

	<p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 16</p> <p>Parade Starts at 1:00 pm</p>
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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



P.O. Box 4323
FT WALTON BEACH,
FL 32549

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **December 14, 2015.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**TO RENEW YOUR
OILA DUES FOR
2015-2016!**

IMPORTANT TDC MEETING!

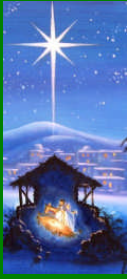
**OILA TO PRESENT REQUEST
FOR TDC FUNDING OF SEVERAL
ASPECTS OF THE BRIDGE TO
BRIDE PATHWAY PROPOSAL**

DATE: Thursday, Dec 10

**PLACE: Emerald Coast
Convention Center**

TIME: 2 pm to 4 pm

**Leaseholders Are Encouraged
to Attend This Meeting and to
Support This Funding**



The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc

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Merry
Christmas

Happy New Year



Happy
Hanukkah

DECEMBER 2015

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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **December 14, 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.

Guest Presentation: Mr. Ed Stanford, PE – Core Engineering & Consulting. Core Engineering is Moving Forward with the Development Plan to Build a Condominium on the Vacant Coquina Isle Parcel. He Will Present the Site Plan and Architectural Drawings. See Additional Information on page 5.

IV. MINUTES

November 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: **Carol Edlund**

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Funding request for Mardi Gras supplies (throws, decorations, etc) – **Jim Simpson**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Report: Dec 10 TDC Meeting – Bridge to Bridge Pathway – **Kathy Foster** and **Dave Hancock**

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Happenings on Okaloosa Island

The weather may be cooling down, but not the building activities in our neighborhood. Okaloosa National Golf on Santa Rosa Boulevard is taking shape. So is the new home on Dorado Avenue. Coquina Isle property in Block 8 is ready for development. We've fielded numerous calls about the yellow sign at Scallop Court... come hear details from Mr. Ed Stanford at our meeting. And let's not forget a soon-to-be built restaurant on Marler Avenue.

Speaking of building... OILA's citizen initiative for a SAFE Bridge to Bridge Path and Linear Park is on the December 10th Tourist Development Department agenda, 2:00 p.m. at the Emerald Coast Convention. Your attendance and support is vital to the success of this project. What a fitting use of the first penny of the bed tax benefiting tourists, visitors, guests and Okaloosa residents.

Merry Christmas from the OILA Board



**MARDI GRAS
PARADE ON
THE ISLAND
SATURDAY
JAN 16,
2016
1:00 pm**

Volunteers (walkers, throwers, decorators) needed for the OILA Float!!!! -- If you can help, sign up at the December 14 OILA or at the Jan 11, 2016 OILA meetings. Call Jim Simpson @ 850.585.2116 or email him @

sanleanna@cox.net

We will decorate the float on the Island on Friday, Jan 15 at 625 Pelican Dr. More details to follow. P.S. IT'S A LOT OF FUN!! Also, OILA will be the lead float!



ISLAND RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER 2015: 10.7 INCHES

Nov 1.... 3.0 inches	Nov 8..... 2.6 inches
Nov 2.... 1.8 inches	Nov 9..... 1.1 inches
Nov 4 0.1 inches	Nov 18..... 1.4 inches
Nov 7.... 0.6 inches	Nov 21..... 0.1 inches

Nov Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches
 Variance to Average.....**+ 6.6** inches

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**

2016

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
 January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
 January Record Low**4° F** (1985)
 Jan Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

YTD Variance to Avg.....**-15.2** inches
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**31.6** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS 110 RESPONSES IN OCTOBER

Fire calls.....	5
False Alarms.....	12
EMS/Rescue/MVA	57
Other.....	36



WANT TO KNOW THE NUMBER ONE SONG IN AMERICA ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?



Then click on the following website:

<http://playback.fm/birthday-song>



You can listen to the song that was **Number One** on the **month, day and year** that you were born. And, if there is a video available with the artist, it will play it for you. **Editor's note:** I took the liberty of entering the birth date of our webmaster & wizard Bob Seitz. The number one song for his birth date was "**Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair**".

