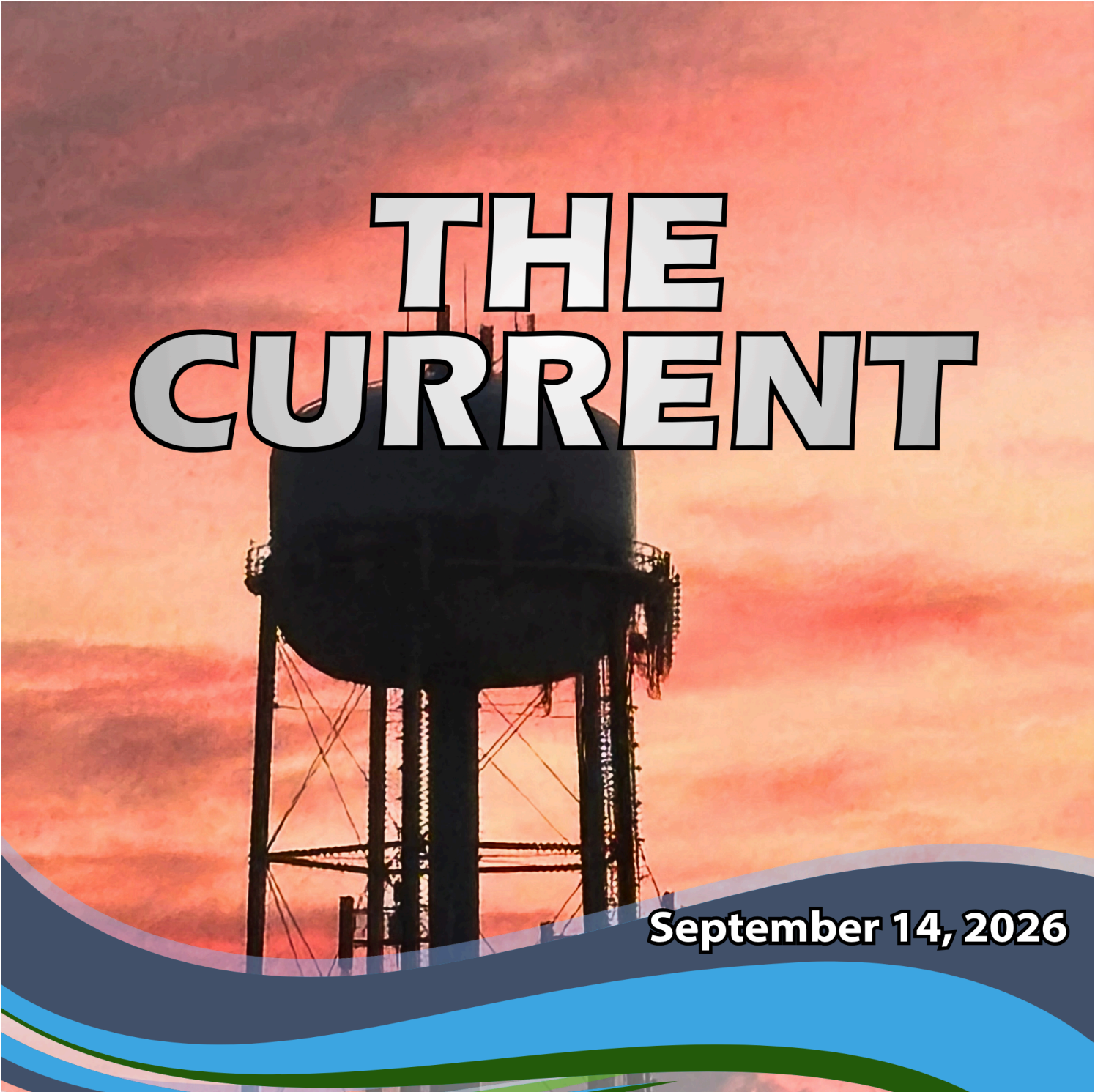


The CURRENT

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THE CURRENT

September 14, 2026

Week of

September 14, 2026

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

It seems like just last week we were celebrating the sunset of another summer, but now we're already nearly halfway through September, and just a week out from the "official" **start of Fall** (<https://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-fall-autumnal-equinox>).

