

**DECEMBER 2022 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND
LEASEHOLDERS NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**

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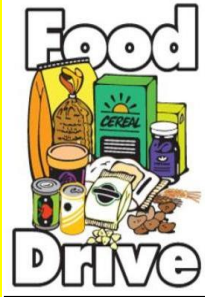


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**ISLAND FOOD DRIVE
FOR 2022 STARTS
DECEMBER 5 AND
RUNS TO DECEMBER
21. DROP YOUR
DONATIONS OFF
AT THE FRONT
LOBBY OF THE
OKALOOSA ISLAND
FIRE DEPARTMENT –
104 SANTA ROSA
BLVD.**



There will be no membership meeting in December. The next meeting will be held on **January 16, 2023**. The January 2023 edition of the OIL Lantern will contain the agenda for this meeting



**DON'T FORGET
TO RENEW
YOUR OILA
MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2022-2023.**

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INITIAL RENEWAL NOTICES WERE SENT OUT ON SEPT 15, 2022. FOLLOW-UP NOTICES WERE SENT OUT ON NOVEMBER 7. MEMBERS WHO HAVEN'T RENEWED BY JANUARY 1, 2023 WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS.

FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION, CONTACT JIM SIMPSON, TREASURER AT 850-585-2116 OR AT SANLEANNA@COX.COM

RENEW TODAY! THE EDITOR WANTS TO CONTINUE SENDING YOU THIS NEWSLETTER!

Merry
Christmas

The OIL Lantern

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Blast from the Past – The above banner is the same banner used for the December 2012 OIL Lantern

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – Ed Henderson

Dear OILA members,

While we are not having a December OILA meeting, I wanted to send you all the very best Holiday wishes.

I also want to thank all for your participation and support to volunteers and Board Members who work to keep Okaloosa Island the “Old Florida” that brought us here and are diligently working to keep it as is.

A special thanks to Nancy Hunt and her volunteers for their decorations along Santa Rosa Blvd, Jim Simpson for getting the December Lantern out, Nick Hall and Brian Herrington for keeping our property up to code, and to all of you who wrote letters and spoke to the BCC regarding the SRB lane reduction plan.

Also, a reminder of our food drive at the Okaloosa Island Fire Station’s main lobby, 104 Santa Rosa Blvd, anytime from December 5 to Wednesday December 21. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods, that includes canned goods, cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc, and toiletry items. Times have been very tough for many; your support is both appreciated and needed.

Lastly, during any lulls in this busy season, please drop me and/or the Board an email on what you would like the membership to accomplish this coming year, what speaker’s you’d like, and any comments on the issues we addressed in the past.

Also, I’ve had many requests to change our January meeting from 1/09/23 to 1/16/23 as the Football National Championship is on the ninth. Please mark your calendar for this change.

Happiest Holidays to you and yours. See you in 2023!!! -- Ed



A “THANK YOU” MESSAGE FROM OILA MEMBER BRIAN SMITH (*Editor’s note: Brian resigned from the OILA Board of Directors effective October 2, 2022*)

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Okaloosa Island Board of Directors. Having been voted into the position with 191 OILA member votes, I want to personally thank you for your vote and let you and the OILA membership know the reasons for my resignation.

In addition to being happily married to my soul mate, Lesa, with our 8 children and 9 grandchildren, I am currently working full time on Eglin AFB.

Prior to being elected I did not realize the almost full-time service commitment required by the OILA Board of Directors. My time on the Board was primarily consumed with learning more about the Santa Rosa Blvd Improvement Project, meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and Engineering Staff, reviewing BCC SRB Improvement plans, and restating the OILA membership position of keeping all four driving lanes.

The positions that I ran on which are still of concern: (1) Sand dredged from East Pass should go toward Okaloosa Island,

- (2) The Covenants should not be changed without majority approval of Okaloosa Islanders,
- (3) The north side accessways should stay natural,
- (4) Any beach restoration should be with East Pass quality sand or better, and
- (5) Santa Rosa Blvd Improvement project keeping all 4 driving lanes.

