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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, **May 9, 2016** **PARKING:**  
Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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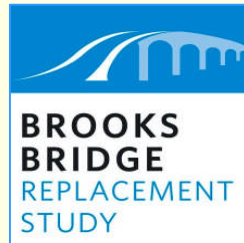


June 2  
to  
June 6

See Schedule & Details Inside

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ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC WORKSHOP--  
SEE INSIDE FOR MORE DETAILS



Tuesday, May 17,  
2016 from 5:30 p.m.  
to 6:30 p.m. CDT at  
the Emerald Coast  
Convention Center,  
1250 Miracle Strip  
Parkway, S.E., Fort  
Walton Beach.



# The OIL Lantern



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## Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **May 9, 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.

### IV. MINUTES

April 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes  
(Draft)

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT -**  
Treasurer, **Jim Simpson**

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

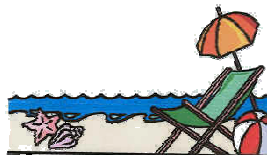
- A. Architectural Committee: (see  
Newsletter)
- C. Membership Liaison: **Jim  
Simpson**
- D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**
- E. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**
- F. Street Lighting MSBU: **Maryl  
Bednar & Paula Hudson**

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Property at 838 Tropic Ave

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### IX. ADJOURNMENT



## BE PROACTIVE!

**- IF YOU DETECT  
A SPRINKER NOT  
WORKING ON  
COUNTY PROPERTY  
(e.g. medians, cul-de-sacs)  
FOLLOW THE  
INSTRUCTIONS  
ON THIS SIGN!**

Write down the street  
and/or land mark closest  
to the malfunctioning  
sprinkler head to assist  
Country personnel in  
locating and repairing it.  
Remember the help call number: **546-0115.**

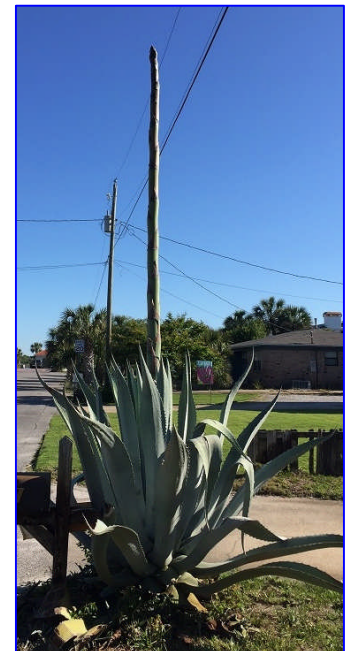


## TWO "CENTURY PLANTS" ON OKALOOSA ISLAND CLOSE TO PUTTING ON BLOSSOMS

Two "Century" plants getting ready to bloom. Agave americana, common names century plant, maguey, or American aloe, is a species of flowering plant in the family Agavaceae, native to Mexico, and the United States in Arizona and Texas and Florida. One is in front of the Emerald Isle condo, and the other is in front of 701 Sailfish Dr. Stop by and "watch" them grow!



**EMERALD ISLE CONDO**



**701 SAILFISH DRIVE**

**INVITATION FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
– BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**



**BROOKS  
BRIDGE**  
REPLACEMENT  
STUDY

**JOIN US FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC  
WORKSHOP!**

**OIL Lantern Editor's Note:** For meeting date, time, location and details, refer to the Project Fact Sheet on the next page.

April 18, 2016

RE: U.S. 98 (State Road 30) over Santa Rosa Sound Bridge Replacement (Brooks Bridge Replacement), Project Development and Environment Study Okaloosa County, Financial Project Identification Number: 415474-2-22-01

Dear Interested Party:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold an Alternatives public workshop for the U.S. 98 (Brooks Bridge Replacement) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CDT at the Emerald Coast Convention Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway, S.E., Fort Walton Beach.

