The CURRENT



Week of

September 7, 2026

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

Labor. Day.

The first Monday in September is - *by its own name* - set aside since to honor "*the social and economic achievements of American workers.*" Few things in Oak Island can celebrate relaxation after hard work than a good old party ... and ***oh boy***, did ***we have a party this past weekend (https://www.facebook.com/reel/1084023821178312)!***

But now, the fireworks have all been launched, and the bands have left the beach. Once more, we were fortunate to witness the sun set on a fantastic Summer!

With particular appreciation to all of our Public Safety, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation staff for their tremendous efforts, please note that Town offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, September 7** in observance of **Labor Day**.

Come Tuesday, we'll hit the ground running though, with a whole Fall full of events and important updates to share. So before you break out the pumpkin spice, get ready for one last warm-water dip in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***.

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD meeting has been **MOVED** to **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** at **4:00 PM** in the Training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.

TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, September 8** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

BOARD OF ADJUSTEMENT will hold a Called Meeting on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** at **10:00 AM** in the Town Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

ABC BOARD (***reminder***) regular meeting has been **RESCHEDULED**, to be held one week later on **Tuesday, September 15** at **10:00 AM** in the Oak Island ABC Store, located at 5402 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
- 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



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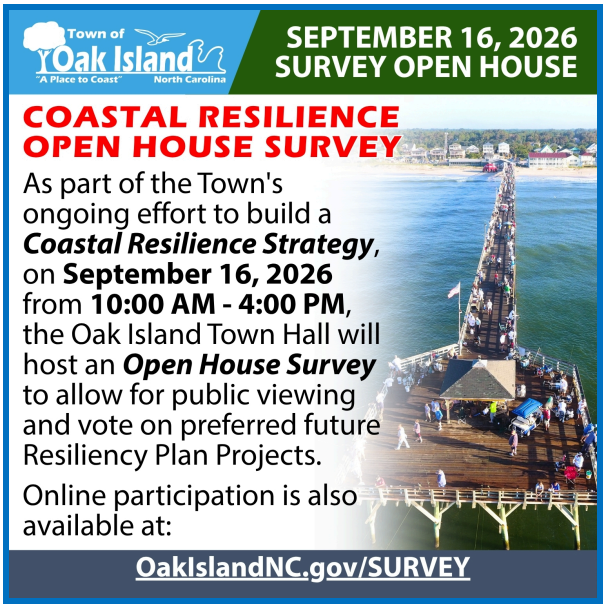
Council Meeting Agenda Preview

On **Tuesday, September 8, 2026** at **6:00 PM** the Oak Island Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

Sign-up sheets for commenting during the public hearing and / or the general comment period will be available in the back of the meeting room prior to the meeting. Speakers have three minutes.

An **Agenda Preview** for this meeting has been published in the ***OKInformation*** page. To view the Agenda Preview 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)



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Resiliency Open House Event

An important update to share in the Town's ongoing effort to build a ***Coastal Resilience Strategy***. On **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** from **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**, the Oak Island Town Hall will host an ***Open House Survey*** event where members of the public can view and vote on their preferred Resiliency Plan Projects.

The ***Coastal Resilience Strategy*** is being developed in partnership with the N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) through a locally driven process. The strategy will establish coastal resilience goals, evaluate community capacity, and identify projects that strengthen resilience to coastal hazards. The program will build local capacity while advancing a proactive and sustainable approach to coastal resilience.

The Open House survey will be a "drop in" event during the day, where attendees can view posters of project ideas and cast their vote. This is **NOT** a **formal meeting**, and there will be **NO** presentations from Town staff or consultants helping to build the plan. For those unable to come in person, an **Online Survey** is also available. To participate online, simply visit **OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MBJ2GZ)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MBJ2GZ)



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Water Chloramines Change Notice

The Brunswick County Public Utilities Department has notified the Town of Oak Island that it will begin its **Annual Flushing Program** on **October 1, 2026**.

As part of the program, Public Utilities employees flush the water mains by opening fire hydrants and allowing them to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment and allows routine maintenance of the more than 1,440 miles of water

lines and over 8,161 fire hydrants in the Brunswick County service area. Flushing may result in discoloration and presence of sediment in your water. These conditions are not harmful and are temporary.

Throughout the year, Brunswick County Public Utilities adds combined **chlorine** (in the form of ***chloramines***), to the water as the primary disinfectant. During the annual flushing program, **chlorine is added in an uncombined state**, commonly referred to as free chlorine. Free chlorine is more effective than combined chlorine at reacting with sediments suspended during flushing. This common practice is also used as preventive maintenance to kill bacteria that, though harmless when consumed by humans, can introduce unwanted taste and odor, and create issues with maintaining a disinfectant residual. Brunswick County will use free chlorine as the primary disinfectant from November.

