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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, **May 21, 2018.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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AGENDA: Monday, May 21, 2018

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 (Draft attached) of the April 9, 2018 meeting)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

B. Membership: - **Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Boat Basin” Updates, if any, from Okaloosa County Public Works Director

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

F. Derelict Property Committee Report - Members

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

- DAVE MILLER

I hope everyone is enjoying the lull of tourist between spring break and the summer season. The weather has been great (most of the time) but for allergy sufferers it has been a brutal spring. A storm event we did have destroyed the home of our friends and neighbor. I was happy to hear of the support that was offered to them from their neighbors. I wish them a speedy recovery and a rebuilt home with no hassles from the insurance company.

Progress remains slow at best on the beach accessway improvements. From the beep, beep, beep of the construction equipment backing up we now have generators running almost all-day Monday through Saturday (and one Sunday). For most home construction a temporary power pole with electrical service is installed to run saws and other equipment. Instead they have multiple generators running so my patio door remains shut on the nice days to keep out the noise. One accessway has been paved and it appears the one below me (#4) will be next since the equipment was staged there last Friday.

In other news, Paula Hudson has been named to the board to fill an unexpired, vacant position on the board. Paula brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the board. Thanks Paula for stepping in. The board will name another person in the near future to round out the seven-member board.

It is nice to see many improvement projects on individual homes, condos, and businesses on the Island. We will keep up the good fight to get every property up to code. And try to find the elusive airboat!

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 jeters? Good luck. The answers are available on the last page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



**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
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OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 116 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017



Fire Calls.....	2
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....	34
False Alarms & Alarm	
Activations.....	8
Other.....	36



(103 calls were responded to in March 2017)

ISLAND HOME OF LEASEHOLDERS SEVERLY DAMAGED BY TORNADO ON APRIL 22

The home of OILA members, **Michele & Robert (Bob) Seitz**, located at 709 Sailfish Drive was severely damaged by a tornado which hit the Island on April 22. Bob is the Webmaster (wizard) for the Leaseholders Association. The below photo shows some of the storm damage – yes, the roof was ripped off.

The gentlemen in the photo are (left to right) the Seitz's good neighbors **Ed Johns** and Alan Parker helping with clean-up. Both gentlemen are also members of the Leaseholders Association (of course).

Michele & Bob are o.k. and in the initial stages of recovery. OILA wishes them the best and for a fast recovery and return to normalcy.



ISLAND RAINFALL FOR APRIL 2018: 2.8 Inches

April 4.....	0.3 inches
April 7.....	0.8 inches
April 15.....	1.2 inches
April 22.....	0.5 inches



Average Rainfall for April.....	3.7 inches
Variance to Average.....	-0.9 inches

May Avg Rainfall.....	4.0 inches
May Record High.....	101° F (1953)
May Record Low	38° F (1971)
May Avg Water Temperature....	78° F

June Avg Rainfall.....	6.1 inches
June Record High.....	102° F (1969)
June Record Low	48° F (1984)
June Avg Water .Temperature.	81° F

Year to Date to Variance	- 5.5 inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....	13.5 inches
Avg Annual Rainfall	65.1 inches

Okaloosa Island Fire Department Participates in Earth Day Beach Cleanup 2018



Fire Chief Carvalho and Assistant Chief Strawn (blue shirts) with their families and the crew from Beach 4, help with the *Earth Day Beach Cleanup 2018* by picking up trash on Okaloosa Island beaches on April 14th. It was a beautiful day along our coastline and there was plenty of trash and cigarette butts for everyone. It is unfortunate that not everyone feels the same about properly disposing their trash and maintaining the beauty of our beaches, however it was very encouraging to see the large number of participants taking part in the cleanup. Okaloosa Island Fire is committed to keeping and maintaining our beautiful coastlines and waterways for our future generations.

Fire Department uses latest technology in vehicle extrication

The Okaloosa Island Fire Department took the opportunity to hone their skills on the latest technology of rescue tools.

Rescue Systems Unlimited provided a full set of Genesis e-Draulic rescue demonstration tools to train and perform the vehicle extrication behind Station 4. The latest technology uses battery operated equipment to include a Ram, Spreader, and Cutter utilized in some vehicle accidents. The battery-operated tools provide an expanded operation to include not only usage on vehicle extrications but in confined spaces, structure extrication, and elevated environments where the more common hose attached extrication tools would not permit. The Okaloosa Island Fire Department hopes to purchase these tools by applying for a grant which would cover the cost.

Sean Mast
Captain/Paramedic



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Commissioner
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Protect the National Park Service's historic and natural resources during Preservation Month

Throughout May, America celebrates Preservation Month as a time to reflect on the places that are important to us and to our communities, the ones we want to share with generations to come.

