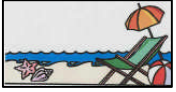


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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **March 14, 2016**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**OILA Island
Spring
Cleaning Day
– Saturday –
March 19**



**Dumpsters Will be Positioned at
the Following Locations:**

- **Accessway #6 (between Sailfish & Tarpon)**
- **Corner of Amberjack & Santa Rosa Boulevard.**

**For More information on Spring
Cleaning Day - See Article on Pg 4
of This Newsletter.**



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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **March 14, 2016**

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

Feb 8, 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

A. Spring Clean-Up Saturday, March 19 – **Kathy Foster**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Vince Bruner

Warmer weather will soon bring warmer waters and the return of migrating Cobia to our area. Every year local fishermen began their pursuit of this species, which is known for both the food and fun, that goes into cobia fishing.

About the same time our cobia fishing fleet takes off, we begin to see the first spring breakers. Fortunately on Okaloosa Island, we have a very family friendly spring break that has evolved over many years.

We will also soon begin to see pompano fisherman with their chairs staked out along water's edge, waiting to snag one of the finest eating fish in the ocean. Children and their parents will be wandering the shores looking for shells and having fun.

Spring is a truly blessed event on our beautiful island!

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT (OIFD) RECEIVES A \$5,000 WORKERS COMP REIMBURSEMENT CHECK FROM PREFERRED FOR IMPROVING EMPLOYEE SAFETY

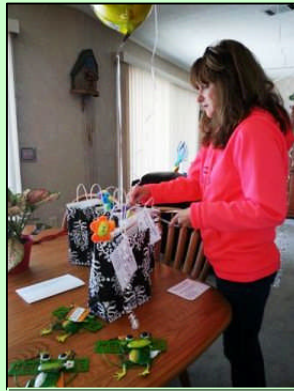


(left to right) **Mike Marian**, Public Risk Underwriter of Florida, **Kevin Carvalho**, Asst Fire Chief, **Phil Metz**, Medical Officer, **Bob Tilley**, Fire Chief, **Cathy Jones**, Chairman – OIFD Commissioners Board

For improvements in employee safety, the Okaloosa Island Fire District received a \$5,000 workers comp reimbursement check from the Preferred TIPS program. The Preferred TIPS program is a reimbursement program with matching training/safety incentives that can be applied for by any current member of Preferred.

The island has the nicest neighbors!

The Welcome Wagon Committee recently assembled gift bags which were presented to new neighbors on Saturday, Feb 27. We were delighted to meet **Suzie Schmidt** on Tarpon Drive, **Otmar Yakaboski & Zandra Wolfram** on Pelican Drive and on Sailfish Drive **Laurie & Phil Pass**. All the families are excited to be here and to be involved with neighborhood activities. We didn't have the camera when meeting with Suzie or Laurie, but below is a photo of Otmar and Zandra. One other family was not at home, but we left a card so we can visit another day.



Welcome Wagon Committee Member **Kim Haines** Loads a Gift Bag



New Pelican Drive Neighbors: **Zandra Wolfram & Otmar Yakaboski**



Goodies Which Go Into a Gift Bag. Suggestions for Gift Items Welcome.

If you have suggestions or gift items to include in the bags please contact one of us. Thank you!

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Kathy Foster, 244-4490 fosterpk@gnt.net
Maryl Bednar, 243-8359 bednardon@aol.com
Carmen Parker, 243-4611 roofs4living@yahoo.com

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BIENVENIDO
WILLKOMMEN
BENVENUTO

Island Garden Club

There will be no inside meeting for March 2016 as the members and friends will be traveling to Mobile for the Festival of Flowers.



