

**JANUARY 2021 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND
LEASEHOLDERS NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**

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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 January meeting will be held on **Monday, January 11, 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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**First Place Christmas Decoration: 709 Sailfish Drive
Robert & Michele Seitz**



The OIL Lantern



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – David Sherry



Upcoming Work on Sand Dune Preservation – OILA's #2 priority from our survey:

Get ready. Early in 2021 we will be asking for volunteers to help plant sea oats on Okaloosa Island's sand dunes. Okaloosa County will provide permitting, scheduling, procurement, roughly \$60,000 in TDC funds and a matching state grant for more funding. OILA and the Condo Alliance of Okaloosa Island are working in cooperation with the County to arrange volunteers and help plant the new sea oats.

As you may recall, preserving our dunes was the 2nd highest priority chosen by OILA members in our recent survey. Sea oats thrive in the dune environment, trap blowing sand to grow the dunes, and provide a strong root system to strengthen the dunes.

Brooks Bridge Replacement: The latest on the Brooks Bridge replacement follows. Right of way acquisition is underway. An issue with Air Force property acquisition delayed the schedule and required a modification to the southeast corner of US 98 and Santa Rosa Blvd. The Request for Proposal (RFP) process to get a contractor and engineer on-board is ongoing, and FDOT will advertise that work for the project this summer. The estimated construction start date is November 1, 2022 with construction lasting 3-1/2 to 4 years (completion in the Fall of 2026).

OILA's Architectural Committee (ARC): The reconstituted ARC held its first meeting on December 17 and approved Okaloosa County's project for improvements at the convention center. The virtual meeting ran smoothly over Zoom with documents provided electronically in advance. Although the pandemic caused the move to virtual ARC meetings, the Zoom format offers convenience for both applicants and ARC members. Going forward, the vast majority of ARC meetings will be by Zoom with exceptions for in-person or hybrid meetings by appointment if, for example, the project is too complex or the applicant can't use our Zoom link. If you are interested in serving on the ARC, please contact David Sherry at the email or telephone number listed on page 3 of this edition of the OIL Lantern.

Bridge-to-Bridge Bike Path: The Eglin AFB "Finding of No Significant Impact" report for the bike path has been drafted by staff and is awaiting signature. The plans call for a 12-foot wide path on the south side of US Hwy 98 stretching 4.3 miles from Pier road (East of the Brooks Bridge, between Gulfarium and The Boardwalk) to the Marler Bridge just west of Destin. Reported funding is \$4 million from the TDC and a \$100,000 private donation.



TRIVIA CRAWLERS



• The phrase "mad as a hatter" referred to 19th century hat makers who were poisoned by the mercury they used to treat the felt in their hats. Mercury poisoning often causes neurological problems such as irrational behavior, trembling and the jumbling of words when speaking.



• Pepsi-Cola was the first foreign consumer product sold in the former Soviet Union.



• About 12,000 aircraft supported the Normandy invasion.



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January 2021 OILA Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, January 11, 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

- December 14, 2020 membership meeting minutes (draft). Printed in this newsletter.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

- Membership report.
- Treasurer's Report for Dec, 2020.
- Treasurer's Reimbursement and Approval.

V. Standing Committee Reports:

- Architectural Review Committee
December 2020 report (printed in this newsletter)

VI. New and Unfinished Business:

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

VIII. Adjournment



ISLAND RAINFALL

December 2020 Rainfall: **1.3 inches**



Dec 4..... 0.1 inches	Dec 16..... 0.3 inches
Dec 6..... 0.1 inches	Dec 19..... 0.1 inches
Dec 12..... 0.2 inches	Dec 20..... 0.2 inches
Dec 15..... 0.1 inches	Dec 31..... 0.2 inches

Avg Rainfall for Dec.....**4.8** inches
Variance to Average..... **- 3.5** inches

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
January Record Low**4° F** (1985)
Jan Avg Water Temperature.....**64°**

Year 2020 Variance **- 8.7** inches

Year 2020 Rainfall..... **56.4** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

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

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S
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-- OR

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TRIVIA CORNER

- An average office chair moves around a total of eight miles over the course of a year.

