

OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **December 9, 2019.**  
**PARKING:** Please park behind the Fire Station next to the water tank.

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**OKALOOSA ISLAND WELCOME  
TRIANGLE - CHRISTMAS 2019**



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

# The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
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**HAPPY  
HANUKKAH**



## December 2019 Meeting Agenda

**DATE Monday, December 9, 2019**

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **PLACE:**  
Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Meeting Room

**I.** Pledge of Allegiance

**II.** Roll Call of Board Members: **David Sherry**

**III.** Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Draft November 11, 2019 Members Meeting Minutes (Copy of draft published in this newsletter). - **John Donovan**

**IV.** Treasurer's Report: **Jim Simpson**

1. Membership Report
2. Treasurer's Report for December 2019
3. Treasurer's Reimbursement & Approval
4. Status of Membership Renewal Drive for 2019-2020

**V.** Standing Committee Reports:

1. Architectural Review Committee (Nov 2019 Report printed in this newsletter) **Mike Mitchell**
2. OILA website: **Bob Seitz**

**VI.** New and Unfinished Business:

**VII.** Announcements; Speakers and Programs

**VIII.** Adjournment

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - David Sherry

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and wish you all a blessed Christmas and holiday season. I'd like to thank Nancy Hunt and the volunteers who helped put up OILA's Christmas decorations again this year. If you or your business would like to donate prizes for the best Christmas decorations on Okaloosa Island, please contact Nancy or me.



Amendments to the no wake zone ordinance, adopted in June for the area around the Fort Walton Beach Yacht Basin in Santa Rosa Sound, are on the December 3 Okaloosa County Commission meeting agenda. The amendments are at the request of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Okaloosa County's November 12 beach vendor ordinance workshop was well attended by residents and beach vendors. Based on public and commissioner comments, the draft revisions to the ordinance will likely be changed prior to a vote of the commissioners.

Public comments included: the new higher flat fee structure would prevent smaller properties from offering beach setups (commercial umbrellas and chairs); the lack of enforcement of existing rules; issuing fines for violations instead of increasing fees for all; suggestions to make enforcement easier; a change to designated vendor area locations; spacing between setups and the water line; equal enforcement of rules; the large increase in county fees across the board (both for beach vending and weddings); and public concern for the increased commercial activities on the spoils islands in Santa Rosa Sound.

Commissioners seemed inclined to make changes to the draft ordinance. Commissioner Boyles suggested a fee structure proportional to the maximum number of umbrellas each vendor could use at a given property at peak usage – tying the fee to usage instead of a flat fee. He was also disappointed that the data the county sought to collect this season in order to guide future ordinance changes had not been collected. The commissioners seemed receptive to a usage-based or proportional fee structure, and to altering and marking vendor umbrella locations in order to ease enforcement, and to make it easier for the public, vendors, and enforcement to know the boundaries for each vendor's setups. Commissioner comments also favored severely limiting or banning commercial activity on or around the spoils islands.



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**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 4, 1829** - The British banned the practice of "suttee" in India in which Indian females traditionally burned themselves to death on their husband's funeral pyre.

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

**December 11, 1901** - The first transatlantic radio signal was transmitted by Guglielmo Marconi from Cornwall, England, to St. John's, Newfoundland.



**December 13, 1991** - North and South Korea signed a treaty of reconciliation and nonaggression which also formally ended the Korean War, although actual fighting had ceased in 1953.



**December 15, 1939** - *Gone with the Wind* had its world premiere in Atlanta introduced by producer David O. Selznick and featuring appearances by Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable.

**December 21, 1846** - Anesthesia was used for the first time in Britain during an operation at University College Hospital in London performed by Robert Liston who amputated the leg of a servant.

**December 24, 1942** - The first surface-to-surface guided missile, later known as the V-1 Flying Bomb, was launched by German rocket engineer Werner von Braun. Called "Buzz Bombs" for the loud buzzing sound of their motor, they were used by Nazi Germany against Britain beginning in September 1944.

