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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 9, 2018.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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Snowbird **Robert (Bob) Flanagan** from Quebec Showed up at Tom Thumb on St Paddy's Day in Full Leperchaun Gear. **Ain't He Cute!**



The OIL Lantern



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AGENDA: Monday, April 9, 2018

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 (Draft attached) of the March 12, 2018 meeting)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – February and March 2018 Treasurer's Reports: **Jim Simpson** Both reports are published in this newsletter

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – March 2018 report printed in this newsletter

B. Membership: - **Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin" Updates, if any, from Okaloosa County Public Works Director

E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson**

F. Derelict Property Committee Report - Members

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT – DAVE MILLER

It has been a number of years since I wrote an article for the OILA Lantern.

It's springtime once again. Time for pruning and planting. Since I live in a condo, I don't have to worry about doing much at my place (although I have used a saw car to trim some bushes by our gazebo).

When I run the cul de sac side streets I notice a lot of bushes and trees that encroach over the roadway and even block mail boxes. As far as the mail boxes, I wonder why the post man delivers to some houses. Generally, there is only one car on the streets at a time so I guess most people just drive down the middle of the street and avoid the low tree limbs and growth into the roadway.

For my part, I do have a bow saw and hedge trimmer in the trunk of my car. Periodically I go down Santa Rosa Boulevard with the bow saw and cut back anything that is over the sidewalk (several other people do this as a community service to the Island). Since I am tall, I usually do the higher branches so I don't hit my head. I also trim the dead stuff off the trees and bushes at Sun Dial Park in the spring. I plan on doing that in the next week or so. I ask those of you, with the equipment, to volunteer to help your neighbors trim back growth. Offer to help neighbors that do not have the ability or equipment to do the job. It's usually easy and it is exercise after all – which many of us could use.

The county has also been working on the freeways on the north side of Santa Rosa Boulevard. They have done a good job of cleaning them out. The OILA derelict property committee has worked over the years to get individual owners to take care of their property. It all helps Okaloosa Island look better for us all.

WUZZLE PUZZLES

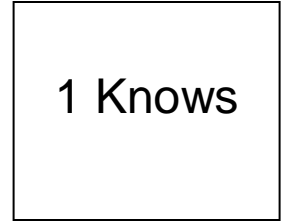
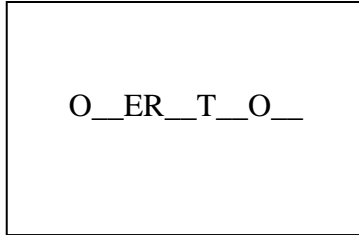
- What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are available on the last page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1

Wuzzle No. 2

Wuzzle No. 3

Wuzzle No. 4



**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!
LET YOUR OPINIONS BE
HEARD!**

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APPLICATION CLICK ON THE
ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:
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**CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT
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OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 80 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017



Fire Calls.....	2
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....	34
False Alarms & Alarm	
Activations.....	8
Other.....	36



(90 calls were responded to in February 2017)

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – APRIL

April 1, 1778: Oliver Pollack invents the dollar sign

April 1, 1836 -- Texans under Sam Houston routed the Mexican forces of Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto.



April 3, 1860: The Pony Express begins delivering the mail.

April 4, 1949: The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is signed.

April 5, 1964: General Douglas MacArthur died in Washington, D.C. at the age of 84.

April 8, 1974: Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th home run to surpass Babe Ruth's 714 home run record.

April 10, 1866: Do you love animals? The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established on this date in 1866.

April 12, 1934: Mount Washington Observatory records the highest surface wind ever measured, anywhere on earth--- 231 miles per hour!

April 14, 1865: President Abraham Lincoln is shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. He died the next day.

April 18, 1906: The Great San Francisco earthquake hits, killing 700 people. (1906)

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MARCH 2018: 1.4 Inches

March 6.....0.80 inches
March 18.....0.10 inches
March 19.....0.40 inches
March 30.....0.10 inches



Average Rainfall for March.....**5.8** inches
Variance to Average..... **- 4.5** inches

April Avg Rainfall.....**3.7** inches
April Record High.....**92° F**(1985)
April Record Low**20° F**(1987)
Apr Avg Water Temperature.....**72° F**

May Avg Rainfall.....**4.0** inches
May Record High..... **101° F** (1953)
May Record Low **38° F** (1971)
May Avg Water Temperature... **78° F**

Year to Date to Variance **- 4.6** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**10.7** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

TREES ON THE COAST, OKALOOSA & WALTON COUNTIES



Dr Allen French (shown in the photo on the right) – Founder, Trees on the Coast -Okaloosa & Walton Counties and an admitted “Tree Hugger” presented at the March 12 meeting about the work of his organization & suggested strategies on improving the appearance of Okaloosa Island. His presentation was well received.

