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JUNE 10, 2019 MEETING

TIME: 7:00 PM

**LOCATION: CONFERENCE ROOM -
HOLIDAY INN RESORT – 1299 MIRACLE
STRIP PWKY (HAS THE BIG BEACH BALL ON TOP)**

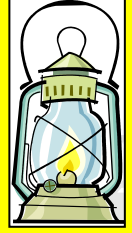
**Located Gulf Side on Okaloosa island
between the Four Point Sheraton & the
Hilton Garden Inn.**





The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND
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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, June 10, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Holiday Inn Resort, 1299 Miracle Strip Pkwy ((HAS THE BIG BEACH BALL ON TOP). LOCATED GULF-SIDE BETWEEN THE FOUR POINT SHERATON & THE HILTON GARDEN INN.

I. Call to Order Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PROTOCOL FOR COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS FOR THE ELECTION OF SIX OILA BOARD MEMBERS
- President David Hancock

II. ROLL CALL

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

IV. MINUTES: Copy of the draft May 2019 minutes printed in this newsletter.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT
June 10, 2019 Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. May 2019 Architectural Report (printed in the June 2019 OIL Lantern)
- B. Membership: - Jim Simpson
- C. WebSite: Bob Seitz
- D. Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson
- E. Beautification Committee

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Installation of New Board of Directors Members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association President's Report- Dave Hancock

We have an important meeting on June 10 - the election of the OILA Board of Directors for 2019-2020. Have Only two requests - everyone vote and everyone follow the rules. Let's have a fair election.

As the outgoing Leaseholders president thought it would be an appropriate time to look at achievements. Here is what has been accomplished by the Leaseholders: over the last few years:

- ◆ Remember how Okaloosa Island used to always flood after every rainstorm and was impassable?. The leaseholders worked with Okaloosa County public works to get drainage ditches/swales dug on the south side of Santa Rosa Boulevard which has eliminated the problem
- ◆ Three beach access ways on the south side Santa Rosa Boulevard were eyesores - a vacant dirt lot with Porta Potties. Working closely with our county commissioner new ADA accessible facilities featuring a picnic area, restroom and changing facilities, walkway, and a paved lot were opened in 2018. The cost of these was over \$2 million which was secured by an extensive lobby campaign.
- ◆ Going back 4 years the leaseholders began the process for the construction of a multi use pathway to be built next to US 98 from Fort Walton Beach to Destin. So far the Leaseholders have secured \$120,000 for a preliminary design study which was by USAF for preliminary approval. That approval was obtained and now the final environmental study is at a cost of \$160,000 is in progress which is the final approval hurdle by the USAF. Besides being great for residents and visitors alike, the Bridge to Bridge Pathway its vital or safety.
- ◆ Three years ago Christmas decorations were put on Santa Rosa Boulevard and a decoration contest we for residents and business. This had grown exponentially every year; I totally underestimated the response to this initiative. It's the leaseholders who have brought this Christmas cheer to Okaloosa Island.
- ◆ Hope everyone remember the intolerable situation last summer with Beach chair vendors on Okaloosa Island - they were rude, unfriendly and in many cases would not let the public put their beach chairs, umbrellas, etc. on Public Property. Okaloosa County held a series of public hearings on what to do; the word was spread to the Leaseholders and at every hearing we were the largest represented group. At the first one over 15 Leaseholders were there to voice their concerns. Now this situation has been turned as Okaloosa County has deputies patrolling the beach to enforce the penalties that were levied by the county commissioner

NOW HERE IS WHAT IS IN THE PIPELINE:

- ◆ A project is underway to add trees to the median on Santa Rosa Boulevard which will be a mixture of Sabal Palm and crepe Myrtle to add color. The Leaseholders have partnered with Okaloosa County Public Works to get this done. The leaseholders will fund the trees, Public works will provide the project manage, and best of all Public works will do the pruning.
- ◆ Last year the leaseholders asked Okaloosa County Public Works to add crosswalk on Santa Rosa Boulevard. With the new beach access way improvements thee crosswalks were need to insure safety of the increased pedestrian traffic. This project is underway the county has begun to spend the \$220,000 for design and construction.
- ◆ Several years ago the Leaseholders requested Okaloosa County to upgrade Santa Rosa Boulevard with improvements like pedestrian paths. Santa Rosa has hordes of pedestrian many walking or riding in the roadway so this is a necessary improvement. Starting late this year Okaloosa County Public works will begin the design of these improvements which will be done in conjunction with the resurfacing on Santa Rosa Boulevard; the county has invited the Leaseholders to provide input for this project.

