

**DECEMBER 2018 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND
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, DEC 10, 2018.**
PARKING: Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank

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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, **Dec 10, 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)

November 12, 2018 Draft
Meeting Minutes (Printed in
December 2018 OIL Lantern)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT –

December 2018 Treasurer's
Report: **Jim Simpson**

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. November Architectural
Report –Printed in December
2018 Newsletter

B. Membership: **2018-2019
DuesRenewal Close Out - Jim
Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Street Lighting MSBU:

Paula Hudson

E. Derelict Propert and
Beautification Committee

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Minimum wake zone
extension

B. Boat basin

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

XI: ADJOURNAMENT

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DAVID HANCOCK

First I want to thank everyone for the great turnout at the November OILA meeting. It *showed our Commissioner Ms. Carolyn Ketchel and the rest of the Okaloosa County staff* that were present just how concerned OILA members are about Okaloosa Island and especially on improvements that are needed. It was also very informative to learn about all the studies and projects in progress to provide pertinent information to Okaloosa County Commissioners for decision making. Was obvious that lots of things are going on to make the island a better place to live and visit; OILA needs to continue support of these efforts as they are in our best interest.

Thanks to all members who attended the boat basin meeting and the US Army Corps of Engineers workshop in December. By having a good OILA turnout at these events we will continue to be in the loop on decision making by Okaloosa County concerning the island.

In December there are several important events that OILA members need to take part in:

1. Okaloosa County Public Works Parks Division is holding a meeting on December 5 at 10 AM at the Okaloosa County Administration Building in Shalimar. The purpose is to discuss issues with and proposed changes to the current beach chair vending ordinance. Urge everyone who has had problems with the beach vendors to attend.

2. OILA will hold it's annual Christmas Caroling Event at the Gulf Restaurant on Okaloosa Island December 7 at 5:30 PM at the Gulf Restaurant. We had a great time last year even with the bad weather; lets have a better event this year. I hope everyone can attend. Nancy Hunt has arranged the event and a DJ will be there for music. And there will be a fire pit! This is our Christmas party!

3. Ribbon Cutting for the new Beach Access Facilities will be held on December 10 at 3:30 PM at Beach Access Way 4. I hope we can have a great turnout to show our appreciation to Ms. Carolyn Ketchel and the rest of the commissioners for the access way project. Showing our thanks will go a long way toward getting future projects funded and implemented.

In closing I must mention an episode that occurred at November's meeting so it will hopefully never happen again at an OILA function. When Ms. Ketchel was taking questions one of our our members went after Ms. Ketchel; she forcefully refuted the claims that were made against her. Roberts Rules of Order prohibits this kind of behavior. We debate issues and not people. When this type of activity occurs the chair is required to stop it immediately! When this type of episode occurs again it will immediately be declared out of order. This was especially embarrassing as Ms. Ketchel has been our champion on projects like the Beach Access Way restrooms and the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. In the last couple of years we have seen the positive results of working with Okaloosa County Commissioners and Staff. Attacking them will result in no projects funded and implemented.

THE LEASEHOLDER'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ALONG SANTA ROSA BLVD



Island Christmas Palm

Presents, what a beautiful sight
Don't mean a thing if you ain't holding me tight
You're all that I need
Underneath the palm



and, AT THE WELCOME TRIANGLE

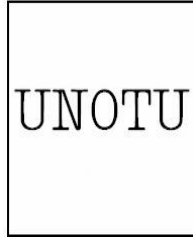


WUZZLE PUZZLES- What is a **Wuzzle Puzzle**? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The solutions are available on the last page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



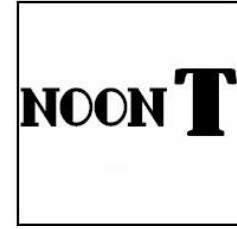
Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle 4



ISLAND RAINFALL FOR NOV 2018: 4.6 Inches



Nov 1..... 0.7 inches	Nov 13.... 0.4 inches
Nov 5..... 0.1 inches	Nov 14.... 0.3 inches
Nov 6..... 0.1 inches	Nov 24.... 0.3 inches
Nov 9..... 0.3 inches	Nov 25.... 1.1 inches
Nov 12..... 1.2 inches	Nov 30.... 0.1 inches

November Avg Rainfall.....**4.1** inches
 Variance to Average..... **+ 0.5** inches

Avg Rainfall for December..... **4.8** inches
 December Record High..... **84° F** (1968)
 December Record Low..... **8° F** (1962)
 Dec Avg Water Temperature..... **64° F**

Year 2019

Avg Rainfall for January.....**5.0** inches
 January Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
 January Record Low**4° F** (1985)
 Jan Avg Water Temperature.....**64° F**

Year to Date to Variance**- 9.6** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall.....**48.7** inches
 Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – DECEMBER



December 3, 1967 - The first successful heart transplant was performed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard at Cape Town, South African, on Louis Washkansky, who lived for 18 days.

