



2025 Town Hall

April 2, 2025

Welcome to Orange Beach, Alabama



Mayor Tony Kennon

City Council:

Jeff Boyd (Pro-Tem)

Annette Mitchell

Jerry Johnson

Jeff Silvers

Joni Blalock

Recognitions



Emery Adam Pate
Honorary Junior Police Officer
"Emery Pate Day"

Recognitions

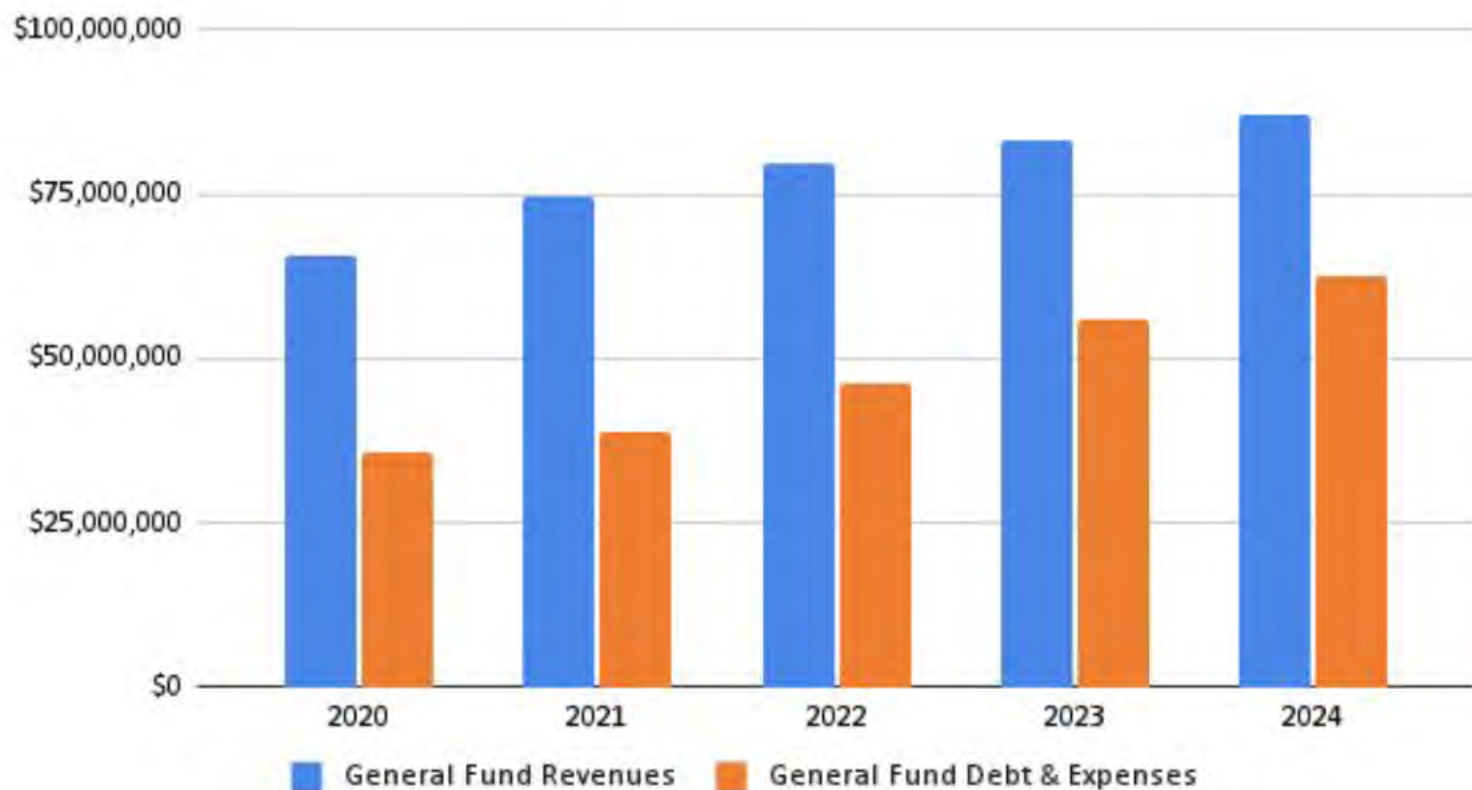


Paige Lipke – 36 on ACT (Twice)

