

**SEPTEMBER 2016 ISSUE OF THE OKALOOSA
ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**
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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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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, **September 12, 2016.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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- ◆ Vehicles Pilfered on the Island
- ◆ Okaloosa Island Firefighters **Mario Zayas-Bazan & Moritz Mailandt**
Complete Paramedic Training
- ◆ OILA Website Updated – **Bob Seitz**
- ◆ Island Garden Club Meeting: Sept 14
- ◆ FDOT Public Meeting – **Sept 20, 5:30 to 6:30 pm** –
- ◆ Florida Coastal Beach Clean-Up.
Saturday, Sept 17, 8:00 to 10:00 am

**OILA DUES FOR THE 2016-2017
MEMBERSHIP YEAR DUE ON
OCTOBER 1, 2016**

Membership dues for the coming year are due October 1.

A membership renewal notification letter along with a stamped, return-addressed envelope will be mailed in September to members who are due renewal. **Members may also renew at the September 12 meeting.**

Membership dues are \$12 a year. If you elect to receive the newsletter by U.S. Mail, the total due is \$18 (\$12 membership plus a \$6 newsletter subscription fee).



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Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, **Sept 12, 2016**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Okaloosa Island Fire
Station, 2nd Floor Meeting
Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Oath of Office for new Board
Members: **Lynn Dominique,**
Dean Hanson, John Reinhold,
Kim Haines and Carol
Schoolcraft.

II. ROLL

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you speak, please state
your name, address and if
you are a member.

IV. MINUTES

June 13, 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:
Paula Hudson

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. The Aquagreen lease

B. Using a temporary building
for beach access way
restrooms

C. Relocating the no wake
signs in Santa Rosa Sound

D. OILA open house in
October at AJ's Oyster
Shanty.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – David Hancock

Last year was a great year for OILA. We had several successes which will improve the life of Okaloosa Island owners and make the island a more attractive destination for visitors. I hope we can all pull together to make the next year just as successful.

First I want to ask a favor from all OILA members – if anyone has any ideas that will improve the island for owners and visitors or knows of any problems OILA needs to address please let us know. Send to me or any board member. Nobody has a monopoly on ideas or knowledge; please share what you thinking.

Here is a brief list of in progress projects and problems that need to be addressed:

- The Bridge to Bridge Pathway is on track. Final approval for the design and environmental study phase funds will happen **Sept 19**. Then the up front work required by the Air Force can begin. And then OILA can begin work on future grants to fund the Bridge to Bridge Pathway construction. That's when our real work starts.
- The Beach Access way improvements are in limbo. Funds were allocated by Okaloosa County, but as federal construction guidelines for beach permanent structures have been upgraded the cost is too high. There may be a way to move forward however. Instead of using a permanent structure for bathroom facilities use portable structures. Here are a couple of types for consideration.



- OILA took an early stand adamantly opposing the Wright Pkwy Alternate crossing option. And OILA established strong links with FDOT, local, and state government to cement this opposition.
- Aquagreen, who has the lease on the property for the proposed fish hatchery on Okaloosa Island will no longer pursue that activity. What Aquagreen wants is to change the terms of their lease so instead of being a non profit fish hatchery they will operate a for profit amusement park. I hope all OILA members will join me in opposing this change. This property was never intended to be a for profit entity. **This issue will be considered at the September Okaloosa County Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, September 20.**

In closing I want to thank OILA members for honoring me as president. Will do my utmost to do this. And again I ask for the enthusiastic and positive support of OILA members.

Editor's Note – Current Information: In May 2016 the Air Force sent a letter to the FDOT advising them that the Air Force will not support the alternate routes at Wright Parkway (**Alternative 1**), Hollywood Blvd (**Alternatives 5, 6 7 & 8**) and Yacht Club Drive (**Alternative 9**). The letter stated: ...“The position of the Air Force ruling out these six alternatives is based on the fact that these routes would impact Air Force property”... and concluded ...“We do not support the inclusion of these routes on the list of alternatives moving forward for further consideration”...The Air Force does not object to the alternatives in the immediate vicinity of the existing bridge. In a May 4, 2016 article in the Northwest Florida Daily News, State Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, is quoted as saying: “The Air Force decision to oppose the selected alternates — enumerated in a power point presentation as one, five, six, seven, eight and nine — should put an end to discussions of a Wright Parkway bridge” and added the following: ...“Hopefully this ends that discussion and will focus FDOT’s efforts on replacing the Brooks Bridge at the location where it exists now”...

