

Trailside 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, APRIL 28

A Dead Cow, an Apple Orchard and a Town that Disappeared: Lyon Oaks and Beyond

Learn the intriguing history of Lyon Oaks County Park and the surrounding area.

Lyon Oaks Event Center at Lyon Oaks County Park & Golf Course

TUESDAY, MAY 19

A Polar Bear, a Hypnotist and a Ghost River: A Slightly Unconventional Look at the History of Woodward Avenue

Woodward Avenue is jam-packed with history! Even a short section of it can lead a historian to discover amazing stories about fascinating people.

Pleasant Ridge Community Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

A River Runs Through it: A Look at the Clinton River Over Time

From being an Indigenous waterway and powering mills to its burial under Pontiac, the Clinton River has a long history in Oakland County. Hear stories about this important river.

Twin Chimneys Shelter at Independence Oaks County Park

THURSDAY, JULY 16

Growing Great Parks: Celebrating 60 years of Oakland County Parks

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

Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks County Park & Campground

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

Digging into the Past: Archaeology and Oakland County Parks

Archaeology in Oakland County Parks has included the excavation of a roadside trash dump and an old farm trash pit as well as the search for the Ellis farm outhouse. Learn about these 'digs' and the artifacts uncovered.

Ellis Barn at Springfield Oaks County Park

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