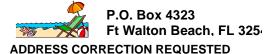
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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION

Our Februry, 2022 meeting will be held on **Monday**, **Feb 14**, **2022** starting at 7 pm. For our February 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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AT LAST – FLASHING LIGHTS ON THE ISLAND CROSS-WALKS!

Solar powered, pedestrian push button actuated flashing beacon warning systems for the seven Santa Rosa Blvd beach cross-walks are currently being installed. Funds in the amount of \$275,000 for this up-grade were approved last year. by the BCC.



Solar Powered Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Sherry

I hope you can join us in person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse or via Zoom for our next membership meeting, 7 PM on Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14. Here are the latest news and events for Okaloosa Island, including the upcoming dune planting and new bills at the Florida Legislature that, if passed, would preempt local control of short term vacation rentals.

The New Brooks Bridge – There have been several recent articles and guest columns in the Northwest Florida Daily news about the history of the Brooks Bridge and its replacement. Absent from those articles was any mention of a proposed Wright Parkway Bridge that would have diverted all US Hwy 98 traffic down our Santa Rosa Boulevard. This alternate bridge was supported by the City of Fort Walton Beach, the FWB Chamber of Commerce, and others. But Okaloosa Islanders, north side, south side, homeowners and condo owners came together to to defeat the Wright Parkway Bridge. Many told us we would lose, and don't even try. But we tried and we won. See the below photo from one of our "Wright is Wrong" rallies at the base of the bridge. It goes to show you what Okaloosa Islanders can accomplish when we work together and stick together.



<u>Volunteer Dune Planting</u> – Please mark your calendar. The dune planting is scheduled for Saturday, April 16 with a back-up date of Saturday, April 23, 2022. We will contact the volunteers with more details as the date approaches.

If you haven't already contacted Rebecca Sherry or me, and you would like to volunteer to help plant sea oats on the dunes, please contact me at beach_boy_dave@yahoo.com or 850-244-2744.

Okaloosa County has completed the sand fence installation. If you see any areas they skipped, please let me know the specific location so I can alert the County.

<u>State Regulation of Short Term Vacation Rentals is Back at the Florida Legislature</u> – I call your attention to proposed legislation working its way through the Florida state legislature, HB 325 and SB 512, another effort by the State of Florida to weaken local restrictions on short term property rentals, such as the Protective Covenants' prohibition on short term rentals in the B-1 single family homes zone on Okaloosa Island.

<u>Temporary Beach Groins On Okaloosa Island</u> – The temporary beach groins remain in place as planned on Okaloosa Island, and will be removed this Spring. There will be a resolution presented at the February OILA Membership Meeting asking OILA to send a letter to the Okaloosa County Commissioners thanking them for the groins and for the work by Craig Coffey and Alex Fogg on this project.

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February 14, 2022 Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, February 14, 2022 TIME: 7:00 p.m

PLACE: For our Februry 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

- January 17, 2022 membership meeting minutes (draft) Printed in this newsletter.

IV. Treasurer's Report:Jim Simpson

- Membership report.
- Treasurer's Report 1) February 14 2022 report and 2) Treasurer's Reimbursement and Approval
- V. Standing Committee Reports: Architectural Review Committee Report for Jan 2022 (printed in this newsletter)

VI. New and Unfinished Business:

Under Old Business: - Be it Resolved, that the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association, by its President David Sherry, issue a letter to ECAR, the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, clarifying the Island's Protective Covenants and Restrictions' prohibition on Short-Term Rentals in the Island's B-1 Zone, and attaching a copy of the applicable sections of the Protective Covenants.

Under New Business: :Be it Resolved, that the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association, by its President David Sherry, issue a letter to the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, expressing the appreciation of the Association and its Members with respect to the Gulf Beach Temporary Groins Project, and in particular, appreciation for the hard work on the Project by County officials Craig Coffey and Alex Fogg.

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

VIII. Adjournment

'It's about time': 2022 is the year work begins on the replacement of the Brooks Bridge*

After decades of fruitless discussion, followed by years of planning and public hearings, 2022, the year that work actually gets underway to replace the Brooks Bridge, has finally arrived.

The Florida Department of Transportation has set aside \$122 million to cover the cost of tearing down the existing bridge and putting a new one in its place. A request for proposals has been developed and a design-build contract will be awarded in late spring or early summer, according to FDOT spokesman Ian Satter. "We'll know an exact cost when the contract is awarded," he said. The design-build strategy will roll both aspects of bridge construction into one project. That will expedite the work by having construction crews come in behind structural designers and build to their specifications, Satter said.