**December 30, 1803** - The *Stars and Stripes* flag was raised over New Orleans as the United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana, an area of 885,000 square miles, nearly doubling the size of the U.S. The territory had been purchased from France for approximately \$15 million.

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR NOVEMBER 2019: 1.3 INCHES**

Nov 2.....**0.2** inches  
Nov 12.....**0.5** inches  
Nov 14.....**0.1** inches  
Nov 23.....**0.5** inches



November Avg Rainfall.....**4.3** inches  
Variance to Average..... **- 3.0** inches

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

YTD Variance ..... **- 13.4** inches  
Year to Date Rainfall.....**30.6** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

**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**

**JOIN THE LEASEHOLDERS!  
LET YOUR OPINIONS BE  
HEARD!**

**FOR A MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION CLICK  
ON THE ASSOCIATION'S  
WEBPAGE:**

[WWW.OILAWEB.COM](http://WWW.OILAWEB.COM)

**-- OR**

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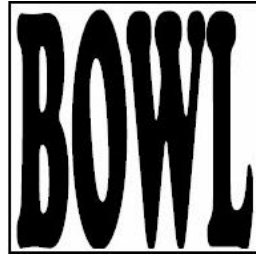


**WUZZLE PUZZLES** - What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the “disguised” meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The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

**Wuzzle No. 1**



**Wuzzle No. 2**



**Wuzzle No. 3**



**Wuzzle No. 4**



# BLOOD DRIVE

Be Someone's Miracle

All Blood Donors Will Receive A

## FREE BLANKET & \$10 EGIFT CARD!

**Friday, December 6, 2019**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Okaloosa Island Fire Department**

All donors will receive 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](http://www.oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code #36112

**ID REQUIRED**

ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. \*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. If you have recently donated, thank you. Item may vary from image shown. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.

oneblood.org  
 1-888-9-DONATE

### LOCAL MAN HOLDS THE WORLD RECORD FOR A VERY UNIQUE SKILL

Trenton, Maine (story line June 10, 2016) - Al Gliniecki of Pensacola has four Guinness World Records for tying cherry stems into knots using only his tongue. Gliniecki (pictured below) has tied one stem in two seconds; 39 stems in three minutes; 14 stems in one minute and a whopping 911 stems in one hour. Gliniecki and his girlfriend, Jeanette, drove up to Maine from Florida with their two dogs last month. The Navy veteran and retired firefighter, paramedic and Federal Emergency Management Agency officer first began tying cherry stems using only his tongue in 1985.



### Trivia Crawlers:- Two Firsts and one Last

First Junk Mail: An ad for Vicks VapoRub mentholated ointment, mailed to “Boxholder,” instead of individual addresses, in 1905. Or, a total of 115 years of junk mail.

First Magazine Called a “Magazine: *The Gentleman’s Magazine*, London, 1731. In those days the word meant “storehouse”; the publication was marketed as a storehouse of information.

Last Animal in the Dictionary: The **zyzzyval**, a tropical American weevil.

**OKALOOSA ISLAND: FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**  
**OILA DECORATES THE WELCOME TRIANGLE AND THE SANTA ROSA BLVD**  
**MEDIANS FOR THE 2019 CHRISTMAS SEASON**



**Welcome Triangle Decorations Pick-Up and Delivery Team: (Left to Right): Gary Hudson, Ron Herring, Connie Dunlap, Paula Hudson & Nancy Hunt**



**Welcome Triangle Set-Up Team: (Left to Right): David Sherry, Nancy Hunt & April Hunt (Nancy Hunt's Granddaughter who is a Junior at FWBHS)**



**The Welcome Triangle – OILA Christmas 2019**



**Ribbon Elves Beth Jeter (left) and Connie Dunlap (right) Stand by Their Work**



**Frosty the Snowman Backs Up (literally) the Welcome Triangle Sign**



**A Pallet-Hinge of Christmas Art Work Along Santa Rosa Blvd - Courtesy of Jordan Jeter**



**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 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>
Nov 21	5	214	Arnold Kurstjens	Finish Interior	Yes

## STREET LIGHT DAMAGED OR OUT?

To report a Street Light damaged or burned out on Okaloosa Island use any of the following means to contact Gulf Power:

Phone: 1-800-GUPOWER

Web: [www.gulfpower.com](http://www.gulfpower.com)

E-Mail: [lightout@gulfpower.com](mailto:lightout@gulfpower.com)

Go to the interactive Street Light map at Gulf Power by clicking [here](#).

