



OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **December 8, 2014.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**TO RENEW
YOUR OILA
MEMBERSHIP
FOR
2014-2015!**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT
YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

**IF YES, CONTACT
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The OIL Lantern

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **December 8, 2014**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you speak, please state your name, address and if you are a member.

IV. MINUTES

November 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer, **Jim Simpson**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Committee: (see Newsletter)

C. Membership Liaison: **Jim Simpson**

D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

E. Boat Basin: **Cathy Taylor**

F. Street Lighting MSBU: **Maryl Bednar**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bike Paths Along Hwy 98

B. 10' walkway on the 6th beach access way (north side)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of **Branding** for OILA

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Tripp Tolbert

My goodness! The year is flying by. Where did November go? We are headed into the holiday season but there were some noteworthy events that occurred in November that affect all of us.

The new Board of County Commissioners is now all seated. They will be selecting a Chairperson in December. Committee assignments will be finalized early in January. We are looking forward to great strides for the County facilitated by this new board. We support the Board of County Commissioners and look forward to working closely with them in 2015.

Hats off to the OILA Board Members who have been working diligently on the proposed bike pathways on Okaloosa Island. This initiative is gathering steam and needs support from all. Their next meeting is December 11 at 9:30AM at the TDC office.

A movement is underway to create an association of all of the hotels and independent restaurants on Okaloosa Island. The association is “committed to enhancing the reputation of the Island as a leisure destination and the improvement of the Island for the use and enjoyment of residents in the area. The association recognizes the beauty and importance of our ocean front setting to the community.”

Thanks again to all who renewed their 2014-2015 membership. Payments are still being accepted from all who have not sent in their dues yet.

Best wishes to you and all your families for a very Merry Christmas! We are all looking forward to an exciting 2015!

Tripp Tolbert

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT WELCOMES FIREFIGHTER



PHILIP DONALD METZ

Birthplace:
Keenah, WI

Age: 54

Not Married. 2 sons. 29 yr old Andrew and 27 yr old Alex

Rank: Medical Division Officer and Fire Inspector

Years of Service: 1 year at OIFD with 10 years previous Fire Dept and 20 years previous EMS experience

Achievements: Florida State Fire Certifications- Firefighter, Fire Inspector and currently licensed as an EMT/Paramedic.

Education: Bachelor of Business Administration, Western Michigan University. Master of Science, Management Studies in Emergency Health Services, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

General Information::
Enjoys teaching all aspects of emergency medical response to the EMTs and paramedics at Okaloosa Island Fire, as well as throughout the county.

Also teaches emergency medical response as an advanced trainer with NASCAR

“QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 12th TIME!

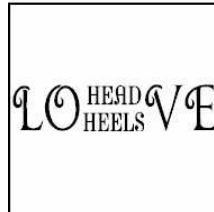
What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are at the bottom of the last page.



Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



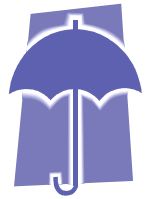
Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR NOV 2014: 1.8 INCHES

November 17 **0.6** inches
November 22.....**0.3** inches
November 23.....**0.7** inches
November 25.....**0.2** inches



Average Rainfall for Nov.....**4.1** inches
Nov Variance to Average....- **2.3** inches

Avg Rainfall for December...**4.8** inches
December Record High..... **84° F** (1968)
December Record Low..... **8° F** (1962)
Dec Avg Water Temperature....**64° F**

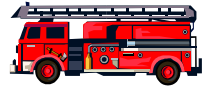
2015

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
January Record Low**4° F** (1985)
Jan Avg Water Temperature....**64° F**

YTD Variance to Avg.....**+ 17.1** inches
Rainfall Year-to-Date..... **74.5** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDED 82 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014

Fire Calls..... **3**
Misc..... **24**
Alarm Activations..... **14**
EMS,Rescue/MVA... **41**



MARDI GRAS PARADE ON THE ISLAND

SATURDAY JAN 17, 2015 1:00 pm

Volunteers (walkers, throwers, decorators) Needed for the OILA Float!!!! -- If you can help, sign up at the December 8, 2014 or the Jan 12, 2015 OILA meetings. Call Jim Simpson @ 850.585.2116 or email him @ sanleanna@cox.net. We will decorate the float on the Island on Friday, Jan 16 at 625 Pelican Dr. More details to follow. P.S. IT'S A LOT OF FUN!! Also, OILA will be the lead float!

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE: WWW.OILAWEB.COM,

OR

CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT (850) 585-2116 OR BY EMAIL AT SANLEANNA@COX.NET.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2014 for permits and Applications submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Committee. **SPECIAL NOTICES: 1) The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the Tourist Development Center building. 2) ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner/Contractor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
10/16	4/5	3 rd Beach Freeway	Located between Dory & Cardinal Avenues	Choctaw Engineering	Construction of a Sidewalk	In compliance
10/16	14		Conference Center	Florida RV Trade Association	Recreational Vehicle Show	In compliance
10/23	14		Conference Center	Gulf Coast Marine Life Center	Construction Permit with Change in Footprint	In compliance
10/23	14		State of Florida Dept of Business & Professional Regulation	Wild Willy's Adventure Park	Construction Permit with Change in Footprint	In compliance
10/23	3	121	371 Bluefish Dr #6	Natty Cleaning Service	Occupational License	In compliance
10/30	5	229	522 Dorado	Robert Henry	Permit for Existing Dock	In compliance
11/6	7	373	763 Sailfish Dr	Robert Holley	Fill in Existing Pool	In compliance
11/6	4	131	404 Cobia Ave	Rick Jeffcoat	Occupational License	In compliance



ISLAND GARDEN CLUB BULLETIN



-- DECEMBER 10: CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND DINNER AT THE WYNDAM GARDEN HOTEL

-- JANUARY 14, 2015 PROGRAM: "TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE – BEEAUTIFUL THAT IS"

Thank you to everyone who supported the Plant, Treasure & Sweet Sale in April 2014. Those proceeds continue fund the maintenance of Median One.

