

**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.**



P.O. Box 4323  
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FL 32549

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Meeting: LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
**Meeting Room TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **June 8, 2015.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**WILD WILLY'S  
ADVENTURE ZONE  
OPENS ON OKALOOSA  
ISLAND!**

Photo on the right: OILA Board member **Kathy Foster** stands in front of one of the many water falls located in the **ZONE**.





# The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA  
ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc

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## Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **June 8, 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

### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### IV. MINUTES

May 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

### V. TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer, Jim Simpson

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

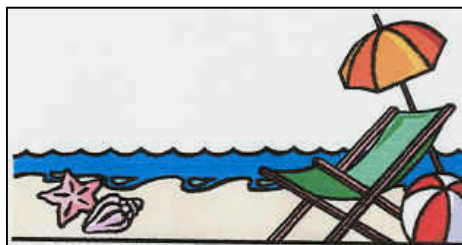
- A. Architectural Committee: (see Newsletter)
- C. Membership Liaison: **Jim Simpson**
- D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**
- E. Boat Basin: **Cathy Taylor**
- F. Street Lighting MSBU: **Maryl Bednar**

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bridge to Bridge Pathway- Dave Hancock & Kathy Foster

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### IX. ADJOURNMENT



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

-- Vince Bruner

Spring is past and we now enter into the summer vacation season. With June and even before it gets here we see the arrival of one of our most regular returning customers, "June grass".

As much as we all love our summer vacation season at the beach, we know we must deal with seaweed season.

We can only hope for a less active as compared to a more active seaweed season. Once the seaweed invades our beaches, no amount of raking or pick up seems to make much difference. Only an occasional frontal system moving all the way through our area and bringing a north wind seems to offer any relief. Those north winds will often blow the seaweed offshore and into Gulfstream currents that give us a little respite. Sometimes the bloom of the different seaweed grasses, is much worse than others. Okaloosa Islanders can often find themselves wishing for a mild seaweed season just as we wish for a mild winter. Both seem to be left completely in the hands of Mother Nature and out of our control.

Here's hoping for a good one!

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The Association does not hold regular meetings in the months of July and August. The next schedule meeting will be Monday, Sept 14.

**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).



**Thursday,  
June 4th - Pirate Pub Crawl  
and Festival**

**Friday, June 5th – Festival  
and Fireworks**

**Saturday, June 6th – Festival**

**Monday, June 8th–  
Torchlight Parade**

**View a more detailed  
schedule of events on  
page 6 of this newsletter**

## ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MAY 2015: (see note\*)



\*For all practical purposes there was no rainfall in the month of May. Trace amounts were recorded on May 16, 28 and 30. On May 25 and 26 a total of 0.04 inches was recorded. So, the month of May was a rain bust and the OIL Lantern is reporting zero, nada, no rainfall for the month of May.

Average Rainfall for May.....**3.7** inches  
Variance to Average:..... **-3.7** inches

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches  
June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)  
June Record Low .....**48° F** (1984)  
June Avg Water  
Temperature .....**81° F**

July Avg Rainfall.....**8.5** inches  
July Record High.....**107° F** (1980)  
July Record Low .....**55° F** (1967)  
July Avg Water  
Temperature.....**83° F**

YTD Variance to Avg.....**-10.4** inches  
Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**13.6** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

## WHAT IS GOING ON AT PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS NUMBER 5? (Inquiring Minds Want to Know)



The construction materials being stored at Public Beach Access Number 5 (see above photo) are going to be used to build dune walk-overs for six of the narrow (10 foot wide) public beach accesses on the Island.

In the March 2015 OIL Lantern there was an article about Okaloosa County upgrading these accesses along with a map showing their locations.

**Side note:** Funds have been budgeted and building permits approved to upgrade major beach accesses 5, 6 and 7 (build bathrooms, pavilions, showers, walk-overs and pave the parking lots).

## THIS MONTH (JUNE) IN HISTORY

**June 6, 1944 –  
D-Day**, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the

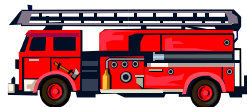


 early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft.