December 7, 1787 - Delaware became the first state to adopt the new constitution of the United States of America.

December 8, 1980 - Former *Beatle* musician John Lennon was assassinated in New York City.

December 13, 1642 - New Zealand was discovered by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman of the Dutch East India Company.

December 18, 1932 - The 1st NFL Pro football playoff game takes place.

December 20, 1989 - The U.S. invades Panama

December 29, 1845 -- U. S. President James Polk followed through on a campaign platform promising to annex Texas, and signed legislation making Texas the 28th state of the United States.



December 30, 1922 - The USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) was established through the confederation of Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine and the Transcaucasian Federation.

MEETING OF THE TREE COMMITTEE REPORT on November 28, 2018

Attendees-Paula Hudson, Dave Hancock, Kathy Foster, Connie Dunlap, Carmen Parker, Beth Jetter and Dean Hanson.

After reviewing the plat drawings, with marking for existing trees and bushes, it was determined that the following items would be requested from the county.

1. Curbing
2. Lighting for trees along with electrical outlets
3. Trees-Suggested cabbage palms, bottlebrush and crape myrtles (large weepers)
4. Ask if lanes head west can be adjusted to make room for a wider bike path/multi-use path/sidewalk
5. Possible shortening of medians to add turn lanes



We assumed that the crosswalks will be upgraded per prior communication with the county.

Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association – Minutes (Draft) November 12, 2018

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

Speakers: Commissioner Ketchel, Greg Kisela, Greg Stewart and Jim Trifilio

1. Beach Vendor meeting will be scheduled in about 3 weeks
2. No Wake Zone in ICW. Per FWC it will require 2 year study for safety. Fueling stations have been identified. Okaloosa County must adopt the change and FWC must approve.
3. Crosswalks on SRB, been turned over to TDD for lightings
4. Bridge to Bridge-AF has okayed, 1st draft of drawing are complete and funding has been identified.
5. Veterans Park-walking path to be installed around park and TDD will finance the veteran statues,
6. Air Boat-County has not found a way to regulate
7. Boat Basin-review will be made after redevelopment for expansion of No Wake Zone
8. Beach Sand-There are currently 3 studies being conducted at this time, they asked that we be patient till they are completed.
 - a. Sand pit to accumulate sand in pass
 - b. Federal Corps -50 year erosion control partner feasibility study. Being funded by the feds \$3 Million. They will study coast and uplands. They will be looking for positive benefits cost ration.
 - c. Staff looking at western Destin erosion . They are looking for Cause and alternative
9. Beach Access Ribbon Cutting-should be around Christmas

Roll of Board was called, those present were Dave Miller Dave Hancock Paula Hudson Dean Hanson Nancy Hunt Lynn Dominique

Announcements: November 13th Boat Basin (Access #2) remodel discussion. November 15th Open House, Army Corps of Engineers Studies Agenda:

Minutes were approved with corrections unanimously with a 1st from Rebecca Sherry and 2nd from Jonathan Bellio.

Treasurers Report and Membership Report Presented by Jim Simpson (See Attached) A motion to approve report with reimbursements was made by Paula Hudson and 2nd by Michele Seitz

Architectural Report: In Newsletter

Website: Bob Seitz, No updates

MSBU- Paula Hudson, No Report Derelict Property: Paula Hudson and Dave Miller advised that no volunteers. New County Ordinance defining litter will be added to website.

Beautification: New tree committee to meet and come up with ideas for medians Paula Hudson-Chair Carmen Parker Connie Dunlap Beth Jeter Dean Hanson Dave Hancock

New Business:

1. Nancy Hunt-Christmas program-It was voted that the committee be given \$700 for the Christmas decorations. Jim Simpson made the 1st motion.
2. Greg Kisela with Okaloosa County is working with the Boat Basin committee for the transfer of funds to the county.

Adjourned 8:45 Paula Hudson/Dave Miller

Note: Draft copy of the November 12, 2018 Treasurer's Report continued on next page.

