

OCTOBER 2015 ISSUE OF THE OKALOOSA  
ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS  
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN

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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, **October 12, 2015.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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TO RENEW  
YOUR OILA  
MEMBERSHIP  
FOR  
2015-2016!

DUES RENEWAL NOTICES  
WERE MAILED TO ALL OILA  
MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 21.  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
ABOUT RENEWING YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP, CONTACT JIM  
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## OCTOBER 2015

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### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **October 12, 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

Sept 14, 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

The last week of September saw critical erosion of beaches along the Carolina coast, due to a lingering low-pressure. This area of bad weather remained stationary for over a week.

Our beaches are quite likely to face similar erosion occurrences in the future. The sand that washes up on our beaches comes from the Gulf of Mexico. Therefore the same sand is attainable for beach renourishment along our Island and Destin. The Corps of Engineers can easily make this determination, if motivated.

We should encourage our County Commissioners to do everything possible to begin this process and protect our precious beaches and the homes and businesses that will be so adversely affected when the next storm heads our way.

## 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

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## OCTOBER IS DUES RENEWAL MONTH FOR 2015-2016



**UNCLE OILA SAYS:**  
**"I NEED YOU TO RENEW YOUR DUES!"**

October is dues renewal month for the Association. Renewal notifications with stamped, return address payment envelopes were sent out in September.

If you have any questions about your membership contact Jim Simpson @ 850-585-2116 or by email: [sanleanna@cox.net](mailto:sanleanna@cox.net)

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR SEPTEMBER 2015: 6.8 INCHES**

Sept 5...**0.1** inches  
 Sept 6...**0.1** inches  
 Sept 12...**1.9** inches  
 Sept 27...**0.1** inches  
 Sept 28...**4.5** inches  
 Sept 29...**0.1** inches



Sept Avg Rainfall.....**7.2** inches  
 Variance to Average.....**- 0.4** inches

Oct Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches  
 Oct Record High..... **99° F** (1954)  
 Oct Record Low ..... **27° F** (1989)  
 Oct Avg Water Temperature.....**81° F**

Nov Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches  
 November Record High.....**89° F** (1998)  
 November Record Low ..... **18° F** (1950)  
 Nov Avg Water Temperature.....**72° F**

YTD Variance to Avg.....**-22.1** inches  
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**16.6** inches  
 Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

**THE GOOD OL' DAYS ON OKALOOSA ISLAND IN 1955**

According to the "TODAY IN LOCAL HISTORY" article (see below) published in the September 29, 2015 edition of the Daily News, in 1955 (60 years ago) you could purchase a 100 foot lot on the Island at the following locations for these prices:

Facing the Gulf:..... \$7,500  
 Island Interior: ..... \$2,500  
 Sound/Bay Side:..... \$5,000

Also, one of the prizes in the seventh annual Destin deep-sea fishing rodeo (1955) was a 99-year lease on a residential lot on Okaloosa Island.

*The grand prize for the seventh annual Destin deep-sea fishing rodeo was a 1955 Chevrolet Sedan. The grand prize was to be awarded for largest catch in the king mackerel-red snapper competition. Other prizes included a 99-year lease on a residential lot on Santa Rosa Island in the Okaloosa Island Beaches development area, a five horsepower outboard motor and two \$50 savings bonds.*

*The Okaloosa Island Authority was considering raising prices of lots from \$50 a foot for lots facing the gulf to \$75, from \$15 to \$25 for interior lots and from \$35 to \$50 for sound or bay front lots.*

**OKALOOSA COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE HAS MOVED**

-- OILA Webmaster Bob Seitz

The Okaloosa County Code Enforcement office has moved from the Island Fire Station to the new County Administration building in Shalimar. Their new address is 1250 Eglin Parkway, Suite 301, Shalimar, FL 32579. The staff and their contact information remain the same as follows:

**Lisa Payton**

Code Enforcement Supervisor  
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 Fax: (850) 651-7706  
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 lpayton@co.okaloosa.fl.us

**John Wilson**

Code Enforcement Officer  
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 E-mail address is  
 jwilson@co.okaloosa.fl.us

The webpage "Got a Complaint?" on the OILA website has been

**STREETLIGHT DAMAGED OR OUT?**



To report streetlights damaged or burned out on Okaloosa Island use any of the following means to contact Gulf Power:

Phone: 1-800-GUPOWER  
 Web: [www.gulfpower.com](http://www.gulfpower.com)  
 EMail: [lightout@gulfpower.com](mailto:lightout@gulfpower.com)

Give your name, contact information, the malfunction of the light, and the specific location. Also, state that the light is paid by the Okaloosa Island MSBU--this insures that repair orders are issued from the correct account.

