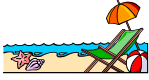


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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

For the safety of our members and to comply with CDC and the State of Florida guidelines, our January meeting will be held on **Monday, February 8, 2021** starting at 7 pm **over the internet by Zoom**. In a few days OILA members will receive a meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the meeting.

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♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – DAVID SHERRY

Some comments made at recent OILA meetings showed how little many people know about OILA online resources for members and how OILA recordkeeping has improved starting 18 months ago. Here is a rundown:



OILA Records (Correspondence) – OILA's Records Custodian is Secretary John Donovan. Immediately after his election in June 2019, John created and has maintained electronic archives in a dedicated email account. Electronic storage is password protected, filed, and preserved for transfer to the next board Secretary and use by the next board. These records include correspondence sent by the OILA President as directed by the membership to Okaloosa County. John has maintained OILA paper records created since his election. Some historical records are stored at the Okaloosa Island Fire House, while others are also available on the website.

ARC Records – OILA's Architectural Review Committee (“ARC”) now keeps its records on its dedicated email account, OilaArc@yahoo.com, which will stay with the committee as ARC membership turns over. The ARC reviews proposed projects for compliance with the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions. Approval of the ARC is required for projects which require an Okaloosa County permit. You can reach the ARC at OilaAarc@yahoo.com. Projects brought before the ARC are listed in the OIL Lantern.

OILA website – OILA has maintained a website, www.oilaweb.com, since 2005. On it you can find newsletters, meeting minutes, treasurer reports, official OILA positions on issues, ARC information, meeting podcasts, beach and bridge information, OILA directors, and key documents such as the Island Covenants and OILA's By-Laws, etc. In the top left hand corner is a “Contact Us” button, which you can use to send an e-mail to webmaster@oilaweb.com. The OILA website consistently receives about 75 visitors daily. After long time webmaster Bob Seitz retired, OILA President David Sherry assumed webmaster duties.

Facebook – OILA has a facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Okaloosa-Island-Leaseholders-Association-OILA-541206789267225/>. There is also a link to the facebook page on the OILA website. The facebook page has 294 likes and 330 followers. OILA member Cynthia Henderson is the moderator.

Newsletter – OILA's newsletter, the OIL Lantern, is assembled and distributed by long time OILA Newsletter Editor, Jim Simpson. Each OIL Lantern contains information on how to contact the OILA board members and Editor Jim Simpson, meeting minutes, treasurer's reports, the Architectural Review Committee Reports, and much more.

OILA Records (Membership) – OILA's Treasurer is Jim Simpson. He also maintains the OILA membership list. OILA correspondence comes from his e-mail, sanleanna@cox.net.

Member Privacy – Your contact information is not shared with the OILA board, other members, or outside parties. If you request anonymity in a contact to the OILA board, we have and will work with you one on one to maintain your privacy. In order to resolve some issues you may have to make a decision whether to disclose your contact information to regulators or authorities, if your issue cannot be worked out anonymously.

Please remember that everyone doing the above jobs is a volunteer. Some issues require research so an immediate response is not always possible. Okaloosa Island is our home too.

(Message from the President continued on next page)

Bridge Update – FDOT updated us with some good news. Previously, FDOT needed to re-configure the new bridge tie-ins at Santa Rosa Blvd. and U.S. Hwy 98 due to difficulty acquiring Air Force land at the southeast corner of the intersection. After more discussion and evaluation of the traffic operation drawbacks when avoiding the Air Force land, the parties involved have figured out a way to expedite agreements and get to a solution so that the original approved concept is being carried forward. This is a good thing for traffic flow.

Dune Planting Update – Volunteer dune planting is getting closer. Okaloosa County has its permit and is arranging to purchase 300,000 sea oats for Okaloosa Island. We should get a few weeks notice before the sea oats arrive, and then we will send out a call for volunteers.



