

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.*



## ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

### **Annual Fire Inspections: What to Expect & Payment Reminder**

The Oak Island Fire Department conducts annual fire inspections for all commercial businesses within town limits. These inspections, led by Fire Marshal Joe Snapp and his team, help ensure that businesses remain safe and compliant with fire codes. Alongside inspections, our department also performs fire pre-planning—a no-cost service that allows firefighters to familiarize themselves with potential hazards at your business in case of an emergency.

During inspections, businesses receive feedback, recommendations, and, if necessary, citations for corrections. If a business does not pass, a reinspection will be scheduled to allow time for adjustments.

Following the inspection, an invoice for the inspection fee will be sent to the business via email, with a follow-up copy mailed. If you've recently had your inspection, please take a moment to check your records and submit payment promptly.

Thank you for working with us to keep Oak Island businesses safe! If you have any questions about your inspection or invoice, please contact the Oak Island Fire Department.

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## Funds Still Available for Façade Improvement Grant Program

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.

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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**As we head into spring, what's your biggest business focus right now?**

Please select an option below.

Preparing for the busy summer season

Hiring and staffing adjustments

Marketing and customer engagement strategies

Financial planning and budgeting

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## Upcoming Town Events

### **RipRide Rally**

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Noon - 7:00 PM

Kevin Bell Skate Park

Sponsored by local business Never Ever Boards, this free event will feature skate contests, food trucks, giveaways, and more!

### **Spring Fling: Market & Music**

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Noon - 4:00 PM

Middleton Park

This event is free to attend and will feature a full Artisans Market, Food Vendors, a Kids Zone, and live entertainment from Hood's Creek.

### **Farmers' & Artisans' Market**

Mondays

June 2 - August 25

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Middleton Park

Farmers and artisans alike can be found in this great showcase of baked goods, produce, handmade crafts, and artistic goods.

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## Upcoming Town Meetings

### Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:00 PM | Town Hall

### Planning Board

Thursday, March 20 | 9:00 AM | Town Hall

### Business Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 25 | 9:00 AM | Police Training Room

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