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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, **January 13, 2020.** **PARKING:** Please park behind  
the Fire Station next to the water tank.



- ◆ Meeting Agenda for Jan 13, 2020
- ◆ Message from the President, **David Sherry**
- ◆ This Month in History – January
- ◆ Island Rainfall Report for Dec 2019
- ◆ Okaloosa Island Friends & Neighbors
- ◆ Christmas 2019 Decorating Contest
  - Business Prize Donors- Special Category & Over All Winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place)
- ◆ Island Garden Club Program – January 8
- ◆ Christmas Decorating Contest
  - Runners-Up & Honorable Mentions
- ◆ OIFD Firefighters Participate in the “Take a Child Christmas Shopping” Program
- ◆ Wuzzle Puzzles
- ◆ Architectural Report for Dec 2019
- ◆ Draft Dec 9, 2019 Members Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Wuzzle Puzzle Answers

# 2020

## The OIL Lantern

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE OKALOOSA ISLAND  
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### January 2020 Meeting Agenda

**DATE** Monday, January 13, 2020

**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 December 9, 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 January 2020  
3. Treasurer's Reimbursement & Approval

**V.** Standing Committee Reports:

1. Architectural Review Committee (December 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

Thank you to everyone who put Christmas decorations on their home or who helped with OILA's welcome triangle and median Christmas decorations. A special thanks goes to Nancy Hunt for leading OILA's efforts, and for gathering an impressive list of prizes for winning homeowners.



And thank you to all who donated to OILA's food drive. Thanks to your donations, we collected a record 255 pounds of food to help those in need.

On January 21, starting at 2:00 PM, the Okaloosa County Commissioners (BCC) will hold two public hearings of interest to Okaloosa Islanders. The BCC meeting starts at 1:30 PM in the county administration building in Shalimar, but the public hearings portion of the meeting will not begin until 2:00 PM.

One public hearing will be to adopt changes to the beach vendor ordinance regulating activity on the beaches of Okaloosa Island, and placement of personal property on the beach. Although the November 12 public workshop on this ordinance appeared productive and inclusive, provisions seemingly favored by the public and commissioners (such as a sliding fee scale for vendors based on usage and enforcement enhancements) were not incorporated into the latest (December 17) published version. In addition, language in the existing ordinance that protects the public's right to engage in fishing and other activities before 7:30 AM from the beach has been eliminated. If these issues are important to you, please consider writing the Commissioners and/or attending the public hearing to make your opinion known.

The other public hearing will be to adopt a single family home short-term rental ordinance. Per the November 12 public workshop draft minutes the new ordinance will not supersede restrictions contained in the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants, but anything can happen at a public hearing, so anyone concerned about upholding the Covenant's restrictions should consider writing the Commissioners and/or attending the public hearing.

The 7:00 PM February 10 OILA meeting will feature Crime Prevention Specialist Ashley Bailey and Sergeant Brian Perkins, both with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). They will address crime and vagrancy on Okaloosa Island, and include suggestions on what you can do to be safe and how and when to report incidents and concerns to OCSO.

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**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY- JANUARY**



*January is the first month of the year, has 31 days, and is named after the two-faced Roman god Janus.*

**January 3, 1959** - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

**January 8, 1987** - The Dow Jones industrial average first topped the 2,000 mark.

**January 10, 1901** -- The discovery of "black gold" at the Spindletop oil field near Beaumont launched Texas into a century of oil exploration, electronics and manned space travel.



**January 15, 1535** - Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church in England as a result of the Act of Supremacy following his break with Rome.

**January 19, 1955** - First presidential news conference filmed for television with permission of President Eisenhower.

**January 23, 1849** - Elizabeth Blackwell was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, thus becoming America's first woman doctor.

**January 26, 1788** - The British established a settlement at Sydney Harbor in Australia as 11 ships with 778 convicts arrived, setting up a penal colony to relieve overcrowded prisons in England.

**January 31, 1949** — the United States was the first country in the world to *de facto* recognize the new State of Israel.

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR DECEMBER 2019: 8.4 INCHES**

December 1.....**0.1** inches  
December 10....**0.9** inches  
December 11. **0.2** inches  
December 12...**0.3** inches  
December 13...**0.2** inches  
December 17...**1.1** inches  
December 21...**2.8** inches  
December 22...**2.8** inches



Avg Rainfall for Dec.....**4.8** inches  
Variance to Average..... **+ 3.6** inches

**Year 2019 Totals**

YTD Variance ..... **- 9.8** inches  
Year to Date Rainfall.....**55.3** inches  
Avg Annual Rainfall .....**65.1** inches

**Year 2020**

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**  
  
February Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches  
February Record High.....**80° F** (1980)  
February Record Low .....**11° F** (1951)  
Feb Avg Water Temperature. **64° F**

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

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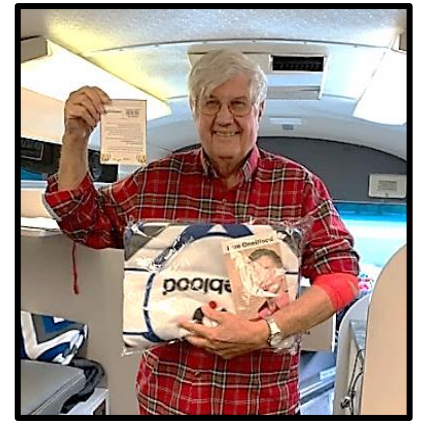
# OKALOOSA ISLAND: FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



The **Rendos Family**, Which Won 1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall, is donating the above Mr. & Mrs Snow Couple, Cut-Out Prop to OILA. Alan & Carmen Parker are fighting with Gary & Paula Hudson over who gets the 1<sup>st</sup> Photo next Year. See the match at the Welcome Triangle in 2020.