- An average human eyebrow has 550 hairs.

- Three of the first five Presidents died on Independence Day. John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day – July 4, 1826. James Monroe died on July 4, 1831.

OKALOOSA ISLAND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION HAS DECORATED THE ISLAND FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Editor's Note:

In the Sunday, December 27 edition of the NWFN these photos were printed in the Friends & Neighbors section in black & white. These same photos look a 100% better in color. Agree?



Pictured to the left: Santa Rosa Blvd Median Decorated with Candy Canes and Lollipops

Pictured to the right (in left to right order) are Volunteer Christmas Decorators **Jesse Hunt, April Hunt, Nancy Hunt, Cathy and Nick Hall.** Decorators not pictured are **Carmen and Alan Parker, Beth Jeter, Dave Hancock and Mark Secondi.**



OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS SHOP WITH CHILDREN FOR CHRISTMAS



The color red and twinkling lights are synonymous with the Christmas season. They're also associated with firefighters. On Saturday, December 19 members of Okaloosa Island Local 2617 partnered with Fort Walton Beach Firefighters to provide 11 under-privileged children with an opportunity to Christmas shop for themselves. With a budget of \$165 each and accompanied by a Santa Claus firefighter, they walked through the Ft Walton Beach Walmart eyeing toys, electronics and items they needed such as socks, shoes and other clothing items. Working as Santa Clauses were Okaloosa Island Firefighters (pictured below) **Captain Doug Brown, Lieutenant Mortize Mailandt, Engineer Mario Zayas-Bazan and Firefighter Dylan Bruton.**

Shop with a Firefighter has provided this community outreach shopping trip and is one of our firefighters' favorite activities because they get to act as Santa for these children. The Island Firefighters believe in "service before self" which implies that both service and self are important, and that a certain balance and priority between the two should be pursued. These firefighters take great pride in doing community outreach by donating their time and resources for these programs or by providing station tours in house or at local schools.

The Island Firefighters gladly accept donations throughout the for this event. If you would like to make a contribution, just drop by the Fire Station. Checks should be made payable to IAFF Local 2617.



Captain Doug Brown



Engineer Mario Zayas-Bazan



Firefighter Dylan Bruton



Lieutenant Moritz Mailandt

2020 Annual Okaloosa Island Christmas Decoration Contest Results

By Nancy Hunt, Chair, OILA Christmas Committee

Okaloosa Island Residents,

This year, our local businesses- despite the harmful impacts of Covid, generously and graciously sponsored our 2020 Christmas Okaloosa Island Decoration Contest! Please patronize these wonderful businesses and thank them for being such good neighbors. **Peter and Paul Barkus of Anglers and Wild Willy's jointly donated \$1000 towards our Christmas fund!** Next year, this will help us plan in advance to make our Island even more joyous for the holidays. A huge thank-you to all that pitched in with their time and muscle to squeak this year out. Those people are: Carmen and Alan Parker, Cathy and Nick Hall, Beth Jeter, Dave Hancock, Jesse and April Hunt, and Mark Secondi. Thank you to all who put in their effort to decorate their homes. Your participation is greatly appreciated. For those who might not have known about the OILA sponsored decoration contest, please join in for next year's contest for a chance to win some fabulous prizes! Judging is always set on December 17th. A thank you to our judges which came from our fire department, our sheriff department and our postal service. Once again, we are blessed that Paul Barkus of Wild Willy's has allowed us to utilize his storage unit for our Christmas stuff. If you or anyone you know has any ideas, talents or desire to improve for next year, please get in touch with me. Once again, remember to patronize and tell everyone you know, to support the businesses which support us!

OKALOOSA ISLAND AND LOCAL BUSINESSES DONORS – THANK YOU!

