

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, June 9, 2014.
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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June Meeting Speaker: **Mr. Ed Schroeder**, Director of the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department.



The OIL Lantern



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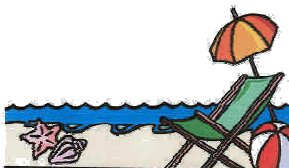
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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, June 9, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Guest Speaker: Mr. Ed Schroder, Director, Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department

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

May 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer, Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Architectural Committee: (see Newsletter)
- B. Beautification Committee: **Dave Miller**
- 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

Installation of New Board Members

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -- PAULA HUDSON

I believe that tourist season has arrived on Beautiful Okaloosa Island. If Memorial Day weekend is an indicator of things to come we will have lots of visitors. It is exciting to finally see new construction in the neighborhood both single homes and commercial residential resorts. This brings me back to the Brooks Bridge issue.

The county is planning on having an open forum this summer with all stakeholders in the bridge issue hoping that a compromise can be found without spending more money on alternate bridge locations. I think that we all need to be thinking about what could possibly work and the effects on our community. Your new board will be taking over after the end of the June meeting and a new President will be your spokesperson.

Another issue that has raised an ugly head that also affects property owners in Fort Walton is the large wakes that these boats are throwing as they travel in the Intercoastal Waterway. These wakes are causing erosion and property damage to docks and moored boats. According to state regulations boat owners are responsible for the damage if they can be documented and caught. I have done some research and other areas with narrow passageways have enacted wake restrictions. In order to get the restrictions in place it appears that it takes the State and the County with public hearings. This may be something that OILA would like to support since it affects its members.

Finally, I want to thank the current OILA Board and membership for their support these last years. It has been a privilege representing all island property owners and I am sure that my replacement will continue to have an open ear to every one of you. Please have a safe and fun summer.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT TO THE LEASEHOLDERS

Editor's note: After an intense wind storm struck the Island on March 27 Okaloosa Island firefighters made the extra effort to go from door to door in the affected area to check on welfare and damage. In response, OILA sent a Thank You card to the Department. Below is the reply from **Fire Chief Bob Tilley**:

"The Chief of the Department wishes to thank the members of the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association for the nice card we received earlier this month in recognition of the hard work our guys provide every day. It is always a joy to serve the residents and tourists of the Island but is even more enjoyable to have been recognized for this service.

Thank you again on behalf of the members of the Okaloosa Island Fire District."



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR MAY 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>
May 8	14		Wild Willy's Adventure Zone	Dominion Capitol	Construction Pours (In the early morning hours)	In Compliance
May 29	4	159	448 Caviar Drive	Jennifer Toogood	Construct fence	In Compliance

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MAY 2014: 5.7 INCHES!



May 1.....**0.2** inches
 May 2.....**0.1** inches
 May 14...**0.8** inches . May 30...**1.0** inches
 May 29...**2.6** inches . May 31...**1.0** inches

May Avg Rainfall.....**4.0** inches

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches
 June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)
 June Record Low**48° F** (1984)
 June Avg Water .
 Temperature**81° F**

July Avg Rainfall.....**8.5** inches
 July Record High.....**107° F** (1980)
 July Record Low**55° F** (1967)
 July Avg Water
 Temperature.....**83° F**

YTD Variance to Average...+ **23.7** inches
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**48 inches**
 Avg Annual Rainfall :.....**65.10** inches

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDS 95 CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014



Fire Calls.....**3**
 Misc.....**28**
 Alarm Activations.....**11**
 EMS,Rescue/MVA...**53**



Special Notice
 The Association does not hold regular meetings in the months of July & August. Next meeting is **Sept 8.**

FLORIDA STATE SENATE PRESIDENT DON GAETZ ADDRESSES THE MAY 12 LEASEHOLDERS MEETING



Florida State Senate President **Don Gaetz** updates OILA members on the recent legislative session in Tallahassee, the State's bond rating, three billion in State reserves, five hundred million in tax cuts, spending, lack of skilled workers, State subsidized college for Military Veterans, medical marijuana and the Brooks Bridge. Senator Gaetz ended with the suggestion that Island residents stay involved in the Brooks Bridge issue and not leave the decision to officials. He strongly suggested that OILA members attend the bridge workshops this summer and try to put forth a better idea, not just oppose any idea concerning the bridge and its replacement.



