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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Our January 2022 meeting will be held on Monday, Jan 17, 2022 starting at 7 pm. For our January 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 meeting.

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The OIL Lantern

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – David Sherry

<u>Temporary Beach Groins On Okaloosa Island</u> – The temporary groins installation seems to be going well. Installation was completed on December 10; a little less than one month ago. Based on my counting of the number of posts on dry land, the beach has grown seaward (accreted) roughly 30 to 40 feet.

The beach has also grown in height near the groins. When the groins were installed, all of the posts were well over my head. As of last week, enough beach height had accreted close to the new water line that several of those posts did not come up to my waist, and the fence sections between some posts were



completely buried, or nearly so. On January 6, work crews came back to raise buried sections of fence so the fence could start accreting sand again. A few sections of fence toward the east end of the groin field still need to be raised. Some of the fence collars that attach the fence to the posts are now higher than the top of the posts. See photos below.





Other sections of beach also accreted somewhat, which is normal in the winter. Unlike the groin areas, non-groin areas have no fixed reference points (like posts) so we'll need to wait for beach profile data to see how the groin sections performed relative to the areas without groins.

We have had a number of beachgoers enjoy the beach and also swim between the groins. Some parents seem to be using the area between the groins like a giant playpen to keep their kids from straying too far, whether on the beach or in the water.

I don't know of any sections of groin that have been uprooted or damaged by high surf.

<u>The Challenges We Face</u> — Last month I wrote about the attempt by certain County Commissioners to eliminate the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions (see "Assault on Our Protective Covenants" in the President's Letter, OIL Lantern, December, 2021). The Covenants protect Okaloosa Island from getting high density buildings over 75 feet tall, and keep the single family home area a place where families want to live, among other things. Without the Covenants, the Commissioners gain power and control to change our Island as they see fit, and they could sell us out to any developer they want. Okaloosa Islanders, whether residents, future residents, or part time, didn't choose to buy on beautiful Okaloosa Island so politicians could turn it into Destin or Panama City.

Add this to the Commission embarking on a plan to take away our driving lanes on Santa Rosa Boulevard, and the Commissioners starving our beach of its natural sand supply by giving that sand to Destin every time East Pass is dredged. These are why Okaloosa Islanders need to stick together, condo owner and single family homeowner alike.

Please share this President's Letter and last month's President's Letter with your neighbors, whether they have joined OILA or not. And please renew your OILA membership if you have not already done so.

- David Sherry

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RAINFALL FOR DEC 2021: 1.8 Inches



 Dec 6...
 0.2 inches
 Dec 19...0.2 inches

 Dec 7...
 0.8 inches
 Dec 20...0.1 inches

 Dec 8....0.1 inches
 Dec 29...0.2 inches

 Dec 11....0.1 inches
 Dec 30...0.1 inches

Dec Avg Rainfall......4.8 inches

Variance to Average..... 3.0 inches

YEAR 2021

Total Rainfall for Year 2021: **68.7** inches Average Annual Rainfall:.... **65.5** inches 2021 Variance to Average ... + **3.2** inches

YEAR 2022

LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

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

WWW.OILAWEB.COM

OR

CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT 850-585-2116 OR BY EMAIL AT: SANLEANNA@COX.NET

January 17, 2022 Meeting Agenda

(Note: A membership meeting was not held in the month of December 2021)

DATE: Monday, January 17, 2022

TIME: 7:00 p.m

PLACE: For our January 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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Board Members: David Sherry

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: John Donovan

- Nov 8, 2021 membership meeting minutes (draft) Printed in this newsletter.

IV. Treasurer's Report:Jim Simpson

- Membership report.
- Treasurer's Report
 - December 13, 2021 and January 17, 2022 (combined)
 - Treasurer's Reimbursement and Approval

V. Standing Committee Reports:

- Architectural Review Committee Reports for November and December 2021 (printed in this newsletter)

VI. New and Unfinished Business:

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

- 1. Discussion of Santa Rosa Blvd and the Protective Covenants
- 2. Proposed Resolution by Nancy Hunt for OILA to send a letter to the local Realtors organization, ECAR, regarding the B1 zone short term rental prohibition, to include a copy of the relevant section(s) of the Covenants.