Shooting Complex

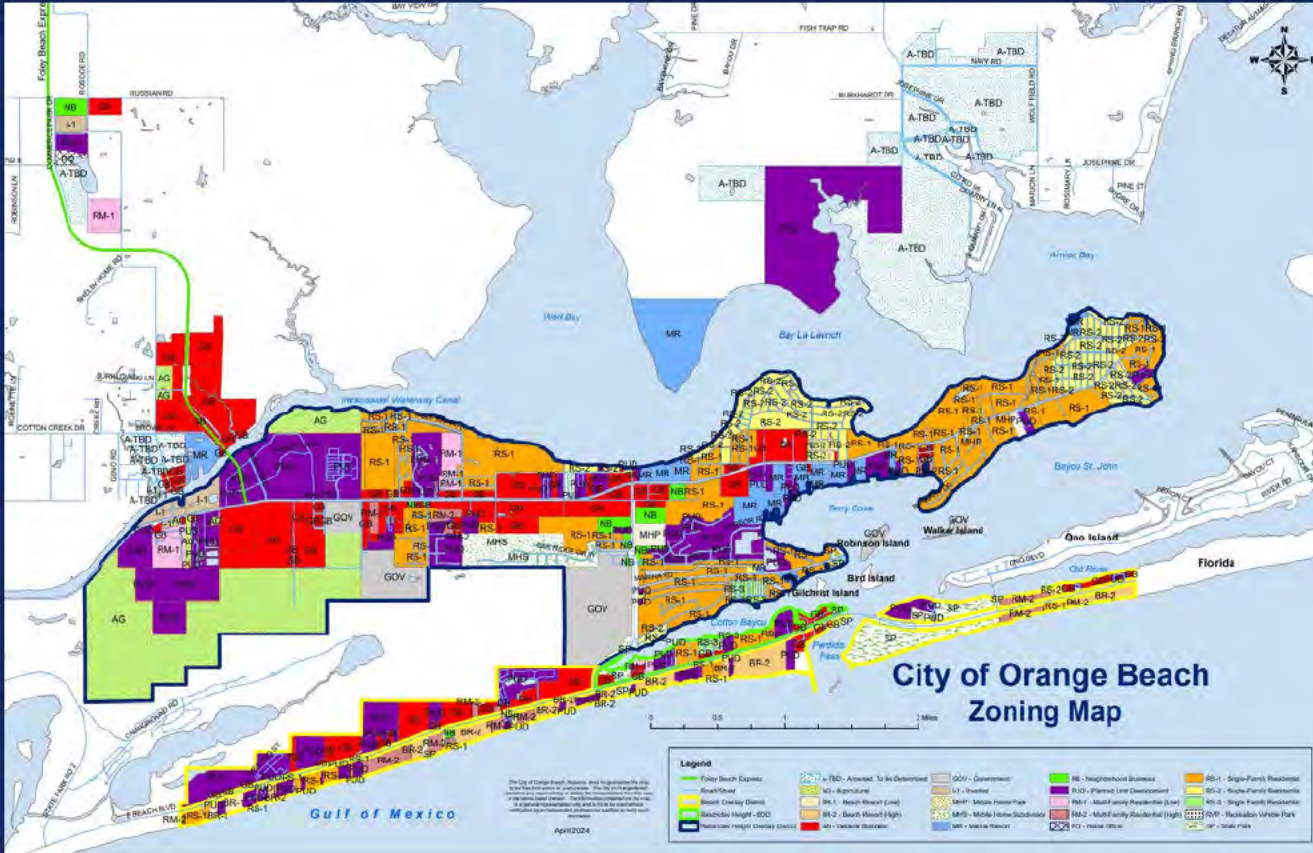


Revenue & Expenses 2020-2024



Moratorium

Nine-month moratorium
placed on
certain
residential
multi-family
projects and
subdivision
applications.



Moratorium

- Certain residential means: Three or more residential units or a subdivision of three or more lots, 9,000 square feet or less.
- Single-family homes on individual lots are not subject to this moratorium.

Moratorium Reasons

- Services/Quality of Life – police, fire, EMS, etc.
- Impact on natural resources
- Utilities
- Stormwater drainage
- Flooding
- Traffic
- School capacity
- Capital expenditures required to meet growth

Moratorium

Any questions related to the moratorium as it pertains to your property, please call Community Development at 251-981-2610.

Infrastructure Improvements



No more toll bridge



Friday, June 14, 2024



Wednesday, July 31, 2024



Foley Beach Express Bridge became toll-free in late May.

