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LEASEHOLDERS NEWSLETTER, THE OIL LANTERN**

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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, Oct 8, 2018.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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OILA Meeting

**DON'T FORGET! OILA DUES FOR
2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP YEAR
ARE DUE IN OCTOBER**

A membership renewal notification letter along with a stamped, return-addressed envelope was mailed to the membership on September 15. If you did not receive a renewal notice or have any questions concerning membership, please contact Jim Simpson, Treasurer at (850) 585-2116 or by email at: sanleanna@cox.net

RENEW! WE NEED YOU!

**FDOT PUBLIC HEARING - BROOKS
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

DATE: October 4, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
PLACE: Emerald Coast Convention
Center – Okaloosa Island



See Inside Article for More Details



The OIL Lantern



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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, **October 8, 2018**

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

GUESTS:

- **Carolyn Ketchel**, Okaloosa County Commissioner, District 2
- **Greg Kisela**, Deputy County Administrator

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)

Sept 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes
(Printed in October 2018 OIL Lantern)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT –
October 2018 Treasurer's Report:
Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Architectural Report – **Jim Simpson**
- B. Membership: **2018-2019 Dues Renewal** - **Jim Simpson**
- C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**
- D. Street Lighting MSBU: **Paula Hudson**
- E. Derelict Property Committee Report - **Committee Members**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2018-2019 Goals – All
- B. Update- Bridge to Bridge Pathway
- C. Update – Minimum Wake Zone
- D. OILA Island Christmas 2018 Program - Planning and Budget

XI: ADJOURNMENT

Message from the President - Dave Hancock

I hope that everyone is making plans to attend the October 8 OILA meeting. We are honored to have as speakers Ms. Carolyn Ketchel, the Okaloosa County Commissioner for Okaloosa Island, and Mr. Greg Kisela, Okaloosa County Assistant Administrator. Ms. Ketchel will speak on the proposed 1/2 cent sales tax increase and also on issues affecting Okaloosa Island.

At the last OILA meeting it was announced that a letter is coming from Eglin AFB approving the proposed path for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. This is a great day for OILA and Okaloosa County as it will positively affect both Visitors and Residents. In addition to the public safety consequences the pathway goes a long way toward making Adventure Vacation a reality. We are in debt to Ms. Ketchel for this as she has been our champion for this project. Many thanks to her.

At the last OILA meeting we put together a list of goals for this year. One of the items – cross walks and signage at all the beach access ways so pedestrians can safely cross Santa Rosa Boulevard - is in the works by Public Works already. This is from Jason Autrey Okaloosa County Public Works Director.

Hope everyone will either attended the work shop on October 4 or go by the library and see the plans for the new Brooks Bridge. It looks like FDOT has done a good job addressing many of the congestion issues that both residents and visitors face. For those worried about loosing access during bridge construction FDOT is pledging to have 4 lanes open for traffic at all times! And FDOT has funding for landscaping in the bridge project with the goal of establishing a scenic “gateway” to Okaloosa Island; design work on this will start in about a year. And the new Bridge will feature two multi use paths for pedestrians, cyclists, etc. on both side of the bridge.

These are exciting times for Okaloosa Island. Hope everyone will join with OILA and be a part of the Island's transformation. And we are blessed to have great partners at Okaloosa County to make this happen.

OILA PSA – FDOT PUBLIC HEARING - BROOKS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Florida Department of Transportation



U.S. 98 (State Road 30) over Santa Rosa Sound ([Brooks Bridge Replacement](#)) Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study, Okaloosa County Financial Project Identification Number: 415474-2-22-01



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public hearing regarding the above referenced project Thursday, October 4, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. CDT at the Emerald Coast Convention Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway, S.E., Fort Walton Beach. The hearing will begin as an open house at 5:30 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6 p.m., followed by a public comment period.

This hearing is being held to provide interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning proposed improvements. The project involves replacement of the John T. Brooks Bridge which carries State Road (S.R.) 30 (U.S. 98) over the Santa Rosa Sound and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Okaloosa County.

To accommodate the bridge replacement, intersection improvements are necessary at S.R. 145 (Perry Avenue) on the west end of the bridge in the City of Fort Walton Beach, and in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Boulevard on Okaloosa Island. The project consists of changes to access management along S.R. 30 (U.S. 98) such as modifying, closing, and creating median openings and driveway connection access points.

