

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



P.O. Box 4323
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32549

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **February 13, 2017** **PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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OKALOOSA ISLAND BLOOD DRIVE

Place: Okaloosa Island Fire Dept
104 Santa Rosa Blvd,

Date/Time: Thursday, February 16, 2017. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ALL donors will receive a FREE LONG SLEEVE T-Shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!
Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #36112.

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SEE YOU AT THE BIG RED BUS!



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10%

38% of the population can donate blood—of that, less than 10% actually do. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous blood donors. If every donor gave just one more time each year, there would be no more blood shortages.

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one
MORE**



The OIL Lantern

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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, **Feb 13, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Guest Presenters:

A. Deputy from the Okaloosa Island Sheriff's Office

B. **Capt Ray Strawn**, Okaloosa Island Fire Dept and **Mr. Justin Malan, OneBlood**
Subj: February Blood Drive Scheduled on Okaloosa Island.

II. ROLL

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

IV. MINUTES

January 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

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

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – See Newsletter

B. Membership Liaison: **Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**

E. Street Lighting MSBU:

Paula Hudson

F. Derelict Property Committee Report – See Newsletter

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mardi Gras 2017 – Saturday, January 21 – **Jim Simpson**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – David Hancock

I know everyone was sorely with the cancellation of the Mardi Gras parade. But the weather gets the best of us occasionally. Coming up we have plans for the Patriotic holidays coming up so we can look forward to that.

At the upcoming meeting we will have a representative from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's office. This was a request of one of our members and the Sheriff's office was great to respond so quickly.

Must compliment the great work being by the Beautification and Derelict property Committees.

Hope everyone has noticed the great work being done by Public Works on the Santa Rosa Boulevard sidewalks. These repairs were long needed.

Hope everyone remembers the NRDA grant for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway that was applied for back in November. Met with our County Commissioner Ms. Carolyn Ketchel last week; she has contacted Okaloosa County's lobbyist in Tallahassee (I forgot there was one) to help our cause with the FDEP. Ms. Ketchel is also in the middle of the process to get the No Wake sign relocated. Cannot stress how much Ms. Ketchel does for Okaloosa Island!

BIG BOY. BETTER BOY, CELEBRITY - IT'S TIME TO TALK TOMATOES AT THE FEBRUARY 8 ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING



Big Boy



Better Boy



Celebrity



Master Gardener and Destin Garden Club President **Linda Timothy** is the speaker at the Island Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, February 8.

Linda has had great success with growing tomato plants in buckets and she will be sharing tips and techniques on growing tomatoes in Florida.

You are invited to join us at El Matador Condominium for socializing at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Contact Kathy Foster 244-4490 or fosterpk@gnt.net.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2017 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>
Jan 19	Radar Station Dick		1299 Miracle Strip Parkway	Hilton Garden Inn	2 Building Signs 1 Free Standing Sign	Approved
Jan 26	7	392	715 Sailfish Drive	McGee/Phillips	Construct Single Family Residence	Approved

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR JANUARY 2017: 6.9 Inches

- Jan 1.....0.5 inches
- Jan 2.....2.8 inches
- Jan 3.....0.3 inches
- Jan 6.....1.4 inches
- Jan 19.....0.4 inches
- Jan 21.....1.1 inches
- Jan 22.....0.4 inches



Average Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
 Variance to Average.....**+1.9** inches

February Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
 February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)
 February Record Low**11° F** (1951)
 Feb Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

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**

Rainfall Total Year to Date.....**6.9** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 74 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

- Fire Calls.....**6**
- EMS/Rescue/MVA..... **31**
- Alarm Activations.....**20**
- Other.....**17**



(75 calls were responded to in December 2016)

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.

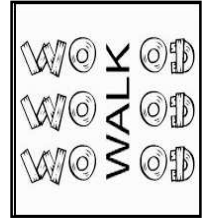
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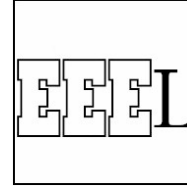
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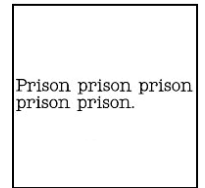
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*OneBlood is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community asset responsible for providing safe, available and affordable blood to more than 200 hospital partners

TRIVIA CRAWLER: What is the origin of the expression, **“Someone who is feeling great is on ‘Cloud Nine’?”**
 Answer: Types of clouds are numbered according to the latitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. So if someone is on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Updates to the OILA Website

By Robert (Bob) Seitz, Wizard, First Class (aka "the Whiz")



Your Website Wizard has been busy updating and creating new pages on the OILA Website, www.oilaweb.com. Take a look at what's been changed and what's been added.

