

**NOVEMBER 2017 EDITION 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, **November 13,**  
**2017. PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water

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**YOUR  
2017  
to  
2018  
DUES  
NOW!**

**UNCLE OILA SAYS: "I NEED  
YOU TO RENEW YOUR DUES!"**

**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW  
YOUR OILA MEMBERSHIP FOR  
2017-2018. RENEWAL NOTICES  
WERE SENT OUT ON SEPT 20,  
2017. FOLLOW-UP NOTICES  
WILL BE SENT THIS MONTH.**



# The OIL Lantern

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P.O. Box 4323, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549



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## Meeting Agenda

**DATE:** Monday, **Nov 13, 2017**

**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

Introduction of the new Fire Chief of the Okaloosa Island Fire Department,, **Kevin Carvalho**, and his new Assistant Fire Chief, **Ray Strawn**

If you speak, please state your name, address and if you are a member.

### IV. MINUTES (Draft)

Sept 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Oct 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes - Printed in Oct 2017 OIL Lantern

### V. TREASURER'S REPORT –

November 13, 2017 Treasurer's Report: **Jim Simpson**

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Architectural Report – Printed in the Oct 2017 **OIL Lantern**
- B. Membership: **2017-2018 Dues Renewal - Jim Simpson**
- C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**
- D. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**
- E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson**
- F. Derelict Property Committee Report - **Committee Members**

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Minimum Wake & Bridge to Bridge Hike & Bike Path Status – **Dave Hancock**
- B. Update on OILA Christmas on the Island – **Nancy Hunt**

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Utilization of the Street Light MSBU Funds to Enhance the Appearance of the Island – **Tripp Tolbert**
- B. OILA participation in the **2018 Mardi Gras** on the Island parade **Jim Simpson**
- C. OILA position on the subject of Sand and Beach Restoration – **Tripp Tolbert**

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### - Tripp Tolbert

I hope everybody had a safe and fun Halloween and hopefully you're getting time to enjoy some of this beautiful fall weather and all the beauty our area has to offer. It is often this time of year when we get a little bit of our town back from our summer guests and that we have time to reflect on how blessed and fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful area. I was spending a little time on the beach behind the Ramada and noticed that we had quite a bit of sand loss from the last couple storm events. In my opinion, a couple more events like that and the Ramada Beach could be in serious trouble with very little room for chairs and umbrellas and beach activity at all. Sometimes you really don't think about situations until they affect you directly. It makes me stop and pause and think how our neighbors to the east must feel when they have little or no beach at all. I'm not one to say that I have all the answers, I just feel fortunate that we have time to discuss shell shards and possibly a little color variation in sand quality instead of crime scenes for mass shooters, or people getting run over by vehicles in bike paths.

In closing, there's terrible things happening in the world and we live in one of the most blessed communities on God's green earth. I would love for us to come together and try to work together to accomplish a common goal.

## CALL FOR IDEAS TO ENHANCE THE BEAUTY OF THE ISLAND – Tripp Tolbert, President OILA

I wanted to share this picture taken recently of Holiday Isle. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how we can further enhance the beauty of the island.



**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR OCTOBER 2017: 7.2 Inches**

Oct 7....**0.1** inches  
 Oct 8....**4.4** inches  
 Oct 22...**2.2** inches  
 Oct 23...**0.2** inches  
 Oct 28...**0.3** inches



Average Rainfall for Sept..... **4.3** inches  
 Variance to Average.....**+ 2.9** inches

Nov Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches  
 November Record High.....**89° F** (1998)  
 November Record Low .....**18° F** (1950)  
 Nov Avg Water Temperature....**72°**

Avg Rainfall for December.....**4.8** inches  
 December Record High.....**84° F** (1968)  
 December Record Low.....**8° F** (1962)  
 Dec Avg Water Temperature. ...**64° F**

Rainfall Total Year to Date...**63.3** inches  
 Year Date to Variance ..... **- 0.4** inches  
 Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

**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)

**OR**



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**NEWS NUGGET!:**

**IT'S OFFICIAL – THE PROPOSED WRIGHT PARKWAY BRIDGE CONNECTION TO OKALOOSA ISLAND IS DEAD! WILL NOT HAPPEN!**



**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 110 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017**



Fire Calls.....**1**  
 EMS/Rescue/MVA..... **89**  
 False Alarms & Alarm  
 Activations..... **10**  
 Other.....**10**



**(82 calls were responded to in September 2016)**

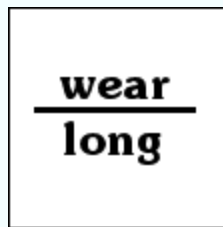
**WUZZLE PUZZLES**

- 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 available on the following page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