**June 14, 1951** – Univac 1, the world's first commercial electronic computer was unveiled in Philadelphia. It was installed at the Census Bureau and utilized a magnetic tape unit as a buffer memory.

## OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT RECORDED **95** CALLS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015

Fire Calls.....**4**  
Alarm Activations.....**12**  
EMS/Rescue/MVA....**48**  
Other.....**31**



## YARD WASTE PICK-UP ALERT!

Waste Management has recently changed their policy for picking up large bundles of yard waste. It appears that abuse by some folks has brought about a stricter policy. No longer is the boom truck included in the service provided by Waste Management.

If a resident has debris larger than 2 cubic yards, a pile bigger than 6'x6' or branches more than 4" in diameter, then a route manager needs to be called to perform an assessment as to the cost. Minimum removal fee is \$175.

Free pickup will continue on Fridays for leaves and twigs in a 33 gallon container weighing less than 150 lbs. or branches that are bundled and weigh less than 50 lbs. Waste Management can be contacted at 862-7141 or at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION: THE PURPOSE OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION** is..... to coordinate affairs between leaseholder members and the Board of County Commissioners in their role as heirs to the obligations and privileges of the Okaloosa Island Authority, to preserve the public lands on Santa Rosa Island, Okaloosa County, to advise and assist the county in the application of the protective covenants that affect leasehold members, and to advise leaseholders and the public in general in their rights and obligations under said leases. (Article 1, Section 3, By-Laws of the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association, Inc.)



## Bridge to Bridge Pathway and Trail - by Kathy Foster

It won't happen overnight... and most likely not before 2017... but OILA is diligently working to construct a bike path/walking trail from Brooks Bridge to Marler Bridge providing a safe corridor for residents and visitors AND for bicycling enthusiasts. See below map for orientation.

Following months of meetings and discussions with numerous agencies, departments and groups, the Leaseholders' ORAC (Okaloosa RESTORE Advisory Committee) Application and supporting documentation was submitted and accepted. Subsequently, we were informed that OILA's proposal scored well enough to permit a presentation in front of the Okaloosa RESTORE Act Advisory Council (ORAC).

If approved for funding, the conceptual design and impact study will begin. Then with the availability of the new wave of Restore POT 1 Funds, we will seek a grant for detailed design completion.

The Bridge to Bridge Pathway and Trail would connect three distinct communities and provide access to entertainment, shopping, restaurants, bars and businesses. The long range goal is for the Pathway to connect to Florida Greenways and Trails System.

OILA Board Members **Dave Hancock**, **Jill Higgins** and **Kathy Foster** have also compiled documentation for a TAP grant (Transportation Alternative Program Project) next year. Good news for this year -- the TAP grant application submitted by Public Works Director **Jason Autrey**, and supported by Commissioner **Carolyn Ketchel**, was accepted (not yet funded) for sidewalks along Santa Rosa Boulevard.

We're working to improve our neighborhood!



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR JUNE 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>
May 2	4	182,185 208,209		Courtyard Marriott	Free standing sign & building signs	In compliance
May 14	3	105	362 Bluefish Drive	Antquis Marquis Carter	Conveniently Carter, LLC	In compliance
May 14	4,5,6	Public Beach Access Ways 4, 5 & 6	Okaloosa Island	Okaloosa County TDC	Construct parking, pavilions, bathrooms & boardwalks to upgrade accesses 4, 5 & 6	In compliance
May 14	10	Gulfarium	1010 Miracle Strip	Gulfarium	Construct privacy fence parallel to the Newman Brackin Wayside Park block	In compliance





# WILD WILLY'S ADVENTURE ZONE OPENS ON OKALOOSA ISLAND!



**WILD WILLY'S ADVENTURE ZONE**  
1306 Miracle Strip Pkwy, SE  
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On May 29 Wild Willy's Adventure Zone (located at 1306 Miracle Strip Parkway - across from The Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island) opened.

This opening of this \$5 million facility is important in that Okaloosa Island now has a first class entertainment park on site – residents and visitors to Okaloosa Island no longer have to go to Destin for entertainment.

