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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, **March 12, 2018.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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# The OIL Lantern

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## MARCH 2018

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### AGENDA: Monday, March 12, 2018

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

#### GUEST PRESENTERS:

A. **Dr Allen French** – Founder, Trees on the Coast -Okaloosa & Walton Counties. About Trees on the Coast and strategies on improving the appearance of Okaloosa Island.

B **Mr. Jason Autrey**, Director, Okaloosa County Public Works – Update on the status of the Boat Basin.

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

IV. **MINUTES** (Draft attached) of the February 19, 2018 meeting)

#### V. TREASURER'S REPORT –

February and March 2018 Treasurer's Reports: **Jim Simpson**

#### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Architectural Report – February 2018 report printed in this newsletter

B. Membership: - **Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin: **Carol Edlund**

E. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula**

#### Hudson

F. Derelict Property Committee Report

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed OILA Letter to the Board of County Commissioners to Begin Beach Restoration on Okaloosa Island Beaches as Soon as is Practical. – **Tripp Tolbert**

B. Proposed Resolution: Request that Commissioner Ketchel to set up a public work shop on the issue of Okaloosa Island beaches – **Dave Hancock**

C. Proposed Resolution: That in the event that a beach renourishment or restoration is proposed for Okaloosa Island monuments R-1 through R-15 or included, that the only acceptable sand source is the East Pass ebb shoal, the East Pass channel, or better- **John Donovan**

D. Proposed Resolution: That Okaloosa County be requested to re-open & re-write the East Pass Inlet Management Plan, with the Technical Advisory Committee being evenly balanced in its composition, between representatives of Okaloosa Island and representatives of Okaloosa County beaches east of the East Pass. Be it further resolved that the re-written East Pass Inlet Management Plan shall reflect the predominant east to west net sand transport, including a requirement in the implementation plan for sand placement to the west of East Pass -- **John Donovan**

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT -

#### Tripp Tolbert

I hope everybody is taking advantage of the warmer weather and enjoying our beautiful island before the busy season starts up! I want to welcome Dr. Allen French, founder of Trees on the Coast and Mr. Jason Autrey, Public Works Director as speakers for our March meeting.

Dr. French will speak about his organization and offer info with possible strategies on beautifying our island even more! And, Mr. Autrey will give the membership an update/status of the boat basin. Please join me at the meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> to welcome our speakers and discuss the present and future happenings on the island

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

### UPDATE: BRIDGE TO BRIDGE PATHWAY

-- Dave Hancock



On February 2 a 20% design review meeting was held with representatives from Okaloosa County Engineering, HDR engineering who has the design contract for the pathway, the TDC, and OILA. The big news here is Okaloosa County has assigned an engineer – Mr. Roy Petrey – to manage this project.

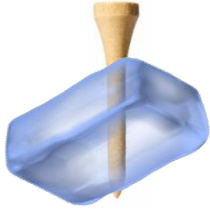
A review of the design drawings took place. Mr. Petrey pointed out several items that need updating before the county and HDR go to Eglin for their review. At this writing updates have been made and are at Okaloosa County waiting for their blessing. (**Update from Dave Hancock:** - the Bridge-to-Bridge transmittal letter has signed by the County Engineer and has been sent along with the files to Ms. Hazzard in the Real Estate office.)

Something really interesting came up at the meeting Eglin has been asking why not put the pathway on the South side of US 98. If they make that decision it will be good for us as the south side has less obstructions than the north side. Another item was brought up that has to be addressed before the pathway is built – how will cars be kept off! Never thought of that!

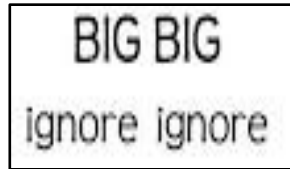
## WUZZLE PUZZLES

- 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.

Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



**Note to John Jeter:** John, these wuzzles are hard. Before you cheat and look at the answers, ask Beth to solve them..

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

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### OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 76 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017



Fire Calls.....	4
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....	49
False Alarms & Alarm	
Activations.....	16
Other.....	7



(95 calls were responded to in January 2017)

### THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MARCH

**March 2, 1836:** Texas formally declared its independence from Mexico. The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos, now commonly referred to as the "birthplace of Texas."

