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# ORIENTAL RECREATION PARK FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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| 12:00 – 3:00          | Free hot dogs/chips/beverage<br>(provided by Magnolia House)  |
| 12:00 – 12:30         | Police Talk/Demo  |
| 12:45 – 1:00          | Tug-A-War/Sack Races (Winners photos featured on Oriental Facebook)   |
| 1:00 – 1:30           | Fire Truck Talk/Demo (shooting water from truck across ball field)  |
| 1:45 – 2:00           | Tug-A-War/Sack Races (Winners photos featured on Oriental Facebook)   |
| 2:00 – 3:00           | K-9 Talk/Demo (Hunt the bad guy)  |
| 3:45 – 4:00           | Tug-A-War/Sack Races Winners photos featured on Oriental Facebook)  |
| 3:00 – 5:00           | Horseshoe Game with instructions by Tom Ginty (NC State Champion)   |
| 3:00 – 5:00           | Bocci Ball  |
| 3:00 – 5:00           | Hoff and Finch Entertainment  |
| ALL DAY ON-GOING      | Face Painting by Karen Prince<br>Baked goods table by Billie Benager<br>Tug of War Games<br>Corn Hole Games<br>Sack Races<br>Bocci Ball Games<br>Horseshoe Games w/expert Tom Ginty<br>Free kitten give-aways |
| FUND RAISING STATIONS | Oriental Fire Station #19<br>Oriental Police Station<br>Pamlico County K-9<br>Pamlico County Rescue Squad   |

We are inviting the first responders to “hang out” for the entire event but it will be up to them and their schedules.

# Parks and Recreation Meeting Notes

## September 10th, 2024

Meeting began at 3:00 PM

In attendance:

Vicki Rasmussen

Kimberly Langson

Eileen Price

Barb Miller

Denni Haywood

Steve Price

Marcia Ostendorff

Alice Flannigan

Lisa Anderson

Commissioners:

Allen Price

Bonnie Crosser

- Shook Construction is donating 4 park benches for the Dog Park and is repairing the backboard for the tennis court @ Lupton Park. They are doing work in the county and their philosophy is to give back to the community where they are working.
- A Bocci Ball set has been donated for the Recreation Park.
- Lisa and Denni are going to paint the park bench that Vicki bought so it can live outdoors
- Ken Reed and Dale Montgomery pressure washed the tennis courts @ Lupton Park. Denni is still going to call around for a pressure wash company to help us out in the future.
- The many projects needed around town were divvied up between the volunteers:
  - Eileen will organize weed picking at the rec park
  - Vicki will head up the clean-up of the horseshoe pit( DONE)
  - Kim and Denni will organize an inspection of the parks' inventory( what is there, what do we need, what needs to be replaced). Marcia pointed out a broken bench at Lou Mac Park. Nautical Wheelers will be informed so the manufacturer can repair or replace it.

Alice and Vicki have created a postcard highlighting the horseshoe pit and she's distributed them to Brantley's, Silo's, Post Office, and M&M's/ Denni will put more up around town.

Bonnie is planting mums at Lupton Park

First Responders' Event is picking up steam! It is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**What is scheduled so far:**

Fire truck and other emergency equipment. Fire hose will shoot water.

K9 unit will participate with a "Hunt a Commissioner" event ☺

Karen Prince will do face painting( thanks to Barb)

Billie Benager will sell baked goods to donate to first responders and/or pickleball project( thanks again Barb)Billie also does calligraphy and can perhaps give a lesson/ or people can pay to have their name written in calligraphy.

Hoff and Finch will play for three hours

**What we are still planning:**

Barb is going to try to find a hot dog vendor

Denni will perhaps see about a food truck( if necessary)

Lisa is going to look into two( or more) Porta Potties

Eileen knows someone who may want to come to give away free kittens to good homes.

Kim will find burlap sacks for a three legged race

Steve will track down large boat line for a tug of war game.

Steve and Eileen will provide a corn hole game and Vicki will ask around for other contributors of corn holes.

Barb has talked to Inner Banks Media and Towndock concerning advertising for the event.

Vicki is going to talk to the Ol' Front Porch Committee to see if we can set up a booth and advertise for the event. We can use Barb's yard to set up a table.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:10

# Minutes

## Oriental Tree Board Meeting

|                                   |                           |
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| <b>DATE</b>                       | August 27, 2024           |
| <b>DURATION</b>                   | 09:03 AM through 09:58 AM |
| <b>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY</b> | John Deaton, chair        |

### IN ATTENDANCE

John Deaton (chair), Janet Chinae, Ken King (em), Al Price (Com), Missy Tenhet, Cathy Washburn

### CHAIR REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

**Tree Inventory Project** – Janet reported that, although she finished surveying all of the parks (Rec Park, Lou Mac Park, Lupton Park), she will have to re-do the Rec Park because she mis-identified so many of the trees there. Cindy helped with half of that park using the PictureThis app; but the first half was identified using a much less accurate app. Ken offered to help with the survey of the Rec Park as soon as the temperatures become more reasonable next week. Cathy turned in surveys for ten streets so far.