In addition, the OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) work that I had been supporting for the last two years, has in itself at times been a full-time job, reviewing architectural drawings, verifying the projects adhere to the OILA Covenants, attending BCC meetings to provide OILA ARC inputs for projects that are in dispute.

Thanks to my mentors on the OILA BOD, Mr. Ed Henderson and Mr. Jack Pous, for their guidance and support. In addition, thanks to my colleague, Mr. Nick Hall, on the OILA ARC for all his hard work.

Maybe someday when I retire, I will have time to serve and support the OILA Membership on the ARC and the BOD if asked.

How to Renew Your Membership

If you have not done so and wish to renew your membership in the Leaseholders, there are two membership renewal options available.

Option 1: Membership dues plus delivery of the "OIL Lantern" by email. The cost of this membership renewal is \$12. There is no charge for the email delivery of the OIL Lantern. **NOTE:** If this renewal is the first time you have selected delivery of the OIL Lantern by email, please include your email address with your remittance

Option 2: Membership dues plus a delivery fee for the Association's newsletter, "The OIL Lantern", by U.S. Mail. The total cost of this option is \$18 (\$12 membership dues plus a \$6 postal fee). **NOTE:** If this renewal is the first time you have selected delivery of the OIL Lantern by U.S. mail, please include your mailing address with your remittance.

It is highly recommended that you provide both your email and U.S. Mail addresses for purposes of rapid communication and registering for Zoom participation. Please make your check for either for \$18.00 (for U.S. Mail delivery of newsletter) or \$12.00 (email delivery of newsletter) payable to the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association or OILA. Please mail your remittance to the following address:

**Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association
P.O. Box 4323
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32549**



TOTAL RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER 2022: 1.7 Inches

Nov 15...0.4 inches
Nov 18...0.1 inches
Nov 25...0.2 inches
Nov 26...0.1 inches
Nov 30...0.9 inches

Avg Rainfall for Nov.....4.1 inches
Variance to Average: - 2.4 inches

Avg Rainfall for Dec..... 4.8 inches
Dec Record High.....84° F (1968)
Dec Record Low.....8° F (1962)
Dec Avg Water Temperature ..64° F

Avg Rainfall for January.....5.0 inches
January Record High..... 80° F (1957)
January Record Low4° F (1985)
Jan Avg Water Temperature...64°

YTD Variance - 14.3 inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....56.9 inches
Avg Annual Rainfall65.1 inches

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:

WWW.OILAWEB.COM

OR

CONTACT JIM SIMPSON at (850) 585-2116

or by email at SANLEANNA@COX.NET



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR December 2022: The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received and reviewed the following during November 2022 and upon review and adherence to the OILA Covenants, 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>
11/02	5A	1	M. Evans County Water and Sewer	Water Boost Station Replacement	Yes
11/08		8	D. Sheffield Island Sands Condo	Balcony Replacements	Yes
11/16	19-25 28-38	12	M. Dover The Gulf Okaloosa Island	Floating Docks	Yes
11-30		4	K. Keenam Blue Dolphin Condo	Stairway Replacement, Walkway Beam Restoration	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).
 - 1.5. (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)

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 page 6 of this newsletter.

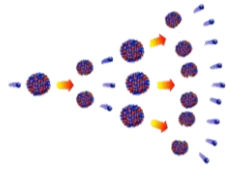
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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: DECEMBER

December 1, 1990 - England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

December 2, 1982 - Barney Clark receives the world's first artificial heart transplant.

December 2, 1942 - Physicists led by Enrico Fermi carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.



December 5, 1933 - The 18th Amendment (Prohibition Amendment) to the U.S. Constitution was repealed. For nearly 14 years, since January 29, 1920, it had outlawed the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the U.S.

December 11, 1901 - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.



