

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

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UNCLE OILA SAYS: “I NEED YOU TO RENEW YOUR DUES!”

Dues for 2015-2016 were due in October. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership. A follow-up notice will be sent this month to those who still need to renew.



The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION, Inc

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **November 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

Oct 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: **Carol Edlund**

F. Street Lighting MSBU: **Maryl Bednar & Paula Hudson**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bridge to Bridge Pathway Project
- David Hancock

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Scheduled public meetings for the:

- Brooks Bridge Advisory Board - **David Sherry/Matthew McGee** and the

- Santa Rosa Sound Alternative Bridge Advisory Board - **Tripp Tolbert/Kathy Foster**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -- Vince Bruner

Could the downtown district in the city for Walton Beach actually be on the verge of an awakening? The new Italian restaurant, located on the waterfront along Brooks Street, in downtown Fort Walton has been packed most every weekend this fall. Along with Bay Cafe and Ali's, it is created a hub of fine dining on the waterfront in old Fort Walton.

The city recently purchased two more properties, downtown, in order to add more parking. The dining and entertainment district it has sought to achieve, may be finally coming to fruition.

Let's hope that things continue to progress.



Okaloosa Island Garden Club Members and Friends at the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee on Wednesday, Oct 14. The Island Garden Club experienced a wonderful all-day excursion on October 14, 2015 to Tallahassee ... touring the governor's mansion, dining, learning and shopping. We were pleased that so many friends were able to join us on this adventure.

NEWS NUGGET! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce has announced that **the 2016 Mardi Gras Parade on Okaloosa Island will take place on Saturday, January 16.**

**ISLAND RAINFALL
FOR OCT 2015:
4.6 INCHES**



Oct 25....**0.2** inches
Oct 26... **2.5** inches
Oct 27**1.9** inches

Oct Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches
Variance to Average.....**+ 0.3** inches

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

Avg Rainfall for December.....**4.8** inches
December Record High..... **84° F** (1968)
December Record Low.....**8° F** (1962)
Dec Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

YTD Variance to Avg.....**-21.8** inches
Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**20.9** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS 110
RESPONSES IN SEPT**

Fire calls.....**5**
False Alarms.....**12**
EMS/Rescue/MVA ...**84**
Other.....**9**



**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – ON THIS
DAY IN NOVEMBER**

November 17, 1734 - New York Weekly Journal publisher John Peter Zenger was arrested and charged with libeling the colonial governor of New York. In his trial, held in August of 1735, truth was successfully used as a defense against libel, an important early step toward freedom of the press in America.

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT OFFERS THE FILE OF LIFE PROGRAM TO OKALOOSA ISLAND RESIDENTS, OWNERS, GUESTS & VISITORS – Kevin “kc” Carvalho, Asst Chief

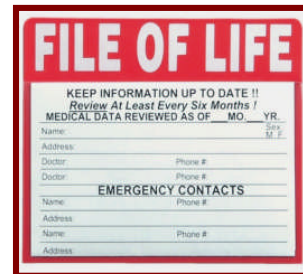
The File of Life is a free program, designed to help your Fire Department Paramedics obtain your necessary medical history and contact information in an emergency... it could help save your life. Available to the citizens of Okaloosa Island while our supplies last. The following information is a brief overview of this tremendous program. Please call your local Fire Department for more information or to make arrangements to receive a File of Life packet. You may reach them at 850-244-5373 x201. Or, by stopping by the department at:

104 Santa Rosa Blvd. Fort Walton Beach FL 32548

Included is a refrigerator magnet file, door sticker, and wallet/purse file.

The Refrigerator Magnet File of Life holder:

The card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket labeled FILE OF LIFE, lists the patient's name, emergency medical contacts, other vital information, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name and a health care proxy. The entire pocket is held, with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator. The door sticker: A simple sticker that you place on your front door, or your primary entry door, alerting EMS personnel that File of Life information should be on the refrigerator in your home.