Give your name, contact information, the malfunction of the light, and the specific location. A pole number is very helpful if available.

Also, state that the light is paid by the Okaloosa Island MSBU. This ensures that repair orders are issued from the correct account.

## WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

### Wuzzle No. 1



BAA BAA BLACK SHEEP

### Wuzzle No. 2



SUPER BOWL

### Wuzzle No. 3



THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE

### Wuzzle No. 4



LATE INTO THE EVENING

### TRIVIA CRAWLER: Looney Laws:

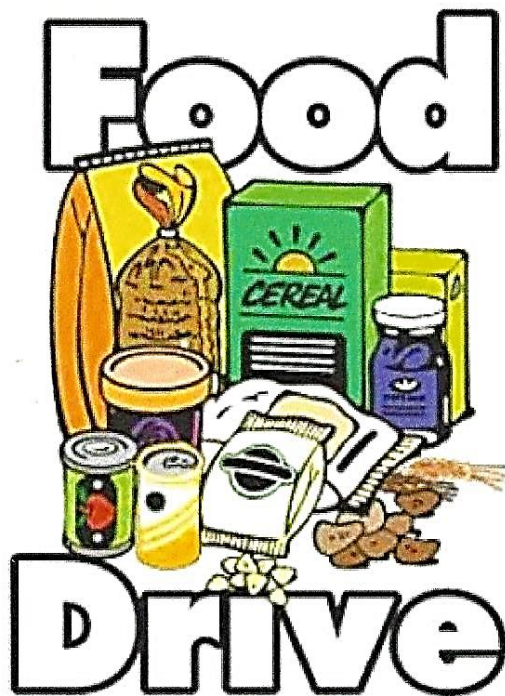
- In Downey, California, more than two police officers are prohibited from gathering at the same doughnut shop at the same time.
- Kentucky citizens are required by State law to bathe at least once a year.

**FELLOW OKALOOSA ISLAND RESIDENTS & VISITORS  
YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED FOR THE ISLAND'S DRIVE TO  
COLLECT FOOD FOR DONATION TO SHARING & CARING!**

# **PANTRY FOOD DRIVE**

**BRING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE\* FOODS AND  
TOILETRY ITEMS TO THE ISLAND FIRE STATION DROP OFF  
SITE. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE 24 HOURS A DAY FROM  
TUESDAY, DEC 3 THROUGH THURSDAY, DEC 19.**

\*IN ADDITION TO CANNED FOOD. NON-PERISHABLES INCLUDE CEREAL. OATMEAL. GRITS. ETC



**FOOD PANTRY DROP-OFF SITE:  
OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE STATION  
LOCATION: 104 Santa Rosa Blvd,  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 (NEXT TO  
THE OLD BAY STEAMER)**

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**DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by **President David Sherry**.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of Allegiance led by **Ed Henderson**.

**II. ROLL:** Board Members Present: **David Sherry (President), Rick Deckert (Vice President), John Donovan (Secretary), Jim Simpson (Treasurer), Brick Bradford, Kathy Foster**.

**III. MINUTES:** Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Ed Henderson, to approve the draft October 14, 2019 minutes. Dave Hancock stated he wanted the draft minutes corrected, and stated there is only one vote per household. A discussion ensued. President David Sherry read from the OILA bylaws, and copies were distributed. Secretary John Donovan, Director Brick Bradford, Jack Pous, Martin Coates IV, and Louis Erickson concurred the OILA bylaw language was clear; a husband and wife who own two or more Okaloosa Island properties and who have paid two membership dues, are each eligible to cast a vote.

