

**JUNE 2018 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, 2nd Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **June 11, 2018.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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NOTE: OILA DOES NOT HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPT 10, 2018



The OIL Lantern

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AGENDA: Monday, June 11, 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 May 21, 2018 meeting)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – May 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

A. Follow-up on the sprinkler work
activity in the Island medians – Paula
Hudson

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting with Commissioner Ketchel
and Greg Kisela, on 31 May, to discuss
East Pass Sand and Okaloosa Island.-
David Sherry

B. Discussion of vendor beach chair
placement and non stationary life guards
– **Nancy Hunt**

C. Discussion of a proposal to build (with
volunteers) a lighted snowflake display
on the county land in front of Wings. -
Nancy Hunt, Island Christmas
Decoration Committee

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT - DAVE MILLER

Summer is upon us. The Bowlegs Pirates
have come and gone. Tourists are now
everywhere and will continue to be here
through the middle of August. The 4th beach
accessway below me is still under
construction. This past weekend they closed
the gates so no one could park in the paved
and stripped parking lot. The county was
hoping they could get two of the access ways
open Memorial Day weekend but it didn't
happen. Hopefully we will have a ribbon
cutting ceremony before July 4th.

David and Rebecca Sherry, John
Donovan, David Hancock and I had a meeting
with Commissioner Ketchel and Greg Kisela,
on 31 May, to discuss East Pass Sand and
Okaloosa Island. I have asked David Sherry to
make a summary report of the meeting at the
June OILA meeting.

With summer upon us, we do not have
monthly meetings in July and August. Most of
us are still here so if you have an issue, please
do not hesitate to contact me or another board
member. If and when the County
Commissioner's have a ribbon cutting for the
access ways we will try to let you know ahead
of time via email. Otherwise, be assured that
we will stay on top of the boat basin, Bridge
to Bridge Path, sand, derelict property and the
many other things the membership works on.

SUNDAY BEACH WORSHIP SERVICE AVAILABLE ON OKALOOSA ISLAND

If you, your guests or family members
are interested, there is a Sunday Beach
Worship Service with music on the
Island on Sunday mornings. The
service starts at 7:30am, on the beach
behind Crabtrap on Okaloosa Island
and all are welcome.. This service is
provided by Destin United Methodist Church. In
the event of inclement weather, cancellations are
posted on their Facebook page.



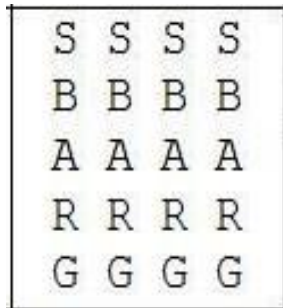
WUZZLE PUZZLES

- 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 jeters? Good luck. The answers are available inside this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



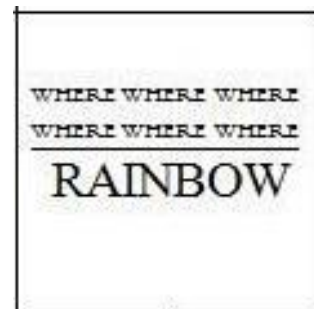
Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



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

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



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



(112 calls were responded to in April 2017)

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MAY 2018: 5.90 Inches

May 13.....	0.1 inches
May 15.....	1.5 inches
May 16.....	0.1 inches
May 17.....	0.2 inches
May 23.....	0.1 inches
May 24.....	0.4 inches
May 26.....	2.5 inches
May 28.....	1.0 inches



Average Rainfall for May..... **4.0** inches
Variance to Average.....**+ 1.9** 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**

Year to Date to Variance**- 3.6** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**19.4** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY “JUNE”



June 3, 1964: The Rolling Stones begin their first US tour.

June 5, 1968: Bobby Kennedy is assassinated.

June 6, 1944: “D-Day” The Allies successfully invade France at Normandy with a total of 1.33 million troops.

June 6, 1933: The first drive-in theater opened in Camden, New Jersey.

June 10, 1943: In Argentina, Laslo and Georg Biro file a patent for the ballpoint pen (1943)

June 10, 1752: Benjamin Franklin flies a kite in a lightning storm and discovers electricity.

June 12, 1880: John Lee Richmond pitches baseball's first "Perfect Game".

June 17, 1885: The Statute of Liberty arrive in New York City.

June 18, 1861: The first American fly-casting tournament was held in Utica, NY.

June 22, 1847: Doughnuts are created.

