

**DECEMBER 2016 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND
LEASEHOLDERS NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**

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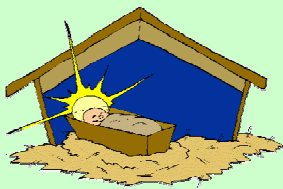
**Next Meeting: LOCATION: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor
Meeting Room TIME: 7:00 p.m. DATE: Monday, December 12, 2016
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank**

- ◆ Message from the President – **David Hancock**
- ◆ Fire Department Report for Oct 2016
- ◆ Festivities Road Map – **Nancy Hunt**
- ◆ Draft Minutes- Nov 14, 2016 Meeting
- ◆ Leaseholders Light Up the Island
- ◆ Meet the 2016-2017 OILA BOD



- ◆ Welcome to the **Marcial** family
- ◆ Architectural/Rainfall Reports-November
- ◆ Wuzzle Puzzles
- ◆ Island Garden Club Christmas Party & Luncheon – Friday, Dec 16
- ◆ Leaseholders Do Their Duty and VOTE!
- ◆ Christmas Photo Page Now on Website





**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

The OIL Lantern

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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday,
December 12, 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

November, 2016 Meeting
Minutes (Draft)

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural
C. Membership Liaison:
Jim Simpson

D. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

E. Boat Basin: **Carol**

Edlund

F. Street Lighting MSBU:

Paula Hudson

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update - OILA Island
Christmas Decorations
Festivities – **Nancy Hunt**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to Support
the Establishment of the
Choctawhatchee Bay
Estuary Program

B. Status of the Derelict
Property Committee

C. Golf Carts on the
streets of Okaloosa Island

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – David Hancock

Our Decorations on Santa Rosa Boulevard and the Island are Fantastic. Have asked everyone I know how they like them and it's been 100% positive response. THANKS to all the individuals who have helped to make this happen.

The Christmas Caroling Event on December 16 is on track to be a fantastic event. The Okaloosa Fire Station has graciously offered to let us use their station as a base; Okaloosa Transit is sending two trolleys; some St. Simons choir members will be there to add their voices. Please plan to attend establish a new Okaloosa island tradition.

And here is the breaking news:

- NRDA grant to fund the beach access way construction on Okaloosa Island. These funds come from the Deep Water Horizon Settlement The Okaloosa Tourist Development Council has applied for a; the money is already available with the NRDA trustees in Tallahassee making the award decisions. Note that the City of Destin was just awarded \$10+ million for Noriega Point. The requirement for these grants is to not only fix damage but to also provide and enhance recreational opportunities! Darrel Rogers, Jim Trifilio, and the rest of the TDC team continue to provide us invaluable support.

- We have a decision from the National Park Service on the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. Remember there is a section of NPS property across from the Okaloosa County Visitor Center. The Bridge to Bridge Pathway will have no effect of them so NO NPS permit is necessary.

- The Okaloosa TDC has asked OILA for a resolution supporting an Estuary Program that would work to improve the waters, habitats, living resources and economy of the Choctawhatchee Bay watershed. In Okaloosa County, water quality in the bay is a critical component of our tourism economy, as the bay is both scenic and provides recreational opportunities for visitors and locals alike. The program would eventually complete projects throughout the entire watershed, including in Holmes, Walton, and Washington Counties. Projects would include, but are not limited to: storm water improvements, restoration initiatives, and road paving. Northwest Florida State College has agreed to provide administrative support for the estuary program that would include human resources and financial services. The Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners has already passed a resolution supporting the Estuary Program.

The OILA resolution is on the agenda for the 12/12 meeting for approval by our members. If you are for clean water please vote yes!

Again please let me ask everyone to attend our Caroling Event 16 December.

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER

2016: **0.7** inches

Nov 9.....**0.1** inches

Nov 30.....**0.6** inches

Average rainfall for the months of Sept, Oct & Nov is **15.6** inches. The total amount of rain recorded for these three months has been **0.7** inches or 5% of normal.



November Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches
Variance to November Average....**- 3.4** inches

Avg Rainfall for December.....**4.8** inches
December Record High.....**84° F** (1968)
December Record Low.....**8° F** (1962)
Dec Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

2017

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
January Record Low**4° F** (1985)
Jan Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

YTD Variance to Avg..... **- 16.1** inches
Rainfall Year-to-Date.....**46.5** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 83 FIRE CALLS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Fire Calls.....**3**
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....**65**
Alarm Activations.....**6**
Other.....**9**



(110 calls were responded to in Oct 2015)

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB TO HOST A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND LUNCHEON AT – THE BLACK PEARL – ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

The Island Garden Club is celebrating Christmas with a luncheon buffet at The Black Pearl on Friday, December 16, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Reservations are required by December 9th. Please submit your \$25 check payable to IGC to Treasurer Kim Haines at 723 Sailfish Drive. The price includes the buffet, dessert, tip and non-alcoholic drink. Members, spouses and guests are invited to lunch as well as to participate in the tacky sweater/outfit contest (with cash prizes) and a sock swap. For more details contact:

Kathy Foster, President
Island Garden Club
244-4490 fosterpk@gnt.net

WELCOME WAGON REPORT - WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS AT 540 DORADO AVENUE!