Treasurer's Report (Draft) – November 12, 2018

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 291

October 8, 2018 TOTAL BALANCE: \$26,648.89

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF October 8, 2018.....\$ 25,205.63

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership Dues: \$ 744.00
Newsletter Fees.....\$ 24.00
 Total Receipts \$ 768.00

EXPENDIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:..... No Expenditures

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the November 2018 OIL Lantern\$ 22.50
 Total Expenses Pending Approval for Payment \$ 22.50

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF November 12, 2018\$ 25,951.13

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Oct 8, 2018..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Nov 12, 2018.....\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS OF Oct 8, 2018.....\$ 21.98

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF Nov 12, 2018\$ 21.98

SUMMARY: November 12, 2018 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 25,951.13
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 21.98
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 27,394.39

Respectfully submitted - Jim Simpson, Treasurer



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 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 Touris 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>
Nov 1	2	21,22,23	RJD of NWF, LLC	Angelfish Apartments & Retail	Yes
Nov 1	8	459	Brent Carlson 808 Tarpon Dr	Construct Driveway	Yes
Nov 8	Newman Brackin Wayside Park		Pier Resort & Development	Expand Existing Parking Lot	Yes
Nov 15	6	324	William Slattery 634 Pelican Dr	Occupational License	Yes
Nov 15	7	386	Robert Seitz 709 Sailfish Dr	Single Family Residence	Yes
Nov 15	7	431-434	Island Echos Condo 676 Santa Rosa Blvd	Upgrade Existing Antennae	Yes
Nov 29	14		Emerald Coast Convention 1250 Miracle Strip Pwky	Repair & Replace Fire Suppression Pipes	Yes

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

OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 104 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF October 2018



Fire Calls	2
EMS/Rescue/MVA.....	43
False Alarms & Alarm	
Activations.....	22
Other.....	37



(147 calls were responded to in October 2017)

DISTRICT 2* COUNTY COMMISSONER CAROLYN KETCHEL UPDATES LEASEHOLDERS ON ISLAND ISSUES & CONCERNS AT NOVEMBER 12, 2018 MEETING

County Commissioner **Carolyn Ketchel** addressed the Leaseholders on a variety of Okaloosa Island issues and concerns at the November 12 OILA meeting. Other Okaloosa County staff personnel present were **Greg Kisela**, Deputy County Administrator, **Greg Stewart**, County Attorney and **Jim Trifilio**, Coastal Management Coordinator. The updates were very informative and useful. Thank you Commissioner Ketchel and the County Staff.



***Okaloosa Island is part of District 2**

County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel Addresses the Leaseholdeers

Meeting With Okaloosa Island Beach Chair Vendors on Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Public Works Parks Division will be having a meeting on **Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the Okaloosa County Administration Building, located at 1250 N Eglin Parkway in Shalimar.**

The meeting will be held in the Training Room on the first floor next to the Commissioner's Chambers. This meeting will be to discuss issues concerning the use of County public property and changes being proposed to the current ordinance in regard to beach chair vending.

Any interested parties are invited to this meeting to share any concerns they might have regarding matter. We invite all upland property owners to attend as well.

Your attendance and participation will be greatly appreciated.

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Trivia Crawler: Did You Know the Pope Blessed Coffee?

Coffee was originally viewed with suspicion by Europeans. It was actually condemned and denounced as an invention of Satan by members of the clergy in the early 1600s. Pope Clement VIII (1478-1534) was even asked to weigh in on the controversy. He found the bitter brew so enjoyable that he gave it papal approval.

OILA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING EVENT: FRIDAY, DEC 7 AT 6:30 PM AT THE GULF RESTAURANT ON OKALOOSA ISLAND

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FACILITIES FOR THE BEACH ACCESS WAYS ON OKALOOSA ISLAND.

The event will take place December 10th at 3:30pm at Beach Access way #4.

Beach Access way four will be named in honor of former County Commissioner District 2, Mike Mitchell.
Beach Access way six will be named in honor of State Representative Jerry Melvin.

If further information is needed please contact Christopher Saul, Public Information Officer at 651-7270,

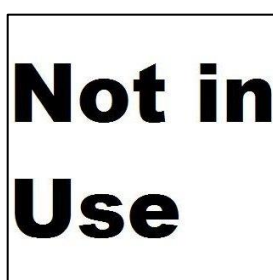
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Wuzzle No. 1



FORGIVE & FORGET

Wuzzle No. 2



NOT IN USE

Wuzzle No. 3



GO ON A DOUBLE DATE

Wuzzle 4



AFTERNOON TEA