June 25, 1876: Lt Colonel George Custer and the 7th Cavalry are wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

UPGRADES TO BEACH ACCESSES NO's 4, 5 AND 6 MAKING PROGRESS

The improvements to Okaloosa Island Beach Accesses No. 4, 5 and 6 are moving along. Below are photos of Beach Access No. 5 taken on June 2. Trivia fact: At one time the 7 public beach accesses on Okaloosa Island were referred to as “The Seven Sisters”.



View from the Gulf

BEACH ACCESS NO. 5

Located between Island Echos and Emerald Isle Condos.



View from Santa Rosa Blvd

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS ITS FIRST HIGH ANGLE ROPE RESCUE TRAINING.

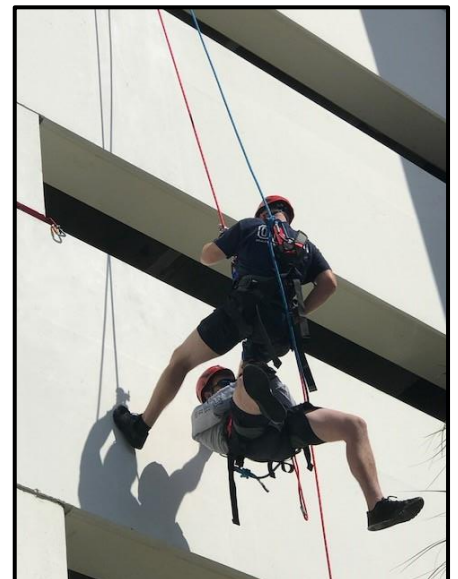


The Okaloosa Island Fire Department recently conducted the first high angle rope rescue training.

This training allows Okaloosa Island Fire Fighters to rescue personnel trapped or injured at any significant elevation which we would otherwise not be able to access. Firefighters were trained on how to access patients and how to raise and lower personnel and patients. The equipment that we use is the highest quality available and the industry standard for rope rescue operations.



This is another example of how your Okaloosa Island Fire Fighters stay on the leading edge of training and make ourselves available to respond to any type of incident.



A tip of the hat to the Waterscape Condo for allowing the use of their parking garage for this training.

MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – MAY 21 , 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: Vice-President Dave Miller , Lynn Dominique, Glenn McRae and Paula Hudson

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. MINUTES: The motion to approve carried unanimously.

V. TREASURER’S REPORT: Jim Simpson:

TREASURER’S REPORT: May 21, 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 288

APRIL 2018 TOTAL BALANCE: \$27,465.51

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF April 9, 2018..... \$ 26,022.25

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT: No Receipts

Payment to Gilmore Insurance and Bonding for General Liability Policy for OILA..... \$ 1,035.00

Payment to Gilmore Insurance and Bonding for Commercial Umbrella policy for OILA
 and Gulf Power (street light pole banners on Santa Rosa Blvd)..... \$ 1,122.00

Payment to McDonald Lawn Service for repairing/adjusting Street Pole Banners \$ 125.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES..., \$ 2,282.00

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the May 2018 OIL Lantern \$ 22.50

Reimburse Jim Simpson for payment of the cost of the Annual Filing of OILA’s Report with
 the State of Florida Tax Exempt Certificate of Incorporation \$ 61.25

TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT.....\$ 83.75

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES
 & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF May 21, 2018\$ 23,656.50**

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF April 9, 2018..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF May 21, 2018.....\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF April 9, 2018.....\$ 21.98

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF May 21, 2018 \$ 21.98

SUMMARY: May 21, 2018 Fund Balances

-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 23,656.50

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

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

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 25,099.76

Motion was made and seconded to approve the May, 2018 Treasurer’s report and reimbursement to Jim Simpson for stamps (\$22.50) and fee for the annual filing of report with State of Florida \$61.25). The motion was approved.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Continued on next page)

A. Architectural Committee: Actions taken printed in the May 2018 OIL Lantern.

B. Membership: **Jim Simpson:** Membership is 288.

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz:** Bob advised that the Lease Conversion Process (from lease to fee simple title) effective August 1, 2017 is being done in house by the Okaloosa County Public Works Department for a fee of \$500 – down from the \$900 previously being charged by the contractor title company. This change is posted on the OILA website: www.oilaweb.com along with information on obtaining the Lease Conversion request package. He also advised that he had received an email to the website from an Island resident asking about the possibility of turning off two streetlights adjacent to his property – problem being too much light. Since the placement of streetlights are determined by an illumination study done by Gulf Power no action was taken on this request.