December 11, 1941 - A major turning point in World War II occurred as Japan's Axis partners, Italy and Germany, both declared war on the United States. The U.S Congress immediately declared war on them.



December 13, 1928 - The Clip-on tie is created.

December 16, 1944: The Battle of the Bulge during World War II began as German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces at Ardennes Belgium. The Battle of the Bulge was the bloodiest of the battles that U.S. forces experienced in World War II with over 19,000 American soldiers killed.

December 16, 1773 - The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists disguised as Mohawk Indians boarded English ships anchored in the harbor and dumped 342 containers of tea into the water.

December 21, 1846 - Anesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant.

December 23, 1947 - The transistor was invented by U.S. physicists John Bardeen, Walter H. Britain, and William Shockley.

December 25, 1868 - President Andrew Johnson granted general amnesty to all those involved in the Civil War.

December 29, 1845 - Texas joined the Union as the 28th state.



December 30, 1924 - Edwin Hubble announces the existence of other galactic systems.

TRIVIA CRAWLER

Wisdom Teeth: We all know that wisdom teeth are the final set of molars that you get in your late teens or early 20s. It's like a final reminder your body gives you to let you know that you're growing up. However, did you know that 20% to 25% of the human population is born with one to three wisdom teeth, and 35% is born without any wisdom teeth at all? It's linked to a gene called PAX9. (Note: The editor is thankful for this gene)

The U.S. is the Hottest Country in the World: Currently, **the highest officially registered temperature is 56.7C (134F), recorded in California's Death Valley back in 1913.** The hottest known temperature in Africa is 55C (131F), recorded in Kebili, Tunisia in 1931. Iran holds the record for Asia's hottest official temperature of 54C (129F) which it recorded in 2017.

The Three Musketeers Candy Bars: Introduced in 1932, the candy bars got their name because they used to have three layers: vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. Now, the bars have only chocolate.



The first packages of the candy bars were sold with a chocolate bar, a strawberry bar, and a vanilla bar. These were packaged in the same wrapper but were three unique bars.



OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO HURRICANE IAN VICTIMS - By Fire Chief Ray Strawn

The Okaloosa Island Fire Department (OIFD) played an important role in response to Hurricane Ian. Engine Strike Team 1101 (EST-1101), which consisted of five 4-man engines, deployed September 28th and was led by Okaloosa Island Captain Greg Lloyd. Captain Mike Simmons and Engineer Corey Crawford were also part of this



Chief Ray Strawn

strike team, manning an Engine within the team. Assistant Chief Sean Mast stepped in as the Okaloosa County Region 1 coordinator for the first part of the deployment, organizing the crews and teams throughout the County with the State Emergency Operations Center. Assistant Chief Mast organized for the return of EST 1101 and organized an additional 5 Engine Strike Team (EST-1102) that depart October 6th. The relief Crews spent 14 days in South Florida assisting those in need. Staffing an Engine on this strike team was OIFD's Captain Doug Brown and Firefighter Griff Ushe.

The missions scope varied widely during the deployment on Pine Island and Captiva Island. This included rescuing trapped victims, debris removal, fire suppression, and fire station relief of the local fire departments. The crews use boats, Humvees, and barges to move personnel and equipment to the islands and endured several weather conditions daily.



OIFD Truck on Sanibel Island



Okaloosa Island Firefighters (left to right) **Captain Mike Simmons**, unknown party, **Engineer Corey Crawford** and **Captain Greg Lloyd** travel by boat in Pine Island Sound just off Sanibel Island.

Later in the deployment Assistant Chief Mast was assigned Strike Team Leader for 1103. With his team of 5 Engines and 2 Tenders his crews assisted with all emergencies on Sanibel Island and Captiva Island for 14 days. While not handling emergencies, crews secured over 1300 residences for gas leaks and checked over 1400 Fire Hydrants. This experience gained by the crews of OIFD is invaluable; something that can't be learned in a classroom. The knowledge, experience, and lessons learned have been



Tugboat Pushing a Barge Loaded with Fire Engines.



