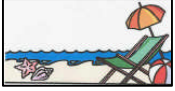


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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **February 9, 2015.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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“GLITTER BUGS”
JILL HIGGINS &
HER SON, COLE,
ADD SPARKLE TO
OILA’S FLOAT
MARDI GRAS
THEME SIGN:

WELCOME TO
OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD



The OIL Lantern

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **Feb 9, 2015**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Okaloosa Island
Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you speak, please state
your name, address and if
you are a member.

IV. MINUTES

January 12, 2015 Meeting
Minutes (Draft)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer, Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural
Committee: (see
Newsletter)

C. Membership Liaison:
Jim Simpson

D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

E. Boat Basin: **Cathy**

Taylor

F. Street Lighting MSBU:
Maryl Bednar

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mardi Gras Summary
B. Bike Path Status

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Brooks Bridge &
Wright Bridge Corridor
Update

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Mardi Gras Parade on January 17th was a great success.

Record numbers of floats and parade-goers. Thanks go out to all who supported this initiative. Our float led the parade. What a fabulous way to start the season.

The Snowbird Extravaganza was held the day before at the Emerald Coast Convention Center and hosted record numbers of Snowbirds and vendors.

The Okaloosa Island Bike Path is progressing nicely. Thanks to all who are involved in this initiative. The proposed concept for marketing the Bike Pathway is Sustainable Tourism. My hotel was the first Ramada in the State and the first hotel in Okaloosa County to receive a Green designation from Florida's Green Lodging program. Sustainability is a great concept and we should embrace it as we move forward.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Valentine's Day!

Tripp Tolbert

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – FEBRUARY

February 1, 1861 -- Texas seceded from the Federal Union following a 171 to 6 vote by the Secession Convention. Governor Sam Houston was one of a small minority opposed to secession.

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

February 19, 1473 - Astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) was born in Torun, Poland. Considered the founder of modern astronomy, he theorized that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system

February 23, 1942 - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage

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.

The Island Garden Club Presents
Heart & Soil



Bob Bayer

Join fellow islanders for refreshments and socializing at 9:30 a.m. at El Matador, for the Wednesday, February

11, 10:00 a.m. meeting of the Island Garden Club. Guests are always welcome!

Master Gardener Bob Bayer will be speaking. February's 'theme' is Heart & Soil....a nod to Valentine's Day and awareness that it is time for soil preparation for our spring gardens.

Master Gardeners are trained gardening and landscape enthusiasts who volunteer answering horticultural questions. The gardeners also operate the County Extension testing laboratory and run the Master Gardener nursery in Fort Walton Beach. They can be reached at 689-5850 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

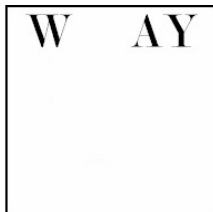
If guests wish to become members, annual dues of \$10 are payable in April.

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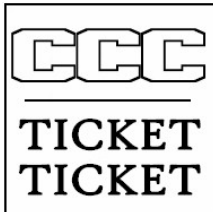


**"QUINTUPLE"
WUZZLE PUZZLES
FOR THE 14th TIME!**

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 at the bottom of the last page.



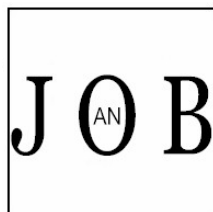
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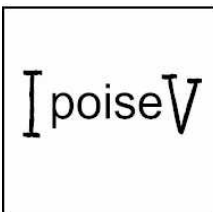
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Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR
JAN 2015: 2.9 INCHES**



January 4..... **0.5** inches
January 15..... **0.5** inches
January 22.....**0.1** inches
January 23.....**1.8** inches

Variance to Average: - **2.1** 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**

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 to Avg.....- **2.1** inches
Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**2.9** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall **65.1** inches

**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT
RECORDED 49 CALLS FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014**

Fire Calls.....**3**
Alarm Activations..... **21**
EMS/Rescue/MVA....**25**



**OKALOOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONER
CAROLYN KETCHEL PARTICIPATES IN
THE MARDI GRAS PARADE**



Riding in style on "vintage wheels" and wearing a classical sun hat, Okaloosa Island's District 2 County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel participated in the 2015 Mardi Gras Island Parade., "Welcome to Our Neighborhood" Commissioner!



MARDI GRAS PARADE ON THE ISLAND - JANUARY 17, 2015



STATUS UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED BIKE PATHWAYS ON SANTA ROSA BLVD & OKALOOSA ISLAND – by Dave Hancock

Since we started discussing the possibilities of bike pathways on Santa Rosa Boulevard and Okaloosa Island a lot of progress has been made. Right now we are waiting on the ORAC grant program to be ready for applications. ORAC showed their system for the first time to the Okaloosa County Commissioners at their 1/22 meeting; thankfully they made no changes so the grant system should be up and running in March. Here is our strategy for applying for grants:

- In March apply for a \$90k grant to do a preliminary design and environmental studies of the proposed pathways on both Okaloosa Island and Santa Rosa Boulevard. The break point in grants is \$90k – below that it's only a 4 page form and relatively easy to get and the money is already in the county's hands.
- When BP provides additional POT 1 funds, which is coming thanks to the courts, we will have completed environmentals in hand and also verified that the design is feasible so it will be more likely to succeed than other competing proposals.
- Between getting the first grant and applying for the second we can get information together for the next application. That will need economic impact information, public support, buy in from the affected parties, etc. and will take some time to do.
- Remember ORAC is not the decision maker on the grants – they make recommendations to and do rankings for the county commission. That's why now is the time to socialize this with the county commissioners.

So far we have four Okaloosa commissioners on board.