To view the FULL notice provided by Brunswick County, visit their website at **BrunswickCountyNC.gov (https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/876)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
(https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/876)



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Business On The Month

If you receive the ***Business Bulletin (https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/kPAwiQo/OKIBAB)*** newsletter, you may have noticed a big congratulations recently to ***Fish Factory Restaurant & Bar***, as they were

just named ***Business of the Month (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Economic-Development/Business-of-the-Month)*** for September.

Fish Factory has quickly become a go-to spot for both locals and visitors, bringing something fresh and unique to Oak Island's dining scene while still fitting right in with the island's laid-back atmosphere. With creative specials and a menu that keeps customers coming back to try something new, Fish Factory has already built a strong following in the community.

The nomination also highlighted the restaurant's consistently great food and exceptional service. Their friendly, attentive team creates a welcoming experience for everyone who walks through the door and has helped make Fish Factory a place people are excited to recommend to friends and visitors. We're excited to recognize Fish Factory for the energy, creativity, and great hospitality they bring to Oak Island!

The ***Business of the Month*** program recognizes outstanding local businesses that demonstrate excellence in customer service, community involvement, innovation, and overall contribution to the island's economic vitality. Nominations are accepted year-round through an online form, with one selected each month by the Town's **Business Advisory Board (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Boards-Committees/Business-Advisory-Board)** during its monthly meeting. To learn more about the program or nominate a business, just visit the Economic Development page at **OakIslandNC.gov/ECON (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Economic-Development/Business-of-the-Month)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Economic-Development/Business-of-the-Month)

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)

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



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First Responder Fall Classic

As we noted in this editions intro, the "sun has set on summer" and we are looking forward to the Fall season. For us in the first responder community, that also means the return of the ***First Responder Fall Classic Pickleball Tournament***, which will be hosted right here in the Middleton Park Complex on **September 18 - 20, 2026**.

Coordinated by Pickleball Charleston, this tournament will feature Paddle Giveaways, a 50/50 Raffle, and a First Responder “Fun Event” where we "paddle it out" in a lighthearted “King of the Court” match that celebrates service, unity, and good oldfashioned fun!

To learn more and help SHARE this event, just visit the Town Events page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Fall-Classic-First-Responder-Pickleball-**

Tournament) or click the link below

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Fall-Classic-First-Responder-Pickleball-Tournament)



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Battle Of The Badges

On **Thursday, September 3, 2026**, the Oak Island Police Department was named ***WINNER*** in the ***Battle of the Badges Blood Drive***, coordinated by the **Ocean View United Methodist Church Health & Wellness Team**, in partnership with the **American Red Cross**.

This friendly competition brought together members of our community to donate blood while showing their support for first responder agencies throughout Brunswick County during a time when blood donations are critically needed. Donors were able to designate the agency they wished to support with their donation, with a total of **19 donors chose the Oak Island Police Department**, the highest level of donor support among the participating agencies!

While we are grateful and proud to be named the "Battle of the Badges" winner, the true purpose of this event goes far beyond a friendly competition. The real winners are the patients and families whose lives may be impacted by the blood collected during this

important community event. The Oak Island Police Department extends a sincere ***THANK YOU*** to everyone who donated blood, supported a local first responder agency, volunteered their time, and helped coordinate this year's event.

We are especially grateful to the Ocean View United Methodist Church Health & Wellness Team and the American Red Cross for bringing our community together for such a worthwhile cause.

Thank you, Oak Island, for your continued support — and most importantly, for helping save lives!

For more information on this blood drive, or how you can support future efforts, just contact the **Ocean View UMC Health & Wellness Team** at **910-279-1293** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (mailto:ovhealthwellness@gmail.com)

Parks & Rec Review



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Live & Local: Market + Music

We've officially seen the "Sunset On Summer" ... but that doesn't mean the fun and music must stop!

Join us in October for the ***Live & Local: Market + Music*** series to capture "That Fun Fall Feeling!" Each Saturday from **4:00 PM – 8:00 PM** the Middleton Park Complex comes alive with live music, local food, and craft vendors keep the beat going into the cooler months ahead.

Markets start at 4:00 PM, Music start at 6:00 PM. To see the full schedule, visit the Town Events page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events)** or click the link below.

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

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 LEARN MORE (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!

First Responder Fall Classic



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Lice & Local



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