MEET NEW OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREFIGHTER - MORITZ MAILANDT

-- Born: July 10, 1980 in Aachen, Germany.

-- After high school received a vocational degree in plumbing.

-- Drafted into the German Federal armed forces in 2002. Infantry and Honor Guard.

-- Happily married to his wife Rosaline since November 9, 2006. They have five children. His wife recently retired from the Air Force.

-- Immigrated to the United States from Germany August 22, 2007

-- Became a naturalized citizen on January 17, 2014

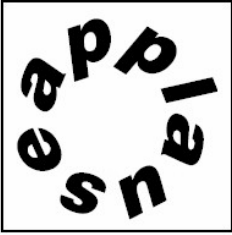
OILA begrüßt Okaloosa Insel Feuerwehrmann Moritz Mailandt!
 (OILA Welcomes Okaloosa Island Firefighter Moritz Mailandt!)

**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.**

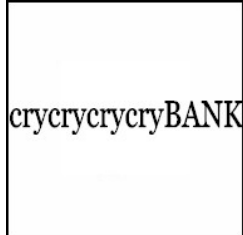
“QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 7th TIME!

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.

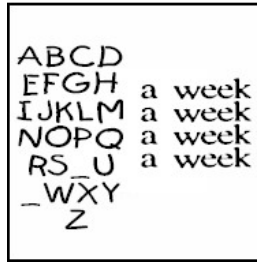
Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



MR. COLE HIGGINS PRESENTS AN AMERICAN FLAG TO OKALOOSA ISLAND DISTRICT FIREFIGHTER LT MICHAEL SIMMONS FOR PROPER RETIREMENT



Cole Higgins, the four year old son of OILA members **Brian and Jill Higgins**, is learning the correct procedures for the retirement of an unserviceable flag. An American flag is ready for disposal when it becomes torn, tattered, faded or worn out. The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The Fire Department, which accepts such flags from the public, turns them over to local veteran groups for proper disposal. As Cole can tell you, one is never too young to learn respect for our national standard.

MEET THE OILA 2014-2015 DIRECTORS-ELECT

At the May 12 meeting of the Leaseholders, the Nominating Committee presented the following 3 nominations to fill vacancies on the OILA Board of Directors: **Dave Hancock** of El Matador, **Jim Hendricks** of Tropic Drive, and **Jill Higgins** of Sailfish Drive. President Hudson opened the floor to additional nominations. No additional nominations were made and the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee were approved by the membership. The Directors-elect will be installed at the June 9 meeting as the last item of business. Following is additional information, in their own words, submitted by these individuals for your consideration



Dave Hanson

Property owner on Okaloosa Island since 1998; lived on the Emerald Coast since early retirement in 2001. Worked in real estate specializing in Okaloosa Island for 9 years until retiring full time in 2012. Served two terms on the Board of Directors of El Matador Condo including one as president. Presently serving as on the El Matador Management Company Board. Member of St. Simons on the Sound Episcopal Church. USAF



Jim Hendricks

I was born in the Midwest in 1945. We were a family of five kids and two loving parents who stressed the importance of work ethic and education. We all left home with a Catholic education and went on to get multiple degrees. I owned and managed a small chain of furniture stores headquartered in Richmond, Virginia most of my adult life. Though I had success in business, my greatest accomplishments are two



Jill Higgins

Jill Higgins is a former teacher, a military wife, and a small business owner. She is married to Brian and has a son Cole who is four. She is originally from a small town in south GA and enjoys cooking, photography, kayaking, traveling, and spending time with family.



