be posted** in the area where work will begin at least **48 hours ahead** of any paving or resurfacing work.

HOW TO HELP: To ensure a safe and timely completion of this project, please **DO NOT** enter the marked work areas, and **DO NOT** try to stop or speak with contractors onsite, as this will slow progress. To view the list of identified street areas on this specific project, check out the ***Streets Division*** tab on the Public Works Department page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PW (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/public-safety/images/police/scam-alert-notice.jpg)

Scam Alert: Fake Invoices

The Town of Oak Island has been made aware of a recent wave of new **postal mail & online scams** targeting residents and property owners. In this latest effort, scammers are using publicly available information to generate **FAKE Permit Approval** emails, which demand **payment of included invoices**.

The emails claim the invoices **must be paid** in order to proceed with any permit approvals and authorizations. While the Town can send invoices, in most cases they are ***not charged*** until a permit is ready to be issued. Any official invoice sent by the Town will include an ***Invoice Number***, which can be used to verify charges when speaking with a Permit Specialist.

These can seem like legitimate emails at first, using real permit numbers and the names of real Town employees, however some deeper reading often reveals the signs they are a scam: To view the FULL information on this notice, including how to spot the scam and what to do if affected, visit the **OakIslandNC.gov/SCAM (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/OKInformation)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/OKInformation)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/development-services/images/curb-alert-one-pager.jpg)

Curb Alert: Help Clean The Streets

"***CURB ALERT!***" It's a quick way of letting others know you've got something to give away, usually set by the side of the road. But what about the ***items nobody wants?*** The stranger's yard debris, the streetside couches, or even the occasional ditch mattress? What becomes of these not-so-natural wonders? That's why the **Public Works Department (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works)** is here with some gentle reminders!

Yard Debris is collected by the Department, and should **ONLY** consist of ***leaves***, ***clippings***, and ***small sticks*** generated by typical yardwork. Yard debris must be placed in the Right-Of-Way (ROW) in **front of YOUR property**, and cannot be placed in any other area without written permissions from the other property owner. This especially important in larger ROW areas, ***such as Barbee Blvd***, where illegal dumping has become a particular issue.

Bulk Items like furniture, appliances, electronics, and other large items should **NOT** be left in the ROW as they are **NOT** picked up with regular garbage & recycling collection. These items must be disposed of at the Town's Disposal Convenience Site, or at one of the **Brunswick County Convenience Centers (https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/417/Convenience-Centers)**.

To share this information and help to curb the unwanted "curb alerts," simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/CURB (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/OKInformation)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/OKInformation)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/3/images/news-images/splashpad-notice-1.jpg)

Splashpad Reopen Notice

In case you haven't heard, last week Brunswick County transitioned back to **Stage 2 Water Restrictions (https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/807)** following improvement in area drought conditions. As an added benefit from this change, the **Oak Island Splashpad** has been **REOPENED** for all **Town Events** planned at the Middleton Park Complex through September

Starting with last Thursday's **Summer Concert Series (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Summer-concert-series/Rivermist)**, remaining events the Splashpad will be open for include:

- **3:00 PM - 8:00 PM • August 28: Summer Concert Series *feat* The Conspiracy (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Summer-concert-series/The-Conspiracy)**
- **3:00 PM - 8:00 PM • September 4: Movie Night At Middleton (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Movie-Night)**
- **NOON - 8:00 PM • September 5: Sunset on Summer Music Festival (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer)**

PLEASE NOTE: This **limited reopening** is in response to updates on Brunswick County Water Restrictions, and **may be modified with any future changes**. For full information and the latest updates to the ongoing water restrictions, visit **OakIslandNC.gov/WATER (https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/807)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
(https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/807)

Join The Team

Boards & Committees

The Oak Island Town Council is now accepting **Committee Applications (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/clerk/documents/board-application.pdf)** from interested persons for the following appointed Boards & Committees:

- **Board of Adjustment** (1 Alternate term expiring March 2029)
- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** (1 unexpired term ending March 2027)
- **Business Advisory Board** (1 unexpired term ending September 2027 and 4 terms expiring September 2029, 1 of which must represent the Resident category)

Appointments may be made at the September 8, 2026 Council meeting. Please submit applications to the Deputy Town Clerk by noon on Friday, August 28, 2026, at 4601 E. Oak Island Drive, or via email to ebaker@oakislandnc.gov (mailto:ebaker@oakislandnc.gov).

