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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our March 2022 meeting will be held on **Monday, March 14, 2022** starting at 7 pm. For our March 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

Trying something new at our next OILA Meeting, Monday, March 14 – We will use both in-room audio-video capabilities and Zoom capabilities to better convey information at the meeting. For example, instead of telling you what happened on an important topic at a County meeting, we'll play the video clip for you. In room attendees will see the videos on the big screen TV, and Zoom attendees will see it on their personal devices. Give us your feedback after the meeting. If members like this new feature, we can keep using it.



At the March 14 meeting we will have a video presentation from Alex Fogg of the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department on the upcoming dune planting and a temporary groin project update.

We will also feature clips from the two most recent Tourist Development Council (“TDC”) meetings where Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel discusses some of her future plans for the area she calls “Pottersville” on Okaloosa Island (the bayfront area between Marler Park and Legendary Marine). Her plans for Pottersville include building “affordable” housing and/or a shopping center.

Volunteer Dune Planting – 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.

Honoring Jim Simpson – At the February OILA meeting Director Jack Pous suggested OILA pass a resolution honoring and thanking Jim Simpson for the many valuable services he performs for OILA (Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, for example) and his decades long volunteer service. Jim was already a fixture at OILA when we began attending in 2004. Many know the value Jim brings to OILA, and this recognition is well deserved.

Temporary Groin Project and North Accessway 2 Project (former Boat Basin) photo update – The condition of each project as of March 5, 2022 is depicted below. The groins have accumulated sand since their installation in December, 2021. North Accessway 2 still has much work to be completed.



TEMPORARY GROIN PROJECT



NORTH ACCESSWAY 2 PROJECT

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March 14, 2022 Meeting Agenda

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

PLACE: For our March 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

- February 14, 2022 membership meeting minutes (draft) Printed in this newsletter.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

- **Membership report.**

- **Treasurer's Report** - 1) March 14, 2022 report and 2) Treasurer's Reimbursement and Approval

V. Standing Committee Reports:- Architectural Review Committee Report for February 2022 (printed in this newsletter)

VI. New Business

Be it Resolved, that the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association (OILA) wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Jim Simpson for his many years of dedication and tireless service to OILA as its trusted Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Director, and dependable provider of other valuable behind-the-scenes volunteer services; and for the spirit of friendship and camaraderie he brings.

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

1. Recorded presentation on the April 16 volunteer dune planting and update on the temporary groin project by Alex Fogg of the Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department.

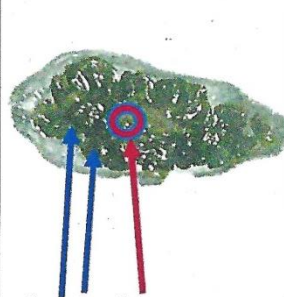
2. Video clip from the January 25, 2022 TDC meeting, featuring Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel discussing some of her future plans for Okaloosa Island, including a possible shopping center in the area of Okaloosa Island she calls Pottersville.

3. Video clip from the February 22, 2022 TDC meeting, featuring Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel discussing her desire to put affordable housing in the area of Okaloosa Island she calls Pottersville.

VIII. Adjournment

PLANTS GROWN FROM FRUIT SEEDS OVER 31,000 YEARS OLD!

The oldest carbon-14-dated plant tissue that has grown into a viable adult plant was a *Silene stenophylla* (narrow-leafed campion), an Arctic flower native to Siberia. The plants were not grown from seeds, which were not viable, but but the placenta tissue of three



Seeds
Placenta
Area
30,000 Year Old
Seed Pod

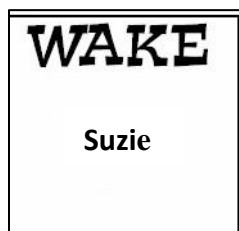


Flowering
*silene
stenophylla*
Plant

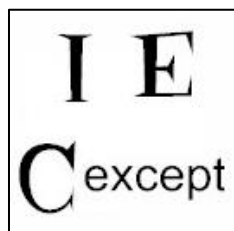
fruits. Radiocarbon dating has confirmed an age of 31,800 ±300 years for the seeds. In 2007, more than 600,000 frozen mature and immature seeds were found buried in 70 squirrel hibernation burrows 38 metres (125 ft) below the permafrost near the banks of the Kolyma River.

