

Town of Oak Island

BUSINESS BULLETIN

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Welcome to the Town of Oak Island's Business Bulletin! Every edition is crafted to illuminate the latest updates, insights, and opportunities, tailored exclusively for the local business community. Join us as we shine a spotlight on the heartbeat of commerce in the Town of Oak Island, fostering connections, and fostering growth.



New Baseball Team Coming to Oak Island Summer 2025

Oak Island will soon welcome its very own wooden bat league baseball team, set to play in the Coastal League Division of the Old North State League (ONSL). The team, launching in summer 2025, will call Bill Smith Park home, where the Brunswick Surfin' Turfs will rebrand under a new, locally-inspired name. Now, Oak Island residents have the chance to help choose the team's name! Vote now through Sunday, November 3.

The Oak Island Town Council has approved a proposal for Brunswick Baseball, LLC, to lease the Bill Smith Park sports fields for 10 years, bringing much-anticipated improvements to the facility. CEO Alec Allred, whose family runs similar leagues across the country, shared his excitement, saying the Oak Island location is ideal for summer college wood bat games, providing a unique experience for players and fans alike.

The baseball season from May to August aligns perfectly with Oak Island's bustling summer, promising local businesses a boost from visiting teams, fans, and players. Additionally, there will be advertising opportunities for local businesses to reach a broad audience and become a visible part of Oak Island's newest sports attraction.

Don't miss out on shaping this exciting new team—cast your vote today!

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Help Celebrate Small Business Saturday 2024

This November 30th, join us in celebrating Small Business Saturday by supporting the heart of our community: our local small businesses! When you shop small, you make a big impact. Did you know that for every dollar spent at a local business, an average of 68 cents stays in the community? This helps create jobs, boost the local economy, and support entrepreneurs who work tirelessly to bring unique products, services, and experiences to our area.

Whether it's picking up a gift from a local shop, dining at a neighborhood restaurant, or finding a new favorite spot, your support on Small Business Saturday keeps our community thriving. Let's make a difference together—shop small, support local, and spread the word to help our small businesses flourish!



Façade Improvement Grant Program Accepting Applications

The Town of Oak Island is committed to maintaining and improving the aesthetic appeal of its commercial districts, which are crucial to the Town's image, and economic vitality. To support this goal, the Town Council has approved the Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Program, approved by Town Council August 13, 2024.

This program provides an exciting opportunity for commercial property owners and tenants in Oak Island to receive financial assistance for exterior improvements to their buildings. By participating in this program, businesses can not only enhance their own properties but also contribute to the overall revitalization and charm of Oak Island.

The FIG Program offers matching grants that cover up to 50% of the cost of qualifying façade improvements. Grants can range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$10,000 per project. Only one application per property will be accepted each year, and funding is limited. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds.

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Available Property Spotlight: 6220 E Oak Island Drive

Rare Commercial restaurant opportunity on Oak Island. This is one of the few operating restaurants with on site parking on the Island and is the **ONLY** one available for sale. Situated on a corner lot with 20' public road in rear provides easy ingress/egress. This has been an established location and thriving local business for many years. Owner of real estate currently leases the building to tenant providing you with an opportunity to let them continue doing the work & collecting lease payments. Most equipment & fixtures convey with sale. Seller will entertain owner financing with reasonable down payment. This is a rare opportunity & you will not want to miss this!

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When do you consider "in-season" period in Oak Island?

Please select an option below.

April - October

May - September

Memorial Day - Labor Day

March - December

Year-round (no specific season)



Upcoming Town Events

Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, November 2
8:00 AM
Bill Smith Park

Grab your friends and join us for a Disc Golf Tournament at Bill Smith Park to continue our 25th Anniversary celebrations!

Banding Together: Relief for Western NC

Sunday, November 3
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Middleton Park

This event will feature food, music, and donation collections to benefit the region of Spruce Pine, NC in their ongoing recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene in September.

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Upcoming Town Meetings

Regular Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 12 | 6:00 PM | Town Hall

Planning Board

Thursday, November 21 | 9:00 AM | Town Hall

Business Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 19 | 9:00 AM | 2nd Floor Conference Room

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