

**NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION**

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our September 2024 meeting will be held on **Monday, November 11, 2024** starting at 7 pm. For our November meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom. In a few days OILA members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the

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**NOVEMBER 11, 2024
VETERANS DAY**

**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11

**Let Us Never Forget the
Sacrifices Made by Our
Veterans in Protecting Our
Liberty and Our Freedom**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Brian Harrington



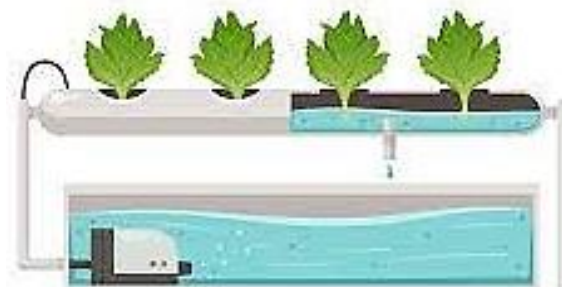
When folks ask me *“isn’t it unbearably hot humid in Florida all year?”* I simply nod and say *“pretty much.”* Of course we all know better than that. We’re currently enjoying the panhandle’s best-kept secret and my favorite time of year—which brings us cooler temperatures, lower humidity and light traffic. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the perfect weather and spend some quality time outdoors. Now is also a great time to get in that extra little bit of outdoor exercise as we prepare for the upcoming holidays.

This month brings the much-anticipated water main replacement project. OILA was able to help convince Okaloosa County’s Water and Sewer Department to start construction on Sailfish, Starfish, and Seahorse Avenues, as this area has suffered the most water breaks in recent years. This upgrade will improve water quality, quantity and fire protection by replacing our 60-year old infrastructure. The gravity sewer mains were also lined to reduce infiltration and improve long-term operation. The project is anticipated to continue in the single-family home zone through January of 2025. Be on the lookout for a letter from the water and sewer department informing you of progress and updates.

Also please keep a cautious eye for construction as the traffic pattern changes regularly near the Brooks Bridge. We should also soon be seeing construction for the new bike path along HWY 98 between the Brooks and Marler bridges. As these infrastructure improvements arise, the Board of Directors is always interested in hearing your ideas for enhancing the island as well as your concerns.

OILA—we’re stronger together.

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 9:30 a.m. – EL MATADOR CONDO



We’re excited to invite residents, visitors and friends to the Island Garden Club’s November 13 program... Hydroponics with **Indy McKnight**. This method is a perfect growing solution if you have limited gardening space, reside in a condo, or want fresh herbs, lettuce or microgreens during the winter months.

Join us at the El Matador Condominium, Wednesday, November 13th at 9:30 a.m. to socialize with the meeting promptly at 10:00 a.m. There’s a little lagniappe to first-time visitors. Hope to see you there.

Kathy Foster, President
Island Garden Club
fosterpk@gnt.net

November 2024 Meeting Agenda Date: Monday, Nov 11, 2024 Time: 7:00 p.m.

- I. PLACE: For our November 2024 meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call of Board Members: Brian Harrington, President
- IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Mark Waschak, Secretary Draft minutes, October 14, 2024 meeting (printed in this newsletter)
- V. Treasurer's Report - Jim Simpson, Treasurer
- VI. Standing Committee Reports: Brian Smith, ARC Chairman Architectural Review Committee Report for October 2024 (printed in this newsletter and for info only)
- VII. New Business
 - A. Water Main Progress
 - B. Reminder of Endangered Species on Okaloosa Island
 - C. Holiday Food Drive
 - D. Island Holiday DecorationsOld Business:
- VIII. Announcements, Speakers and Programs
- XI. Adjournment

OCTOBER 2024 RAINFALL
0.5 INCHES



October Avg Rainfall..... 0.5 inches
Variance to Average..... - 3.6 inches
Nov Avg Rainfall.....4.1 inches
November Record High89° F (1998)
November Record Low18° 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 - 6.7 inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....49.8 inches
Avg Annual Rainfall65.1 inches



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2024. The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received and reviewed the following building permits during the month of October and upon review and adherence to the OILA Covenants, has approved the following project(s):

Date	Lot(s)	Block	Owner/POC/Address	Description	In-Compliance & Approved
10/18			Emerald Isle Condo 770 Sundial Ct.- J. Coleman	Exterior Renovation	Yes

Special Notes: The OILA ARC instructions for your project are located on the OILA website:

<http://www.OILAweb.com/ArchitectureReview.html>

Please read and follow the instructions for submission of an OILA ARC application:

- OILA ARC review package:
 - Completed OILA ARC application,
 - Survey plat of the property,
 - Overlaid illustration of the project on a copy of the survey plat.
 - Other supporting documents* (drawings, plans, specifications, etc.) (*If these are large files, they can be submitted separately). (Combine the files into one file for submission to the ARC, either in MS Word or Adobe PDF format.)
- Email the completed ARC application file to the OILA ARC for review at OILAARC@yahoo.com.
The ARC applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and the review will be completed within 2 weeks of a completed application. (Note: The ARC no longer holds meetings in-person/zoom meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month).