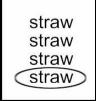
Once a contract is signed, crews will begin assembling and deploying the equipment needed to get the job done, he added. Traffic crossing the bridge won't likely be significantly impacted before this time next year.

Satter said, and a DOT "maintenance of traffic requirement" during construction obligates the contractor to ensure that four lanes of traffic remain open at all times. It is estimated the new bridge will take about three years to complete.

*Article by Tom McLaughlin, Northwest Florida Daily News, Jan 27, 2022

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. SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 8.











Wuzzle No. 1 Wuzzle No. 2 Wuzzle No. 3 Wuzzle No. 4 Wuzzle No. 5



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR <u>January 2022</u>: The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received several applications for review during January 2022 and has approved the following project(s)

<u>Date</u>	Lot(s)	Block	Owner/POC/Address	Description	In Compliance/ Approved
01/05	na	9	El Matador Condominium	Exterior Refurbishment	Yes
01/13	488	8	Carol and Richard Whiteley 831 Tarpon Drive	Garage Addition	Yes
01/16	219	5	Mr. Richard Johnson 510 Dory Ave	Home Addition	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)

"FAULTY FORECASTS"

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

-THOMAS WATSON, CHAIRMAN OF IBM, 1943

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out."

-DECCA RECORDING COMPANY, REJECTING THE BEATLES, 1962

"It will be years-not in my time-before a woman will become prime minister."

-MARGARET THATCHER, 1974

"With over 50 foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the U.S. market."

-BUSINESS WEEK, 1968

"The bomb will never go off, I speak as an expert in explosives."

- ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY, MANHATTAN PROJECT

"Stick to driving a truck, because you're never going to make it as a singer."

- MEMPHIS MUSICIAN EDDIE BOND, AFTER HEARING ELVIS PRESLEY, 1954

"The Abdomen, the chest, and the brain will forever be shut off from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon."

- SIR JOHN ERICKSEN, SURGEON TO QUEEN VICTORIA, 1873

"Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value."

- MARECHAL FOCH, PROFESSOR OF STRATEGY, 1911

DRAFT MINUTES - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION - JANUARY 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by **President David Sherry** at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse with **Secretary John Donovan** moderating via Zoom.

- 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), Ed Henderson, Jack Pous.
- **III. MINUTES:** Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Vice President Rick Deckert, to approve the draft November 8, 2021 membership meeting minutes (passed 14-1, Dave Hancock opposed).
- **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by President David Sherry on behalf of Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). OILA has 245 members. Director Jack Pous made a motion, seconded by Secretary John Donovan, to approve the December Treasurer's Report and to reimburse Jim Simpson for expenses (passed 15-0).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

Architectural Report: President David Sherry stated the December ARC report is in the OIL Lantern. President Sherry thanked the ARC members for their service, and Director Ed Henderson praised his fellow ARC members Brian Smith and Nick Hall for their work.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. President David Sherry gave an update from his recent talk with County staff.
- A. He stated Okaloosa County still plans on moving forward to reduce driving lanes on Santa Rosa Boulevard so Okaloosa Islanders need to lobby the County Commissioners if we are going to turn that around.
- B. President Sherry stated at the last OILA meeting we reported that a variance request and discussion triggered a move at the BCC to get rid of the Covenants. This position was led by Commissioner Boyles, with support by Commissioner Ketchel, with Commissioner Ketchel mentioning possibly getting rid of OILA. The County's plan seems less aggressive now, with the County seeking to change the variance process for Okaloosa Island rather than eliminate or more extensively modify the Covenants. Still, we have to keep our eyes open as politicians can take less popular positions after the election.
- 2. President Sherry moderated a nearly 40 minute discussion on the County's proposed driving lane reduction on Santa Rosa Boulevard. Paul and Carey Sue Beasley, Lynda Hanson, Desley Parker, and Dave Hancock disputed President Sherry's introductory statement that 90% of Okaloosa Islanders oppose the County's proposed Santa Rosa Boulevard lane reduction.

President Sherry clarified that the 90% opposition he cited was based on the available data from Okaloosa Island property owner surveys. President Sherry, Director Jack Pous, and Lew Paul each clarified the statement was based on the August 2020 Okaloosa County workshop written surveys and the recent OILA membership vote, which both had 90% opposition to the lane elimination.

Dave Hancock stated several spoke in favor of the project at a recent County workshop he attended. President Sherry stated he also attended and spoke at that workshop, and noted those who spoke in favor of the project were not Okaloosa Islanders, but instead largely Fort Walton Beach chamber members.