Okaloosa County Tourist Development Director **Ed Schroeder** said families now can enjoy themselves without traveling to Destin and “This is the first step toward an explosion of tourism on Okaloosa Island. And I think there will be more to follow.”

To the right of this column is a listing of things to do and enjoy at Wild Willy's!

During the Summer Wild Willy's will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week

**From animatronics to a spinning coaster, high-tech to low-tech, there's entertainment for all ages!**

- Challenge your brain and your golf swing at the 18 hole **T-Rex Island** Adventure golf course. Beware!!!... life-like animatronic dinosaurs lurk at every turn.
- Tee off with the kids at the 9 hole **Hatchling Haven** Adventure golf course, featuring baby dinosaurs that will educate and entertain.
- Twist and turn on the **Spin-O-Saurus Coaster**
- Grab your spectacles and strap yourself in for **The 4D Theater Experience**
- Show off your skills in our state-of-the-art redemption **Arcade**
- Snake your way through the **Raptor Revenge** Laser Maze
- Test your balance 60 feet up on the **Tree Top Challenge** ropes course
- Flip and soar like never before on the **Ptero Jump**
- Navigate the lagoon as you engage your opponents in remote control **Boat Battles**
- Feed your appetite with our hearty, rustic Italian brick oven pizzas at **Salvati's Pizza Factory™** featuring Mama Salvati's heirloom recipes.
- Treat yourself to Creamy Cool Creations at **Yogo Mogos®**, serving dairy fresh soft serve ice cream and frozen yogurt.



Ribbon cutting – Greater Ft Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors



Relax! – I'm a Vegetarian!



State-of-the-Art Arcade



Tree Top Challenge Ropes Course - Not a Place to Get Tied Up



Okaloosa Island Fire Dept Asst. Chief K.C Carvalho Checks Out the Tree Top



Don't Make This Big Guy Mad! This lizard will rotate, growl & snap at you – but doesn't bite



A Section of the 18 Hole T-Rex Island Golf Course – Looks Challenging



**BILLIE BOWLEGS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**JUNE 4, JUNE 5, JUNE 6 AND MONDAY, JUNE 8 - (Torch Light Parade)**

# THE LANDING LANTERN



June 4, 5, and 6, 2015

60th Annual Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This is a VERY early schedule. All events and times are subject to change.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - PARTY WITH THE PIRATES!

Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival opens at The Landing, including vendors, entertainment and pirate fun

Tuck in your little buccaneers and come party with the Krewe of Bowlegs during the Bowlegs Pub Crawl.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

- 10:00 AM Festival Resumes
- 4:00 PM **THE PIRATE LANDING**
- 6:00 PM Festival closes - come back on June 2, 2016!



### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- 3:00 PM Festival Resumes
- PMIPEO Kids' Pirate Play Zone Will Be Open
- 7:00 PM **PIRATE SKIRMISH**
- 8:00 PM Live Music from *Heritage*
- 9:00 PM **FIREWORKS** sponsored by CenturyLink
- 10:00 PM Festival Closes



### MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 8

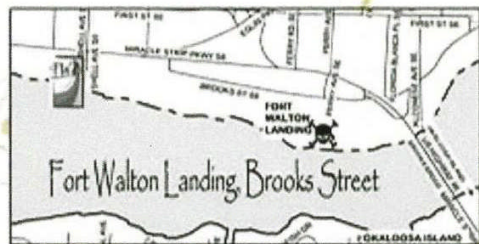
## THE PARADE RETURNS TO MONDAY EVENING!

7 PM GOING NORTHWARD ON EGLIN PARKWAY

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## Helen Back AT THE LANDING

Full bar featuring a variety of beers, mixed drinks, frozen concoctions, and Chris's world-famous Pizza!!



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Parking available at the NE corner of Miracle Strip Parkway (Highway 98) and Harbeson, opposite the Circle K and next door to De'France Antiques. (Please do not block the De'France parking lot.) Additional parking available on First Street.