Like our Island neighbors, in December the Garden Club members take a break from beautifying the Island to decorating our homes for the holidays. The monthly 'meeting' for December 10 is an evening Christmas gathering and dinner at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. The cost is \$30 per person for members, guests and friends. Reservations required by December 5.

On Wednesday, January 14, the new year begins with the program **Bees for Beauty** featuring club member **Brian Higgins** and bee-keeping. These little friends are valuable not only for their delicious honey but for pollination of our plants. Come join us at 9:30 a.m. for snacks and socializing - the program begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.



Membership in the club is composed of Island residents and winter Island visitors in residence for more than two months. Eligible new members are welcome and may attend one meeting as a guest. We look forward to meeting and greeting YOU.

Kathy Foster, Treasurer
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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)

BOARD MEETING : November 11, 2014

LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President Kathy Foster. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Attachment1 attendance sheet, 31 people were in attendance

ROLL: Board members present were Kathy Foster, Desley Parker, Jill Higgins, David Hancock, Jim Hendricks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vice President Kathy Foster welcomed guest, Dave Parisot, the out going County Commissioner and his wife. Mr Parisot gave a report on some of the projects he was involved in while he served as our representative on the County Commission. They include, but not limited to, resurfacing of highway 98, new lift station, dune plantings and beach fencing, new potable water supply west of the Brooks Bridge. Kathy Foster thanked Mr. Parisot for his service as our County Commissioner.

MINUTES: Minutes as printed in the OIL Lantern from the September meeting were not approved at this meeting

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim Simpson gave the report attachment 2.

Association Discretionary Fund Balance \$ 33,365.81

Receipts since last report:

Membership Dues \$ 300.00

Newsletter fees \$ 18.00

Total receipts: \$ 318.00

Expenses since last report:

Postage to Mail Nov OIL Lantern: \$ 21.56

Beautification Fund Balance \$ 1,421.28

Total Funds Available \$ 35,083.09

This is summary only, total report located at Attachment

Mr. Simpson also requested reimbursement for postage for mailing the November 2014 OIL Lantern in the amount of \$21.56. Motion was made by Kathy Foster and 2nd by Desley Parker to reimburse Mr. Simpson. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jim Simpson reported that Membership renewals are coming in and reminded everyone to mail in their renewals.

WEBSITE: Bob Seitz had nothing to report this month.

BOAT BASIN: The Boat Basin is currently full. Basin reports are provided quarterly. the full report for November is attached.

STREET LIGHTING MSBU: Maryl Bednar Attachment 4 provides the full report. The Audit trail was reviewed and reported by M. Bednar. Our statement this month does not reflect interest as they are in the process of finalizing the 2014 financials and interest will be allocated in the near future. The new streetlight at the west end of Santa Rosa Blvd. has been installed. See attached report for further detail.

BRIDGE COMMITTEE REPORT: Save Our Island Alert Flyers were distributed. Bridge Committee consists of Brick Bradford, Alicia Hollis, Kathy Foster and Desley Parker. See Attached.

Access to the Sound from Area 6: Wooden walkways will be built to prevent destruction of the sea oats as well as facilitate bicycle traffic. Kathy Foster, Jill Higgins, and Dave Hancock surveyed the affected residents. The next step working with Jim Trifilleo of the TDC and taking the concept to the County Commission. See Attached for further details

BIKE PATHWAYS: Jill Higgins and Dave Hancock continue to work on the development of a bike pathway. Funding for this project could come from Restore Act monies.

ADOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

LEASEHOLDER SOUND OFF CORNER – A PLATFORM FOR LEASEHOLDERS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS



OILA Members **Frank and Shelia Adcock** wrote a letter to the editor of the Northwest Florida Daily News which was published on Sunday, November 30, 2014. The text of their letter follows:

The Okaloosa Island shore is the only true beachfront land in the Fort Walton Beach community. It has generated millions of dollars of tax revenue for the state of Florida, Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach. Many generations of property owners and vacationers have enjoyed this magical beachfront.

At present, the only traffic on Santa Rosa Boulevard is that of homeowners and vacationers. There are no commercial trucks, emissions, noise or danger to the public from an excessive amount of traffic on this road. A Wright Parkway bridge would destroy the scenery, increase traffic to unacceptable levels, result in unacceptable noise, lower real estate values, reduce rental appeal and bring environmentally dangerous emissions to this beautiful, two mile-long oasis. This bridge would also change the environmental balance in the bay itself.

In short, it would destroy a major crown jewel of Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach. We have considered and read about all possible reasons for someone to support this bridge and have found none to be sound operationally, financially, environmentally or aesthetically. We believe that this bridge would also hamper the ability of businesses in downtown Fort Walton Beach to remain viable. This would gradually affect businesses that are to the north of downtown as well. If one leaves out political considerations (which many believe are the driving force behind this idea), there has yet to be published a sound basis for construction of this bridge. This type of idea is what gives the word "politics" such a poor reputation.

We remain opposed to the Wright Parkway bridge.

- FRANK & SHEILA ADCOCK
Okaloosa Island

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Doctor Doolittle

Wuzzle No. 2



Apple Turnover

Wuzzle No. 3



Head Over Heels in Love

Wuzzle No. 4



Sign on Dotted Line

Wuzzle No. 5



Get in Shape