FDOT is seeking public comment to determine how the project will affect access to businesses and the potential economic impact of the project on the local business community. The project also includes evaluation of environmental impacts including an anticipated *de minimis* finding under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act.

Additional project information is available and can be viewed [here](#). Maps, drawings, and additional information will also be on display at the hearing. FDOT representatives will be available to discuss proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Draft study documents and other information depicting the proposed improvements will be available for public review during regular business hours from September 13, 2018 through October 15, 2018 at the City of Fort Walton Beach Library, 185 Miracle Strip Parkway S.E., Fort Walton Beach, FL (Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so by sending them to Eric Saggars, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at 1074 Highway 90 East, Chipley, FL 32428 or via email at esaggars@hntb.com. All exhibits or statements postmarked on or before October 15, 2018, will become part of the record.

If you cannot attend the hearing, please join us online to review the meeting materials by visiting www.brooksbridgereplacement.com. The online meeting can be accessed anytime, anywhere from October 4 through October 15, and will provide the same information as the in-person meeting.

This hearing is being held without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Eric Saggars, P.E., at the information listed above at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. For questions or concerns contact Alicia Brininger, District Three Title VI Coordinator, 1074 Highway 90 East, Chipley, FL 32428, toll-free at (888) 638-0250, extension 1502 or via email at alicia.brininger@dot.state.fl.us.

Should you have any questions regarding the project or this hearing, please contact Eric Saggars, P.E., FDOT Project Manager, at the contact information listed above. You may also contact Ian Satter, FDOT District Three Public Information Director, at (888) 638-0250, extension 1205 or via email at ian.satter@dot.state.fl.us.

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

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CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION'S
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OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 132 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018



Fire Calls.....4
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....81
False Alarms & Alarm
Activations.....8
Other.....39



(126 calls were responded to in August 2017)

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR September 2018: 6.2 Inches



Sept 1.....0.1 inches	Sept 21...0.4 inches
Sept 2.....0.4 inches	Sept 23...0.2 inches
Sept 3.....0.2 inches	Sept 24...1.0 inches
Sept 4.....1.0 inches	Sept 25...0.1 inches
Sept 5.....1.5 inches	Sept 26...0.4 inches
Sept 17...0.4 inches	Sept 27...0.2 inches
	Sept 28...0.3 inches

Sept Avg Rainfall.....7.2 inches
Variance to Average..... -1.0 inches

Oct Avg Rainfall.....4.3 inches
Oct Record High.....99° F (1954)
Oct Record Low27° F (1989)
Oct Avg Water Temperature..... 81° F

Year to Date to Variance-8.8 inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....41.1 inches
Avg Annual Rainfall65.1 inches

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – OCTOBER



Oct 1, 1959 - The television series “The Twilight Zone” premiered.

Oct 5, 1921 - The World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

Oct 12, 1810 - The very first Oktoberfest is held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany.

Oct 15, 1917 - World War I spy Mata Hari was executed by a French firing squad at Vincennes Barracks, outside Paris

Oct 17, 1943 – 257 mile Thailand Burma railroad (Death Railway) between Bangkok, Thailand and Rangoon, Burma is completed

Oct 21, 1879 - Thomas Edison invented the incandescent electric lamp.

Oct 25, 1962 Adlai Stevenson shows photos at the UN proving Soviet missiles are installed in Cuba

Oct 28, 1965 - The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is completed.

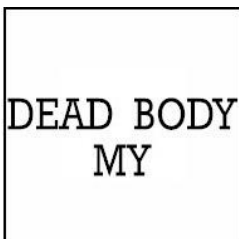
Oct 29, 1929 - The New York Stock Exchange crashed on what came to be known as "Black Tuesday" starting the Great Depression.

Oct 29, 1969 - The first host-to-host connection over the ARPANET (predecessor of the Internet) is made when the first message is sent between two computers at University of California, Los Angeles.