Thankfully, just as fast as the time flies, so does the stream of fun and friendly events in the Town of Oak Island! From **Live & Local Concerts** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Live-Local>), to some **Spooktacular** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/National-Night-Out-Spooktacular>) scenes, we've got a whole Fall full of fun and excitement coming up! But before we get to that, there's also some important Town News & Notices to review as well. So slide on your seasonal swim trunks, because it's time for a swim through this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

There are **NO** Council, Board, or Committee meetings scheduled for the week ahead.

As a reminder, all other meeting dates, agendas, and video can be found on the ***Meetings Information*** page. To view this page, simply visit [**OakIslandNC.gov/MEETINGS**](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/MEETINGS)

([**https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meetings-Information**](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Meetings-Information)) or click the link below.

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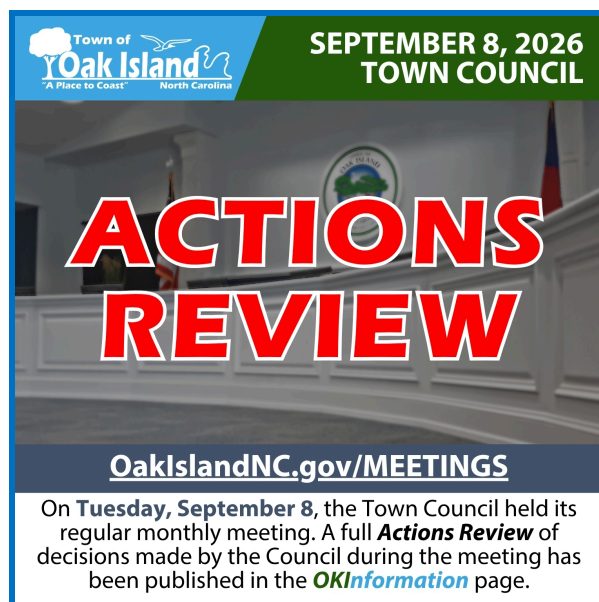
Holidays & Closures

There are **NO** holiday closures for the week ahead. The next closure will be on **Wednesday, November 11, 2026** in observance of **Veterans Day**.

To view all Holiday Closures, visit [**OakIslandNC.gov/HOLIDAY**](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/HOLIDAY)

([**https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Meetings**](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**](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory))



Council Actions Review

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

An **Actions Review** for this meeting has been published in the **OKInformation** page. To view the actions taken by the Town Council during this meeting, visit

[OakIslandNC.gov/NEWS](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Meeting-Notice) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Meeting-Notice>) or click the link below.

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(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Council-Meeting-Notice>)



(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/images/news-images/resilience-survey-notice.jpg>).

Open House Event *THIS WEEK*

Reminder that this **Wednesday, September 16, 2026** from **10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**, the Oak Island Town Hall will host an **Open House Survey**

(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Coastal-Resilience-Strategy-Update>). At the event, attendees will be able to view and vote on preferred Resiliency Plan Projects for the **Coastal Resilience Strategy**, being developed in partnership with the N.C. Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP).

The Strategy is working to establish coastal resilience goals, evaluate community capacity, and identify projects that strengthen resilience to coastal hazards. This effort will help to 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.oakislandnc.gov/SURVEY) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MBJ2GZ>) or click the link below.

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EAC Service Recognition

Earlier this month, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) recognized the Town's **Environmental Advisory Committee** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Boards-Committees/Environmental-Advisory-Committee>) (EAC) with a special award honoring **10 YEARS** of participation in the **Adopt-A-Highway** program.

Their involvement was initially launched in 2016 by Skip Cox in conjunction with the EAC, with an assigned route from **SE 59th Street** to the base of the **G.V. Barbee Bridge**. The Committee conducts four (4) events per year, usually in January, April, July, and October, with results reported directly to NCDOT.

The current contract with NCDOT runs through 2028, and to date has recorded **50+** volunteers at more than **40** Clean Up events, who worked together to collect more than **420** Bags of debris weighing over **3,000 lbs**.

In addition to the volunteers, the EAC also partners with the **Public Works Department** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works>), who provides pick-up grippers, roadside safety signs, and debris collection at the Clean Up events. The Committee is grateful for the recognition this award brings to their hard work in keeping Oak Island clean! Special thanks is noted to Public Works Director, Scott Thornall and Kennette Tower in the Public Works Department, as well as Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, Rick Barry.

To learn more about the EAC, their mission, and how you can participate in upcoming events, visit their page at [OakIslandNC.gov/EAC](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/EAC) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Boards-Committees/Environmental-Advisory-Committee>) or click the link below.

