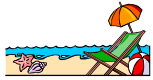


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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
TIME: 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **October 9, 2017.** **PARKING:** Please park behind
the Fire Station next to the water tank

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**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR
OILA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017-2018.
RENEWAL NOTICES WERE SENT
OUT ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2017.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT RENEWING YOUR
MEMBERSHIP, CONTACT JIM
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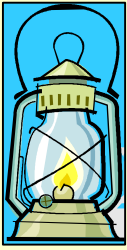
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**UNCLE OILA SAYS:
OKALOOSA ISLAND
NEEDS**

YOU!

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
TODAY!**



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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, **Oct 9, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m. **Place:**
Okaloosa Island Fire Station,
2nd Floor Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL

GUEST SPEAKER: Matt Trammell, Coastal Engineer, Taylor Engineering

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

IV. MINUTES (Draft)

Sept 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes -
Printed in Oct 2017 OIL Lantern

V. TREASURER'S REPORT –

October 9, 2017 Treasurer's
Report: **Jim Simpson**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – Printed in
the Sept 2017 **OIL Lantern**

B. Membership: **2017-2018 Dues
Renewal - Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**

E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula
Hudson**

F. Derelict Property Committee
Report - **Committee Members**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. OILA Christmas Decoration
Committee. Activate committee to
start preparations for this year's
Christmas events. Solicit
volunteers and appropriate funds to
get started. (Treasurer's Note:
The current Christmas Fund (all
money donated) balance is
\$1,362.18. Chair: Nancy Hunt

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Tripp Tolbert

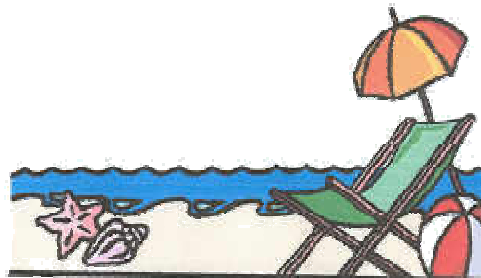
As I look forward to our next meeting Monday, October 9, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members and all who were in attendance at our last meeting. Also thanks to all the island residents that either through phone calls, or letters or made a personal appearance at the last commission meeting in support of improving our beach access ways.

And, a special thanks goes out to the **Honorable Carolyn Ketchel** for coming and sharing some of her thoughts and ideas for the county and the island moving forward.

I look forward to hosting **Matt Trammell** from Taylor Engineering as our guest speaker in our upcoming October meeting. Hopefully he can shed some light on the beach re-nourishment issues and clarify some of the misunderstanding that has been circulating in reference to the issue to date.

Also I'd like to note, we are still awaiting a response from Mel Ponder's office regarding paperwork & supporting evidence we sent to his office back on July 20 regarding the wake zone issue. Last week we were assured his assistant will double check the status and update us once she gets word.

In closing, all my thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims and their families that are affected from this horrific and senseless shooting in Las Vegas.



Saturday October 14
Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale

Fall is the PERFECT time for planting! Here is an opportunity to expand our gardens and to support Okaloosa County Master Gardeners. Prices are sooo reasonable... most are \$5.00 (unless in a large pot) plus an assortment of buy two get one free.

Kathy Foster, Vice President/Program Chair
 Island Garden Club

LILY IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!



The Island Garden Club is delighted that **Lily Pepoon** of **Pavlic's Florist of Destin** has once again accepted an invitation to speak to our club. At her previous engagement, in addition to watching her create gorgeous displays, we learned the art of bow-making and enjoyed her humorous story telling. Please join us on Wednesday October 11 at El Matador Condominium for socializing at 9:30 and the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Kathy Foster, Program Chair
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLANT POLLINATING FLOWERS IN VETERANS PARK

At the September 11 OILA meeting, Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel advised that on Sunday, October 8th, the Choctaw Bay DAR is planting a pollinator garden in Veterans Park starting at 2:00 pm. Each person is asked to bring a gallon of water, gloves, hand tools, bug repellent. The Extension Service is providing the plants under the direction of a Master Gardener. The volunteers will meet by the fence at the opposite end of the Convention Center parking lot.

"Many hands make little work."