Carey Sue Beasley stated the August 2020 workshop was a different proposal than the recent design, discounting the validity of the 89% of 150 Okaloosa Islanders who submitted survey responses opposing lane reduction and the validity of the numbers opposing the lane reduction. President Sherry reminded her the August 2020 workshop survey had lane reduction options and a lane reduction question.

Carey Sue Beasley stated she believes out of state owners want the project. Carey Sue added residents are concerned about safety, but out of state owners want tourism. Director Jack Pous asked if she had any empirical data to support her position, or anything substantive indicative of her position. She did not.

Director Ed Henderson said west end condo owners are frightened by the project; the decreased safety of traveling on Santa Rosa Boulevard and the new round-a-bout is enough to make them oppose the project.

Lew Paul stated he walks along Santa Rosa Boulevard and Desley Parker walks her dog on Santa Rosa Boulevard. He opposes that the proposed design has no waypoint or center median, to safely stop midway when crossing the street. Mary Paul stated she had asked the BCC to send ballots and take a vote of Okaloosa Island property owners at the latest BCC meeting on this subject, and that the commission refused.

In response to a question raised by Desley Parker, Carey Sue Beasley said there are 3600 on the Island, but only 8% of Okaloosa Island property owners are homesteaded and can vote here. Rebecca Sherry pointed out that Carey Sue's eligible voter figure is wrong, and undercounts Okaloosa Islanders. Rebecca said there are OILA members in this room that do not homestead on Okaloosa Island, but live and vote in Okaloosa County.

Vice President Rick Deckert, a Zoom attendee who said he has owned here since 1972 and staunchly opposes lane reduction, asked for any of those in the meeting room whose comments during this long discussion were supportive of lane reduction to explain why they wanted the lane reduction on Santa Rosa Boulevard. After a long pause, no one responded. Lynda Hanson was asked by President Sherry, and she replied she would not take a position. Then President

David Sherry, Director Jack Pous, and Rebecca Sherry asked Carey Sue Beasley if she supported Santa Rosa Boulevard lane reduction, yes or no. CareySue Beasley declined to provide a yes or no answer.

3. President David Sherry said the second business item was a resolution to be sent to the Emerald Coast Association of Realtors. Since the sponsor of the resolution was not in attendance, unless someone else was present to advocate for the resolution, he recommended deferring this discussion. Secretary John Donovan and Director Jack Pous supported deferring the resolution, and there were no objections.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

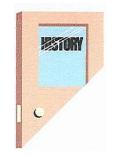
- 1. President Sherry gave an update on the Okaloosa Island temporary groins, sand fencing and volunteer dune planting. He said a temporary groin update is included in his President's Letter in this month's OIL Lantern. Okaloosa County plans to install the final 1500 feet of sand fence this Saturday, January 23. Okaloosa County has rescheduled Okaloosa Island dune planting to Saturday, April 16, with a back-up date of April 23 if needed for completion or due to weather.
- 2. President Sherry thanked Nancy Hunt and the Christmas decorating committee for their excellent work. Lew Paul added he heard favorable comments on the upgraded quality of the decorations in the medians this year.
- 3. Dave Hancock recommended the OILA membership send a letter of support thanking Okaloosa County for the temporary groins. President David Sherry said he would place a resolution in support of the project on the next membership meeting's agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Rebecca Sherry made a motion, seconded by Secretary John Donovan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM (passed unanimously).

3 PM (passed unanimously).	
tachment 1: TREASURER'S REPORT: November 8, 2021 to January 17, 2022	
MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 245 November 8, 2021 TOTAL BALANCE:\$ 28,417.01	
ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 8., 2021\$	26,181.68
RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT: Membership dues. \$ U.S. Mail. \$ Total. \$	<u>30.50</u>
EXPENDTIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:	Expenditures
EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:	
Payment to reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the December 2021 OIL Lantern (50 copies at 58 cents each)\$	29.00
Payment to reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the January 2022 Oil Lantern (41 copies at 58 cents each)\$	23.78
ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 17, 2022	26,648.40
BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021	lo Expenditures
CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 8, ,2021	\$ 814.05
CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT	
- Payment to reimburse Alan Parker for the purchases of items for the 2021 Christmas Display	\$ 178.68
- Payment to reimburse Nancy Hunt for the purchases of items for the 2021 Christmas Display	\$ <u>547.32</u>
Total Christmas Decorating Fund Expenditures	\$ 726.00
CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 17, 2022	\$ 88.05
SUMMARY: January 17, 2022 Fund Balances	
Association's Discretionary Fund Balance Beautification Fund Balance Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).	\$ 1,421.28 \$ <u>88.05</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE S	\$ 28,157.73
Respectfully submitted Jim Simpson, Treasurer	

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hildago. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas. The treaty was ratified on March 10, 1848.



