

SEPTEMBER 2014 ISSUE OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS  
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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

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**OILA DUES FOR THE 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP YEAR DUE ON OCTOBER 1, 2014**

Membership dues for the coming year are due October 1.

A membership renewal notification letter along with a stamped, return-addressed envelope will be mailed this month to members who are due renewal .

Membership dues are \$12 a year. If you elect to receive the newsletter by U.S. Mail, the total due is \$18 (\$12 membership plus a \$6 newsletter subscription fee). If you have any questions concerning membership, please contact Jim Simpson, Treasurer, at (850) 585-2116 or by email at: [sanleanna@cox.net](mailto:sanleanna@cox.net)



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## Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday,  
**September 8, 2014**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Okaloosa Island  
Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

June 9, 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

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - TRIPP TOLBERT -

A very successful summer season is winding down on the island. Early reports indicate it will be reflected as the strongest season ever. Summer guests were blessed with great weather all summer. And we were not alone!

Second Quarter Tourist Numbers Set Florida Record - Reported in the Miami Herald, "Nearly 24 million visitors came to Florida between April and June, according to a preliminary estimate from Visit Florida. The second quarter visitor tally of about 24 million is a 3 percent increase compared to the same period last year and a record for a three month stretch. The State's goal for 2014 is to reach 100 million visitors; last year more than 93 million people came to Florida."

Brooks Bridge update:

Thanks to all the OILA members who participated in the Board of County Commissioners' Public Meeting last month on the Brooks Bridge replacement. A lot of history and information was shared by all speakers, including county and state officials. A letter to the Commission of behalf of OILA was presented to express our position on the future of Brooks Bridge and any other planned structures being considered.

Our opinion stated that construction of a bridge on the west end of the island would have detrimental impact on traffic on Santa Rosa Boulevard. The Commission is urged to encourage the DOT to replace the existing bridge. OILA hopes to participate actively in any future planning meetings and reviews.

On Tuesday, August 19th, the Board of County Commissioners approved the development of a 36-hole miniature golf course on Okaloosa Island. The board voted 5-0 to allow the golf course. The board made its decision after hearing from several residents, including the OILA Board, most of whom supported the project being developed by local attorney and OILA director Vince Bruner and Realtor Beth Anne Adams. We believe it will be a great recreational opportunity for our guests on the Island.

In closing, don't forget that this month renewal dues for membership year 2014-2015 will come due.

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

Tripp Tolbert



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR AUGUST 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 |
|--------|-------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Aug 21 | 4     | 175         | 439 Cardinal | Tom Hollowell          | Extend Upper Porch | In compliance  |
| Aug 28 | 5     | 255,256,282 |              | Fairfield Inn & Suites | Dune Walkover      | In compliance  |

**OKALOOSA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 36 HOLE MINATURE GOLF COURSE ON SANTA ROSA BLVD IN BLOCK 2 (Between Angel Fish Ave and Santa Rosa Blvd)**

On August 19 the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the development of a 36 hole miniature golf course on Okaloosa Island. The course is planned to be built in Block 2 on Lots 17, 18, 19. The developers of the golf course are local attorney and hotel owner Vince Bruner and real estate agent, Beth Ann Adams. The name of the course will be Okaloosa National making a reference to the Augusta National. Mr. Bruner advised that the course would have concessions for fountain drinks and ice cream but no alcohol sales. He further stated that he would consider building a Santa Rosa Blvd elevated cross over depending on cost. The course would heavily landscaped including many native trees. Also, on-site parking would be provided. The forecasted date for opening is the Summer 2015. A development order must be applied for and approved prior to the start of construction.



**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR AUGUST 2014: 8.6 INCHES!**

Aug 4.....1.25 inches  
 Aug 8.....0.20 inches  
 Aug 10....0.90 inches  
 Aug 11...0.40 inches  
 Aug 19...2.10 inches  
 Aug 20...3.80 inches



Aug Avg Rainfall.....7.2 inches

Sept Avg Rainfall.....7.2 inches  
 Sept Record High.....102° F (1954)  
 Sept Record Low .....37° F (1967)  
 Sept Avg Water Temperature...85° F

YTD Variance to Avg..+ 23,7 inches

Rainfall Year-to-Date... 69.8 inches  
 Avg Annual Rainfall :....65.1 inches

**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDED 154 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**



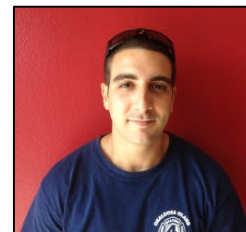
Fire Calls..... 6  
 Misc..... 44  
 Alarm Activations..... 19  
 EMS,Rescue/MVA.... 85