Parks have made a huge impact on my life whether local, state of Florida or our National Park System. Locally we have **Veteran's Park** on Okaloosa Island, **Henderson Beach** or **Fred Gannon** and **Blackwater State Park**. Nationally I have visited **Arcadia, Yellowstone, Fort McHenry, Fort Sumter** and **Smoky Mountain National Parks**, and with each visit I develop what former National Park Service (NPS) director George P. Hertzog called "a deeper understanding of the history of the United States and our way of life; of the natural processes which have given form to our land, and to the enrichment of the environment in which we live."

I keep a photo of the flag flying at **Fort McHenry** as my screensaver, and it's a daily reminder of how valuable these parks are in helping Americans commemorate our shared heritage.

Closer to home, **Gulf Islands National Seashore** preserves the natural beauty of our region along with manmade structures like **Fort Pickens**, an important piece of military history in which brave soldiers defended our shores for over a century.

I am encouraged by the recent work of NPS preservationists who apply their talents to restoring our historic structures ("[National Park Service experts preserve 'historic fabric' of Fort Pickens](#)," April 6), but much more work is needed to ensure we do not lose these monuments to the passage of time.

The volume of national park deferred maintenance, or projects that have been delayed by at least one year due to lack of funding, is stunning: in FY2017, the tab is \$11.6 billion across the National Park System, with \$262.2 million in the 11 parks here in Florida, and \$62.5 million of work needed in Gulf Islands National Seashore alone.

In February, I sponsored a resolution asking my colleagues on the Okaloosa County Commission to express our support for the National Park Service, and encourage Congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address these deferred maintenance needs. We passed the resolution unanimously, joining more than 80 other gateway communities to national parks across the country that have passed similar resolutions or proclamations, including four Florida cities: Pensacola, St. Augustine, Cape Canaveral, and Titusville.

[These gateway communities benefit economically](#) from the presence of a nearby NPS unit as well. For instance, visitors to Gulf Islands spent \$168 million in neighboring communities in 2016, supporting 2,350 local jobs. Statewide, visitors to Florida's national parks generated \$904 million in economic output. As local leaders, we have a responsibility to advocate for continued investment in sound opportunities that create jobs for residents, such as our national parks.

Please thank your Commissioner for their support and more importantly reach out to the local state legislators in Tallahassee and Washington DC to ask for their continued funding of our national treasures.

Each generation has a responsibility to be good stewards of our land for those who come after us. As Jon Muir so elegantly stated, "Everybody needs beauty...places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to the body and soul alike."

THE OKALOOSA COUNTY GARBAGE, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE PROGRAM – **EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2018**

**This Document is
Magnet-Refrigerator
Door Ready.**

**YOUR GARBAGE DAYS ARE TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
YOUR RECYCLING DAY IS THURSDAY
YOUR YARD WASTE DAY IS FRIDAY
YOUR BULK WASTE DAY IS MONDAY**

Household Garbage

Household garbage pickup will be provided twice per week - **see above for your garbage pickup days**. Please make sure that all trash is bagged and contained in your cart and placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled days. Any trash left outside the cart will not be collected. Construction debris and other non-household trash are not accepted in your trash cart.

Cart Placement

Carts should be placed with the handle facing away from the roadway and approximately **three (3) feet** away from other containers or objects. This separation allows room for the mechanical arm on the trucks to safely grab and dump your waste and recycling carts. After collection, all carts should be removed no later than the evening of your collection days.



Yard Trash Services

Yard Waste services are provided on a weekly basis - **see above for your yard waste pickup day**. Please place yard waste at the curb by 6 a.m. on your service day.

- Yard waste includes grass, shrubbery cuttings or clippings, leaves, palm fronds, small trees, and branches. Leaves, grass clippings, etc., should be containerized and larger material should be stacked.
- Limbs should be no longer than 6 feet and a maximum of 4 inches in diameter, weighing no more than 50 pounds so they can be manually loaded.
- Please note that yard waste does not include material from tree surgeons, tree removal, land clearing, land development, or construction and demolition.

Recycling Services

Recycling services are provided on a weekly basis - **please see above for your recycling pickup day**. Please place your recyclables at the curb by 6 a.m. See the adjacent page for information on how to recycle right including a list of acceptable recyclables.

Bulk Items

Bulk services are provided on a weekly basis - **see the front cover for your new bulk pickup day**. Please place your bulk items at the curb by 6 a.m. on your service day.

- A bulk item is an item that requires additional management due to its bulk or weight. Examples include furniture, treated lumber, electronics, bicycles, etc.
- Large household appliances also known as "white goods" are picked up on Saturday only. Customers **MUST** call to request and schedule a white goods pickup. Freon must be removed.
- Except for individual items of furniture and white goods, bulk waste is limited to four (4) cubic yards per week.

RECYCLE

Great things happen when Okaloosa County residents use **Recycle Often. Recycle Right**.