In 2012 Okaloosa Islanders and friends planted the Okaloosa Island dunes with sea oats. We hope you can join us for the 2021 dune planting with Okaloosa County. – David Sherry



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021 for permits submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Review Committee. **SPECIAL NOTICES:** 1) The ARC will meet the **1st** and **3rd** Thursdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. **The meetings are held via Zoom with in person meetings available as needed. You can reach the ARC at: OilaArc@yahoo.com.** 2) **ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.**

Lot(s)	Block	Owner/Address	Description	In Compliance and Approved?
310	6	620 Pelican Dr	Window & Door Replacements	Yes

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY



February 1, 1884 - The Oxford English Dictionary is published and in the year 1944 the editor of the OIL Lantern is born.

February 5, 1934 - Hank Aaron is born.

February 9, 1942 - Daylight saving time instituted.

February 14, 1929 - Sir Alexander Flemming discovers Penicillin.

February 18, 1930 - Pluto, once believed to be the ninth planet, is discovered by astronomer Clyde Tombaugh.

February 20, 1962 - Astronaut John Glenn orbits the earth.

February 22, 1980 - U.S. hockey team defeats four-time gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Games.

February 23, 1954 - Children receive first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk.

February 25, 1862 - Congress passes the Legal Tender Act, authorizing the use of paper notes (called greenbacks) to pay the government's bills.

February 27, 1922 - U.S. Supreme Court upholds the 19th Amendment, providing for female suffrage.



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February 2021 OILA Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, February 8, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual meeting via Zoom
Call to Order / Zoom Meeting
Protocols

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Board Members: David Sherry

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: John Donovan

- January 11, 2021 membership
meeting minutes (draft). Printed in this
newsletter.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson - Membership report.

- Treasurer's Report for January 11,
2021

- Treasurer's Reimbursement and
Approval.

V. Standing Committee Reports:

- Architectural Review Committee
January 2021 report (printed in this
newsletter)

Ad Hoc Committee Report

- IT Modernization Committee
Progress Report - **Jesse Hunt**

VI. New and Unfinished Business:

VII. Announcements; Speakers and Programs

VII. Adjournment



ISLAND RAINFALL

January 2021 Rainfall: **4.2** inches



January 1...**1.1** inches January 22..**0.2** inches
January 7.. **0.9** inches January 26..**1.3** inches
January 11..**0.1** inches January 27..**0.5** inches
January 15..**0.1** inches

February Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)
February Record Low**11° F** (1951)
Feb Avg Water Temperature. **64° F**

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
Variance to Average.....**-0.8** inches

YTD Variance **-0.8** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**4.2** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

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

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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TRIVIA CORNER - BOWLERS OF THE WORLD: EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT

In 1997, University of Nebraska
sophomore Jeremy Sonnenfeld became the
first bowler to

"knock 900"

by rolling three
perfect 300 games
in a row in an
official tournament.



OKALOOSA ISLAND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



Sailboat Consumed by Fire

SAILBOAT ANCHORED OFF THE SOUND SIDE OF CLIPPER COVE TOWN HOUSES ON OKALOOSA ISLAND DESTROYED BY FIRE

Early Sunday morning on January 25 the fire was reported. The Ft Walton Beach Department and Destin Fire Rescue assisted Okaloosa Island Firefighters in putting out the fire. A person lives on the boat but was not aboard at the time of the fire.



Okaloosa Island Firefighter at the Scene

There were no injuries. The cause of the fire is not known and is being investigated by the State Fire Marshal and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission.

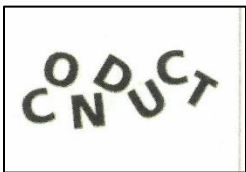


MEET "PICKLES" – THE OFFICAL FELINE GREETER FOR THE **PUBLIX** STORE LOCATED IN PARADISE POINT SHOPPING CENTER

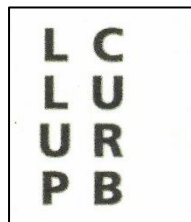
About 7 months ago a cat showed up at the entrance to the Publix store located in the Paradise Point Shopping Center (Just North of Brooks Bridge on Miracle Strip Pwky) The Publix employees adopted her and named her "Pickles". (Cat Trivia: Almost all cats which have 3 different colors of fur are females). Then, she got a job as the feline greeter for Publix customers. Pickles is well taken care of and she has been spayed. The photo to the left (taken by Okaloosa Island Leaseholder Dave Hancock) shows her guarding the front door into Publix. Dave also advised that Pickles is so smart that she has figured out the timing of the automatic doors so she can run inside in cold weather.

