

TPO News, Events and Opportunities



Upcoming Events

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

March 22 Noon - 4:00

Spring fling at Middelton Park. TPO will have a booth at the festival, see Judy Reid for volunteer opportunities.

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.

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Wendy Morris has withdrawn from this position.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.

The Longleaf Pine

The third most endangered ecosystem in America

A federal program of fire suppression has further endangered this majestic tree that already suffered from over-harvesting. Just 5% of the native ecosystem once dominated by the Longleaf Pine still exists today. Without fire, hardwoods replace the Longleaf Pine in nature.

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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 Merkle, Secretary

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A one year membership is only \$20

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During the age of sail the Longleaf Pine supplied tar, pitch, planking and masts. Today it is still a commercially viable tree in a managed forest. The Longleaf Pine provides straighter, stronger denser lumber and is the best tree for utility poles and pine straw used for mulch. It is more resistant to drought, wind, pest and fire than the fast growing Loblolly Pine and after about twenty years it will equal the Loblolly in height in poor, well drained soils.

A healthy Longleaf Pine forest is a park-like open canopy savannah that uniquely supports species like orchids and the Venus Flytrap. We have an excellent example right here in Brunswick County in the Green Swamp Preserve off Hwy. 211 where there is a 2.6 mile hiking trail. There is no charge for parking or to take the hike. There are no bathrooms available. Closed toe shoes are recommended. [I am thinking about going Wednesday afternoon after the meeting.]

The Nature Conservancy director Brian van Eerden is quoted as saying 'It took 400 years to pull this landscape apart - it's going to take time to put it back together. They are doing the work of angels protecting biodiversity in the Green Swamp Preserve and worldwide.

Thank you Oak Island ELKS LODGE!

The Oak Island Elks Lodge voted to let us keep the \$1,000 grant even after the original purpose of buying trees for donation on Arbor Day became moot with Penderlea Farms donating the trees. The understanding is we that will pass the money through to the town for it's Tree Fund. That check will be donated to Brice Taylor at Bill Smith Park on Friday April 25th at our fermented grape juice and cheese gala!!

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!