The CURRENT



Week of

August 31, 2026

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

Can you feel it? Summer isn't quite over yet, but much like this week's cover photo, those last few rays are inching ever-closer to the horizon. Soon, the warm days and late nights will be sinking slowly out of view, living as just another memory in the twilight ... but not before we hold the LARGEST and LOUDEST sendoff possible!

We're of course referring to the Town's **FOURTH** Annual **Sunset On Summer Music Festival (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer)**, happening **this Saturday!**

In this edition, we'll provide some important information you need to know if you're going to be attending the festival, or even just in the area. It's not all bands and beverages though, as there's important notices and even some new Town Staff to introduce you to as well.

So set your stopwatch and start counting the days as this week flies by, while we take a Sunset cruise in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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- **Environmental Advisory Committee**

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular **Thursday, September 3** at **8:30 AM** in the Training Room located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 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/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, 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 5**
- 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/playground-demolition-notice.jpg)

Playground Demolition Notice

This week marks the end of an era for one beloved feature in the Town of Oak Island. After more than 20 years of faithful service in the salty air, the time has come to say goodbye to the **E.F. Middleton Park Playground**. Located on the northern-most end of the Middleton Park Complex at 4701 E Oak Island Drive, this playground and its namesake park have been around longer than the Town Hall they stand next to.

Unfortunately, it takes more than memories to hold metal together, and after decades of fun, laughter, and even a few bumps, it's to set the stage for new memories to be made!

On **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**, work will begin on the demolition of the playground. **NOTE:** during the work the entire park area will be **CLOSED** until further notice. This work will leave the perimeter swings in place. Once the demolition is complete, the park will reopen as an open space until a new playground can be secured

and installed. Though an official timeline for replacement has not been established, Parks & Recreation staff are working to secure additional grant funding, which could provide a more inclusive playground experience by as early as next year.

In the meantime, you can view all of the other playground and open spaces available by viewing the ***Parks Directory***. Just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/PARKS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities)



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

Dune Survey Notice

For the week ahead, additional **Dune Survey** work will be conducted, as part of the Town's ongoing **Beach Management Plan (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Town-Projects/Beach-Nourishment-Preservation)**.

As with previous surveys performed recently, work will be conducted by contractor Gahagan & Bryant Associates (GBA) using vehicles like the one pictured above. During the survey, GBA crews will be driving along **Beach Drive** conducting stops at targeted locations. They will walk from the road and across the dune, to complete the surveys without having to drive on the beach. The work should not impact traffic in the area, and all work should be completed this week.

To learn more about the **Beach Management Plan** and all of the efforts included, just visit the ***Beach Nourishment & Preservation*** page at **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)



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

New Recreation Center Signage

Some ***GOOD NEWS*** to share for regular visitors to the Oak Island Recreation Center ... or anyone who drives down E Oak Island Drive, really. This week, work has begun to install a brand new, digital LED information sign in front of the Recreation Center.

This replaces the previous sign, which had been there for many years. So many years in fact, that parts were no longer available to repair it when it broke some time ago! With the old sign now removed, the new sign will soon be installed, which will be identical to the one installed last year at Town Hall.

This will help "freshen up" the look outside the Recreation Center, while providing important information on programs and activities, as well as important Town notices! You don't have to wait for a sign though, if you want to see the latest Recreation

Programs or Fitness Classes available, just visit the ***Parks & Recreation*** main page at **OakIslandNC.gov/REC (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Parks-Recreation)** or click the link below.

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



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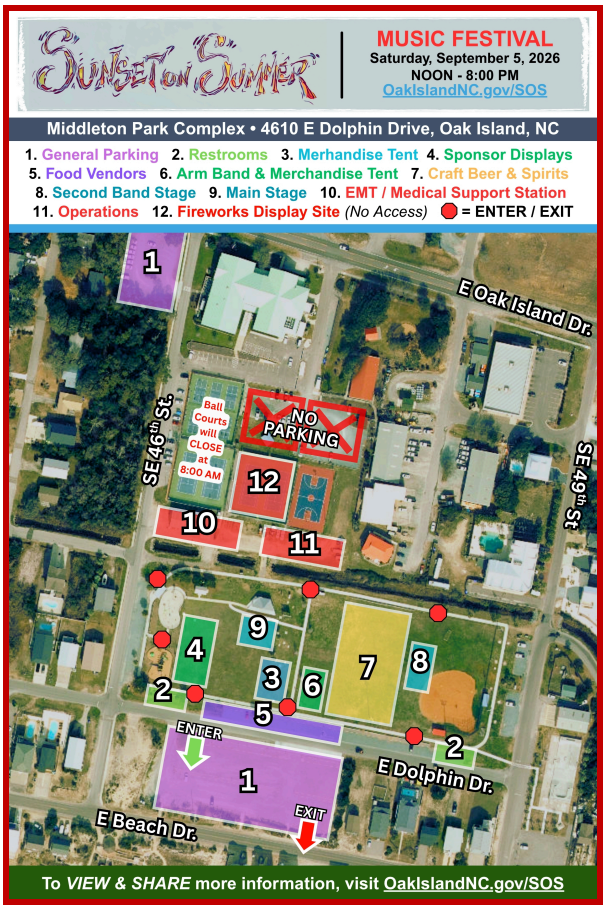
Online Store Reminder

