

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, April 8, 2013. PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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Brooks Bridge after it was struck by a barge carrying a crane at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, March 20. The water fall is from a broken water line.



The OIL Lantern



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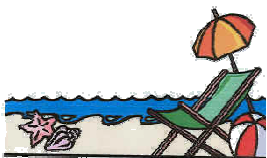
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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, April 8,
2013

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

-- March 11, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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

A. Appointment of
Nominating Committee –
Cathy Taylor

B. Request for OILA
input for adding a street
light in front of the
Breakers Condo - **Eric
Jorgenson**

C. Open discussion of
probable push for a 2nd
bridge - **All**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-- CATHY TAYLOR

April, 2013...Ahoy fellow Islanders! The weather is truly showing signs of Spring and I think we have finally begun to thaw out from winter weather. Spring Breakers are here in force. I always know when Kentucky is on Spring Break, as my neighbors (and OILA members), John and Beth Jeter, start sprucing up their yard and clearing the decks and pool area for the annual invasion from the Jeters of Kentucky. John is one of twelve siblings, so when his siblings, cousins, 2nd cousins and his Mom head down for spring break it is truly an annual family reunion. Some stay at John's house, some rent condos along the Island, some head for the Emerald Grande. Jeters, Jeters, everywhere...What fun and what a blessing to have a big family!! **Welcome Spring Breakers!**

In keeping up with the neighbors, today I put the finishing touches on my new front flower bed. Purple lantanas were finally at the store today and I purchased and planted them all in one day. This is a first.....ask my husband....usually I go crazy buying pretty plants in the spring, but then never get around to planting them before they die in their little root bound pots. Not today...I bought them this morning and planted them this afternoon. Now, if I can just stay ahead of the weeds.

Have you seen our Island Eagle? On more than one occasion while driving to Destin we have seen a big bald eagle. Sometimes we have seen him fishing near the Elks Lodge and other times we have seen him sitting in the pine trees near the Coast Guard Station. Last Monday I was lucky enough to have him soar over our house several times. He is a majestic creature and one of those lucky reasons I love Island life. I have been keeping my camera near and hopefully I can get a picture to share with you. If any of you have caught the OK Island eagle on camera it would be great for you to share it with us via the newsletter.

Another recent island happening was the barge colliding with the bridge. In my humble opinion this was pilot error. Nautical maps state the height of all the bridges on the intercoastal waterway and evidently, someone did not plan their route very well. Sailors know the height of their mast and I am sure dredge operators know the height of their cranes. This accident has arisen the call for a new bridge again and I want to take this opportunity to state the OILA position on a new bridge. We would love a new bridge...just not Westward of the current Brooks Bridge. Enough said.

OILA positions on issues are available on our website as well as the covenants, history of the Island Leaseholders Association and the Island, past issues of our newsletter and photos of Island events- visit our website: WWW.OILAWEB.COM.

Remember if you want things to be better in our world, you need to get involved...volunteer and participate in your community. Join OILA if you haven't already and get to know your neighbors. I look forward to seeing you for the next **OILA meeting at the Okaloosa Island Fire Station 2nd floor at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 8, 2013.**



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR MARCH 2013 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>
3/14	11	East Portion of Waterscape	1110 Santa Rosa Blvd	Waterscape	Remove & replace existing sign	In compliance
3/21	8	481	824 Tarpon	David Debra/CJM Enterprises	Replace existing house and deck roofs	In compliance
3/21	3	1-22	216 Angler Ave	Michael Stadther	Occupational License Ice Creamstone LLC No outward sign of business	In compliance
3/21	5	255, 256 & 282		Fairfield Inn Suites/ Choctaw Engineering	Construct hotel	In compliance

ON THIS APRIL DAY IN HISTORY



April 1, 1946: Weight Watchers forms

April 3, 1983: U.S. national debt hits \$2,000,000,000,000 (two trillion dollars)

April 9, 2012: The Broad Way show, 'The Lion King', becomes the highest grossing show of all time, overtaking 'Phantom of the Opera'

April 12, 1861: Fort Sumter, South Carolina is shelled by Confederacy, starting the Civil War

April 16, 1940: First televised baseball game, WGN-TV Chicago - (White Sox vs Cubs exhibition)

April 19, 1775: American revolution begins - Lexington Common, shot "heard round the world"

April 23 1969: Sirhan Sirhan sentenced to death for killing Bobby Kennedy

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MARCH 2013: 2.2 INCHES



March 11..... 1.1 inches
 March 18..... 0.1 inches
 March 19.....0.2 inches
 March 23.....0.7 inches
 March 24.....0.1 inches

Avg Rainfall for March.....5.8 inches

YTD Variance to Average..... - 2.2 inches

April Avg Rainfall.....3.7 inches
 April Record High.....92° F (1985)
 April Record Low20° F (1987)
 Apr Avg Water Temperature...72° F

May Avg Rainfall.....4.0 inches
 May Record High.....101° F (1953)
 May Record Low38° F (1971)
 May Avg Water Temperature78° F

Rainfall Year-to-Date.....14.4 inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall :.....65.10 inches

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS 53 CALLS FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Fire Calls.....3
 Brush Fires.....0
 Misc.....14
 Alarm Activations.....8
 EMS, Rescue &
 MVA..... 28



ISLAND GARDEN CLUB APRIL MEETING



Ikenobo – the Japanese art of flower arranging is the featured topic of the April meeting of the Island Garden Club presented by member **Sue Gebelein.**

The club meets at El Matador Lounge on the second Wednesday of the month September through May. Gathering begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting taking place at 10:00 a.m. Dues are \$10 per year.

Membership in the club is composed of island residents only (or winter island visitors who reside here for more than two months) and it is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the neighborhood and make new friends.