**March 2, 1933:** "King Kong", directed by Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, starring Fay Wray premieres at Radio City Music Hall and RKO Roxy in NYC

**March 10, 1862** - The first issue of U.S. government paper money occurred as \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills began circulation.

**March 11, 1918** - The 'Spanish' influenza first reached America as 107 soldiers become sick at Fort Riley, Kansas. One quarter of the U.S. population eventually became ill from the deadly virus, resulting in 500,000 deaths.

**March 17, 1931:** Nevada legalizes gambling.

**March 18, 1931:** Schick, Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

**March 23, 1933:** The Reichstag passes the Enabling Act of 1933, making Adolf Hitler dictator of Germany.

**March 27, 1977** - The worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands, resulting in 570 deaths.

### ISLAND RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY 2018: 8.7 Inches

Feb 1.....	<b>0.1</b> inches
Feb 4.....	<b>0.5</b> inches
Feb 7.....	<b>0.9</b> inches
Feb 10.....	<b>0.5</b> inches
Feb 11.....	<b>6.3</b> inches
Feb 12.....	<b>0.2</b> inches
Feb 26.....	<b>0.1</b> inches



Average Rainfall for Feb.....**5.8** inches  
Variance to Average..... **+ 2.9** inches

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

Year to Date to Variance ..... **- 0.1** inches  
Year to Date Rainfall.....**10.7** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches



## Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



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Wuzzle No. 2



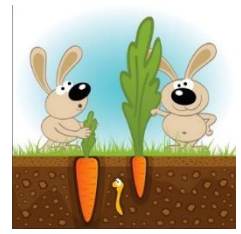
TOO BIG TO IGNORE

Wuzzle No. 3



FRANKENSTEIN

Wuzzle No. 4



MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE

### UPDATE ON ISLAND BEACH ACCESSES CURRENTLY BEING IMPROVED



Beach Access No. 5 (located between Island Echos & Emerald Isle Condos as March 5, 2018

There has been a change in the completion dates for improving Okaloosa Island Beach accesses Numbers 4 & 5 due to contractor delays in permitting, lumber procurement and to Gulf Power in providing its services to the sites because of a change in electrical requirements.

The BCC approved a change order at their Feb 22 meeting to reflect these new completion dates. There was no change in cost as a result of this change order. Completion of the No. 5 access project is now set for **April 20** instead of March 1, and completion of the No. 4 access is now set for **May 7** rather than April 16.

**May 25** remains the completion date for the No. 6 beach access project. **Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel**, whose district includes Okaloosa Island, said the pavilions, handicap ramps and permanent restrooms that will be available **"will make a huge difference" for visitors.**

### Island Garden Club March 14 Meeting to Feature Ken VanderZeyde of the FWB Camellia Society

Northern visitors are envious of Florida Panhandle winter blooming plants such as camellias. Our area is fortunate to enjoy camellias from September to April if early, middle and late blooming varieties are selected. Some varieties bloom for 8-10 weeks!

You are invited to attend the Wednesday, March 14 Island Garden Club meeting at 10:00 at El Matador Condominium party room to hear guest speaker **Ken VanderZeyde** of the FWB Camellia Society share his growing successes of these classic southern beauties.

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### Welcome Wagon – Kathy Foster & Kim Haines

The secret's out... the island is the place to be! There have been numerous home sales as well as vacant lot sales. The Welcome Wagon Committee makes several attempts to meet and greet new neighbors and present them with a bag of coupons, gifts and island information. We've yet to find the 'ideal' time when owners are at home, so sometimes multiple visits are necessary. This week we will be stopping by homes from Caviar to Dory, to Pelican to Sailfish to Tarpon! Hopefully there will be lots of pictures of new neighbors to share next month.



**OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FORT WALTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT CONDUCT HIGH RISE FIRE TRAINING AT EL MATADOR CONDOMINIUMS** by Doug Brown, Captain, Okaloosa Island Fire Department

On February 12, 14 and 16, Okaloosa Island Fire Department and Fort Walton Beach Fire Department conduct High Rise fire training at El Matador Condominiums.

The training consisted of Okaloosa Island Engine 4 connecting to the fire department connection (FDC) and charging the system. Our crews then walked up the stairs with our high rise pack and connected to the standpipe.

