The CURRENT



Week of

November 2, 2026

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

October is over, and while we've **had a lot of fun** (https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1529FEomavF/), the days are getting cooler, and the nights have ***definitely*** gotten longer. There's now a calm, quiet stillness in the air over Oak Island ... "***SIKE!"*** From **Doggy Daze** (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Doggy-Daze-of-Fall) to **Christmas Parades** (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Christmas-by-the-Sea), we're just getting started with turning the Fall fun up even higher!

There's also plenty of important Town News & Notices to cover as well, so before you pack away those spooky lawn ornaments, take a few minutes to splash around (and SHARE) this week's edition of ***The CURRENT.***

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Meetings & Closures

Council & Board Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD will hold its regular meeting on **Monday, November 2** at **4:00 PM** in the Training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, November 5** at **8:30 AM** in in the Training Room, located on the second floor of the Police Department at 4621 E Oak Island Drive

As a reminder, all public meeting dates, agendas, and videos 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 next **Wednesday, November 11, 2026** in observance of **Veterans Day**.

- All **Garbage & Recycling (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information)** collection services will operate on their normal schedule; however, the **Disposal Convenience Site (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Works/Garbage-Recycling-Information)** will be CLOSED
- All currently open parks and outdoor recreation spaces will be open, including the **Oak Island Pier (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Pier)** and **Oak Island Par 3 Golf (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Parks-Facilities/Oak-Island-Par-3-Golf-Course)**
- All **Police (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department)**, **Fire (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department)**, and emergency response services will be 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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Election Reminder

This week on **Monday** & **Tuesday, November 2** & **3,** all **Fitness Classes** at the Oak Island Recreation Center will be **CANCELED**, to accommodate the Center's use as a voting location in the **2026 General Elections (https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/1053/2026-Elections)**. The Recreation Center Offices and Workout Room will remain **OPEN** for public use on Monday and Tuesday, and all classes will return to their normal schedule on Wednesday, November 5.

For any questions specific to voting on election day, or the use of the Recreation Center as a voting location, please contact the Brunswick County Board of Elections by phone at **910-253-2620** or email at **elections@brunswickcountync.gov (mailto:elections@brunswickcountync.gov)** or simply click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
(https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/802/Board-of-Elections)



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Rescue Tube Removal Notice

On **Monday, November 2, 2026** the **Beach Safety Division (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Safety-Division)** of the Oak Island Fire Department will begin **REMOVAL** of **ALL Rescue Tubes (https://youtu.be/-mOfbX3Rvt4?si=vKblaucXNNceXFfi)** from the **Rescue Tube Stations**, located on the ocean side of every Beach Access Location.

Additionally, crews will also begin work to evaluate, repair, and replace the signage on all Rescue Tube Stations.

This work is part of the Department's regular **Off-Season Maintenance Program**, in which all Rescue Tube Stations and their individual components are evaluated and repaired, to ensure they are in good working order prior to the start of the following Summer Season.

The Town of Oak Island provides **75 Rescue Tube Stations**, with at least one located at each of the **65 Beach Access Locations (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/Beach-Information/Beach-Access-Locations)**, and multiple others located between longer stretches of the beach strand. Each year, approximately 10%-15% of all Rescue Tubes are replaced due to various factors including environmental wear, storm damage, rescue use,

vandalism and / or theft. Additionally, after having endured nearly five years of direct, ocean-facing placement on the beach, nearly 40% of all signage is expected to be replaced ahead of the 2027 Season as well.

While the daily beach patrols and Beach Warning Flag conditions forecast have now ended for the 2026 Season, crews will still continue to monitor conditions locally and provide beach patrols on an as-needed basis for warm-weather days or special events.

To learn more about the Division and view past Season Reports, visit at **OakIslandNC.gov/BSD (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department/Beach-Safety-Division)** or click the link below.

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



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Customer Service Survey

For the next 20 days, from **November 2 – 22**, the Town of Oak Island is inviting residents and visitors to participate in the ***Annual Customer Service Survey***.

Now open to the public, the Survey is available both **online and in person**, with paper copies at all Town offices. This Survey is part of the Town's annual research, review, and response efforts to improve the quality and consistency of the customer service experience in Town Hall and all other facilities.

This is ***your opportunity*** to help the Town of Oak Island ***serve you better!***

To share this information and participate in the Survey, visit any Town facility throughout the month of November, or participate online by visiting **OakIslandNC.gov/SURVEY (https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/6cb4277a9cb648f8a6fc512d78cdb506)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/6cb4277a9cb648f8a6fc512d78cdb506)



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NEW Business Forum Launches

The **Oak Island Business Forum** is a new discussion series, dedicated to improving and growing the Oak Island Business Community. Business owners, mangers, and staff from the local community are invited to join us for this first installment, to be

held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026** from **5:00 PM - 6:30 PM** in the Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

The topic for this forum will be ***Staffing & Workforce Solutions***. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about available programs and resources for employee recruitment, training, skills development, and retention! This is also a great chance for making connections and networking with others businesses in Oak Island, as well as workforce partners who are here to support you.