# NO COOLERS PLEASE!



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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION MINUTES (DRAFT)**

(editor’s note: These minutes were obtained from the podcast of the May 11 meeting)

**BOARD MEETING:** May 11, 2015      **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station Meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Vice President Kathy Foster at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL:** Board members present: Kathy Foster, Desley Parker and David Hancock,

**SPEAKER:** Matt Trammel, Taylor Engineering – **Topic:** Development of Veterans Memorial Park (go to page 8 for a brief summary of Mr. Trammel’s comments).

**MINUTES:** April 13, 2015 minutes approved as printed in the May 2015 newsletter

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim Simpson

**May 11, 2015 Treasurer’s Report**

Discretionary fund balance as of April 13, 2015.....	\$ 33,420.38
<b>Receipts</b> (membership dues):.....	\$ 5.00
<b>Expenditures:</b> .....	No expenditures
<b>Reimbursements to Jim Simpson:</b>	
Name Tags (Wright is Wrong) for April 23 FDOT Public Meeting.....	\$ 14.46
Stamps to mail the May 2015 OIL Lantern.....	\$ 21.56
Stamps to mail the special notice for the April 23 FDOT Meeting.....	\$ <u>21.56</u>
Total Reimbursement	\$ 57.58
Discretionary fund balance after receipts, expenditures and reimbursements as of May 11.....	\$ 33,367.80
Beautification fund balance(unchanged).....	\$ <u>1,421.28</u>
Total Fund Balance as of April 13, 2015.....	\$ 34,789.08

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHITECTURAL REPORT FOR APRIL** – Printed in the May Newsletter

**MEMBERSHIP LIAISON:** Jim Simpson. Jim reported the membership total to be 257. He also passed out new membership solicitation packets which consisted of return-address OILA envelopes with enclosed membership form.

**WEBSITE:** Robert Seitz. Robert advised that the FDOT Website and Face Book page were accessible on the OILA website.

**STREET LIGHTING MSBU:** Maryl Bednar

Maryl reported the following MSBU P & L for the month of May 2015

**ISLAND LIGHTS MSBU P & L dated May (Last report 3/31/15)**

Revenues:.....	\$ 6,701.62
Expenditures:.....	\$ 3,603.05
Net Change:.....	\$ 3,098.57
2014 fund balance:.....	\$214,995.69
Year To Date Fund Balance:.....	\$220,943.52

Maryl advised the Board that she had contacted Vince Bruner and offered to continue with monthly auditing of Revenue and Expenses for the MSBU but will not handle any issues, decisions or requests from property owners. The Board will have that task. She turned over the MSBU records for 2013-2014 to be placed in OILA records.

**BOAT BASIN** – Cathy Taylor (No report)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bridge to Bridge Pathway & Trail:** Dave Hancock advised that the Bridge to Bridge Pathway & Trail grant request had been submitted on time and had been accepted. Dave noted that **Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel** was working with the TDC for maintenance funds in 2017 for the Pathway.

**AJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. – Regards, Jim Simpson

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS BY MR. MATT TRAMMEL, Coastal Engineer, Taylor Engineering  
- Veterans Memorial Park**

Mr. Trammel advised that the concept is for a passive nature park with elevated board walks, a series of nature trails, an increased emphasis on a memorial theme and additional tree plantings.

He noted that a shore line erosion problem would be addressed with a “living shore line” approach rather than a sea wall.

He solicited input from all and wants the park opened as soon as possible. With respect to funding he mentioned the Restore Act and that it would take a year to get a permit to start the conception process. He believed the project would be ecological positive and very competitive for grants.

He envisioned a grand loop around the property with possible connections off the loop to the future Emerald Coast Wildlife Rescue and the Gulf Coast Marine Life Center facilities.

Off shore (as part of the living shore line concept) natural lime stone (great for oyster habitat) break water buffers would be placed 100 feet out and sea grass beds planted on the shore.

Within the park, unique species of plants could be planted with identification signs. He emphasized that the concept was not to cut down anything.

On the proposed boat pier there would be 14 to 20 boat slips for day time parking ONLY. Also, sewage pump out could be provided.

Once the Conceptional Plan is developed it will be sent to OILA for feed back.

Mr. Trammel offered to return any time the Leaseholders would like him to do so.

The Leaseholders extends it appreciation to Mr. Trammel for his information.