These accomplishments and plans would never have happened without the interest and hard work of the Leaseholders members. Lets continue working together to continue the progress.

And above all Vote!

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MAY 2019: 1.4 INCHES

May 4.....**0.2** inches
 May 5.....**0.5** inches
 May 12...**0.7** inches



Avg Rainfall for May.....**4.0** inches
 Variance to Avg Rainfall for May - **2.60** 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.....**107.0°F** (1980)
 July Record Low**55 ° F** (1967)
 July Avg Water Temperature.....**83° F**

Year to Date to Variance - **13.5** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall..... **13.5** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall **65.1** inches

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB UPDATE – Paula Hudson, Vice President

We ended this year with a wonderful luncheon at the Bomar House, we were sad to learn that this will be our last luncheon in her lovely gardens as she is planning a move to Nashville. New officers were installed by Bunny Stephens; President Paula Hudson, Vice President Marty Houston, Secretary Carmen Parker and Treasurer Kathy Foster.

The Island Garden Club is taking a rest while we all try to stay cool and keep our yards and flowers from burning up with the summer heat. Monthly meetings will resume the second Wednesday in September, we have an exciting year planned. Anyone interested in gardening on the island is welcome to attend.

There has been some concern about fill dirt being brought onto the island. After discussions with Public Works we found out that you do not need a permit HOWEVER the county must be notified so that the fill can be tested for color and any bleeding possibility.

Another recent topic is storage sheds, I asked code enforcement about them and this is their reply:

“I do not know of any restrictions against having detached storage sheds on Okaloosa Island. I checked the covenants and restrictions and did not find any language stating that they are not allowed. However, anyone wanting to place a storage shed on their property on Okaloosa Island would have to follow the current process for any and all permits pertaining to the storage shed. The following is from County Code of Ordinance Appendix E, Chapter 2, Section 2.21.05 (7) which states:

“7. Storage sheds: Storage sheds are permitted in all zoning districts subject to the following restrictions:

- a. Storage sheds must be located inside or rear yards in any residential zoning district.
- b. Vehicles, recreational vehicles, manufactured homes, mobile homes or truck trailers shall not be used as storage sheds.”

A permit is not required for a storage shed that is 200 sq. ft. or less but they would still have to meet the setbacks and need authorization from the Architectural Review Committee.”

Hope everyone has a great summer enjoying our beautiful island.

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

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MAY 2019 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.**

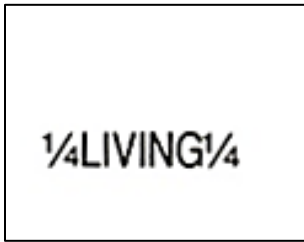


<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance and Approved?</u>
May 2	93	7	Suk Cannon 716 Sailfish Drive	Room Addition on the Back of the House	Yes
May 2	Convention Center	14	Convention Center - Empire Black Group	Paint Building	Yes
May 2	170	4	Tony Holland 434 Cardinal Ave	Install Pool	Yes
May 16	128	4	Joe Zuppa 401 Cobia Ave	Temporay Construction Trailer	Yes
May 23	23A	13	Mattie Gould 1328 Miracle Strip Pwky (PH1)	Occupational License for EHR Enterprises	Yes
May 30	4	12	Rex Walley 1215 Siebert Drive Cattywampus Aquatics	Set Permanent Building	Yes

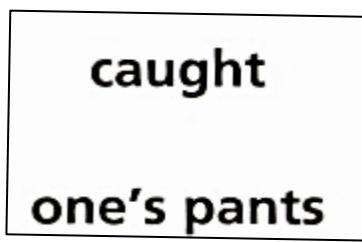
WUZZLE PUZZLES

- 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 page 6 of this newsletter.