Intracoastal Waterway Bridge



- This \$52 million ALDOT bridge project and an additional \$30 million connector project to SR-161 is also underway. ALDOT plan has bridge serving southbound traffic only.
- Additionally, ALDOT will begin work to widen a portion of SR-180 (Canal Road) with extra eastbound lane from Beaver Creek to the current toll-free Beach Express bridge. (Bid in June.)
- All projects are scheduled for completion by summer 2026

Shared-use trails, sidewalks



Canal Road Shared-Use Trail and Sidewalk improvements. **Work is underway on all sites.**

Shared-use trails, sidewalks



Canal Road Shared-Use Trail: Work is underway on on 10-foot shared-use trails in front of Cumberland Farms and Cypress Village.

Shared-use trails, sidewalks



Canal Road
Shared-Use Trail and
Sidewalks from Wharf
Parkway East to Gulf
Bay Road.

~Underway:

- Wharf Pkwy E. to Captain's Cove.
- Sidewalk along Commercial Ave.

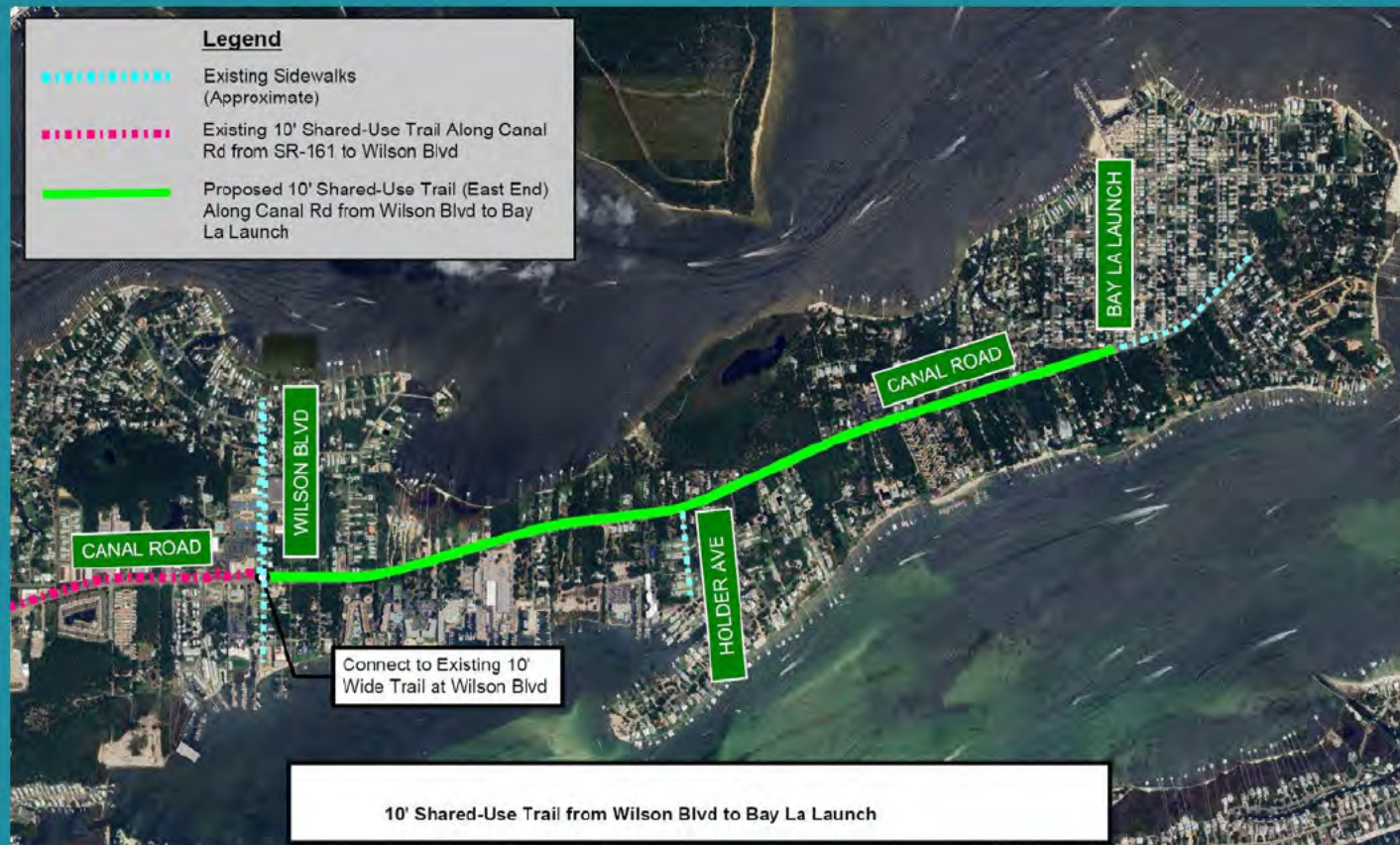
Finished by end of the year.