We're almost to the important information about Sunset On Summer, but first, here's a quick reminder that the official ***Town of Oak Island Online Store (https://oakislandnc.myshopify.com/)*** is now up and running!

If you're looking for "official" logo wear from the Town of Oak Island, then look no further! Hosted by **shopify.com (https://oakislandnc.myshopify.com/)**, a trusted name in online retail, this is the "one-stop-shop" to find t-shirts, hats, bags, and other branded items from Town Departments & Events, such as the **Sunset On Summer Music Festival (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer)**

In the meantime, you can check what's already available, simply by clicking the ***Online Store*** button right on the homepage at **OakIslandNC.gov (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://oakislandnc.myshopify.com/)



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Special Notice: SOS Event & Traffic

On **Saturday, September 5, 2026** from **NOON - 8:00 PM**, the Town of Oak Island will host its Fourth Annual ***Sunset On Summer (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer) Music Festival (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer)*** in the **Middleton Park Complex**, located at 4610 E Dolphin Drive.

IMPORTANT: In addition to the **Event Information** listed further down, **please note** the **Event Map** & **Traffic Information** below:

- **FRIDAY:** The ***Tennis & Basketball Courts*** will be **CLOSED** from **NOON** through the Festival, to allow for setup of the Event Operations Center
- **SATURDAY:** The **Pickleball Courts** will be **CLOSED** at **8:00 AM** for the remainder of the day, to allow for offloading and setup of the Fireworks Display

Additionally, as noted on the Event Map:

- **NO PARKING** will be available at the **Public Services Building** *(gravel lot by the Basketball Court)*
- **PAID PARKING WILL NOT be enforced** in the extended event areas from **SE 40th Street** to **SE 49th Street**
  - This **DOES NOT** include **Beach Access Locations** or other areas where Paid Parking is enforced
  - Streetside parking in the Right-Of-Way (ROW) requires **all tires** to be completely **OFF** the pavement

- **TRAFFIC** in the **Dolphin Drive Parking Lot** will be **ONE-WAY** *(Area "1" on Event Map below)*:
  - **ENTER** from **Dolphin Drive**
  - **EXIT** onto **E Beach Drive**

About the Festival

Started in 2023, ***Sunset On Summer*** is a Town event intended to celebrate the transition from “Summer Fun” to “Fall Festivities.” It serves as a bridge between the **Summer Concert Series** (https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.oakislandnc.gov%2Fresidents-visitors%2Ftown-events/1/010001991b41a9cd-c185a903-1db7-4989-b277-eb5531f2d955-000000/jLvNtLMYJqVSngtDLCkl5ihV_kJiC7FP1q772hjTBGA=421) and the **Live & Local: Market + Music** (https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.oakislandnc.gov%2FHome%2FComponents%2FCalendar%2FEvent%2F4747%2F463/1/010001991b41a9cd-c185a903-1db7-4989-b277-eb5531f2d955-000000/oZDb5BlcOiql6w5mgbYRjLuNL40tzXITddpIqDfOX6M=421) series in the Fall.

NOTE: This is a "***Rain or Shine***" event; there will be **NO rescheduling** due to weather!

This year, the Festival boasts even ***MORE* food trucks**, ***beverage options***, and ***multiple bands*** throughout the day on **TWO stages**, including:

- **Petty Rewind**
- **The Main Event Band**
- **The Ford Project**
- **Chandler Carpenter & The Reckless Souls**

... all capped off with a **special *FIREWORKS* show** to help say goodbye to another awesome Summer!