THE NEW TDC "WAVE" LOGO -- NOTE THE SEA OATS "WAVING" INSIDE THE LOGO



PROOF FROM THE HISTORICAL RECORDS THAT OKALOOSA ISLAND HAS THE WHITEST BEACHES IN THE WORLD!*

"The Miracle Strip's claim to the whitest beaches in the world has gone unchallenged by other beach areas. Visitors to the area never cease to marvel at the sugary white beach stretching for miles along the shore of the beautiful, clear blue water of the Gulf.

Conclusive proof of the area's claim came in 1956 from Homer Davis of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Davis, familiarly known as the 'MIT's Sandman' was featured in Mechanic Illustrated for his unique hobby of collecting sand samples from all over the world. About the sand in the Playground area (which at the time covered the stretch of Gulf beaches from Panama City to Gulf Breeze – including of course - Okaloosa Island)

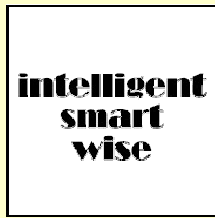
Davis said: 'I have examined a sample of sand from our beach and believe it to be the **whitest from any beach I know of anywhere.** However, there are sample from smaller areas that compare favorably with the sand from your area' and **'the sand you sent me is, in all probability the whitest sand from any large beach in America, and perhaps in the world.'**

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WUZZLE PUZZLES!



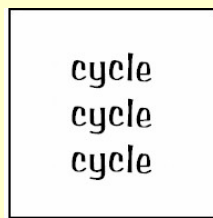
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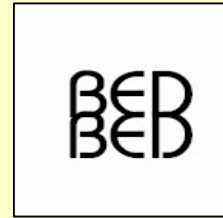
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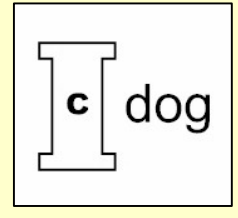
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Wuzzle No. 4



Wuzzle No. 5



Wuzzle No. 6

ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER





**OPEN INVITATION
TO THE ISLAND
GARDEN CLUB'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY &
LUNCHEON
BUFFET**

PLACE: The Black Pearl **DATE:** Wednesday, December 9

LOCATION: At the Boardwalk on Okaloosa Island 1450 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 **TIME:** 12-2

The Christmas season is upon us and what better way to celebrate than having a party! The Island Garden Club will get together on Wednesday, December 9th for a fabulous luncheon buffet patronizing a favorite island restaurant... The Black Pearl. In addition to enjoying great camaraderie,

there will be a stuffed sock swap  and a tacky sweater contest with cash prizes for three categories – tackiest sweater, most creative sweater and most festive sweater. 

(Although if the weather stays in the upper 70's we may be having a tacky tee shirt contest). Guests, spouses and friends are welcome to attend. The cost is \$25. Please RSVP ASAP and drop off checks to Treasurer Kim Haines, 723 Sailfish Drive.

Merry Christmas from the Island Garden Club.

Kathy Foster, President

UPDATE: BRIDGE TO BRIDGE PATHWAY

A cycling and walking path connecting Fort Walton Beach - Okaloosa Island - Destin will enhance ecotourism and provide visitors and residents a safe and healthy alternative to explore and enjoy Santa Rosa Sound, Choctawhatchee Bay, sand dunes, gulf view and access to recreational opportunities. The Bridge to Bridge Pathway will connect to the new Brooks Bridge pedestrian path, traverse six miles along highway 98 and wind underneath the Marler Bridge giving access to the existing walkway on Marler or traveling to the Air Force recreational park. This is the vision of OILA Board Members **Dave Hancock, Kathy Foster** and former member **Jill Higgins**.

A project of this magnitude does not happen overnight. There have been numerous meetings, emails, phone calls and copious amounts of paperwork. But the end result will be a linear park that will help build sustainable tourism and will provide SAFE passage for runners, cyclists and walkers. The Bridge to Bridge Pathway will also tie into the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Great Northwest Transportation Corridor Project... connecting 270 miles across the Panhandle.

