

**October 2016 ISSUE OF THE OKALOOSA
ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: MEET & GREET!

LOCATION: AJ's Oyster Shanty on Okaloosa Island

TIME: 5:30 p.m. DATE: Monday, October 10, 2016.

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DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR OILA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016-2017. RENEWAL NOTICES WERE SENT OUT ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.

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

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Monday, October 10th, special event: OILA Monthly Meeting at AJ's Oyster Shanty on the Island, second floor. Meet and Greet starts at 5:30 pm. Buy your own food and drink and socialize at 6:00 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.



OIL Lantern

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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, **Oct 10, 2016**

TIME: **Meet & Greet – 5:30 pm, Social Hour – 6:00 pm, Meeting – 7:00 pm.**

PLACE: **AJ's Oyster Shanty on the Island, second floor**

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

Sept 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT
- Treasurer, **Jim Simpson**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Committee: (see Newsletter)

C. Membership Liaison: **Jim Simpson**

D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

E. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**

F. Street Lighting MSBU:

Paula Hudson

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. The Aquagreen lease

B. Using a temporary building for beach access way restrooms

C. Relocating the no wake signs in Santa Rosa Sound

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – David Hancock

Do not forget the OILA meet and greet on October at AJ's Oyster Shanty on Santa Rosa Boulevard. Starts at 5:30. Snacks will be provided. Please plan to attend!

A lot of positive things have happened in the last month for Okaloosa Island. This year we are off to a great start

FDOT Rejects Wright Parkway Option: Everyone deserves a pat on the back for FDOT's decision to not recommend the Wright Parkway Option for further study in the Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study. Participating in the study groups, networking, meetings, letters, protests, etc. had the desired effect! See the FDOT Corridor Evaluation Summary dated September 20, 2016 on page 4 of this newsletter for Alternate 1 (the Wright Parkway route) and note the big red **X** posted next to **"NO"** on the "Recommended for Further Analysis" option.



Wild Willies approved by the County Commission: The Okaloosa County Commission approved the Wild Willie expansion to the fish hatchery property on Okaloosa Island. At the September meeting Paul Barcus of Wild Willie's showed OILA what a quality development this will be.

Move the NO WAKE Sign in Santa Rosa Sound: Remember at the last meeting OILA unanimously passed a resolution to move the NO WAKE sign in Santa Rosa Sound to the west of the residential property on Okaloosa Island. Since the last meeting have contacted Mayor Mike Anderson and City Council member Amy Jamieson of FWB for the city's support. OILA has been invited to the 10/25 city council meeting to ask for a resolution supporting this idea. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Jamieson both are supporters.

Beach Access Way Restrooms: At the last meeting we selected the Portable Modular restroom concept as something that is affordable for the Okaloosa island Beach Access Ways. Sent this to the TDC; Mr. Darrell Jone – who was the first TDC Director – is now working with Okaloosa Public Works to find this affordable solution. We are fortunate here that Mr. Jones was with the TDC when the first two access way facilities were built: he now wants to finish the job. His message to the Public Works was "sharpen your pencils".

Bridge to Bridge Pathway: Okaloosa County's budget for FY 2017 was approved with funds for the survey and environmental study included. Public Works will do the project management for these two tasks.

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR SEPT 2016: 2.0 INCHES

Sept 1.....0.1 inches
 Sept 4.....1.3 inches
 Sept 5.....0.3 inches
 Sept 17....0.2 inches
 Sept 18....0.1 inches
 Sept 10....0.1 inches
 Sept 18....0.1 inches



September Average Rainfall.....7.2 inches
 Variance to Average..... - 5.2 inches

Oct Avg Rainfall.....4.3 inches
 Oct Record High.....99° F (1954)
 Oct Record Low27° F (1989)
 Oct Avg Water Temperature.....81° F

Nov Avg Rainfall.....4.1 inches
 November Record High.....89° F (1998)
 November Record Low18° F (1950)
 Nov Avg Water Temperature.....72°

YTD Variance to Avg..... - 8.4 inches
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....45.8 inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall65.1 inches

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!
 LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!
 FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 CLICK
 ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:
 WWW.OILAWEB.COM**

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LIFE LONG DREAM (FULFILLED!) by Greg Lloyd, OIFD

The Okaloosa Island Fire Department had the honor to assist with a man and his dream. OIFD was asked to participate in Fred's life long dream of putting his feet in the sand and water.