Two amendments were offered. Martin Coates IV proposed adding [OILA Bylaws, Article IV. Section 3. Each recorded lease, fee simple title, condominium or coop ownership shall be entitled to one vote with the limitation, however, that no person or agent shall have more than one vote, irrespective of the number of parcels held or represented.] Secretary John Donovan proposed “Dave Hancock volunteered to provide some OILA records if President David Sherry provided Mr. Hancock a list of OILA topics to search.” Motion, with two amendments, was approved. The October 14 minutes will be reissued as amended and approved.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Jim Simpson (See **Attachment 1**). Jim Simpson reported a membership of 230 members. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and to reimburse Jim Simpson was made by Kathy Foster, seconded by Michelle Seitz. Motion was approved.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Standing Committees**

**Architectural Report:** No report other than as set forth in the OIL Lantern.

**Website:** No report.

**VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Director Brick Bradford started a discussion regarding a possible membership drive. He had counted 252 single family homes. Rebecca Sherry said there were 3270 condominium units on Okaloosa Island. Secretary John Donovan said we should work toward, long term, an OILA membership profile that is fairly representative of the property ownership profile on the Island.

A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of OILA membership. In response to an inquiry from Louis Erickson, Secretary John Donovan clarified that all sand-related litigation has been and will continue to be privately funded. President David Sherry noted that OILA did not fund any of the sand or East Pass litigation. Louis Erickson and Ed Henderson said their condos have owner facebook groups to post announcements, and President David Sherry said it was easy to do a mass e-mail distribution to many condo owners. Rebecca Sherry stated thirty eligible Okaloosa Island property owners' membership applications were incorrectly rejected or membership dues refunded prior to the 2019 election, and these owners may join again. Kathy Foster said in the past the welcome wagon approach had been successful.

President David Sherry asked for data to understand the make-up of the current and potential membership. Treasurer Jim Simpson maintains the ownership list, and volunteered to provide a breakdown of membership by category such as single family homeowner, condominium owner homestead, condominium owner non-resident, etc.

2. Dave Hancock asked about OILA's role in median vegetation destroyed along Santa Rosa Boulevard. Two accidents had destroyed vegetation; one in the Spring near Breakers during the Hancock administration and another this summer near Stewbys. Secretary John Donovan stated an accident report would be needed to take action.

Dave Hancock had no information on the first incident. He volunteered to follow up with the Florida Highway Patrol to try to obtain an accident report on the second incident.

3. Treasurer Jim Simpson withdrew his motion regarding the December membership meeting.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Martin Coates IV asked for information on how to report light outages to be published in the OIL Lantern. Bob Seitz said there is a section on the website titled Street Lights. Vice President Rick Deckert and Director Brick Bradford announced a beach vendor workshop will be held 1:30 – 4:00 PM tomorrow in the Shalimar administration building. It will include proposed regulation changes on Okaloosa Island beach and regulation of the spoil island in the Santa Rosa Sound.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM (motion by Rebecca Sherry, seconded by Jack Pous and passed).



**Attachment 1:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: November 11, 2019**

**MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 230** (Tentative pending response to 1st follow-up send out on November 4)

**October 14, 2019 TOTAL BALANCE: \$27,100.85**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF October 14, 2019.....\$ 25,656.91**

**RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:** .....Membership dues \$ 552.00  
.....U.S. Mail \$ 30.00  
**TOTAL RECEIPTS...\$ 582.00**

**EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:**

**3. Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the November 2019 OIL Lantern .....\$ 27.50**  
**TOTAL OF EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT \$ 27.50**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, & EXPENSES**

**PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF November 11, 2019 ..... \$ 26,211.14**

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

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT .....No Expenditures**

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

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS of October 14, 2019.....\$ 21.98**

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

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF November 11, 2019 .....\$ 21.98**

**SUMMARY: November 11, 2019 Fund Balances**

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance. ....\$ 25,711.41

-- Beautification Fund Balance.....\$ 1,421.28

-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....\$ 521.98

**TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 27,654.67**