

TPO News, Events and Opportunities



Upcoming Events

June 17, 10:00

Regular Tree Peace Meeting
at Middleton Park in front of
the Community Center

Welcome New Magnolia Level Sponsor



It is rewarding to know that others believe in our mission of preserving and restoring the tree canopy and educating all on the value of trees. Visit us at TREEPEACEOKI.ORG for details on sponsorship opportunities for your business or family.

2027 Town Budget Includes Money for Planting 100 Trees

There is always competition for budget monies but the Town Manager and Town Council has shown once again that they put a high value on lining Oak Island's roads with trees and restoring our tree canopy.

Responsibility for managing the planting will reside with Oak Island's new Parks and Recreation Director Todd Tetreault who has a Masters Degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism AND a degree in Environmental Horticulture. Our trees should be in good hands.

Please thank the Town Council and welcome Todd when you have the opportunity.

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.

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Judy Reid, Events Coordinator

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at treepeaceoki.org

A one year membership is only \$20

Story Time at Barbee Library

About a dozen youngsters were on hand May 19 for the reading of children's books and tree related projects.



We counted the rings of a tree cross-section and handed out tree cookies (smaller cross -sections) for them to decorate. Thank you to Sue Davidson, Sue Dudley and Judy Reid for making this a fun and educational experience for the young ones.

(No trees were sacrificed for this event!)

Development of the Williamson Tract

Rock Tower Partners proposes developing the 3,200 acre tract

It was a packed house at the June 10 Oak Island Town Council meeting to hear what the Rock Tower Partners had to say. They project that it could be more than two years before the first shovel of dirt is turned over and the total build out could stretch to 20 years,

Much of this land was planted with rows of loblolly pines by Weyerhaeuser and they will be harvested for paper products.

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It will be a devastating sight to tree lovers when these trees are harvested but we should not even try to stop that process. We would not succeed in stopping the harvest and we would lose credibility.

We can use our voices to encourage responsible development to include;

- Preserving wetlands and Carolina Bays with adequate undisturbed watershed
- Tree buffers to adjoining properties
- Tree lined streets
- A shade tree for every home - especially the West side for shade from the summer afternoon sun
- Low impact green spaces
- A natural corridor for wildlife to traverse the property
- Choice of native species & biodiversity in tree planting

All of these things make for an attractive development.



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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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