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 5](#) of this newsletter.

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Wuzzle No. 1

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Give Get
Give Get
Give Get

Wuzzle No. 2

Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire Fire

Wuzzle No. 3

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TOAST

Wuzzle No. 4

2 1
4 3
6 6
8 9

Wuzzle No. 5

OCTOBER 19 PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUN-RAISER BIG SUCCESS!

-- by Kathy Foster

The **October 19 Pancake Breakfast Fun-Raiser** was a HUGE success because of the community participation. We truly appreciate the generosity of our neighbors and businesses that contributed monetary donations, supplies, and silent auction items. Folks were quite excited to purchase arm's length tickets to place in the fire hats hoping their ticket was pulled to win. Of course, we all looked for the tallest person with the longest arms. (smile)

We are especially grateful for the OIFD professional firefighters who set up the bay, prepared the batter, cooked the sausage and flipped the pancakes. They served an excellent breakfast. The chief was extremely supportive from the inception of this idea to raise funds to purchase a cold plunge for the station.

Donated gift items generated great interest and excitement. The children climbed in and out of the boat and truck, lassoed the steer, played games and had their faces painted. The atmosphere was exuberant. A neighbor family who planned to 'stop by' actually stayed and played for two hours.

These neighbors and businesses truly made a difference, and we are incredibly grateful for their support. Please consider supporting their business!

Paul Davis Property Restoration
Florida Tile & Wood Carpet
Island Watersports
Gulfarium
Stewby's
Our Greenhouse
20/20 Eyeglasses
Twisted Grape
Sun & Moon Aesthetics
Wyndham Garden Manatee Bar/Grill
AJ's Oyster Shanty

Valparaiso Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Crab Island Watersports
PowerUp Watersports/Soundside Cruises
Lost Pizza
Cashen Moore Enterprises
Old Bay Steamer
Stellar Dweller
Corner Café
Beverly Hills Day Spa
Bodyworks by Bull

Island Garden Club members solicited gifts, welcomed guests, sold tickets, painted faces, cleaned up, etc. Thank you to Paula Hudson, Salli Cumbie, Yvonne Earle, Maryann Purvis, Susan Wall, Michelle Campbell and her friend Rhonda.



Minutes (Draft) of the October 14, 2024 Membership Meeting Summary

7:00 Call to order and quorum reached

7:01 Motion to approve draft minutes, approved and entered in to records.

7:02 Treasury Report, Discussion of newsletter, the surge in revenue due to renewal period via mail and Zeffy. Discussion of expenses and revenue. Low renewal notice fees due to Zeffy implementation. Jim also took time to review currency balance, and motion to reimburse Jim Simpson - approved. Note: See attachment 1 to these minutes for a copy of the October 14, 2024 Treasurer's report.

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7:08 ARC Report with Nick Hall - No approvals to be reported.
Discussion of what the ARC does with derelict properties. Can we use our retained lawyer for enforcement letters?
Discussion of the most common violations of island covenants.
How can we engage with code enforcement and file complaints?
Should OILA form a committee to follow up on complaints or do more for the ARC to identify properties and leveral Moorehead Law Group.
7:23 Discussion of Moorehead Law Group and vote to retain for another year
Review of their work and influences for the last year
Comment from Jan Heistermann about how STRs have been bought by corporations and how it can be prevented.
Frank has added that his own neighborhood has taken a turn to more rental property with a greater risk for the north side of SRB.
Vote to retain Moorehead Law Group, which was unanimous.
7:40 Who among the group has delved into SRB docs on website, which was about three people. President encouraged everyone to read through coastal survey from site as well.
7:43 Firefighter pancake breakfast at 9:00 AM Saturday, the 19th.
7:44 Discussion of discolored sand in construction, which is technically ok in a stem wall per the county. Sand subjected to wind and water must be white sand.
7:46 Mailers from the county for the water reconstruction, starting likely on Sailfish.
7:47 TDC discussion of 87 million yearly funds and we could explore possible projects for the island.
7:48 On "Get the Coast" is moving forward with LSV in some locations.
7:49 Bike path construction is still under way.
7:50 President asking for feedback for future meetings.
8:03 Motion to adjourn

Attachment 1: **TREASURERS REPORT: October 14, 2024**

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 271

September 9, 2024, TOTAL BALANCE: \$24,916.66

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF September 9, 2024.....\$ 23,495.18

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:

Membership Dues.....	\$ 1,322.00
U.S. Mail Fee.....	\$ 186.00
Donation (Dr. Frank Adcock) .	\$ 164.00
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1,672.00

EXPENDITURES: No expenditures this report.