Shared-use trails, sidewalks



Sidewalk improvements: Work is underway on 5-foot sidewalks along Commercial Avenue.

Shared-use trail at Bear Point



Canal Road
Shared-Use Trail
from Wilson
Boulevard to Bay
La Launch
Avenue

**Work is
underway with
completion by
end of the year.**

Shared-use trails at Bear Point



Canal Road Shared-Use Trail: Work is underway on 10-foot shared-use trail from Bay La Launch Avenue to Wilson Boulevard.

Traffic signal near Culver's



A traffic signal will be installed at Wharf Parkway East at Canal Road.

Streetscaping with palms



Palms to be added to median on beach highway in front of Publix center, mirroring East Canal Road.

Canal Road Bypass



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Beach Renourishment

**647,314 cubic yards of sand (approx. 32,365 dump trucks' worth)
added to Orange Beach's Gulf front!**



**The renourishment project finished in May 2024 with sea oat planting.
Project: \$11 million covered by City of Orange Beach**

Finance at City Hall



New wing opened in June 2024

Finance at City Hall



New wing matches seamlessly with building.

New Wayfinding and Welcome Signs



First wayfinding sign installed at City Hall in early August.

Veterans Memorial



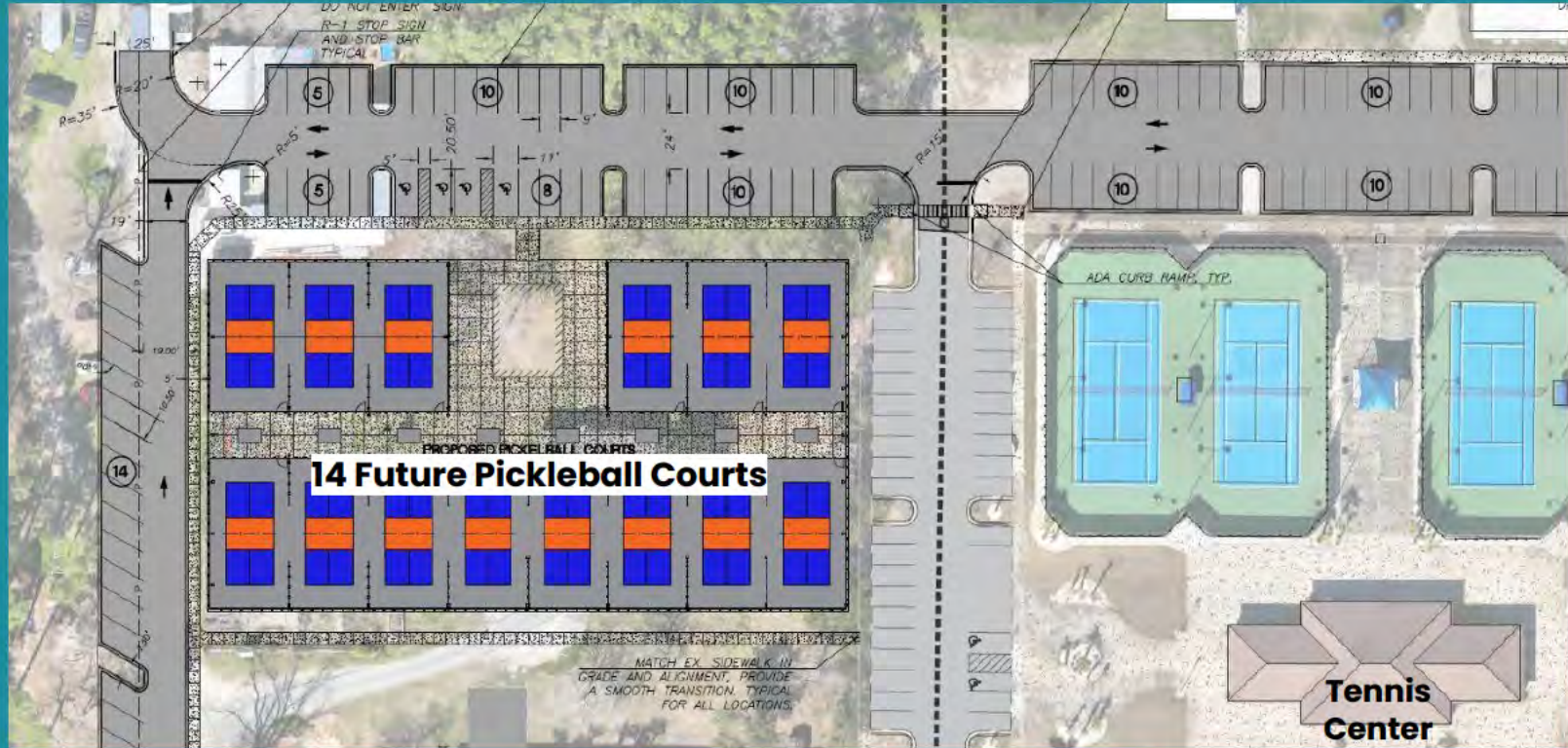
Veterans Memorial at Orange Beach Municipal Complex.

