



Fireside CHATS 2026

Featuring Oakland County Parks Historian Carol Bacak-Egbo • All presentations from 7-8 p.m.

**CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS
BY JOINING US FOR STORIES ABOUT OUR PARKS.**

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

From Farms to Parks: The Rural Roots of Oakland County Parks

Hear about the farms and families that played an essential role in our rural roots.

<https://oakgov.zoom.us/j/87233976041>

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

To Find a Home Where We Would Be Free: The Story of Mary Parker and Her Family

Learn the story of freedom seeker Mary Parker and her journey from enslavement in West Virginia to freedom in Pontiac.

<https://oakgov.zoom.us/j/88925125188>

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

A Governess, A Farmeress and a Doctor from Alabama: Forgotten Stories of Oakland County Women

Too often women have been marginalized in history and left out of the narrative, their stories untold. Discover fascinating women whose lives were an important part of Oakland County's past.

<https://oakgov.zoom.us/j/89484879343>

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

Growing Great Parks: Celebrating 60 years of Oakland County Parks

Learn the amazing history of our park system from acquiring land to dealing with troublesome beavers.

<https://oakgov.zoom.us/j/84043807928>

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

A River Runs Through Them: Waterways and our Parks

Explore the impact four rivers have made on the Oakland County Parks system over time.

<https://oakgov.zoom.us/j/81563525938>

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Those Who First Belonged: Indigenous Connections to our Oakland County Parks

Human history in Oakland County began more than 10,000 years ago. Discover how investigating trails, waterways, the artifact record and resources can help uncover this often neglected history.

<https://oakgov.zoom.us/j/87630512831>