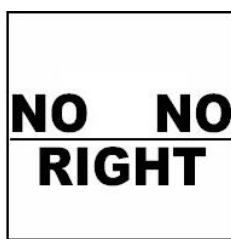
Oct 30, 1959 -The first full size hovercraft , the SR-N1, designed by Sir Christopher Cockerell, is launched and tested at Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

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 solutions are available on the page 6 of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle 4



Wuzzle 5



OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – MINUTES (DRAFT) SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dave Hancock

Roll of Board was called, those present were Nancy Hunt, Dave Miller, Dave Hancock, Glenn McRae, and Paula Hudson
Dean Hanson attended via phone

Announcements:

- Island Maps with Covenants are available for pick-up after meeting.
- Beach Clean up Saturday September 15th at Crab Trap
- DOT Meeting regarding Brooks Bridge replacement Oct 4th 5:30 Emerald Coast Conference Center

President Hancock reviewed his goals for this year:

- Boulevard beautification
- Boat Basin improvement with help of County
- Splash Pad
- Work with County and TDD

Agenda: June 11, 2018 meeting minutes printed in the September 2018 OIL Lantern were approved unanimously with a 1st from Rebecca Sherry and 2nd from Michele Seitz

Treasurers Report and Membership Report Presented by Jim Simpson (See Attached)* A motion to approve report with reimbursements was made by Kathy Foster and 2nd by Paula Hudson. After it was approved, Ms Hudson suggested that all future expenditures for the banners be made from the Beautification Fund. After discussion about the banners they are to be discussed at future meetings before any further expenses are incurred.

Dues: Jim Simpson advised that renewal letters with posted envelopes will be sent out within the next couple weeks for this years dues \$12/\$18

Website: Bob Seitz reviewed updated items on the website along with reminding members to lock cars, garages and homes.

Boat Basin: No board member was in attendance. Kathy Foster made a motion to discharge the Boat Basin Committee and request that they turn all records and funds over to OILA to be held in a separate line item. Dave Miller 2nd this motion. There was discussion with some concerned that it was not made clear on the agenda. Dave Hancock and Paula Hudson both advised that they had contact Ms. Edlund to attend the meeting and the it was expected that funds and information be turned over to OILA. A hand vote was taken and passed 15/3. Dave Hancock will send correspondence to Mr and Mrs. Edlund.

MSBU- Paula Hudson presented report for June and July activity.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Lights</u>	<u>Electric</u>	<u>County Billing</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
June	\$2,530.83	\$1,098.65	\$675	\$4,304.48
July	\$2,530.83	\$1,156.17	\$324.17	\$4,011.17
Net Change for Yr.....				\$2,171.33

Derelict Property: No Report

No Old Business:

New Business:

- Reviewed goals for year
- Bridge to Bridge Pathway, it is rumored that the Air Force has approved with pathway on either side of 98 with conditions. County is waiting for letter from the Air Force.
- Beach Accessway: Date for dedication has not been set and some facilities are not completed
- Minimum Wake Zone extension is on its way, waiting to see what happens with the boat basin and other North accessways.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Copy of September 10, 2018 Treasurer's Report on Next Page....

TREASURER'S REPORT: September 10, 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 291

JUNE 2018 TOTAL BALANCE: \$25,089.76

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF June 11, 2018..... \$ 23,646.50

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership Dues \$ 15.00

EXPENDIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Payment to McDonald's Lawn Service for replacing and repairing street pole banners on Santa Rosa Blvd.....\$ **200.00**
 Payment to US Postal Service for 6 months rental on OILA P.O. Box.....\$ **41.00**
Total Expenditures \$ **241.00**

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the July-August 2018 Summer OIL Lantern.....\$ **22.50**
 Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the September 2018 OIL Lantern \$ **22.50**
 Reimburse Jim Simpson for payment of the annual 1&1 Domain Name (oilaweb.com) Fee.....\$ **119.88**
Total Expenses Pending Approval for Payment \$ **164.88**

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF Sept 10, 2018 \$ 23,255.62

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF June 11, 2018..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 10, 2018..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF June 11, 2018.... \$ 21.98

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF Sept 10, 2018 \$ 21.98

SUMMARY: September 10, 2018 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ **23,255.62**
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ **1,421.28**
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ **21.98**

