



**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, **February 8, 2016**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION SANTA ROSA SOUND  
ALTERNATE CROSSING STUDY  
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP

**DATE: Thursday, February 11, 2016**  
Same time & place as the above March 3  
meeting.

2. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION BROOKS BRIDGE  
REPLACEMENT STUDY STAKE HOLDER  
ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

**DATE: Thursday, March 3, 2016**  
**TIME:** 8:30 am to 9:30 am  
**PLACE:** City of Fort Walton Beach Hedrick  
Recreation Center, 132 Jet Drive, Fort Walton  
Beach, Florida 32548



# The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc

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### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **Feb 8, 2016**  
**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.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Jason Autrey, Director, Okaloosa County Department of Public Works** – Mr. Autrey will provide an update on beach access projects.

#### IV. MINUTES

January 11, 2016 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

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Welcome Wagon of Okaloosa Island – **Kim Haines**
- B. Spring Clean-Up Saturday, March 2 – **Kathy Foster**

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Vince Bruner

What a great day for the Okaloosa Island Mardi Gras parade! This has proven to be a great venue, that is a family friendly, Mardi Gras.

While there may still be a few people who oppose the event, even they have been impressed by the quality of our parade. We continue to receive positive feedback from our visitors from out of town who marvel at the controlled, but festive atmosphere, we have created. All of this has been done with little to no government assistance or interference.

It only make she wonder what reduced government participation in the lives of our citizens, across the board. would mean for our country.

### OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES 20 SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) UNITS TO REPLACE EXPIRED EQUIPMENT



A SCBA Unit

The recently acquired SCOTT AIR-Pak X3\* Positive Pressure Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) keeps air constantly flowing into the mask to keep smoke and superheated gases from entering the mask during fire fighting and replaces 15 year old non-serviceable equipment.

The 4500 psi cylinder provides 45 minutes worth of air during fire ground operations and is NFPA Compliant Equipment (2013 Edition) the most current NFPA update on SCBAs. The new SCBA units meet the current safety guidelines and updated features with respect to earlier low pressure warning (at 33% instead of 25% of air remaining), has heads up display features, a snap change quick cylinder replacement, a buddy breathing capability - when a failure of the SCBA puts a firefighter in danger - his buddy can connect to the failed SCBA and then they can leave together utilizing the air from the normally operating SCBA and has an EVAC alert feature built in which, when activated, alerts personnel to evacuate the building

The SCBA Mask has voice amp that allows communication directly through the mask which assists with communication via face to face or over the radio.

Additionally, a fit test machine that is necessary for annual test for fit and a SCBA tracker that can locate a downed firefighter in a building were purchased. **\*MADE IN THE USA!**



Okaloosa Island Firefighter Mario Zayas-Bazan Wearing SCBA Gear.

**MARDI GRAS ON THE ISLAND  
JANUARY 16, 2016**

**Welcome to Our  
Neighborhood**



**OILA'S MARDI GRAS FLOAT TEAM: DECORATORS, WALKERS, RIDERS & DRIVERS. A JOB WELL DONE!**



**SUSIE BAYNE DYED HER HAIR JUST FOR THE PARADE**



**COMMISSIONER KETCHEL (left) & LEE ANN MARTIN**



**BEAUTY & THE BEAST (PAULA & GARY HUDSON)**



**THE BANNER LADIES (left to right) Twana Wortham & Jill Kosiewski**



**OILA FLOAT ROLLING DOWN SANTA ROSA BLVD**



**WANDA WORTHAM HANDS OUT A MOON PIE AS THE FLOAT PASSES THE JUDGE'S STAND**



**THE PARADE IS OVER - PRETTY LADIES WALKING HOME.**



## ISLAND RAINFALL FOR JANUARY 2016: **5.9 INCHES**

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| January 7... <b>0.5</b> inches | January 21.. <b>2.5</b> inches |
| January 9... <b>0.7</b> inches | January 22.. <b>1.1</b> inches |
| January 15.. <b>0.4</b> inches | January 27.. <b>0.2</b> inches |
| January 16.. <b>0.1</b> inches | January 28.. <b>0.4</b> inches |

Avg Rainfall for January.....**4.8** inches

Avg Rainfall for February.....**5.8** inches  
 February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)  
 February Record Low .....**11° F** (1951)  
 Feb Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

March Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches  
 March Record High.....**80° F** (1957)  
 March Record Low .....**4° F** (1985)  
 Mar Avg Water Temperature....**66° F**

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

YTD Variance to Avg..... **+1.1** inches  
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**5.9** inches  
 Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches



## AN OPEN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE MOBILE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

It's that time of year again! The Island Garden Club is hosting a bus trip to the Mobile Festival of Flowers on Thursday, March 10, 2016, and are invited. The cost is \$40 which includes the bus ride and admission to the event. You will be on your own for lunch to dine at the garden cafe on the premises.

Good Times Tour bus (seating 50 people) will depart promptly at 8:00 a.m. from The Boardwalk located at 1450 Miracle Strip Parkway NE, Okaloosa Island, 32548. You will want to park your car closest to the highway. Return is expected to be at approximately 5:00 p.m.