This workshop is being held as part of a current PD&E Study that is being conducted to evaluate proposed transportation solutions for the replacement of the Brooks Bridge and to provide documented information necessary for FDOT to reach a decision on the type, design, and location of the improvements, including associated intersection improvements at Perry Avenue in Fort Walton Beach, and in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Boulevard on Okaloosa Island. The project is being developed to replace the structurally-deficient Brooks Bridge, while minimizing potential impacts to the natural and human environments. The project is currently in the PD&E study phase. No funding has been allocated for the subsequent phases of right-of-way, design or construction.

The workshop will be held in an open-house format. There will not be a formal presentation; however, FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. [Here](#) you may find a copy of the notification that is being sent to public officials, organizations and individuals interested in this project and will be available at the meeting. Your comments are welcome and appreciated.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please join us online by visiting: [www.brooksbridgereplacement.com](http://www.brooksbridgereplacement.com). The online meeting can be accessed anywhere, anytime from May 17 through May 31, and will provide the same information as the in-person meeting.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact me, toll free at (888) 638-0250, extension 1625, or by email at [april.williams@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:april.williams@dot.state.fl.us), at least seven days prior to the workshop.

Should you have any questions about the project or the workshop, contact me at the telephone number or email address listed above. You may also contact Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, at (888) 638-0250, extension 1205 or via email at [ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "April Williams".

April Williams, P.E.  
Project Development Engineer

# PROJECT FACT SHEET – BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STUDY



## Project Fact Sheet

April 2016



FM No. 415474-2-22-01

### Public Meeting

**DATE:**

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

**TIME:**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:**

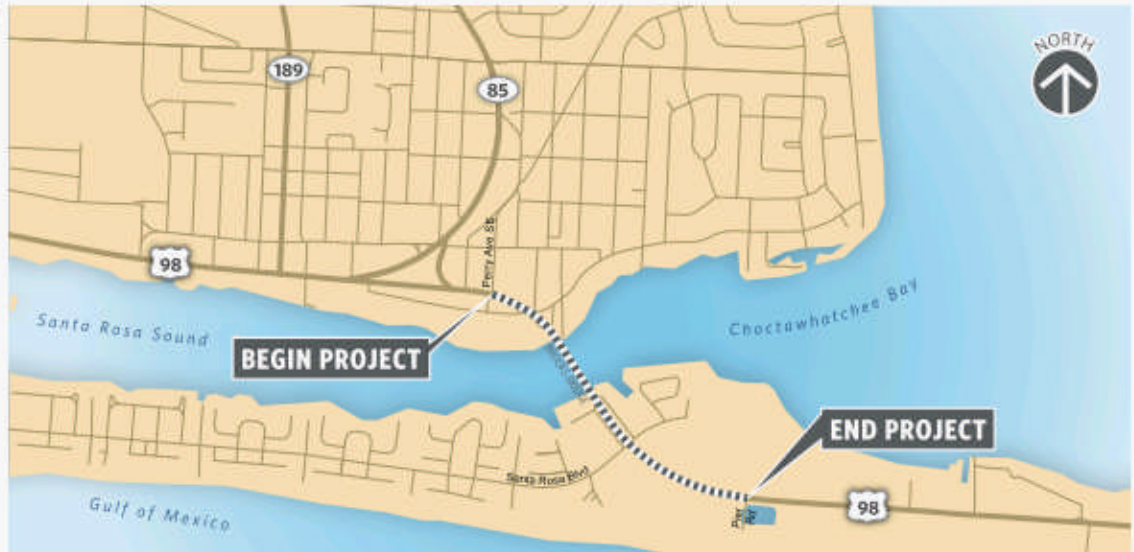
**Emerald Coast Convention Center**  
1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE,  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

### Online Meeting

[www.brooksbridgereplacement.com](http://www.brooksbridgereplacement.com)

available

May 17 - May 31, 2016



### Details

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), has scheduled a public meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the John T. Brooks Bridge in Okaloosa County, Florida. The meeting will be held in an open house format **Tuesday, May 17**, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) at the *Emerald Coast Convention Center*, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway, S.E., Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The proposed improvements consist of replacing the Brooks Bridge, and the associated intersection improvements necessary at Perry Avenue in Fort Walton Beach, and in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Boulevard on Okaloosa Island.