D. Boat Basin: With the cancellation of the Boat Basin lease by Okaloosa County, there were questions about the status of the Boat Basin treasury balance of approximately \$30,000. Since the Basin was a committee of OILA and no longer has any connection with Okaloosa County, would the funds be an OILA asset?. No one had a ready answer and the subject will have to be researched further. **Dave Miller** announced that he had received an email from **Dave Hancock** about utilizing the Basin site as a launch area for non-motorized vessels (kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, etc). Dave Miller advised he had talked briefly with Commissioner Ketchel but nothing was decided. If utilized for this purpose, there was discussion about the County buying the vacant lot on Cobia next to the Basin and backs up on 2nd Beach Sound side freeway. It was also suggested that parking property be considered on the Bonita Ave side of the freeway since it would not involve a single family residential area.

E. **Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson:** Paula advised that she had not received a revenue report since the March cutoff. She had received an expense report of \$3,532.31. She noted that the average revenue income is around \$4,500. However, without the revenue amount, she reported our balance as being \$258,588.00 (subject to update).

F. Derelict Property Committee Report: There was discussion on two properties: One on Tropic Ave and one on Porpoise Ave (across from the Tom Thumb). Dave Miller advised that he would contact the Tropic Ave owner. The property on Porpoise has been sold recently; so OILA's concerns would have to be taken up with the new owner(s). Problem properties on Dory Ave and Dorado Ave were also discussed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

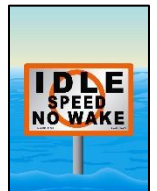
Dave Miller advised that he had been in contact with Commissioner Ketchel. He brought up the issues of the Boat Basin, the Bridge to Bridge Pathway, the slow progress on the upgrades of Beach accesses 4, 5 & 6 and maintenance problems with the existing beach access facilities (rust, wood rot, termites?) – especially beach access No. 7. Dave reported that little was said about the future of the Boat Basin. Ms. Ketchel noted that the Commissioners Court and the County were also very frustrated with the slow progress on the accesses, that the Bridge to Bridge project was moving along and indicated that additional funds had been obtained. Dave brought to her attention that by closing the 3 accesses under construction to parking, the result will be major parking problems on the Island.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS:** A question came up about what was happening to the sprinkler system for the Island medians. A lot of red flags on them and a lot of activity. Are they operating? Paula Hudson advised that she would contact Amy Allen, Public Works Parks and Recreation and get the story and status.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm. Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jim Simpson, Secretary

NOTES FROM DAVE HANCOCK ON THE STATUS OF THE NO WAKE ZONE AND THE BRIDGE TO BRIDGE PATHWAY

No Wake Zone: The Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) is in the process of sending a report with recommendations to Okaloosa County and the city of FWB. Scheduled to come out in June. Note that the increased access by kayakers and paddle boarders on the Okaloosa island side of the sound will put more pressure on FWC to act on extending the zone.



Bridge to Bridge Pathway: Talked to Dave Petrey, the county engineer assigned to this project, last Thursday. The bridge to Bridge Pathway is still under discussion by Eglin's RC3 committee. Here are some areas of concern:

- Still debating north side vs. the south side. Some think the north side will be better for the Eglin mission; other like the south side because it is easier to build.
- A couple of committee members are concerned that a south side pathway will become a parking lot for beach access. Don't understand this as there are only a few opening in the barb wire fence for beach access now.





ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MAY 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>
May 3	31	B-2	VIP Pools & Spas 216 Angler Ave, Unit 14 Jacob Shankland	Occupational License (Pool Services)	Yes
May 3	410	7	Sarah Cumbie 75 Starfish Ave	Fence Construction	Yes
May 10	220	5	Beth Jeter 521 Dory Ave	Building Addition to Existing Building	Yes
May 10	70	3	Soundside Lofts Bonita Townhouses 340 Bluefish Ave	Construct Retaining Wall	Yes
May 10	47-48	3	Island Gardens 304 Barracuda Ave	Balcony Addition to Existing to Existing Structure	Yes
May 17	79	3	Soundside Lofts Townhomes 340 Bluefish Ave	Construct Pool & Pool House	Yes

Wuzzle Puzzle Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



WAY OVER PRICED

Wuzzle No. 2



UP FOR GRABS

Wuzzle No. 3



SCRAMBLED EGGS

Wuzzle No. 4



SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW