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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

For the safety of our members and to comply with CDC and the State of Florida guidelines, our May meeting will be held on **Monday, May 10, 2021** starting at **7 pm over the internet by Zoom**. In a few days OILA members will receive a meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the meeting.

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Officials commended lifeguard **Zander Angelovic (who is also an Okaloosa Island Firefighter)** for helping rescue a man from the Gulf of Mexico on Monday evening March 29. From left, South Walton Fire District Fire Chief Ryan Crawford, **Zander Angelovic**, Beach Safety Director David Vaughan and EMS Chief Tim Orenic. Read details of Zander's rescue in this newsletter.



The OIL Lantern

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – DAVID SHERRY

Happy Mothers Day - Take time this week to remember your mother or a special woman in your life.

Growing the Beach on Okaloosa Island Using Temporary Groins – This Fall Okaloosa County will test a temporary groin system at two locations on Okaloosa Island and one location in Destin. The purpose of the groins is to accumulate sand on the beach, growing the beach by extending the shoreline seaward as sand accumulates around the groins. The County's vendor for the project, NuShore, has been deploying temporary groin systems since the year 2000.



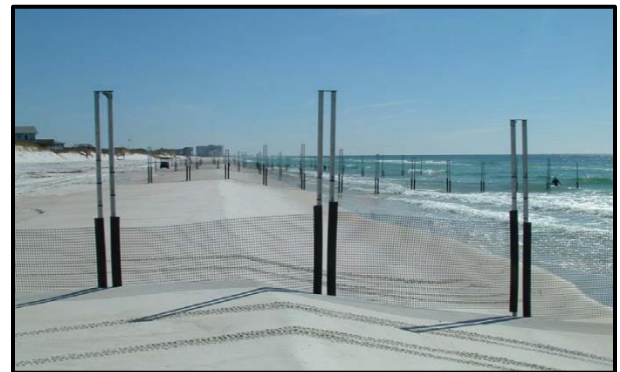
The advantages of temporary groins over traditional beach restoration are: 1) Higher quality sand on the beach; 2) Lower cost; 3) Predictable deployment dates and therefore predictable impacts on tourism. The start and end dates of traditional beach restoration can be delayed significantly due to dredge availability and delays on prior jobs, equipment failures, turtle takes, and other circumstances; and, 4) The temporary groin poles and mesh can be stored and re-used in following years, further lowering the cost.

The two Okaloosa Island groin field locations are a 3,000 foot section of beach east of the Okaloosa Island fishing pier, and a roughly 1,500 foot section around the 3rd to the 4th beach freeways.

The temporary groins will be installed in early November, starting as soon as November 1, 2021 and they will be removed in early March, 2022, timed to avoid Spring Break tourist season. The County will take extensive beach profile data, both inside and outside of the groin field areas, to measure any impact of the groins both inside and outside the groin fields, and to measure the durability of the added beach. The cost of the groin project and data collection will be paid with Okaloosa County bed tax (Tourist Development Department funds). The County has applied for a grant that could pay up to one-half of the cost.

Groins are structures that extend from the shore into the water, perpendicular to the shoreline. Traditional groins are solid permanent structures typically constructed with large rocks (like the East Pass jetties) or wooden walls secured by pilings. They are impermeable, or nearly so, blocking the flow of sand downshore, accumulating sand on the updrift side of the groin while starving the downdrift side.

Conversely, the NuShore temporary groins are not solid. They are semi-permeable, made of mesh or screen to negate or minimize downdrift impacts. According to the vendor, the sand accumulated near the semi-permeable groins comes from the offshore, rather than from starving the downshore. Each individual groin is 150 feet long and the individual groins are spaced 100 feet apart within the groin field. Each groin starts out mostly in the water. Because the beach grows seaward, as time passes, more of the groin ends up on land with less groin in the water. See the photo on the right of a NuShore temporary groin field.



Dune Planting Update – Dune planting and sand fencing have been further delayed due to Covid-19 related shortages. Planting cannot occur until the sand fence is in place. Although the County now has the sand fencing and poles, it cannot hire contractors/labor to properly install the sand fence. The County cannot estimate the sand fence installation date or the dune planting start date at this time. We will alert the dune planting volunteers as soon as we get more information from Okaloosa County. If you would like to volunteer to help plant sea oats and panic grass on the dunes on Okaloosa Island please contact OILA President David Sherry. If you have a location preference for where you want to plant, please include that information.