VIII. Adjournment

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

INCCCGS

Wuzzle No. 2

have have hold hold

Wuzzle No. 3

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Wuzzle No. 4

AGENT AGENT

Wuzzle No. 5

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OKALOOSA ISLAND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



OKALOOSA ISLAND RESIDENTS AND GUESTS DONATE 468 POUNDS OF FOOD TO CARING AND SHARING

In the accompanying photo (left to right), Caring and Sharing volunteers, **Bev McCullen** and **Michele Seitz**, accept delivery of **468** pounds of food (worth \$700+) donated by Okaloosa Island residents and visitors. Last year, 255 pounds were donated. This year's tally of 468 pounds represents not only a record but also an 83% increase.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THIS MOST SUCCESSFUL EFFORT:

The Okaloosa Island Fire Department for allowing the use of their lobby as a drop-off point for donations. Also, the Firefighters help load the delivery truck driven by Island resident **Bob Seitz.**

Ed and Cynthia Henderson for their very effective efforts in publicizing the food drive. Obviously, it worked!

AND, *most important*: The generosity of Okaloosa Island residents and visitors.

MEMBERS OF THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS AT CLEMENZA'S WITH CAMARADERIE AND A STUFFED STOCKING EXCHANGE.



(Photos courtesy of CareySue Beasley)



ISLAND GARDEN CLUB SOCIAL, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Come join us for Bead Mania with **Sue Pedersen** on Wednesday, January 12, at El Matador Condominium. Social at 9:30, meeting promptly at 10:00 a.m. We welcome new members and guests each month. A great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends. And learn along the way.

Growing Orchids is the February topic which is sure to interest many of you. And in March there will be plenty of room on the bus to the Mobile Festival of Flowers to accommodate purchases of plants, garden art and accessories.

Kathy Foster, IGC President fosterpk@gnt.net 850-244-4490

OKALOOSA ISLAND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS (continued)

LOCAL CHILDREN CHRISTMAS SHOP WITH OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS



This Christmas, Okaloosa Island's Local 2617 partnered with Catholic Charities, Wal-Mart, and the Salvation Army for our annual Shop with a Firefighter event. Five underprivileged children were afforded the opportunity to pick out their own gifts, as most of these families have been living in less-than-ideal conditions for most of this past year. These families depend on the donations acquired from leaseholders, neighboring residents, and Local 2617 to provide a merry Christmas to their children, and Okaloosa Island is honored to keep this tradition going every year. We raised enough money to provide gifts for ten children, but some families were unable to attend. The leftover donations will be reserved for five children this following year. The picture above shows (third, fourth and fifth from the left) **Samuel Wilcox**, **Jared Vause** and **Mario Zayas-Bazan** and (third from right) **Zander Angelovic** with the families supported by Shop with a Firefighter. Thanks to all that helped make this event a success.

OKALOOSA ISLAND CHRISTMAS 2021 DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

THE FOLLOWING ISLAND AND LOCAL BUSINESSES DONATED PRIZES FOR THE CONTEST WINNERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Business	Donation
Best Western –	One night stay
Cash's Liquors	Two Bottle of Wine
Catawampus	Two Tickets
Crusin Tiki Bar	Two Tickets
Emerald Coast Science Center	Five Tickets
Emerald Coast TDD	Four Hats
GI Jade	\$50 Gift Card
Gulfarium –	Four Tickets
High Tide Restaurant	Two \$25 Gift Cards
McGuire's	

Business	Donation
Old Bay Steamer	\$100 Gift Card
Rick's on the Island	Four \$25 Gift Cards
Salt Water Restaurants:	
- The Crab Trap	\$25 and \$50 Gift Cards
- Floyd's	\$25 and \$50 Gift Cards
- Rockin Tacos	\$25 and \$50 Gift Cards
Southern Star	Two Tickets
Suds & Cinema	Two Tickets
The Island Resort	One night beach front stay
Wild Willy's Adventure Zone	\$25 and \$50 Gift Cards