Veterans Memorial



Site work is underway.

Pickleball Courts at Rec Campus



Work to begin this spring with completion by year's end.

City projects

JUSTICE CENTER, RECREATION CENTER AND COMMUNITY CENTER: new roof with a facelift and building repainted – **Complete.**

COASTAL ARTS CENTER: Concrete slab added next to facility for tents to be set up for weddings and other events instead of on lawn. Complete. Additional parking and site improvements this summer.

FIRE STATION NO. 2: Exterior repainted to match the new look of the Recreation Center. **Complete.**

SENIOR CENTER AND LIBRARY: new roof with exterior facelift to match rest of City's buildings with Coastal Branding.

POOL: additional lanes.

City projects

GOLF CENTER: Remodel complete with new turf putting green coming soon.

COASTAL ALABAMA SEA TURTLE CENTER: \$1.5 million- NRDA funded Free-Standing ER for Sea Turtles. Under construction.

FIRE/SURF RESCUE TRAINING BUILDING: Additional facility being added to Fire Station No. 1 campus. Constructed this summer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY/WIND & WATER: Additional parking and site improvements. Constructed this summer.

ANNUAL RESURFACING PROJECT: Additional roads in Bear Point to be resurfaced.

City projects



Contorno property: Parks & Recreation office and walking trail coming soon.

Public Safety



Proactive Messaging



Orange Beach Police Department

Feb 27 • 🌐

It is that time of year again, when the beach opens for Spring Break. The Orange Beach Police Department wants everyone to come down and have a great time at the beach, enjoy themselves and be safe.

City of
Orange Beach
Life is better here

Police Department



ATTENTION

The Orange Beach Police Department welcomes all guests to the City of Orange Beach for Spring Break. Orange Beach is a beautiful city which has experienced increases in underage drinking, traffic related events, fighting, trespassing and illegal drug use during Spring Break.

The Orange Beach Police Department will utilize all available resources to maintain the City of Orange Beach as a family friendly tourist destination.

If you are looking for a party town the City of Orange Beach is not it. Underage Drinking, Illegal Drug use, Disorderly Conduct or any other breach of the peace will not be tolerated and you will go to jail. There will be no warnings.



You and 406 others

41 comments 459 shares



Public Safety Investments



Ambulances,
Engines,
Ladders,
Vessels,
Fire Stations



Public Safety Investments



Public Safety Investments



Education



Orange Beach City Schools



Orange Beach City Schools

State report card scores are in!

**ORANGE BEACH
CITY SCHOOLS**

A

EST. 2022
Creating a Lasting Legacy

Orange Beach City Schools earned an "A" on its very first district report card. The system's academic achievement was the greatest in Baldwin County!

Orange Beach City Schools



**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
SAFE SCHOOL AWARD**

**BEST OF BALDWIN'S
BEST HIGH SCHOOL**

**STATE REPORT CARD
TOP 5 RANKING**

Orange Beach City Schools



ORANGE BEACH CITY SCHOOLS

EDUCATING PARADISE

Academic Excellence

- 2024 State Testing Rankings: 3rd in Math, 3rd in Science, and 7th in ELA
- 2023-2024 State & Federal Report Card Grades:
 - Orange Beach Elementary School: 97
 - Orange Beach Middle & High School: 94
 - Orange Beach City Schools: 95
- OBSC Ranked in Top 5 of State Rankings for Report Card Scores
- 100% of 3rd Grade Students are Reading at or Above Grade Level
- 10% of Students in the 99th Percentile on the 2024 ACAP Testing

