



OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



P.O. Box 4323
FT WALTON BEACH, FL 32549
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **November 10, 2014.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

SAVE OUR ISLAND ALERT & CALL TO ACTION!

See contact information on the next page!

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(including a list of officials for island residents, visitors and property owners to contact)
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**TO RENEW
YOUR
OILA
MEMBERSHIP
FOR
2014-2015!**

**ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT
YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

**IF YES, CONTACT JIM
SIMPSON @**

850.585.2116

OR BY EMAIL @

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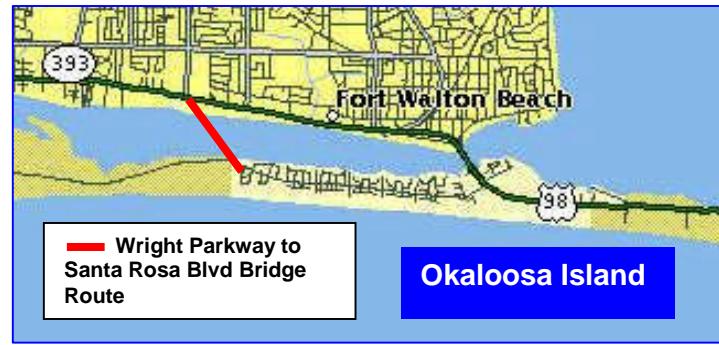
**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.
POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.**



SAVE OUR ISLAND ALERT & CALL TO ACTION!

FELLOW OKALOOSA ISLAND RESIDENTS, VISITORS
AND PROPERTY OWNERS

PLEASE READ AND HEED THE INFORMATION ON
THIS ALERT! YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS NEEDED TO
PROTECT OUR ISLAND, TO MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY
Okaloosa OF LIFE AND TO ENSURE OUR SAFETY.



Once again Okaloosa Island is threatened by an effort to connect a bridge to the western end of the Island. This proposed bridge would connect Wright Parkway in Fort Walton Beach to a point close to the El Matador Condominium. The result of this bridge would loop Highway 98 traffic on to Santa Rosa Blvd which would then back up at the existing Santa Rosa Blvd/Highway 98 intersection choke point. The result will be a continuous traffic jam on Santa Rosa Blvd. Our essential and primary road will become a parking lot. Imagine trying to access Santa Rosa Blvd if you reside on the Island. Another frightening result of this congestion will be negative effect it will have on the ability of our emergency responders (EMS and The Okaloosa Island Fire Department) to respond with timely, **life saving** expediency. The Okaloosa Island Fire District has passed a resolution opposing the Wright Parkway bridge due to adverse (and possibly disastrous) effect it would have on emergency responses in the neighborhood and on the beach during tourist season.

It is essential that you write a letter (most effective method), send an email or call the following officials to voice your opposition to this proposed bridge.

Other avenues of expression are to write a letter to the Editor at Northwest Florida Daily News and to call-in on talk radio - WFTW - 1260 AM Fort Walton Beach. Contact information on these options also follow:

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* **Commissioners-Elect: Will take office on Nov 18, 2014**

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The future of Santa Rosa Blvd if the Wright Parkway bridge is approved and constructed.





The OIL Lantern



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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **November 10, 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

October 13, 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. Campaign to build opposition to a Wright Pkwy to Santa Rosa Blvd bridge corridor

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bike Paths Along Hwy 98

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – TRIPP TOLBERT

October was the most beautiful month of the year on the Emerald Coast! We are seeing record numbers of visitors taking advantage of the cooler temperatures and smaller crowds on the beaches, the roads and in the restaurants. Okaloosa Island enjoyed hosting the Emerald Coast Fall Volleyball Classic and the Harley Owners Group (HOG) Rally. The planners and participants raved about the great weather and warm hospitality received at their events.

November is an eventful month on the Emerald Coast. Most important of all, don't forget to get out and vote for your favorite candidates and three constitutional amendments. One of the interesting side notes is Amendment 2 which is the medical marijuana initiative. While I am not taking a position on this, we should all become more educated on the Amendment and the potential impact to our community.

Tuesday, November 11 is Veterans Day. As General Colin Powell said, "On Veterans Day, put out your flags, cheer the marchers at parades, and go to tributes. But when you wake up the next day, November 12, remember that it's still Veterans Day for our veterans — and it will be every day of their lives."

In closing, thanks to all who renewed their 2014-15 membership. Payments are still being accepted from all who have not sent in their dues yet.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and all your families a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

Tripp Tolbert



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 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.