Refrigerator Magnet

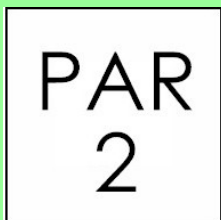
The pocket/purse/wallet file:

In addition to the FILE OF LIFE for the refrigerator, you also get a compact version for you to carry in your wallet or purse. A card containing the same medical information is enclosed in the RED plastic case that you keep with you. This personal wallet size version is a very valuable source of information to emergency medical personnel responding to your possible critical, life-threatening situations. Having instant access to medical facts and information can make the difference when every second counts.

What information is contained in the file?

Your name, address, emergency medical contacts, insurance policy and social security numbers, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgeries, religion, doctor's name and a health care proxy, etc.

WUZZLE PUZZLES! THEY'RE BAAAAACK!



Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



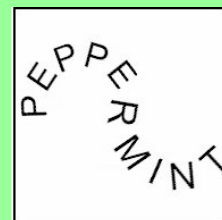
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Wuzzle No. 5

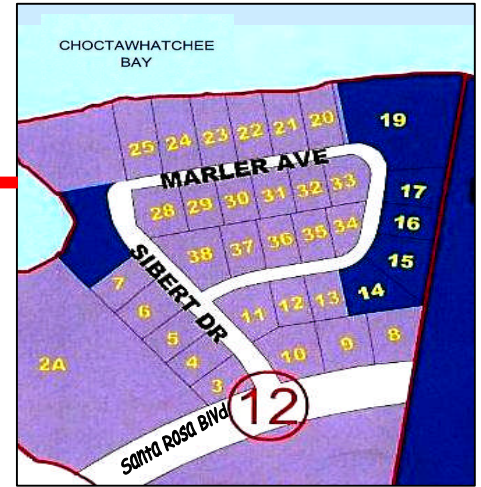


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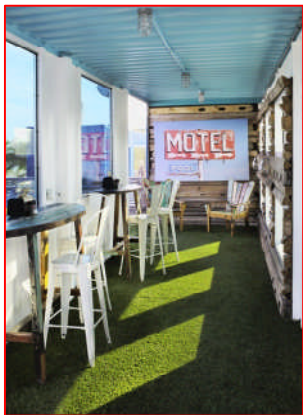
ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

THE GULF” RESTAURANT – BEING PLANNED FOR OKALOOSA ISLAND – *Jim Simpson*

In the July/August 2015 OIL Lantern the development of a new Okaloosa Island restaurant (The Gulf) was noted in the Architectural Committee Report. Since this first introduction, I have had several OILA members ask for more details about the facility. I contact the architect for the development – Ms. Courtney Casburn Brett (of Casburn Brett Architects in Destin) – and inquired about additional information. She advised that there is an existing “The Gulf” restaurant in Orange Beach, Florida and that the Okaloosa Island development would be very similar in style and foot print. Considering this parallel, she emailed some photos of the Orange Beach restaurant. The below photos of this facility will be very similar to the style, design and layout of the Okaloosa Island “The Gulf” restaurant. There will be a single building, parking for 70+ cars and seating for 200+ patrons. Currently, there is not an opening date for the “The Gulf”. And, a big Leaseholder’s Thank-You for Courtney and her most helpful architectural intern, *Carolyn Lundemo*.

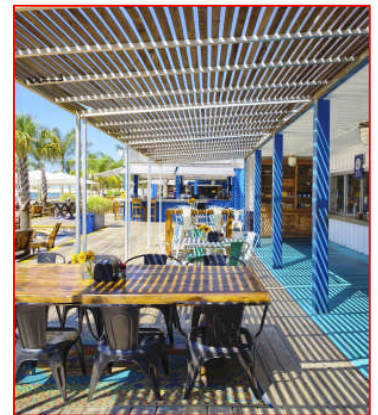


Future Location of “The Gulf” Restaurant - Block 12, Lots 28 to 38.