Current medical conditions have kept Fred from traveling and getting around without assistance. OIFD was there to assist Fred to and from the water while also allowing him to sit with his toes in the sand. It was truly a privilege to be there for Fred



(Standing Left to Right) Firefighter Moritz Mailandt, Lt Doug Brown, Engineer Greg Lloyd

WUZZLE PUZZLES!!!! -- (BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – HAPPY NOW JOHN JETER?)

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 at the bottom of the next page of this newsletter. **DON'T PEEK John!**

Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



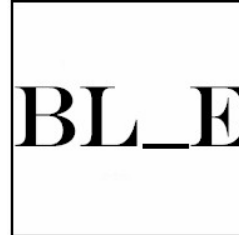
Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



OPEN INVITATION: ISLAND GARDEN CLUB OCTOBER 12 PROGRAM: FIELD TRIP TO BEAL'S LANDSCAPING & NURSERY

Fall is the ideal time for planting shrubs and trees... and our weather is idyllic. Taking advantage of this cooler weather, the Island Garden Club is going on a field trip October 12 to Beal's Landscaping & Nursery, 2800 W Highway 98, Mary Esther, 32569. Pandora and her husband will guide us on a tour of their nursery, answering questions and sharing planting information. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Please meet at 10:00 a.m. at El Matador for car pooling to the nursery where our visit is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Following the tour (and shopping?) we'll have lunch at a nearby restaurant. We hope you can join us!

Kathy Foster, President
Island Garden Club



OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 115 FIRE CALLS IN AUGUST

Fire Calls.....0
Alarm Activations..... 18
EMS/Rescue/MVA..... 71
Other.....26



(177 calls were responded to in Aug 2015)

FDOT REJECTS WRIGHT PARKWAY OPTION: Following is the FDOT Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Summary dated Sept 20, 2016 Which Documents the FDOT Recommendation to **Not Consider Alternate Corridor 1 (the Wright Parkway Route) for Further Analysis.**



ALTERNATIVE 1

Advantages

- Lowest potential for non-residential
- Lowest impact to special populations
- Lowest impact to community facilities
- Minimal aesthetic impacts
- Lowest impact to historical and archaeological resources
- Lowest impact to parks and recreation sites
- Lowest number of potential contamination sites
- Lowest construction cost
- Best in terms of overall environmental analysis

Disadvantages

- Worst in providing system-to-system linkage
- Worst in providing effective emergency evacuation
- Highest potential for residential displacements
- Only alternative with potential impacts to beach accesses
- Highest impact to floodplains
- Highest impact to Gulf Islands National Seashore
- Highest impact in regards to traffic noise
- High right-of-way costs
- Inconsistent with Eglin AFB missions

Recommended for Further Analysis: Yes ☒ No

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Three wise men

Wuzzle No. 2



Room for one more

Wuzzle No. 3



Season tickets

Wuzzle No. 4



Sign on Dotted Line

Wuzzle No. 5



Blue without You

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS TEAM RWB (Red, White & Blue) FOR A 9/11 THREE MILE RUCK MARCH* BETWEEN FORT WALTON BEACH AND THE OIFD LOCATION



OIFD had the privilege of hosting Team RWB (red, white and blue) for a 9/11 ruck march through Fort Walton Beach. The ruck began at OIFD and went approx. 3 miles into FWB and ended back at OIFD. It ended with lunch and fellowship between veterans and members of OIFD. Team RWB is a veterans organization that enhances veterans lives through physical activity and community outreach. It was an honor to host this event.



Team RWB and OIFD Personnel Standing Next to the 9-11 Memorial Located in Front of the Fire Station. The Memorial was dedicated on September 11, 2011.

***Ruck March** - Walking at a fast pace with a backpack at least 45 pounds in weight.

THIS DAY (OCTOBER 10) IN HISTORY

680 Al-Hussein (Al-Husayn ibn) and his followers killed at Karbala by army of Yazid, the Umayyad caliph, on the way to Kufa. His death lead to the Shia and Sunni schism in Islam.

1780 Great Hurricane of 1780 kills 20,000 to 30,000 in Caribbean, hitting Barbados first. Atlantic's deadliest recorded hurricane.

1954 Ho Chi Minh enters Hanoi after withdrawal of French troops

1957 A fire at the Windscale nuclear plant in Cumbria, UK becomes the world's first major nuclear accident

"THE GULF" OKALOOSA ISLAND RESTAURANT IS OPEN!