Government Links Page – This page has been updated to reflect the results of the previous election.



There are links to web pages for Federal, State, and Local Governments. There is a new President, Donald Trump, and a new Vice President, Mike Pence. There is a new United States Congressman, Matt Gaetz. You can go to his website and sign up for a weekly newsletter. There is a new Florida State Senator, George Gainer. There is a new Florida State Representative, Mel Ponder. There is one new Okaloosa County Commissioner, Graham Fountain. You can go to the Okaloosa County website, www.co.okaloosa.fl.us, to see a wealth of information about your County Government.

Golf Carts and LSVs (Low Speed Vehicles) Page – This is a new page that includes information about the operation of Golf Carts and LSVs on Okaloosa Island. This information was published in the January 2017 edition of the OILA Lantern, the OILA Monthly Newsletter. There is information about the differences between Golf Carts and LSVs. There is also a link to Your Guide to Drive a Low Speed Vehicle as provided by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.



Leasehold Conversion Process Page – This is a new page about the process to Convert your "Lease" to a "Fee Simple Title" property. The information has been updated along with the contact information for Surety Land Title LLC, the company contracted by Okaloosa County to perform the conversion process. The current cost as of January 2017 is \$950. There is also a link to the Leasehold Conversion Application package. You can look at this package to see what is involved in the conversion process. Financing, both new and refinancing, is the main reason to consider the conversion process.



Mardi Gras Photos Page – An entry was made for Mardi Gras 2017. A short picture slide show was added to help us all remember Mardi Gras 2017 and the "*parade that wasn't*". While on that page you can browse the picture slideshows for several past years and "*remember the good times that did roll*".



OILA DERELICT PROPERTIES/BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT – by Kathy Foster

This committee was quite effective in 2012 and has recently been revived to address covenant violations and maintenance needs. Our success depends largely on the commitment of our members to tackle problems and the pride of our neighbors to help solve them.

Thank you to Dave Miller, John Dowd, Kim Haines, Bob Haines, Dean Hanson, Kathy Foster, Paula Hudson and Gary **Hudson** who during the month of January removed signs from public areas, medians and light poles; trimmed overhanging vegetation along Santa Rosa Boulevard sidewalks; pruned overgrown vegetation at Sun Dial Park; repaired a bench at Sun Dial Park; requested (and received) five waste receptacles at north side Access ways; requested (and received) sidewalk repairs along the boulevard; painted stained rock pump covers; requested but waiting for Century Link to replace rusted, broken telephone boxes.

Covenant non-compliance/violation letters have been sent to the owners of 647 Porpoise and 640 Pompano; to the realtor handling the sale of 639 Pompano. To be mailed this week are letters to the owners of 505 Dory and 838 Tropic. We will be asking the Association for \$500 for filing fees and court costs if it is necessary to take any of these owners to court. We are hoping this does not become necessary and that pride of ownership and community spirit prevails.

Our tasks this month are to contact the Water & Sewer Department to have the irrigation system restarted at Sun Dial Park and to request pumper trucks do NOT drive over newly repaired sidewalks at lift stations. The same request will be made of Century Link whose trucks frequently traverse the sidewalk to work on the switching station. An unusual amount of debris accumulates at the corner of Santa Rosa & Highway 98 by Waffle House and Tropical Waves. We will ask if their employees can assist by policing their parking lots.

On the Beautification side, we have researched prices for street pole banners welcoming folks to our neighborhood. 30" x 60" banner and accompanying hardware is \$189 plus tax. The committee would like to start with ten banners and will request \$3500 at the February meeting to cover the cost and possible rental of a bucket truck to install.

Numerous trees that OILA and the Island Garden Club purchased in 2009 have been removed by careless drivers. We have consulted with a horticulturist who recommended wax myrtles (on the FDOT list of frangible trees) as replacements. The cost to purchase and install is \$225 a tree. The cost to purchase and install a sabal palm is \$385. We will be requesting funds from our MSBU account to cover this beautification project.

Many of you have requested actions to be taken on your street. Thank you! Your concerns will be addressed once the most visible (along the boulevard) violations are resolved.



