

# FIRESIDE CHATS

**OAKLAND  
COUNTY PARKS**  
Great Parks for Great People



**Hosted by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Historian, Carol Bacak-Egbo**

Free historical programs held online from 7-8 p.m. No need to register for joining via Zoom. Online links available in the event listing on Oakland County Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

## **Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022**

Topic: "Parks are Not Just Trails and Trees: The Importance of Preserving and Celebrating History on Park Lands"

Learn how history enhances park visitor experiences and hear stories of an unmarked grave, an old foundation and a dead cow.

## **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022**

Topic: "Waterways, Trails, Artifacts and Wild Rice: Indigenous Connections to Our Oakland County Parks"

Long before Oakland County managed our parklands, Indigenous People were its stewards. Learn how we continue to discover more of their stories.

## **Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022**

Topic: "A Fiddler, a Horse Farm and a Harvest of Ice: Towns Along Saginaw Road"

Learn how a Native American trail turned into a road and about the towns and parks that developed along it.

## **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023**

Topic: "The Mystery of the Disappearing Cemetery: Using Historical Sources to Solve a Puzzle from the Past"

Discover how historians work like detectives, using clues like old maps, census records and tombstones to solve history mysteries.

## **Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023**

Topic: "The Search for Evidence: The Challenges of Researching the Underground Railroad in Oakland County"

Many stories surround the Underground Railroad, like those of hidden rooms and tunnels. Which stories are true and how do you find out? This presentation will explore these questions.

## **Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

Topic: "Lucinda, Clarissa, Daisy and others: Forgotten Stories of Oakland County Women"

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

## **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

Topic: "Those Who Left and Those Left Behind: Civil War Connections to Oakland County Parks"

The Civil War remains a watershed moment in our history, a time when things changed and would never be the same again. Hear stories of how the war affected people who at the time called our parklands home.

## **Thursday, May 18, 2023**

Topic: "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. Come learn about these 'digs' and the artifacts we found.

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