This information is also available on the OILA website under "Got a Complaint".

**KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE - WHAT DO YOU CALL A GROUP OF:.....?**

1. Bats \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gorillas \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hippos \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hyenas \_\_\_\_\_
5. Otters \_\_\_\_\_
6. Lions \_\_\_\_\_
7. Rhinos \_\_\_\_\_
8. Tigers \_\_\_\_\_
9. Ants \_\_\_\_\_
10. Crows \_\_\_\_\_
11. Owls \_\_\_\_\_
12. Sparrows \_\_\_\_\_
13. Toads \_\_\_\_\_
14. Jellyfish \_\_\_\_\_
15. Whales \_\_\_\_\_
16. Eagles \_\_\_\_\_
17. Oysters \_\_\_\_\_
18. Cats \_\_\_\_\_
19. Sharks \_\_\_\_\_
20. Kangaroos \_\_\_\_\_

Answers on last page. Don't Peek!

**FLORIDA DOT APPOINTS 20 RESIDENTS TO THE ADVISORY BRIDGE BOARDS - FOUR ARE OILA MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS**

Brooks Bridge Advisory Board:

**David Sherry**  
**Matthew McGee**

Santa Rosa Sound Alternative Bridge Board:

**Kathy Foster**  
**Fred (Tripp) Tolbert**

OILA member **David Hancock** has been appointed as an alternate for the Brooks Bridge Advisory Board.

**THIS OCTOBER IN HISTORY**

**October 8, 1918** - During World War I in the Argonne Forest in France, U.S. Sergeant **Alvin C. York** single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132.



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 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>
Aug 6	4	180	444 Cardinal	Glory Cato	Occupational License for: "Healing Therapies for Mind, Body & Soul"	Approved
Aug 20	4	175	439 Cardinal	Brick Bradford	Construct fence and additional driveway	Approved
Aug 27	4	Island Princess	570 Santa Rosa B.	Serguei Svetchnikov	Occupational License for "My Craftsman"	Approved
Sept 10	3	93	349 Bluefish Dr Unit 6	Cassandra Hutcherson	Occupational License for "Destiny Edge Transportation"	Approved
Sept 15	5	220	511 Dory	Beth Jeter	Occupational License for "JBJ Flooring"	Approved
Sept 17	3	75	330 Bluefish Dr Unit 229	Drew Safrenoff	Occupational License for "Bluefish Investments"	Approved
Sept 21	5	220	511 Dory	Beth Jeter	Construct addition to existing house	Approved



**MEET YOUR OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND FIRE DISTRICT STAFF MANAGERS**



Left to right: Fire Chief Robert "Bob" Tilley, Commissioner George Edlund (Vice Chairman), Commissioner Bill Linz, Commissioner Mike Mitchell (Secretary/Treasurer), Commissioner Cathy Jones (Chairman), Commissioner Jim Simpson, Assistant Fire Chief Kevin "kc" Carvalho

**OPEN INVITATION! - SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!**  
**BUS EXCURSION TO TALLAHASSEE**



Governor's Mansion – Tallahassee

Island neighbors and friends are invited to an October 14 outing in Tallahassee. The group will experience a guided tour of the Governor's Mansion; dine at A la Provence Restaurant followed by a program and opportunity to shop at Tallahassee Nurseries.

The cost of the bus ride and the three course luncheon is \$62. (includes tax & tip)

Gated parking is available at El Matador Condominiums, 909 Santa Rosa Boulevard. The bus will depart from this destination at 7:00 a.m. with an expected return at 6:00 p.m.

We hope you can join us. Reserve early as the bus accommodates only 55 passengers and the last time we took this trip it was sold out.

Questions? Contact Kathy Foster 244-4490 or Kim Haines 1-850-490-7947

**Minutes (Draft) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association  
Membership Meeting – September 14, 2015 – Island Fire Safety Center**

**Call to Order:** 7:10 p.m. by Vice President Kathy Foster

**Present:** Kathy Foster, Dave Hancock, Jim Hendricks, Tripp Tolbert, Kim Haines

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jim Simpson, recited by the membership

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Jim Hendricks, second Dave Hancock. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Simpson

**September 14, 2015 Treasurer's Report**

Discretionary fund balance as of June 8, 2015.....	\$ 33,346.54
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Payment to the U.S.P.S for 6 Month P.O. Box Rental.....	\$ 33.00
<b>Expenses Pending Approval for Payment</b>	
- Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps (July/August 2015 OIL Lantern).....	\$ 21.56
- Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps (Sept 2015 OIL Lantern).....	\$ 21.56
Total Reimbursement.....	\$ 43.12
Discretionary fund balance after expenditures/reimbursement ...	\$ 33,270.42
Beautification fund balance (unchanged since last report ).....	\$ 1,421.28
Total Fund Balance as September 14, 2015.....	\$ 34,691.70

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and reimburse Jim Simpson for his expenditures of \$43.12 was made by Tripp Tolbert and seconded by Michelle Seitz. Motion carried.