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for postage and labels to mail the 2024-2025 membership renewal notices.....	\$ 146.00
Reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of postage to mail the October 2024 issue of the OIL Lantern....	\$ 51.10
Total Receipts Pending Approval.....	\$ 197.10

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF Sept 9, 2024\$ 24,806.08

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF September 9, 2024.....\$ 1,421.28
BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures
BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF October 14, 2024.....\$ 1,421.28

SUMMARY: October 14, 2024 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.	\$ 24,806.08
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$ 1,421.28

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 26,227.36

Respectfully submitted, Jim Simpson, Treasurer

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – NOVEMBER

November is the **eleventh and penultimate month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars**. Its length is 30 days. November was the ninth month of the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC. November retained its name (from the Latin novem meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar.

November 4, 1979: The American embassy in Tehran, Iran was seized by militants and 90 Americans taken hostage.



November 7, 1867 - Polish chemist Marie Curie (1867-1934) was born in Warsaw, Poland. In 1903, she and her husband received the Nobel Prize for physics for their discovery of the element Radium.

November 9, 1965: A switch at a power station near Niagara Falls failed. The Northeast and parts of Canada went dark for more than 13 hours.

November 14, 1666 - The first experimental blood transfusion took place in Britain, utilizing two dogs.

November 15, 1926: Radio network National Broadcasting Company (NBC) launches with a radio network of 24 stations and one of the earliest remote musical broadcasts.



November 17, 1869: The Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

November 20, 1917 - The first use of tanks in battle occurred at Cambrai, France, during World War I. Over 300 tanks commanded by British General Sir Douglas Haig went into battle against the Germans.



November 24, 1874 - Joseph Glidden patented his invention of barbed wire.

November 26, 1922: Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon became the first to enter the tomb of King Tut since it was sealed in 1323 B.C



November 28, 1942 - Fire erupted inside the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston killing nearly 500 persons who had become trapped inside

