

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 8th Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

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Mardi Gras by the Sea Parade & Festival

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Parade: Begins at 1 p.m. at SE 63 St. and ends at SE 46th St.

Festival: Middleton Park Soccer Field 1 - 4 p.m.

Car Show: Middleton Park Soccer Field 1 - 4 p.m.

2 p.m. Human Costume Contest/Awards

2:15 p.m. Parade Winners Announced

2:30 p.m. Pet Parade & Costume Contest/Awards

3 p.m. Car Show Awards. Vote for best dressed pet at the end of Pet Parade.

If you or your business would like to participate in the parade, festival, or car show, please contact the Oak Island Parks and Recreation office at **(910) 278-5518**

Enter your dog in the Pet Costume Parade at Parks and Recreation Tent! The Pet Parade will leave from the soccer field and circle Middleton Park at 2:30 p.m.

SPRING CLEANING REMINDER:

The Town of Oak Island does not offer bulk pickup of brown or white goods. Residents may dispose of these items at the Airport Road Convenience Site – 4110 Airport Road. Hours are every Wednesday from 1 to 4:30 p.m., every Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the **FIRST** Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may dispose of household trash, household recycling, brown goods and white goods for free at this location.

SEA OATS

The Town of Oak Island will not be selling sea oats plants to the public this year. Thank you, Public Works Dept.

INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SAND FENCING

It's the time of year to start cleaning up the oceanfront in preparation for turtle season. Non-functioning, damaged, or unsecured sand fencing is the responsibility of the homeowner and must be removed. Sand fencing installed oceanward of the crest of the frontal or primary dune shall be installed at an angle no less than 45 degrees to the shoreline. Individual sections of sand fence shall not exceed 10 feet in length (except for public access ways), shall be spaced no less than seven feet apart, and shall not extend more than 10 feet oceanward of the locations, as defined in 15A NCAC 7H .0305:

To familiarize yourself with the CAMA sand fence regulation please call NC Division of Coastal Management or call us at (910) 278-5024

ARE YOU CURRENTLY RENTING YOUR HOME SHORT TERM? IF SO, ARE YOU FILING YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS TAX?

According to state statutes, the Town of Oak Island is authorized to collect accommodations taxes on the gross receipts for all short-term rental property located in the Town's city limits (including rentals you handle yourself and those handled by a property management or online reservation company). Session law 1998-207 allowed for a 3% accommodation tax and a separate, additional 2%, for a total of 5% accommodation tax that is required to be paid to the Town of Oak Island pursuant to G.S. 105-164(3). Please refer to our website at oakislandnc.com or call customer service at (910) 201-8009 for more information.

Earth Day Cleanup

The Cape Fear Yacht Club with the support of Plastic Ocean Project and Duke Energy will conduct an Earth Day Cleanup event at Dutchman Creek Park and Boat Launch on **April 18, 2020**. This community event will take place from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and be followed by a BBQ and Open House at the Cape Fear Yacht Club located across from the park.

Participants are asked to bring their own bucket or use "multi-use" collection bags in order to minimize plastic impact to the environment. Cape Fear Yacht Club requests participants with small watercraft (dinghies, kayaks, paddle boards) cruise the shoreline to retrieve floating plastics, styrofoam and trash.

In case of inclement weather, this event will be held the following day on **April 19th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Please contact Linda Dobbs at lindaejandobbs@gmail.com with any questions. The Cape Fear Yacht Club and the "Earth" appreciate your support!

Be a Beach Ambassador

The Oak Island Beach Ambassador program is seeking new volunteers for the 2020 season. If you are at least 21 years of age and willing to commit a minimum of 20 hours of service for the season (April through September), please contact Skip Cox, program manager, at skipncsu@gmail.com or (910) 880-0620 for more information or to receive an application.

Town of Oak Island FOG Program

Fats, Oils and Grease



Why are Fats, Oil and Grease a problem?

Grease hardens at room temperature and can cause blockages in home plumbing pipes and even overflows in your home or yard. These substances also cause back-ups in the Public Utilities collections system. Sewer back-ups cause damage, create health hazards and threaten the natural environment.

Where does grease come from?

Restaurants, apartment buildings, schools, homes, churches, condominiums, shopping centers, hospitals, food processing stores, hotels and anywhere cooking occurs. Grease is a by-product of cooking and comes from things like:

- meat fats
- shortening
- lard
- baking goods
- cooking oil
- dairy products
- food scraps
- sauces
- butter and margarine

Why should you care?

Grease related problems can cause sewage backups and overflows that are messy, costly and a potential threat to your health and the environment. That is why we want to help customers stop problems associated with grease before they occur.

PLEASE

- Never pour grease down the drain or toilet.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from dishes and cookware into trash or garbage can.
- Empty sink strainer into trash or garbage can.
- Don't put grease into your garbage disposal.
- Wipe cookware and dishware into trash can prior to washing.
- Clean kitchen exhaust filters routinely.
- Talk with friends and neighbors about the grease problem so that the community is aware of the risk.

ABOUT YOUR SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Many of you may see us walking the streets and yards and wonder, "What are they doing?" The Town has two different types of Collection Systems, Vacuum and Gravity. If you are on the vacuum system, you may have a vacuum pit in your lawn. Inside that pit, there is a vacuum valve. Twice a year the valve is inspected and evaluated to ensure it is operating properly. The vacuum is generated from our vacuum stations. The vacuum stations are equipped with three vacuum pumps and two sewage pumps. The pumps are monitored and inspected on a daily basis. When a vacuum valve fires, it makes a distinct sound through the vent pipe for three to four seconds. If you hear a suction noise coming from the vent pipe at your home for a long period of time, the valve is probably misfiring. A crew will be called in and will walk from vacuum pit to vacuum pit looking for the misfiring valve. Please, if you hear this sound, call us at (910) 201-8007 or after hours at (910) 278-5595, and let us know as soon as possible. Your call is greatly appreciated.

If you are on the gravity system you will see control panels which are located within the right of ways and are somewhat distinctive because they are equipped with a red light horn and an informational sign. The red light is a warning light so if you see the red light flashing or hear an alarm from the control panel, we ask that you call us immediately. Why? Because that alarm means it needs immediate attention, and you can be of great help to us by calling (910) 201-8007 or after hours at (910) 278-5595 or (910) 520-2688.

If you are walking around and see anything such as a broken cleanout cap in the right of way or a manhole lid not on properly or if something doesn't look right or if you hear a funny sound please give us a call.

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