The CURRENT



Week of

September 28, 2026

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

Taking inspiration from this week's cover photo, just like how the Davis Canal winds through the island proper, so do the seasons wind through the year. Dividing Summer from Fall, and Winter from Spring, with each bringing its own unique set of memories to be made.

This past weekend we got our first hint at the ***feel*** of Fall, with cooler temperatures making a brief appearance; but autumn is about more than just the weather! It's also the **sights, sounds (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Live-Local)**, and even some **spooky fun (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/National-Night-Out-Spooktacular)** that only happens this time of year.

So as this week takes us into October, let's get ready for a whole schedule full of fun events, and important Town business to come! Now put on that pumpkin spice sunscreen, as move swiftly in this week's edition of ***The CURRENT***

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

PLANNING BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, September 29** at **6:00 PM** in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, October 1** at **8:30 AM** in the Live Oak conference room, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.**

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, October 5** at **4:00 PM** in the Live Oak conference room, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.**

> ****NOTE:** Meetings regularly held in the PD Training Room have been relocated through the month of October, to accommodate scheduled facility maintenance.

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/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 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/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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Welcome Katherine Cathey

Now that she's officially "on the job" (as of **Monday, September 28**), the Town of Oak Island is pleased to welcome our new ***Town Manager, Katherine Cathey!***

Following the retirement of our previous Manager, Kathryn Adams on June 30, Katherine Cathey was offered the position by the Town Council during a special meeting on July 23, 2026 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhwKfygxgco), following an extensive search and evaluation of more than 50 applicants.

Cathey is a dedicated public servant and local government leader, with more than 20 years of experience in county and municipal administration. She has previously served as County Manager for Person County, NC, as well as having held human resources and budgeting positions with the Orange County and Town of Hillsborough (also in North Carolina).

Katherine holds a Master of Public Administration from North Carolina State University and a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy Studies from Duke University. She is an ICMA Credentialed Manager and an active leader in professional, civic, and nonprofit organizations across the State.

In a statement released on the announcement of her hiring Katherine shared that she looks forward to *"working alongside the Town Council, staff, and community members to build on the Town's strengths and advance its goals and priorities,"* and that she and her family were excited to *"make Oak Island our home, and I look forward to getting to know the people who make this community so special."*

Throughout the entire process, the Town Council made it a top priority to keep the public informed on special meetings and final candidate selection. That entire timeline is still available to view right here on the Town Website! If you want to see the process yourself, just visit the dedicated page at **OakIslandNC.gov/MANAGER (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Town-Manager-Selected)** or click the link below.

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



Paid Parking Season Ends

Public notice that as of **5:00 PM** on **Wednesday September 30**, the 2026 **Paid Parking Season (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parking-Information)** will officially close.

As a reminder, Paid Parking is enforced from April 1 - September 30 between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily. **Please note** that individually marked **Resident Only** parking spaces can still be monitored, with citations issued at any time.

Following the season end, a full report will be presented to the Town Council at an upcoming regular Council Meeting later in the year, where a breakdown of traffic, usage, revenues, and suggested improvements for next year will be discussed.

In the meantime, to view reports from previous years or learn more about the program itself, just visit the ***Parking Information*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/PARKING (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parking-Information)** or click the link below.

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



Mosquito Fogging Notice

On **Tuesday & Wednesday**, **September 29 & 30,** the Public Works Department will perform **Mosquito Fogging** operations, between the hours of **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM** in the following Zones:

- **TUESDAY:** Zones 1 & 2 (areas WEST of E 40th St.)
- **WEDNESDAY:** Zones 3 & 4 (areas EAST of E 41st St. + Mainland)

Pending favorable wind and weather conditions, fogging will be performed in accordance with the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services and the NC Pesticide Board standards, to combat growing populations. As a reminder, this notice is **NOT a guarantee** that Fogging will occur. Operations heavily depend on the immediate wind and weather forecasts and can be canceled or rescheduled on short notice due changing conditions.