#### Planting:

The two (2) red oaks, that the OTB planted this spring at 2107 White Farm Road, that were attacked by orange stripe oak worm, are beginning to recover. Continue to monitor.

John reported that he alerted Diane that the trees that were planted on the ice machine property (1202 Broad Street Ext) are not doing well; especially the dogwoods in the front. The OTB recommends that these trees be replaced with species more suited to the conditions at the site. Board members are willing to advise the lot owner on alternative selections. The OTB was not consulted on the original selection.

John reported that there is a dead cypress tree at the NC Wildlife boat ramp; it looks like possible herbicide damage. Diane clarified that the town's responsibility at the wildlife ramp is strictly the ROW of Midyette Street, which goes all the way to the water. The OTB also chose to accept responsibility for the new live oak planted next to the park sign this past April. The boat ramp area is a challenge because of the poor soils, frequent inundation, and abuse by users of the boat launch. The OTB will consider whether to replace this tree somewhere in the park in the fall.

John completed the installation of the protective posts around the live oak the OTB planted at the NC Wildlife Ramp in April.

John received requests for tree plantings at 305 Vandemere Street, and at the corner of White Farm Road and Dolphin Road. These will be considered for the fall planting season.

#### Pruning Activities

Since the local temperatures are expected to moderate starting after this week, pruning activities will resume next week. All of the trees have suffered for this brutal summer and for our inability to prune.

Some areas that may need urgent attention include the completed construction site at 504 North Street, the last three crepe myrtles on Broad Street across from the mini-mart/gas station, the crepes along Sea Vista by the old Town & Country site, the crepes at the corner of Mildred and Broad next to the hardware store, a few branches in Lupton Park encroaching on the pickleball court, live oaks at 305 Ragan overhanging the road, a cluster of trees and shrubs at 1006 Neuse Drive obstructing the telephone pole and overhanging the road, all of the smaller crepes on Broad need de-suckering, and all of zone 3 (Phew!).

TreeWise completed the contract removal of the willow oak at Lou Mac Park on August 14<sup>th</sup>. There was a short delay in Duke Energy reconnecting the electric; but that has been resolved.

TreeWise will be removing the large dead limbs on the live oaks at the corner of Factory and Neuse Streets (502 Factory) later next week.

OTB members continue to monitor the ongoing damage to town trees near the construction sites on Windward, and the trees on Gilgo where recent trenching has exposed tree roots there.

The OTB decided that our volunteers will remove the dead limb at 500 South Ave.

The new bakery/wine bar building (Mariposa) that is being built on the old Steamers Restaurant site (401 Broad Street) will need a parking lot landscape plan. This is the time the OTB needs to be involved in making recommendations for the trees the landscaper will plant there. Cathy expressed concern that there not be any plantings on the Broad Street side of the building that may obstruct the view of turning vehicles.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Missy asked if someone could take over her watering duties for the tree at the NC Wildlife Ramp for the next two weeks. John volunteered.

Al mentioned that the fate of the green-waste dumpsters, by the water tower, will be discussed at the September Commissioners Meeting. The OTB uses these dumpsters for our pruning debris.

Al brought up the issue that all town trees are required to be cleared to 14' above the road to accommodate truck traffic. He especially expressed concern about the trees along Mildred to First to the fish processing facilities (a frequented route). John alerted Diane that some work to comply with that requirement will need to be contracted – the OTB does not have the equipment to safely remove large limbs that high – but that the OTB would survey the heights and get her a list of offenders.

John reported that there appears to be significant herbicide damage spreading out from many of the town trees and ditches. While the herbicides, when used properly and in-frequently, usually don't cause much damage to thick-barked trees, thinner barked trees (such as crepe myrtles) are very susceptible to herbicide damage. Also, the loss of vegetation (i.e., grass) can increase soil erosion that exposes already stressed root systems. The wind-blown herbicide damage is especially evident at the Rec Park. Ken suggested that the town crew members may need a refresher on the herbicide use.

The town-wide drainage improvement projects are also causing significant damage to the root systems of town trees, especially at the corner of Gilgo and Sea Vista. The OTB members will continue to monitor the health of these trees.

John mentioned that he was asked to review two large live oaks that will be bracketing the potential driveway of new construction at 510 Mildred Street. Although it does not appear that the new driveway should cause issues, John said he would alert Diane to have them cordoned off.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next full Board meeting will be **Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 9:00 AM** in the town hall main conference room. Pruning crews meet at the town Hall most Tuesdays throughout the year.