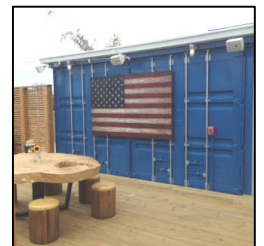
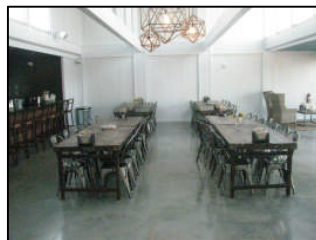
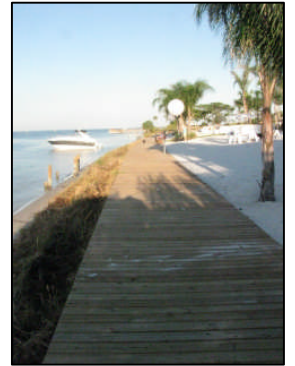
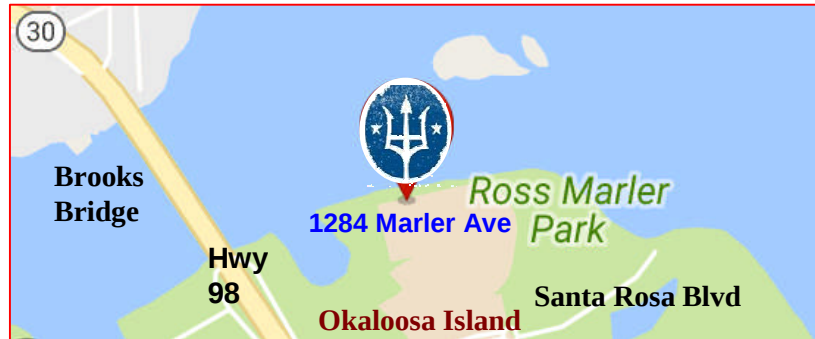
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HOURS:

11:00 AM to
10:00 PM, Monday
thru Sunday

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOCUS GROUP FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON OKALOOSA ISLAND

At the October meeting, Board Member **Jim Hendricks** recommended establishing a Focus Group to make recommendations and suggestions for improving Okaloosa Island. Jim agreed to serve as the contact point and as a clearing house for recommendations and suggestions. If you have an idea on how to make things better, please contact Jim at (850) 986-5559 or by email at: jmhendro1@gmail.com

MINUTES (DRAFT) Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association Membership Meeting September 12, 2016

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by President Dave Hancock.

Board Members Present: Dave Hancock, Kim Haines, Jim Hendricks, Carol Schoolcraft & Lynn Dominique

OILA Board Members present sworn in for the 2016-2017 business year. For the names and offices of the 2016-2017 BOD refer to the legend on the front page of this newsletter.

Presentation: Mr. Paul Barcus, representing Wild Willies Adventure Zone, gave a presentation of their development plans to expand Wild Willies if Okaloosa County approves their assumption of the Aquagreen (fish hatchery) lease.

Draft Minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting as printed in the September 2016 OIL Lantern were approved.

September 12, 2016 Treasurers Report - Jim Simpson

June 13, 2016 total balance.....	\$ 35,812.37
Association discretionary fund balance as of June 13, 2016.....	\$ 34,391.09

Receipts Since Last Report:

Membership dues.....	\$ 714.00
Newsletter Fees.....	\$ 67.50
Contributions.....	\$ 38.00
Total Receipts.....	\$ 819.50

Expenditures Since Last Report:

Reimbursement to Kathy Foster for purchase of supplies for the Welcome Wagon.....	\$ 21.20
Payment to U.S. Postal Service for six month rental of P.O. Box 4323.....	\$ 35.00
Reimbursement to George Edlund for the purchase of recommendation forms for use by OILA's Architectural Review Committee	\$ 36.40
Total Expenditures ..	\$ 92.60

Expenses Pending Approval for Payment

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the July/August 2016 OIL Lantern.....	\$ 20.68
Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the September 2016 OIL Lantern.....	\$ 20.68
Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps, envelopes & folding to mail the 2016-2017 dues renewal notices.....	Folding Service.....\$ 6.99
	Envelopes.....\$ 39.71
	Stamps.....\$ 210.56

Expense to mail the 2016-2017 Renewal Notices: \$ 257.26

Total Expenses Pending Approval For Payment: \$ 298.62

Discretionary Fund Balance after receipts, expenditures & expenses pending approval for payment as of September 12, 2016.....\$ 34,819.37

Beautification fund Balance as of June 13, 2016.....\$ 1,421.28

Beautification expenditures since last report.....No expenditures

Beautification fund Balance as of September 12, 2016.....\$ 1,421.28

Total Funds Balance as of September 12, 2016.....\$ 36,240.65

A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Jim Simpson at total of **\$298.62** for stamps to mail the July/August 2016 newsletter (**\$20.68**), the September 2016 newsletter (**\$20.68**) and stamps/supplies to mail the 2016-2017 membership renewal notices(**\$257.26**).