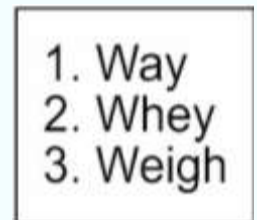
Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017** for permits 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>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance and Approved?</u>
Oct 12	250	5	Dan & Debbie Coons 543 Dorado Drive	Renovation & Addition to Existing Residence	Yes
Oct 19	412	7	Joe Gauvin Starfish Ave (Vacant Lot)	Construct Single Family Residence	Yes

## DURING THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – NOVEMBER



### HISTORY

**November 6, 1860 - Abraham Lincoln** was elected as the 16th U.S. President and the first Republican. He received 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40 percent of the popular vote.

**November 14, 1666** - The first experimental blood transfusion took place in Britain, utilizing two dogs.

**November 17, 1800** - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C. President John Adams then became the first occupant of the Executive Mansion, later renamed the White House.

**November 24, 1835** - Texas lawmakers instituted a special force known as the **Texas Rangers**. Stephen F. Austin had hired ten experienced frontiersmen as "rangers" as early as 1823, but the 1835 legislation formalized the organization.



**November 28, 1934** - FBI agents killed bank robber George "**Baby Face**" **Nelson** near Barrington, Illinois.

## OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES RESCUE DESCENT DEVICES WITH FUNDS FROM A PIGT GRANT



**Firefighter Utilizing the Rescue Descent Device**

Recently, the Okaloosa Island Fire District was the recipient of a \$5,000 grant for firefighter safety from PGIT, the workers compensation insurance carrier for the department. Utilizing **\$3,200 of this grant allowed us to purchase 15 (one for each active firefighter)** much needed self rescue descent devices (see photo) along with 50 ft of fire rated rescue rope. These rope rescue systems allow the members of the Okaloosa Island Fire District to self rescue if caught in a bad situation while on an elevated platform fighting fire. The rope rescue system comes with a hook, a descent device and 50ft of fire rated rope (rated for 900 degrees). These roperscue systems hook to harnesses that are integrated into our bunker pants. It is easily accessible and easy to use. This grant greatly enhances the safety of all members of OIFD.



## OKALOOSA ISLAND BLOOD DRIVE

**ID Required**

**Place:** Okaloosa Island Fire Dept  
104 Santa Rosa Blvd  
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548

**Date:** Thursday, Nov 16, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



ALL donors will receive a **FREE OneBlood Fleece Blanket** and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening! Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online <https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/> and use sponsor code #36112.

**IN ADDITION: A DAY AWAY MASSAGE & SPA** will set up chairs to do free massages at the same time.

On February 16, 2016 the Okaloosa Island Fire District Hosted an Island Blood Drive. The goal of the drive was to collect 15 units of blood. The drive exceeded expectations with the donation of 17 units. The goal this time is **19 units!** Let's keep the winning streak going!



Remember, each donation can save up to three lives so that means 51 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors at Okaloosa Island Fire Department back on **Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient with 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant.



**GOOD NEWS! DID YOU KNOW THAT STARTING IN MAY 2018 THERE WILL BE DAILY, “NON-STOP”, DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN DESTIN-FORT WALTON BEACH AIRPORT AND WASHINGTON D.C.’S RONALD REAGAN AIRPORT?**

In May 2018 American Airlines will start non-stop flights from Okaloosa County Airport to Washington D.C.’s

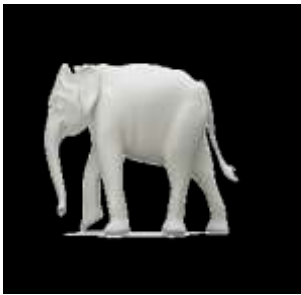


Ronald Reagan National Airport. The first flight will take off from Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport at 11:00 am, Friday, May 4 arriving at Reagan National Airport at 2:19 pm. On the same day, a flight will depart Washington D.C. at 8:45 am arriving at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport at 10:07 am. These two flight schedules will run daily.

In addition to making it easier for all to transverse back and forth (e.g. tourists, family, friends), this is great news for local federal government employees and members of the military community who quite frequently need to commute back and forth. Eliminating a lay-over is a great improvement. The route will be flown utilizing American’s newest aircraft, the 76-seat EMB-175 (photo above).