Safety and Community Engagement

- Safety is Our #1 Priority
- 2024 Attorney General's Safe School Award Recipient, OBMHS
- 96% of Students Participate in Co-Curricular or Extracurricular Activities
- OBMHS Voted 'Best High School' in 2025 Best of Baldwin Competition

Graduation and Achievement

- Class of 2024 had a 100% Graduation Rate
- 1:13 Teacher-to-Student Ratio

Athletic Success

- 2024 MaxPreps Softball National Champions
- 2024 4A Softball State Champions (4th Consecutive Year)
- 2024 4A Cheerleading State Championship (Game Day Division)

Arts and Extracurricular Accomplishments

- Musical Theater Students Performed with Foreigner
- Band Program Membership Increased to Over 70 Students

Cheerleading 4A Gameday State Champs



2024 4A GAMEDAY
STATE CHAMPIONS

Orange Beach High School
Cheerleaders – 2024 4A
Gameday State Champions



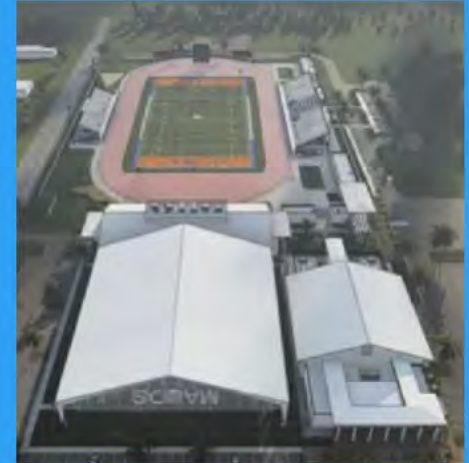
OBMHS Athletic Complex



New Orange Beach High School Athletic Complex
City of Orange Beach
June 7th, 2023



DAVIS



Anticipated
completion:
August 2025

OBMHS Athletic Complex



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August 2025

Baseball and Softball Fields

Ongoing improvements at Orange Beach Sportsplex. Latest: new fieldhouse/batting cages



Soccer/Football Field



Student Community Service



Quality of Life



Expect Excellence



438 students (PreK-6th) enrolled in 2024-2025 After-School Program, and 195 rising 1st-7th graders participated in 2024 Summer Camp

Resident Beach Access



ADA Accessibility Mats

Cotton Bayou Beach



Pass Fishing Park at Alabama Pt.



Work completed in
early 2024

Community Garden



**New site near
Elementary School**

Wildlife Center & Management Program



2024 Highlights:

700 intakes, 2,000 calls, and one huge move into new facility!

- Raised and released center's first baby fox squirrels
- Rehabilitated and released a kestrel with a broken wing
- **Released bald eagle patient that was admitted on New Year's Eve of 2023!**
- Raised and released two orphaned bobcat kittens
- Rescued an entangled osprey that was stuck in a tree
- Rehabilitated and released a clutch of 12 orphaned wood ducklings
- Rehabilitated and released two magnificent frigatebirds
- Accepted two orphaned baby beavers
- Banded and released 16 injured Brown Pelicans

