



Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc.

# The Beach Preserver

July 2025

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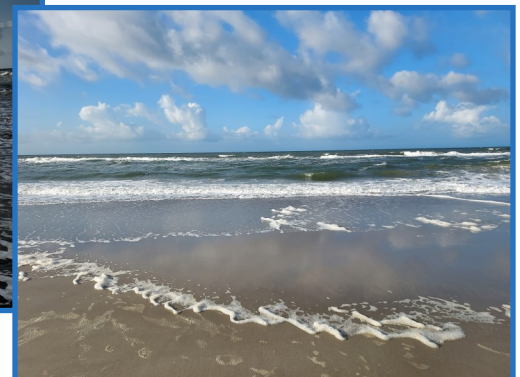
Scott Thornall, Public Works

## HELLO SUMMER!!

*Now this is the life! Waking up to a beautiful sunny morning beach walk...or casting an early morning line... simply enjoying life at it's best!*

**Happy July Members!** We hope you took the time to enjoy all of the festivities offered by the Town of Oak Island and City of Southport for OKI Beach Day and the 4th of July. We had a glorious day for both this year! Our surf, however, has been a bit rough lately, so please keep an eye on the beach flags and heed the rough surf warnings when posted. *We want everyone to enjoy our beaches, but also get back home safely!!* Also, the last seminar in our children's lecture series will be held in August, so be sure to get registered! It's FREE!

*- See you on the sand!*



## 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 everyone now and in the future.

## BETTER BEACH

### *Summer Educational Series with the Fort Fisher Aquarium*

Our June educational series, "Habitat Fixer Uppers," was well attended by many local children from on *and* off the island! Take a look at their learning adventure and our super presenter from the aquarium!





## EDUCATION

### *Summer Educational Series with the Fort Fisher Aquarium*

Mark your calendars for this year's third and last seminar in our educational series with the Fort Fisher Aquarium. These are fun, family friendly activities that the kids are sure to enjoy! Seminars are held at the Oak Island Rec Center, and there is no charge to attend, but registration is required to make sure seating will be available. Please complete your registration on our website at [www.beachoki.org](http://www.beachoki.org)

#### August 7 - Sea Moons

What would you need if you were going on a big adventure into the ocean? Every year, baby sea turtles hatch on North Carolina beaches and they start out on a great adventure of their own. With their big eyes to see the sights and their strong turtle instincts, they navigate the ocean until it's their time to return to the beach for nesting. Along the way, the moons of the sea help to guide them, but things aren't always what they seem. No live sea turtles are included in this presentation, though participants will get up close and personal with terrestrial or semi-aquatic turtles of NC for comparison.



## BETTER BEACH - VOLUNTEER GROUPS



We would like to give a shout out to the group of kids from Southport Christian school, who came out in June for a beach clean-up.

It takes a village, and we've got a GREAT one!

*Thank you all!!*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Monday Markets



Hey Folks! We hope you have had a chance to visit us at the Monday Markets! We will be at the July 7 and July 21 markets this month, so come on out and say “hello” and get your Beach Preservation T-shirts, tumblers, and other cool gear, and help support our mission! Some of our young folks came out to make necklaces with us and sign our beach lover pledge at one of our June markets!



**I promise I will:**  
**Keep off dunes and plants**  
**Pick up trash**  
**Fill all holes**  
**Keep glass off the beach**  
**Protect sea turtles**  
**Remove all gear from the**  
**Beach by 8:30pm each day**

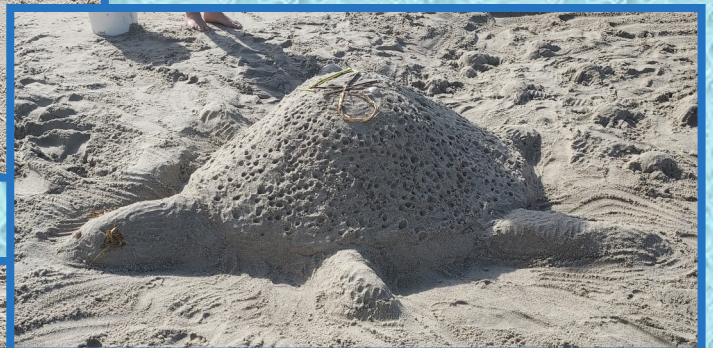




## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### *Oak Island Beach Day*

The town of Oak Island and Oak Island Recreation Department hosted the Island's annual Beach Day on July 1st. For those of you who are new to the island, or have never attended, we have a fun-filled day of activities on the beach and at Middleton Park, with music by local bands in the evening, and fireworks at the Yaupon Pier. While the event is not associated with our Society, we still love all things "beachy" and that includes some of the cool sand sculptures created by beachgoers participating in the sand sculpting contest on Beach Day. Check out some of the fine work created by this year's participants!



**AWESOME!**



## BETTER BEACH - BEACH SAFETY

### *June 3rd Flash Sweep*

Our first June flash sweep was held at the West 5th access. Even in 5 short minutes, we were still able to get some trash off the beach! Won't you join us for a quick morning clean-up? Maybe even meet a few of your OKI neighbors...or join as a visitor to our beautiful island, and start the day by lending a helping hand. We hope to see you at our next flash sweep on July 18 at the West 10th access.



## MEMBERSHIP

**Are you interested in being our next  
newsletter editor ?!?!?**

### **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING ON OUR BOARD??**

We are super pleased to have 3 new members join us over the last couple of months, and we are always looking for individuals to who want to take part in our mission and bring new ideas to the table! This is my last edition as your current newsletter editor, and I have enjoyed keeping you updated on all the Beach Preservation Society happenings over the last year! We are looking for a either a current member or a new member who loves to work with print ads, and is willing to take over our newsletter and keep our members updated on a monthly basis. Please reach out if you are looking for a way to give back to your community and if this is a role that suits your abilities and available time commitment!! Come to a meeting to see how we operate, or fill out the application on our website at <https://beachoki.org>

***Bring your ideas - we look forward to meeting you!***



## MEMBERSHIP

# WELCOME

Please welcome the following new members who joined our mission in June:

**Greg and Sofia**



We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

# THANK YOU

To all those who renewed in June, 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 the last page.**

**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?**  
**Fill out the application on our website at <https://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

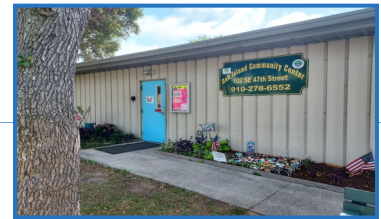
**Annual Business Membership.....\$ 200**

# Calendar of Events



July 7	Farmers and Artisans Market (Mondays)	8:00am-1:00pm
July 18	Flash Sweep - West 10th Access	8:00am
July 21	Farmers and Artisans Market (Mondays)	8:00am-1:00pm
Aug 1	Flash Sweep - East 46th at the Cabana	8:00am
Aug 7	"Sea Moons" Children's Lecture Series	2:00pm

# Upcoming Staff Activities



July 15	Board Meeting via zoom	7:00pm
Aug 5	Board Meeting at OKI Community Center <i>(Board meetings are open to the public)</i>	7:00pm
Aug 19	Board Meeting via zoom	7:00pm
Sep 2	Board Meeting at OKI Community Center	7:00pm





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## Next Board Meeting



is Aug. 5

***Membership***



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