Featured Presenters will include the **Southport - Oak Island Chamber of Commerce (https://www.southport-oakisland.com/)**, **Brunswick County Schools (https://www.bcswan.net/)**, the **BCC Small Business Center (https://brunswickcc.edu/programs/business-industry-services/small-business-center-at-bcc/)**, and **Brunswick Community College (https://brunswickcc.edu/)**

To learn more and share this Forum, just visit the ***Town Events*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/FORUM (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Business-Forum)** or click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Oak-Island-Business-Forum)



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speakers-series-november-2026.jpg)

Next *CoastWise* Speakers Series

In less than ***TWO WEEKS***, the next installment of the popular ***CoastWise Speakers Series*** will be held on **Thursday, November 19** at **06:00 PM** in the Town Council Chambers, located on the second floor of Town Hall at 4601 E Oak Island Drive.

For this next upcoming installment, the Town is excited to welcome featured guest **Taylor McDaniel**, speaking on the topic "***Native Trees For Coastal Canopies.***"

Taylor McDaniel is a southeastern NC native and graduate of the University of Georgia. She has been the Commercial Consumer Horticulture Agent in Brunswick County for 3 years, and also manages the Master Gardener Volunteers of Brunswick County.

The ***Speakers Series*** is just one component of the ***CoastWise Initiative***, a collaborative partnership which began in 2025 between the Town of Oak Island and the **UNCW College of Science & Engineering** (https://uncw.edu/academics/colleges/cse/) (UNCW). Mutually beneficial, this partnership utilizes the knowledge and resources of UNCW to benefit the Town's natural environment, while at the same time providing valuable spaces for students and staff to research, study, and contribute to the ecology of marine habitats.

To learn more about the Speakers Series or the CoastWise Initiative in general, just visit the dedicated page at **OakIslandNC.gov/CoastWise (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Residents-Visitors/CoastWise)** or click the link below.

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

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:

Customer Service Representative (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/Customer-Service-Representative)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Join OUR Team(s)

Public Safety (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety) in the Town of Oak Island is administered through the combined efforts of the Oak Island Police Department (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department) and the Oak Island Fire Department (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department). Through dedication, hard work, and a commitment to training and continual self-improvement, the men and women of these Departments work together to ensure the protections of lives and property in Oak Island.

Now, they're giving YOU an opportunity to **Join The Team**, through the following ***Job Openings:***



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The **Oak Island Fire Department (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Fire-Department)** is looking for part-time firefighters to join us in protecting the lives and property within the Town of Oak Island!

Our response includes fire suppression, technical rescue, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, beach safety, ocean rescue, and many other public health and safety concerns that threaten the community.

Working as part of the Oak Island Fire Department provides a unique opportunity to serve in a beautiful coastal setting, combining the busy response of a tourism-driven destination with a small-town community feel.



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The **Oak Island Police Department (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Public-Safety/Police-Department)** is seeking new and seasoned officers to join us in protecting the lives and property of the Town of Oak Island. with around 30 employees, multiple divisions, and a wide array of resources including a new K9 Unit, drones, and a Community Resource Officer, we have the less-stressed culture of a smaller department, while still providing the large-scale services and professionalism of a tourism-driven community.

If you want to start or continue your career in law enforcement with a department that works with the community, works with each other, and just plain works, then the Oak Island Police Department is the right place for you!

To learn more about the opportunities available at either department or to apply, just visit the ***Job Openings*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/JOBS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings)** or by click the link below.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Administration/Human-Resources/Job-Openings)

Parks & Rec Review



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"Holidaze" Activities Coming Up

With the **Doggy Daze of Fall (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Doggy-Daze-of-Fall)** coming up in just over a week, pretty soon there'll be so many holiday activities going on, it'll be enough to make your head spin!

That's why we're providing you with the **FULL LIST** of all the "***Holidaze (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory)***" activities for the Town of Oak Island, right here:

- **Santa Paws (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Programs/Santa-Paws):** December 1, 2026
- **Tree Lighting (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Tree-Lighting):** December 4, 2026
- **Breakfast with Santa (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Breakfast-with-Santa):** December 5, 2026
- **Christmas by the Sea Parade (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Christmas-by-the-Sea):** December 5, 2026
- **Holiday Craft Market (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Holiday-Craft-Market):** December 6, 2026
- **Cookie Decorating (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Programs/Christmas-Cookie-Decorating):** December 9, 2026
- **Snowball Dance (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Programs/Snowball-Dance):** December 12, 2026
- **Holiday Bingo (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Government/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Programs/Holiday-Bingo):** December 14, 2026
- **Candy Cane Hunt (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Candy-Cane-Hunt):** December 17, 2026

Please note, some programs will need registration. To ***learn more*** about each event and ***share*** them with your friends and family, just visit the ***Town Events*** page at **OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS (https://www.oakislandnc.gov/Events-Calendar-Directory/Town-Events/Egg-Stra-Spooky-Halloween-Egg-Hunt)** or 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 & 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, 228KB) (/files/assets/town/v/16/parks-amp-recreation/documents/parks-recreation-schedule_-november-2-november-9-2026.pdf)

Upcoming Event Flyers

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

Doggy Daze of Fall



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Christmas Tree Lighting



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Christmas By The Sea Parade



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