

EDITOR'S NOTE: AN OIL LANTERN WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

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, **SEPTEMBER 8, 2014.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

BRIDGE BULLETIN!

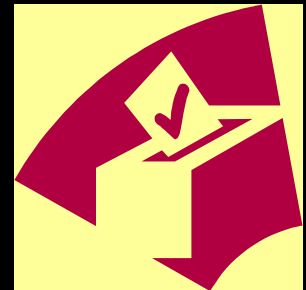
OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS WENT ON RECORD AGAIN (the first time was in December, 2005) AT THE JULY 16, 2014 FIRE BOARD MEETING BY VOTING UNANIMOUSLY TO OPPOSE A WRIGHT PARKWAY BRIDGE CONNECTION TO THE WESTERN END OF OKALOOSA ISLAND. IT IS THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE FIRE STAFF THAT THIS CONNECTION WOULD GEOMETRICALLY INCREASE TRAFFIC ON SANTA ROSA BLVD. SUCH A HUGE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC WOULD DEVASTATE THE ABILITY OF ISLAND FIRST RESPONDERS TO REACH CRITICAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN TIME TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE.

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**Primary Election Day
August 26, 2014,**

Polls are open 7am - 7pm



**PERFORM YOUR CIVIC DUTY!
VOTE ON TUESDAY, AUG 26
AND PROUDLY WEAR THE
FOLLOWING LABEL FOR THE
REST OF THE DAY!**





The OIL Lantern



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MEET THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2014-2015



2014-2015 Okaloosa Island Leaseholders (OILA) Board of Directors

(Left to right) Jim Hendricks, Vince Bruner, Tripp Tolbert –
President, Desley Parker - Secretary, Kathy Foster - Vice
President, Jill Higgins

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF OKALOOSA ISLAND

- 1928** – Island sold by the War Dept to Escambia County.
- 1948** – Legislation was passed which conveyed 875 acres of the Island to Okaloosa County.
- 1953** – By special act of the Florida Legislature, the Okaloosa Island Authority was created.
- 1975** – State of Florida abolishes the Okaloosa Island Authority and transfers its duties to the Okaloosa County Commission.
- 1995** – Okaloosa County Commissioners approved allowing leaseholders to obtain fee simple title to their property.



The Pelkey family -Left to Right - Hayley, Isabella, Eric & Danie

THE LEASEHOLDERS & THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT WELCOMES MS. DANIE PELKEY AND HER FAMILY

Danie, who was recently hired as the office manager for the Fire Department, is on the far right side of the photo on the left. Her husband, Air Force Master Sergeant Eric Pelkey – in the photo on the right - presented the Fire Department with a 9-11 American flag which had been flown over Bagdad International Airport, Camp Sather on Sept 11, 2003 along with a certification



MSgt Eric Pelkey & Okaloosa Island Fire Chief Robert Tillley Display the Flag & the Plaque

plaque. MSgt Pelkey also provided the following information about how the September 11, 2001 attack forever linked the first responder and the military missions. “Within 3 hours after American Airlines flight 311 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center 123 engine companies, 62 ladder companies and 27 fire officer deployed to the scene. There were 2,977 fatalities on that day: 343 NYC Firefighters, 23 NYPD, 37 Port Authority PD and 15 EMTs were killed – another estimated 2,000 first responders were injured. There were 75 NYC firehouses in which at least one member was killed.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR JULY 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>
7/3	13	23B	1318 Miracle Strip Pwky	Fudpuckers on the Island	Build roof over Gator Exhibit	In compliance
7/10	7	431-444	676 Santa Rosa Blvd	Island Echos	Place antennas (AT&T) on roof	In compliance
7/17	5	229	Lot 229 on Dorado Ave	Robert Henry	Construct single family house	In compliance
7/24	4	182,185 208, 209	Santa Rosa Blvd	Courtyard Marriott Motel	Add pool and elevated walkway to cross dunes	In compliance
7/31	3	73	330 Blue Fish Drive, Unit 205	Rachel Hoffman	Occupational License for "Real Deals Works", LLC. No outward sign of business	In compliance
7/31	3	50	306 Barracuda Ave, Unit 7	Ronald Hoagland	Occupational License for Ron Howard's (painter). No outward sign of business	In compliance

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR JULY 2014: 9.2 INCHES!

July 9.....**0.4** inches
 June 14.....**0.1** inches
 July 15.....**1.0** inches
 July 16.....**0.1** inches
 July 18.....**0.8** inches
 July 19.....**1.3** inches
 July 21.....**5.4** inches
 July 28.....**0.1** inches



July Avg Rainfall.....**8.5** inches

Aug Avg Rainfall.....**7.2** inches
 Aug Record High.....**103° F** (1980)
 Aug Record Low**59° F** (1989)
 Aug Avg Water Temperature...**85° F**

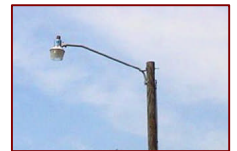
Sept Avg Rainfall.....**7.2** inches
 Sept Record High.....**102° F** (1954)
 Sept Record Low**37° F** (1967)
 Sept Avg Water Temperature...**85° F**

YTD Variance to Avg...**+22.3** inches

Rainfall Year-to-Date... **61.2** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall :....**65.1** inches

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHT ON OKALOOSA ISLAND – PLUS OTHER STREET LIGHT INFO



The OILA MSBU Subcommittee would like to request that if anyone is requesting an additional street light 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 P.O. Box 4323, Ft. 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 or phone 1-800-GUPOWER. Our Acct. # may be asked for. It is #28920-58018

--- Thank You, Your MSBU Subcommittee

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDED CALLS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE 2014

	May	June
Fire Calls.....	4	8
Misc.....	37	39
Alarm Activations.....	19	16
EMS,Rescue/MVA...	64	68
TOTALS:	124	131

A TIP-OF-THE-HAT TO OKALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSONER NATHAN BOYLES – OILA Member Dave Miller



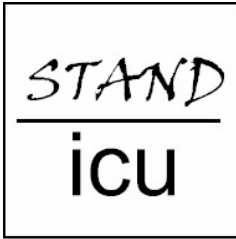
To the right is a picture of the new section of sidewalk between Cash's and the fire department. Previously this was a dirt path through the weeds. The barricade in the bike path is where new cement was installed when they took out the hump that impeded bikers. Commissioner Boyles made this happen while the crews were out repairing the other damaged sections from the April flood.



“QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 8th 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.

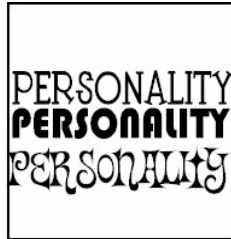
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Wuzzle No. 2



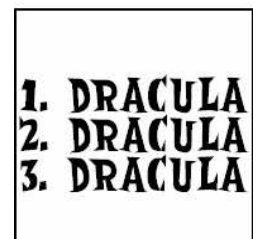
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Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



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**

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.**

-New marketing campaign, 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

Beautification Fund Balance \$ 1,421.28

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

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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.

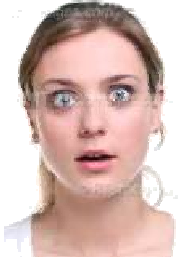
IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- 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. 1



I See You Understand

Wuzzle No. 2



In Between Jobs



Multiple Personalities

Wuzzle No. 4



Cake Mix

Wuzzle No. 5



Count Dracula