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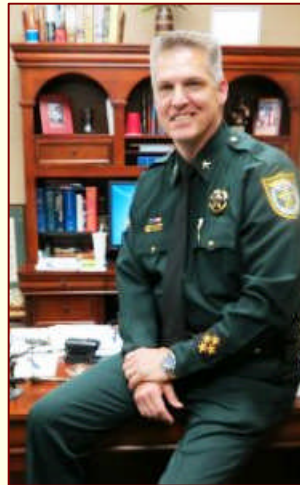
**Next Meeting: LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
**Meeting Room TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **June 13, 2016**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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Okaloosa  
County  
Sheriff  
**Larry  
Ashley**  
to speak  
at the June 13  
Meeting of the  
Okaloosa  
Island  
Leaseholders  
on the Subject:



Sheriff Larry Ashley

**PUBLIC SAFETY ON OKALOOSA  
ISLAND**



# The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS  
ASSOCIATION, Inc

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### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, **June 13, 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. Criteria and Protocol for Identifying a Building as a Fire Hazard.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendations by the Nominating Committee for Five New OILA Board Members

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT



## Okaloosa County News Release – May 24, 2016

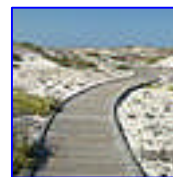
### Okaloosa County Preliminary Flood Information Available Through NWF Water Management District

**Editor's Note:** The effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Okaloosa County was issued December 6, 2002. The preliminary FIRM for Okaloosa County was issued April 29, 2016 and is under review – see below two Open House meetings. Considering that flood insurance rates are based on the effective FIRM map, it is recommended that property owners utilize the below portal to compare their flood rating with the effective map and the preliminary map.

The public will have two opportunities to review Okaloosa County flood maps updated by FEMA and The Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD). Open House meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **June 28, 2016, from 4 until 7 PM:** Okaloosa County Commission meeting room at 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar
- **June 29, 2016, 4 until 7 PM:** City of Crestview Warrior Hall, 201 Stillwell Boulevard in Crestview

Citizens are encouraged to view the maps online and/or at the Open House. The NFWFMD has created a "portal" to access flood information and resources at the following link: <http://portal.nfwfmdfloodmaps.com/>. Select the county and type in your address to get flood information.



### BRIDGE TO BRIDGE PATHWAY STATUS UP-DATE REPORT:

### TDC BOARD ADDS \$102,000 TO BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT – by Dave Hancock, OILA

Bridge to Bridge Pathway Coordinator

On May 25 the TDC board voted to add \$102k in their upcoming budget for the survey and environmental study required by Eglin Facilities Board for final approval of the Bridge to Bridge Pathway.

Sent a GIS format map to the NPS showing where the bridge to bridge pathway and FDOT right of way locations will be on their property. We are in debt to Kathy Steele of Okaloosa County for assistance in doing the map.

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

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

**WWW.OILAWEB.COM**



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When I am with a group of human beings committed to hanging in there through both the agony and the joy of community, I have a dim sense that I am participating in a phenomenon for which there is only one word...."glory." *M. Scott Peck*



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR MAY 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>
May 12	6	366,339 340,341	660 Nautilus Ct	Nautilus Condo/ Sign Erectors	Remove & Replace Two Existing Signs	Approved
May 19	8	510	826 Scallop Ct Unit 101	Terry Kuykendall	Occupational License for Evolve Engineering	Approved



Okaloosa Island Firefighters (left to right) Asst. Fire Chief Carvalho, Lt Michael Simmons & Firefighter Engineer Nathan Webster Stand in Front of the 9-11 Memorial Flag



## **THE 9/11 MEMORIAL FLAG WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE DESTIN-FORT WALTON BEACH AIRPORT UNTIL SEPT 10, 2016**



The 9/11 Memorial Flag is currently on display at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport. It will be available for viewing and photographs until September 10, 2016. On September 11, 2016 it will become an exhibit at the New York 9-11 Museum.

The Flag is 32 feet wide and 22 feet long. The flag is a quilt of numerous small American Flags sewn together by Americans. The star field (or canton) consists of 4 large American Flags. It also includes flags from the countries who lost citizens in the attack.