Anchors Printing - Tee Shirt & Water Bottle
Best Western – One Night Stay with Breakfast
Buccaneer Pirate Cruise – 2 Children 2 Adult Tickets
Burrito Del Sol - \$25 Gift Certificate
Cash's – 2 Bottles of Wine
Catawampus – 2 Tickets with Two Tee Shirts
Cowheads - \$20 Gift Card
Gulfarium – 4 Tickets
Island Water Sports – 4 Hour Pontoon Rental

Lulu's – Cooler Bag, 2 Beach Towels, \$25 Gift Card
Misa Charter (Owner Brad Cole) – 5 Hours Deep Sea fishing for Six
Old Bay Steamer - \$150 Gift Certificate
Saltwater Restaurants:
- **Crab Trap** - \$25 & \$50 Gift Certificates
- **Floyds** - \$25 & \$50 Gift Certificates
- **Rockin Tacos** - \$25 & \$50 Gift Certificates
The Islander Resort – 3 Day Stay
Wild Willy's – Three \$20 Gift Cards

WINNERS & PRIZE PACKAGES

First Place: **Robert & Michele Seitz**
709 Sailfish Drive (photo on cover page)
Prize Package: 3 Day Stay – Islander Resort
Old Bay Steamer \$150 Gift Card
Lulu's Beach Blankets, Cooler
and \$25 Gift Card

Fifth Place: **James & Deborah Hendrix**
846 Tropic Ave
Prize Package One night, Best Western, two tickets, Catawampus

Second Place **Farley Street**
742 Sailfish Drive
Prize Package: Five Hour Deep Sea Charter for Six Misa Charter (Brad Cole)

Third Place **Alan & Carmen Parker**
708 Sailfish Drive
Prize Package: \$50 Gift Card – Crab Trap, \$50 Gift Card – Rockin Tacos, \$50 Gift Card, Wild Willy's, \$50 Gift Card

Fourth Place: **Chris & Paula Previte**
756 Seahorse Ave
Prize Package: Four Hour Pontoon Rental, Islander Water Sports

Runners-Up

Roy Troutman & Suzanne Glass Troutman
710 Sailfish Drive

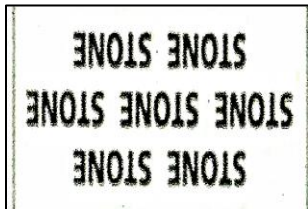
David & Gillian Kosiewski
704 Sailfish Drive

Walter Adams & Cynthia Copeland
647 Porpoise Ave

Ward Surginer
902 Santa Rosa Blvd

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.

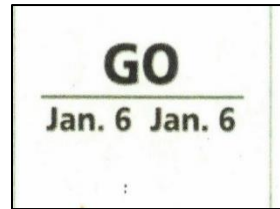
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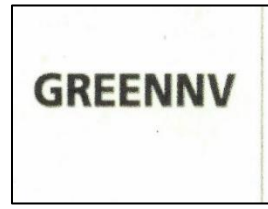
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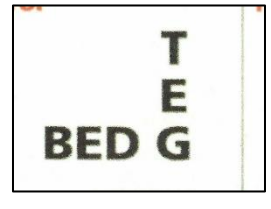
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Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – DEC 14, 2020

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 Director Ed Henderson, to approve the draft November 9, 2020 minutes (passed 31-0).

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by President David Sherry on behalf of Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). A motion to approve the November 2020 Treasurer's report and to pay reimbursements was made by Secretary John Donovan, seconded by Vice President Rick Deckert (passed 31-0).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