We will be back at the El Matador downstairs lounge on Wednesday, April 13, for a 'delicious' program on edible flowers. Join us for socializing and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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OKALOOSA NATIONAL CARPET GOLF COURSE OPENING DAY:

FEB 19, 2016

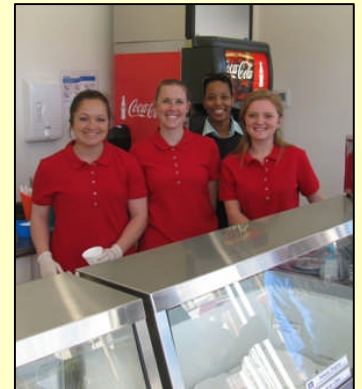
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Owner/Developer Vince Bruner Cuts the Opening Day Ribbon



First Customers



Okaloosa National Staff



View from Santa Rosa Blvd

A TIP OF THE "GREEN" HAT TO OKALOOSA ISLAND'S COURTYARD MARRIOTT FOR INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS



COURTYARD MARRIOTT
414 Santa Rosa Blvd
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548



OKALOOSA ISLAND'S COURTYARD MARRIOTT SOLAR ARRAY
(Located on the beach side of the building)

A tip of the "Green" hat to the Courtyard by Marriott on Okaloosa Island for being the first business on Okaloosa Island to use a solar panels array to take advantage of "sun power". The solar array cannot be seen from Santa Rosa Blvd as it is on the south (Gulf side) of the hotel..

Following is the Mission Statement from Courtyard Marriott management on this Okaloosa Island First environmental friendly accomplishment:

"The cost of Solar Systems has fallen, while the efficiency and return on investment has risen. Courtyard by Marriott, stresses the importance of providing consumers with the latest technology. Coupled with increased savings for capital outlay and free energy provided by the sun, the decision to use advanced solar system, was that easy one.

Marriott guest surveys have proven that Guest actually prefer environmentally friendly and efficient options, when given a choice. We are known as the "sunshine state" for a good reason! We believe our decision will pay off over the years to come"

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORDS 89 RESPONSES IN JANUARY 2016

Fire calls.....	9
False Alarms.....	18
EMS/Rescue/MVA	34
Other.....	28



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 Thank you!

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBPAGE:

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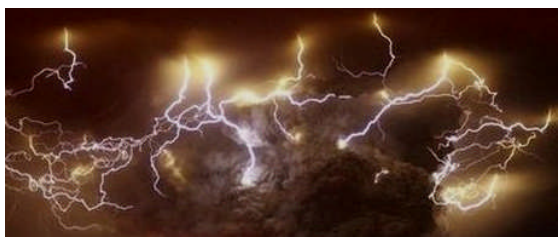
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ISLAND RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY 2016: **6.4 INCHES**

Feb 3...**6.1** inches Feb 15...**0.3** inches

Avg Rainfall for February.....**5.8** inches

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..... **+1.7** inches

Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**12. 3** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MARCH

March 2, 1836 – Texas officially declares its independence from Mexico and the **Republic of Texas** is created.



March 4, 1789 - The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. Constitution took place in New York City.

March 9, 1864 - Ulysses S. Grant was commissioned as a Lieutenant General and became commander of the Union armies.

March 11, 1918 - The 'Spanish' influenza first reached America as 107 soldiers become sick at Fort Riley, Kansas. One quarter of the U.S. population eventually became ill from the deadly virus, resulting in 500,000 deaths. The death toll worldwide approached 22 million by the end of 1920.

March 27, 1977 - The worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands, resulting in 570 deaths.

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT (OIFD) NEWS RELEASE

FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT

OIFD receives a grant for \$18,690.00 from Firehouse Subs to purchase 2 thermal cameras; 2 batteries for the thermal cameras and 2 truck chargers for the thermal cameras.



OIFD Chief **Robert Tilley** (center) Displays One of the Two Thermal Imaging Cameras Purchased with a Grant from The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. On the left is **Ralph Fabozzi**, Uptown Station Firehouse Subs Franchise Owner; on the right is **Debra Shelby**, Manager.

FT. WALTON BEACH, Fla. (Feb.10, 2016) -- Chief Robert Tilley of the Okaloosa Island Fire District is pleased to announce the District has received a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant to purchase two thermal imaging cameras. The District's existing cameras are inoperable because spare parts can no longer be located.

These new cameras contain the latest in technology advances available in the industry. The handheld devices allow firefighters to see heat signatures through dense smoke and darkness when searching for victims in a structure fire. Equally important, the camera can aid the firefighters in extricating themselves when they become lost or trapped in a burning building. The cameras will also assist the firefighters searching for missing swimmers in the Gulf of Mexico. The victim produces a heat signature that can be seen through the camera, aiding in the search of missing drowning victims. Water rescues are one of the most common rescue calls responded to by the District's firefighters.