First Place – Two Winners - The following houses both scored the same points awarded by the judges for first place:

708 Sailfish

Alan & Carmen Parker

- The IslandOne Night Stay4 Cattywampus
- Rockin Taco \$50 Certifcate

Tickets



709 Sailfish

Bob & Michele Seitz

- Best Western One Night Stay
- Crusin Tiki Bar Two Tickets
- Crab Trap \$50 Certificate



Second Place

756 Sea Horse Ave

Christopher and Paula Privete - Floyd's \$50 Gift Certificate - 4 Tickets Gulfarium - Wild Willy's

\$50 Gift Card



907 Santa Rosa Blvd

Jennifer and T. Trieu Vo - Old Bay Steamer \$100 Gift Card



Third Place

4th Place - Most Beautiful House

Griswald Seen from Space

846 Tropic Ave

Jim & Debra Hendrix - GI Jade \$50 Gift Card



372 Bluefish Drive Island Breeze

Viktoria and Kyle Flowers - Cash's Bottle Of Wine - Suds and Cinema Two Tickets



MOST WHIMSICAL

841 Santa Rosa Court

Terry Jo Anibal
- Southern Star
Two Tickets



529 Dolphin

Paula and Gary Hudson Crabtrap \$25 Gift Card



MOST ORIGINAL

TRIVIA DROP-IN: IS THE OLDEST LIVING LIFE FORM IN THE WORLD A TREE?

"Methuselah" a Bristlecone Pine, was born in 2831 BC. Methuselah holds the title of being the oldest living thing on Earth. Methuselah germinated before the Egyptian Pyramids were built. In 1957, samples were taken of Methuselah and the tree was dated to be more than 4,800 years old. Methuselah stands proud at about 9,800 feet above sea level. "Methuselah Grove", which was named in honor of this grandfather tree, is where this tree and other ones grows. The grove is in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, which is part of the Inyo National Forest, which includes the Sierra Nevada of California mountain range and the White Mountains of California and Nevada.



THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS: APPARENTLY YES!

HONORABLE MENTION

430 Cardinal

Lauren Hedenschoug Tourist Development Department - Two Hats



El Matador Building 2

Cindy Gewinner Rick's on The Island - \$25 Gift Card

HONORABLE MENTION



HONORABLE MENTION

623 Pelican

Susan & Edwaard Wall Rick's on The Island - \$25 Gift Card



402 Cobia

Howard Wortman Wild Willies - \$25 Gift Card



HONORABLE MENTION

604 Pelican

Brian and Silvia Harrington Rick's on the Island - \$25 Gift Card



The Following Properties Were Winners – But, photos are not available.

MOST ARTISTIC

710 Sailfish
Suzanne Glass &
Roy Troutman
Ricks on the Is;amd
- \$25 Gift Card

HONORABLE MENTION

619 Pelican
Jennifer & Keith
Brewer
Cash's Brewery
- Bottle of Wine

Note: The judging was done by 3 people – Two Firefighters and a Mail Carrier. They were given "Thank-You" gifts for their work.

ANOTHER TRIVIA DROP-IN - THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON

Kane Tanaka, officially the world's oldest, living person, celebrated her 119th birthday on 2 January 2022. Kane Tanaka, who hails from Japan, was born on 2 January 1903, the same year when the Wright Brothers invented the world's the first-ever airplane and almost 11 years before World War I. Kane currently lives in a rest home, where her hobbies include mathematics and playing the board game Othello.

Hang in there Ms. Tanaka!