Come join us for FUN!

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THE THINGS I OWE MY PARENTS



1. My Parents taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE** . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside... I just finished cleaning."
2. My Parents taught me **RELIGION**. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My Parents taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My Parents taught me **LOGIC**. "Because I said so, that's why."

5. My Parents taught me **MORE LOGIC** . "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My Parents taught me **FORESIGHT**. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My Parents taught me **IRONY**. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My Parents taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper"
9. My Parents taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My Parents taught me about **STAMINA**. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My Parents taught me about **WEATHER**. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My Parents taught me about **HYPOCRISY**. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My Parents taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE**. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
14. My Parents taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**. "Stop acting like your father!"
15. My Parents taught me about **ENVY**. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My Parents taught me about **ANTICIPATION**. "Just wait until we get home."
17. My Parents taught me about **RECEIVING**. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. My Parents taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE** "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
19. My Parents taught me **ESP**. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My Parents taught me **HUMOR**. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My Parents taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT**. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. My Parents taught me **GENETICS**. "You're just like your father."
23. My Parents taught me about my **ROOTS**. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. My Parents taught me **WISDOM**. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

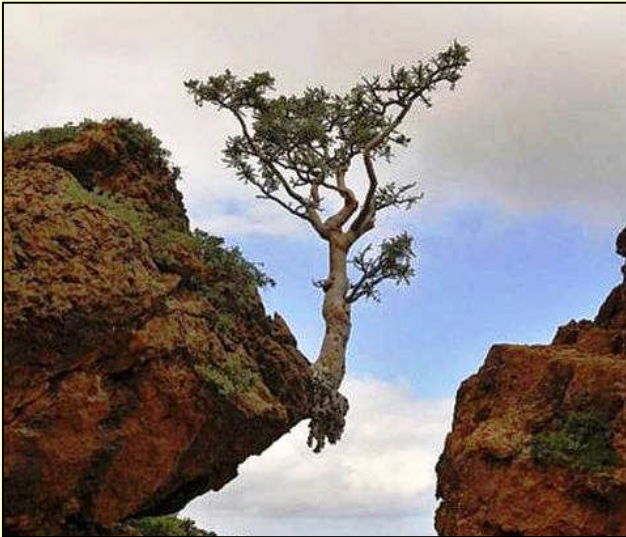
And my favorite:

25. My Parents taught me about **JUSTICE**. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

ONE WORD ESSAYS



HONOR

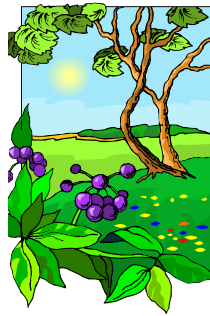


TENACITY



COMPANIONSHIP

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE



Frequently seen along the boulevard and the side streets are Island residents and visitors picking up trash, trimming overhanging vegetation from the sidewalk, pulling weeds, spreading pine straw in the medians, etc.

These civic-minded volunteers are keeping the neighborhood looking good.

But sometimes there are problems that become eyesores that are too big for volunteers to handle. This is why the OILA Beautification Committee also includes a Derelict Property Committee. The goal of the Derelict Property Committee is to force the maintenance of properties which are potentially affecting the value of other properties and the beauty of the Island.

With the aid of an attorney, the committee has been able to identify, address and correct lingering problems and bring properties into compliance with the Protective Covenants and Restrictions.

Let's continue to work together keeping our neighborhood beautiful for residents, guests and visitors. We'll soon schedule a Saturday work morning to trim trees at Sun Dial Park, weed the area beneath the sun dial, reposition the cement table and benches onto pavers to level them and prevent sinking. Please see us at the OILA meeting or contact us if you would like to become involved in the Beautification Committee.

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TRIPLE WUZZLE PUZZLES!!!!

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 of this newsletter.

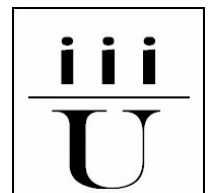
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Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Minutes (DRAFT) – OILA Meeting March 11, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice President Jim Simpson in Cathy Taylor's absence. Board members present were Jim Simpson, Trisha LaBahn, Kathy Foster, Carol Edlund and Paula Hudson. The Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no program.

Kathy Foster motioned that the February 2013 minutes be accepted as presented in the OIL Lantern. Motion was 2nd by Trisha LaBahn. There was no further discussion, a vote was called by Jim Simpson and it was accepted unanimously.

Jim Simpson presented the February's treasurer's report (see attached). Kathy Foster made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with reimbursement to Mr. Simpson. Trisha LaBahn 2nd the motion. There was no discussion, Jim Simpson called for a vote and it was accepted unanimously.

Architectural Committee Report was submitted in the newsletter.

Beautification Committee- Paula Hudson requested that committee be allocated \$100 for the maintenance of the medians, Carol Edlund 2nd the motion. Jim Simpson called for a vote and it passed unanimously.

Membership – Jim Simpson advised membership is holding steady

Website- <http://www.oilaweb.com/1.html> No report

Boat Basin- no report

Lights MSBU –No report

Warren Gourley, advised that Dave Miller needs to meet with Dan O'Byrne to discuss improvements of the beach access ways on the island.

New Business – Mr. Eric Jorgensen requested information on adding street lighting in front of The Breakers through the MSBU. He was informed that Gulf Power had completed an illumination study a couple of years ago and added needed lights, however, his request would be shared with Maryl Bednar, the contact person for the MSBU audit committee. David Sherry suggested Eric contact Gulf Power and obtain the lighting at a minimal cost for the condo association.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Wuzzle No. 1

ALL in ALL

Wuzzle No. 2

I'M IN TROUBLE

Wuzzle No. 3

ALL EYES ARE ON YOU