The Arctic ground squirrels (*Urocitellus parryi*) believed to have buried the seeds had damaged the mature seeds to prevent germination in the burrow, but three of the immature seeds contained viable placenta tissue, which was successfully grown in vitro. The plants grew, flowered and created viable seeds of their own. A spark of life 31,000 years old.

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.**



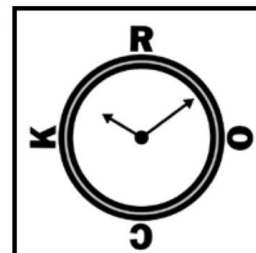
Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5

DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – FEBRUARY 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting called to order at 7:01 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, Jesse Hunt, Jack Pous.**

III. MINUTES: Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Director Ed Henderson, to approve the draft January 17, 2022 membership meeting minutes. Lynda Hanson and Desley Parker objected that OILA draft minutes contain meeting discussion and details, and objected to their names and their comments said at the meeting being published in the draft minutes. Lynda Hanson objected that OILA minutes do not follow Robert's Rules of Order. President David Sherry, Vice President Rick Deckert, Secretary John Donovan, and other members responded to Lynda and Desley. President David Sherry said he has attended OILA meetings for 15 years and if OILA now adopts a minimalist format, he believes that would be a disservice to the membership. He believes most members appreciate knowing the reasoning behind members' votes. Vice President Deckert said in his 40 years of OILA involvement he is unaware of OILA deleting any names from draft minutes. He added factual discrepancies can be corrected. Secretary John Donovan explained that the OILA Bylaws do not strictly follow Robert's Rules of Order. After a 15 minute discussion, Rebecca Sherry called the question. Motion passed 15-3 (Lynda Hanson, Jesse Hunt, Desley Parker opposed).

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by President David Sherry on behalf of Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). OILA has 249 members. Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Director Jack Pous, to approve the January 2022 Treasurer's Report and to reimburse Jim Simpson for expenses (passed 17-0).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

Architectural Report: President David Sherry stated the January ARC report is in the OIL Lantern. Director and ARC member Ed Henderson said the committee was working well, and had recently approved an El Matador renovation project and projects for 4 or 5 residences.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

President David Sherry read a resolution for membership adoption proposed by Nancy Hunt at the December OILA meeting and on the February 14 membership meeting agenda, "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." Nancy Hunt requested a friendly amendment to her original resolution to add asking Realtors to disseminate a copy of the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions to all buyers. Nancy said new Realtors are unaware of the Covenants. Director Jack Pous said providing all chain of title documents is a Realtor responsibility, and was surprised the Covenants were not being included in real estate transactions. Some members said the Covenants were included in their purchase documents, and Barbara Secondi said she did not receive them with her purchase. Director Jesse Hunt said this issue was a problem with OILA membership not being mandatory. President David Sherry said some documents are posted on the OILA website, and others are recorded by book and plat in the public records of Okaloosa County. The resolution was modified to add, "We request that Realtors include in all pertinent transactions a copy of the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions". Motion by Nancy Hunt, second by Barbara Secondi, passed 15-2 (Jerry Boggess, Desley Parker opposed).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

President David Sherry read a resolution for membership adoption proposed by Dave Hancock at the January OILA meeting and on the February 14 membership meeting agenda, "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." Rebecca Sherry made a motion, seconded by Nancy Hunt, passed 15-0.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President David Sherry gave an update on the Okaloosa Island volunteer dune planting scheduled for Saturday, April 16, with a back-up date of April 23, if needed for completion or due to weather. He said if you have not yet signed up and want to volunteer, contact Rebecca Sherry or him.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued:

2. Director Jack Pous requested the OILA membership pass a resolution of support for OILA Treasurer Jim Simpson, recognizing Jim for his important and long tenured service. President David Sherry agreed Jim provides a valuable service, and David said he would place a resolution on the next membership meeting's agenda.
3. Director Jesse Hunt asked about the process, timeline, and number of openings for the upcoming OILA election of directors. President David Sherry explained the President names a nominating committee at the April membership meeting, and the committee presents their nominations to the board at the May meeting. If at the May meeting there are no others nominated from the floor, then those nominees are confirmed as new directors at the June meeting. If at the May meeting there are other candidates nominated from the floor, an election is held with votes counted at the June meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Rebecca Sherry made a motion, seconded by Director Jack Pous, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM (passed 16-0).