DRAFT MINUTES - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION - NOVEMBER 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by **President David Sherry** at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse and via Zoom. David announced he connected the TV screen in the meeting room so that those at the Firehouse could see the Zoom participants. He asked for feedback on whether to continue this option at future hybrid meetings.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President David Sherry leads the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. ROLL: Board Members Present: David Sherry (President), Rick Deckert (Vice President), John Donovan (Secretary), Brick Bradford, Ed Henderson, Jessie Hunt, Jack Pous.
- **III. MINUTES:** Secretary John Donovan made a motion to approve the draft October 11 membership meeting minutes, with one revision, changing "minutes" to "newsletters" under Announcements, item 1. Vice President Rick Deckert seconded the motion (passed 44-1, Paula Hudson opposed).
- **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by President David Sherry on behalf of Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). OILA has 288 members. Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Director Jack Pous, to approve the October 11, 2021 Treasurer's Report and to reimburse Jim Simpson for expenses (passed 47-0).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. President David Sherry read the first resolution published in the November OIL Lantern, "Resolved, that the Resolution adopted at the OILA Members Meeting of September 13, 2021, approving a donation of \$1,000 to the Okaloosa Island Fire Department for the purchase of two laryngoscopes, is hereby rescinded, because the donation is no longer needed or wanted." Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Vice President Rick Deckert, to approve the resolution.

President Sherry said this motion is to clean up the OILA accounting records after Kathy Foster sent an e-mail notifying him the OILA \$1,000 donation was no longer needed or wanted. Kathy Foster and Paula Hudson objected to the vote. David then read aloud Kathy Foster's e-mail to him stating the OILA donation was no longer needed. Motion passed 38-3 (Carey Sue Beasley, Paula Beasley, Paula Hudson opposed).

2. President David Sherry read the second resolution published in the November OIL Lantern, "Resolved, that because the Northwest Florida Daily News newspaper has not been willing to print OILA's letter objecting to the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners' decision to proceed with the Santa Rosa Boulevard lanes reduction project, OILA is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 to purchase advertising in the newspaper in support of the OILA membership's position against the said lane reduction project." Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Vice President Rick Deckert, to approve the resolution.

President Sherry stated after last month's Okaloosa County BCC meeting he had investigated options to publicize OILA's position in support of keeping Santa Rosa Boulevard's 4 driving lanes. In response to Mark Lillard's question why OILA was taking this action, Director Jack Pous offered to contact the newspaper's editor to find out why the OILA letter was rejected. Jack added our message to a wider audience could say "they could do it to you" or "you could be next".

In response to a question by Lew Paul, David Sherry confirmed OILA can buy placement within the newspaper so that our ad is not buried.

Rebecca Sherry said newspaper advocacy ads were effective for another group in scaling back a proposed Fort Walton Beach tax increase. She made a friendly amendment, accepted by Secretary John Donovan and Vice President Rick Deckert, to modify the original motion to allow up to 14 days for Director Jack Pous to get the letter published prior to OILA purchasing newspaper advertising.

Director Brick Bradford related that at the most recent BCC meeting which he attended, Okaloosa Island property owners and residents spoke in favor of keeping driving lanes while the Fort Walton Beach city council members and the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce board, which does not represent us, supported lane reduction. He was disappointed our district County Commissioner, Carolyn Ketchel, changed her public position to oppose Okaloosa Island at the eleventh hour. He encouraged OILA members to write letters to the editor opposing the planned Santa Rosa Boulevard driving lane reduction.

Nancy Hunt asked if the BCC was trying to save money, and several responded the proposed project costs \$10 million. She recalled Commissioner Ketchel saying at the OILA June meeting that if we did not want this, she would take it to Shalimar.

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(November 8, 2021 Draft Minutes continued)

Farley Street and Lisa Johnson spoke in support of the lane reduction project, with Lisa calling it "reasonable". Dick Olson spoke on 10 problems with the proposed Santa Rosa Boulevard lane destruction plan that he nicknamed "Hotel California Boulevard" because you can check in, but never leave.

Kenton Kruger suggested members use bloggers and blog posts to spread our message, adding that newspapers have fewer subscribers than in the past. President Sherry agreed OILA should expand our reach to be effective. He will post our no support for Santa Rosa Boulevard lane reduction message on the OILA website and direct Jim Simpson to send an e-mail blast to the membership.

There was a brief discussion on increasing the ad spend above \$1,000. Secretary John Donovan said that because the motion was noticed for \$1,000, additional spending could not be approved at this meeting.