The Gulf (upstairs)

The Gulf creates a one of a kind atmosphere of great food, with an amazing view. This upbeat ambient restaurant offers a place to kick back and put your toes in the sand while lounging among native landscaping and beautiful one of a kind hand selected furniture. Our current location in Orange Beach , AL has become a favorite destination for locals and tourists of all generations.



The Gulf (order here)



The Gulf (beach)



The Gulf Overlook

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH
41ST ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
NOVEMBER 6 -7, 2015

Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please bring canned goods for Sharing and Caring.



28 Miracle Strip Parkway
Ft. Walton Beach
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www.stsimons-fwb.org/#/craft-fair-information

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB REPORT

The Island Garden Club experienced a wonderful all-day excursion on October 14, 2015 to Tallahassee ... touring the governor's mansion, dining, learning and shopping. (See group photo on the front page of this newsletter) We were pleased that so many friends were able to join us on this adventure

On November 11 the club will return to the regular meeting spot at the first floor El Matador party room. Renowned for their wedding and event designs, Myrtie Blue owners Brian and Gene will be the guest speakers. This is a repeat visit for this charming and energetic duo as our members so enjoyed their creative and unique approach to holiday decorating that we have invited them once again.

So save the date... Wednesday, November 11, 9:30 a.m. to socialize and 10:00 a.m. for the meeting. Guests are welcome and we have free vegetable and flower seeds to share. Of course, donations to the Beautification Fund are always appreciated. :-)

Thinking ahead ... mark your calendar for the December 9th Holiday Luncheon with a twist.

Kathy Foster, President, 244-4490

THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

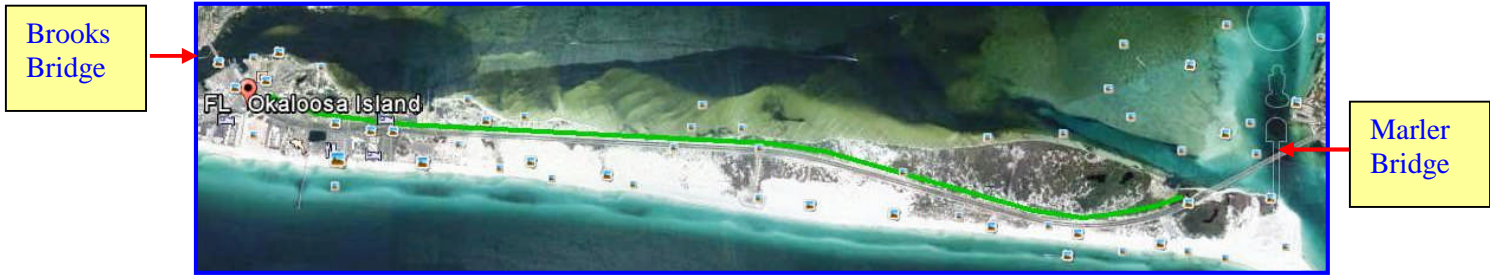


Are you physically impaired and need assistance to get down stairs to go to a doctor's appointment. Do you need help to get in and out of your car? If so, there is assistance available.

The Okaloosa Island Fire District wishes to remind those who live, work, or travel to our district that we will assist you and your family by helping an elderly person or those with limited abilities to their car or house. Please understand that we can only offer this service to those within our district. We can help those individuals into and/or out of vehicles or houses, condominium's etc.

Please call our department anytime day or night and let the firefighter know that you have a need and they will help you in any way they can. Emergency calls take priority as always is the case but please do not hesitate if your loved one needs assistance to their car or home while in our district. **OIFD phone #(850-244-5373)**

BRIDGE TO BRIDGE PATHWAY STATUS REPORT – Dave Hancock, Director, Okaloosa Island Leaseholders



OKALOOSA ISLAND - BROOKS BRIDGE TO MARLER BRIDGE

Attended the BCC ORAC workshop October 13. Unfortunately we were not able to get the Bridge to Bridge Pathway reconsidered as the commissioners accepted the ORAC recommended projects unanimously.