By recycling everyday items like those shown below, tons of raw materials, time, energy and money are saved. Plus the recycled materials become new products - if you recycle an aluminum can today, it could be back on the shelf as a new one in 60 days - and the cycle continues.

- Place only the acceptable recyclables shown below together in your recycling cart - no sorting needed.
- Containers that held food should be rinsed free of food debris and liquid.
- Do not put recyclables in plastic bags - empty recyclables directly into your cart.

ALWAYS RECYCLE:



Food & Beverage Cans



Plastic Bottles and Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cartons

DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CART:



NO Food Waste (Compost instead)



NO Plastic Bags & Film



No Foam Cups & Containers



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling



NO Needles

MINUTES (DRAFT) - OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – APRIL 9 , 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 (Note from Secretary: These minutes extracted from the on-line podcast of the meeting)

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

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Alligence

II. ROLL: Board Members Present: Vice-President Dave Miller , Lynn Dominique, Nancy Hunt and Dean Hanson

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

IV. MINUTES : A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting. (printed in the April 9, 2018 OIL Lantern) The motion to approve carried

V. TREASURER’S REPORT: Jim Simpson:

TREASURER’S REPORT: April 9, 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 288

MARCH 2018 TOTAL BALANCE: \$27,521.81

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF Mach 12, 2018.....	\$	26,078.55
RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:	Membership Dues ...	\$ 286.00
	Newsletter Fees... ..	\$ <u>10.50</u>

TOTAL REVENUES..... \$ 296.50

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Reimburse Nancy Hunt for the purchase of 5 each 30” Street Pole Banner Brackets.....	\$	135.00
Payment to McDonald Lawn Service for installing the 5 Street Pole Banners in addition to adjusting other banners as needed.....	\$	150.00
Reimbursement to George Edlund (Architectural Committee) for the printing of copies of the Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions.....	\$	15.30

TOTAL EXPENDITURES...,\$ 330.30

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the April 2018 OIL Lantern.....	\$	<u>22.50</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT....\$ 22.50

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF April 9, 2018 \$ 26,022.25

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF March 15, 2018..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT No Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF April 9, 2018..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF March 12, 2018.... \$ 21.98

CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT No Expenditures

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF April 9, 2018 \$ 21.98

SUMMARY: April 9, 2018 Fund Balances

-- Association’s Discretionary Fund Balance.	\$	26,022.25
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$	1,421.28
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$	<u>21.98</u>

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 27,465.51

Motions were made and seconded to approve the April 9, 2018 Treasurer’s report and the dispersements to Jim Simpson (\$22.50) and Dr. Edlund (\$15.30). Both motions were approved.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Architectural Committee: March 2018 Architectual Committee report printed in this newsletter.

B. Membership: **Jim Simpson:** Membership is 288.

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

D. Boat Basin: No new status. **V-P Dave Miller** advised that he had sent an email to Commissioner **Ketchel** to arrange a meeting to get the latest information on the status of the Boat Basin. He has not heard back yet.

E. **Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson:** REVIEW OF AUDIT TRAIL FOR DEPT.1602 ISLAND MSBU DATED: MARCH 31, 2018

Totally Monthly Revenue ...	\$4,768.99	2017 Fund Balance:....	\$ 259,131.57 : .
Total Monthly Expense.....	\$4,022.12	YTD Fund Balance.....	\$ 282,331.84
Monthly Change:.....	\$ 746.87	YTD Change.....	\$ 23,200.27

F. Derelict Property Committee Report: A couple of questionable properties were identified which will be rechecked . **V-P Miller** recommended extending a helping hand to owners of questionabe properties are elderly or disabled with the understanding that action will have to be taken if the situations become chronic.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Hancock advised that the Elgin RCG committee is still looking at both sides (North & South) of their part of Okaloosa Island for the route for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. With respect to the status of the expansion of the minimum wake zone, Dave advised that he would check with Tripp Tolbert who had been communicating with officials on the expansion proposal.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: There was general discussion about sourcing replenishment sand in the event of a hurricane. No action was taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jim Simpson, Secretary



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APRIL 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>
April 12	84	3	Soundside Lofts Aka Bonita Townhouses 340 Bonita Avenue	Construct Swimming Pool	Yes
April 19	459	8	Brent Carlson 808 Tarpon Dive	Construct Boat Dock	Yes
April 26	2A	12	Alvin’s Island	Replace Sign	Yes
April 26		11	Alvin’s Island DBA Tropical Waves 1251 Miracle Strip Pwky	Replace Sign	Yes

Wuzzle Puzzle Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



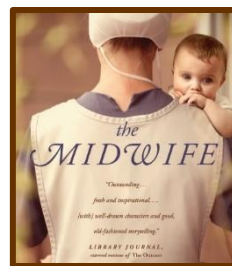
Covered Wagon

Wuzzle No. 2



Tennis Match

Wuzzle No. 3



Midwife

Wuzzle No. 4



Party Line