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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, April 8, 2019.
PARKING: Park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank.

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SUPER WORM MOON
March 20, 2019. See Inside
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The OIL Lantern



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Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, April 8, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

I. Call to Order Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

II. ROLL CALL

**Comments by President David
Hancock About Items in His
President's Report Published in
the April 2019 OIL Lantern**

SPEAKER: Sergeant Brian
Parkton of the Okaloosa County
Sheriff's Special Operations
Division to talk about the countered
efforts to eliminate
floating structures and derelict boats

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

IV. MINUTES: No minutes were
taken for the March 11, 2019
meeting. A quorum of the officers
was not present. The draft minutes
from February 2019 Meeting Need
to be Approved.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

March 11, 2019 Treasurer's
Report: Jim Simpson

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. February/March 2019
Architectural Report (printed in April
2019 OIL Lantern

B. Membership: - **Jim Simpson**

C. WebSite: **Bob Seitz**

D. Street Lighting MSBU:

Paula Hudson

E. Beautification Committee

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Vote on discontinuing the
insurance for the banners; the
errors and omission insurance
stays.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Committee Recommendations to
Tighten Up OILA Voting Procedures

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DAVID HANCOCK

March has been a great month for Okaloosa Island
Leaseholders. Lots of progress is being made for OKaloosa
Island - everyone needs to keep up their efforts and maintain
focus because there is still lots to do.

I hope every one enjoyed the presentation at the March OILA
meeting by Okaloosa County Lifeguards Chief Rich Hufnagel.
**This will be followed up at the April meeting by Sergeant
Brian Parkton of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Special
Operations Division to talk about the countered efforts to
eliminate floating structures and derelict boats.** This has
been a frequent area of complaint by OILA members. In
particular will explain the Okaloosa County Floating Structure
ordinance.

At the March 25 Okaloosa County Commission approved
proceeding with the Veterans Park Servicewomen's Memorial.
This is a significant opportunity as Okaloosa County has the
chance to build a unique and world class monument honoring
the contributions of women veterans. This project is in the
concept phase right - designs are needed and then costs
determined. This will not happen overnight but it is a project
worthy of OILA support.

At this writing Okaloosa County Public Works is working to
implement the long awaited crosswalks for Santa Rosa
Boulevard. Money is being spent and designs are being made.
This is frankly sooner than I expected. Even more
encouraging is news from Public Works that planning is
scheduled to start for the long awaited Santa Rosa
Boulevard improvements like pedestrian pathways this fall.

Yesterday we had a kickoff meeting with the project manager
for landscaping improvements for the medians on Santa
Rosa Boulevard. Mr. Micahael Anderson of Okaloosa County
Public works who is the project manager for this effort was
there along with members of the beautification committee. He
took back a list of what the committee requested to Crestview
for their comments and also for working out the cost. We have
waited a long time for this to happen!

Finally at the April meeting the committee established to
tighten up OILA voting procedures will present
their recommendations. Note that no existing rules or bylaws
will be changed.

I hope to see everyone Monday April 8.

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR MARCH 2019:
1.6 INCHES**

March 1...**0.1** inches
 March 3...**1.0** inches
 March 5...**0.3** inches
 March 11..**0.1** inches
 March 15..**0.1** inches



Avg Rainfall for February.....**5.8** inches
 Variance to Avg Rainfall for March **- 4.2** inches

April Avg Rainfall.....**3.7** inches
 April Record High.....**92° F**(1985)
 April Record Low**20° F**(1987)
 Apr Avg Water Temperature.....**72° F**

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

Year to Date to Variance **- 10.4** inches
 Year to Date Rainfall..... **6.2** inches

Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – APRIL

April 6, 1917: US entered the World War on the side of the Allied Powers of Britain, France, and Russia against the Triple Alliance of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy.

April 12, 1861: The American Civil War began as Confederate troops under the command of General Pierre Beauregard opened fire at 4:30 a.m. on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina.

April 13, 1997: Tiger Woods becomes the youngest golfer to win golf's Masters Tournament

April 25, 1901: New York becomes the first U.S. state to require automobile license plates.

April 29, 1913: Gideon Sundback of Hoboken, N.J. patents the zipper.

JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS! LET YOUR OPINIONS BE HEARD!

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WWW.OILAWEB.COM -- OR

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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

1. cloud
2. cloud
3. cloud
4. cloud
5. cloud
6. cloud
7. cloud
8. cloud
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9. cloud

Wuzzle No. 2

**MORE
MORE
MORE

MORE
MORE
MORE**

Wuzzle No. 3

\$ROLLINGS\$

Wuzzle No. 4

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INTRODUCING A NEW SECTION TO THE OIL LANTERN! - The Editor, Jim Simpson

On the following page is the first Okaloosa Island's **FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS** section.

This section will be used in future editions to hi-light activities on the Island. Do you have a son or daughter who has completed military training? If yes, send the OIL Lantern a photo and details. Same with graduations, awards, honors, special events, island activities, donations and Snowbird news.

The purpose of this new section is to create a sense of unity and identity among those who own property or live on Okaloosa Island. We are all "Islanders" and are interested in "What's Happening" with our friends and neighbors.