We then deployed our hose and charged the line. Crews then flowed water as if actually attacking a fire. During this training we also simulated a standpipe failure and used our aerial devices (Truck 4 and Truck 6) as connections for our high rise packs.

Being able to conduct this type of training was a great opportunity to all members of the fire department. The knowledge gained is invaluable. Okaloosa Island Fire Department greatly appreciates El Matador Condominiums for letting us their complex for this training. The hospitality of the staff and residents was amazing. Thank You.



A tip of the hat and a BIG THANK YOU to the El Matador Condominium !!!

**TRIVIA CRAWLER:**

**HOW MUCH MONEY DID THE THREE STOOGES MAKE?**



According to information in the book *The Three Stooges Handbook* by Joan Maurer, Moe's daughter, they made \$1,000 split three ways for their first two reeler, *Wome Haters*, and their salary reached \$2,500 each per two reeler made.

Moe Howard (Horowitz) died in 1975 at the age of 77  
Curly Howard (Horowitz) – died in 1952 at the age of 48  
Larry Fine (Feinberg) died in 1972 at the age of 72

Beginning in 1932 The Three Stooges made 206 short films and several features

**Nyuk, Nyuk, Nyuk!**





**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018** 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>
02/01		15	Ramada Inn	Renovate Portie Cooler	Yes
02/08	596	9	Craig Home Improvements	Handyman Service: No Outward Sign of Business at Regular Address	Yes

MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – FEB 19, 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Note from Secretary: These minutes extracted from the on-line podcast of the meeting)

**MEETING LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Training Room **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 pm

**I. Call to Order and Pledge of Alligence**

**II. ROLL:** Board Members Present: President Tripp Tolbert, Vice-President David Miller, Lynn Dominique and Nancy Hunt,

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tripp advised that Mr. Julian Autrey, Okaloosa County Public Works Director, had a conflict and could not be present at tonight's meeting to present on the status of the Boat Basin

**IV. MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Simpson: No report given (Note from Secretary: The Treasurer was sick and I should know))**

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Architectural Committee: No activity reported for the month of December 2017 (Secretary's note: Correction: There were two items reviewed on December 21, 2017 both of which are posted parallel with the January 2017 report which is in the February 2018 OIL Lantern.

B. Membership: **Jim Simpson:** No report.

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz:** Bob advised that photos and information about the Leaseholder's 2017 Christmas activities are now posted on the website.

D. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson:** REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT.1602 ISLAND MSBU DATED: 1/31/2018

Expenditures as of 2/1/2018:

Electrical Services.....	<b>\$1,626.70</b>	Monthly Change:	<b>(\$4,365.92)</b>	YTD Change:	<b>(\$1,886.16)</b>
Street Lights.....	<b>\$2,739.22</b>	2017 Fund Balance:	<b>\$259,131.57</b>		
Total Monthly Expense...	<b>\$4,365.92</b>	YTD Fund Balance:	<b>\$257,245.41</b>		

NOTE: Missing January billing charge and revenue. I believe that the county has finally fixed the missing charges for the pumps.

**V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Simpson: No report given (Note from Secretary: The Treasurer was sick and I should know))**

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Architectural Committee: Actions taken printed in the February 2018 OIL Lantern.

B. Membership – **Jim Simpson:** No report given.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** (Continued)

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz:** No report

D. Boat Basin: A detailed discussion about the boat basin was conducted. The history, how it got to where it is today, what is the future use of the site, funding sources to bring into compliance, possible alternative uses. Tripp advised that he was meeting with Commissioner Foundation on Friday and with this meeting he will have talked to all the commissioners. Tripp advised that he would report at the next meeting the sentiments and directions he obtained from the County as to the future of the site.

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E. Derelict Property Committee Report: No report. Paula Hudson commented that the house located on Porpoise and Santa Rosa Blvd had been fixed up and looked good.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Status of the Okaloosa Island Boat Basin – Tripp Tolbert tabled this item.

B. Proposed OILA Letter to the Board of County Commissioners to Begin Beach Restoration on Okaloosa Island Beaches as Soon as is Practical. – Tripp Tolbert: A copy of the proposed letter was passed out to those present. Tripp asked that the membership review and analyze it for consideration at a future date.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simpson, Secretary  
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