2026 Festival Sponsors *include* **Coastal Race Productions**, **Northrop Realty**, and **Carolina Coastal Group**.

To *View & Share* information on the ***Sunset On Summer Music Festival***, just visit the dedicated page at **OakIslandNC.gov/SOS** (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Sunset-On-Summer) or click the link below.

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

Join The Team



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/administration/hr/staff-spotlight.jpg)

Staff Spotlight: Jodie Maynor

Following a thorough search of several qualified candidates, the Town is excited to announce the hiring of **Jodie Maynor** as the Town's ***NEW* Finance Director**.

Originally from Greensboro, NC, Maynor brings more than 25 years experience in financial services and administration fields. A magna cum laude graduate of East Carolina University, she holds a BSBA in Management & Human Resources, with a Certifications in Business Analytics, and will soon be completing a Master's Degree this December.

When not crunching the numbers, Jodie enjoys spending time family through activities like boating, crafting,. and shopping. Jodie Maynor is one of several exciting new staff to ***Join The Team*** in recent weeks. Stay tuned as more will be featured in the coming

editions. And hey, if you think you'd like to Join The team as well, 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)



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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)

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)

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

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.

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Safety Brief



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/5/public-safety/images/police/k-9-unit-update.jpg)

K9 Unit Update

Over the last several weeks, the Oak Island Police Department has been sharing updates as we work to **reintroduce the K9 Unit (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/K9-Unit-Updates)** to our services provided. This week, we are excited to share **TWO new updates** in the process!

First off, our two new K9 Officers names have officially been selected! As noted in the graphic above, we are pleased to introduce **K9 Sandy** (female, Chocolate Labrador) and **K9 Dune** (male, Black Labrador). These names are a great fit and will give each K9 a unique identity that reflects our community, but is personal to them and their handlers.

Speaking of their handlers, this week **Officers Beau Boose** and **Gary Green**, who were specifically selected for this program, officially started their 5-week long live-in training course for this unit! This is an exciting step for them both, and an important step forward for the Department. In a personal letter to them both, Police Chief Charlie Morris his appreciation for their "*willingness to take on this responsibility and the commitment that comes with being a K-9 handler,*" adding that he looks forward having all four of them back soon to get K9 program up and running.

The Department is excited to share this new chapter with the community, and is continuing to document the process to select, train, and deploy these amazingly talented assets. To view and share these updates, simply visit the dedicated page at **OakIslandNC.gov/K9 (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department)** or click the link below.

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(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department)



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/images/news-images/pd-news/whats-found-wednesday.jpg)

(*PREVIEW*) "What's Found" Wednesdays

"Have you seen my ...?" "Did anyone turn in my ...?" "Can you help me find my lost ...?"

These are all questions we get a lot, and many times we are able to help. Oak Island can a busy place sometimes, and that can lead to lost items. Thankfully, we're launching a **new program** that lets **YOU** ***help us, help others!***

Starting this **Wednesday, September 2, 2026**, the Oak Island Police Department will launch its newest series ***What's Found Wednesdays***, where we give you the information to help solve the puzzle of what's been found, and who it belongs to!

Each Wednesday, an ***unredacted*** graphic like the one above will be posted on the Town Website and Facebook page. If you can help share the information, then by working together we can help reunite property owners with their missing items.

If you want to help solve these mysteries, it's as easy as checking the Town Website every Wednesday, or visiting the Oak Island Facebook page. Simply go to **Facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC (https://www.facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC)** or click the link below.

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(https://www.facebook.com/TownOfOakIslandNC)

Parks & Rec Review



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

Summer Band Rescheduled

Back on **August 21**, the ***Summer Concert Series*** featured one of only a couple of rain outs this entire season, when we had to cancel the concert featuring **Hoods Creek (https://www.hoodscreekmusic.com/)**.

Well, good news for those who missed out, as we have been able to **RESCHEDULE** this amazing band, who will now be the featured performer in the **2026 Oak Island Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Tree-Lighting)**!

So join us on the evening of **Friday, December 4, 2026**, as this band brings some holiday classics, as well as the best rock, country, blues, and "music they just happen to like" that they're known for.

If you want to go ahead and start planning your calendar for the "**Holidaze (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events)**" ahead, just visit the Town Events page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory)** click the link below.

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

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, 230KB) (/files/assets/town/v/7/parks-amp-recreation/documents/parks-recreation-schedule_-august-31-september-7-2026.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



(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/calendar/town-events/sos-slide.jpg)

First Responder Fall Classic



THANK YOU

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Thank you for reading this edition of *THE CURRENT*, and choosing to stay informed on the news and events happening in Oak Island, NC.

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