HAIR TRIVIA: 🎵 *Gimme head with hair - Long beautiful hair - Shining, gleaming, Streaming, flaxen, waxen* 🎵

- How many hairs on your head? If your blond, about 150,000, Brunet, 100,000, Redhead, 60,000.
- Fifty percent of Americans have gray by the time they're 50 years old.
- Cutting hair does not influence its growth.
- Your hair is as strong as aluminum.
- The average life span of a human hair, three to seven years.
- There are about 550 hairs in the average eyebrow.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 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>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In Compliance and Approved?</u>
Sept 28		14 - Emerald Coast	Florida RV Trade Association	The Panhandle RV Show October 19-22, 2017	In Compliance



DISTRICT 2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER CAROLYN KETCHEL’S PRESENTATION AT THE SEPTEMBER OILA MEETING TURNS INTO A FULL SCALE, ROBUST TOWN (or, ISLAND) HALL MEETING (Editor’s Note: Commissioner Ketchel spoke to and exchanged information for a full hour with a full house of Leaseholders at the Sept 11 OILA meeting. She was assisted with technical details by Mr. Jason Autry, Director, Okaloosa County Public Works Department. Following is my attempt from listening to a podcast - to try to report the hi-lites of this exchange).

Commissioner Ketchel advised that this would be a tough budget year for the State of Florida due to Hurricane Irma and that due to this impact that Okaloosa County needs to be vigilant to protect our fair share of the Triumph BP funds. (The State of Florida received a \$3.25 billion settlement from BP. The funds will be managed by Triumph Gulf Coastal Trust). Carolyn stated that she supported the bridge-to-bridge bike path and for approving a bid award to improve Okaloosa Island Access Ways 4, 5 and 6. Carolyn mentioned the proposed County 1/2¢ sales tax which will go to referendum next year by mail-in

ballot. This 1/2¢ sales tax if approved will be in effect by 5 years, will raise \$11 million a year and will be restricted to funding roads, storm water, public safety improvements and for retiring bond debt. She also advised that the ad valorem millage rate for next year’s county budget will be 3.83; up from the current 3.43. This 11.7% increase will produce an extra \$17 million in revenue.

There was a spirited discussion about the effect the proposed new improvements would have on the view of Nautilus condo properties which parallel access way No. 4 on the West. Jason Autrey of the County Public Works office provided technical details about this project which includes beach access ways 4, 5 and 6. For example, the bathrooms would be 34 to 35 feet in height and approximately 26 ft by 26 ft in size. The men’s bathroom would consist of one toilet, one urinal and one sink; the women’s would consist to one toilet and one sink. Ms. Ketchel advised that the pending bid on these improvements would be voted on at the Tuesday, Sept 19 BCC meeting at 3:30 pm in Shalimar. Time will be provided for public comments on this bid at the beginning of this meeting.

The subject of the new beach recreational ordinance 16-43 was introduced. The new ordinance sets the time for removing property from the beach – one hour after sunset, delegates the approval for beach events from the BCC to other levels and prohibits blood baiting. Specified dangerous, prohibited activities (e.g. trampolines) and deleted the non-specific language of “any other things”. Mr. Autrey clarified that beach vendors must “annually” obtain a Qualified Beach Vendor Permit.

Other items discussed were sidewalks for the south side of Santa Rosa Blvd. Mr. Autrey advised that the County applies for grants for sidewalks every year, but there is no guarantee an entity will be awarded one – but the funds are applied for. There was a question about the use of TDC funds to improve the Island roads. Ms. Ketchel advised that State law specifically restricts TDC funds to certain areas and that roads and other such infrastructure are not included. An update was provided on the effort to extend the minimum wake zone in Santa Rosa Sound. It was pointed out the Florida Fish and Wildlife makes the recommendation, but a local government must implement it. With respect to problems with the homeless and dogs on the beach, the general consensus was to call the Sheriff and let his office handle it.

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 available on the following page of this newsletter.