Date Block Lot(s) Address Owner/Contractor Description Recommendation

Information not available at this time to provide the October report. October activity will be reported along with the November activity in the December 2014 issue of the OIL Lantern

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Who was more highly decorated? Publicity Chairman **Ginny Mitchell** or members' pumpkins at the October IGC meeting? A cash prize was awarded to the table of **Sue Pedersen, Carol Davis, Jackie Burkett and Pat Malone.**



Pumpkin Faces Display Presented by Ginny Mitchell

Thank you to **Connie Herring** for purchasing pumpkins and decorating supplies. It was a fun albeit 'sticky' morning with super glue.

The November 12 program will feature St. Simon's Flower Guild members **Jacque Hale, Linda Carr and Joe** demonstrating holiday flower arranging at 10:00 a.m. Lots of tips and pointers will be shared. Both of their

Thanksgiving and Christmas arrangements will be raffled at the end of the meeting. IGC members will be ringing in the Christmas season on December 10 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 6:00 p.m. for a lavish buffet dinner and entertainment. Cost is \$30 per person with reservations due no later than December 5. Members, guests and friends welcome to attend.

Come visit, meet your neighbors, make new friends in the Island Garden Club.



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ISLAND RAINFALL FOR OCT 2014: 2.6 INCHES!



October 14.....2.3 inches
 October 26.....0.3 inches

Oct Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches
 Oct Record High.....**99° F** (1954)
 Oct Record Low**27° F** (1989)
 Oct Avg Water Temperature...**81° F**

Nov Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches
 Nov Record High.....**89° F** (1998)
 Nov Record Low**8° F** (1950)
 Nov Avg Water Temperature...**72° F**

YTD Variance to Avg...+ **17.7** inches
 Rainfall Year-to-Date....**75.3** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

Record high temperature for the State of Florida: **109° F** – Monticella, FL on June 29, 1931

Record low temperature for the State of Florida: **-2° F** – Tallahassee, FL on February 13, 1899.

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDED 90 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT 2014

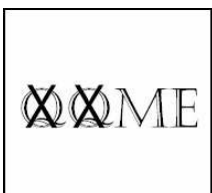


Fire Calls**2**
 Misc**28**
 Alarm Activations**10**
 EMS, Rescue/MVA...**50**

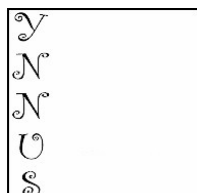
“QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 11th TIME!

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



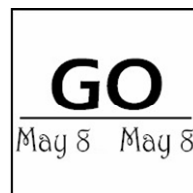
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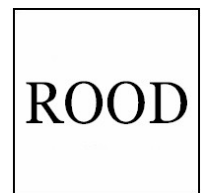
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Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)

BOARD MEETING: October 13, 2014

LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Tripp Tolbert. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Attachment1 attendance sheet.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Tripp Tolbert welcomed guest Carolyn Ketchel, County Commissioner Elect.

MINUTES: Minutes as printed in the OIL Lantern from the September meeting were approved with correction of the amount overcharged to \$1,167.84. One member, David Sherry voted to not accept the minutes as written.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim Simpson gave the report attachment 2.

Association Discretionary Fund Balance.....	\$ 33,365.81
Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$ <u>1,421.28</u>
Total Funds Available as of October 13, 2014: \$ 34,787.09	
(This is summary only, total report located at Attachment 2)	

Mr. Simpson also requested reimbursement for postage for OIL Lantern and 2014-2015 membership renewal notices as well as reimbursement for envelopes to mail the notices for a total of \$288.18. Motion was made Kathy Foster and 2nd buy Desley Parker. 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: No report given

STREET LIGHTING MSBU: Maryl Bednar Attachments 4 provides the full report. Maryl discovered a discrepancy in the audit trail resulting in an overcharge of \$1,167.84. This discrepancy was corrected by Gulf Power and our account has been credited.

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT: Kathy Foster made a motion to receive \$100.00 for weed killer. Seconded by Desley. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: President Tripp Tolbert announced a Bridge Committee. This committee will keep the membership informed as the issue moves forward. There are several possibilities being discussed. OILA's position is clear...no diversion of Highway 98 down Santa Rosa Blvd. Tripp stated the currently funded study is mandated. There will be more information to follow. There was wide ranging discussion concerning the Bridge issue. Bottom line let your elected officials know of your concerns.

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. Motion was made to support improvements to access Area 6, bring recommendations/concerns to the County Commission and request TDC funds to facilitate improvements, by Tripp and second by Kathy Foster. Motion passed unanimously.

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

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Excuse Me

Wuzzle No. 2



Sunny Side Up

Wuzzle No. 3



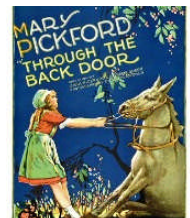
Afternoon Tea Party

Wuzzle No. 4



Go on a Double Date

Wuzzle No. 5



Back Door