CLICK HERE TO APPLY
(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/clerk/documents/board-application.pdf)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/17/administration/hr/join-the-team-3.jpg)

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)

Maintenance Worker / Operations (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Maintenance-Worker-Public-Works-Operations)

Permits Specialist (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Permits-Specialist)

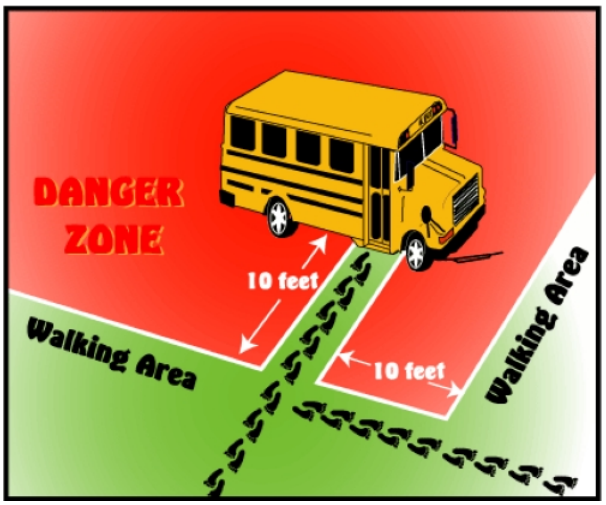
Police Officer (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Police-Officer)

Recreation Assistant (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Recreation-Assistant)

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/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



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/public-safety/images/police/school-bus-danger-zones.jpg)

School Bus Safety

Last week, you helped us ***Cram The Cruiser*** to collect school supplies for area teachers. Well the new school year is here, and there's another place we **DON'T** want you to do any "cramming" ... ***near the school buses!***

Many visitors and often even residents don't realize that there is an encouraging number of school-aged children (and school bus stops) right here in Oak Island! As they start back to school this week, please remember that ***School Bus Safety starts with YOU!***

Be sure to look out for slowing or stopped school busses, especially during the morning and afternoon hours. Remember that in North Carolina, **ALL** traffic in both directions must stop for a stopped school bus! This applies to all roads with two and four lanes, without a median separation. Additionally, when traveling in and around busses, remember the **Danger Zones** shown in the graphic above. Just because you can see around a bus, doesn't mean they can see you!

By working together and maintaining awareness of your surroundings, we can help to ensure a safe start to another school year for everyone! For more information on school bus safety, visit the **NC Department of Public Safety** website at **www.NCDPS.gov (https://www.ncdps.gov/dps-services/safety-tips/school-bus-safety)** or click the link below

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.ncdps.gov/dps-services/safety-tips/school-bus-safety)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/images/news-images/oki-pd-recruitment-85x11.jpg)

Join The Department

When reading the latest edition of ***The CURRENT*** each week, do you sometimes gloss over the ***Join The Team (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Join-The-Team-Oak-Island-Employment-Opportunities)*** section? Well, if you're looking for a way to serve your community, or possibly even a new career in law enforcement, then there's at least one important listing up there you should check out.

The Oak Island Police Department is **now hiring entry level and experienced police officers.** As officer with the Oak Island Police Department, you'll be part of a respected organization driven by a community-oriented policing model, using innovative programs developed right here to connect with residents and visitors.

In Oak Island, EVERY officer works with partner organizations and community groups, to build a trust we all can benefit from. If you want to serve in a Police Department that works with our community, works with each other, and just plain works, then the Town of Oak Island might be the right fit for you. So do a little investigating, and check us out at **OakIslandNC.gov/PD (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department)**. Then when you're ready, click that ***JOIN THE TEAM*** button below.

CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE TEAM (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Police-Officer)

Parks & Rec Review



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/images/news-images/801-new-mural-invite.jpg)

Call To Artists: *Mural Magic*

From now through **September 30, 2026** the Town of Oak Island is inviting artists to bring their creativity to the community by submitting **proposals for a mural** at the **801 Ocean Event Center (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/801-Ocean-Event-Center)**. This project aims to enhance the Center's visual appeal while celebrating Oak Island's vibrant culture and community spirit.

The mural will be installed on the **east side** exterior wall, facing the **Oak Island Pier (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Pier)** next door, and will serve as a welcoming and inspiring focal point for residents and visitors as they enter the Beach Access Location for Womble Street.

Artists with experience in mural design and installation should include with their submission a ***letter of interest***, a ***portfolio of past work***, and ***references***. Artists are welcome to include a proposed budget with their submission. Artist selection will take place on **October 15, 2026**, with a mural completion deadline of January 15, 2026.

For questions or to submit proposals, email Parks & Facilities Manager, **Gina Sargese** at **gsargese@oakislandnc.gov (mailto:gsargese@oakislandnc.gov)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (mailto:gsargese@oakislandnc.gov)

Fitness, Fun, & Friends

Between the Oak Island Recreation Center (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Recreation-Center), the Nature Center (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Nature-Center), the Ocean Education Center (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Ocean-Education-Center), and our many parks and recreation facilities (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities), there's always somewhere to go and something to do with Oak Island Parks & Recreation!

To view the complete ***Recreation Schedule*** for the week ahead, simply click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW SCHDULE (PDF, 232KB) (/files/assets/town/v/6/parks-amp-recreation/documents/parks-recreation-schedule_-august-24-august-31-2026.pdf)

Upcoming Event Flyers

Click on the graphics below to learn more about these featured upcoming events!

Movie Night In Middleton



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/3/calendar/town-events/movie-night-graphic.jpg)

Sunset On Summer



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First Responder Fall Classic



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