**Wuzzle Puzzles Answers**

Wuzzle No. 1



**White Elephant**

Wuzzle No. 2



**Long Underwear**

Wuzzle No. 3



**Coffee Break**

Wuzzle No. 4



**Counting the Ways**

**MINUTES (DRAFT) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association – OCTOBER 9, 2017 Membership Meeting**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room      **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 pm

**I.** Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

**II. ROLL:** Board Members Present: President Tripp Tolbert, Vice-President Dr. David Miller, Lynn Dominique, Nancy Hunt and Glenn McRae

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ted Corcoran, CEO & President, Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber will no longer sponsor and host the Annual Mardi Gras on Okaloosa Island parade. He further advised that the Chamber was asking other groups (including the Leaseholders) to pick up the parade. **(Secretary’s Note: The Gulf Restaurant on Okaloosa Island has come forward and agreed to sponsor the Mardi Gras parade and celebration which will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2018. OILA will enter a float (and, volunteers will be needed).**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** : **Matt Trammell**, Coastal Engineer, Taylor Engineering

**IV. MINUTES:** A motion was made and approved to move consideration for approval, disapproval, or change of the draft September 11, 2017 minutes to the November 13 meeting.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT: October 9, 2017**

**MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 255**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 TOTAL BALANCE: \$29,321.84**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 11, 2017.....\$ 26,538.38**

**RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:** .....Membership Dues.....\$ 1,788.00  
.....Newsletter Fees.....\$ 183.00

**TOTAL REVENUES.....\$ 1,971.00**

**EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT: .....No Expenditures**

**EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:**

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the October 2017 OIL Lantern.....\$ 22.05

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps, envelopes & folding to mail the 2017-2018 dues renewal notices:

Folding Service....\$ 6.75

Envelopes.....\$ 42.40

Stamps.....\$ 215.60

Mailing Labels.....\$ 17.98

**Expense to mail the 2017-2018 Renewal Notices: \$ 282.73**

**Total Expenses Pending Approval For Payment \$ 304.78**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES  
& EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF October 9, 2017 .....\$ 28,204.60**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 11, 2017.....\$ 1,421.28**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT .....No Expenditures**

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF October 9, 2017.....\$ 1,421.28**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF September 11, 2017....\$ 1,362.18**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....No Expenditures**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF October 9, 2017.....\$ 1,362.18**

**SUMMARY: October 9, 2017 Fund Balances**

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance. ....\$ 28,204.60

-- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 1,362.18

**TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 30,988.06**

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHITECTURAL REPORTS FOR October :** Published in the November 2017 OIL Lantern

**MEMBERSHIP** – Jim Simpson: Membership total is being reported at 255 with a final total for the 2017-2018 Membership Renewal Drive (which is still on-going) being reported at the December

**WEBSITE** – Bob Seitz: Bob advised that you can sign up for “Alerts” from the County website to be automatically sent to your email or phone at the following address: <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/ps/alert>. Also, you can see the “Daily Situation Report” on the following address: <http://okaloosaf1.com/ps/daily-situation-report>. In addition, videos of the meetings of the Okaloosa County Board of Commissions can be viewed on the County website.

**DERELICT PROPERTY COMMITTEE** – Kathy Foster: Kathy advised that there were pallets of bagged rocks sitting out in the street on Sailfish Drive for a long time. She indicated that the Derelict Property Committee would consider sending a letter to the home owner.

October 9, 2017 Minutes (draft) continued:

**BOAT BASIN** - Carol Edlund : Jim Simpson reported that he had discussed the status of the Boat Basin with Carol and George Edlund. They advised that they were between Dock Masters with George serving as “temporary” Dock Master. For any questions about the Basin, please contact Carol Edlund at during this transition at 664-6583.

**ISLAND LIGHTS MSBU** - Paula Hudson: No report – Okaloosa County was in the process of during the fiscal year ending report on the MSBU and a report was not available.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Bridge to Bridge Hike/Bike Path: Dave Hancock reported that steps needed to be taken to perserve green areas in front of business front Hwy 98 for the path as it comes off Brooks Bridge.

B. Santa Rosa Sound Minimum Wake Expansion: Tripp Tolbert advised that the need for expanding the minimum wake zone had been brought to the attention of our Florida State Senator, Mel Ponder.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. OILA Christmas Decoration Committee. Activate committee to start preparations for this year’s Christmas events. Solicit volunteers and appropriate funds to get started. (Treasurer’s Note: The current Christmas Fund (all money donated) balance is **\$1,362.18**. Chair: Nancy Hunt: Nancy proposed wrapping the Island Median palm trees in mylar. She believed this would enhance the visibility of the lights. Tripp offered free storage at one of his warehouses for the Christmas decorations at the end of the season. Nancy asked about funding for this year’s effort. Jim Simpson reported that there was a balance of \$1,362.18 in the Christmas fund. Nancy sgreed to hold an organizational committee meeting at which the costs for the event would be determined.