**Membership:** Currently at 257. Annual \$12 Association dues are now payable. \$18 if members desire a printed copy of the newsletter.

**Committee Reports**

**Architectural:** No report was available when the newsletter went to print. There were four– one fence request and 3 occupational licenses. Jim Simpson advised that the September actions of the Architectural Committee will be printed in the October 2015 OIL Lantern.

**Beautification:** No activity during the summer months.

**Boat Basin:** Carol Edlund reported that a new governing board was elected... President John Jeter, Vice President George Edlund, Beth Jeter Treasurer, Carol Edlund Treasurer. The group continues to volunteer to upkeep the area.

**MSBU:** Maryl Bednar shared the revenues and expenditures (report attached). Currently serving on the MSBU Committee are Maryl Bednar, Mike Mitchell and Jim Simpson. It was suggested that a fourth person be added... Paula Hudson. The board and members were in agreement with this appointment and Mrs. Bednar has begun tutoring Mrs. Hudson.

**Website:** Bob Seitz has updated website to reflect that Code Enforcement has moved to the Shalimar Annex.

**Old Business:**

Dave Hancock shared with the members that the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office can be designated an agent for property owners having difficulties with trespassers.

Bridge to Bridge Pathway Committee received a letter of support from the Air Force Property Office giving permission for a path on the north side. According to the Bridge Study group, this would tie in with their proposed sidewalk/path. The decision for ORAC funding is October 18.

**Minutes (draft) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association – Membership Meeting – September 14, 2015 – Island Fire Safety Center (continued)**

**Old Business:**

Paula Hudson reported she met with FWB Chamber President Ted Corcoran to try to resolve the noise issue emanating from Bowlegs on the water. It was suggested to her to report noise volume to the sheriff's office. Or the Coast Guard. OILA members should continue to voice opinions with the Chamber and the Sheriff's Department and to Representative Matt Gaetz.

**New Business:**

The drawing of the Conceptual Plan for Veteran's Park at Bayview was in the newsletter. Following a discussion Jim impson moved that OILA endorse the conceptual plan of June 2015 drawing and reserve the right to review future proposals. All in favor. Letter to be sent to Board of County Commissioners expressing our support.

Wednesday Night fireworks on the island have been enjoyed by residents and visitors. Tripp Tolbert and other businessmen contributed \$1000 weekly to this enjoyable event. Not everyone was as generous. A discussion ensued about the lack of property taxes being paid by Holiday Inn/Emerald Breeze.

Tripp Tolbert asked Maryl Bednar how could excess MSBU funds be used. She stressed that we keep \$100,000 in reserves, and that beautification is the allowable use under the ordinance. He suggested that the Beautification Committee devise a plan for the medians.... perhaps ask for matching funds from the condominiums and hotels... and put the excess fund to good use. Already serving on the Beautification Committee are Dave Miller, Kathy Foster, Carmen Parker, Cathy Taylor, and Kim Haines. Tripp Tolbert and Jim Hendricks volunteered to serve also.

Tripp Tolbert is on the Brooks Bridge Replacement Committee and Dave Hancock is an alternate.

Tripp suggested OILA become involved with the TDD who appears to be paralyzed. Tripp will unveil a new plan he has for his commercial property tying into Veteran's Park.

Are coyotes still on the island? Yes, but feral cats seem to have disappeared.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Kathy Foster

**WHAT DO YOU CALL A GROUP OF:.....? (answers)**

1. Bats.....a colony	11. Owls.....a parliament
2. Gorillas.....a band	12. Sparrows.....a host
3. Hippos.....a bloat	13. Toads.....a knot
4. Hyenas.....a crackle	14. Jellyfish.....a smack
5. Otters.....a romp	15. Whales.....a pod
6. Lions.....a pride	16. Eagles.....a convocation
7. Rhinos.....a crash	17. Oysters.....a bed
8. Tigers.....a streak	18. Cats.....a pounce
9. Ants.....a colony	19. Sharks.....a shiver
10. Crows.....a murder	20. Kangaroos....a troop