The flag, which arrived at the airport on May 16, 2016 is open for viewing by the public. If you wish to view the flag drive to the Airport short term parking lot. The Airport is providing free parking for those who wish to see this display. **A ticket must be collected while entering the lot but will be validated when you leave.**



### ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MAY 2016 1.8 INCHES

May 3.....0.7 inches  
May 20.....0.8 inches  
May 10.....0.3 inches

Average Rainfall for May ..... 4.0 inches  
Variance to Average.....- 2.2 inches

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

July Avg Rainfall.....8.5 inches  
July Record High.....107° F (1980)  
July Record Low .....55° F (1967)  
July Avg Water  
Temperature.....83° F

YTD Variance to Avg..... +3.7 inches  
Rainfall Year-to-Date.....27.8 inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....65.1 inches

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 112 RESPONSES IN APRIL 2016

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



(95 reported for April 2015)



### WELCOME WAGON REPORT

-- by Kim Haines

The Welcome Wagon is planning another trip around the Island in the next week to welcome new neighbors! If you have new neighbors and want to make sure we visit them, please give us a call!! And as always, any suggestions and ideas are welcome and encouraged!!

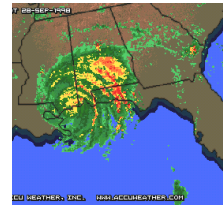
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### CARS BROKEN INTO ON TARPON DRIVE



Car break-ins occurred on Tarpon Drive on the night of Thursday, June 2. A camera was stolen. Island residents are reminded to keep their cars and homes locked and to be especially vigilant considering the large number of transients in the neighborhood during the summer months.

### Okaloosa Island 2016 Fire District Hurricane Plan Published



The 2016 Hurricane Plan has been designed & developed

for the safety and security of the community we serve, the District employees, as well as the population as a whole.

To view the plan control click on <http://okaloosaislandfire.com>; then click on the News Icon just above Hurricane Plan 2016.

### MEMORIAL DAY HAPPENING: MANATEE "AGGREGATION" SPOTTED ON OKALOOSA ISLAND – Jim Simpson



On Monday, August 30 (Memorial Day) DeeAnn White and her son (recent high school graduate) Dee White were visiting the home of OILA members Dee and Ginger Hawk (625 Pelican Drive) when they spotted 7 manatees feeding on the grass adjacent to their Sound Side boat dock. Dee White took the photo to the right and also video taped the manatees. If you would like to see the video, please contact me and I will send it to you. I have lived on the Sound Side for 18 years and have never seen even one manatee.

Manatees are not territorial animals. Because they have evolved with few natural enemies, they have not needed the protection or cooperation of a herd. Consequently, they are semi-social, somewhat solitary animals. They sometimes gather in small, informal groups, but they have no leader or real herd structure. Manatee gatherings, called "aggregations," are largely due to common habitat requirements such as warm water, fresh water, or food sources.

During breeding, a single female, or cow, will be followed by a group of a dozen or more males, or bulls, forming what is known as a "mating herd." The term "herd" is also a fairly typical way to refer to a group of manatees



**District 2 News – June 2016 Newsletter**  
**Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners**  
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As your County Commissioner it is my privilege to serve as the Liaison to the Destin-Ft. Walton Beach Airport. We have enjoyed a year of unprecedented growth in 2016 under the leadership of Airports Director Tracy Stage and his team. Due to his vision and leadership we have two new airlines and a third to start soon! We now travel to fourteen cities in 2016. Last week, we celebrated five full inaugural flights on **Allegiant** with the sixth from St. Louis/Bellville scheduled this Thursday. The local economic impacts of these new carriers equates to an additional \$14M in tourist spending in the first season alone.

**Delta** remains our largest carrier with seven non-stops to Atlanta (ATL) per day.

**American** has five non-stops to Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) per day and 4 non-stops to Charlotte per day, and **Washington DC (DCA)** service is back with one flight on Saturdays and Sundays!