Destin Executive Airport- Today we honored a national treasure, Lt. Gen. Leroy Manor by naming the Destin Air Traffic Control tower after this 96 year-old aviator. This year we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of WWII. During WW II he flew 72 combat missions in P-47s over Europe. Gen. Manor circled from above Normandy when Western Allies of World War II launched the largest amphibious invasion in history as they assaulted Normandy, on 6 June 1944. He was presented the French Legion Medal of Honor by France, for his determination



and participation in the air offensive over Europe, including the Liberation of Normandy. In 1970 he assumed the position as Commander of a Joint Task Force whose mission was to rescue POWs at Son Tay, which those was unsuccessful, gave our POW's hope of rescue. As a community, we pride ourselves in continuing a commitment to support our Military. We walk daily among quiet heroes who have given us the freedom we enjoy. Gen. Manor is part of the greatest generation and today we honor his life with this ceremony.

VPS - In 2016, the **Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS)** experienced the highest passenger count in its 60-year history, with **915,650 total passengers** passing through the airport.

The majority of the growth can be attributed to the new services of Allegiant Air, GLO and Contour Airlines which combined have brought an additional **\$19 million** in economic impact to the region. Additionally, American Airlines, Delta Airlines and United Airlines have upgraded many of their aircraft from the 50-seat regional jet aircraft to the larger, dual class configured, 76-seat aircraft plus.

Our Airport Director, Tracy Stage and his staff have done an outstanding job enticing new airlines and creating a family friendly atmosphere at the airport. I am grateful for Mr. Stage's leadership. Leadership Matters!

Look for the upward trend in passengers to continue as Allegiant has recently announced new seasonal service to 11 additional cities in 2017 in addition to the 6 cities they announced in 2016. Additionally, GLO and Contour Airlines will provide seasonal service from VPS to Little Rock, AR (LIT), and Bowling Green, KY (BWG) respectively. (see the travel graft for easy reference)

It is a privilege to serve as your Commissioner and to be the liaison to the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport.

My Sincere Thanks,
 Carolyn N. Ketchel
 Chairman
 Okaloosa County, Board of County Commissioners
 1250 N Eglin Parkway, Suite 100
 Shalimar, FL 32579



ISLAND GARDEN CLUB MARCH PROGRAM



**A BUS TRIP TO BELLINGRATH
GARDENS IN THEODORE, AL**

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2013

See Below for More Information

Bellingrath

Gardens and Home

March 23, 2017 \$45

8:30 bus trip return 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to join fellow flower lovers and gardening enthusiasts as we tour the home and 65 acres of Bellingrath Gardens in Theodore, Alabama on Thursday, March 23. Enjoy the blooms of more than 250,000 Azaleas! Also blooming in March will be delphinium, dianthus, Easter lilies, flowering kale and cabbages, fuchsia, gerbera daisies, hyacinths, hydrangeas, marguerite daisies, pansies, petunias, tulips, verbena and violas.

\$45 covers the bus trip, driver's tip, entry fee to home and gardens. Lunch may be purchased on the grounds at the Magnolia Café which features soups, salads and sandwiches. The hours are 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

The bus will make two stops: El Matador Condominiums on Okaloosa Island and Destin Commons by Belk's.

Please make your check payable to **Island Garden Club** and send to Treasurer Kim Haines, 723 Sailfish Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

We hope you will be in one of the 55 seats!

Kathy Foster, President
Island Garden Club
850-244-4490
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**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET
YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!**

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON
THE ASSOCIATION'S
WEBPAGE: WWW.OILAWEB.COM,**

or

CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT

(850) 585-2116



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST
NEIGHBORS AT 829 TARPON DRIVE**

Welcome to the newest residents of Tarpon Drive! **Don and Noel Tweedel** have moved into 829 along with their furry family members **Gracie and Jackson**.

Each month the **Welcome Wagon Committee** scans the official court records and then visits the new neighbors. If the family is not at home, a card is left telling them of our visit and asking them to call so that a Welcome Wagon gift bag can be delivered. In January cards were left at two residents on Seahorse and Sailfish. We hope to connect with them soon. And thank you to all islanders who have alerted us of new arrivals.

Kathy Foster
Kim Haines

OKALOOSA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT COMPLETES MAJOR REPAIRS OF THE ISLAND SIDEWALK ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SANTA ROSA BLVD

The Beautification/Derelict Properties Committee is very pleased with the county's rapid response to our requests for sidewalk maintenance. We are especially grateful to Commissioner **Carolyn Ketchel** and Public Works Director **Jason Autrey** for directing employees to work on island projects.

Site foreman Dave Brennan and his crew did a fabulous job of grinding high spots on the sidewalks as well as repairing the numerous broken and uneven sections. This was a health and safety concern for residents, visitors and tourists. Thank you to OILA Committee Member (and avid jogger) **Dave Miller** for taking the lead on this.