Wildlife Center & Management Program



Culver's Orange Beach



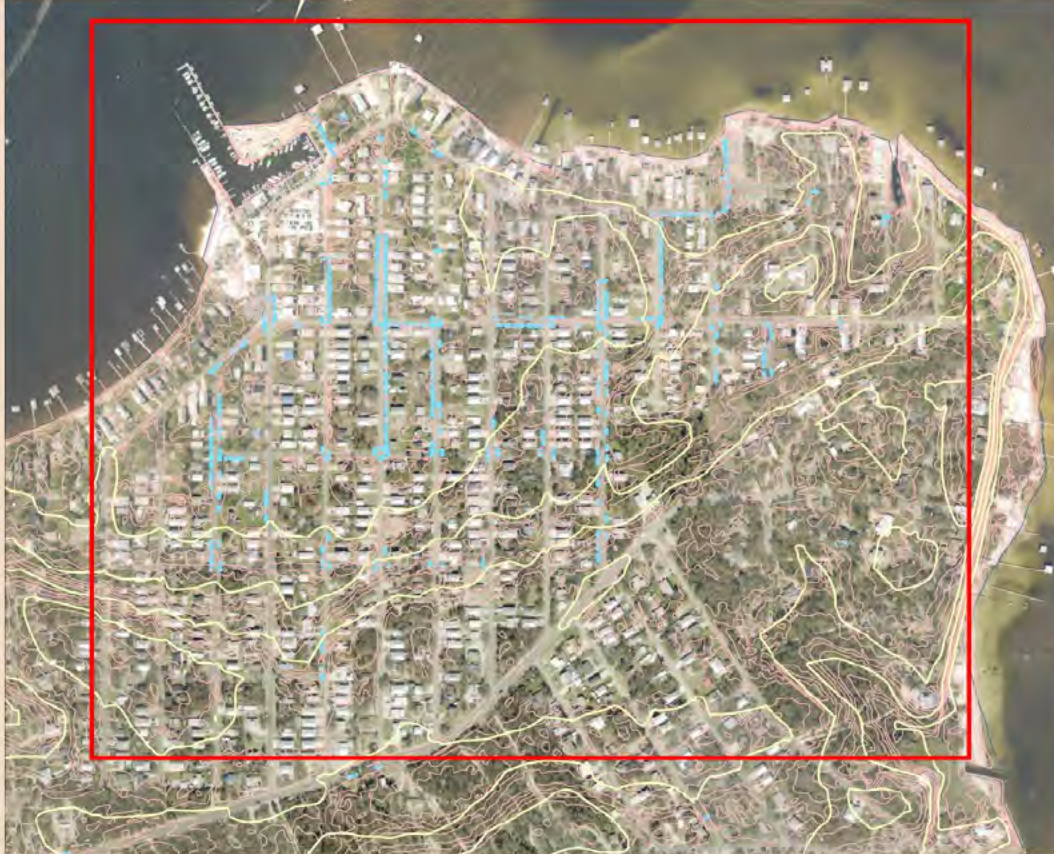
Culver's opened its newest restaurant in Baldwin County in July in Orange Beach, just outside of The Wharf complex, on Canal Road.



Maintaining Paradise



Bear Point Drainage Study



An overall drainage study to develop a hydraulic model of the area and to determine a list of projects to improve the overall drainage of the Bear Point area. Study to conclude in April 2026.

Habitat Restoration at Islands



Habitat restoration is underway at Robinson and Walker Islands thanks to a collaboration between The Nature Conservancy, Moffatt & Nichol, City of Orange Beach and MD Thomas Constructions.

Cotton Bayou Channel Markers



**Channel markers
added back to Cotton
Bayou in July.**

Maintaining Paradise



The Waterways & Shoreline Cleanup crew remove over 70,000 lbs. of debris each year.



**Always on the
job on land and
water.**

Leave Only Footprints



**Before Leave
Only Footprints**



**LEAVE ONLY
FOOTPRINTS**

Leave Only Footprints



After Leave Only
Footprints

National Accolades



Softball National Champs!



Past National Champs from Alabama

FOOTBALL

1926 – Tuscaloosa

1929 – Tuscaloosa

1988 – Vigor (shared with Pine Forest
in Pensacola)

2013 – Hoover (Public School
National Champ only)

BASEBALL

1954 – Lanier

2005 – Russell County

SOFTBALL

2024 – Orange Beach

Festival of Art – No. 1 in Nation



**Orange Beach
Festival of Art voted
Best Arts Festival in
the U.S. by voters in
USA Today's 10Best
Readers' Choice
Awards!**