**United** has three non-stops to Houston (HOU) 3 times per day.

**Contour Airlines** is due to start service in August from Bowling Green, Kentucky, two times per week.

**Glo Airlines** has non-stop service to the following areas: Little Rock (LIT) through September 5th (Fri., Sat. and Sun.) New Orleans (MSY) Begins June 24th through September 5th (Fri., Sat. and Sun.), SAAB 340-3 Seats. Book at [www.Flyglo.com](http://www.Flyglo.com)

On May 16th, the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport was honored with the selection to host the 9/11 International Memorial Flag until it is taken to the 9/11 Memorial in NYC. The unveil event hosted first responders from all branches of services, Law Enforcement Officers, EMT's and Fire Fighters. We even had a joint Honor Guard from Eglin AFB and Okaloosa County EMT's present the Colors. SrA Davis did an amazing job singing the National Anthem and Brig. Gen. Azzano addressed the visitors for the unveiling. The flag will be on display for the public until September.

Finally, when you visit our wonderful facility for any reason, stop and enjoy the presentation to honor our "Vietnam Veterans, Fifty Years Later," with a tribute that features the following Vietnam Veterans: Col. Bud Day, Tuskegee Airman CMSgt Walt Richardson, Lt. Gen. Leroy Manor, Maj. George Alexander, Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, Lt. Col. Steve Czonstka, Col. Tom Neiss, CSM Ted Arthurs, CPO Frank Brooks, Col. Martin Burdick, Col. Dwayne Davis and Lt. Col. Gayle Norgaard. It plays around the clock in the lobby and was created and presented by the Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**MINUTES (DRAFT) Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association**  
**Membership Meeting May 9, 2016**

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

Present: Kathy Foster, Desley Parker, Dave Hancock, Kim Haines, and Jim Hendricks.

Draft Minutes of the March Meeting as printed in the April OIL Lantern were approved with modification stating there was no quorum at the March meeting. Note: a quorum of officers was received in later emails to support the letter written on behalf of supporting a sidewalk on the south side of Santa Rosa Blvd.

**May 9, 2016 Treasurers Report - Jim Simpson**

April 11, 2016 total balance.....	<b>\$ 35,836.73</b>
Association Discretionary Fund Balance as of April 11, 2016.....	<b>\$ 34,415.45</b>

**Minutes (Draft) May 9 (continued)**

**Receipts since last report:**

Membership dues.....\$ **12.00**  
Expenditures since last report:..... No Expenditures

**Expenses pending approval:**

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the May 2016 OIL Lantern.....\$ **20.68**  
Discretionary Fund Balance after receipts, expenditures & expenses  
pending approval for payment as of May 9, 2016.....\$ **34,406.77**  
Beautification fund Balance as of April 11,2016.....\$ **1,421.28**  
Beautification expenditures since last report .....No expenditures  
Total Funds Balance as of May 9, 2016.....\$ **35,828.05**

**Committee Reports**

**Beautification:** ARC of the Emerald Coast (formerly Horizons) has agreed to purchase, deliver and spread pine straw on Santa Rosa medians from Highway 98 to Sundial Park. Cost will be divided between OILA and the Island Garden Club. Approximately \$400.00 .

**MSBU:** Maryl Bednar reported expenditures of **\$3,540.70**. Revenues of **\$7,347.16**. Year to date Fund Balance is **\$228,598.87**.

**Unfinished Business**

Brooks Bridge Meeting: May 17, 5:30 ECCC, public information meeting. Information only.

**New Business**

A letter of support for the county's sidewalk project along south side of Santa Rosa Blvd to be included in FDOT Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) grant application was submitted by Vice President Kathy Foster. A vote of OILA Officers was completed by email for a quorum.

A nominations committee consisting of outgoing officers will meet to select a slate of officers for the upcoming 3 year term. Leaving the board and the nominating committee are Kathy Foster, Desley Parker, Vince Bruner and Tripp Tolbert.

Bridge to bridge Pathway: Still ongoing. The National Park Service needs to provide input. The Brooks Bridge Replacement plans still call for incorporating a multi use lane for bicycle and pedestrians.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27p.m.