President David Sherry read the revised motion, "Resolved, that because the Northwest Florida Daily News newspaper has not been willing to print OILA's letter objecting to the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners' decision to proceed with the Santa Rosa Boulevard lanes reduction project, OILA is authorized to pay up to \$1,000 to purchase advertising in support of the OILA membership's position against the said lane reduction project. Prior to the ad spending, Director Jack Pous will have up to 2 weeks to reach out to the Northwest Florida Daily News to attempt free placement or determine the reasons it will not be forthcoming." Secretary John Donovan and Vice President Rick Deckert concurred with the revised motion.

The motion passed 34-7 (Carey Sue Beasley, Paul Beasley, Kathy Foster, Paula Hudson, Nancy Hunt, Mel Mattison, Farley Street opposed).

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. President Sherry gave an update on the Okaloosa Island temporary groins, sand fencing and volunteer dune planting. The temporary groins and sand fencing are scheduled for November installation.
- 2. Cynthia Henderson reminded the membership the importance of all Okaloosa Islanders to support each other, regardless if they own property in the form of a single family home or as a condo. President David Sherry agreed, and used the example of the northside accessways where home owners and condo owners stuck together, although stopping accessway development is a higher priority for home owners. President Sherry also noted that the County uses any division on the Island against us and against our best interest.
- 3. President Sherry said the OILA Architectural Review Committee forms and new procedure are on the OILA website.
- 4. President Sherry announced that at the November 2 BCC meeting, the Okaloosa County Commission granted a variance to the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions to permit a homeowner to build into the fifteen foot side setback. He said that public hearing triggered a discussion where the BCC directed the County Attorney to investigate how to eliminate the Covenants on Okaloosa Island. County Commissioners Nathan Boyles and Carolyn Ketchel appeared to be leading the effort. President Sherry mentioned OlLA v. Hayes, a case in which OlLA sued Okaloosa County and OlLA won. In that case, upheld at the First District Court of Appeals, the judge ruled the Covenants are a contract, and the County cannot change a contract without the consent of the other party to that contract, in this case the leaseholders. A discussion followed on the importance of the Covenants to protecting the character of the neighborhood including no short term rentals in the B1 single family home section, requiring majority of owners in the block approval to split lots, etc., and the 75 foot building height limit.
- 5. President Sherry said at the end of the November 2 BCC meeting, the County Commissioners decided by consensus to limit public participation by Zoom at future meetings. He said the BCC provides very short notice of their agenda, and that this new restriction will make it more difficult for citizens' voices to be heard.
- 6. Paula Hudson asked who to contact to report short term rental violations. President Sherry said Lisa Payton of Okaloosa County is our Code Enforcement contact. Vice President Rick Deckert and Director Jack Pous suggested Ms. Payton's contact information be included in the next OIL Lantern. President Sherry agreed, and added it is important that the person contacting Code Enforcement have first hand knowledge of the alleged violation to assist Ms. Payton in enforcement. Director Brick Bradford said that having screen shots of VRBO and Airbnb is useful when contacting Code Enforcement.
- 7. Nancy Hunt asked that OILA send an official letter to the local Realtors organization, the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, including a copy of the Covenants, and highlighting short term rentals are not allowed in sections of Okaloosa Island. Secretary John Donovan said this action would have to wait until the next meeting since it was not noticed in the agenda. Director Jack Pous said, and Director Ed Henderson concurred, that any Realtor incorrectly conveying to a buyer that short term rentals are allowed could face significant liability.
- 8. Nancy Hunt asked for volunteers to help her decorate Okaloosa Island for Christmas.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Rebecca Sherry made a motion, seconded by Secretary John Donovan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM (passed 33-1, Scott Standish opposed).