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



PISCES

Wuzzle No. 2



FORGIVE & FORGET

Wuzzle No. 3



RING OF FIRE

Wuzzle No. 4



SCRAMBLED EGGS
ON TOAST

Wuzzle No. 5



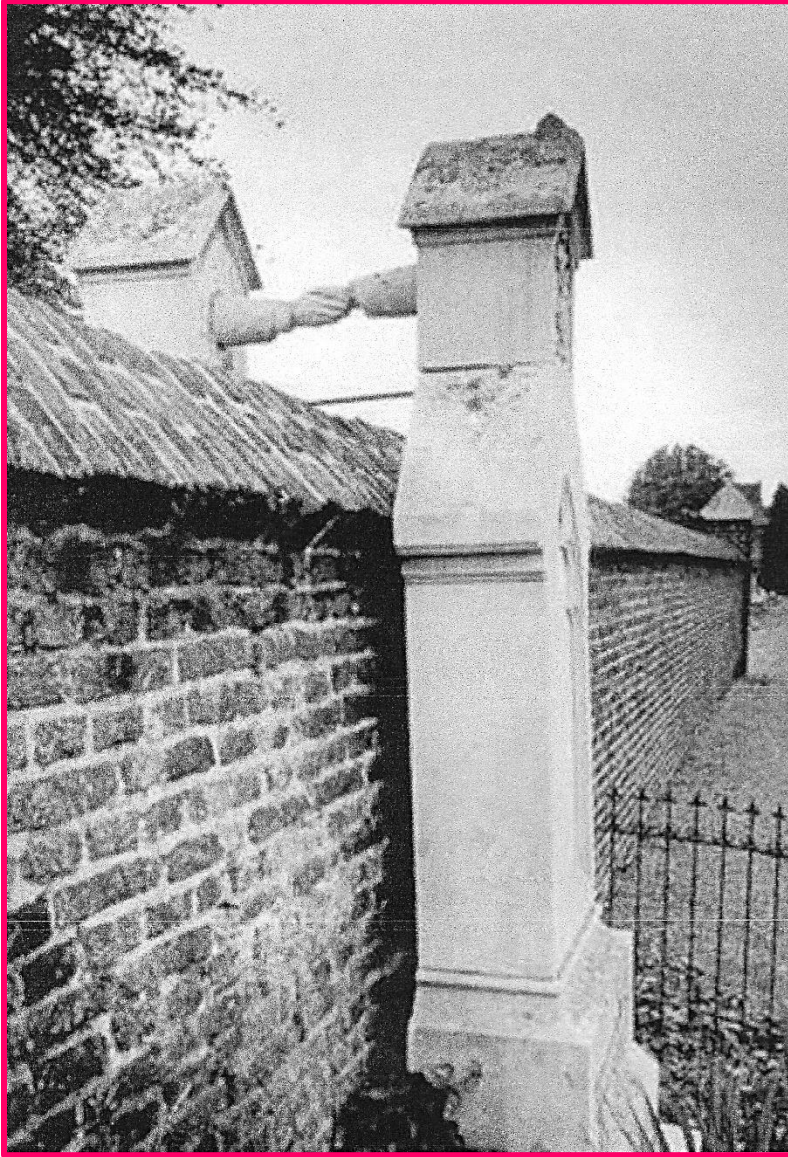
AGAINST ALL ODDS

The First Woman Ever Photographed – 184 Years Ago

← Dorothy Draper is a truly forgotten figure in American history. At the age of 33 she was the first woman to ever sit for a photograph — a daguerreotype developed in the year 1840, upon the rooftop of the school which would become New York University.

Dorothy Draper was born in 1807 and died in 1901— a life span of 94 years. To the right is a photo of her taken in the → 1890s





GRAVE WITH THE HANDS

The love story behind the 'grave with the hands'
The graves of a Catholic woman and her Protestant husband, who were not allowed to be buried together, Holland, 1888.

The story goes back to 1842, when the marriage took place between Lady Josephine Caroline Petronella Hubertina van Aefferden (1820-1888), a Catholic, and Protestant soldier Jacob Werner Constant van Gorkum (1809-1880).

The marriage generated controversy, not only because it was a union between people belonging to historically conflicting religions, but also for political reasons.

Josephine and Jacob were happily married for 38 years. They decided to raise their children in Catholicism until Jacob passed away in 1880.

At that time, there was a strong division between faiths that was reflected in different burial places for each faith. Jacob was buried on the Protestant side against the wall that separated him from the Catholic side.

Josephine outlived her husband by eight years, and deeply desired to be buried next to him. As the provisions of the moment prohibited it, she preferred not to be **buried** in the family pantheon of the cemetery, but in the Catholic section, **exactly in front of her husband's final resting place**.

Sometime later, to the left and right of that wall, two identical funerary monuments were erected, **connected by two intertwined sculpted hands**, a sign of their eternal love, even after death.

Today this place is known as the 'grave with the hands,' or in Dutch, 'Het graf met de handjes'.

EDITOR'S NOTE: **DEATH DID NOT DO THEM PART.**

**PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO MIGHT
BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OILA**

There are now **two ways to join the Leaseholders OILA**: 1. You can join online. Click on this webpage: <http://www.oilaweb.com/Membership.html> (please note that NO donation to Zeffy – our free payment hosting platform is required) or 2. You can join by mail by utilizing the following membership form.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION
(OILA)**

{If you have any questions concerning membership, dues or this form, call Jim Simpson, Treasurer, at (850) 585-2116}

NAME: (Please Print): _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

OKALOOSA ISLAND

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

(Please note: You must hold a land lease, a fee simple title or own a condominium or a co-operative dwelling unit on Okaloosa Island to be eligible for membership)

(Street) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) Telephone No. _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

(Street) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) Telephone No. _____

Membership dues are **twelve (\$12)** a year. With this subscription, your monthly issue of the OIL Lantern, OILA's newsletter, will be distributed to you by email. Please enter your email address on the following line:

(Please enter your email address here)

If you wish to receive your copy of the OIL Lantern by U.S. Mail (in addition to distribution by email) there is an addition postage fee of **six (\$6)** a year.

Please check the block which identifies the level of membership you desire:

\$12 – Annual membership

\$18 – Annual membership (\$12) plus (\$6) U.S. mail delivery. If you select this option, your newsletter will be sent to mailing address you designated above.

Please check the block for the membership category you desire, make your check payable to the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association or OILA and mail your remittance (**\$12 or \$18**) to the following address:

Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association, P.O. Box 4323, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.

I request membership in the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association. I am eligible for membership, have completed the application form and have remitted my dues: