

APRIL 2015 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS  
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**



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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

**Next Meeting:** **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, April 13, 2015.  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**MARK THURSDAY, APRIL 23 ON YOUR CALENDER!**

**IMPORTANT BRIDGE STUDY PUBLIC KICK-OFF MEETING**

**On this day from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Emerald Coast Convention Center, the Florida Department of Transportation will conduct public kick-off meetings at which the Brooks Bridge Replacement and the Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing studies. See inside article for details.**



# The Oil Lantern



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### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **April 13, 2015**

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### II. ROLL

#### Guest Speakers:

#### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

#### IV. MINUTES

March 9, 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

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- Vince Bruner

As Spring break nears its midpoint, Okaloosa Island residents and visitors can appreciate the great weather that we've enjoyed for most of March. Walkers, joggers and cyclist a like can be seen most mornings and afternoons along Santa Rosa Blvd., obviously enjoying the weather and the tranquil environment it presents.

While local headlines conveyed the arrest report from Walton County, which exceeded 500 this week, for spring break incidents, the family oriented spring break we enjoy on Okaloosa Island has not resulted in anywhere near the number of such incidents.

Families with children and sports teams have predominated the spring break on Okaloosa Island for the last 10 years. These families are here to enjoy a break from the cold weather and to recharge their batteries after a long winter. They do not have time for unruly, loud and often obnoxious college kids bent on drinking themselves into a stupor.

Both commercial and residential interest a like are pleased that we have evolved as the spring break capital for families. So here's to Florida's family spring break capital, Okaloosa Island!

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

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE: [WWW.OILAWEB.COM](http://WWW.OILAWEB.COM), or**

**CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT (850) 585-2116 OR BY EMAIL AT [SANLEANNA@COX.NET](mailto:SANLEANNA@COX.NET).**



**FIRE STATION 4 ON OKALOOSA ISLAND REDEDICATED AND NAMED THE:**

**JAMES F. HOOKS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER**



Active Okaloosa Island Firefighters and Fire Chief James Hooks (middle) Line Up for a Group Photo at the Dedication Ceremony.

Fire Chief James F. Hooks (retired) addresses the attendees (Fire Chief Robert Tilley standing to his right) at a well attended dedication ceremony on March 27 in which Okaloosa Island Fire Station 4 was named the **JAMES F. HOOKS PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER** in recognition of his key role in developing the Okaloosa Island Fire District into the highly professional, ISO 3 rated operation it is today. In addition, he managed the transition of the District from an old building (currently temporarily utilized by the Emerald Coast Wild Life Refuge) to the modern facility on Santa Rosa Blvd.

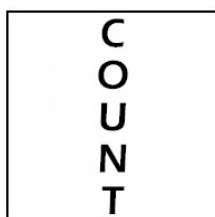
Okaloosa Island residents and the Okaloosa Island Firefighters and Staff extend their congratulations to Chief Hooks for his contributions to public safety and to professional development.

**“QUINTUPLE” WUZZLE PUZZLES FOR THE 16<sup>th</sup> 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 next to last page.



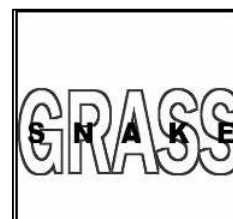
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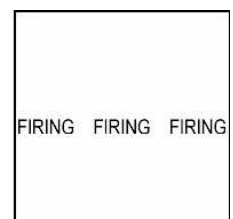
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# IMPORTANT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE!

## FLORIDA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) PUBLIC MEETING PROJECT NOTIFICATION FOR TWO STUDIES:

1. THE BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STUDY
- AND
2. THE SANTA ROSA SOUND ALTERNATE CROSSING STUDY

Okaloosa Island Leaseholders

# WRIGHT IS WRONG!

### PROJECT MEETING NOTIFICATION

Centennial FDOT 1915 • 2015



**Brooks Bridge Replacement Study**  
FM 415474-2-22-01  
State Road 30 (U.S. 98) over Santa Rosa Sound Bridge Replacement (Brooks Bridge Replacement Study)

**Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study**  
FM 415474-4-22-01  
Corridor Feasibility Study Alternate Crossing of Santa Rosa Sound (Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study)

**DATE:** Thursday, April 23, 2015

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Emerald Coast Convention Center  
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE,  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

**Details:** The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), invites you to attend a public kick-off meeting concerning two bridge studies in Okaloosa County. The first study is a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study of State Road 30 (U.S. 98) over Santa Rosa Sound, also known as the Brooks Bridge Replacement Study. The intent of this study is to evaluate replacement alternatives for the existing Brooks Bridge. The second study, the Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study, will evaluate a potential alternative crossing of Santa Rosa Sound. Both studies will be introduced at the same meeting.

A brief presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m. FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the projects, answer questions, and receive comments. Your attendance is encouraged and your participation and comments are appreciated.

Can't attend the meeting? Join us online from April 23 - May 7, 2015 by visiting:  
<http://www.santarosasoundbridgeprojects.com/OnlineMeeting>

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translations services (free of charge) should contact the Project Manager, April Williams, P.E., at (850) 330-1625 at least seven days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired citizens can call the toll free TDD number and relay service at 1-800-955-8771.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The above peel-off adhesive label (actual size) – **WRIGHT IS WRONG!** will be available to all at the April 13 OILA meeting and at the FDOT meeting on Thursday, April 23 at the Convention Center.

**OILA POSITION.** In short, No bridge to Okaloosa Island west of the current Brooks Bridge. The Association is on record as ...opposing any bridge connecting to Okaloosa Island from the Brooks Bridge westward to Navarre... The Association wrote a letter in October 2002 to the members of the Emerald Coast Bridge Authority (ECBA) informing them of our opposition to any bridge alignment which would connect Hwy 98 to Santa Rosa Blvd west of the Brooks Bridge. Also, we provide notices of meetings of the ECBA in the OIL Lantern and encourage members to attend their monthly meetings. Presently the ECBA has reduced the possible alignment of the bridge to three corridors – However, one of the remaining corridors, the Wright Parkway alignment, would connect a bridge from Hwy 98 to the west end of Santa Rosa Blvd. This alignment would turn Santa Rosa Blvd into a major traffic by pass loop off of Hwy 98

**ISLAND GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

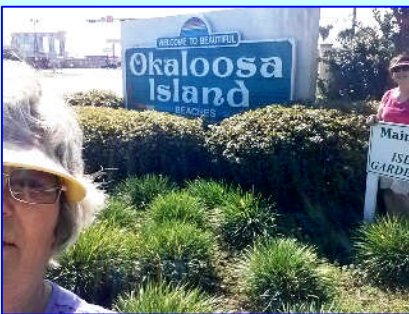
Since 1965 the goal of the Island Garden Club has been *To Beautify our Island*. The Club is pleased to maintain the Welcome Triangle entrance to our neighborhood as well as provide the pine straw for Median I. Members graciously contribute their time as well as donate and raise funds to keep these two areas spruced.

Due to a speaker conflict, a change in programs occurred for March allowing us to hear **Pushing Up Lilies**. Lilies LOVE Florida as much as we do... the sun and sand create beautiful stands of flowers that multiply each year.

Karen Doud of Lowe's Garden Center will speak on April 8. Socializing begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership in the IGC is a mere \$10 a year with meetings, trips and programs scheduled from September through May.

Kathy Foster, Treasurer  
Island Garden Club



**Kathy Foster** (left) & **Joan Bomar** (right) Clean-Up the Welcome Triangle entrance to the Island. Photo is a "selfie" by Kathy.

**ISLAND GARDEN CLUB  
APRIL MEETING**



**IGC Members ~**

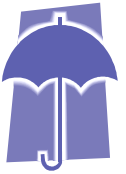
**Karen Doud of Lowe's Garden Center is the speaker this Wednesday, April 8. Karen continues to be our most requested speaker as she is knowledgeable, friendly and down-to-earth. (naturally :-)) If you are assigned to hostess in April, please contact Joan Bomar at 664-0595 as she is handling captain duties.**

**The last program of the gardening year is a Garden Party on Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Joan Bomar. We are pleased that Jean Schillaci is once again penning the skit for the installation of new officers. The evening will be catered by Sonny's BBQ and is a BYOB. The cost is \$12 per person and reservations are requested by May 8th. Spouses are invited as well as potential members. Checks can be left in my mail box.**

**See you Wednesday!**

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**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR  
MARCH 2015: 1.4 INCHES**



March 5..... **0.1** inches  
March 13.....**0.3** inches  
March 22.....**0.7** inches  
March 26.....**0.3** inches

March Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches  
Variance to Average: - **4.4** inches

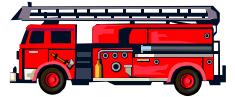
April Avg Rainfall.....**3.7** inches  
April Record High.....**92° F**(1985)  
April Record Low .....**20° F**(1987)  
Apr Avg Water Temperature..**72° F**

May Avg Rainfall.....**4.0** inches  
May Record High.....**101° F** (1953)  
May Record Low .....**38° F** (1971)  
May Avg Water Temperature .....**78° F**

YTD Variance to Avg..... - **9.5** inches  
Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**7.1** inches

**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT  
RECORDED 72 CALLS FOR THE  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015**


Fire Calls.....**4**  
Alarm Activations.....**7**  
EMS/Rescue/MVA. **30**  
Other.....**31**



**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – APRIL**

**April 2, 1805** Fairy tale author Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was born in Odense, Denmark. He created 168 fairy tales for children.

**April 6, 1896** - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

**April 21, 1836** - The Battle of San Jacinto between Texans led by Sam Houston and Mexican forces led by Santa Anna took place near present day Houston. The Texans decisively defeated the Mexican forces thereby achieving independence. 



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR MARCH 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>
March 5	7	417		Tuong Nguyen	Construct Fence	In compliance
March 26	7	428	77 Sundial Ct, Unit 5	Empire Eclipse, LLC	Construct Fence	In compliance



## OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)

Editor's Note: Please note that Secretary Desley Parker was not in attendance at the March 9 meeting. The summary below has been taken from [www.oilaweb.com/audiofiles](http://www.oilaweb.com/audiofiles). There was quite a bit of useful conversational information imparted at this meeting. Please listen to the file for more detailed information.

**BOARD MEETING :** March 9, 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 present: Kathy Foster, Vince Bruner, Jill Higgins, David Hancock, Jim Hendricks.

**Special Guests:** **Ed Stanford** and **Bob Black** provided a short update on the former Coquina Isle parcel. There is an intention to develop a 48 unit, 6 story condo on that site. Please refer to the podcast for further info.

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim Simpson not present.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**WEBSITE:** Bob Seitz reported additions to website, specifically documentation on the Architectural Committee as well as information on the MSBU, Okaloosa Street Lighting District. Discussion ensued concerning how best to use any excess monies for beautification. Vince recommended inviting Gulf Power to speak about lighting and disaster planning. Maryl will contact Amy Allen who will in turn contact Gulf Power.

### ISLAND LIGHTS MSBU BALANCE:

Revenues:.....	\$20,935.67
Expenditures:.....	\$18,086.41
Net Change:.....	\$ 2,849.26

2014 fund balance:.....	\$214,995.69
Year To Date Fund Balance:.....	\$217,844.95

**STREET LIGHTING MSBU:** Maryl Bednar Attachments provides the full report. REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT. 1602 OKALOOSA ISLAND MSBU DATED Feb 3.2015 (last report dated Dec. 2, 2014)

Revenues:

Street Lighting Fees.....	\$13,083.00
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Expenditures:

Electrical Services.....	\$ 2,612.66
Legal Advertising.....	\$ 168.54
Lighting Services.....	\$ 7,738.62
Billing Charges.....	\$ 654.20
Total Expenditures.....	\$11,174.02

Estimated Net Change.....	\$ 1,909.79
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2014 Fund Balance.....	\$214,995.69
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YTD Fund Balance.....	\$216,905.40
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**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. The project will be briefed to the Chamber of Commerce and the TDC later this month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Tripp Tolbert announced his decision to resign as President due to personal reasons.

Paula Hudson has formed a Historical Committee. If you have anything to contribute please pass it to Paula.

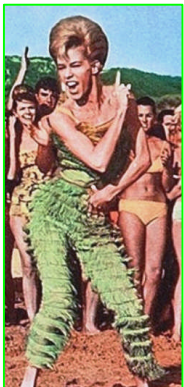
Kathy Taylor discussed the need for TDC help for Island beautification.

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

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

**WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Wuzzle No. 1**



**Shaking All Around**  
(photo from Beach Blanket Bingo movie)

**Wuzzle No. 2**



**Count Down**

**Wuzzle No. 3**



**Bags Under the Eyes**

**Wuzzle No. 4**



**Snake in the Grass**

**Wuzzle No. 5**



**Firing Line**