Backcountry Trail



**Voted #1 Best Rec Trail
in the NATION! Two
years in a row 2023 &
2024!!
In running for 2025!**



**Vote daily
through April 7th!**

Events & Programs

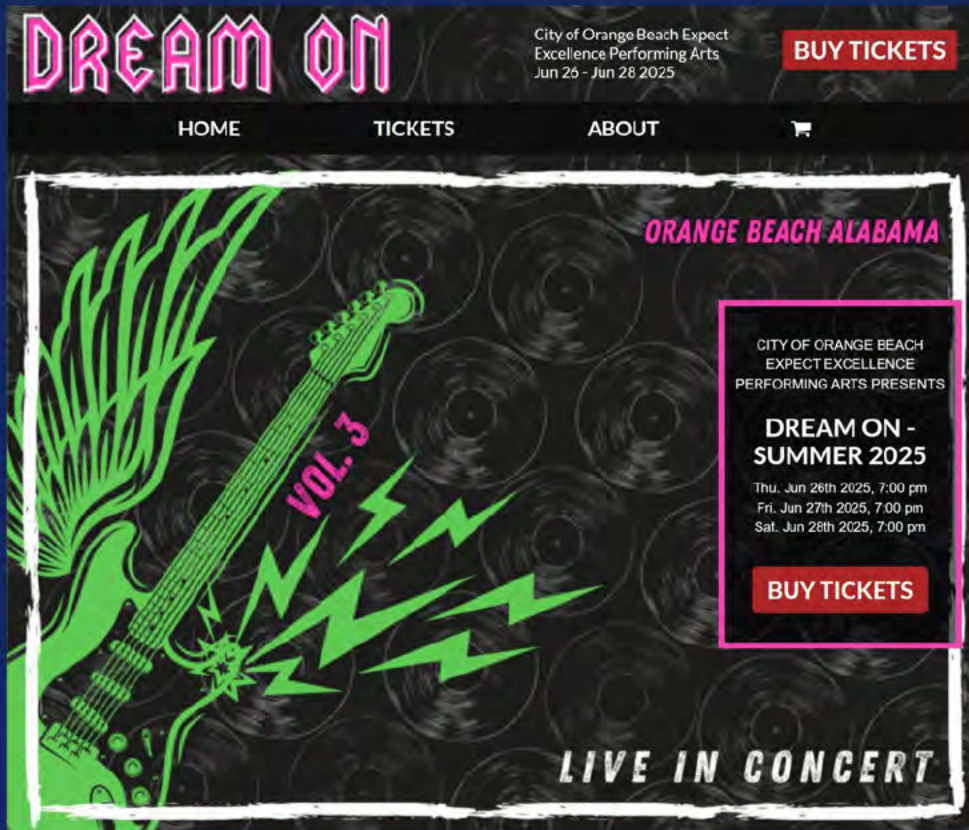


Best of Baldwin 2025

- **Best Mardi Gras Parade - Orange Beach**
- **Best Event Venue - Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach**
- **Best Bike Trail - The Backcountry Trail**
- **Best High School - Orange Beach High School**



Performing Arts Center



The screenshot shows the website for the 'DREAM ON' concert series. At the top, the title 'DREAM ON' is in large, pink, outlined letters. To its right, it says 'City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Performing Arts Jun 26 - Jun 28 2025' and a red 'BUY TICKETS' button. Below this is a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'TICKETS', 'ABOUT', and a shopping cart icon. The main content area features a large graphic of a green electric guitar with flames coming out of the body, set against a background of vinyl records. The text 'ORANGE BEACH ALABAMA' is in pink. A pink-bordered box contains the text: 'CITY OF ORANGE BEACH EXPECT EXCELLENCE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS DREAM ON - SUMMER 2025' followed by the dates and times: 'Thu. Jun 26th 2025, 7:00 pm', 'Fri. Jun 27th 2025, 7:00 pm', and 'Sat. Jun 28th 2025, 7:00 pm'. A red 'BUY TICKETS' button is at the bottom of this box. The phrase 'VOL. 3' is written in pink along the guitar's neck, and 'LIVE IN CONCERT' is at the bottom in white.

DREAM ON

City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Performing Arts
Jun 26 - Jun 28 2025

[BUY TICKETS](#)

HOME TICKETS ABOUT

ORANGE BEACH ALABAMA

CITY OF ORANGE BEACH
EXPECT EXCELLENCE
PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

**DREAM ON -
SUMMER 2025**

Thu. Jun 26th 2025, 7:00 pm
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[BUY TICKETS](#)

LIVE IN CONCERT

SAVE THE DATES:
Dream On –
June 26–28 at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 (all ages)

Freedom Festival



SAVE THE DATE:
**5th Annual Orange
Beach Freedom Fest,
Bama Coast Cruisin'
Car Show & Firearms
Show
Sept. 20-21, 2025**

Website & Newsletter

Sign up at www.orangebeachal.gov/community-newsletter

WELCOME TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA
LIFE IS BETTER HERE

2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
CITY OFFICES
CLOSURE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

CARING GIFTS PLANET DRIVE

"Life is better here"
Welcome to the City of Orange Beach's community newsletter.
Vol. 4, Issue 49

Christmastime at the Beach!
With the Christmas tree all aglow on Main Street at The Wharf after Tuesday's annual tree lighting ceremony, the Christmas season is officially underway in Orange Beach! Watch a video of the tree lighting and the event's first ever fireworks show on the City's Facebook page.

Questions?



“Life is Better Here”...

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www.orangebeachal.gov



Mayor Tony Kennon

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Please text me for anything
you might need.

Do not contact me on
Facebook. My blood pressure
is already too high.