As with the beach clean-ups, volunteers will need to sign a liability waiver. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

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MAY 2021 OILA Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, May 10, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual meeting via Zoom
Call to Order / Zoom Meeting
Protocols

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Board Members:

David Sherry

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: John Donovan

- April 12, 2021 membership meeting minutes (draft). Printed in this newsletter.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

- Membership report.

- Treasurer's Report for May 10, 2021

- Treasurer's Reimbursement and Approval.

V. Standing Committee Reports:

- Architectural Review Committee April 2021 report (printed in this newsletter)

VI. New and Unfinished Business:

- Potential Guest Speaker for the June, 2021 Membership Meeting

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

VII. Adjournment

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

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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WEBPAGE: WWW.OILAWEB.COM**

-- OR

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ISLAND RAINFALL

April 2021 Rainfall: 7.1 Inches



April 8..... 0.6 inches	April 16... 0.5 inches
April 9..... 1.4 inches	April 17... 1.3 inches
April 10..... 2.0 inches	April 18... 0.2 inches
April 14..... 0.1 inches	
April 15..... 1.0 inches	

April Avg Rainfall.....**3.7** inches
Variance to Average.....**+ 3.4** inches

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

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches
June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)
June Record Low **48° F** (1984)
June Avg Water Temperature...**81° F**

YTD Variance **+ 0.5** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**20.0** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches



**DID YOU KNOW THAT
OKALOOSA ISLAND
HAS A WEATHER
REPORTING STATION?**

Would you believe that the Gulfarium on Okaloosa Island has a Personal Weather Station set-up? A Personal Weather Station is a set of weather measuring instruments operated by private entity. The Gulfarium posts past and current weather data on a website which is open to the public. Specific areas tracked are wind speed, wind direction, barometric pressure, rainfall, indoor and outdoor temperatures and humidity. Not only does the website provide current data, but also historical data. When it comes to "local island weather" information, you can't get more local than the Gulfarium. In fact, the rain fall data for the Island reported in the OIL Lantern is obtained from the Gulfarium PWS. You can access this website with the following key words:

okaloosa island gulfarium-kflfortw34

OKALOOSA ISLAND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE FIGHTER SAVES A MAN'S LIFE!

On Monday, March 29, while working as a Lifeguard at South Walton during his off day, Okaloosa Island



Engineer/Paramedic Zander R. Angelovic made a victim rescue near Tower 54 in Miramar Beach. The lifeless victim was found by Zander under water just offshore near the sandbar with 2 other individuals nearby treading water near the victim. Zander was then able to bring the victim from underwater on to his rescue board where he delivered a rescue breath. The rescue breath

proved effective when the victim began showing signs of breathing. After his return to shore, Zander enlisted the services of bystanders to continue aid while he directed further resources to the scene. Okaloosa Island Fire Department is very proud of the actions of Zander and would like to recognize him for his quick actions that directly resulted in the saving of a life.



Zander Angelovic

ABOUT THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB AND AN INVITATION TO THE MAY 12, 2021 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT MARLER PARK

The Island Garden Club was established in 1965 by early island residents in An effort to *beautify the island*. This purpose remains our goal today. When the island was first platted, the streets were called First, Second, Circle A, Circle B, etc. The Island Garden Club's first president, Regina Bogan, had the privilege of naming the streets (alphabetically) as they are known today.

Through the years we have formed great friendships while implementing plans that have improved the neighborhood. Projects such as:

- ✦ Hand weeding sand spurs from the medians. Removing overgrown shrubbery that blocked line of sight.
- ✦ Requesting and receiving a wider shoulder/bike path along the north side of the boulevard.
- ✦ Suggesting and receiving curbing at the east end medians.
- ✦ Development on Whelk Court of Sun Dial Park with plantings and benches
- ✦ Planting 61 sabal palms in the medians in cooperation with the business community, the Leaseholders, neighbors, and the Board of County Commissioners
- ✦ Worked with architects of Azure Condominium to create a meandering walking path.
- ✦ Purchased benches for seating along the boulevard and residential streets



These are just a few of our more noticeable endeavors. Monthly meetings are held September through May and annual dues are \$15.

You are invited to attend the May 12th installation luncheon at Marler Park at 11:00 under the pagoda by the play area. Catering by The Corner Café. Please contact Kathy Foster 950-244-4490 or fosterpk@gnt.net to make your reservation and payment of \$5.00.

For further information about the club please contact Paula Hudson at pnh2859@aol.com We are looking forward to welcoming you to the club, sharing next year's programs and the exciting planned changes on the island over the summer. Membership in the Garden Club is open to anyone interested in gardening. Island residency is not a requirement.

DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – APR 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by **President David Sherry** via Zoom due to Covid-19.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance led by **President David Sherry**.

II. ROLL: Board Members Present: **David Sherry (President), Rick Deckert (Vice President), John Donovan (Secretary), Brick Bradford, Ed Henderson, Jesse Hunt, Jack Pous**.

III. MINUTES: Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Vice President Rick Deckert, to approve the draft March 8, 2021 minutes (passed 11-0).

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by President David Sherry on behalf of Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). A motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Treasurer's report and to pay reimbursements was made by Secretary John Donovan, seconded by Director Ed Henderson (passed 11-0).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

Architectural Report: President David Sherry stated the ARC report is in the OIL Lantern, and that one application was approved in March to install a roof on the existing rear deck at Stewby's. He mentioned the ARC has been receiving complex and incomplete proposals very late, up to a few minutes prior to ARC meetings. President Sherry said the ARC recently adopted a procedure, included in the President's Report of this OIL Lantern, that requires submissions by noon Monday before a Thursday meeting. ARC member Brian Smith volunteered to draft a description of what is needed to provide the ARC a complete submission which could be posted on the OILA website. President Sherry welcomed Brian's proposal and thanked him for volunteering.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President Sherry stated sand fencing poles have arrived, and that sand fencing must be installed before volunteer dune planting. The planting will *tentatively* begin no sooner than Saturday, April 24. He thanked everyone who has volunteered, requested additional volunteers, and asked those interested in planting to contact him.
2. President Sherry reported the Okaloosa Island artificial reef installations are finished. There are reefs off Accessways 2, 4, 6 and Beasley Park on Okaloosa Island. Okaloosa County has some work to do installing Destin artificial reefs.
3. Director Brick Bradford inquired about the status of the group working on IT upgrades. Secretary John Donovan, a member of the group, said the group's next step is a Zoom meeting using a reduced scope.
4. Director Brick Bradford mentioned he has seen the Okaloosa Island Master Plan, but does not have a physical copy. Secretary John Donovan will search county records in Crestview.
5. Director Ed Henderson suggested inviting Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel, or a county staff person, to speak at a future OILA meeting. Director Jack Pous suggested, and Secretary John Donovan concurred with inviting an Okaloosa county staff / technical person (Craig Coffey, Alex Fogg, Scott Bitterman, and Jason Autrey were suggested) prior to any county commissioner. There was a discussion of speaker options for future meetings. Director Brick Bradford suggested Commissioner Ketchel as a speaker. President David Sherry approved when Director Brick Bradford suggested Brick would submit a resolution to invite a speaker to be voted upon at the next membership meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM (motion by Rebecca Sherry, seconded by Director Brick Bradford) and passed 11-0.

John Donovan
OILA Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1: TREASURER'S REPORT: April 12, 2021

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 278

March 8, 2021 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 28,846.82

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF March 8, 2021..... \$ 26,611.49

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership dues \$ **26.00**
U.S. Mail... \$ **3.50**
Donation: Ms. Elvina Calland... \$ **23.00**
TOTAL RECEIPTS..... \$ 52.50

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

- Reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the April 2021 OIL Lantern.....\$ **27.50**
 (50 copies at 55 cents each)
 - Reimburse Jim Simpson for the payment of the 2021 Annual Report, State of Florida Not for Profit Filing\$ **61.50**
Total Expense Pending Approval for Payment ...\$ 89.00

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF April 12, 2021\$ 26,574.99

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF March 8, 2021..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF April 12, 2021..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF March 8, 2021 -.....\$ 814.05

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF April 12, 2021 \$ 814.05

SUMMARY: April 12, 2021 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ **26,574.99**
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ **1,421.28**
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ **814.05**

Respectfully submitted – Jim Simpson, Treasurer

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 28,810.32



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) REPORT FOR APRIL 2021 for permits submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Review Committee. **SPECIAL NOTICES:** 1) The ARC will meet the **1st** and **3rd** Thursdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. **The meetings are held via Zoom with in person meetings available as needed. You can reach the ARC at: OilaArc@yahoo.com.** 2) **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.**

<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance and Approved?</u>
421-A	7	742 Sailfish Drive	Attached garage addition.	Yes
	11	1251 Miracle Strip Pkwy Alvin's Island/Tropical Waves	New Alvin's Island sign to replace existing Tropical Waves sign.	Yes
	12	1219 Miracle Strip Pkwy Surf Style	New Surf Style sign to replace existing Surf Style sign.	Yes
153	4	425 Caviar Drive	New home construction.	Requires BCC approval for a 2-story house.