

TPO News, Events and Opportunities



Member News

Wendy Morris, Vice President, has started a group called [Helping Hands in Oak Island, NC](#) on Facebook . See Wendy for more information and to help with the Wind Phone project.

Phil Dudley, President, spoke before the [Brunswick County Planning Board](#) meeting regarding the value of trees in the former Southport Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

Upcoming Events

August 21 at 10:00 a.m. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Middletown Park on Oak Island Drive under the huge Live Oak we named Eve.

September 10 at 6:00 p.m - OKI Town Council Regular Monthly Meeting with regulating house sizes on the agenda... a smaller house will leave more room for trees(!)

Oak Island News

Town Grant

TPO supported the Town of Oak Island with a NGO letter of support for a grant from the NC Forestry Division for 600 Live Oak Trees - 200 per year for three years to be planted in the ROW of Oak Island Drive. No news yet. Send prayers, karma and happy thoughts for a positive reply.

UDO Changes to House Size

Your Town Council will take up limiting house sizes at their next regular meeting. Under the current UDO when a house is built to it's limit it is just sheer luck if you can save a mature tree and it is hard to find a place to plant back as well.

Brunswick County News

Southport Loses Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)

Brunswick County was given 60 days to apply a UDO to nearly 2,000 acres formerly covered by Southport's ETJ. None of the existing county UDO classifications are in harmony with the land developed previously under the ETJ.

The Brunswick County Planning Board and staff had to work with what they had. There will be an appeal to the Brunswick County Commission but it has to be decided by the end of the month or the property will be come unzoned meaning 'anything goes'.

About Us

Tree Peace OKI is a 509 (a) (2) dedicated to promoting and educating about the value of trees to Oak Island, NC. We may endeavor to influence legislation for that purpose but we may not support any candidates or political parties.

Contact us

We meet the third Wednesday every month at 10:00 a.m. in Middleton park on Oak Island Drive next to Town Hall.

Message us on our Tree Peace OKI Facebook page.

Treepeaceoki.org

Our Officers

Phil Dudley, President

Wendy Morris, Vice President

Nancy Martin, Treasurer

David Merkel, Secretary

Recommended Reading for Tree Nerds(!)

The Nature of Oaks - The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees by Douglass W. Tallamy.

An excerpt of particular interest to windy coastal North Carolina; *“... two or three trees planted within 10 feet of each other will interlock their roots as they grow therefore be far less vulnerable to dangerous blowdowns when they mature. These are not unnaturally tight spaces in our forests - just in our minds.”*

Help Wanted (lousy pay but great benefits!)

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Membership Chairperson

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