

**MARCH 2019 EDITION OF THE OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
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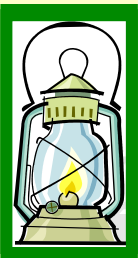
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** **Monday, Feb 11, 2019.**
PARKING: Park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank.

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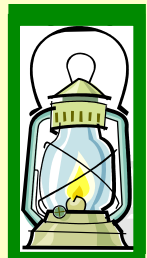
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- ◆ Proposed Sound-Side Access No. 2
Design Plan
- ◆ Blood Drive Friday, April 5
Okaloosa Island Fire Station 10 am to 3 pm
- ◆ Trivia Crawler





The OIL Lantern

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OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DAVID HANCOCK

At our March 11 leaseholders meeting Okaloosa County Chief of Beach Safety Mr. Rich Hufnagel will be the guest speaker. He will give a presentation and then take questions from our members on the Lifeguard situation on Okaloosa Island beaches. Many members have expressed concerns about this subject and it is especially pertinent now as the spring break is upon us. Hope everyone who has concerns or question will be there March 11.

*February 25 was a big day for the Leaseholders Bridge to Bridge pathway proposal – the Okaloosa County TDC approved UNANIMOUSLY a request by Jason Autrey Okaloosa County Public Works Chief to fund the definitive environmental study required by Eglin AFB for their final approval of the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. This definitive environmental study is part of the Eglin process and has to be done. **Even more significant is the pledge by Mr. Jay Odom of \$100,000 for construction of the Bridge to Bridge Pathway.** Events like this build momentum for the Bridge to Bridge Pathway. We are especially in debt to Mr. Jay Odom for his pledge – hope everyone will express their thanks.*

Floating structures in Santa Rosa Sound have been a persistent nuisance in Santa Rosa Sound since Crab Island has become a vacation hot spot. These floating structure are not boats but floating vendor stands anchored all over the sound and have no running lights so they are downright dangerous. After discussing with Okaloosa County a solution has been found – Captain David Allen of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's has stepped up to tow these offending structures. Captain Allen has command of Okaloosa County's Marine Unit. His authority comes from the Okaloosa County Ordinance 18-19 which was passed by the Okaloosa Commissioners in 2018. Note that this ordinance was brought to our attention by two OILA members who had enough of the crab island overflow. Thanks to them for their diligence.

At the March 19 Okaloosa County Commission Meeting the proposed beach vendor ordinance was discussed and passed. Lots of OILA members showed up and we came away with a victory on one point and a defeat on another:

- *First the victory - the proposal for beach rangers to enforce vendor rules was replaced by using deputy sheriffs for this role. The deputy's will be off duty and paid off duty job rates. Commissioner Graham Fountain had a great comment – "a badge and a gun gets it done".*
- *Now for the defeat and this was a heartbreaker – the present procedures of letting beach vendors put chairs and umbrellas edge to edge of the borders of the upland property will remain. Note that every OILA member has spoken against this. Okaloosa Island is public beach but when the vendors are allowed to put chairs border to border the beach is effectively PRIVATIZED. Putting it another way the beach vendors deprive everyone of the use of public property. Either way this is not right!*

Another change is that beach vendors are now required to rent their chairs to the public and just beach property guests but the cost will be what these guests are charged which may not be a bargain. Remember what Jason Autrey said at the last OILA meeting – Okaloosa island is public beach so the vendors cannot stop anyone from putting chairs and umbrellas anywhere. The president of the Island Breeze Condo association (they win the best condo Christmas decoration award every year) coined a great phrase – Ghost Chairs. This is the empty chairs vendors put out tying up the beach front from edge to edge. Suggest everyone takes lots of Ghost Chairs photos this spring and summer and forward to the BCC.