**SANTA ROSA SOUND
ALTERNATE
CROSSING STUDY**

Project Fact Sheet

August 2016

FM No. 415474-4-22-01



Corridor Alternatives Public Meeting

DATE:
Tuesday, Sep 20, 2016

TIME:
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. CDT

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

Video & Online Meeting

www.SantaRosaCrossing.com

INFORMATIONAL VIDEO:

Details

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), has scheduled a public meeting to discuss the Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study in Okaloosa County. The meeting will be held in an open-house format **Tuesday, September 20**, from 5:30 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 meeting is being held to present progress to date and obtain comments on the corridor alternatives under evaluation. The meeting will be held in an open-house format and will include a presentation video. Maps, graphics, and other project information will be on display for review. FDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

What is the purpose of the study?

The Santa Rosa Sound Alternate Crossing Study is a high-level planning study that focuses on the feasibility for an alternate road and bridge corridor between Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa Island. At the conclusion of the study, FDOT will make a decision whether to proceed to the next phase, a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, for this project.

Why is the project needed?

An alternate corridor is being considered as a means to relieve traffic congestion along U.S. 98 in downtown Fort Walton Beach.

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR AUGUST 2016: 7.0 INCHES

Aug 2....**0.3** inches
 Aug 3....**0.1** inches
 Aug 4....**1.0** inches
 Aug 5....**0.1** inches
 Aug 8....**0.3** inches
 Aug 10...**2.8** inches
 Aug 11...**1.7** inches
 Aug 12...**0.3** inches
 Aug 13...**0.1** inches
 Aug 21...**0.1** inches
 Aug 28...**0.2** inches



August Average Rainfall..... **7.2** inches
 Variance to Average..... **- 0.2** inches
 Sept Avg Rainfall.....**7.2** inches
 Sept Record High.....**102° F** (1954)
 Sept Record Low**37° F** (1967)
 Sept Avg Water Temperature.. **85° F**
 Oct Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches
 Oct Record High.....**99° F** (1954)
 Oct Record Low**27° F** (1989)
 Oct Avg Water Temperature...**81° F**
 YTD Variance to Avg..... **- 3.2** inches
 Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**43.8** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

Vehicle UNLOCKED?

Is your Vehicle currently UNLOCKED and your Valuables SAFE and SECURED? On the night of August 16th and early morning August 17th UNLOCKED vehicles were entered and searched. **From Billfish to Tarpon vehicles were entered and searched, probably over 11 in all.** Hardest hit were Pelican and Sailfish.



Remember to **LOCK** your vehicle and **SECURE** your valuables.

**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
 FIREFIGHTERS MORITZ MAILANDT & MARIO
 ZAYAS-BAZAN GRADUATE FROM NORTHWEST
 FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE PARAMEDIC
 PROGRAM**



Left to right (front row) – Firefighter **Moritz Mailandt**, Captain Sean Mast, Firefighter **Mario Zayas-Bazan**, Assistant Chief KC Carvalho, Engineer Nate Webster. Left to right (back row) - Engineer James Warf and Engineer Mike Ross

The highest skilled pre-hospital provider is the Paramedic. Paramedics are licensed healthcare professionals who provide the most extensive pre-hospital advanced life support. Paramedics provide care that is on par with that of the emergency room. During a medical emergency Paramedics can provide advanced life support care including: advanced airway management, endotracheal intubation (breathing tube), manual defibrillation, external transcutaneous pacing, EKG monitoring, 12-lead EKG acquisition, IV fluid therapy, intraosseus infusions, hemodynamic monitoring, needle chest decompressions, surgical airways, administration of a wide array of critical care medications and mechanical ventilation.

The Island community extends its congratulations and appreciation to Firefighters Mailandt and Zayas-Bazan for improving their skills as first responders.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR AUGUST 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>
Aug 4	12	25-38	1239 Siebert	“The Gulf” restaurant	Place a Sign on the Building	In Compliance
Aug 11	7	433-443	790 Santa Rosa Blvd	Islander Condominium	Replace Existing Exterior Doors	In Compliance



Website Update

BOB SEITZ - OILA WEBSITE WIZARD



The OILA website, www.oilaweb.com, was started back in 2005. The website is “hosted” by a nationally known website services company. The original website was somewhat limited both in the number of pages and the amount of data that could be put on a page. Earlier this year the website services company decided to drop support for their “old” website builder program. This is the program, much like Microsoft Word, that is used to create and edit content on the website pages. The new website builder program is much more powerful and supports many new features. Unfortunately, there was no “automatic” conversion process from old to new and it had to be done manually. The new website has a new layout and style, an unlimited number of pages, and there seems to be no limit on the content on a page. The new program is also much easier to use to create and edit content. There is still some historical data to be uploaded to the website.