Research has shown that the repeated economic impact of cyclists has been estimated to be nine times the one time cost to build. The Florida State Park System reports the economic benefit is \$584,000 per mile. The National Parks service states that for each mile, 14 jobs are created.

An important step in this process has been receiving the Air Force Outgrant & Environmental Process Approval. Now the search for funding the preliminary design and survey... estimated to be \$102,172. Wish us luck!



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 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>
Oct 1		Okaloosa Island		Tourist Development Council	Replace & Update Existing & Future Signs with the "Wave" Logo (See Note)	Approved
Oct 15	3	106	364 Bluefish-Unit 201	Curtis Nelson	Occupation License for "Buff-n-Glo"	Approved
Oct 15	5	229	522 Dorado	Robert Henry	Construct Pool	Approved
Nov 19	3	108	364 Bluefish- Unit 101	Ken Stives	Occupational License for Emerald Seas, LLC	Approved

Note: A copy of the "Wave" Logo can be viewed on page 3.

THIS MONTH IN DECEMBER

December 2, 1942 - Physicists led by Enrico Fermi carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.

December 23, 1947 - The transistor was invented at Bell Laboratories by John Bardeen, Walter Brattain and William Shockley, who shared the Nobel Prize for their invention which sparked a worldwide revolution in electronics.

**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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE: DEVELOPMENT ORDER APPLICATION FOR THE
BEACH HOUSE ISLAND RESORT POSTED ON THE VACANT COQUINA
ISLE CONDO PARCEL – DETAILS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE
DECEMBER 14 OILA MEETING**

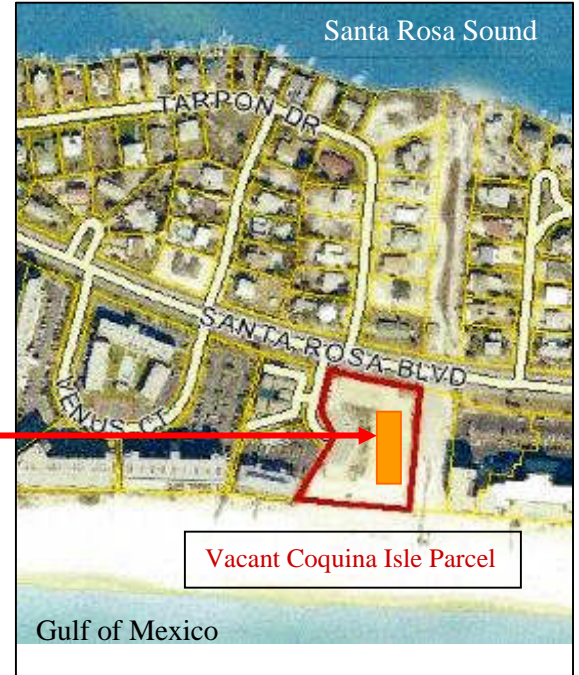
PUBLIC NOTICE
THE USE AND APPEARANCE OF THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Okaloosa County Department of Growth Management is in receipt of a Development Order application which may authorize the development of this property. The development under consideration is:

THE BEACH HOUSE ISLAND
RESORT - OKALOOSA ISLAND
(47 UNITS)

For further information contact the Department of Growth Management at either one of the following locations.

North Okaloosa County	South Okaloosa County
Crestview Office 402 Brookmeade Drive Crestview, FL 32539 Phone: (850) 689-5080 FAX: (850) 689-5512	Fort Walton Beach Office Phone: (850) 651-7180 FAX: (850) 651-7706



With respect to this Development Order Application, Mr. Ed Stanford, PE – Core Engineering & Consulting will present to the Leaseholders at the Dec14 meeting the details (site plan and architectural drawings) of the Development Order Application to build a new condominium on the vacant Coquina Isle lot. .

