



Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc.

The Beach Preserver

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As we enter the peak season here on the island, our summer plans are now in place. In the following pages, you'll find details about our upcoming programs and events.

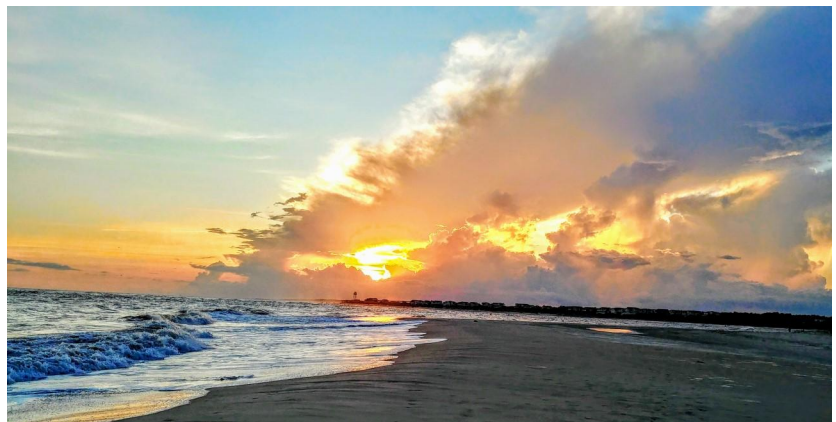
You'll also read about our need for volunteers to help keep this busy organization running smoothly. From special events and side projects to everyday tasks, there are many ways to get involved and make a meaningful contribution. You don't have to join the board to participate — although we would certainly welcome that, as well.



If you have a passion for beach preservation, this is your opportunity to make a difference. Whether your strengths lie in planning and organizing or in helping with the smaller but equally important tasks, your support is appreciated and needed.

Please don't hesitate to ask questions, attend a board meeting, reach out to someone you know on the board or contact us at

okibpsi@gmail.com.



Beach Sweeps, Yoga Poses and Doggies...Oh My!

Last month's Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22, the OKI BPSI partnered with **Yoga Unlimited** for a special morning on the beach. Participants enjoyed a relaxing beach yoga class followed by a Flash



Sweep cleanup to help keep our shoreline beautiful.

All class fees were donated to the Beach Preservation Society, and we are truly grateful for the generosity and community spirit shown by Yoga Unlimited. We are blessed to have such a caring local business that continually gives back to the community.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate Earth Day while promoting wellness, environmental stewardship and community involvement.

On Friday, April 24, the staff from **River Road Animal Hospital** came out for a Flash Sweep at the Mercer Street Beach Access. As you can see, they even brought along some of their dogs to help out!

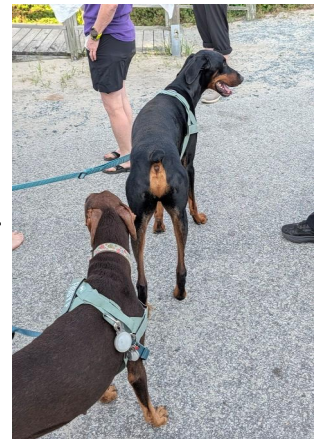


This group always has a wonderful turnout and continues to show their dedication to helping keep our beaches clean and beautiful. A huge thank you to

everyone who came out to lend a hand.



We will continue hosting Flash Sweeps throughout the season, with announcements posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages. If your business or organization would like to provide a team to help support our efforts, please let us know — we would love to have you join us!



COMING SOON...

It's almost summertime, which means the return of the Oak Island Farmers and Artisans Market! The Beach Preservation Society is excited to participate again this year. The market will be held every Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Middleton Park, running from June 1 through August 31. (Paid parking **will not** be enforced during Monday Markets.)

If you've never attended before, you're in for a real treat! The market features a wonderful variety of local artisans, food vendors and farmers bringing their beautiful, fresh-picked bounty straight from the earth. There's nothing better than fresh-picked local produce!

Kids will enjoy signing our beach pledge and making fun beach-themed necklaces. We'll also have our new brochure, giveaways, T-shirts and other Beach Preservation Society merchandise available for purchase. We would love for you to stop by and say hello!

Our Booth Dates:

June 1

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

July 13



Sponsor A Bike Rack!!!

Did you know you can sponsor a bike rack at a beach access? It's a wonderful way to advertise your business, recognize a special person or an event/memory in your life all while supporting the Beach Preservation Society. Sponsorships are \$250 for five years. If you are interested, please visit the Better Beach Tab on our website to check out what's available. <https://beachoki.org/bike-racks/>



NEW BPSI T-Shirt Design Now Available!