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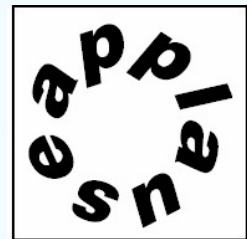
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Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



ISLAND RAINFALL FOR SEPTEMBER 2017: 4.0 Inches

Sept 1.....**0.2** inches
 Sept 2.....**0.4** inches
 Sept 10.....**0.1** inches
 Sept 11.....**0.1** inches
 Sept 20.....**1.4** inches
 Sept 24.....**0.3** inches
 Sept 25.....**0.4** inches
 Sept 30.... **1.1** inches



Average Rainfall for Sept..... **7.2** inches
 Variance to Average..... **- 3.2** inches

Oct Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches
 Oct Record High..... **99° F** (1954)
 Oct Record Low **27° F** (1989)
 Oct Avg Water Temperature....**81° F**

Nov Avg Rainfall..... **4.1** inches
 November Record High.....**89° F**(1998)
 November Record Low**18° F** (1950)
 Nov Avg Water Temperature...**72°**

Rainfall Total Year to Date....**56.1** inches
 Year Date to Variance **- 3.3** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 126 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF AUG 2017



Fire Calls..... **4**
 EMS/Rescue/MVA..... **72**
 False Alarms & Alarm
 Activations..... **18**
 Other.....**32**



(115 calls were responded to in August 2016)

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 OR
 BY EMAIL AT
 SANLEANNA@COX.NET**

OILA PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT – QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOAT BASIN?

Do you have a question about the dues, rules and slip availability at the Okaloosa Island Boat Basin? If yes, contact the Basin's Treasurer, **Carol Edlund** at 664-6583.

DURING THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – OCTOBER



October 2, 1835 -- Texans repulsed a detachment of Mexican cavalry at the Battle of Gonzales. The revolution began. 

October 11, 1939 - Franklin D. Roosevelt receives a letter from Albert Einstein discussing the atom bomb.

October 18, 1898 - The United States takes formal possession of Island of Puerto Rico.

October 29, 1929 - The New York Stock Exchange crashed on what came to be known as "Black Tuesday", starting the Great Depression.

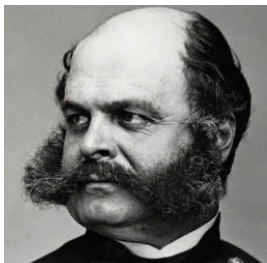
WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

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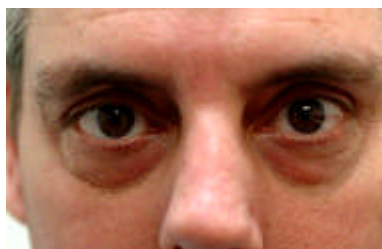
Upset Stomach

Wuzzle No. 2



Sideburns

Wuzzle No. 3



Bags Under Eyes

Wuzzle No. 4



Round of Applause

MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – SEPT 11, 2017 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

ROLL: Board Members Present: President Tripp Tolbert, Vice-President Dr. David Miller, Lynn Dominique, Nancy Hunt and Glenn McRae

GUEST SPEAKER: Carolyn Ketchel, Okaloosa County Commissioner, District 2 (For Commissioner Ketchel’s remarks see accompanying article in this newsletter: **DISTRICT 2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER CAROLYN KETCHEL’S PRESENTATION AT THE SEPTEMBER OILA MEETING TURNS INTO A FULL SCALE, ROBUST TOWN (OR, ISLAND) HALL MEETING**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

MINUTES: The June 2017 minutes as published in the September 2017 OIL Lantern were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 255

June 12, 2017 TOTAL BALANCE: \$31,296.89

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF June 12, 2017.....\$ 28,513.43

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership Dues.....\$ 12.00

Credit Refund for OILA liability insurance\$ 525.50

TOTAL REVENUES..... \$ 537.50

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

2nd payment to the Dowd Law Firm for legal services involving a derelict property.....\$ 2,012.50

(Treasurer’s note: \$2,000 was initially appropriated for future legal fees involving Island properties at the March 13, 2017 meeting. This appropriation was increased to \$3,500 at the June 12, 2017 meeting. Balance remaining of this appropriation remaining after this expenditure of \$2,012.50 is \$10.00)

Final payment to the Dowd Law Firm for legal services for the Tropic Avenue property.....\$ 285.00

(Treasurer’ note: Total payment to date to Dowd Law Firm for legal services with regards to the Tropic Avenue property: \$3,773.00)

Payment to Kim Haines for the purchase of BBQ to provide the personnel of the OIFD a dinner in appreciation for their help and assistance – the latest being the installation of the street light Pole banners on the North side of Santa Rosa Blvd *(Treasurer’s note: A total of \$4,000 \$ 155.00 was appropriated for the purchase and installation of the street light banners at the March 13, 2017 meeting. Of this appropriation a total of \$3,835.00 has been expended leaving a balance of \$165. After the payment of \$155, the balance is \$10.00.*

