

# TPO News, Events and Opportunities



## Upcoming Events

**February 19 at 10:00 a.m.** - Regular Monthly Meeting at CROSSROADS at the foot of Barbee Bridge

**April 25 Earth Day 4:00 to 5:00**

This is a requirement for a Tree City USA town. We will have fermented red and white grape juice (wink-wink!) and cheese for members at Bill Smith Park

**April 26 Arbor Day 10:00 to 4:00**

Our town has big plans for this day to include giving away 100 potted Live Oaks, recognizing and naming the majestic Live Oak at the park and much more.

### Planting Season-----

The best months to plant trees here are November, through February

## Two Positions Open at TPO

### Treasurer

The Treasurer balances the check book and keeps a list of annual paid memberships. There is an annual filing with the IRS that is literally the size of a postcard if our income is less than \$50,000 [we should have such concerns!].

### Vice President

Wendy Morris has withdrawn from this position. The Vice President has been managing our social media position and interfacing with local print media.

Wendy is one of our founders and put her heart and soul into Tree Peace OKI. Join me in wishing her well.

These two positions are critical to our organization. Please consider this an opportunity to have fun while doing good. We now have a cooperative relationship with the town which makes this effort more rewarding.

## Tree Trimming Class

Conducted by Todd Stevenson,

Certified Arborist

"Trees are a sugar factory(!)" The town held a free class on January 15 for anyone interested in learning more about tree trimming and that was one of the memorable quotes from Mr. Stevenson who managed to make what you might think is a dry topic informative and entertaining.

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## About Us

Tree Peace OKI is a 509 (a) (2) non profit incorporated in the State of North Carolina 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. Message us on our Tree Peace OKI Facebook page.

## Our Officers

Phil Dudley, President

**open**, Vice President

**open**, Treasurer

David Merkel, Secretary

## Join or Donate to Tree Peace OKI

at [treepeaceoki.org](https://treepeaceoki.org)

A one year membership is only \$20

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### Additional salient points from the tree trimming class:

- Never trim more than 25% of the foliage at one time
- Mature trees should not need any pruning
- A mature tree that suddenly gets sun after lot clearing will sort itself out. It will not remain 'hairy'. No need to trim.
- Leaves and decaying trees are the best fertilizer [expand your mulch beds around your trees]. Dried manure is the best choice for a tree if it is not doing well.
- It is the photosynthesis process that produces the sugar that is the trees lifeblood. 80% of the photosynthesis occurs in the upper canopy - leave it alone.
- Do not prune when leaves are forming or falling [right now would be ok] Rake those leaves around the base and leave them as mulch.
- Live Oaks and Hollies drop their leaves and form leaves in the spring.

## Thank you Oak Island ELKS LODGE!

The Oak Island Elks Lodge voted Thursday night 2/13/25 to grant Tree Peace OKI \$1,000 so that we can match the town's half of the 100 potted Live Oak trees from Penderlea Farms . These trees to be given away at our Arbor Day celebration April 26 at Bill Smith Park.

Our full donation to the Town of Oak Island to be \$1,250 which we voted on at last month's meeting.

Penderlea Farms hand picks acorns from iconic trees like the Airlie Oak and grows Live Oaks that will retain special characteristics that improve survivability in the Southeast NC climate.

The Elks Lodge picked a great cause to support!