



Oak Island Beach Preservation Society, Inc.

The Beach Preserver

May 2025

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LET THE BEACH CLEANUPS BEGIN !!

Good Morning and Happy Days to All!

The weather has been absolutely beautiful and our awesome clean up volunteers have already gotten off to a determined start! River Road Animal Hospital scheduled the first Flash Sweep of the season for their staff and everyone had great time....even the fur baby! Check out our event calendar on page 7 for upcoming Flash Sweeps!

Thank you River Road Animal Hospital!



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

Spring Full Beach Sweep - June 7

Hey Beach Lovers!! It's that time again!! Our Spring full beach sweep is set for June 7th at 8am. We will meet at the OKI Cabana (beachside) at the 46th Street Access

We will provide trash bags, gloves and tally sheets for you to fill out. Each section listed below is approximately ½ mile. When you are done, simply return to the starting point WITH your bagged trash and tally sheet for us to weigh-in and record your trash count.

Send an email to eileenk.oki.beachpreservation@gmail.com to reserve your section. Please send 3 choices, as they are assigned 1st come, 1st served and several have already been reserved in response to our Facebook cleanup ad. Sections that have been reserved as of this printing are noted below.

11 sections OKI East

McGlamery St Access to Barbee Blvd Access - **Open**
 Barbee Blvd Access to SE 74th St Access - **Open**
 SE 74th St Access to SE 67th St Access - **RESERVED**
 SE 67th St Access to SE 58th St Access - **RESERVED**
 SE 58th St Access to SE 49th St Access - **RESERVED**
 SE 49th Street Access to SE 40th St Access - **RESERVED**
 SE 40th St Access to 35th PI E Access - **Open**
 35th PI E Access to 25th PI E Access - **Open**
 25th PI E Access to 16th PI E Access - **RESERVED**
 16th PI E Access to 9th PI E Access - **RESERVED**
 9th PI E Access to Middleton Ave Access - **RESERVED**

9 sections OKI West

Middleton Ave Access to 7th PI W Access - **RESERVED**
 7th PI W Access to 17th PI W Access - **Open**
 17th PI W Access to 23rd PI W Access - **Open**
 23rd Place W Access to 30th PI W Access - **RESERVED**
 30th PI W Access to 39th PI W Access - **Open**
 39th PI W Access to 48th PI W Access - **Open**
 48th PI W Access to 57th PI W Access - **Open**
 57th PI W Access to 6301 West Beach - **Open**
 W Beach Dr (parking lot at end, heading east) to
 6301 West Beach - **Open**

Please Note: We will not be cleaning from the point parking area and down around the Point, due to beach nourishment equipment still on site



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



Trash collected by River Road Animal Hospital staff at last week's Flash Sweep

EDUCATION

Summer Educational Series with the Fort Fisher Aquarium

Mark your calendars for this years children's lecture 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. You can find the registration link on our Facebook page on Friday 5/9 for the June 5th seminar.

June 5 - Habitat Fixer Uppers

North Carolina's freshwater wetland habitats provide food, shelter, nurseries, and play space for native wildlife species. What happens when a wetland becomes unhealthy? How can we tell its unhealthy? Participants become Habitat Fixer-Uppers by taking action to diagnose and clean up wetland habitat while meeting some of the animal species that call the freshwater wetlands home and learning how wetlands are important to us too.



July 3 - Fantastic Fish *(since shark week is the following week)*

What do sharks, seahorses, and eels have in common? They're all fish! Fish come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Join us as we learn the characteristics of fish and uncover some of the facts and myths of these fantastic animals with interactive activities, props, and live Ambassador Animals.



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.





COMMUNITY EVENTS

Earth Day at Middleton Park

Our staff enjoyed our pint sized visitors at this year's earth day event at Middleton Park. The children had the opportunity to make a seashell necklace and take our beach lover pledge - a reminder of what we should all do to protect our much loved Oak Island beaches! ♥

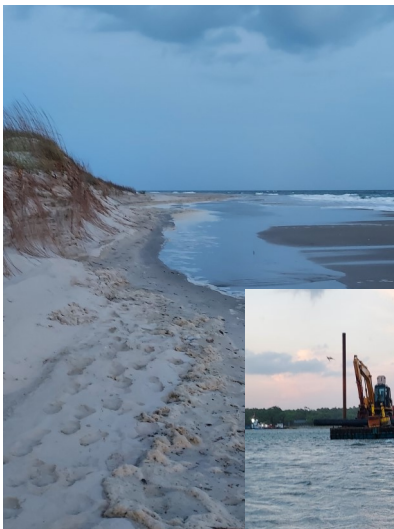


BETTER BEACH - BEACH SAFETY

Beach Nourishment

Crews have been working to dredge the Lockwood Folly Inlet and equipment is still present on the back side of the point. We have included a few pictures from the last couple of weeks. For additional information on nourishment efforts, please visit the Town of Oak Island website.

On another note, please exercise caution when venturing out onto the Point. As mentioned earlier, there are still large pieces of equipment in the area, and the sand is not well compacted in all areas. One of our members quickly sank up to their knees in the soft sand while walking on beach front area of the point, only twenty feet from the carved out dune area shown in the picture.



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MEMBERSHIP

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SERVING ON OUR BOARD??

Are you looking for a way to contribute your time to an organization that focuses on our beaches? We are looking for some one who is computer savvy and knowledgeable with website posting and social media platforms. 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

THANK YOU

To all those who renewed in April, 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



May 22	Flash Sweep at SE 55th Access	9:45am
Jun 2	Farmers and Artisans Market (Mondays)	8:00am-1:00pm
Jun 3	Flash Sweep at West 54th Access	8:30am
Jun 7	Spring Full Beach Sweep	8:00am
Jun 16	Farmers and Artisans Market (Mondays)	8:00am-1:00pm

Upcoming Staff Activities



May 20	Board Meeting via zoom	7:00pm
May 24	Strategic Planning Meeting (board only)	9:00am-Noon
Jun 3	Board Meeting at OKI Community Center	7:00pm
Jun 17	Board Meeting via zoom	7:00pm
Jul 1	Board Meeting at OKI Community Center	7:00pm

(Board meetings are open to the public)



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Next Board Meeting



is Jun 3

Membership



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