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!  
 LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!**

FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
 CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S  
 WEBPAGE: [WWW.OILAWEB.COM](http://WWW.OILAWEB.COM),

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**MEET OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREFIGHTER Mario Raul Zayas-Bazan**

**Birthplace:** Miami Florida  
**Age:** 25  
**Married/Children:** Unmarried/ No Children  
**Rank:** Firefighter/EMT B shift  
**Years of Service:** newly hired July 14<sup>th</sup> 2014  
**Achievements:** Florida State Fire Certifications- Firefighter, currently licensed as an EMT  
**Info:** Fishing, Outdoors activities, has been able to translate Spanish to English as Mario is bilingual.

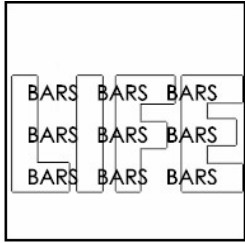
## “QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 9<sup>th</sup> TIME!

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**



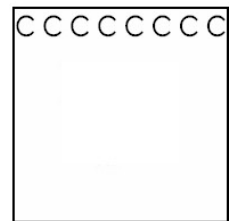
**Wuzzle No. 3**



**Wuzzle No. 4**



**Wuzzle No. 5**



## OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

---Please review your Homeowner’s Insurance Policy and make sure that it has been updated to show the improved **ISO\* Rating 3** (from the previous 4 rating). This improved rating may (or may not) have a positive reflection of the annual costs of your property, thereby, reducing your annual premium. This is dependent upon many factors which the Insurance Companies control, but it is important to at least find out if you are able to save any money

\*ISO - [Insurance Service Office](#) - This is a, for profit, organization that provides statistical information on risk.

---Also when checking on ISO Rating on your policy, sure to ensure the correct city code **(057)** is listed on the policy. This code **(057)** directs that the Okaloosa Island Fire District receives the premium fees that are intended to go to the Fire Department that services your property. Under Florida law firefighters’ pensions are funded by a 1.85 percent tax on property insurance premiums. If not properly coded a neighboring Fire Department can inadvertently receive those monies instead.

## OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)

BOARD MEETING: June 9, 2014 **The Board Meeting, in its entirety, can be heard on the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association’s website at [www.oilaweb.com](http://www.oilaweb.com)**

LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station Meeting Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Paula Hudson. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Thirty-one (31) people attended. Twenty (20) signed the attendance sheet. (Attachment 1- attendance sheet)

**II. ROLL:** Board members present were Paula Hudson, Jim Simpson, and Kathy Foster.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Paula Hudson welcomed all those present and requested all speakers state their name, address and if they were members of the Leaseholders Association.

**IV. GUEST SPEAKER:** **Ed Schroeder, Director of the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department (attachment 2)** **Mr. Schroder’s presentation and the questions asked by attendees, can be heard on the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association’s website at [www.oilaweb.com](http://www.oilaweb.com).**

-New marketing campaign, [www.emeraldcoastfl.com](http://www.emeraldcoastfl.com), #EMERALDCOASTING, to set Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island apart from our neighbors. View the new television commercial on youtube/emerald coast.

Approximately 2.6 million has been budgeted. Cities within driving distance have been targeted. Northern cities will be targeted in the near future. Spring did not meet expectations, but June, July and August are looking good. This area is the second most popular “drive to” destination and the fifth most visited county in Florida.

-Six (6) dune walkovers on the beach side are planned for next year.

- Access Ways 4, 5 and 6 are budgeted for the construction of bathroom facilities and paved parking space.
- Veterans Park and Project Living Shorelines: The walkways are partially complete. The shoreline aspect is 50% complete. The funding has been applied for through grants. The pebble walkways will be replaced with something that is wheelchair friendly.
- Wet Willy's has poured the concrete slab for the foundation. There should be a dramatic difference soon. The originally planned dinosaurs are being moved to the miniature golf course.
- ECCC Bayview Plaza: The concrete pad is complete and mostly landscaped. Lighting is being installed and two (2) events have already been booked.

**V. MINUTES:** The Board was unable to approve the May minutes as printed in the June issue of the OIL Lantern because only three (3) Board members were present. The vote will be tabled until the September meeting. (Attachment 3 – pages 4 & 5)

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jim Simpson gave the report (attachment 4)

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Assoc. Discretionary Fund Balance      | \$ 31,335.15       |
| <u>Beautification Fund Balance</u>     | <u>\$ 1,421.28</u> |
| Total Funds Balance as of June 9, 2014 | \$ 32,756.43       |

(These figures are a summary only. Attachment 4 contains the full report.)