Committee Reports

Membership: Jim Simpson reported a current membership of **249**.

MSBU: Paula Hudson reported that the Island Street Light MSBU balance at the end of June was **\$234,593.94** and the balance as of Sept 1 was **\$239,540.86**

Webmaster: Bob Seitz advised that he negotiated for and has implemented a new OILA website program which is better, more flexible and cheaper. .

Boat Basin: Cathy Taylor advised that she transferring her secretary/treasurer duties for the Okaloosa Island Boat Basin Committee (OILABC) to Carol Edlund. She also reported that the OILABC had paid the annual lease fee to Okaloosa County and had approximately \$35,000 in the treasury. In addition, she announced the following newly elected OILABCofficers::

President: Dr.George Edlund Vice-President: Michael Schrader Dock Master: Dan Howell Sec/Treasurer: Carol Edlund

Old Business:

Bridge to Bridge Pathway: Dave Hancock advised that funding for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway was still in the budget and that the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners will adopt the final budget for 2016-2017 on Sept 14, 2016.

New Business:

Focus Group For Improvements on Okaloosa Island: Jim Hendricks recommended establishing a Focus Group to make recommendations and suggestions for improving Okaloosa Island. All agreed that this was needed. Jim Simpson advised that he would put an article in the October 2016 OIL Lantern advising of this concept and would identify Jim Hendricks as the contact person/clearing house for suggestions. The article will include Jim Hendrick's contact information.

OILA Position on the Status of the Aquagreen Lease: The land lease for the Aquagreen (aka fish hatchery) is available since the Aquagreen development will not take place. Earlier in the September 12 meeting a presentation was made by Mr. Barcus of Wild Willies of their intent to have the Aquagreen lease transferred to them for additional development as he presented. With respect to future of this lease, a motion was made, seconded and approved to send a letter to the Okaloosa County Commissioners stating that while OILA is not opposed to the proposed Wild Willies development (as presented) of this parcel, we do take the position that this lease should be rebid (not transferred) thereby giving all interested parties an opportunity to compete. Note: David and Rebecca Sherry voted against this motion.

Beach Access Way Improvements: Dave Hancock advised that due to the requirement to install permanent structure bathrooms in the 3 beach accesses budgeted for improvement, the cost has dramatically increased and has caused a budget shortfall in the start of construction. The permanent structure code would require the bathroom to be 17 feet off the ground. Dave proposed presenting to the TDC the possibility of utilizing a portable, modular building for the bathrooms and showed a photo of what one would look like. The portable would cost \$50,000 (vs \$700,000 for the permanent structure), would be rated for 150 mph winds and have two toilets and a sink and would be hooked into the existing sewer system. Dave plans to present this concept to Growth Management and get feed back. No OILA action is required.

Relocating Minimum Wake Signs in Santa Rosa Sound: Due to wake damage of boats, docks and property on the Okaloosa Island single family residential area fronting Santa Rosa Sound, a motion was made to expand the "minimum wake Zone" from Brooks Bridge west to protect the residential properties fronting Santa Rosa Sound. This would expand the existing "minimum wake" zone approximately 1.5 miles to the west (covering the entire residential area). The motion was second and approved.

Proposal to Hold October 10 OILA Meeting at AJ's Oyster Shanty: A motion was made to hold the October 10 OILA meeting at AJ's Oyster Shanty as a combination met and greet, social hour and business meeting and to allocate \$225 in funds for the purchase of soft drinks/finger food. Any alcohol would be "buy your own". The greet and meet will start at 5:30 pm, the social hour will start at 6:00 pm and the business meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The motion was seconded and approved.

Recommendation for Christmas Caroling and Decorating: A proposal was made for OILA to sponsor Christmas caroling and home decorations (with prizes) for the Christmas season. OILA member Tripp Tolbert generously agreed to donate \$500 for the costs (including prizes) for this effort. Thank you Tripp! Volunteers have agreed to finalize plans and present them at the October 10 meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Editor's Note: The above minutes extracted from the Podcast of the September 12, 2016 meeting.