

TPO News, Events and Opportunities



Upcoming Events

February 18 at 10:00 a.m. -

Regular Meeting at
Crossroads next to Doodles.

February 21 12:00 to 4:00 -

OKI Mardi Gras Festival at
Middleton Park

March 14, 12:00

CoastWise; UNCW / Town of
Oak Island Collaboration
Kickoff at Nature Center @
5202 E. Yacht Drive

April 21

Town of Oak Island
Budgeting session for Public
Works, Stormwater...

April 22 Earth Day

Goals for Tree Peace OKI in 2026

The board of directors met to set our course for 2026. We agreed that the 2026 Goals would be things above and beyond what we have been doing. We will continue to donate and plant a tree at every completed Brunswick County Habitat For Humanity home. We will continue raise money for the Town of Oak Island to plant trees in the right-of-way and public spaces. Education and advocacy are core to our group. This is what we arrived at;

- ✦ **Recruit a Membership Chairperson**
 - ✦ Keep an up-to-date list of paid members
 - ✦ Send reminders to renew
- ✦ **Increase Arbor Day Exposure**
 - ✦ Both locations if two
- ✦ **Participate in all OKI Holiday / Special Market Events**
- ✦ **Greenhouse Utilization**
 - ✦ Develop a budget and a plan
 - ✦ Present Public/Private Partnership for the use of the space at the Jet Port transfer station space
 - ✦ Partner with UNCW / Town of Oak Island ~ CoastWise
- ✦ **Go Public with a Tree Peace OKI Tree Registry**
- ✦ **Transition to Zeffe and Square Space for web site**
- ✦ **Create a large Canopy Loss Illustration for public events**
 - ✦ It has been documented that 197 acres of tree canopy was lost on just our part of Oak Island between 2014 and 2021. An illustration of this loss will be impactful. Need a volunteer with artistic / graphic artistic or maybe just cartography and computer skills.

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

The Book of Lost Friends

By Lisa Wingate

“...the tables sit in open air under the spread of long arm oaks. Branches twine themselves like timbers in a roof. They share roots these Live Oak groves. They are all one tree under the soil. Like family, made to be together, to feed and shelter one another. “

Submitted by Eileen Soderberg



Oaks silhouetted like lace against a dusky sky in the Yaupon neighborhood on Oak Island

Renew Your Membership for 2026!

Membership is \$20 per person per year. With your support we are making a difference on Oak Island.

We accept donations from credit cards on our web page at treepeaceoki.org

Recognizing our Sponsors!

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Oak Island NC



A multi-generation Oak Island family donated \$1,000.00 to continue our efforts to preserve and restore the tree canopy. Anonymously.

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Crossroads - A Gathering Place