Payment to the US Postal Service for 6 month rental of OILA’s Post Office Box 4323 for the time period of September 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018..... \$ 38.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES...\$ 2,490.50

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail September 2017 OIL Lantern.....\$ 22.05

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF September 11, 2017; \$ 26,538.38

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF June 12, 2017..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF September 11, 2017.....\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF June 12, 2017.... \$ 1,362.18

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT.....No Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF September 11, 2017..... \$ 1,362.18

SUMMARY: September 11, 2017 Fund Balances

-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 26,538.38

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

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 1,362.18

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 29,321.84

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHITECTURAL REPORTS FOR June, July and August 2017 – Published in the September 2017 OIL Lantern

MEMBERSHIP – Jim Simpson: Membership total is 255. Jim also advised that membership renewals for 2017-2018 are due in October and that a renewal letter request along with a stamped, return addressed will be send this coming week.

WEBSITE – Bob Seitz: No report.

BOAT BASIN - Carol Edlund : No Report. Members were advised that any questions concerning slip availability should be referred to the Boat Basin Dock Master.

ISLAND LIGHTS MSBU – Kathy Foster (for Paula Hudson)

Island Lights MSBU - Dept 1602 Revenues & Expenditures – As of August 1, 2017

Revenues:	Expenditures	Year to Date
Street Lighting Fees \$4,337.18	Electrical Services \$ 1,076.71	2016 Fund Balance \$247,063.13
	Lighting Services \$ 2,472.45	Year-to-Date Fund Balance..... \$253,813.85
	Billing Charges \$ 216.86	
	Total Expenditures \$ 3,766.02	Estimated Net Change..... \$ 6,750.73

Derelict Property Committee – Kathy Foster reported that a summary judgment had been issued against the Tropic Avenue property. This judgment prohibits a long list of items which cannot be present in the yard. Kathy also noted that our attorney and OILA member Dave Miller volunteered a significant amount of their personal time to remove items from the property. A copy of the judgment is available in OILA records. She advised that any derelict property problems be reported to the Beautification Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Minimum Wake Zone – Dave Hancock An update was provided on the efforts to extend the minimum wake zone in Santa Rosa Sound. It was pointed out the Florida Fish and Wildlife makes the recommendation, but a local government must implement it. Tripp Tolbert advised that he had sent an information file supporting this extension to Senator Mel Ponder

Street Pole Banners on Santa Rosa Blvd – Kim Haines. Kim advised that one banner was down but it had been recovered.

NEW BUSINESS

Turtle Lighting Ordinance: President Tripp Tolbert recommended bringing a copy of the ordinance to next meeting for discussion.

Beach Access Ways 4, 5 and Improvements: Commissioner Ketchel advised that the pending bid on these improvements would be voted on at the Tuesday, Sept 19 BCC meeting at 3:30 pm in Shalimar. Time will be provided for public comments on this bid at the beginning of this meeting. OILA members were encouraged to attend this meeting.

Brooks Bridge Replacement: The new bridge has been approved and ribbon cutting is tentatively set for 2022. The Wright Parkway bridge option to connect at the West end of Okaloosa Island is a non issue...

Beach Recreation Ordinance 16-43: The new ordinance sets the time for removing property from the beach – one hour after sunset, delegates the approval for beach events from the BCC to other levels and prohibits blood baiting. Specified dangerous, prohibited activities (e.g. trampolines) and deleted the non-specific language of “any other things”. Mr. Autrey clarified that beach vendors must “annually” obtain a Qualified Beach Vendor Permit.

Homeless Problem at Beach Access No. 1: With respect to problems with the homeless loitering around the beach accesses and dogs on the beach, the general consensus was to call the Sheriff and let his office handle it. Both are violations of the law.

Additional Business: NWFND GUEST COLUMN: Beach Sand Issue is Buried in Misinformation, was published on September 10, 2017. The only attribution given by the Daily News for the origination of this column was “*This guest column was submitted on behalf of the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association and friends.*” Considering that this column was not sourced from or approved by the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association, a motion was made, seconded and approved for President Tolbert to send a letter to the Northwest Florida Daily News advising them of this fact.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.