

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



P.O. Box 4323
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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, **November 11, 2019.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR OILA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020. RENEWAL NOTICES WERE SENT OUT ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT 850.585.2116 OR BY EMAIL AT:

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UNCLE OILA SAYS OKALOOSA ISLAND NEEDS

YOU!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



The OIL Lantern

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November 2019 Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, November 11, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m. **PLACE:**
Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Board Members: **David Sherry**

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Draft October 14, 2019, Members Meeting Minutes (Copy of draft published in this newsletter). - **John Donovan**

IV. Treasurer's Report: **Jim Simpson**
1. Membership Report
2. Treasurer's Report for November 2019
3. Treasurer's Reimbursement & Approval
4. Status of Membership Renewal Drive for 2019-2020

V. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Architectural Review Committee (Oct 2019 Report printed in this newsletter) **Mike Mitchell**
2. OILA website: **Bob Seitz**

VI. New and Unfinished Business:

1. **Brick Bradford** – OILA Membership Drive.
2. **Dave Hancock** – OILA's role in County replacement of trees in the Santa Rosa Blvd median that were destroyed in traffic incidents
3. **Jim Simpson** – The December 9, 2019 Membership Meeting.

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

VIII. Adjournment

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Sherry



FDOT's latest timeline for Brooks Bridge replacement shows construction will begin November 1, 2022, with completion in the Fall of 2026. FDOT plans to host charrettes regarding aesthetics in the summer of 2020.

Okaloosa County is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the bridge-to-bridge multi-use pathway (aka "the bike path") across Okaloosa Island between Fort Walton Beach and Destin. The Air Force is seeking advance public comment regarding the project's potential to impact wetlands and floodplains, and potential alternatives. Public comments to the Air Force must be submitted by November 29, 2019 to Mr. Mike Spaits at michael.spaits@us.af.mil. The public will also have an opportunity to comment when the EA is released.

Okaloosa County Commissioners are voting November 5 on whether to approve submitting a grant application for additional sand fencing and sea oat planting on Okaloosa Island, from El Matador to Beasley Park. The grant application is for \$60,000, and would be 1:1 matching funds.

Reminder: The County's beach vendor ordinance workshop is scheduled for 1:30 – 4:00 PM November 12 in the south county annex, 1250 N. Eglin Pkwy., Shalimar, FL 32579. Public comments, normally limited to three minutes per person, are welcome. The beach vendor ordinance, 19-03, was revised February 19, 2019 and includes restrictions on beach activities by the public, as well as by beach vendor services (umbrella and chair setups, etc.) and wedding vendors, on Okaloosa Island public beaches.

The holidays are approaching, and OILA's Christmas decorations will be going up soon. In preparation, OILA members voted at the last meeting to provide \$500 for additional supplies. Per OILA request, Okaloosa County upgraded the electrical circuit at the welcome triangle to help keep the Christmas lights from going out when it rains. Our thanks to the volunteers who make the Christmas decorations a success each year.

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:



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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – NOVEMBER

In the original Roman calendar, **November** was the ninth month of the year. It got its name from the Latin word "novem" which means nine. However, it became the 11th month when the Romans added in January and February o the start of the year.



Nov 3, 1913: The first American citizens receive information over the new national income tax. A married man living with his wife, who is in receipt of an income of \$5,000 pays \$10 a year and if his income is \$10,000 he pays \$60 per year.

Nov 4, 1924 Nellie Ross of Wyoming becomes the first woman governor in the US

Nov 8, 1895 Wilhelm Rontgen discovers x-rays when experimenting with electricity

Nov 13, 1933 Strong winds strip the topsoil from the drought affected farms of South Dakota and within two days, dust from the storm had reached all the way to Albany, New York.

Nov 18, 1966: U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays.

Nov 19, 1863: President Abraham Lincoln delivers the Gettysburg Address.



Nov 21, 1980: Millions of TV viewers tune in to watch the start of the new series of Dallas and find out " Who Shot JR"

Nov 23, 1964: On this day in 1964, Dr. Michael DeBakey and his team performed the world's first successful coronary artery bypass graft surgery in Houston.

Nov 30, 1782: The United States and Great Britain sign a peace treaty in Paris, formally ending the Revolutionary War

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR OCT 2019: 6.2 INCHES

- Oct 14...**0.5** inches
- Oct 16...**0.4** inches
- Oct 18...**0.7** inches
- Oct 19...**0.6** inches
- Oct 21 ...**0.9** inches
- Oct 26... **0.2** inches
- Oct 29....**0.6** inches
- Oct 30....**2.3** inches



October Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches
Variance to Average... **+ 1.9** inches

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

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

YTD Variance **- 10.4** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**29.3** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

EVER WONDER WHY?

-- dimes, quarters, and half-dollars have notched (serrated) edges, while pennies and nickels do not?



Quarter with a notched, serrated edge



Nickel without a notched, serrated edge

The U.S. Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders of such coins from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Before coins were notched, shaving was a common practice, and at one point the problem was so bad that merchants refused to accept coins without first weighing them to determine their true value. Notching the coins corrected the problem since any attempt to shave a notched coin could be easily detected.

Dimes, quarters, and half-dollars are notched because they contain silver. There is no need to notch pennies and nickels since the metals -they contain are not valuable enough to make shaving worth the effort.



MUSICAL 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



FLORAL DESIGNER KIRBY HOLT WILL SPEAK TO THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB AT THEIR NOV 13 MEETING. GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. THE COST OF THE PROGRAM IS \$40.

The Island Garden Club is in for a treat and so are YOU! Nationally recognized floral designer Kirby Holt of Blossoms Florist in Chipley is the featured speaker on November 13. Along with all materials needed to create a fall wreath or centerpiece, Kirby will share designer tips, techniques, and secrets for decorating your home for the upcoming holidays. Please RSVP to Kathy Foster (244-4490 fosterpk@gnt.net) or Paula Hudson (pnh2859@aol.com) if you would like to participate. As always, guests are welcome to attend. The cost of the program is \$40.

Socializing begins at 9:30 and the meeting starts promptly at 10:00 at the El Matador downstairs meeting room.



**TRIVIA SIDE BAR
THE BEST OF OXYMORONS**

Half Dead	Industrial Park
Even Odds	Active Reserves
Original Copy	Criminal Justice
Jumbo Shrimp	Loyal Opposition
Open Secret	Natural Additives
Tax Return	Student Teacher
Good Grief	Limited Immunity
Random Order	Protective Custody
Baby Grand	Industrial Park
Friendly Fire	Full-Price Discount
Pretty Ugly	Genine Imitation
Drag Race	Mandatory Option
Freezer Burn	Light Heavyweight



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 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. 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 3	7	434-443	Islander Condos/Dave 790 Santa Rosa Blvd	Paint Exterior of Building (Gray & Blue)	Yes
Oct 10	9	546	Vicki Hutton 910 Santa Rosa Blvd	Transform Two Houses Into Bread & Breakfast Usage	No
Oct 17	8	474	Tina Hart 817 Tarpon	Repair & Replace Sea Wall	Yes
Oct 24	3	97	Hart Const 354 Sailfish	Replace Existing Deck/Repair	Yes
Oct 24	14	Conference Center	Florida RV Trade Association	“The Panhandle RV Show”	Yes

DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – OCTOBER 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by **President David Sherry**.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance led by **Jack Pous**.

II. ROLL: Board Members Present: **David Sherry (President), Rick Deckert (Vice President), John Donovan (Secretary), Jim Simpson (Treasurer), Brick Bradford, David Miller**.

III. MINUTES: Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Sherry, to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as drafted with one clarification. The draft September Treasurer's Report in the October OIL Lantern states, "Based on the one member per household policy, refunds were made." Per the OILA By-Laws, there is one vote per person, regardless of the number of properties owned. See April 8, 2019 approved minutes. "The consensus was that if a husband and wife own two or more Okaloosa Island properties and pay two membership dues, each is eligible to vote." Motion was approved with two dissents.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Jim Simpson (**See Attachment 1**). Jim Simpson reported a membership of 306 members. A motion to approve reimbursements to Jim Simpson was made by Michelle Seitz, seconded by Paula Hudson. Motion was approved.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

Architectural Report: No report other than as set forth in the OIL Lantern.

Website: Bob Seitz reported he followed up on a suggestion from the September meeting to use YouTube to host membership meeting podcasts for free instead of obtaining a paid membership of SoundCloud. Audio recordings of the May, June, and September 2019 meetings are available via the OILA website.

Ad Hoc Committees

President David Sherry stated for future meetings if an ad hoc committee has items to report at the next meeting, the committee chairman should advise Jim Simpson and David Sherry two weeks prior to the meeting for inclusion on the agenda.

Welcome Wagon: No report.

Derelict Property: No report. A discussion ensued regarding the detached garage at 514 Dory. President Sherry gave an update from his discussion with Elliot Kampert, Director of Growth Management for Okaloosa County and noted this had been discussed at length at the September 9 OILA meeting.

Median Beautification: No report.

Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson stated she requests audit reports from Okaloosa County. She advised she has had phone calls, but no e-mails, regarding possibly at least six property addresses not yet blended into the MSBU rolls. John Donovan requested the audit reports be e-mailed to him for review.

Flag Ladies: No report.

Christmas Decorations: No report.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

1. Secretary John Donovan made a motion to rename the Derelict Property Committee the "Protective Covenant Enforcement Committee". David Miller, of the Derelict Property Committee, stated there had been a lack of volunteers willing to work on complaints received. John Donovan volunteered to handle covenant violation complaints coming to the Derelict Property Committee and withdrew his motion.

2. Following a brief discussion and recap of current inventory by chair Nancy Hunt, Paula Hudson made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson, to spend up to \$500 for Christmas decorations. Motion was approved.