Architectural Report: President David Sherry stated the ARC report is in the OIL Lantern.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jackson Bain made a motion, seconded by Director Brick Bradford, to establish an ad hoc committee composed of Secretary John Donovan, Director Jesse Hunt, Don Didier, Dylan Hunt, and Lisa Johnson, to investigate future OILA online record storage options, limiting the scope to key documents and key emails generated going forward, including who will do the work, what is the cost, and what technology platform(s) can be used. The ad hoc committee will report to the OILA board and membership by the February 8 meeting. The motion passed 22-8 (Louis Belanger, Dawn Boggess, Jerry Boggess, Mel Mattison, Steven Niven, Glenn and Mary Scheuermann, David Sherry, and Tom Wilson opposed).
2. President David Sherry led a brief discussion of the survey results published in the December OIL Lantern ranking member priorities. He reported the results:
 1. Get East Pass Sand for Okaloosa Island – 186 points
 2. Preserve Okaloosa Island Dunes – 130 points
 3. Get better sand source for Okaloosa Island if it ever needs beach restoration – 120 points
 4. Improve storm drainage – 70 points
 5. Hold off doing anything to Santa Rosa Blvd until new bridge finalized – 53 points
 6. TIE – Coastal or offshore structures to preserve Okaloosa Island beach – 51 points
 7. TIE – Move power lines underground for faster hurricane recovery – 51 pointsDavid said one of the members put it concisely, a lot of things are nice things to have; we need a good beach and storm protection.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Jennifer Fox expressed an interest in an additional traffic light in front of the Seaspray complex on US Hwy 98, and offered to lead a membership effort if there is interest. President David Sherry offered to give her county contacts in that area of responsibility.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at **8:26 PM** (motion by Jim Blaha, seconded by Secretary John Donovan and passed 23-0).

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 258

November 9, 2020 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 28,003.97

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF November 9, 2020..... \$ 26,582.69

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership dues \$ 416.00

Newsletter Fees \$ 24.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$ 440.00

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

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the December 2020 OIL Lantern.....\$ 25.30
(46 copies at 55 cents each)

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

At the November 9, 2020 meeting President David Sherry requested a motion to move **\$500 from OILA's Discretionary Fund to OILA's Christmas decorating fund**. Vice President Rick Deckert made a motion, seconded by Secretary John Donovan. The motion passed 13-2..... \$ (500.00)ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, DONATIONS
EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AND TRANSFER

OF FUNDS AS OF Dec 14, 2020 \$ 26,497.39

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Nov 9, 2020.....\$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Dec 14, 2020..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF DEC 14, 2020 - \$500 TRANSFERRED
FROM THE DISCRETIONARY FUND\$ 500.00

SUMMARY: December 14, 2020 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.....\$ 26,497.39

-- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations)..... \$ 500.00

Respectfully submitted - Jim Simpson, Treasurer

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 28,418.67

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - JANUARY



January 3, 1920 - Boston Red Sox baseball club owner Harry Frazee announces agreement to sell slugger **Babe Ruth** to the New York Yankees for \$125,000 in cash and a \$350,000 loan; start of the 84 year "Curse of the Bambino"



January 8, 1987 - The Dow Jones industrial average first topped the 2,000 mark

January 8, 1955 - Georgia Tech ends Kentucky's 130-game home basketball win streak

January 14, 1942 - Camp Hood was activated. The temporary camp, named for Confederate general John Bell Hood, is now one of the largest military installations in the world. By 1950 it was made a permanent army post and renamed Fort Hood. Units from Hood have contributed significantly to all important overseas United States military actions since 1942.

January 18, 1911 - Naval Lieutenant Eugene Ely became the first man ever to land an airplane on the deck of a ship, the converted cruiser USS Pennsylvania, in San Francisco Bay.

January 19, 1977 - Snow falls in South Florida for 1st time. Snow fell on Florida and on Miami for the first time in recorded history. Delray Beach in Palm Beach County recorded a quarter of an inch of the white stuff.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020 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>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance and Approved?</u>
Dec 17		14	Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department 1540 Miracle Strip Pkwy Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548	Upgrades to the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center (exterior stairs, ramps, landscaping)	Yes

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



**LEAVE NO STONE
UNTURNED**

Wuzzle No. 2



**FOOT IN THE
DOOR**

Wuzzle No. 3



**GO ON A DOUBLE
DATE**

Wuzzle No. 4



**GREEN WITH
ENVY**

Wuzzle No. 5



**GET UP ON THE
WRONG SIDE OF
THE BED**