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(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Clerk/Boards-Committees/Environmental-Advisory-Committee>)



Garbage Summer Collection Ends

NOTICE: The **Saturday, September 26** collection will be the **FINAL** pickup in the **Summer Collection Schedule** for Garbage & Recycling in **Zones 6, 7, & 8**, affecting the more heavily trafficked beach-adjacent areas of Beach Dr., Dolphin Dr., Pelican Dr. and Ocean Dr.

Beginning on the following week, the **Fall / Winter Collection Schedule** will resume, with **Garbage** collection in these zones being provided every **Wednesday**, and **Recycling** collection every **other Wednesday**.

The Town of Oak Island has a total of eight (8) Garbage & Recycling Collection Zones. The more heavily trafficked areas of Zones 6, 7, & 8 essentially cover all of the beach-adjacent areas, including Beach Dr., Dolphin Dr., Pelican Dr. and Ocean Dr. While most of the year these areas are provided garbage collection service on one day of the week, during the Summer they are switched to twice per-week to cover the higher volumes.

To view all of the information on Collection Zones, the current year Collection Schedules, and other services provided, visit the **Garbage & Recycling Information** page at **[OakIslandNC.gov/GARBAGE](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information)** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information>) or click the link below.

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Christmas Parade Applications Now Open

Okay, so we know we just celebrated [Sunset On Summer](https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DHZVQFTL5/) (<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DHZVQFTL5/>), and we're still over a month away from our Annual [Spooktaular](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/National-Night-Out-Spooktacular) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/National-Night-Out-Spooktacular>) event, but we also know that for many of you, it's **never** too early to start thinking about one of the most anticipated holiday events of the season .. the [Christmas By The Sea Parade](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Christmas-by-the-Sea/) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Christmas-by-the-Sea/>)!

On **Saturday, December 5, 2026** starting at **2:00 PM**, East Oak Island Drive will come to life with holiday magic, as one of the largest parades in the area marches on from Town Hall at SE 46th Street all the way to McGlamery Street.

And now, **YOU** can be a part of it! [Parade Entry Applications](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/calendar/town-events/files/christmas-by-the-sea-parade-2026-fillable.pdf) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/calendar/town-events/files/christmas-by-the-sea-parade-2026-fillable.pdf>) are **NOW AVAILABLE** and **due** by no later than **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**. If you or an organization you represent would like to participate in the parade, **don't let the due date**

sneak up on you, submit an Application today! Just visit the Parade Information page at [OakIslandNC.gov/PARADE \(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Christmas-by-the-Sea\)](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Christmas-by-the-Sea) or click the link below.

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Join The Team



Staff Spotlight: New Officer Notice

Please help us welcome the newest member of the [Oak Island Police Department](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department) (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department>), **Officer Taylor Bowling!** A graduate of South Brunswick High School, Officer Bowling recently joined the Oak Island Police Department after having completed the 75th B.L.E.T. Class at Brunswick Community College in June 2026.

While he enjoyed an interesting career working on laboratory equipment in High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) and Gas Chromatography (GC) systems, he always felt motivated to "do something more, and become a part of the community in a different way." Remembering years of guidance from his uncle, a longtime police officer in nearby Boiling Spring Lakes, Taylor realized it was time for a change and made the decision to move into a new career in law enforcement.

Taylor noted that he was "*honored to be a part of the Oak Island Police Department and looks forward to serving the Oak Island community!*"

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/JOBS)**

[.https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings) or click the link below.

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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)**

[.https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/administration/documents/oak-island-employment-application.pdf](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>)

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

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

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

Safety Brief



Watch on

First Responder Fall Classic *THIS WEEK*

It's a *Final Call for Pickleball* as we gear up for the ***First Responder Fall Classic Pickleball Tournament*** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Fall-Classic-First-Responder-Pickleball-Tournament>), happening ***THIS WEEKEND*** in the Middleton Park Complex on **September 18 - 20, 2026**.

Coordinated by Pickleball Charleston, this tournament will feature Paddle Giveaways, prizes, and a special “King of the Court” event where first responders trade duty gear for paddle power! There will also be fundraiser to support the Shawn Barry Memorial Scholarship fund!