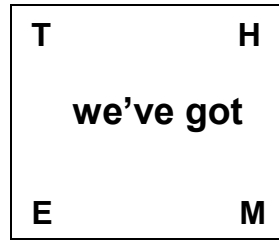
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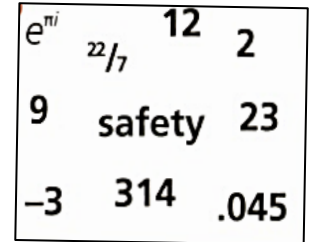
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Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association – Draft Minutes May 13, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Dave Hancock

Beth Jeter lead the Pledge

Roll of Board was called, those present were Dave Hancock, Paula Hudson, Dean Hanson, Nancy Hunt and Lynn Dominique. Absent: Dave Miller

Announcements: There was a discussion from several members suggesting that OILA request more money from TDD and request representation on the TDD Board. Dave Hancock stated that he would discuss this with Jennifer Adams at TDD.

Agenda:

Minutes: Rebecca Sherry made a motion to table approval of the minutes until the June meeting because they did not receive the OILA Lantern till 48 hours ago. John Donovan seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion was approved. She also requested that the January minutes be posted/distributed.

There was a discussion about locating a larger venue for meetings, Ed Henderson suggested that we contact a church. Kathy Foster 1st a motion to spend \$600 for the June meeting a 2nd was made by Martin Coats. Membership approved a relation with a budget of \$600

Treasurers Report and Membership Report Presented by Jim Simpson ([See Attachment 1](#)) A motion to approve report with reimbursements was made by Kathy Foster and 2nd by Mike Mitchell, passed

Architectural Report: In Newsletter

Website: Bob Seitz was absent, no report

MSBU- Paula Hudson provided report ([See attachment 2](#))

Alicia Wilson questioned why Gulf Power was charging her personally for at streetlight at 356 Billfish Unit 7. Paula advised possible the prior own had requested the additional light. Both are going to check. It was also mentioned the use of LED lighting. Paula advised we would have to pay for the replacement and LED lights maynot be turtle friendly.

It was suggested that TDD should pay for lighting on Okaloosa Island for the safety of tourist.

There was a discussion about the placement of trees along Santa Rosa Boulevard. Kathy Foster made a motion to approve up to \$25,000 for the beautification, Jonathon Bellio seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion was passed. Paula advised final drawing should be ready by June meeting. Beth Jeter made available the rough drawings for anyone interested.

Dave Hancock advised the planning for the improvement of Santa Rosa Boulevard should begin at the end of the year.

(Minutes contined on next page)

Derelict Property/Beautification: It was asked what can be done about unkept property. Paula Hudson advised that there is a link to the county's form on the OILA website under Complaint. You can fill it out and either mail it to OILA or send it to the county. She also advised that there would be an article from the Garden Club next month about the club's history, fill dirt and permitting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolutions submitted by David and Rebecca Sherry and John Donovan were reviewed (**see attachment 3** for the list of resolutions).

Number 1, Accepted

Number 2, Rejected

Number 3 will attempt to find a meeting place for June meeting. A motion to spend \$600 for the meeting place was made to Kathy Foster and seconded by Martin Coates, passed

Number 4, A membership list of names only will be given to any member in good standing that requests a list, approved. There are accommodations in the By-Laws for voting at the June meeting along with voting by mail., approved. Martin Coates made the motion and David Miller seconded.