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is well known for its support of first responders throughout the country. Firehouse Subs restaurants recycle leftover, five-gallon pickle buckets, available to guests for a \$2 donation to the Foundation. Donation canisters on register counters explain the non-profit's mission and collect spare change, while the Round Up Program allows guests to "round up their bill to the nearest dollar. All funds raised benefit the Foundation.

The Foundation, in turn, supports first responders by providing grant funds for the purchase of life-saving equipment. Chief Tilley and the firefighters of the Okaloosa Island Fire District express their sincere appreciation to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Debra Shelby of Firehouse Subs, and all of the employees of the Eglin Parkway Firehouse Subs location.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 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>
Feb 11	4	170	434 Cardinal	Tony Holland	Repair/replace existing roof	Approved
Feb 11	4	170	434 Cardinal	Tony Holland	Extend existing roof over existing outside deck	Approved
Feb 11	2	19	216 Angler #19	Richard Duggan	Enclose existing porch and Interior renovation	Approved
Feb 25	3	70	326 Bream Ave #5	Kevin McElroy	Occupational license for Kevin L. McElroy Flooring, LLC	Approved

Minutes (Draft) - Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association Membership Meeting – February 8, 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, Desley Parker **Special Welcome To:** County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel

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

Guest Speaker: Jason Autrey, Director, Okaloosa County Department of Public Works: Mr. Autrey provided updates, and engaged in a variety of question and answer sessions, on the status of the pending upgrades of public beach accesses 4, 5 and 6, sidewalk maintenance , elevation issues with respect to building on the beach, median landscaping, maintenance of existing beach facilities, the Brooks Bridge initiative and the bidding process involved in contracting construction, improvements and repairs . The Association thanks Mr. Autrey for his presentation and sharing and would highly encourage all Islanders – as per Mr. Autrey’s request - to remember to give Public Works employees a pat on the back when they do a good job.

Minutes: January 11, 2016 minutes were distributed via the OIL Lantern. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Under expenses paid, Paula Hudson was reimbursed \$125.98 for the purchase of Mardi Gras float decorating supplies. Under expenses pending payment, Jim Simpson requested reimbursement for a total of \$82.81for his costs of \$21.56 for mailing the newsletter plus \$61.25 paid (by credit card) to the State of Florida for the annual non-profit incorporation fee for the Association. Motion was seconded by and carried to accept the Treasurer’s report and to reimburse Jim Simpson for his expenses. As of February 8, 2016, the Discretionary Balance is \$35,295.04. the Beautification Fund Balance is \$1,421.28 for a total funds balance of \$36,716.32.

Membership: Currently at 237.

Committee Reports

Architectural: The December 2015 and January 2016 Architectural reports were published in the February 8, 2016 OIL Lantern. A correction was made to the December report in that the Committee’s action reported on December 31, 2015 incorrectly identified the property address to be 520 Dory – the correct address is 520 Dorado

Beautification: Kathy Foster advised that two dumpsters had been procured as part of the OILA Sponsored Island Spring Cleaning to be held on March 19. One to be located at Accessway #6 (between Sailfish & Tarpon) and one at the corner of Amberjack & Santa Rosa Boulevard.

Beautification/Derelict Properties Committee – With respect to the property at 838 Tropic, Kathy Foster advised that she had contacted John Dowd about legal action and John advised her of his fee along with a cap. Kathy also has contacted Lisa Payton with County Code Enforcement to check into the problem. Considering the expense of a legal action, it was decided to give Lisa Payton a chance to solve the issue prior to proceeding.

MSBU: Maryl Bednar reported (as of the January 29, 2016 report) expenses of \$3,582.10; revenues of \$5,761.95 and an MSBU ending balance of \$231,918.31. With respect to the 'light dimming' request by the resident of 444 Cardinal, Maryl advised that she had written Public Works and advised them that OILA recommended no change to the existing light. .

NEW BUSINESS: Welcome Wagon of Okaloosa Island: Kim Haines passed out a sign-up list for volunteers who would like to work with the Welcome Wagon Committee. She has purchased bags and will be seeking coupons from local businesses

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm (Podcast Extract by Jim Simpson)