This meeting is being held to present the project progress to date and obtain comments on the alternatives being considered. FDOT representatives will be available during the meeting to discuss the project and answer questions. There will not be a formal presentation. If you cannot attend the meeting, please join us online by visiting: [www.brooksbridgereplacement.com](http://www.brooksbridgereplacement.com). The online meeting can be accessed anywhere, anytime from May 17 through May 31, and will provide the same information as the in-person meeting.

### What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the environmental, engineering and social impacts for the replacement of Brooks Bridge.

### Why is the project needed?

The replacement of Brooks Bridge is needed in order to address the structural deficiencies of the existing bridge. Brooks Bridge was constructed in 1964 with an expected 50-year design life. The existing bridge does not meet current design standards, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, or navigational clearance requirements for this portion of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Previous studies have been undertaken, but none have been prepared in accordance with the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. This PD&E Study is required to fulfill the NEPA process.

**For more information, please visit our website at:**

[www.nwflroads.com](http://www.nwflroads.com)

*Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the FDOT Project Manager, April Williams, at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing at (850) 330-1625; or via e-mail at [April.Williams@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:April.Williams@dot.state.fl.us).*



# BILLY BOWLEGS 2016 – FORT WALTON BEACH LANDING - JUNE 2 THROUGH JUNE 6 SCHEDULE



**On Thursday night, June 2**, there will be an opportunity to “Party with the Pirates” at the Fort Walton Beach Landing, as members of the Krewe kick off

the Bowlegs Pub Crawl at the Landing at 6:00 pm. (More information about the Pub Crawl can be found at [www.fwbpubcrawl.com](http://www.fwbpubcrawl.com).) Food and beverages will be available for purchase from the vendors in the Pirate Village, and there will be music and revelry supplied by Tom Mason and the Blue Buccaneers.

**Coming Soon! FWB Landing**  
139 Brooks St., FWB

**Friday, June 3**  
3 pm to 10 pm  
Pirate Skirmish at 7 pm  
Fireworks at 9 pm,  
sponsored by CenturyLink

**Saturday, June 4**  
11 am to 6 pm  
Pirate landing between 3 and 4 pm

**Monday, June 6**  
7 pm  
61st Annual Billy Bowlegs Torchlight Parade  
sponsored by Wind Creek Atmore

  
WIND CREEK  
CASINO & HOTEL  
ATMORE AL

More info: [www.BillyBowlegsPirateFestival.com](http://www.BillyBowlegsPirateFestival.com) or 850-244-8191

There's plenty for the kids to do as well! The Downtown Merchants will present their annual Little Scallywags Pirate Walk from 4 to 6 pm – come dressed in costume, and Trick or Treat through the downtown stores. ([www.DownTownFWB.com](http://www.DownTownFWB.com)) The kids can work off all that sugar in the PMI Pirates' Play Zone, which will be open from 5 to 8 pm.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

The Festival grounds at the Landing will open at 3 pm on Friday, June 3, a “Defense of the City” demonstration by Reed's Raiders will commence at 6:00 pm. Capt. Billy and his Krewe will dock at the Landing around 7 pm for his reconnaissance mission and a skirmish with the Mayor and Reed's Raiders. That will be followed by great music from “Shenanigans”, who will entertain the crowd until the fireworks, sponsored by Century Link, starting at 9 pm.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>

On Saturday, June 4, the Festival grounds will open at 11 am. The day will be filled with pirate revelry and music, followed by the Pirates' Landing at approximately 4 pm. Let's see if Mayor Anderson will have success in repelling Capt. Billy's invasion this year.

Throughout the Festival, there will be entertainment on the main stage, and there will be a large kids' Pirate Play Zone sponsored by PMI. Kids' bracelets, allowing unlimited access to all the children's attractions, will be \$15 per day or \$20 for Friday and Saturday. Attractions will include the rock wall, Euro-Bungee, and Space Walk of Fort Walton and Crestview interactive attractions.

Don't forget about the 43rd Annual Billy Bowlegs 5K at 9pm. Visit([www.nwftc.com](http://www.nwftc.com)) for registration details.

## MONDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

Responding to popular demand, the Torchlight Parade, sponsored by Wind Creek Atmore, has been moved back to its traditional Monday evening timeslot, on Monday, June 6, at 7 pm. The parade floats will wend their way from First Street up Eglin Parkway, with crowds screaming for beads and throws from the festive floats, sponsored by local businesses and organizations, all themed with a nautical spirit. The pirates and their visiting Mardi Gras krewe cohorts always inspire the loudest cheers and applause.



## ISLAND RAINFALL FOR APRIL 2016 6.3 INCHES

April 1.....**2.6** inches    April 22...**1.3** inches  
 April 12.....**0.3** inches    April 27...**0.1** inches  
 April 13.....**0.8** inches  
 April 14.....**1.2** inches

Average Rainfall for April.....**3.7** inches  
 Variance to Average.....**+2.6** inches

May Avg Rainfall.....**4.0** inches  
 May Record High.....**101° F** (1953)  
 May Record Low .....**38° F** (1971)  
 May Avg Water  
 Temperature .....**78° F**

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches  
 June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)  
 June Record Low .....**48° F** (1984)  
 June Avg Water .  
 Temperature .....**81° F**

YTD Variance to Avg..... **+5.9** inches  
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**26.0** inches  
 Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MAY

**May 7, 1992** - The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

**May 14, 1607** - The first permanent English settlement in America was established at Jamestown, Virginia, by a group of royally chartered Virginia Company settlers from Plymouth, England.

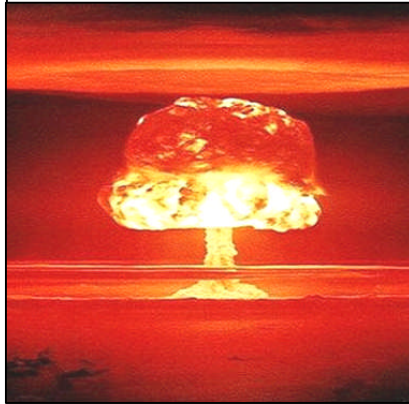
**May 29, 1453** - The city of Constantinople was captured by the Turks, who renamed it Istanbul. This marked the end of the Byzantine Empire as Istanbul became the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

**May 13, 1865** – The Battle of Palmito Ranch is fought near Brownsville, Texas - the last land battle of the Civil War. After the Texans’ victory, they learned the Western Rebel states had authorized the disbanding of armies, and accepted a truce with the Union forces a few days later.



## NEVER, NEVER, EVER SAY NEVER!

“There is not the slightest indication that nuclear emergency will ever be obtainable. It would mean that the atom would have to be shattered at will.” – Albert Einstein, 1932



“The idea that cavalry will be replaced by these iron coaches is absurd. It is a little short of treasonous.” – Comment of Aide-de-camp to Field Marshal Haig, at tank demonstration, 1916.



“We don’t like their sound, and guitar music is the way out.” Decca Recording Company on declining to sign the Beatles, 1962



“I think there is a world market for five computers.” – Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, 1943



“The world potential market for copying machines is 5,000 at most.” – IBM, to the eventual founders of Xerox saying the photocopier had no market large enough to justify production, 1959



“X-rays will prove to be a hoax.”- Lord Kelvin, President of the Royal Society, 1883



# ISLAND GARDEN CLUB HOLDS A PLANT & TREASURE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS – Summary by Kathy Foster



**Carmen Parker**  
Displays a Good Buy!



Thank you IGC members, neighbors and friends for participating in the April 30th Plant & Treasure Sale. We especially appreciated the numerous 'installers' of the tents that kept the workers comfortable. Thanks to the heavy lifting done by **Bob Haines, Jim Simpson, Alan Parker, Bob Seitz, Dave Kosiewski, and Tom Valentine**. Many members were able to help with the sale.... thank you to **Joan Bomar, Michele Seitz, Marty Houston, Kim Haines, Carmen Parker, Jill Kosiewski, Linda Valentine, Barbara Kinnaird, Susie Bayne, Shirley Chagnard, Ricki Roberts and Shirley Simpson**. Please forgive me if I've missed mentioning your name... it wasn't intentional, just old age. We appreciate everyone's support of this event... profits will be used for island beautification.