Walkers, baby strollers, wheel chairs, and the casual jogger will all benefit from smoother transitions and new cement where grinding and other repairs were not possible. In spite of the repairs, watch your step wherever you are to avoid a trip and fall!



Public Works Employees John & Brian Build the Forms for the Sidewalk



Pour Site Ready for Cement



Fresh Cement Poured



Voila! 15 Feet of New Sidewalk!

RESULT OF REPAIR: HAPPY WALKERS, JOGGERS, PARENTS PUSHING BABY STROLLERS AND FOLKS USING WHEEL CHAIRS!



MINUTES (DRAFT) OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION - MEMBERSHIP MEETING JAN 9, 2017

Meeting Location: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Training Room Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Board Members Present: Dave Hancock, Jim Hendricks, Carol Schoolcraft, Dean Hanson and Kim Haines

Draft Minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting as printed in the January 2017 OIL Lantern were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: JANUARY 9, 2017

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 242

DECEMBER 12, 2016 TOTAL BALANCE: \$41,191.45

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF December 12, 2016..... \$ 36,332.83

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:.....Membership Dues \$ 36.00

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:.....No Expenditures

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the January 2017 OIL Lantern..... \$ 20.68

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF January 9, 2017..... \$ 36,389.51

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF December 12, 2016..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF January 9, 2017..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT BALANCE (DONATIONS) AS OF December 12, 2016.... \$ 3,437.34

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT

Payment to Nancy Hunt for the Purchase of Christmas Lights, Bows and Misc Decorations.....	\$	1,756.79
Payment to Jim Hendricks for the Purchase of electrical cords, adapters, lights and timers.....	\$	243.37
Payment to off-duty Police Officer David Finke for Providing Safety and Security for the Carolers On Okaloosa Island on December 16,2016. Paid a total of \$75 (3 hours @ \$25/hour).....	\$	<u>75.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$	2,075.16
CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT BALANCE (DONATIONS) AS OF January 9, 2017.....	\$	1,362.18

SUMMARY: January 9, 2017 Fund Balances

-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.	\$	36,389.51
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$	1,421.28
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$	<u>1,362.18</u>
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE:	\$	39,131.61

Motions were made and approved to accept the Treasurer’s Report and to approve a payment of \$20.68 to Jim Simpson for the purchase of stamps to mail the January 2017 OIL Lantern.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Report: The Architectural Committee Report for the month of January 2017 was published in the January 2017 OIL Lantern.

Membership Report – Jim Simpson: Jim advised that the membership drive to renew memberships for 2016-2017 was finished and that 242 members had renewed. Considering that when the drive started in September 2016 membership was 249, the renewal of 242 members represents a renewal rate of 97%.

Boat Basin - Carol Edlund: No report

Website – Bob Seitz: No Report

Boat Basin - Carol Edlund: No Report

Street Lighting MSBU – Paula Hudson:

Island Lights MSBU - Dept 1602 Revenues & Expenditures - 12/31/2016

Revenues:	Expenditures	Year to Date
Street Lighting Fees <u>\$5,888.31</u>	Electrical Services <u>\$1,064.08</u>	2016 Fund Balance <u>\$247,063.13</u>
	Lighting Services <u>\$2,518.45</u>	Year-to-Date Fund Balance..... <u>\$246,577.70</u>
Total Revenue <u>\$5,881.31</u>	Billing Charges <u>\$ 296.68</u>	Estimated Net Change..... (\$ 485.43)
	Total Expenditures <u>\$3.879.21</u>	

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Final Report – OILA 2016 Island Christmas Festivities – Nancy Hunt. Nancy reported that everything was successful and she received a round of applause for her hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mardi Gras 2017 – Saturday – Jan 21 – Jim Simpson. Jim advised of the float decoration time/place and the start time for the parade.

B. Follow-Up: Golf Carts on the streets of Okaloosa Island – Jim Simpson Jim advised that an article from Sheriff’s Office on the legality of driving golf carts on the Island was published in the January 2017 OIL Lantern. Bottom line: Golf carts are illegal on the Island.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8 pm. (Editor’s note: These minutes extracted from the January 9, 2017 podcast of this meeting)

WUZZLE PUZZLE ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Shopping on Line

Wuzzle No. 2



Short of Breath

Wuzzle No. 3



Walk in the Woods

Wuzzle No. 4



Pigs in a Blanket

Wuzzle No. 5



Easel

Wuzzle No. 6



Prison Sentence