If you have a contribution, please email it to Jim Simpson the following email address: sanleanna@cox.net or call him at (850) 585-2116.

TRIVIA CORNER – THE OLDEST:

- Dog** – 29 years, 5 months.(Bluey)
- Cat** – 38 years, 3 days (Crème Puff)
- Goldfish** – 43 years (Tish)
- Person** – 122 years, 64 days (Jeanne Louise Calment – France)
- Tree** – 5,200 years (Bristlecone Pine)
- Deer** – 31 years, 226 days (Scottish Red Deer)
- Tortoise** – 188 Years (Madagascar radiated tortoise)
- Male Twins** –105 years (Glen and Dale Moyer both reached the age of 105 years old)

THE OIL LANTERN'S VERY OWN OKALOOSA ISLAND "FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS" SECTION



Okaloosa Island Tom Thumb employees (L to R) **Vickie Mullins** (aka: **Vicke 2**) and **Vickie Rhodes** (aka: **Vicki 1**) model their St. Patrick's Day hair. Most of Okaloosa Island visitors and residents frequent the Tom Thumb and have enjoyed the excellent service provided by the Tom Thumb employees.



STEWBY'S COMING TO OKALOOSA ISLAND!

Stewby's Seafood Shanty, located on Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach, plans to open a second location across from the Blue Dolphin Beach Access (No. 1) on Santa Rosa Blvd. Planned opening date is May 2020



On March 19, Island Resident (and OILA Vice-President), **Paula Hudson**, addressed the Tourist Development Council (TDC) in support of a proposal by Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel to erect a gateway memorial at Veterans Park which would include eight (8) bronze life size interactive statues of women serving in the different branches & service organizations along with either a fountain and/or benches to enhance the visitor's experience to the Park. The TDC issued conceptual approval for the memorial.



Meet the members of the Architectural Review Committee. Left to Right: **Beth Jeter**, **Dr. George Edlund** and **Mike Mitchell**. Not shown: **Kurt Reiper**. The Committee meets every Thursday from 9:00 am to 9:30 am at the TDC building on Okaloosa Island to review Okaloosa County building permits for compliance with the Island Covenants & Restrictions.

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



Island Fire Department goes to the dogs. L to R Back Row: **Engineer Ryan Adams** and **Assistant Chief Ray Strawn**. L to R Front Row: **Captain Mike Simmons**, **Firefighter Shawn Thurston** and **Engineer Moritz Malidant**. The firefighters were doing a promotional photo for PAWS. But no Dalmatian in the photo?



Okaloosa County Chief of Beach Safety, **Mr. Rich Hufnagel**, was the guest speaker at the March 11, 2019 meeting of the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association. He updated those in attendance on beach safety efforts and issues; and then answered questions about the lifeguard status on Okaloosa Island beaches. His information was particularly useful since Spring Break is just starting.



SUPER WORM MOON – March 20, 2019

The “Worm” moon in the above photo is due east from Fort Walton Beach towards Destin and the moon’s reflection ribbon lights up Choctaw Bay.

The “worm moon” is the third moon of the year, and comes from historic Native American naming conventions for full moons. According to the Farmer’s Almanac, the March full moon is called the “worm moon” because it is around this time of year that the ground softens and worms begin to appear in the soil again, marking the beginning of Spring. The March full moon is also sometimes referred to as the “sap moon” as it marks the time of year when sugar maples begin to release their sap.



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 www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #36112

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ID required. Donors must be at least 17 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. One pint of whole blood donated. One pint per donor per donation. No cash value. Non-transferable. If you have recently donated, thank you. Thank you to the whole blood donor eligible to donate again.

oneblood.org
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OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE DEPT RESPONDS TO 83 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019



Fire Calls **2**
 EMS/Rescue/MVA.....**48**
 False Alarms & Alarm
 Activations.....**10**
 Other.....**23**



(80 calls were responded to in February 2018)



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2019 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>
Feb 28	22	13	Island Times/V-Reality LLC 1318 Miracle Strip Pwky	Virtually Reality Arcade (inside Island Times Building)	In Compliance
Mar 21	335	6	Jared Cuyler 645 Porpoise Ave	Replace Siding of Existing	In Compliance
Mar 21		10	Seaspray Condos 1530 Miracle Strip Pwky	Elevated Deck Within Existing Building Perimeter	In Compliance



Crossing the Mobile Bay – Joan Bomar & Paula Hudson



A 'river' flowed through the main tent... beginning with a Windmill and ending with a paddle wheel. Lovely hydrangeas and red Ti plants edged the banks.



The theme of this year's show was Dutch Gardens. Numerous 'houses' were decorated with spring blooming plants.

**ISLAND
GARDEN
CLUB VISIT TO
THE MOBILE
FESTIVAL OF
FLOWERS ON
MARCH 21,
2019**



Happy passengers returning from the Festival of Flowers. So many special purchases from plants to gloves to yard art to carved works of art. Blooming Duranta tree on the right wouldn't fit beneath the bus.

Wuzzle Puzzles Answers

Wuzzle No. 1



He's/She's on Cloud Nine

Wuzzle No. 2



Room for One More

Wuzzle No. 3



Rolling in the Money

Wuzzle No. 4



Upright Piano