A check guarantees your seat and should be made out to **Island Garden Club** and sent to:

Kim Haines, Treasurer,  
 723 Sailfish Drive  
 Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548

We hope you can join on us for this fun excursion. You will find unusual plants, hard-to-find tools and gardening items, hear interesting speakers, get inspirational ideas for plantings, etc. Wear comfortable shoes. The vendors will carry purchases to the loading area where buses depart. You may wish to take boxes with your name on them to hold purchases in the bottom of the bus for the ride home. Only 50 seats will be sold allowing the back seats to hold trees, tall plants and large garden art.

Please feel free to share this invitation with clubs, flower guilds, and gardening friends. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Kathy Foster, President, Island Garden Club  
 Hi: 850-244-4490 C: 850-499-3616 [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS **75** RESPONSES IN DECEMBER

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Fire calls.....     | <b>3</b>  |
| False Alarms.....   | <b>9</b>  |
| EMS/Rescue/MVA .... | <b>38</b> |
| Other.....          | <b>25</b> |



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: MEETINGS OF THE **FDOT SANTA ROSA SOUND ALTERNATE CROSSING STUDY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP & THE **FDOT BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STUDY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP**** (NOTICE: THESE ARE PUBLIC MEETINGS)

**The Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study Stakeholder Advisory Group** is scheduled to meet **Thursday, February 11** at the FWB Hedrick Recreation Center, 132 Jet Drive, from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

The second meeting of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) **Brooks Bridge Replacement Study Stakeholder Advisory Group** is scheduled for **Thursday, March 3, 2016** at the City of Fort Walton Beach Hedrick Recreation Center, 132 Jet Drive, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548 (same location as the previous meeting). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the **Brooks Bridge Replacement Study** meeting is to provide an update on progress since the previous meeting (September 10, 2015). Agency input received on the bridge replacement, traffic analysis results, and preliminary engineering considerations for the bridge replacement will be discussed. Also an update on the activities of the FDOT Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study Stakeholder Advisory Group, and preparations for the next public meetings on each of the two projects will be provided.

## Welcome Wagon of Okaloosa Island



Hi Neighbors!! We are looking forward to welcoming new homeowners into our community by giving

them an informative and helpful resource. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this endeavor. We will have a sign-up sheet at our next OILA meeting. Please consider joining us to welcome new neighbors and making our island great again!!

Please contact Kim Haines at 850-490-7947 with any new neighbor information.



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2015 & JANUARY 2016** for permits 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> |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| 12/3        | 15           | Western Portion  | 1515 Miracle Strip Pkwy | Destin West                               | 2 Signs – attached to buildings                             | Approved              |
| 12/10       | 8            | 506-509 514, 516 | Scallop Ct              | The Beach House Resort                    | Build a 47 unit condominium                                 | Approved              |
| 12/10       | 7            | 431-444          | 676 Santa Rosa Blvd     | Island Echos                              | Add 3 RRV's to existing antennas                            | Approved              |
| 12/17       | 2            | 17, 18 & 19      | 225 Santa Rosa Blvd     | Okaloosa National (miniature golf course) | One free standing sign                                      | Approved              |
| 12/17       | 15           | 22-23            | 1310 Miracle Strip Pwky | Destin West                               | 2 restrooms to comply with country regulations              | Approved              |
| 12/31       | 5            | 227              | 520 Dory                | Steven Scott                              | Renovate existing house; repair and replace seawall & dock. | Approved              |
| 01/07       | 7            | 385              | 708 Sailfish            | Alan & Carmen Parker                      | Repair/replace existing seawall                             | Approved              |

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY – FEBRUARY**

**February 1, 1944** – Jim Simpson is born in Galveston, TEXAS.

**February 8, 1587** – Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay, England after 19 years as a prisoner of Queen Elizabeth I.

**February 11, 1847** - American inventor Thomas Edison (1847-1931) was born in Milan, Ohio.

**February 12, 1924** First presidential radio address: Calvin Coolidge

**February 14, 1929** - The St. Valentine's Day massacre occurred in Chicago as seven members of the Bugs Moran gang were gunned down by five of Al Capone's mobsters posing as police.

**February 27, 1950** – The 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, limiting the president to two terms or a maximum of ten years in office

**OILA Sponsored Island Spring Cleaning Day - Saturday, March 19**



We'll soon be spending lots of time outdoors and our exterior spaces will need as much TLC as our indoor spaces.

To help spruce up island yards, parking lots, storage areas, Accessways, etc. OILA will provide two dumpsters on Saturday, March 19. One located at Accessway #6 and another at the the corner of Amberjack & Santa

Rosa Boulevard. No hazardous material, no tires, no food, and no electronics... none of the items that are required to be taken to the Transfer Station.

If you are able to help monitor or assist at the drop off locations, please contact Kathy Foster 244-4490 or [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net) Thank you!

**ISLAND GARDEN CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING  
(FEB 10) TO FEATURE "JEWELS FOR THE  
GARDNER" PROGRAM – CREATING VALENTINE GIFTS**



Horticulturist Rich Boyes of Box of Rain was a enthralling speaker in January sharing wonderful tips on 'bones' and design and maintenance of our gardens.