Installation of new officers will take place at the May 11 luncheon and then we'll be on hiatus this summer. See you again in September!

Kathy Foster, President Island Garden Club



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR APRIL 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>
April 7	Radar Station Dick		1299 Miracle Strip Parkway SE	Emerald Breeze Resort/ Choctaw Engineering	Build Phase II (178 units)	Approved
April 21	2	6	216 Angler No. 6	Corrective Chiropractic Solutions, LLC	Occupational license	Approved

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 91 RESPONSES IN MARCH 2016

Fire calls.....6  
False Alarms.....11  
EMS/Rescue/MVA ... 47  
Other.....27



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

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

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**MINUTES (DRAFT)-OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING- April 11, 2016**

**Call to Order:** 7:02 p.m. by Vice President Kathy Foster.

**Present:** Kathy Foster, Desley Parker and Kim Haines

Draft Minutes of the March 2016 meeting as printed in the April 2016 OIL Lantern were approved,

**April 11, 2016 TREASURER'S REPORT - Jim Simpson**

March 14, 2016 total balance.....	<b>\$36,603.28</b>
Association Discretionary Fund Balance as of March 14, 2016.....	<b>\$35,181.98</b>
Receipts since last report:	
Membership Dues.....	<b>\$ 14.00</b>
Newsletter Fees.....	<b>\$ 3.50</b>
Total Receipts. \$	<b>17.50</b>
Expenditures since last report:	
Payment to Waste Management for two dumpsters + dump fees for the OILA Sponsored Island Spring Cleaning Day - Saturday, March 19.....	<b>\$ 762.47</b>
Expenses pending approval for payment:	
Reimburse Jim Simpson for postage to mail the April 2016 OIL Lantern.....	<b>\$ 21.56</b>
Discretionary Fund Balance after receipts and expenses.....	<b>\$34,415.45</b>
Beautification Fund Balance.....	<b>\$ 1,421.28</b>
Total fund balance as of April 11, 2016	<b>\$35,836.73</b>

A motion to accept the Treasures report and reimbursement to Jim Simpson for his expenditure for postage was made, seconded and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Jim Simpson reports membership at 244. (Increase of 2 since last report) .

**MSBU:** Maryl Bednar reported that expenditures as of the end of February were **\$3,356.77**; revenues were **\$3,718.72** for a gain of **\$424.95**. The YTD gain is **\$3,757.58**.

**Boat Basin:** Carol Edlund advised that she had informed Cathy Taylor that she had relinquished her position as Treasurer for the Boat Basin and that as of meeting time a replacement had not been elected.

**Old Business:**

Kathy Foster reminded all of the FDOT Brooks Bridge Alternative Public Workshop to be held on Tuesday, May 17 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Emerald Coast Convention Center. All were encouraged to attend.

**New Business:**

Kathy Foster advised that the Okaloosa County Public Works Department has asked for a letter of support from OILA for a capital improvement project to build a sidewalk on the south side of Santa Rosa Blvd which would run from the Waffle House to the El Matador condo. Kathy moved for a vote on providing this letter. There was support for the concept but some concern about the impact such sidewalks would have on storm water drainage. Kathy's motion was seconded and approved. There were two nay votes.

Kathy Foster advised that the Island Garden Club has asked to partner with OILA to purchase place pine straw be placed around the median palm trees on Santa Rosa Blvd and to employee ARC personnel to do the work. ARC has done this same work in the past. A motion was made, seconded and approved for OILA to partner with the Island Garden Club for this project. The motion was passed with one nay vote.

There was discussion about the building materials and equipment which have been stored at beach access no. 5 for many months. These materials were stockpiled in access No. 5 to be used to upgrade the 10 foot wide public beach accesses (mostly for dune protection). Kathy Foster advised she would contact Public Works for a status report on the work.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. (editor's note: These minutes extracted from the IPod recording of this meeting.)