So we will make a request for support at the next scheduled TDC meeting; that will be December 10. OILA is being supported in this effort by HDR Consulting Engineers and Nobles Surveying who are developing precise costs for the information required by Eglin's 96th CEG to get definitive approval. Besides the precise dollars an application requesting TDC support must also be filled out; Kathy is taking care of that. Planning to have information ready by the second week in November.

Ms. Carolyn Ketchel, Okaloosa Island's county commissioner, will sponsor the request at the December 10 TDC meeting. Kathy and I will meet with her before submitting information to the TDC to make sure we have covered all the bases.

Hope that as many OILA members as possible can attend the December 10 TDC meeting to show support for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway proposal

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.



**Minutes (Draft) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association
Membership Meeting – October 12, 2015 – Island Fire Safety Center**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Kathy Foster

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was said by those in attendance

Minutes: A motion to approve the September 14, 2015 meeting minutes which were printed in the October OIL Lantern was made by Tripp Tolbert, seconded, voted on and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

October 12, 2015 Treasurer's Report

September 14, 2015 total balance:.....	\$34,691.70
Discretionary fund balance as of Sept 14, 2015.....	\$33,270.42
Receipts since last report.....	
Membership Dues	\$ 1,554.00
Newsletter Fees.....	\$ 132.00
Donations.....	\$ 33.49
Total Receipts:	\$ 1,719.49

October 12, 2015 Treasurer's Report (continued)

Expenditures since last report.....	No Expenditures
Expenses pending approval for payment:	
- Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the 2015-2016 membership renewal notices and for mailing the Oct 2015 OIL Lantern.....	\$ 219.52
- Reimburse Jim Simpson for envelopes and mailing labels to sent out The 2015-2016 membership renewal notices.....	\$ 12.21
Total Reimbursement.....	\$ 231.73
Discretionary fund balance after receipts/expenditures/reimbursement	\$ 34,758.18
Beautification fund balance (unchanged since last report).....	\$ 1,421.28
Total Fund Balance as October 12, 2015.....	\$ 36,179.46

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and reimburse Jim Simpson for his expenditures of \$231.73 was made by Tripp Tolbert, seconded, voted on and approved

Committee Reports

Membership: Jim Simpson: Jim is still reporting membership at 257 during the period of time (October/November) membership renewals for 2015-2016 are being collected.

Architectural: The Architectural reports for August and September 2015 were printed in the October 2015 OIL Lantern.

Beautification: Kathy Foster: The Beautification Committee will meet after November 1 to start planning for projects.

Boat Basin: Carol Edlund: No report

MSBU: Maryl Bednar reported that on the most recent P & L, expenditures were \$7,753. 45, revenues were \$3,449.12 and the YTD MSBU fund balance was \$221,814.52

Website: Bob Seitz: No report

Old Business:

Dave Hancock advised he was going to meet with HRD Consulting Engineers and Nobles Survey to consider steps for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. He advised that two initial steps are necessary: A survey of the route for the Air Force and an Environmental study. Both of these efforts will require funding and a request will be made for the TDC to contribute.

New Business: David Sherry reported that he had heard a rumor that the proposed Wright Parkway Santa Rosa Sound Alternative Bridge Project was dead. He advised he checked the available information and this rumor is not true – the Wright Parkway option is still open and that the “game is still on”.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Simpson (extracted from the October 12, 2015 on line podcast of the meeting)

WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Two Under Par

Wuzzle No. 2



Head in the Sand

Wuzzle No. 3



X Marks the Spot

Wuzzle No. 4



Kick in the Butt

Wuzzle No. 5



Jumbo Jet

Wuzzle No. 6



Peppermint Twists