

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, March 11, 2013.
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank**

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Okaloosa Island –1965. The red lines are the red clay road base for Sailfish, Seahorse and Tarpon



The OIL Lantern



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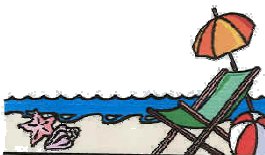
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Agenda – March Meeting

Date: Monday, March 11, 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

-- February 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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- CATHY TAYLOR

March, 2013....Hello fellow Islanders! I hope our Snowbird
visitors have had a great time this season here on the Island, but
I am wondering if maybe this global warming thing is
confusing the weather patterns. I don't remember it being this
cold and rainy this much in my prior winters here. Has it been
colder here this winter or have I just become less tolerant of
cold weather since I have been living on OK Island for 18 years
now? Then again last summer was hotter than any I remember.
Hmmm...Again, I am wondering if it is global warming
confusion or just me?

We drove down to Orlando this weekend for a quick visit with
a friend who is battling cancer and the temperature outside in
Ft. Walton Beach was 47° the morning we left. Friday
afternoon when we arrived in Orlando it was only 58°. I was
really hoping to warm my bones on this visit, but the cold snap
followed us down to Central Florida. Saturday night, as we
looked out on our friend's heated pool, there was fog-
forming...air was colder than the water and way too cold to
enjoy a heated pool. So I used my handy dandy computer to
check on the weather in Ft. Walton and it is 42° there and 38°
here in Orlando as I write this. ***DON'T PEOPLE COME TO
FLORIDA IN THE WINTER FOR WARM SUNNY
WEATHER?!*** Again, I am wondering if this is global
warming confusion of just me?

Speaking of changing weather patterns, it is now time for a
changing of tourist patterns. Time for SPRING BREAKERS.
The next few weeks our Island will be the seen of family fun
and frolicking. These vacationers will bring their bathing suits,
shorts and tanning lotion for a good time on our beaches. I
hope the weather is warm and sunny for them as gas prices are
high and they deserve nice weather when they spend so much
to get here.

Please read the "ATTA NEIGHBOR" article featuring Mike
Mitchell. Mike has been a constant volunteer in our
community and is a "walking history book" of life and
happenings here on the Island. If you see him, be sure to thank
him for his years of contribution to efforts to make our Island a
great place to live. Mike Mitchell is a shining example of
community involvement and I encourage all of you to follow
his example and get involved in our community.

Another resource for tidbits of Okaloosa Island history - visit
our website: WWW.OILAWEB.COM. I look forward to
seeing you for the March OILA meeting at the Okaloosa Island
Fire Station 2nd floor at 7:00 pm, Monday, March 11, 2013.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 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>
Feb 7	3	98-100	356 Billfish Ave Unit 3	Roy Treadaway	Addition of shed – attached to existing structure	In compliance
2/28	4	159	448 Caviar Drive	Jennifer Toogood	Occupational license for for Destin West Vacation Rental Management	In compliance

WUZZLE PUZZLE

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 this wuzzle? Good luck.



The answer is at the bottom of last page of this newsletter

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY 2013: 10.6 INCHES

February 5..... 0.3 inches
 February 7..... 1.4 inches
 February 11.....0.4 inches
 February 19.....0.9 inches
 February 22.....2.1 inches
 February 23.....0.9 inches
 February 25.....3.3 inches
 February 26.....0.4 inches



Avg Rainfall for February.....5.8 inches

YTD Variance to Average.....+ 1.4 inches

March Avg Rainfall.....5.8 inches
 March Record High.....80° F (1957)
 March Record Low4° F (1985)
 Mar Avg Water Temperature....66° F

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

Rainfall Year-to-Date.....12.2 inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall :.....65.10 inches


OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT REPORTS 57 CALLS FOR JANUARY 2013

Fire Calls.....1
 Brush Fires.....0
 Misc.....18
 Alarm Activations.....18
 EMS, Rescue &
 MVA..... 20



ON THIS MARCH DAY IN HISTORY



March 2, 1836 – Texas declared its independence from Mexico establishing the Republic of Texas. 

March 10, 1880 - The Salvation Army was founded in the United States. The social service organization was first founded in England by William Booth and operates today in 90 countries.

March 15, 44 B.C. - Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate chamber in Rome by Brutus and fellow conspirators.

March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day - commemorating the patron saint of Ireland. 

March 27, 1977 - The worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands, resulting in 570 deaths.

March 30, 1981 - Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest while walking toward his limousine in Washington, D.C., following a speech inside a hotel..

REMINDER: THE OIFD IS OFFERING FREE IN HOME FIRE & SAFETY SURVEYS

The Okaloosa Island Fire Department (OIFD), is offering to do a free fire & safety inspection of your residence.



There is no charge and there is no obligation on your part to make any changes or repairs. Contact the fire department to schedule this inspection at 244-5373.

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!

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

WHAT A NEIGHBOR!!

...MIKE MITCHELL



MR. MIKE MITCHELL

Long time Okaloosa Island resident Mike Mitchell has done it all with respect to service for the people of America, Okaloosa County and Okaloosa Island! He and his beautiful wife, Ginny, moved to Okaloosa Island in 1972.

First, Mike is a retired Air Force pilot (Lt Colonel) who served his country for 20 years; then he served the residents of Okaloosa County as a County Commissioner for 16 years from 1976 to 1992.