John S. Donovan, OILA Secretary

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report – November 8, 2021						
MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 288 (TENTATIVE NUMBER – MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS STILL COMING IN)						
October 11, 2021 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 27,662.01						
ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF	October 11., 2021\$	25,426.68				
RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:	Membership dues\$ U.S. Mail\$ Total\$	720.00 64.00 784.00				
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EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT	NC	Expenditures				
EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT: - Payment to reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the N (50 copies at 58 cents each)	\$	29.00				
EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR November 8, 2021	PAYMENT AS OF	26,181.68				
BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 11, 2	2021 \$	1,421.28				
BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST RE	PORTN	o Expenditures				
BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 8,	2021\$	1,421.28				
CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF OCTO	BER 11, ,2021\$	814.05				
CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE	LAST REPORTN	o Expenditures				
CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVI	EMBER 8, 2021\$	814.05				
SUMMARY: October 11,2021 Fund Balances						
Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.						
Beautification Fund Balance Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations)						
Respectfully submitted, Jime Simpson, Treasurer						
Respectionly submitted, Julie Shiipson, Treasurer	TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	φ 20,417.U I				

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – JANUARY

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.

January 7, 1714 - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 10, 1861 - Florida became the third state to secede from the Union in events leading up to the American Civil War.

January 15, 1870 - The first use of a donkey to symbolize the Democratic Party in America appeared in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly, criticizing former secretary of war Edwin Stanton with the caption, "A Live Jackass Kicking a Dead Lion."

January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

January 27, 1967 - Three American astronauts were killed as a fire erupted inside Apollo 1 during a launch simulation test at Cape Kennedy, Florida

January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.





ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021: The OILA

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received several applications for review during December 2021 and has approved the following project.

<u>Date</u>	Lot(s)	Block	Owner/POC/Address	Description	In Compliance/ Approved
12/17	174	4	Donna Pirkle 438 Cardinal Avenue	House Remodel	Yes

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

Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association - OILA - Architecture Review

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

- 1. OILA ARC review package:
 - 1.1. Completed OILA ARC application,
 - 1.2. Survey plat of the property,
 - 1.3. Overlaid illustration of the project on a copy of the survey plat.
 - 1.4. 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.)

2. 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)

'GROANERS"

- 1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
- 2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
- 3. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
- 4. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
- 5. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
- 6. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- 7. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.
- 8. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
- 9. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- 10. I'm trying to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
- 11. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- 12. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
- 13. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied , "Aisle B, back."
- 14. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up her own incision? Suture self.
- 15. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

Fellow Leaseholders -

These "zingers" (aka "groaners") are sooo...bad, that I just had to share them with you.



- the Editor

TRIVIA TIME - HISTORY BEHIND THE NAMES OF PRODUCTS AND EVENTS

Listerine: Listerine was developed as a surgical antiseptic and general-use germicide in the 1880s, but the product only became widely known in 1920s thanks to an aggressive campaign marketing it as the cure for a made-up medical condition. Ads framed "chronic halitosis" as a plague of bad breath preventing men and women from finding partners and leading healthy social lives and Listerine as the unrivaled solution, helping company revenues climb from \$115,000 to more than \$8 million in seven years.



NASCAR: Stock car racing is the largest spectator sport in America today, but got its start as a covert competition between Appalachian bootleggers transporting loads of illegal moonshine. These drivers modified the engines and cargo capacity of their vehicles to better handle the twisty mountain roads on liquor runs. Soon enough, these modified cars became a point of pride raced at local fairgrounds for spectators to observe, and the illicit liquor trade — which continued in many municipalities with post-Prohibition alcohol restrictions — continued to play a pivotal, often problematic role in NASCAR's early days.



Mountain Dew: The name Mountain Dew isn't a reference to damp morning conditions at high elevations, but rather a Prohibitionera slang term for moonshine. The neon-green caffeinated soda we know today actually got its start in Knoxville in 1932 as a lemon-lime soda, developed by brothers Barney and Ally Hartman to serve as a mixer with whiskey when their preferred pop wasn't available.



WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Seasonings

Wuzzle No. 2



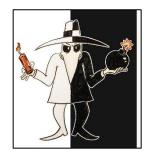
To Have & To Hold

Wuzzle No. 3



Any Questions

Wuzzle No. 4



Double Agent

Wuzzle No. 5



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