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 24,698.88

WUZZLE PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

Wuzzle No. 1



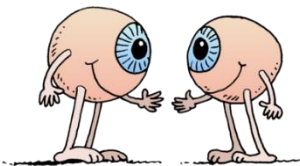
OVER MY DEAD BODY

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RIGHT ON THE NOSE

Wuzzle No. 3



SEE EYE TO EYE

Wuzzle 4



BEEES

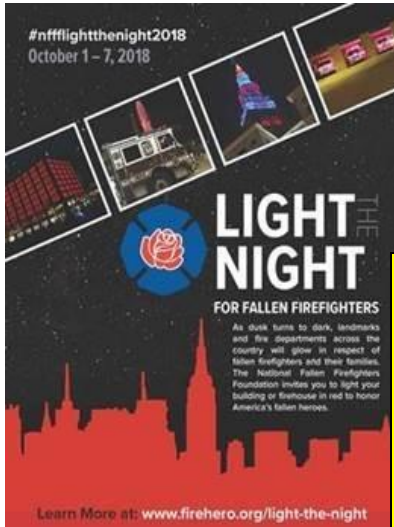
Wuzzle 5



VANISHED INTO THIN AIR

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR DUES FOR 2018-2019!

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT TO PARTICIPATE IN LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS



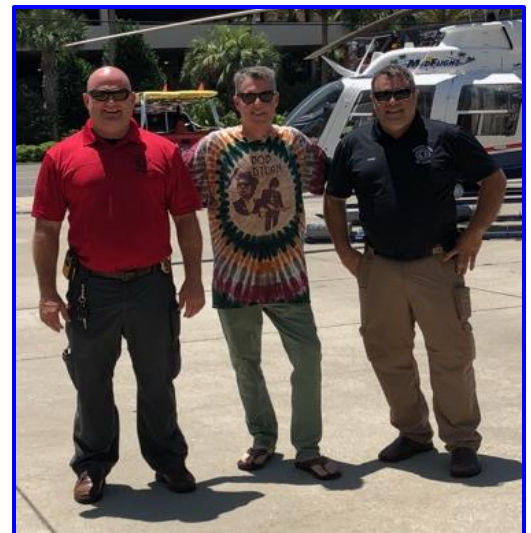
Landmarks and Fire Stations across the United States will be lit in red in respect of Fallen Firefighters and their Families from October 1-7, 2018. This event is sponsored by the Florida Association of Special Districts. The Okaloosa Island Fire District will be participating.

Okaloosa Island Fire Chief Kevin “KC” Carvalho has announced that the Island Fire Department will be participating in this event. During the duration of this recognition and remembrance the upstairs and downstairs lobbies of the fire station will be lighted in red in reverence to fallen firefighters. Chief Carvalho also stated,

“Okaloosa Island would like to remember and honor Firefighter **Kevin LeRoy** (6/5/1970 - 7/16/2018) who passed away in July from his decade long battle with cancer and was best friends with Okaloosa Island Fire Chief Kevin Carvalho and Assistant Fire Chief Michael Ray Strawn. We honor, in this small but meaningful way, Firefighter LeRoy and all those firefighters who have lost their lives this year and in previous years.”

Kevin worked by Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City Beach until his death of July 16, 2018

To the left is a photo of Firefighter **Kevin LeRoy** (center) flanked on the left by Assistant Fire Chief and on the right by Fire Chief Kevin Carvalho.



“The death of someone we know always reminds us that we are still alive-perhaps for some purpose which we ought to re-examine.” – Mignon McLaughlin

Beautification/Derelict Properties Committee

A South Beach Condo owner recently shared that the island is looking really nice these days. What a great compliment! Of course, this is thanks to all our neighbors who try to do their part to keep up appearances. But sometimes – through absentee ownership, ill health, or lack of information – properties go awry. Furniture is discarded by dumpsters or on vacant lots. Huge piles of yard waste remain for weeks. These are some of the reasons OILA created this committee years ago to help guide homeowners.

The committee is asking for interested willing-to-work Leaseholders to serve. This is NOT an in name only group... it takes effort on the part of volunteers to visit, make phone calls, send letters and emails, etc. Each person is assigned a zone on Okaloosa Island to ‘patrol’ (for lack of a better word). This volunteer is responsible for notifications to violators, code enforcement, Waste Management, etc. The information from all committee members is compiled into a monthly report at the OILA meeting.

If you are prepared to help, please contact one of the following:

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