You are encouraged to take a look at the new website and submit your comments and suggestions either by e-mail to webmaster@oilaweb.com or by filling out the comment form on the Contact Us page on the website.



MEET YOUR OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Left to Right: Commissioner Jim Simpson, Commissioner Bill Linz, Commissioner/Vice Chairman Dr. George Edlund, Commissioner/Chairman Kathy Jones and Commissioner/Secretary-Treasurer Mike Mitchell

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 173 FIRE CALLS IN JULY

Fire Calls.....	7
Alarm Activations.....	13
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....	145
Other.....	8



(177 calls were responded to in July 2015)



JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!



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

WWW.OILAWEB.COM

BY EMAIL AT: **or**

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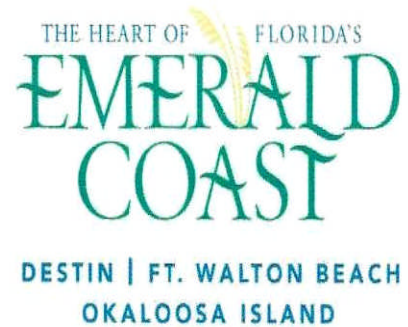
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OKALOOSA ISLAND BEACH CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



PRESS RELEASE

**FLORIDA COASTAL
BEACH CLEANUP ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
17, 2016, FROM 8:00 A.M.
TO 10:00 A.M.**



GET INVOLVED IN THE FLORIDA COASTAL BEACH CLEANUP
Join the Cigarette Waste Recycling Competition

Fort Walton Beach/Destin, FL September 17, 2016: Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in the **Florida Coastal Beach Cleanup on Saturday, September 17, 2016, from 8:00a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

The Okaloosa County Tourist Development Department (TDD) has supported the citizen Okaloosa Environmental Council in organizing more than 31,000 volunteers in removing 116 tons of discarded trash from local beaches since 1988.

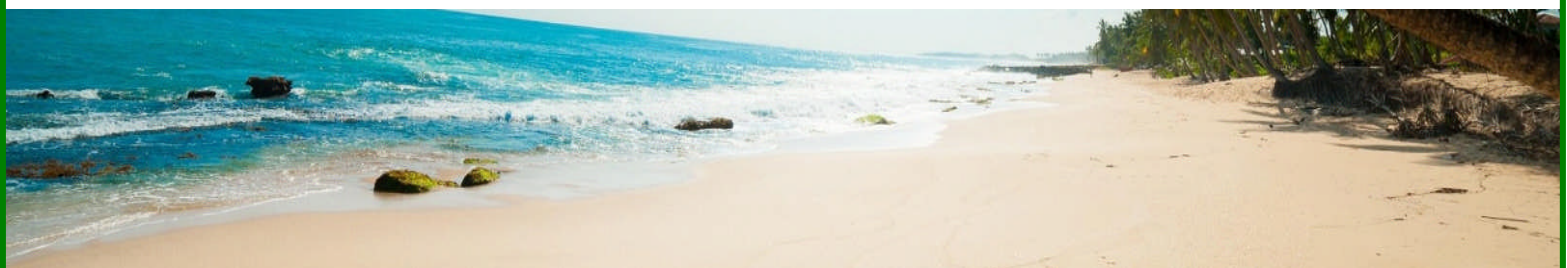
Volunteers of all ages, including family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, youth groups and students are encouraged to participate in the Coastal Beach Cleanup! Walk the beautiful coastline to collect discarded debris such as plastic bags and containers, glass and plastic bottles, Styrofoam, fishing line, **cigarette butts (1.4 trillion are carelessly discarded worldwide each year)**, aluminum cans, and more items that harm marine life and ecosystems.

Volunteers are invited to sign in at the following volunteer sites:

- 1. Beasley Park on Okaloosa Island/Hwy 98**
- 2. Beach Park west of Island Princess on Okaloosa Island/Santa Rosa Blvd**
- 3. Henderson Beach State Park in Destin/Hwy 98**

Compete to collect the most cigarette butts for recycling, or for the most unusual litter find.