If you haven't already, please make sure **REGISTER NOW** by

visiting pickleballtournaments.com

(https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/2nd-annual-oak-island-first-responders-fall-classic-presented-by-pickleball-charleston?fbclid=IwY2xjawUU-DVwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMWZaeHBrZnB1b2h5MnFWdzJzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeBCP0UrLB7jkmhdzHCxPOxBneuksGx7YRBVbxQV5DZc2kX6YqEoNuG6y6_HM_aem_us_R8zHMNKA4oKAIVw7_ug) or click the link below

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/2nd-annual-oak-island-first-responders-fall-classic-presented-by-pickleball-charleston?fbclid=IwY2xjawUU-DVwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMWZaeHBrZnB1b2h5MnFWdzJzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeBCP0UrLB7jkmhdzHCxPOxBneuksGx7YRBVbxQV5DZc2kX6YqEoNuG6y6_HM_aem_us_R8zHMNKA4oKAIVw7_ug)



Watch on

No Wake Zone Wrap Up

During the Town Council meeting this past **Tuesday, September 8** (https://oakislandnc.granicus.com/player/clip/717?meta_id=39652), Oak Island Police Chief Charlie Morris gave an "End Of Season" update on the **No Wake Zone** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department/No-Wake-Zone>) **Street Safety Campaign**.

As seen in the video above, Chief Morris views the program as a success. He commended residents for volunteering to "host" program signage in their yards, as well as Officers for an extended **101 days** of focused efforts, including daily education drives and citizen engagements in the target areas. Also noted in the presentation was a comparison of accidents on Yacht Drive, which has seen a **25% REDUCTION** since the launch of the program.

The program will run through this week, after which all signage will be collected by the end of the month. Additional details, along with a special video message will be published later this week, and also broadcast on OKI-TV (Spectrum Cable channel 8).

Since the initial **Kickoff Event** (<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FYBDdh4oA/>) back on May 22, this new shared safety initiative between the Police Department and Town Residents has worked to encourage street safety through **multiple** means of travel, whether you're a pedestrian, cyclist, or vehicle and LSV driver. To learn more about the No Wake Zone campaign and how you can participate in future efforts, just visit **OakIslandNC.gov/STREETS** (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department/No-Wake-Zone>) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
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Parks & Rec Review



Glow Ball Tournament On Tap

You spoke, we listened! Now ready to experience golf in a whole new light at the **Oak Island Par 3 Glow Ball Golf Tournament!** On **Friday, November 27, 2026**, we'll turn "Back Friday" into "Blacklight Friday" as the course transforms into a glowing nighttime playground, featuring illuminated tee markers, glowing pins, UV-lit golf balls, and plenty of fun along the way!

Make plans now to grab your friends and join us for an unforgettable evening of friendly competition and excitement under the stars. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a unique night out, this event will offer a fun and unique atmosphere for players of all skill levels.

NOTE: Registration for this event will open on October 1, with registration links published on the Par 3 Golf webpage.

In the meantime, you can learn more about **Oak Island Par 3 Golf**, and maybe play a round or two in the daytime, by visiting [OakIslandNC.gov/GOLF](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/GOLF)
(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Par-3->

[Golf-Course](#)) or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Par-3-Golf-Course>)

Fitness, Fun, & Friends

Between the Oak Island [Recreation Center](https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/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) (<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) (<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) (<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/8/parks-amp-recreation/documents/parks-recreation-schedule_-september-14-september-21-2026.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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Cooking Deomonstration



Town of Oak Island Community Center

Cooking Demonstrations

With Chef John LaTour - Certified Nutrition Educator

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Wednesday, September 30, 2026

When: 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
 Where: Oak Island Community Center • 102 SE 47th Street
 For more information call 910-278-6552 or visit OakIslandNC.gov/CC

FREE CLASS FOR INDIVIDUALS 60 AND OVER

Chef John LaTour is a Certified Nutrition Educator with Healthy Families - Healthy Futures. Healthy Families - Healthy Futures is dedicated to empowering children, adults, seniors and families to embrace healthy eating habits by equipping them with the tools and educational support they need to make healthy food choices.

(<https://www.oakislandnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/2/calendar/town-events/9034a48d-913e-416b-a62f-173a14eeddb9.png>).

Lice & Local



Oak Island Live & Local
 "That Fun Fall Feeling!" Market + Music

Saturdays in October
Market:
 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Music:
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Middleton Park Complex
 4610 E Dolphin Dr.

2026 LIVE MUSIC LINEUP:
October 03 • Denver Nixon Band
October 10 • The British Invaders
October 17 • NO Concert
October 24 • The Cruise Brothers
 Follow the schedule at: OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS

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THANK YOU

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