

TPO News, Events and Opportunities



Upcoming Events

November 19 at 10:00 a.m.

- Regular Meeting at
Crossroads next to Doodles.

November 21 at 9:30 a.m.-

Brunswick County Habitat for
Humanity Landscaping Day,
276 Beachwood Drive NW,
Calabash, NC

December 3 at 2:00 to 5:00

Tree planting with Southport
Christian Academy -
Intersection of Live Oak and
Barbee Blvd.

***December 6 2:00 to 5:00 -**

Christmas By The Sea Parade,
Oak Island Drive

***December 7 12:00 to 4:00**

Holiday Market at Middleton
Park

* Contact Judy Reid
301/802-4987

Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity

At our October meeting we voted to donate a tree to each BCHH house that is completed - about eight per year. It takes us outside of Oak Island but we are part of Brunswick County too. This helps us to

spread the word about the value of trees and will create awareness for our mission.

Our first tree was presented at the home dedication in Boiling Springs Lakes on November 10. Patrick Young and Phil Dudley went back and planted the tree on November 12.

The next BCHH planting / landscape day will be Friday 11/21 at 9:30 a.m. in Calabash working in

coordination with the

Master Gardeners of Brunswick County. That home will be dedicated on Monday 11/24. See address in sidebar.



About Us

Tree Peace OKI is a 509 (c) (3) 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

Paula Byerly, Vice President

Eileen Soderberg, Treasurer

David Merkle, Secretary

Judy Reid, Events Coordinator

John Schweikart, Chief Information Officer

Join or Donate to Tree Peace OKI

at treepeaceoki.org

A one year membership is only \$20

It could have been a lot worse!

At the Town of Oak Island November meeting the Uniform Development Ordinance Chapter 32 for Vegetation was rewritten.

The only positive was eliminating the ten foot spacing requirement on new plantings. The formula for minimum tree requirements on a lot measured in diameter at breast height [dbh] was cut 36% from 1" per 220 square foot of lot to 1" per 300 s.f. of lot. The front set back requirement was cut in half from 4 inches per 25 linear feet of frontage to 2 inches.

Yet they still have not properly addressed the problem presented on lots that have no trees to preserve where the planting to meet the standard becomes a burden. The ordinance was framed from the outset to preserve trees which is the far healthier option versus planting back.

The Town Council pledged to 'address' this again in a year. Replace 'address' with 'cut' and you get the picture clearly. Pray that we will fare better with the new town council.

North Americas' Only Native Source of Caffeine

Do you know what it is? It is prevalent here on Oak Island. Native Americans roasted the leaves and made an energy giving drink which they would drink before battle.



European settlers adopted the practice and called it 'Carolina Tea'. It is the *Ilex Vomitoria*. It is a building block of the maritime forest and it is so prevalent there was a town named for it.

Give up? It is the Yaupon Holly!

You can buy tea bags of the roasted Yaupon Holly leaves today from several sources and they claim a whole host of health benefits. I tried it and it was ...MEH.

Submitted by Phil Dudley

Christmas Parade and Holiday Market

Tree Peace will have a float in the parade Saturday December 6. We will be gathering at the assigned starting spot by 1:00. The parade starts at 2:00. Contact Judy Reid if you want to be a part of the parade. You cannot overestimate how much candy you will go through!

Tree Peace will participate at the Holiday Market where we will be giving away small potted trees and spreading the good word about trees. Set up starts at 11:00 at Middleton Park Contact Judy Reid if you can help out on market day.

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Trees from Penderlea Farms

We continue to get a good uptake on 25 gallon Live Oaks from Penderlea Farms. Thanks to Patrick Young and Phil Dudley for making the trip and delivering trees to Tree Peace OKI members, new and old.

Nine trees were taken so quickly on the first trip that another trip is planned for this month and they are mostly already spoken for.

Penderlea Farms selects acorn seed stock from select SE North Carolina Heritage trees for the best DNA for a healthy tree in our unique environment.

Town Council

Congratulations to Chasey Bynum and Tommy Brown for their successful campaigns to serve on the Town of Oak Island Town Council!

These two received our highest scores for their answers to our questions regarding protecting and restoring the tree canopy. We should be optimistic that that the town will continue planting in the right-of-way and safeguard trees through the uniform development ordinance.

News from Tree Peace Board of Directors

At a November 9 board of directors meeting the board decided to bring a vote to members at the November regular meeting Wednesday 11/19 to expand the board by two positions; Events Manager and Chief Information Officer.

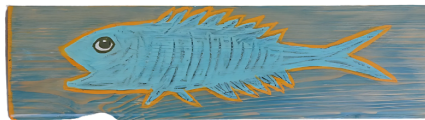
We will have votes on every board position at the meeting as required by our by laws. Join us Wednesday at Crossroads at 10:00 in a meeting room upstairs.

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