A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE **ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**
 FOR LANDSCAPING AND MAINTAINING THE
 ENTRANCE MEDIAN TO OKALOOSA ISLAND

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)

BOARD MEETING: May 12, 2014

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. Twenty-four people attended. (Attachment 1- attendance sheet)
- II. ROLL:** Board members present were Paula Hudson, Desley Parker, 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 SPEAKERS:** **Senator Don Gaetz, Trey Goodwin, Ed Schroeder and Dave Parisot. (The Board Meeting, in its entirety, can be heard on the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association's website at www.oilaweb.com)**
- Senator Gaetz** surprised everyone by filling in for his son, State Representative Matthew Gaetz, who was the scheduled Guest Speaker. Matthew Gaetz was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Some of the topics discussed included the recent legislative session in Florida, the State's bond rating, three billion in State reserves, five hundred million in tax cuts, spending, lack of skilled workers, State subsidized college for Military Veterans, medical marijuana and the Brooks Bridge. Senator Gaetz ended with the suggestion that Island residents stay involved in the Brooks Bridge issue and not leave the decision to officials. Attend the workshops this summer and try to put forth a better idea, not just oppose any idea concerning the bridge and its replacement. (Attachment 2)
- Trey Goodwin**, Candidate for County Commissioner, District 4: Concerned about spending, oversight of tax money, water quality, storm water runoff and the spillage of raw sewage into our waterways after and during storms. Contact him at www.TreyGoodwin.com with your concerns.
- Ed Schroeder**, Director of the TDC: Spring did not meet expectations, but June, July and August are looking good. Applications for positions at the TDC are being accepted at the County website.
- Dave Parisot**, County Commissioner, District 4: The Island swales were overwhelmed during the recent record rainfall. The swales can handle six inches of rain, but not fourteen inches. Still working on water runoff on Santa Rosa Blvd. The Grand Opening for Bayveiw Park, behind the Convention Center, is scheduled for June 9th at 5:00 pm. The walking paths in

Veterans Park will now have a boardwalk with rails. Wild Willy's is almost finished. Improvements to the access ways on the Island have been delayed due to the rains.

V. MINUTES: Kathy Foster made the motion to accept the April minutes as printed in the May issue of the OIL Lantern. The motion was seconded by Gloria Turner. The minutes were accepted and filed. (Attachment 3 – pages 4 & 5)

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

Assoc. Discretionary Fund Balance	\$ 31,351.73
<u>Beautification Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$ 1,421.28</u>
Total Funds Balance as of May 12, 2014	\$ 32,773.01

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

Mr. Simpson, who is also the Newsletter Editor, requested reimbursement for the purchase of stamps to mail the May 2014 issue of the OIL Lantern. Total reimbursement requested was \$20.58. Kathy Foster made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and to approve the requested reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Desley Parker. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Architectural Committee: The report is in the May issue of the OIL Lantern. (Attachment 3 - page 2)

B. Beautification Committee: Kathy Foster: Thanked Gary Hudson for replacing the damaged boards on the bench located on SRB and Tarpon. The Island Garden Club has shared the expense of \$388.00 for pine straw in the medians. \$975.00 has been spent by the Garden Club on the Welcome Triangle and the Median One in the past six months. With the recent Plant and Treasure Sale, there are plans to tackle another median.

C. Membership Liaison: Jim Simpson: 248 members. (Attachment 3)

D. Website: Bob Seitz: No activity.

E. Boat Basin: Cathy Taylor/Treasurer: The boat basin has renewed their liability coverage and has sent the renewal fee to the County.

F. Street Lighting MSBU: Maryl Bednar: The Leaseholders have received a request for an additional streetlight at the end of Santa Rosa Blvd. Ms Bednar suggested, due to the incurred fees associated with installing new streetlights, that requests be allowed only once or twice a year to contain the costs. The Board will table the request until next month to determine the ownership of the last non-working streetlight on SRB and the military gate.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Okaloosa Island: OILA is now a member of the Chamber of Commerce. President Hudson will present the clock and the card to the new President at the June meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Nominating Committee: Paula Hudson, Kathy Foster, Desley Parker, Jim Simpson and Bob Seitz have nominated the following residents for the OILA Board vacancies:

1. Jim Hendricks of Tropic Drive.
2. Dave Hancock of El Matador.
3. Jill Higgins of Sailfish Drive.

President Hudson opened the floor to additional nominations. No additional nominations were made, the above nominations were accepted.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Round of Applause

Wuzzle No. 2



Crying All the Way to the Bank

Wuzzle No. 3



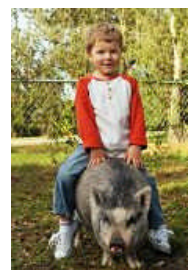
No TV for a Week

Wuzzle No. 4



Splitting Hairs

Wuzzle No. 5



Piggy Back Ride