The February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a bit less structured and give us a chance to chat and interact with each other while we experience Jewels for the Gardener. Our own Kim Haines will guide us in creating Valentine gifts. While she will provide all the supplies for our members, we may add special touches with favorite jewels, buttons, beads, flowers, etc.

Also at this meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for 2016-17. We will also take nominations from the floor. Voting will occur in March.

Monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. with socializing at 9:45 a.m. Membership is open to all island residents and winter island visitors with annual dues of \$10, payable in April.

Kathy Foster 850-244-4490 or [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net)

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

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**Minutes (Draft) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association Membership Meeting – JANUARY 11, 2016**

**Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.** by President Vince Bruner      **Location:** Island Fire Safety Center

**Present:** Kathy Foster, Dave Hancock, Kim Haines, Vince Bruner. Excused Desley Parker

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Dave Hancock, recited by the membership

**Minutes:** December 14 minutes were distributed via the OIL Lantern.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion to accept the Treasurer's report and reimburse Dave Miller for 16 gross of Mardi Gras beads of \$1,215.78; Jim Simpson for his expenditures of \$21.56 for mailing the newsletter and \$315.58 for 12 gross of Mardi Gras moon pies was made by Paula Hudson and seconded by Vince Bruner. Motion carried. Discretionary Balance is \$35,490.82 and Beautification Balance is \$1,421.28.

**Membership:** Currently at 233.

**Committee Reports**

**Architectural:** The report was received after the newsletter went to print. Jim Simpson will include the six items in next month's newsletter.

**Beautification:** Kathy Foster suggested an Island Spring Cleaning and requested funds to obtain a dumpster from Waste Management to be placed for one week on Accessway #6 to collect resident's unwanted debris. Discussion resulted in a request for a second dumpster to be placed in Cash Moore's parking lot to assist the residents in the eastern end of the island. Motion by Kathy Foster and second by Jim Simpson. Unanimous approval.

**Beautification/Derelict Properties Committee** - Complaint re 838 Tropic. This is the second incident. Dave Miller has tried to help the owner in the past. It was suggested that the attorney be contacted, and necessary fees be paid. .

**MSBU:** Paula Hudson reported the revenues and expenditures (report attached). Maryl Bednar shared the 'light dimming' request by the resident of 444 Cardinal. This would result in an additional cost to the MSBI as well as a contract for that light. MSBU Committee members Maryl Bednar, Mike Mitchell, Jim Simpson and Paula Hudson did not recommend this change. Discussion and voting by the OILA Board and the membership followed. Motion to decline by Kathy Foster and seconded by Dave Hancock. The members stated that good lighting is a safety issue, citing two illumination studies performed by Gulf Power and desiring to not set a precedent for further reduction in lighting.

**Old Business:** OILA's float will be first in the Mardi Gras on the Island Parade Saturday, January 16. Discussion ensued re walkers, riders, music, decorating on Pelican on Friday, 1:00 p.m.

At the December 14 meeting a resident queried the start/completion date of improvements to Accessway #5, the removal of construction material and the maintenance and repair of existing Accessways. Kathy Foster read a reply from County Engineer Scott Bitterman stating the final walkway located near the Wyndham would be started in early 2016 with completion by Spring. He stated annual maintenance will occur around the beginning of Spring. There are no plans or timelines for the improvement to Accessway #5.

Trish LaBahn and Dave Hancock commented that federal requirements to elevate restrooms is adding to the costs of improvements.

Members suggested contacting Commissioner Ketchel inquiring about the funds set aside in the TDC budget to improve two Accessways and suggesting that perhaps the money for two could be spent to improve one Accessway. Residents stated that having water would be most helpful.

Sandy Johns asked that a decent 'park closed' sign be attached to the cable on Accessway #5, similar to the signs at other Accessways.

Nancy Hunt wanted to know if or when the sidewalks along Santa Rosa Boulevard would be edged.

Vince Bruner asked if anyone knew what was taking place behind the fire station with the removal of holding tanks. He suggested it would be a good use of the property to be utilized for overflow Mardi Gras parking and restaurant parking.

Kathy Foster was tasked to contact Commissioner Ketchel. Dave Hancock volunteered to invite Public Works Director Jason Autrey to the February meeting to discuss the above issues.

**New Business:** Jim Simpson thanked Dave Hancock and Kathy Foster for their good work in pursuing the Bridge to Bridge pathway and obtaining seed money for the study. Vince Bruner stated this is a great project that will pay for itself in one year.

Kim Haines proposed a Welcome Wagon Committee. Paula Hudson suggested meeting new owners by researching sales on the island. She suggested a copy of the Map & Protective Covenants be included. Everyone present thought it to be a good idea, involving folks from each street and the condos. Also included would be coupons, OILA information, a plant from the Island Garden Club, etc. A motion by Kathy Foster, seconded by Jim Simpson, for \$50 'seed' money to purchase baskets or a similar vessel.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kathy Foster