Hurricane Damage – Sanibel Island

brought back to Okaloosa Island and plans are already being worked on to better prepare Okaloosa Island should the need arise. Another important part of sending crews to the hurricane is the reciprocation that will occur if a similar event ever occurs on Okaloosa Island. This exchange of assistance was proven as the strike teams aided the Naples Fire Department; a department that suffered catastrophic flooding of their fire station. At another recent disaster, the Panama City Wildfires, crews from the Naples Fire Department were here assisting our local fire departments in a time of need.

ISLAND PANTRY FOOD DRIVE FOR 2022 - DECEMBER 5 TO DECEMBER 21

STARTING MONDAY, DEC 5 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS

JUST DROP YOUR DONATION OFF IN THE FRONT ENTRANCE LOBBY! Let's Set a New Record!!

BRING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE* FOODS AND TOILETRY ITEMS TO THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE STATION DROP OFF SITE.

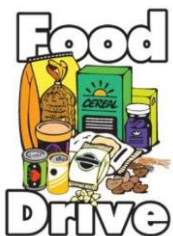
DONATIONS CAN BE MADE 24 HOURS A DAY FROM: MONDAY, DEC 5 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DEC 21

*** IN ADDITION TO CANNED FOOD, NON-PERISHABLES INCLUDE CEREAL, OATMEAL, GRITS, ETC**

LAST YEAR THE ISLAND DONATED 468 POUNDS OF FOOD TO THE FORT WALTON BEACH SHARING AND CARING FOOD BANK - A RECORD AMOUNT.

THIS YEAR'S GOAL IS 550 POUNDS!

Special Note: For the Duration of the Drive, the Doors to the Fire Department Entrance Lobby Will be Open 24 Hours a Day.



WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



FIST FULL OF DOLLARS

Wuzzle No. 2



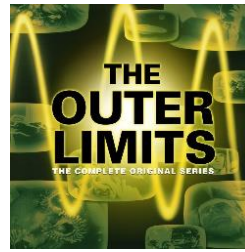
COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP

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FLAT BROKE

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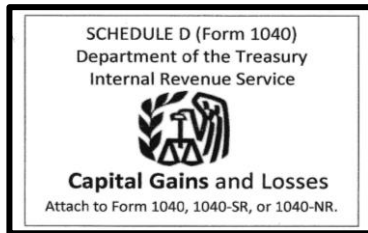
THE OUTER LIMITS

Wuzzle No. 5



BATHTUB RING

Wuzzle No. 6



TAX GAIN

Wuzzle No. 7



THE Good, TEH Bad and THE Ugly

BONUS SECTION: WORDS OF WISDOM BASED ON REAL-LIFE TRUTHS & EXPERIENCES – ENJOY!

I'm in a Wal-Mart parking lot watching a woman who can't remember where she parked. Every time she holds her remote in the air, I honk my horn.

It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick one of your own. I know that now.

Brain: I can see you're trying to sleep. Can I offer a selection of your worst memories from the last 10 years

WE KEEP A POTATO MASHER IN A DRAWER BECAUSE SOMETIMES IT'S FUN TO NOT BE ABLE TO OPEN THAT DRAWER.

Had a bad mixup at the store today..when the cashier said strip down facing me, apparently she was referring to my credit card.

MY KIDS LAUGH BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M CRAZY. I LAUGH BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW IT'S HEREDITARY.

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

I don't know how to use TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands... so there's that.

The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

Finally figured out the reason why I look so bad in pictures. It's my face.

You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness. ~ Mark Twain

Do you ever feel like your body's "check engine" light has been on and you're still driving it like "nah it'll be fine"?

I LIKE TO MAKE LISTS. I ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE THEM LAYING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND THEN GUESS WHAT'S ON THE LIST WHILE AT THE STORE. FUN GAME.