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.

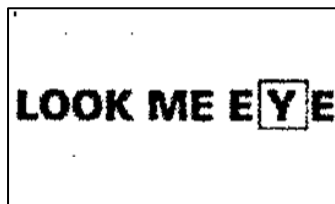
Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



TRIVIA CRAWLERS



- The "WD" in WD-40 stands for Water Displacement. The "40" came about because it took the creators that many attempts to get the formula right.
- The first speed limit in the United States was set in 1901 in Connecticut at 12 miles per hour.
- The Nike swoosh was designed by Carolyn Davidson, a graphic design student at Portland State University. She was paid \$35 for the famous trademark.

Minutes (Draft) January 11, 2021 Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – JAN 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by **President David Sherry** via Zoom due to Covid-19.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance led by **President David Sherry**.

II. ROLL: Board Members Present: **David Sherry (President), Rick Deckert (Vice President), John Donovan (Secretary), Ed Henderson, Jesse Hunt, Jack Pous.**

III. MINUTES: Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Vice President Rick Deckert, to approve the draft December 14, 2020 minutes (passed 9-0).

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by President David Sherry on behalf of Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). President Sherry thanked Nancy Hunt and everyone who helped with the island Christmas decorations, recognizing Wild Willy's Adventure Zone and Angler's Beachside Grill & Bar which donated \$500 apiece. A motion to approve the December 2020 Treasurer's report and to pay reimbursements was made by Director Jack Pous, seconded by Secretary John Donovan (passed 11-0).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standing Committees

Architectural Report: President David Sherry stated the ARC report is in the OIL Lantern, and no other applications have been received since newsletter publication.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Nancy Hunt thanked donors for their generous Christmas decorating prizes. She will send thank you notes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM (motion by Director Jack Pous, seconded by Secretary John Donovan and passed 10-0).

ATTACHMENT 1: TREASURER'S REPORT (DRAFT): JANUARY 11, 2021

TREASURER'S REPORT: JANUARY 11, 2021

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 261

December 14, 2020 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 28,418.67

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF December 14, 2020..... \$ 26,497.39

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership dues \$ 33.00

Newsletter Fees \$ 4.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$ 37.50

EXPENDIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

No Expenditures

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the January 2021 OIL Lantern.....\$ 26.40
(48 copies at 55 cents each)

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF

January 11, 2021\$ 26,508.49

Attachment 1 continued on next page

ATTACHMENT 1 (CONTINUED): TREASURER’S REPORT JANUARY 11, 2021

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Dec 14, 2020..... \$ 1,421.28
 BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures
 BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF January 11, 2021.....\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF Dec 14, 2020\$ 500.00

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND DONATIONS:

Angler’s Beachside Grill & Bar.....\$ 500.00
 Wild Willy’s Adventure Zone.....\$ 500.00

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT

Reimbursed to Nancy Hunt a total of 685.95 for the purchase of items for the 2020 Christmas
 Decorating of the Okaloosa Island Welcome Triangle and the medians of Santa Rosa Blvd.....\$ 685.95

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF January 11, 2021\$ 814.05

SUMMARY: January 11, 2021 Fund Balances

-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 26,508.49
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 814.05

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 28,743.82

Respectfully submitted
 Jim Simpson, Treasurer

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



**DISORDERLY
 CONDUCT**

Wuzzle No. 2



**PULL UP ALONG SIDE
 THE CURB**

Wuzzle No. 3



**LOOK ME
 SQUARELY IN
 IN THE EYE**

Wuzzle No. 4



**BROKEN
 PROMISE**

Wuzzle No. 5



EXCUSE ME

TRIVIA CRAWLERS



- Tree crickets sing in exact mathematic ratio to the temperature of the air. There’s no need for a thermomoter on a summer night – just count the number of chirps a cricket makes in 15 second, add 40, and the result will be the current air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.
- The spots on dice are called “pips”.