John S. Donovan, Secretary

Attachment 1: TREASURER'S REPORT: FEBRUARY 14, 2022

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 249

January 17, 2022 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 28,157,73

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 17, 2022..... \$ 26,648.40

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership dues..... \$ 42.00

Total..... \$ 42.00

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT

Payment to U.S. Postal Service for the rental of P.O. Box 4323 (six months).....\$ **83.00**

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Payment to reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of paying the fee for 2022 the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Annual Report.....\$ **61.25**

Payment to reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the February 2022 Oil Lantern (41 copies at 58 cents each).....\$ **23.78**

Total Expenditures and Expenses Pending\$ 168.03

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022\$ 26,522.37

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 17, 2022..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 17, 2022\$ 88.05

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 14, 2022\$ 88.05

SUMMARY: February 14, 2022 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ **26,522,37**

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

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ **88.05**

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE..... \$ 28,031,70

Respectfully submitted
Jim Simpson, Treasurer

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MARCH

March 1, 1941: Nashville, Tennessee becomes the home of the very first FM radio station.



March 2, 1836: The Texas Declaration of Independence is signed at the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos.



March 3, 1923: The first issue of the weekly periodical, "TIME" appeared on newsstands.

March 6, 1836: Colonel William B. Travis and the Alamo defenders Are overwhelmed by Santa Anna and his Mexican troops.

March 11, 1931: The work on the Boulder Dam begins.

March 15, 1998: The Movie Titanic surpassed Star Wars to become the highest grossing film in North American box offices.

March 22, 1922: The US Postmaster General orders all homes to get mailboxes.

March 26, 1979: Camp David Peace Treaty Signed Between Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Israel's Menachem Begin.

March 27, 1909: First Fingerprint Evidence Used in Murder Case.

March 31, 1951: The first commercially built U.S. computer, The UNIVAC I, sold.



March 8, 1959: The Barbie doll was introduced by the Mattel Toy Company



Editor's Notes: A "mint in box" original Barbie doll sells for around \$24,000 - a nice return on a \$3 purchase.



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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/POC/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance/ Approved</u>
02/08	n/a	n/a	The Palms of Okaloosa 670 Nautilus Court	Exterior Refurbishment	Yes
02/17	188	4	Mr. Jason Floyd 464 Abalone Court	New Duplex Construction	Yes
02/17	189	4	Mr. Jason Floyd 465 Abalone Court	New Duplex Construction	Yes
02/17	325	6	Mr. Benton Savage 635 Pelican Drive	Meraki Solar Panel Project	Yes

Special Notes: The OILA ARC instructions for your project are located on the OILA website: [Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association - OILA - Architecture Review](#)

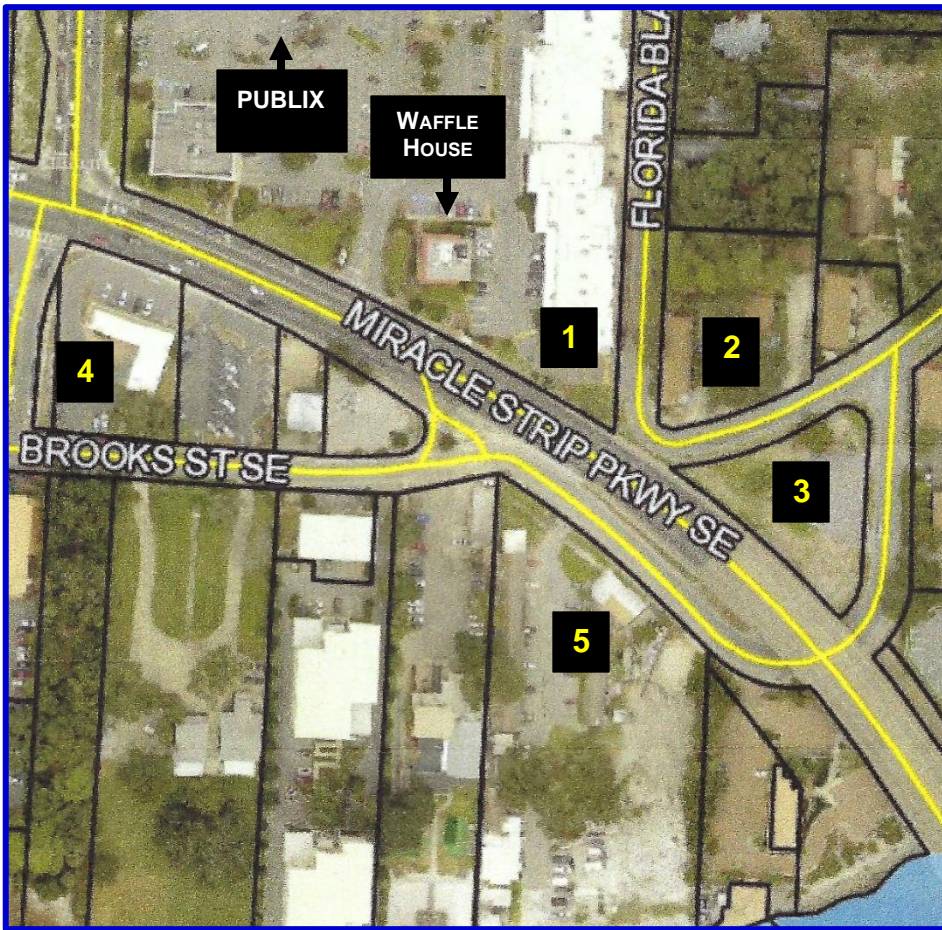
Please read and follow the instructions for submission of an OILA ARC application:

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)



NORTH LAND SIDE OF BROOKS BRIDGE



SOUTH LAND SIDE OF BROOKS BRIDGE

LOCATIONS OF BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW BOOKS BRIDGE

Editor's Note: An article by Tony Judnich in the Sunday, March 6 edition of the NWFDN, *FDOT: 10 Buildings Will Be Demolished to Make Way for New Brooks Bridge* provided details about the buildings expected to be demolished this year. While the article provided addresses and photos, I believe a marked location on a map of the bridge site would be of interest to the public. The physical locations of these building are displayed on this page.

1 **Prop's Brewery & Grill**, 225 Miracle Strip Pkwy

2 **Oak Breeze Apts**, 229 Florida Blanca Place. (4 units – front portion only)

3 **Pat's Bait & Tackle**, 225 Miracle Strip Pkwy

4 234 E Miracle Strip Pkwy (currently houses **Bamboo's Jamacian Restaurant & Diva Nail & Spa**). According to the NWFDN, part of this building reportedly could be removed to make way for the new bridge.

5 **Playground Inn**, 195 Brooks St (front portion – 6 units)

6 **Waffle House**, 1251-A Miracle Strip

7 **Tropical Waves**, 1251 Miracle Strip Pkwy

8 **Emerald Coast Inn & Suites**, 1214 Miracle Strip Pkwy

According to FDOT District 3 spokesman Ian Satter, "Eight businesses are either relocating or have plans to, and that 10 residential tenants have already moved from two properties to make way for the new bridge. The demolition of the 10 buildings will start in August and could be complete by October."

February 2022 Rainfall: 1.5 Inches



February 4.....**0.3** inches
 February 7.....**1.2** inches

February Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
 Variance to Average..... **- 4.3** inches
 March Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
 March Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
 March Record Low**4° F** (1985)
 Mar Avg Water Temperature...**66° F**
 April Avg Rainfall.....**3.7** inches
 April Record High..... **92° F**(1985)
 April Record Low**20° F**(1987)
 Apr Avg Water Temperature.....**72° F**
 YTD Variance **- 5.1** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall.....**10.7** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MARCH PROGRAM – A BUS TRIP TO MOBILE FOR THE “FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS”

Since 1965 residents have worked together in the Island Garden Club to beautify our Island neighborhood. Membership is available to anyone interested in gardening. Our programs run the gamut from sublime to silly, all with the intention of sharing information and learning.

The March 11 program is a bus trip to Mobile for the Festival of Flowers with a veritable banquet of seminars, artists, designers, nurseries, and landscapers. Did I mention vendors?

Hands-on projects are some of our members favorites. So, the April 13 meeting will be an opportunity to showcase creativity by decorating your Easter Bonnet. The meetings are open to residents, friends, and visitors. Come have fun with us.

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WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Wake Up Little Suzie

Wuzzle No. 2

achieve believe chief field grief	ceiling conceive deceit deceive perceive
i before E	Except after C

i before E except after C

Wuzzle No. 3



Go on a Double Date

Wuzzle No. 4



Rock Around the Clock

Wuzzle No. 5



Little House on the Prairie