Kim Haines and **Kathy Foster** greeted **Luis Marcial** as he was working on his home getting it ready for move-in and presented him with a Welcome Wagon bag.

Although his wife **Sarah** was at work, children **Thomas** and **Kate** were enjoying the Thanksgiving break from from school as was Dad.

Please let us know of any new neighbors on the island you think might appreciate a Welcome Wagon gift and visit.

Kathy Foster 244-4490 fosterpk@gnt.net
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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 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>
Nov 3	7	431-444	676 Santa Rosa Blvd	Island Echos/AT&T	Upgrade existing antenna	Approved
Nov 10	12	20-25 28-38	1284 Marler	The Gulf	Construct a dock	Approved
Nov 17	6	348 & 349	670 Nautilus	The Palms Condominium	1) Demo/Construct New Bathroom 2) Replace Existing Pool Pavers 3) Replace Steel Stairwell with Concrete 4) Construct New Storage Area 5) Remodel Lobby	Approved

MEET THE OILA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2016-2017 (Initially posted on the OILA webpage: www.oilaweb.com)



David Hancock:
President
and
returning
Board
Member



Lynn Dnominique:
New Board
Member Owner
of Bayside
Answering
Services,
Bayside,
Airport Shuttle;
co-owner of
Revive



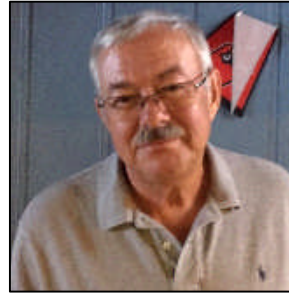
Kim Haines:
Returning Board
Member Currently
serves as Welcome
Wagon Chairman, full-
time student, part-time
counselor, resides on
Sailfish Drive.
Returning Board
Member



Carol Schoolcraft:
New Board Member
Nurse manager at
Destin Surgery Center,
active in the Mardi
Gras Club, resides on
Tarpon Drive



Jim Hendricks
Returning Board Member.
Resides on Tropic Avenue



John Reinhold
Picture Not
Available

Dean Hanson New Board Member
Enjoys the best of two worlds...condo
living at Surf Dweller and summers in
Minnesota. He takes the time to
become knowledgeable and engaged
about local issues and looks forward to
working with the board and achieving
objectives.

John Reinhold: New Board
Member Owner of Destin Sunrise
Marine, past president of Emerald
Coast Foundation, long time
resident of Dolphin Avenue

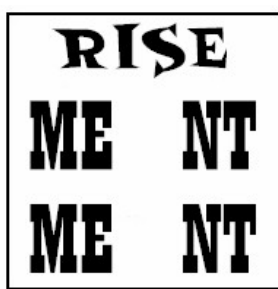
WUZZLE PUZZLES

What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers are at the bottom of the last page of this newsletter. John Jeter – Don’t Peek!

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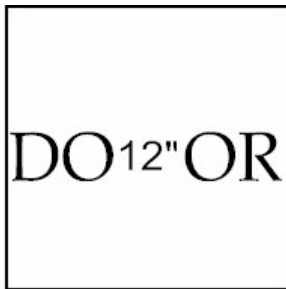
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**MEMBERS OF THE LEASEHOLDERSASSOCIATION
TAKE THEIR CIVIC DUTY TO VOTE SERIOUSLY!!!**



Okaloosa Island Leaseholders
Association Members **Dee and
Ginger Hawk** proudly display their
“I voted” stickers as proof of
participating in the November 8
Presidential election.



THE LEASEHOLDERS "LIGHT UP" OKALOOSA ISLAND!!

THE FIRST ANNUAL, LEASEHOLDERS OKALOOSA ISLAND CHRISTMAS DECORATION PROJECT



In the beginning, at the September 12 Leaseholders meeting, Leaseholder and Island resident **Nancy Hunt**, made a proposal that the Leaseholders sponsor caroling on the Island and home/condo decorations (with prizes) for the Christmas season. Leaseholder **Tripp Tolbert** added impetus to the concept at the meeting by pledging \$500 towards the cost. Thus was born the First Annual Okaloosa Island Christmas Celebration Committee, chaired by Nancy Hunt. At the October 10 Leaseholders meeting, the committee recommended 1) Joining the Island Garden Club and decorating the Welcome Triangle at the intersection of Hwy 98 and Santa Rosa Blvd, decorating contests (single family & condos), Christmas caroling and food donations for local family shelters. And so, along with generous donations from Island businesses, condos and residents – including \$400 from the Leaseholders, the work was initiated. Following is a progress report – from start to finish – on the decorating of the Welcome Triangle and the palm trees in the medians on Santa Rosa Blvd.

THE LEASEHOLDER'S DECORATING VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!



Welcome Triangle Display Decorators

Painters: Front Row: **Amy Hunt**
Back Row: **Nancy Hunt, Dylan Hunt and Gary Hunt**

Designer-Master Carpenter
(standing, far right)

Jim Hendricks



(left to right) Tree Stringers **Dean Hanson and Dave Hancock**

NOW, CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING BEAUTIFUL RESULTS!