In addition to past service as a board member for the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association, he is currently serving Okaloosa Islanders as a member of the Leaseholders Architectural Review Committee and as a Commissioner for the Okaloosa Island Fire District.

Despite his many impressive job titles, Mike's total "involvement" includes doing whatever needs to be done. He has volunteered for innumerable jobs including hands on work like Earth Day clean-up and face painting at Island 4th of July celebrations.

Mike takes off his gloves after a long day of dumpster loading on an Earth Day Okaloosa Island clean up event

This multi-tasker has been an incredible asset to our county and to our community and we want Mike to know we appreciate his hard work and his "can do" spirit . A big thank you to our neighbor and friend – MIKE MITCHELL.



Mike, the artist, applies the art of face painting at an Island 4th of July celebration.



Mike (far right) is sworn in as a member of the 2008 Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association Board of Directors

SPRING FIRE & SAFETY TIPS

provided by:

Kevin Carvalho, Asst. Chief
Okaloosa Island Fire Dept

The leading cause for home clothes dryer fires is the failure to clean the lint filter.

- Clean the filter after each use of the dryer. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Keep the area around the dryer clear of things that can burn.
- Never overload the dryer. Never leave the home with the dryer running.

Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

Keep the stovetop clear of oven mitts, wooden utensils, packaging materials, towels or curtains. When cooking, always stay in the kitchen. Never leave food cooking on the stove unattended

Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two to one.

- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use, not to exceed 90 days.
- Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you do not have to use extension cords.
- Use a power strip that is overload protected.

Fire from the family grill, cooking hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome site. But one must use good common sense when cooking outside.

- Use propane and charcoal grills only outside and never on balconies.
- Place grill well away from the home and out from overhangs and eaves.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat build up. Clean out "catch tray".
- Never leave grill unattended.
- Always shut off gas at the cylinder when done.

For more fire safety tips, visit
www.nfpa.org/safetytips

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Cathy Taylor.

All board members were present; Jim Simpson, Cathy Taylor, Trisha LaBahn, Kathy Foster, Carol Edlund, Paula Hudson and Tripp Tolbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Simpson.

Cathy Taylor welcomed the representatives from the Okaloosa Island Fire Department. In attendance was Robert Tilley, Chief; K.C. Carvalho, Assistant Chief and Firefighters Ray Strawn, Mike Simmons, Greg Lloyd, Mike Ross and Jared Vause.

The staff from the Fire Department invited residents to have their homes surveyed for fire and safety hazard at no cost. This service is being offered free of charge and takes about 1 hour to complete. If the resident, allows the staff will draft a drawing of the dwelling to retain on the fire trucks so that it can aid them in locating residents in the event of a fire. They would also note any pets/children/elderly residents that may need assistance in an emergency.

Kathy Foster motioned that the December 2012 minutes and January 2013 notes be accepted as presented in the OILA Lantern. Motion was 2nd by Tripp Tolbert. There was no further discussion, a vote was called by Cathy Taylor and it was accepted unanimously.

Jim Simpson presented the December and January's treasurer's report (see attached). Paula Hudson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with reimbursement to Mr. Simpson. Kathy Foster 2nd the motion. There was no discussion, Cathy Taylor called for a vote and it was accepted unanimously. Jim Simpson advised that the total budget for the Mardi Gras float was \$400 of which \$260.53 was spent.

Architectural Committee Report was submitted in the newsletter.

Beautification Committee- Dave Miller reported for the committee. The semi made it's annual trip to the island and was quickly report to code enforcement. The code enforcement officer investigated and advised the driver/owner that it was not legal to park the vehicle on the island. It was allowed to stay that night and then moved to a protected area off the island. Pictures were taken East from Tom Thumb at the foot of Brook Bridge. These pictures were sent to code enforcement and our county commissioner in hope that the sign violations and trash would be corrected. Dave also reported that the Sandman Motel was being cleaned and all trimmings were being removed.

It was suggested that OILA find someone to help clean and develop beach accessways and freeways on both the southside and northside of the Boulevard.

Clyde, residing at 856 Tarpon Drive, called Gloria Turner and reported that the 1st floor walls were going up but had to be re-engineered because they were not break-away walls. The stucco should be complete within the next 30 days and the area would be cleaned up.

Gloria also reported on the activities of the County Parks Committee (7 members). The committee has been revamped and the By-Laws have been revised. Each district has 1 representative with 2 additional at-large representatives countywide. The committee is watching Marler Park and Veterans Park's activity. The committee meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 3:00 alternating between Crestview and Fort Walton Beach.

Membership – Jim Simpson advised that the membership renewal drive was completed with a 95% renewal rate. Jim thanked Carman for organizing the walkers for the Mardi Gras parade and members were encouraged to participate next year.

Website-Bob Seitz advised he has added the Mardi Gras pictures for this year and asked that anyone who had additional material contact him. <http://www.oilaweb.com/1.html>

Boat Basin- no report

Lights MSBU (see attached report) presented by Maryl Bednar, see attached.

Tripp Tolbert working on the landscaping design for medians along highway 98 and is hoping to get other 98 property owners onboard to support the project.

Warren Gourley, chairman of the TDC Advisory Committee, gave an update of the issues between the TDC, Okaloosa County Commissioners and the State of Florida Legislators. All spending is basically on hold until approval is given by BCC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