Thank you Dr. French.



UPDATE ON ISLAND BEACH ACCESSES CURRENTLY BEING IMPROVED – FOLLOWING PHOTOS ARE OF BEACH ACCESS NUMBER 5 (Located between Island Echos and Emerald Isle Condos) TAKEN ON MARCH 30, 2018



BOARD WALK TO THE BEACH



MAIN PAVILION – RESTROOMS



OBSERVATION PAVILION

Island Garden Club April Meeting..... What on Earth is THAT?

You are invited to hear Walton County Master Gardener Andrea Schnapp discuss Weird Occurrences in the Landscape. Get the low-down on fairy rings, witches brooms and other anomalies in the garden including identifications, explanations and even debunking a few superstitions. Socializing begins at 9:30 at El Matador, 909 Santa Rosa Boulevard, with the meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m.

The Island Garden Club meetings are open to everyone. Membership is available to Island residents and visitors in residence for more than two months. Annual dues are \$15. We hope to see you **Wednesday, April 11, 2018.** **Kathy Foster**, Program Chair - Island Garden Club - fosterpk@gnt.net - 850-244-4490



Witch's Broom (Growth Disorder) in a Tree



Fairy Ring in a Circle?



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MARCH 2018 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>
March 8	5	1	Okaloosa Island Fire District (Fire Department Building)	Training Facility	Yes
March 15	128	4	Joe Zuppa 410 Cobia Ave	Build Single Family Residence	Yes
March 15	173	4	Justin Bobb 437 Cardinal	Build Pool Deck	Yes
March 18	110 & 111	3	Dorothy Crawley 367 Bluefish Dr.	Build Attached Greenhouses	Yes
March 18	70	3	Courtney Kirkwood	Occupational Licenses	Yes

MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – MARCH, 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
(Note from Secretary: These minutes extracted from the on-line podcast of the meeting)

MEETING LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd 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, Lynn Dominique, Nancy Hunt & Glenn McRae

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tripp introduced the following presentors for this meeting:

A. **Dr Allen French** – Founder, Trees on the Coast -Okaloosa & Walton Counties. About Trees on the Coast and strategies on improving the appearance of Okaloosa Island.

B. **Mr. Jason Autrey**, Director, Okaloosa County Public Works – Update on the status of the Boat Basin.

IV. MINUTES : A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2018 meeting. (printed in the March 12, 2018 OIL Lantern) The motion to approve carried

V. TREASURER’S REPORT: Jim Simpson: Treasurer’s Report for February 2018 (**Atch 1** to these minutes); Treasurer’s Report for March 2018 (**Atch 2** to these minutes Treasurer’s Reports approved and motion to reimburse Jim Simpson for Postage (total of \$45) to mail the newsletters was made, seconded and approved.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Architectural Committee: February 2018 Architectural Committee report printed in this newsletter.

B. Membership: **Jim Simpson:** Membership is 246.

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz:** No report.

D. Boat Basin: No report. Latest status covered by Mr. Jason Autrey, Director, Okaloosa County Public Works

E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson:** REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT.1602 ISLAND MSBU DATED: FEB 22, 2018

Totally Monthly Revenue ...	\$ 4,588.15	2017 Fund Balance:....	\$ 259,131.57	:
Total Monthly Expense.....	\$ 459.01	YTD Fund Balance.....	\$ 261,574.55	
Monthly Change:.....	\$ 4,129.14	YTD Fund Balance:....	\$ 2,442.98	

F. Derelict Property Committee Report: No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: No old business brought up.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Point of Order: Paula Hudson objected to voting on these items since there were individuals present whose membership qualifications had been not verified with a check of the Okaloosa County Property Assessor's records. Her objection was noted.

A, Proposed OILA Letter to the Board of County Commissioners to Begin Beach Restoration on Okaloosa Island Beaches as Soon as is Practical. – **Tripp Tolbert:** Tripp motioned that this proposed letter be withdrawn from consideration as an item of business. His motion was seconded and carried.