February 3, 1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

February 9, 1943 - During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

February 13, 1945 - During World War II in Europe, British and American planes began massive bombing raids on Dresden, Germany. A four-day firestorm erupted that was visible for 200 miles and engulfed the historic old city, killing an estimated 135,000 German civilians.

February 14, 1929 - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn became the first American launched into orbit. Traveling aboard the "Friendship 7" spacecraft, Glenn reached an altitude of 162 miles (260 kilometers) and completed three orbits in a flight lasting just under five hours.

February 27, 1950 - The 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office.

February 28, 1844 - During a demonstration of naval fire power, one of the guns aboard the USS *Princeton* exploded, killing several top U.S. government officials on the steamer ship, and narrowly missed killing President John Tyler.)

ALL ABOUT YOUR HAIR

"Give me a head with hair, long beautiful hair - Shining, gleaming, streaming, flaxen, waxen - Give me down to there, hair, shoulder length or longer, - Here, baby, there, momma, everywhere, daddy, daddy" 🎜

- * The Guiness World Record holder is a Chinese woman named **Xie Oiuping.** whose hair measures a whopping 18.5 feet long.
- * A single strand of haircan suport up to 200 grams of weight (just under a quarter of a pound)
- * Most hair grows about six inches a year, and men's hair tends to grow faster than women's.
- * If you are an average nonbalding person, you have approximately 100,000 hairs on your head.
- * People normally shed about 50 to 100 hairs a day.



Xie Qiuping

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

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

WWW.OILAWEB.COM

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

TRIVIA CORNER

- The Earth weighs approximately **5,940,000,000,000,000,000** metric tons.
- The bikini swimsuit, which debuted in July 1946, was named after the American detonation of an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific on July 1, Designer Louis Reard hoped his swimsuit would make a similar explosion the fashion world.
- The British royal family changed its name from "Saxe-Coburg and Gotha" to "Windsor" in 1917, during World War I, because its original name sounded too German. The royals are still known as the House of Windsor.

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1 W

Wuzzle No. 2

Wuzzle No. 3

Wuzzle No. 4

Wuzzle No. 5







THE LAST NOEL

Editor's Hint: (No "letter L's")

BLUE IN THE FACE

LAST STRAW FLIP FLOPS CHICKEN DINNER THE LAST NOEL

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: ISLAND MAIL AND PACKAGE THEFT

Editor's Note: I was recently made aware of a situation in the Island's single family residential area which involved a combination of theft from a mail box and credit card fraud. Below are tips from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service on how to protect yourself from mail and package theft. Also, if all of a sudden, you stop receiving mail, ckeck with your local post office to see if a "hold" has been put on your mail. Thieves can put your mail on hold without your knowledge and pick it up themselves from the post office. If you know or suspect that you are a victim of mail and/or package theft, for help contact the **United States Postal Insepction Service at: 777-876-2455, Option 3.** Follow and share these tips to help protect yourself and others against mail and package theft.

Promptly pickup mail

Try not to leave letters and packages in your mailbox or at your door for any length of time.

• Deposit mail close to pick-up time

Deposit outgoing mail into USPS[®] Blue Collection Boxes before the last collection or inside your local Post Office™.

Inquire about overdue mail

If you do not receive a check, credit card, or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the sender as soon as possible and inquire about it.

Don't send cash

Be careful about what you send. Don't risk sending cash in the mail.

Arrange for prompt pickup

If you cannot be home to receive a package, make another arrangement or use the USPS Hold Mail Service.

Use Hold for Pickup

When shipping packages, use the Hold for Pick-Up option, and the recipients can collect the package at their local Post Office™.

Request signature confirmation

When mailing something important, consider requesting Signature Confirmation™ for the intended recipient.

File a change of address

If you move, make sure you file a change of address with the Postal Service and let your financial institutions know as well.

TRIVIA DROP-IN:

"Mad As A Hatter"

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 excitable or irrational behavior, trembling and the jumbling of words when speaking.





OIFD FIRE CHIEF RAY STRAWN

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT USES FUNDS RAISED BY THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB SALE OF CALENDARS TO PURCHASE NEW LIFE SAVING EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Okaloosa Island Fire District recently acquired new lifesaving emergency medical equipment. The equipment was generously provided by the fundraising efforts of the Island Garden Club.