This full notice can be shared directly from the ***OKInformation*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/MOSQUITO (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Home/Tabs/News/Mosquito-Fogging-Notice)** or by clicking the link below.

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Water Changeover Reminder

Quick reminder that starting this week on **October 1**, the Brunswick County Public Utilities Department will begin its **Annual Flushing Program**. 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 waterlines 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 through November. To **view the FULL notice** provided by Brunswick County, visit the County 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)



LAST CALL For Artists at 801

REMINDER: The **deadline** to submit proposals for mural work is **Wednesday, 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, 2027.

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)

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:

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

Senior Building Code Inspector (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Senior-Building-Code-Inspector)

Maintenance Worker I / Storm Water (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Maintenance-Worker-IStormwater-Division)

Firefighter / EMT (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Firefighter-EMT) (Part Time)

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/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



Heroes & Homeschool

Local homeschool groups are invited to join the Oak Island Fire Department for the annual ***Heroes & Homeschool*** event, held at the 801 Ocean Event Center, located at 801 Ocean Drive.

Held during **National Fire Prevention Week (https://www.nfpa.org/en/events/fire-prevention-week)**, this event will allow elementary aged kids to “Charge Into Fire Safety” through up-close interactions with local firefighters and the equipment they use every day! They’ll learn about fire prevention, safety, and what to do in the event of a fire.

Designed for elementary school ages, but open to all, this will be a fun time of learning and introducing kids to the firefighters who serve their community!

No registration is needed and all children will need parent supervision. To view and help share this event, just visit the Town events page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Heroes-Homeschool)** or click the link below.

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

Beach Bonfires in the Town of Oak Island, NC
Town of Oak Island

Watch on

Beach Bonfires Reminder

It never fails, as soon as the Sunset On Summer Music Festival is over, and the first cool temps of Fall start to fill in, it's the first question we hear ... ***When are Beach Bonfires allowed!?!*** Interest is certainly rising, with the **Beach Bonfire Information (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Bonfire-Permits)** page receiving **over 500 visits** in the last four weeks alone!

Well, to first reinforce some important conditions: **Brunswick County is still under an active BURN BAN (https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/884)**, so even if Beach Bonfires were in season (*which they are NOT*), it wouldn't be allowed due to continued conditions from the County-level.

However, in hoping for some future moisture, the **Oak Island Fire Department (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department)** would like to take this moment to remind everyone that Beach Bonfires Season runs from **November 16 - April 30**, which is outside of the Sea Turtle Nesting Season. Additionally, Beach Bonfires are only allowed with a submitted permit, and must adhere to all Town ordinances and program requirements. **Enforcement actions may be taken for unpermitted bonfires held outside of this timeframe, or during active burn bans!**

In the meantime, if you, a friend, or family member is already looking forward to those cool nights next to a warm fire, take a few minutes to learn about how to do so in a safe and legal way! Just watch the short video above, or help us share this info by visiting **OakIslandNC.gov/BONFIRE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Bonfire-Permits)** or clicking the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
(https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Bonfire-Permits)

Parks & Rec Review



NEW Doggy Daze Of Fall

People, **Pets**, and **Middleton Park** ... it's a ***winning combination!***

Mark your calendars and prepare your pets for Town of Oak Island's first-ever ***Doggy Daze of Fall*** event, coming to the **Middleton Park Complex** on **Saturday, November 14, 2026** from **NOON - 4:00 PM**.

This ***Pet Adoption & Family Festival*** takes over the entire Middleton Park Complex with exciting activities including **Pet Adoptions**, a **Doggie Splashpad**, unique **Games & Prizes**, and of course, **Craft Vendors & Food Trucks** for both humans and canines to enjoy!

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/Doggy-Daze-of-Fall)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Doggy-Daze-of-Fall)

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, 262KB) (/files/assets/town/v/10/parks-amp-recreation/documents/parks-recreation-schedule_-september-28-october-5-2026.pdf)

Upcoming Event Flyers

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

Lice & Local



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Egg-stra Spooky Egg Hunt



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Spooktacular / National Night Out



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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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