B. Proposed Resolution: Request that Commissioner Ketchel to set up a public work shop on the issue of Okaloosa Island beaches – **Dave Hancock:** Motion to approve was made and seconded but the resolution did not carry..

C. Proposed Resolution: That in the event that a beach renourishment or restoration is proposed for Okaloosa Island monuments R-1 through R-15 or included, that the only acceptable sand source is the East Pass ebb shoal, the East Pass channel, or better- **John Donovan:** Motion to approve was made and seconded. Resolution carried.

D. Proposed Resolution: That Okaloosa County be requested to re-open & re-write the East Pass Inlet Management Plan, with the Technical Advisory Committee being evenly balanced in its composition, between representatives of Okaloosa Island and representatives of Okaloosa County beaches east of the East Pass. Be it further resolved that the re-written East Pass Inlet Management Plan shall reflect the predominant east to west net sand transport, including a requirement in the implementation plan for sand placement to the west of East Pass – **John Donovan:** Motion made to approve was made and seconded. Resolution carried.

Tripp Tolbert advised that the Secretary will prepare a letter which will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners advising them of the two approved resolutions.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS:

President Tripp Tolbert announced that he was resigning his position as President of the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association effective immediately. He advised that he would remain an OILA member.

Nancy Hunt requested funds to be approved for purchase of some new street banner hardware and labor (bucket truck operator) to repair street pole banners which need to be fixed. A motion was made, seconded and approved for her to proceed as needed. She also asked for a volunteer to agree to keep track of the street banner program – repairs and monitoring.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Simpson, Secretary

Note: For the Feb 19, 2018 Treasurer's Report see [Atch 1](#) which follows: For the March 12, 2018 Treasurer's Report see [Atch 2](#) which follows.

ATTACHMENT 1: TREASURER'S REPORT: February 19, 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 244

JANUARY TOTAL BALANCE: \$28,673.00

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF January 18, 2018.....\$ 27,229.74

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership Dues.....\$ **9.00**
.....Newsletter Fees.....\$ **4.50**

TOTAL REVENUES.....\$ 13.50

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Payment to U.S. Postal Service for P.O. Box (4323) six month rental (March to August 2018).....\$ **41.00**

Payment to Dowd Law Firm for legal services for the 838 Tropic Ave litigation. **(Treasurer's Note)** - It was reported in the Nov 13, 2017 treasurer's report that a final payment was made to the Dowd Law Firm for legal services for this litigation in the amount of \$467.50. OILA then received an additional billing in February 2018 for the amount of \$1,154.82 (\$1,096.19) plus a finance charge of (\$58.03). I went to the Dowd's Law firm and reviewed the financial statement for our case and this amount was owed. Additional Note: Due to the nature of the service, law firms do not submit a final, comprehensive invoice since litigation can last for months; so they bill incrementally as services are provided. The total due on this final payment was \$1,154.82 (\$1,096.10) plus a (\$58.03) finance charge. The finance charge was waived by the Dowd Firm and the amount paid was \$1,096.19.\$ **1,096.19**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... \$ 1,137.19

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the February 2018 OIL Lantern.....\$ **22.50**

TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT \$ 22.50

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF February 19, 2018\$ 26,083.55

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF January 18, 2018.....\$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF February 19, 2018.....\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF January 18, 2018.....\$ 21.98

CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....No Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF February 19, 2018\$ 21.98

SUMMARY: February 19, 2018 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ **26,083.55**

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

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ **21.98**

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 27,526.81

ATTACHMENT 2: TREASURER'S REPORT: March 12, 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 246

FEBRURY TOTAL BALANCE: \$27,526.81

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF February 19, 2018.....	\$	26,083.55
RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:	Membership Dues.....\$	13.00
	Newsletter Fees..... \$	<u>4.50</u>
	TOTAL REVENUES.....\$	17.50

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

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the March 2018 OIL Lantern.....	\$	<u>22.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT \$		22.50

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF March 12, 2018 \$ 26,078.55

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BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT No Expenditures

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TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$		27,521.81

Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



Made in China

Wuzzle No. 2



"Pain"- less Operation

Wuzzle No. 3



Neon Lights

Wuzzle No. 4



Won by a Nose

LATEST STATUS ON THE BRIDGE TO BRIDGE PATHWAY – Dave Hancock

The bridge to bridge pathway is on the agenda at the next Eglin Range Configuration Control Committee meeting in April. Among the the things to discuss is which side of US 98 - north vs. South - Eglin prefers. the South side - lot less interference on this side .