In the March newsletter there is a proposed design for the Boat Basin improvements at thr Sound-side of Beach Access way Number 2. Note that the is a proposed design; the proposed design is shown in this newsletter. One of our long serving leaseholder members has issues with the placement of the parking lot in the proposed improvements as this space may quickly become overflow parking when the beachside spaces are full and I have to agree with her. Lots of traffic and congestion for a small space will be the result. The best method may be using beach access way 2 on the sound side as a drop off point and use only the beach side of 98 beach access ways for parking. There is a lot of parking on Santa Rosa Boulevard with the opening of the new beach access way facilities. I hope all interested OILA members will provide an opinion to Okaloosa County.

Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Guest Speaker: Okaloosa County Chief of Beach Safety - **Mr. Rich Hufnagel**

II. ROLL

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

IV. MINUTES: February 11, 2019 Draft Meeting Minutes (Printed in March 2019 OIL Lantern)

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

March 11, 2019 Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. February 2019 Architectural Report

B. Membership: - Jim Simpson

C. WebSite: Bob Seitz

D..Street Lighting MSBU: Paula Hudson

E. Derelict Property & Beautification Committee

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status of Street Pole Banners

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Voting

XI: ADJOURNMENT



BE SOMEONE'S
LUCKY CHARM.

DONATE BLOOD

#Donate4Life

Friday, April 5, 2019

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Okaloosa Island Fire Department

All donors will receive a FREE

Pint of Frozen Custard from Culver's

Message from A Day Away Message and Spa

Oneblood Hat

*And a wellness checkup including blood pressure,
temperature, iron count, pulse and
cholesterol screening!*

*Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online at
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1-888-9-DONATE



The Oneblood Bus will be at the Okaloosa Island Fire Department on Friday, April 5, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. At the March 11 meeting, copies of the above notice will be provided for posting at businesses and condo bulletin boards. The blood you donate will likely be transfused into a patient with 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant. Just one pint of donated blood can help save as many as three people's lives



FREE ONEBLOOD HERO HAT!

TRIVIA CRAWLER

- In 1907, an ad campaign for Kellogg's Corn Flakes offered a free box of cereal to any woman who would wink at her grocer.
- Why did the FBI call Ted Kaczynski "The Unabomber"? Because his early mail bombs were sent to universities (UN) & airlines (A).
- That thing you use to dot your lowercase "i" is called a **tittle**.

ISLAND RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY 2019: 1.5 INCHES

February 12...**0.5** inches
 February 19...**0.1** inches
 February 27...**0.7** inches
 February 28...**0.2** inches



Avg Rainfall for February.....**5.8** inches
 Variance to Avg Rainfall for Feb.....**- 4.3** 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 **- 6.2** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall..... **4.6** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MARCH

March 2, 1836. Delegates at the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos passed the Texas Declaration of Independence and the Texas Constitution.

March 13, 1943 - A plot to kill Hitler by German army officers failed as a bomb planted aboard his plane failed to explode due to a faulty detonator.

March 25, 1807 - The British Parliament abolished the slave trade following a long campaign against it by Quakers and others.

March 31, 1933 - The Civilian Conservation Corps, the CCC, was founded. Unemployed men and youths were organized into quasi-military formations and worked outdoors in national parks and forests.

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

FOR A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CLICK ON THE ASSOCIATION’S WEBPAGE:

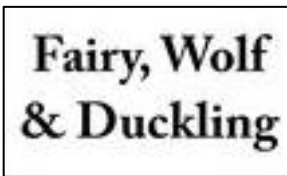
WWW.OILAWEB.COM -- **OR**

CONTACT JIM SIMPSON AT (850) 585-2116 OR BY EMAIL AT SANLEANNA@COX.NET

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 last page of this newsletter.

