

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, has been selected to participate in the Town of Oak Island Comprehensive Land Use Planning committee.

Upcoming Events

September 18 at 10:00 a.m. - Regular Monthly Meeting at Middletown Park on Oak Island Drive under the huge Live Oak we named Eve.

Planting Season-----
The best months to plant here are November, December, January and February

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. The Town has budgeted for trees in the ROW with hopes of being reimbursed later.

UDO Changes to House Size

In a four to one vote with Mark Martin the lone dissenter the OKI Town Council voted to limit house sizes to 4,000 s.f.. This is a small step towards leaving more room on a lot for trees.

Brunswick County News

Questionnaire to BC Commissioner Candidates have been sent to all candidates

We have requested a reply from the candidates by the end of September and plan to grade the responses and publicize the results by mid- October.

1. Will you use your office to stop the loss of ETJ's from more BC Towns?
2. Will you use your office to stop de-annexation from more BC towns?

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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(!) (worth repeating!)

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!)

Treasurer

Membership Chairperson

Newsletter Editor

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3. Will you vote for the creation of a BC Forrester position whose role will be UDO Tree enforcement and education regarding the value of trees?
4. Will you vote for a \$100,000 budget for the planting of trees on BC owned land [parks, parking areas etc.] and ROW?
5. Will you vote for BC Heritage Tree protection on public and private [setback area and ROW] land =/> 20" DBH for hardwoods and =/> 30" DBH for softwood trees?
6. Will you use your office to promote and advance the proposal that the High Priority Natural Habitat in the Williamson Tract be preserved as a NC State Park for low impact recreation?