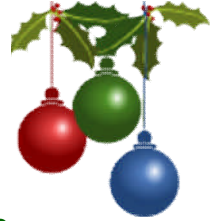


(left to right) Tree Stringers **Bob Haines & Gary Hunt**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association Christmas Decorating Project. Your participation reflects a true sense of community spirit. The Welcome Triangle greets residents, guests and visitors with Santa's sled, Christmas trees, a "Seas and Greetings" life preserver, flamingoes and a sea of lights. Palm trees in the medians of Santa Rosa Boulevard are festooned with solar lights and large bows. Greatly appreciated are all the 'elves' who made this happen.

Continuing with this festive atmosphere are the decorated condominiums, businesses and houses. We are ALL winners being able to enjoy the season on Okaloosa Island made even nicer with the holiday embellishments.

The Schedule of Festivities is Available on the Next Page



SEAS & GREETINGS!

The **Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association** requests the honor of your participation in the upcoming Island Christmas Festivities

Decoration Contest

On the night of **December 14th beginning at 6pm**, a group of distinguished community figures will judge for the categories of best decorated house, condo complex, and business. The winning three will be awarded a sign to proudly display!

Let us make the Island shine for Christmas and **decorate, decorate, decorate!**

Caroling



Come one, come all and join in for some old fashioned fun!- **December 16th at 6:30pm** starting at the Okaloosa Island Fire Station. (Note: Caroling rain date: December 18). Caroling participants and all Island residents are asked to donate pantry items to help stock local family shelters. Pantry items and canned goods can be brought out to the carolers or dropped off at the Island Fire Station until Dec 21st.

Carolers will light the way with candles! Okaloosa County Transit is joining in the merriment and is providing a decorated trolley for those not walking, and to return weary carolers back to the fire station for chocolate, cider and cookies plus clean-up. After clean-up the festivities will move to the Old Bay Steamer (next to the fire station)

Post Caroling Meet & Greet – Old Bay Steamer

Come one; come all. 'Tis the Season to be Jolly! Please join the festivities and make this a wonderful community event! Mingle and meet friends and neighbors at the upstairs of the Old Bay Steamer directly after caroling.

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!”

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Payment to AJ’s Oyster Shanty for party room and food for the October 2016 Social Hour & membership meeting..... \$ 250.00

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the November 2016 OIL Lantern..... \$ 20.68
 Total Expenses Pending Approval For Payment \$ 270.68

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT

AS OF November 14, 2016:.....\$ 36,591.01

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Oct 10, 2016..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF November 14, 2016.....\$ 1,421.28

SUMMARY: November 14, 2016 Fund Balances

-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 36,591.01

-- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE:\$ 38,012.29

A motion was made, seconded to approve the treasurer’s report and to reimburse Jim Simpson a total of **\$20.68** for stamps to mail the November 2016 newsletter. The motion was approved

Committee Reports

Architectural Report: The Architectural Committee Reports for September and October were published in the November 2016 OIL Lantern.

Membership: Jim Simpson reported a total of 249 for now with a final total when the Membership Renewal Drive ends in December 2016. Current membership total – pending possible, additional December renewals is 232.

Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson reported that there had been no charges (water, electricity) recorded for the month of October, but they would be picked later in the November report. For the month of October, Paula reported revenues of \$4,404.02 and billing charges of \$220.21 for a revenue balance for the month of \$4,183.21 and a total ending balance of \$244,752.59.

Webmaster: Nothing to report.

Boat Basin: No report available

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Hancock reported good progress on relocating the No Wake signs in Santa Rosa Sound. The Okaloosa County BCC is supportive. He also reported that Okaloosa County Public Works is starting their environmental survey for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway project. It should take 6 months to complete. In addition, progress is being made by Okaloosa County (Public Works and the TDC) who are striving to upgrade the three, unimproved public beach accesses to the standards of the other, improved accesses. Dave noted that District 2 Okaloosa County Commissioner **Carolyn Ketchel** has been very helpful and involved on these projects. Also, the Okaloosa County BCC transferred the lease for the Fish Hatchery to Wild Willie’s Adventure Zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Due to problems with several properties on the Island, a motion was made, seconded and approved to reconstitute the Derelict Property Committee. Dave Hannock will send a letter to John Dowd, who has done legal work for the Leaseholders in this area.
2. **Susie Bayne** noted that there was an increasing number of dogs on Okaloosa Island beach. **Dave Hannock** advised that he would talk with the Sheriff’s Office about enforcing the “No Dogs on the Beach” ordinance and check to see if any of the contract beach services could assist in reporting violations.
3. Questions arose about the legality of operating golf carts on the streets of Okaloosa Island. It was agreed that at the December meeting information from the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office about this subject will be presented.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8 pm. (Editor’s note: These minutes extracted from the November 14 podcast of this meeting)

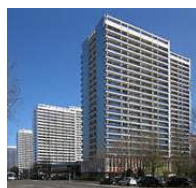
WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Slap in the Face

Wuzzle No. 2



Hi-Rise Apartments

Wuzzle No. 3



The Price is Right

Wuzzle No. 4



Foot in the Door