3. Secretary John Donovan made a motion that David Hancock, Past President of OILA, deliver all official OILA files and records in his possession, electronic or otherwise, to the OILA Secretary to assure complete OILA records for this administration and future administrations, and further as a basis for continuing rational pursuit of current projects in process. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Sherry.

Secretary John Donovan stated old OILA records are well kept. However, there are no records from 2017 forward except for a single page 2019 vote tally and OIL Lanterns. Past President Dave Hancock acknowledged he has hundreds and hundreds of OILA related emails, and stated these records are his private property under Florida law. He does not have time to search, and will not turn over e-mails. He does not want his records to be misconstrued. He said all bike path records are gone.

President David Sherry said the 2019 OILA June election records are missing. Past Vice-President / Secretary Paula Hudson stated she placed them in the OILA files in June. The records were missing when the new board obtained access in August. Paula Hudson offered to help find the election records she left in the file room and print some of her e-mails.

Director Dave Miller said he has no records. President David Sherry said all OILA e-mails with OILA title are OILA records. Director Brick Bradford said as officers of an entity we have a record keeping responsibility. Nancy Hunt recommended Dave Hancock use an electronic search for ease of file production. Jack Pous said there is a fiduciary responsibility for officers to

Continuation of Draft October 14, 2019 Minutes

maintain records for historical continuity. The motion passed with 4 dissents.

4. Paula Hudson made a motion, whereas the Island Garden Club has the knowledge and the experience to oversee the beautification of the Santa Rosa medians with new landscaping, I propose that oversight be given to them to work with everyone involved with the 2019-2020 installation of trees, lighting and irrigation.

Several board members asked for project documentation. A multi-page photo with proposed plant locations was recently e-mailed to the board, but it is out of date as some trees shown have been removed. Secretary John Donovan asked for a site plan and a scope of work. None present were aware of any available records.

No one knew if Okaloosa County would be amenable to formally designating a certain amount of Okaloosa Island Street Lighting MSBU funds as "Excess Funds", a requirement before OILA is permitted to access these funds.

Nancy Hunt, Mary Walton and Rebecca Sherry supported asking the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council ("TDC") for funding. Okaloosa Island is within the TDC taxing district, and the TDC has funded similar projects for others. Paula Hudson said no one had asked the TDC. Connie Herring stated she would rather raise OILA member dues from \$12 to \$100 a year instead of asking the TDC for funds for this project. David Sherry praised Bob Seitz for his cost effective approach for audio recording meetings, and asked for a similar approach to the median plantings.

An addition amending the above motion was made by Rick Deckert, and seconded by Paula Hudson, adding: the Island Garden Club will obtain three bids for Santa Rosa Boulevard median plantings, then OILA will go to the TDC for funding, and if the TDC will not provide funding then OILA will go to Okaloosa County. The revised motion was approved.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Matt Barbour asked who to contact to remove tent frames abandoned next to beach trash cans. Rebecca Sherry recommended he contact Okaloosa County Public Works Director Jason Autrey. Paula Hudson stated a derelict boat was in the Santa Rosa Sound in front of Presidio condominium.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM (Motion by Rebecca Sherry, seconded by Tom Wilson and passed)

Attachment 1: DRAFT TREASURER'S REPORT: October 14, 2019

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 306

September 9, 2019 TOTAL BALANCE: \$24,670.17

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 9, 2019.....\$ 23,226.91

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership dues \$ 1,992.00
 U.S. Mail \$ 216.00
 Donations \$ 222.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS....\$ 2,430.00

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

1. Reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of envelopes (**\$40.23**) and mailing labels (**\$18.39**) for sending out the notices for the 2019-2020 membership dues renewal.....\$ 58.62
 2. Reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of stamps to mail out membership renewal notices and for stamped, return address payment envelopes.....\$ 235.40
 3. Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the October 2019 OIL Lantern\$ 27.50
TOTAL OF EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT \$ 321.52

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, & EXPENSES

PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF Oct 14, 2019 \$ 25,656.91

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 9, 2019..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Oct 14, 2019..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS of Sept 9, 2019.....\$ 21.98

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF Oct 14, 2019\$ 21.98

SUMMARY: October 14, 2019 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 25,656.91
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations)..... \$ 21.98

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 27,100.85

OKALOOSA ISLAND BLOOD DRIVE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

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DONATED



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

Date: Friday, December 13, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ID Required



Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



♪ There'll be **Pie in the Sky**
By and by when I die
And it'll be alright, it'll be
alright ♪



Wuzzle No. 2



♪ Like a **Bridge Over
Troubled Waters** I will
lay me down ♪

Wuzzle No. 3



♪ When you **Wish
Upon a Star** Makes no
difference who you are
Anything your heart
desires will come to
you ♪

Wuzzle No. 4



♪ **A Drop in the Ocean**
A change in the weather
I was praying that you and
me might end up together.
It's like wishing for rain as
I stand in the desert
But I'm holding you closer
than most 'Cause you are
my heaven. ♪