Wuzzle No. 1



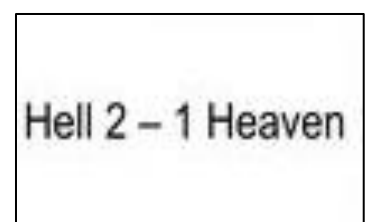
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Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4



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

Bob Seitz lead the Pledge

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

Announcements: County Commissioners Meeting Feb 19th 8:30 Public Hearing on proposed Beach Vendor Ordinance TDC Meeting Feb 26th 9:00 Okaloosa County Administration Building Funding request for Econ Study for Bridge to Bridge Pathway

Speaker: Greg Kisela, Assistant Administrator for Okaloosa County and Jason Autrey, Director of Public Works.

1. Crosswalks are in the 1st round of projects to be completed. Design has not been completed yet. 2. Revised Beach Vendor Ordinance. The county is attempting to strike a balance between vendors and the general public using the public beaches on Okaloosa Island. They are hopeful that changes will take effect this season. Some of the changes are: -No setups of ANY kind prior to 7:30 to allow for beach cleaning and turtle nest checking, to be enforced not a new ordinance. -Any vendor chairs and umbrella must be made available to the general public at the going rate. They can not ask the public to move any private chairs or umbrellas -Increase vendor fees: \$500 for permit, \$500 for each beach vehicle and \$10 for each unit in the resort the vendor is contracted with. -Implement 2 full time seasonal beach rangers to assist in compliance with vendor ordinance and dogs -All wedding vendors will be required to obtain a \$100 permit and will be able to use public beaches for a 3 hour window; 1 hour prior to 2 hours after sunset. Current ordinance does not allow them to use the public accessway. -Vendor Discipline; 1st offence, written notice and a \$500 fee. 2nd offence, permit lost for season. The county reserves the right to revoke a permit at any time

Discussion followed the presentation with mixed opinions on the vendors making money on the public beaches, the perception the vendors are giving that the beaches are private, chair placement, dogs, noise and the need to provide chairs and umbrellas for our visitors

Agenda:

Minutes: Changes were submitted by Rebecca Sherry, approval was tabled until accuracy could be verified.

Treasurers Report and Membership Report. Treasurer's report was presented by Jim Simpson (Following these minutes is a copy of the February 2019 Treasurer) A motion to approve report with reimbursements was made by Kathy Foster and 2nd by Paula Hudson, passed unanimously. Jim announced that OILA had a total of 258 members.

Architectural Report: February 2019 Architectural report published in the February 2019 OIL Lantern.

Website: Bob Seitz, No updates

MSBU- No report, county had not sent reports till right before meeting Derelict Property/Beautification: Dave Hancock advised he is planning on meeting with county personnel at the end of the month

Old Business: None

New Business:

Banners, Dave Hancock is to advise cost of liability insurance for banners and it was suggested that banners not be rehung until next Christmas

Adjourned 8:10 1st Kathy Foster 2nd Dean Hanson

TREASURER'S REPORT: February 11, 2019

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 258

January 14, 2019 TOTAL BALANCE: \$26,831.34

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF January 14, 2019..... \$ 25,388.08

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:Membership Dues: \$ 138.50
 Newsletter Fees.....\$ 4.50
Total Receipts \$ 143.00

EXPENDIURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Payment to the U.S. Postal Service for box rental of P.O. Box 4323 for six months.....\$ 46.00
 (March 1, 2019 to September 1, 2019)
Total Expenditures \$ 46.00

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the February 2019 OIL Lantern\$ 24.75
 Reimburse Jim Simpson for payment for filing the 2019 State of Florida Annual Report for the
 Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association (Note: must be paid on line by credit card) \$ 61.25
TOTAL EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT.. \$ 86.00

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES
 & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF February 11, 2019\$ 25,399.08**

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF Jan 14, 2019..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF February 11, 2019.....\$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS of Jan 14, 2018.... \$ 21.98

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF February 11, 2019 \$ 21.98

SUMMARY: February 11, 2019 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.\$ 25,399.08
 -- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28
 -- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 21.98
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 26,842.34

Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



**THE GOOD, THE BAD
AND THE UGLY**

Wuzzle No. 2



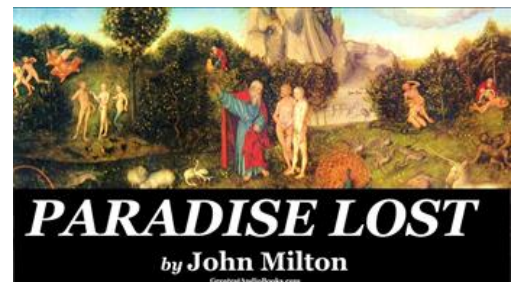
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Wuzzle No. 3



PAIN-LESS OPERATION

Wuzzle No. 4



PARADISE LOST



PROPOSED SOUND-SIDE ACCESS NUMBER 2 DESIGN PLAN PRESENTED TO THE TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

BLAST FROM THE PAST: Following is the front page of the April 2000 OILA newsletter. The first edition was published in December 1999. The original name was simply "Newsletter". The name was changed in July 2001 to "The OIL Lantern" as the result of a name change contest. The winner was Brooksie Lowenthal who won a \$50 cash prize plus two OILA tee-shirts. Also, note that the meetings at this time were held at TDC Visitor's Center on Miracle Strip Parkway and Pat Blackshear was the Manager of the Okaloosa County Planning Department. In the past 19 plus years, approximately 220 issues the OIL Lantern have been published.



The Editor Needs a Vacation

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NEWSLETTER

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APRIL MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12 at the Tourist Development Council (TDC) building (same facility as the Island Visitors Center), 1540 Miracle Strip Parkway. This meeting will be a business meeting which will update the membership on outstanding items and on the status of a committee to consider and report on protective covenants issues related to the pending FEMA action to designate the Island as special flood hazard area. Also, copies of the Protective Covenants and the By-Laws of the Association will be available.

A HISTORICAL MOMENT: WHO NAMED THE ISLAND STREETS?

Did you ever wonder who named the streets on the island? Did you notice that most of the streets are in name groups which start with the same letter. For example, Pelican, Porpoise and Pompano and Caviar, Cobia and Cardinal.

Here is the answer. In 1965 Jerry Melvin, the Island Authority Manager, asked the 12 women who lived on the Island to form a garden club. Another of their jobs was to name the streets.

INFORMATION SHEET ON WHERE, HOW AND WHEN TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Included with this newsletter is an information sheet which will provide you with the information you need to properly dispose of tires, appliances, rubble, yard waste (if you want to haul it yourself), used oil, household hazardous materials (HAZMAT) or wastes. Also included on the sheet is the Island pick-up schedule for your regular curbside service.

THE ASSOCIATION EXTENDS IT'S APPRECIATION TO PAT BLACKSHEAR

Thanks to Okaloosa County Planning Manager, Pat Blackshear for her presentation at the February meeting on the implications of the Island being designated as a special flood hazard area. As a follow-up to the presentation, Pat extended an offer to meet with anyone who had questions or concerns about how the change would affect their individual situation. If you want to schedule a meeting with her or need information, call 651-7180 or send your email to: pblackshear@co.okaloosa.fl.us

DO THE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO PROPERTIES OWNED BY FEE SIMPLE TITLE?

The above question has been asked in the context of properties that have been converted from lease to fee simple title. The answer to the question is "Yes, the protective covenants and restrictions are valid for properties held by simple fee title." The following language, which is quoted from the fee simple title document, reimposes the protective covenants and restrictions.

IT IS THE EXPRESS intent of the grantor that its reversionary estate in that portion of the original leasehold estate from the Okaloosa County and/or Okaloosa Island Authority which the grantee now owns in the subject premises shall be merged with such present leasehold interest now owned by the grantee, subject, however, to such terms and conditions contained in the 1963 quitclaim deed of record from the United States of American to the grantor and all protective covenants previously imposed of record on the above land by Okaloosa County or its agent, Okaloosa Island Authority, and by acceptance of this deed, grantee acknowledges the validity of such protective covenants and restrictions (with the term "owner" being substituted for