**VI. TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)**

Mr. Simpson, who is also the Newsletter Editor, requested reimbursement for the purchase of stamps to mail the June 2014 issue of the OIL Lantern. Total reimbursement requested was \$20.58. Mr. Simpson's request was tabled and will be voted on at the September meeting.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Architectural Committee:** The report is in the June issue of the OIL Lantern. (Attachment 3 - page 2) The Architectural Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00am until 9:30am at the Tourist Development Center building to consider whether permits and applications are in compliance with Island Covenants.

**B. Beautification Committee:** Kathy Foster: The Garden Club maintains the Welcome Triangle on the Island and the first median.

**C. Membership Liaison:** Jim Simpson: 249 members. (Attachment 4)

**D. Website:** Bob Seitz: No activity.

**E. Boat Basin:** Cathy Taylor/Treasurer: No activity, but busy weekend with the Billy Bowlegs.

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

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 2013 Fund Balance         | \$201,807.55        |
| Year to date Fund Balance | <u>\$209,136.52</u> |
| Net Change                | \$ 7,328.97         |

(This is a summary only - Attachment 5 contains the complete report)

The OILA MSBU Subcommittee would like to request that if anyone is requesting an additional streetlight that they send the requests during the months of September or March. As there are fees and a good deal of man hours involved in processing each of these. We believe that time and money could be saved in consolidating rather than doing them one at a time all throughout the year. The legal notices alone cost \$167.18. New poles approx. \$1,000. There is also a monthly fee for each new light.

Requests should include the exact location for which you are requesting, distance from the closest light present, whether or not a pole is already in the location that a fixture could be added to.

Send requests to OILA MSBU Subcommittee, PO Box 4323, Fort Walton Beach, FL. 32549

These will be reviewed by OILA and forwarded to our Liaison with the BCC MSBU Board. Some areas are dark now because trees have grown substantially and are blocking the illumination. Approximately eight years ago we had an illumination study done by Gulf Power to determine where additional lights were needed. At that time many new poles and lights were added as well as many lights were replaced.

REMEMBER-----IF YOU NOTICE A LIGHT OUT-----REPORT IT. We pay for non-burning lights!

You may e-mail [lightout@gulfpower.com](mailto:lightout@gulfpower.com) or phone 1-800-GUPOWER

Our Acct # may be asked for. It is #28920-58018.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Streetlight at the end of Santa Rosa Blvd:** The streetlight ownership question from last month has been answered. Ms. Bednar, after many phone calls and emails, was able to determine that the streetlight belongs to the Military and they have no plans to replace it. She suggested installing a 100 watt light as opposed to a 200 watt light on an existing pole which is close to the last home. President Hudson suggested notifying the homeowner before requesting the streetlight. Ms. Bednar felt that a streetlight was needed since the area could be a hazard and is not well lit. The new Board will be meeting within 30 days and will be asked to notify the liaison for the streetlight request and recommendation of the Board. The County Commissioners will make the final decision.

**IX: NEW BUSINESS:**

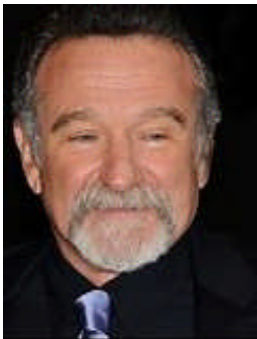
- 1. Complaint:** New fence on Cardinal may be encroaching on access way. Ms. Payton has been advised and is looking in to the matter.
- 2. Welcome to New Island Residents:** David and Caron Taylor on Sailfish and Bill Alexson on Dorado.
- 3. Flood Insurance:** President Hudson advised the Island Property Owners to keep their flood insurance current since Okaloosa County Flood Maps will be revisited in 2016.
- 4. New Board Members Installed:**
  - A. Jim Hendricks of Tropic Drive
  - B. Dave Hancock of El Matador
  - C. Jill Higgins of Sailfish Drive

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

**WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Wuzzle No. 3**

**Wuzzle No. 1**



**Too Good to Last**

**Wuzzle No. 2**



**Life Behind Bars**



**A Touching Moment**  
(Who Says America is Not Exceptional?)

**Wuzzle No. 4**



**Pat on the Back**

**Wuzzle No. 5**



**High Seas**