The equipment acquired are **video laryngoscopes** that are an advancement in a skill use by paramedic for many years. When a patient requires intubation (the placing of a breathing tube), an important piece of equipment used to facilitate the placement is a

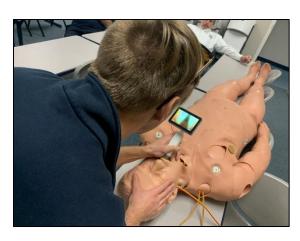
laryngoscope. This new equipment adds fiber optic video technology to this important equipment, ensuring a higher success rate in completing the intubation.

The Island Garden Club approached Okaloosa Island fire in 2021 and proposed producing a calendar as a fundraising project. The calendar features pictures of the firefighters with their personal pets. The project was an overwhelming success, providing funds for all the equipment requested, as well as additional funds to provide the training manikins to maintain proficiency with this new equipment.

Chief Ray Strawn and all the firefighters of the Okaloosa Island Fire District express their sincere thanks to the members of the Island Garden Club and all who purchase the calendars.







ABOVE: OKALOOSA ISLAND FIREFIGHTER/ENGINEER SAM WILCOX SHOWN TRAINING ON VIDEO LARYNGOSCOPE EQUIPMENT UTILIZING A TRAINING MANIKIN

ISLAND STREET LIGHT OUT? HELP KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE AND WELL LIT. IF YOU SEE A STREET LIGHT NOT WORKING PROPERLY, REPORT IT TO GULF POWER

CHOOSE ONE OF THE BELOW METHODS TO REPORT A LIGHT OUT TO GULF POWER

- Call at 1-800-225-5797 or Email: lightout@gulfpower.com
- Use the Gulf Power interactive map at: www.GulfPower.com/lights. (Editor's Note: Thie use of the interactive map isan excellent method to use to report outages. Zoom in on the Okaloosa Island part of the map several times until you reach the view which shows the green street light icons is displayed. These icons identify the location of the street lights. Click on the icon which needs repair and the pole will be automatically identifed by Light ID and Pole Tag Number; then click on "Report It". Job done!)

Whatever method of notification you use, give your name, contact information, the malfunction of the light, and the specific location. A pole number is very helpful if available. Also, state that the light is paid by the Okaloosa Island MSBU. This ensures that repair orders are issued from the correct account.

Our MSBU dollars pay for the street lights whether they are lit or not, and Gulf Power fixes lights that are out at no additional charge.

Another excellent (and perhaps the best) way to report street light outages is to go to:

https://www.gulfpower.com/outage/report/streetlight/report-an-outage.html

then, zoom in on Okaloosa Island on the map, and click on the light that is out. Gulf Power fixes them very quickly. You can also find this site by searching on "Gulf Power report street light outage" you're your favorite search engine

REMEMBER: Our MSBU dollars pay for the street lights whether they are lit or not, and Gulf Power fixes lights that are out at no additional charge.

MARDI GRAS INSPIRED "BEAD MANIA" AT THE JANURY 2022 ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Mardi Gras inspired Bead Mania at the January 2022 Island Garden Club meeting. **Sue Pedersen** demonstrated a clever method to create festive necklaces. And we did!!



"THE PARTS"



THE "BEADED" LADIES OF THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB PROUDLY WEARING THEIR HAND MADE NECKLACES



SUE PEDERSEN "THE BEAD GURU"

PREVIEWS OF COMING ISLAND GARDEN CLUB'S MEETINGS:

February 9: Growing Orchids - Island Garden Club members and guests have requested information on their favorite houseplant...the orchid. We are pleased that the February presentation is *Growing Orchids* by Scott Berry. We anticipate he will share his soil recipe, growing tips, and answer questions from the audience.



March 11: Bus Trip to Mobile's Festival of Flowers - The excitement is building for the Island Garden Club's bus trip to Mobile's Festival of Flowers on Friday, March 11. The cost is \$40 and covers a seat on the bus, entry fee, and driver's tip. This outing is open to everyone, not just garden club members, and there are some unsold seats



April 13: Bonnets to Bunnies - We will meet once again at El Matador Condominium on April 13th where members (and guests) will enjoy an Easter themed meeting... *Bonnets to Bunnies*.



Kathy Foster, IGC President 850-244-4490

RAINFALL FOR JANUARY 2022: 2.7 INCHES

Average Rainfall for January: **5.0** inches Variance to Average....**-2.3** inches