Number 5, Rejected

Nominating Committee: Recommendation for board vacancies: Kathy Foster, Jim Simpson, John Bellio, Jay Odom, Beth Jeter and Johnny Smith

Floor was opened for nominations; the following names were submitted and were accepted: David Sherry, John Donovan, Rick Decket, Ed Henderson, Brick Bradford and Jack Pous

Mike Mitchel made a motion to close nominations, 2nd by Paula Hudson

The Board will decide among themselves who will serve the 2-1 year terms

Adjourned 8:10 pm - 1st Mike Mitchell 2nd Martin Coates

Attachment 1:

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 13, 2019

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 289

April 8, 2019 TOTAL BALANCE: \$26,810.34

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF April 8, 2019.....	\$	25,367.08
RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:	Dues:	76.00
	Mail:	<u>11.50</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 187.50

EXPENDIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:..... No Expenditures

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the May 2019 OIL Lantern	\$	24.75
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TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT.....	\$	24.75
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ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF May 13, 2019	\$	25,529.83
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BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF April 8, 2019.....	\$	1,421.28
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BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF May 13, 2019.....	\$	1,421.28
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CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS of April 8, 2019....	\$	21.98
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CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....No Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF May 13, 2019	\$	21.98
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SUMMARY: May 13, 2019 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.	\$	25,529.83
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-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$	1,421.28
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-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$	<u>21.98</u>
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TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....	\$	26,973.09
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Attachment 2:

MSBU – Street Lighting Report (Paul Hudson)

REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT 1602 ISLAND MSBU, May 9, 2019 for February, March & April

Expenditures

Electrical Services: \$ 2,339.78	2018 Fund Balance.....\$270,516.41
Streetlights: \$ 7,518.23	YTD Estimated Fund Balance...\$272,387.81
Billing..... \$ 1,408.74	
	YTD Change.... \$ <u>1,871.40</u>
Total Expenses.....\$11,266.75	
Total Revenue\$14,082.35	
Total Change.... <u>\$ 2,185.60</u>	

Attachment 3: Five Resolutions submitted for discussion and vote at the May 13, 2019 OILA Membership Meeting: Results of votes on the resolutions listed under May 13 New Business published in this newsletter

First Resolution: It is resolved, that there are six Directorships up for election at the June 2019 OILA Membership Meeting, as follows:

- 1) Dean Hanson (three year term expiring Directorship), one new director to be elected for a three year term.
- 2) Lynn Dominique (three year term expiring Directorship), one new director to be elected to a three year term.
- 3) Nancy Hunt (three year term expiring Directorship), one new director to be elected to a three year term.
- 4) Paula Hudson (elected by the Directors to fill a vacancy during the 2018 year, which vacancy was a three year term Directorship expiring in 2019), one new director to be elected to a three year term.
- 5) David Hancock (elected by the Directors to fill a vacancy during the 2018 year, can hold office only until the 2019 election), one new director to be elected to a one year term.
- 6) Glenn McRae (resigning in 2019 with 1 year remaining on his term), one new director to be elected to a one year term.

Second Resolution: It is resolved, that the June Meeting Date be set on Monday, June 24, 2019, in order to allow time for the completion of an Absentee Ballot Director Voting Procedure in the event there are more nominations for proposed new Directors than there are Director positions open for Election to the OILA Board.

Third Resolution: It is resolved, that the venue for the June 24, 2019 Director Election Meeting be relocated to a facility with sufficient room for 75 Members to comfortably sit, so that the June 2019 OILA Director Election can be conducted in an orderly manner.

Fourth Resolution: It is resolved, that the OILA Treasurer submit the Membership Roster to Interested Members as defined in the Fifth Resolution, for inspection and copying at or immediately after the May 13 OILA Meeting, in order to facilitate an orderly Absentee Ballot Director Election Procedure in the event that Procedure becomes necessary because there are more nominated candidates for Directors of OILA than there are open Directorships available.

Fifth Resolution: It is resolved, that the work necessary to promptly generate "provisions [that must be] made for the absentee voting by members who cannot attend the election", be immediately commenced in order to facilitate an orderly Absentee Ballot Director Election Procedure, in the event that Procedure becomes necessary because there are more nominated candidates for Directors of OILA than there are open Directorships available, specifically with the participation of "Interested Members" defined as follows: "All existing Directors and Officers who wish to participate, and all nominees for new Directorships who wish to participate, in the prompt development and execution of such provisions."

Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



Living in Close Quarters

Wuzzle No. 2



Caught With One's Pants Down.

Wuzzle No. 3



We've Got Them Cornered

Wuzzle No. 4



Safety in Numbers

PodCasting Our Meetings

By Bob Seitz, OILA Web-Wizard



For several years the OILA monthly meetings have been recorded and then posted on the OILA website. The meetings are recorded on a PC Laptop with the resulting file being converted to an “MP3” file which is a standard type of audio file. The MP3 file is then loaded onto the website where it can be played through a browser or player or downloaded and saved. This works well for desktop PCs and Laptops. Several members have noted that this does not work for phones, pads, and tablets. These members would like to have the ability to listen to the recording on these devices. A solution has been found using **SoundCloud**.

SoundCloud is an online audio distribution platform and music sharing website based in Berlin, Germany that enables its users to upload, promote, and share audio. **SoundCloud** is a subscription based service that charges a monthly fee. There is a FREE service but it is very limited. The regular service is \$12 per month and is billed yearly. This allows for unlimited uploading of files.

The audio files for the May 2019 meeting have been uploaded to **SoundCloud** and are available on the OILA website. Navigate to the PodCasts page on the website. You will see the usual MP3 file along with a **SoundCloud** file. Click on the blue play button to listen. Members are encouraged to listen on phones, pads, and tablets. A discussion of **SoundCloud** will be scheduled for the June meeting.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - JUNE

June 2, 1997: Timothy McVeigh, a former U.S. Army soldier, is convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role in the 1995 terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

June 6, 1944: On the morning of June 5, 1944, U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe gave the go-ahead for Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious military operation in history. On his orders, 6,000 landing craft, ships and other vessels carrying 176,000 troops began to leave England for the trip to France. That night, 822 aircraft filled with parachutists headed for drop zones in Normandy. An additional 13,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion. (*Editor's note: My mother's oldest brother, Bud, landed on Omaha Beach. He survived the war*)

June 12, 1942: On this day, Anne Frank, a young Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, receives a diary for her 13th birthday. A month later, she and her family went into hiding from the Nazis in rooms behind her father's office. For two years, the Franks and four other families were hid, fed and cared for by Gentile friends.

June 27, 1950: President Harry S. Truman announces that he is ordering U.S. air and naval forces to South Korea to aid the democratic nation in repulsing an invasion by communist North Korea. (*Editor's note: My mother's youngest brother, Bill, was KIA in Korea on Sept 18, 1951. He was 18 years old*)

June 29, 2003: Katharine Hepburn—a four-time Academy Award winner for Best Actress and one of the greatest screen legends of Hollywood's golden era—dies of natural causes at the age of 96, at her home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS



by **Phil Metz**,
Okaloosa Island
Fire Department
Medical Division
Officer/Inspector



On Wednesday, May 15 the Okaloosa MedFlight helicopter landed in front of Okaloosa Island Fire District Station 4 on Santa Rosa Boulevard. Normally when you see this helicopter land on the island they are there to pick up and transport a critical patient quickly to a trauma center or specialty care hospital.

This was not the case this time; the helicopter was here to celebrate National EMS Week and thank the local emergency crews for their important work and efforts.

Okaloosa MedFlight is the area's closest medical helicopter, based in Niceville next to Twin Cities Hospital. Their service can be requested by fire crews and EMS crews, as well as from local hospitals when a critical patient needs to get to a hospital that provides a higher level of care. Once requested, the helicopter can be on scene in a matter of minutes.

The helicopter is staffed with a pilot, a critical care flight nurse and a critical care paramedic. The medical crews are trained in many advanced procedures and carry the equipment and medications necessary to provide this advanced care. They also work hand in hand with local emergency crews, like the firefighter paramedics at Okaloosa Island Fire, in a coordinated effort to provide the best medical care possible. The service they provide is very important to the residents and visitors to Okaloosa County, as well as many areas adjacent to the county.