Check out our new T-shirt design! Available in short and long sleeves in a variety of colors. Orders are now handled by Print Life Apparel—simply order through the QR code below, and your shirt will be shipped directly to you.



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WE NEED YOU!!!

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The Beach Preservation Society, Inc. is a busy organization, and we could use your help! We're currently seeking individuals to fill a variety of roles as we continue to support our mission. Please consider what might fit your schedule and interests—we'd love to have you involved. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, feel free to reach out at okibpsi@gmail.com.

Board Members

Board members commit to three-year terms. All are welcome to attend a Board meeting and get to know our mission, members, projects and events. We meet at the OKI Senior Center adjacent to Town Hall the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Please contact us with any questions at okibpsi@gmail.com. Additionally, if you know any non-members who might have an interest, please pass this along to them.

Access Parents

We need Access Parents to do a quick clean of assigned beach accesses throughout the year. You will be on your own to schedule your time for this easy, but important position. Please reach out to leeannlyon@aol.com for questions and sign up.

Doggie Bag Box Fillers

We supply all beach accesses with doggie waste bag stations for public use. We need individuals who would be willing to replenish the boxes and monitor any repairs that are needed. BPSI provides the doggie bags and zip ties to the assigned fillers. Please contact leeannlyon@aol.com for more details.

FUN FACT: 200 Bags per box

30 Boxes Per Case

24 Cases in a year =

144,000 Bags.

Now that's a lot of bags that go to good use!

OUR MISSION

The Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc., is dedicated to education and community engagement to enhance the Oak Island beach experience and leave the beach better for every-

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you own a business and are interested in our **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**, we would love to partner with you. Sponsors help support our mission to protect and preserve our beaches. They will be featured in our newsletter, at our events, on social media and on our website. A variety of sponsorship levels are available to fit varying needs. We'd love to connect and explore how we can work together. Please reach out to us at okibpsi@gmail.com — we look forward to hearing from you! More information on our sponsorships can be found on our website at: <https://beachoki.org/business-sponsorships/>

Bronze Level Sponsorship: \$250/year

Sponsorship Advertising on OKIBPS Website

Sponsorship Advertising at Education Seminars

Free Tumbler

Silver Sponsorship: \$350/year

All Bronze benefits

Sponsorship Advertising in the OKIBPSI Newsletter

One Free Merchandise Item

Gold Sponsorship: \$500/year

All Benefits of Bronze and Silver Levels

Sponsorship Advertising at the Annual Fundraising Event

One Free Ticket to the Annual Fundraising Event



MEMBERSHIP

Fort Fisher Aquarium Summer Series

Our Summer Aquarium Series kicks off on Thursday, June 11 with Habitat Fixer Upper. This is a FREE one-hour event for kids and adults alike. Each event will be held at the OKI Rec Center starting at 1 pm. Registration is suggested for seating set up. All are welcome. To register:

<https://forms.gle/yoGCGY7UByWTRZK97>



Additional Series To Follow:

Thursday, July 9, 1pm, *Sea Turtle 911*

Thursday, August 13, 1pm, *Fantastic Fish*

MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU

To all those who renewed in May and continue to support our mission of beach preservation, you make our efforts possible. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date: _____ Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Name (print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to receive email newsletters? Yes _____ No _____

Mail to: Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc.

PO Box 183

Oak Island, NC 28465

Do you have a friend or neighbor who is interested in joining?
Please share this form with them, or use our membership QR code on page 6.

Our board members are all volunteers, and it is only with your support, that we can fulfill our mission.

Interested on serving on our board?
Complete the application on our website at beachoki.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

_____ Beach Lover Individual.....\$ 20

_____ Beach Lover Family.....\$ 35

Lifetime Membership—individual or family

_____ Lifetime Seashore Protector.....\$ 500

_____ Lifetime Island Preservationist.....\$ 1000

Annual Business Membership.....\$ 200

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 6, 8 am

Beach Cleanup. All spots are filled but you are
Middleton Park Beach Cabana welcome to stop by and say hello!

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
July 13

Monday OKI Farmer's Markets

Dates TBD

Beach Flash Sweeps
(watch for dates on our Facebook and
Instagram pages)

Thursday, June 11, 1 pm

Aquarium Series, *Habitat Fixer Upper*

Thursday, July 9, 1 pm

Aquarium Series, *Sea Turtle 911*

Thursday, August 13, 1 pm

Aquarium Series, *Fantastic Fish*

Upcoming Staff Activities

June 2 Board Meeting at OKI Community Center
7:00 pm

July 7 Board Meeting at OKI Community Center
7:00 pm

(Board meetings are open to the public)



CONNECT WITH US:

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Instagram: *OKIBPSI*

Web: <http://beachoki.org>



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Next Board Meeting: June 2



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