**Minutes (Draft) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association
Membership Meeting – November 9, 2015 – Island Fire Safety Center**

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Kathy Foster **Present:** Kathy Foster, Dave Hancock, Desley Parker, Kim Haines, Jim Hendricks

Minutes: A motion to approve the October 12 minutes which were printed in the November OIL Lantern was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

November 9, 2015 Treasurer's Report

October 12, 2015 total balance:.....	\$ 36,179.46
Discretionary fund balance as of Oct 12, 2015.....	\$ 34,758.18
Receipts since last report.....	
Membership Dues	\$ 707.00
Newsletter Fees.....	\$ 54.00
Donations.....	\$ 3.00
Total Receipts:	\$ 764.00
Expenditures since last report.....	No Expenditures
Expenses pending approval for payment:	
Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps for mailing the Nov 2015 OIL Lantern.....	\$ 21.56
Discretionary fund balance after receipts/expenditures/reimbursement	\$ 35,500.62
Beautification fund balance (unchanged since last report).....	\$ 1,421.28
Total Fund Balance as November 9, 2015.....	\$36,921.90

Treasurer's Report (continued)

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and reimburse Jim Simpson for his expenditure of \$21.56 for postage to mail the October 2015 OIL Lantern was made, seconded and approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jim Simpson is reporting membership at 257 until the consideration of membership renewal dues pending collection during the remainder of November and the month of December.

Architectural: The architectural report for October was not available in time for publication in the November OIL Lantern. Jim Simpson advised that The October report will be published along with the November report in the December 2015 OIL Lantern.

Beautification: Kathy Foster advised that the Beautification Committee has been working a local landscaper to develop a landscape plan for the Island. She anticipated it would be completed within the next 2 to 3 months.

Boat Basin: Carol Edlund – No report

MSBU: Maryl Bednar reported that on the most recent P & L, expenditures were **\$677.57**, there were no revenues and the YTD MSBU fund balance was **\$225,834.99**.

Website: Bob Seitz: Bob advised the websites and Face Book pages for the FDOT Bridge Studies (Brooks Bridge & the Alternative Bridge) are available on the OILA website: www.oilaweb.com if anyone is interested in getting the latest information.

Old Business:

Bridge to Bridge Pathway Proposal: Dave Hancock advised that the proposal did not make the ORAC cut. He noted that he and Kathy Foster have been working on the proposal and that HTC Consulting Engineers out of Pensacola is assisting us. Dave advised that funding to do the site and environmental studies will be needed and funding requests will be submitted to the TDC at their December 10 meeting. He encouraged Leaseholders to attend this meeting (time, place, etc posted the front page of the December OIL Lantern) to show support. He also noted that our District 2 Commissioner, **Carolyn Ketchel**, supports this proposal. Ms. Ketchel is also the County Commissioner member on the TDC Board.

New Business:

Carol Davis requested support of the Florida Solar Ballot Initiative to allow third party sale of solar power. She passed out ballot petition forms and noted that the purpose of the forms was to place the initiative on the ballot.

Maryl Bednar asked about the parking of vehicles on the residential streets on the north side of Santa Rosa Blvd. She was concerned about the safety hazard of this practice. Kathy Foster advised she would check with Commissioner Ketchel about this subject.

Jim Simpson inquired about the status of the upgrade of the 10 foot-wide beach accesses. The materials for the work have been sitting in Beach Access No. 5 for several months with no activity.

Submitted by Jim Simpson (extracted from the November 9, 2015 on line podcast of the meeting).

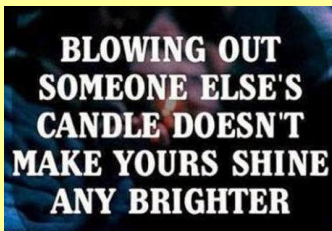
WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Flat Tire

Wuzzle No. 2



Words of Wisdom

Wuzzle No. 3



High Chair

Wuzzle No. 4



Tricycle

Wuzzle No. 5



Bunk Bed

Wuzzle No. 6



Seeing Eye Dog