Last week the Okaloosa County Commission met; the good news for the Bike Pathway Preliminary Design Study is that of the \$6 million dollars in the county's hands \$1 million has been reserved for the \$90k studies. That's great news as Okaloosa County has millions in drainage needs.

Cannot go any further without mentioning the assistance of Brian Ruscher of the Florida DEP. DEP has responsibility for pathways and greenways; Brian cover the north half of Florida. No one knew when we started investigating bike pathways that DEP has in the works a Great Florida Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor (see below). So our pathway initiative will be part of that. Also must mention the support by Jim Trifilio of the TDC; without his help we would have never got off the ground.

Between now and March we are getting support assembled by socializing the pathway proposal with all the key players and getting statements of support. Brian offered to generate a letter of support from DEP for the grant application and Jim suggested and I agreed to make a short presentation to the TDC at their next meeting 2/26 to get support from them. The idea is that the more endorsements we get from local governments and stakeholders the better. Have set up one for 2/11 to brief Fort Walton Beach officials and hopefully get something in writing. Have give credit to Brian for the great information available on the DEP website – every time an official sees that map with the Great Northwest Florida Transportation Corridor their eyes light up. Kathy Foster will meet with Kelly Windes, the only Okaloosa Commissioner we have not briefed; Jill Higgins is coordinating with the FWB chamber of commerce.

Did not know this but Nathan Bolyes, an Okaloosa County Commissioner who I sat down with last week, also sits on the West Florida Regional Planning Council. They may be able to provide assistance; they also have an individual – Jenny Cook – see below who is responsible for things like bike pathways. They may be able to help with the environmental studies. Will follow up with her.

Nathan Boyles repeated something that Jim Trifilio and I discussed briefly last Tuesday **.Sustainable Tourism.** Per Nathan this will get people out of their cars and on bikes so it should be classified as sustainable. Here's a great idea – we slogan our initiative around sustainable tourism.

Want to point out that so far EVERYONE we have talked to about this – Okaloosa County Commissioners, Eglin, FWS, DEP, FDOT, etc. – is in favor of the bike pathways proposal. Of course there are two caveats – we have to get funding via grants and final buy in by the stakeholders will require the completed environmental studies.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2015 for permits and Applications submitted to them for consideration. The following information provided by the Architectural Committee.
SPECIAL NOTICES: 1) The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the Tourist Development Center building. 2) ASK BEFORE YOU ACT.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner/Contractor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
1/8	11	Eastern Portion	1110 Santa Rosa Blvd	Waterscape Condo	Replace existing dune walkovers	In compliance
1/8	7	370	Seahorse Ave	Ryan Harris	Construct single family two story house	In compliance
1/15	10	Eastern Portion	1010 Miracle Strip Pwky	The Gulfarium	Construct roof for existing pool	In compliance
1/29	5	220	511 Dory Ave	John Jeter	Construct a pool	In compliance
1/29	3	49	305-C Barracuda Ave	Allen Roberts	Occupational license for Allen Roberts A/C & Refrigeration, LLC	In compliance
1/29	4	165	429 Cardinal Ave	Clifford Vosburgh	Construct a pool	In compliance

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)

BOARD MEETING : January 12, 2015

LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Vice President Kathy Foster The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL: Board members Kathy Foster, Desley Parker, Jill Higgins, David Hancock, Jim Hendricks.

MINUTES: Minutes as printed in the OIL Lantern from the December meeting were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jim Simpson gave the report attachment 1.

Association Discretionary Fund Balance.....	\$ 33,444.89
Receipts since last report:	
Membership Dues.....	\$ 82.00
Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$ 1,121.28
Total Funds Available:	\$ 35,505.21

This is summary only, total report located at Attachment 1.

Mr. Simpson also requested reimbursement for postage for OIL Lantern in the amount of **\$21.56**. Motion was made by Carmen and 2nd by Desley. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Jim Simpson reported that Membership stands at **254** approximately 96% of the total for 2014 of 262.

WEBSITE: Bob Seitz had nothing to report this month.

(January 12, 2015 Minutes continued on next page)

STREET LIGHTING MSBU: Maryl Bednar .Attachments provides the full report

**REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT. 1602
OKALOOSA ISLAND MSBU DATED JAN. 2, 2015 (last report dated Dec. 2, 2014)**

EXPENDITURES:	\$ 3,601.57
ELECTRICAL SERVICES	
12/4 29 pumps	\$ 887.13
STREETLIGHTS:	
12/4 hghwy. Lite	26.29
12/4 streetlights	<u>\$ 2,554.56</u>
Total Streetlights	\$ 2,580.85
BILLING:	
12/12	\$ 133.59
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,601.57
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REVENUE	\$ 2671.80
LESS EXPENSES	<u>3601.57</u>
DIFFERENCE	(929.77)

2014 FUND BALANCE	\$214,995.65
YTD FUND BALANCE	<u>215,721.38</u>
NET CHANGE	\$ 725.61

BEAUTIFICATION REPORT: No report this month.

OLD BUSINESS: Bike Path, being worked by Jill, Dave and Kathy. At this moment the committee is working the issue with the county commission. Dave is writing a summary of actions for the news letter

NEW BUSINESS: Mardi Gras Parade. Currently only 7 have signed up to participate. Need at least 7 more as walkers. Jim asked for \$400 for beads and moon pies for the parade. Motion made by Meryl and seconded by Carmen, motion passed.

FYI - the old Sandman Motel has been sold and is to be refurbished.

OILA will monitor any public meeting on the bridge issue and will attend those meetings when noticed.

ADOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Divided Highway

Wuzzle No. 2



Season Tickets

Wuzzle No. 3



Low Back Pain

Wuzzle No. 4



An Inside Job

Wuzzle No. 5



Poison Ivy