Join our **Cigarette Waste Recycling Brigade** in collecting extinguished cigarettes for RECYCLING into a variety of industrial products. Points are applied for the amount of **Cigarette Waste** mailed to the recycling company and redeemed for a cash donation to the School or Charity of choice. **Receive the event T-Shirt; trash bag, bottled water, gloves and Get a Little Sand in your Soul!**



PLEASE REMEMBER TO EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN APPROACHING THE SANTA ROSA BLVD EMERGENCY USE TRAFFIC LIGHT LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT – By Captain Ray Strawn, Okaloosa Island Fire Department



As many of you know, there is an Emergency Use traffic light located in front of the James F. Hooks Public Safety Center on Okaloosa Island. (Photo on the left) During normal use, this light flashes a yellow caution to Santa Rosa Blvd traffic, in a similar manner as a school zone. During times of emergency vehicle traffic, the light is designed to turn red for the Santa Rosa Blvd traffic and green for the emergency vehicles accessing Santa Rosa. Blvd. Once the emergency vehicles have passed, the light returns to a flashing yellow caution.



unless it is red, it always flashes yellow as a reminder to drivers that this is always a caution area.

OPEN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB KICK-OFF MEETING FOR 2016-2017

Would you like to meet your neighbors? Make new friends? Then come visit (and possibly join) the Island Garden Club. The first meeting of the season is Wednesday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. at El Matador Condominium in the first floor meeting room. Gathering begins at 9:30 for socializing. The program for September is Meet & Greet & Play and promises to be a FUN gabfest. Programs for 2016-17 include seminars, field trips, holiday decorating, speakers, and parties.



Membership in the club is composed of island residents and winter island visitors who reside here for more than two months. The annual dues are a mere \$10.

Recently a garden club member invited her new neighbor to attend the September meeting. She told her it was the BEST way to meet other islanders and become involved in the community. She was so right! Since 1965, lifelong friendships have had their beginnings in the Island Garden Club.

Kathy Foster, President
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THE ISLAND HAS THE NICEST NEIGHBORS!



Over the past six months the **Welcome Wagon Committee** has had a wonderful time meeting and greeting new neighbors who are living on the island. Newcomers are presented a gift bag chock full of information that we hope will be helpful in moving to a new community. In addition to home and condo sales, vacant lots on Dolphin, Cardinal and Sailfish have been purchased and letters are being mailed to those owners.

If you know of someone new that we have missed OR if you have gift items or coupons to include in the bags please contact one of us. Thank you!

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**MINUTES (DRAFT) Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association
Membership Meeting June 13, 2016**

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

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

Draft Minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting as printed in the June 2016 OIL Lantern were approved.

June 13, 2016 Treasurers Report - Jim Simpson

May 9, 2016 total balance.....	\$ 35,828.05
Association Discretionary Fund Balance as of May 9, 2016.....	\$ 34,407.77
Receipts since last report:	
Membership dues.....	\$ 5.00
Expenditures since last report:	No expenditures
Expenses pending approval:	
Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the June 2016 OIL Lantern...	\$ 20.68
Discretionary Fund Balance after receipts, expenditures & expenses pending approval for payment as of June 13, 2016.....	\$ 34,391.09
Beautification fund Balance as of June 13, 2016.....	\$ 1,421.28
Beautification expenditures since last report.....	No expenditures
Total Funds Balance as of June 13, 2016.....	\$ 35,812.37

A motion was made, seconded and approved to reimburse Jim Simpson at total of \$20.68 for stamps to mail the June 2016 OIL La

Committee Reports

Membership: Jim Simpson reported a current membership of **247**.

MSBU: REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT. 1602 ISLAND MSBU DATED JUNE 1, 2016

Paula Hudson reported expenditures of **\$3,537.43**. Revenues of **\$3,792.39**. Revenue less expenses: + **\$255.96**

Year to date Fund Balance is **\$236,428.97**. Fund Balance in 2015: **\$228,598.83** Change YTD: + **\$7,830.10**

Webmaster: Bob Seitz – Nothing to report

Brooks Bridge Design: Kathy Foster announced that the next FDOT public meeting about the construction of a new Brooks Bridge will be May 17, 2017.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Kathy Foster announced the following names of those recommended by the Nominating Committee for election for 2016 to 2019 terms to the OILA Board of Directors: **Lynn Dominique, Dean Hanson, John Reinhold, Kim Haines** and **Carol Schoolcraft**. Kathy then asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Dave Miller made a motion to close the nominations to close the nominations and accept those recommended by the Nominating Committee. This motion was seconded by Paula Hudson and approved by the membership. Kathy announced the election of the members recommended by the Nominating Committee. Kathy also thanked the members of the Nominating Committee (**Desley Parker, Vince Bruner, Paula Hudson and Kim Haines**) for their work.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Editor's Note: The above minutes extracted from the Podcast of the June 13, 2016 meeting.