**Leaseholders, Michele & Bob Seitz**, deliver 255 lbs of food and non – perishables donated by Okaloosa Island residents to Sharing and Caring. Thanks to all who donated. 255 lbs is the most ever donated.



**Leaseholder Jim Simpson** (aka "Show & Tell" Jim) displays the free blanket and the \$10 Ecard he got for giving blood at the Okaloosa Island Fire Station on December 6.



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



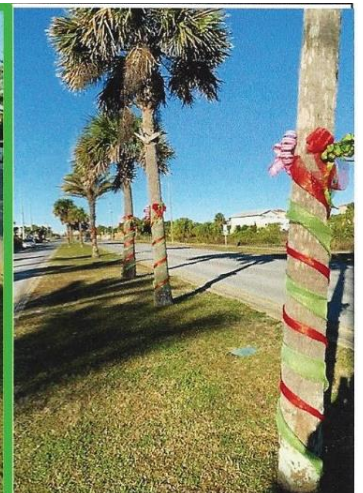
**The Okaloosa Island Welcome Triangle Decorated by OILA for Christmas 2019.**



Welcome Triangle Set-Up Team: (Left to Right) **David Sherry, Nancy Hunt & April Hunt**



**A Cure for Breast Cancer! What a Gift That Would Be!**



**The Palm Tree Christmas Ribbon Elves – Connie Dunlap (left) & Beth Jeter (right) – of Okaloosa Island.** The Palm Tree Christmas Ribbon Elves wrapped 62 palm trees inside the medians in the middle of Santa Rosa Blvd. Both elves are members of the Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association. Thanks to these elves for bringing color to Santa Rosa Blvd for the Season.



# 2019 Annual Okaloosa Island Christmas Decoration Contest Results

- Last year we awarded our adorable snowman sign for display to our first place winners in three categories: Best House, Best Condo, and Best Business. This year we again awarded our First Place snowman sign to those winners. However, we expanded our Best House category! There will be judging of winners for first, second, and third place. Very exciting is the addition of some FABULOUS PRIZES for this category!!! Since we received such a great response from our Island and local businesses, we awarded prizes to honorable mention house decorating winners

## OKALOOSA ISLAND AND LOCAL BUSINESSES DONERS

**Southern Resort Property** – Two Night Stay  
**The Island** – Two Night Stay  
**Crab Trap** - \$25 & \$50 Gift Certificates  
**Floyds** - \$25 & \$50 Gift Certificates  
**Rockin Tacos** - \$25 & \$50 Gift Certificates  
**Old Bay Steamer** - \$50 Gift Certificate  
**High Tide** – Two \$25 Gift Certificates  
**Fokkers** - \$25 Gift Certificate  
**Ali's** - \$30 Gift Certificate  
**Giovanni's** - \$20 Gift Certificate  
**Burrito Del Sol** - \$20 Gift Certificate  
**Waffle House** - Two Breakfasts, Two Lunches  
 & Two Dinners

**Southern Star** – 4 Tickets  
**Gulfarium** – 4 Tickets  
**Island National Mini Golf** – Six Games  
**Wild Willy's** - \$20  
**The Gulf** - 2 Slipnit Glasses  
**TDC** – Gift Bag  
**Props** – Gift Basket  
**Emerald Coast Science Museum** - Gift Basket  
 with Wine and 6 Tickets  
**Cash's** – Three Bottles of Wine  
**Tom Thumb** – Water Bottle  
**Rich's Car Wash** - \$20  
**Run With It** – Tee Shirt

## AND, THE OVER-ALL WINNERS ARE:



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** 801 Tarpon Drive  
 The Rendos Family



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** 708 Sailfish Drive  
 Carmen & Alan Parker



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** 735 Starfish Ave  
 Sarrah Cumbie

## SPECIAL CATEGORY WINNERS



“Best  
 Winter  
 Wonder  
 Land”  
 846 Tropic  
 Ave – Jim  
 Hendricks



“Best  
 Spirit of  
 the  
 Season”  
 902 Santa  
 Rosa  
 Blvd  
 - Ward  
 Surginer



“Griswold Award – Can Be  
 Seen from Space” 756  
 Seahorse Ave - The Prevites



“Most Like a Magazine Cover” 709  
 Sailfish Dr - Bob & Michelle Seitz



“Most Creative”  
 710 Sailfish Dr - Suzanne & Roy Troutmn



**RUNNER UP & HONORABLE MENTION  
CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS**



**704 Sailfish – David & Jill Kosiewski**



**402 Cobia Ave – Howard Wortman & Jordan Jeter**



**742 Sailfish Drive – Farley Street**



**739 Starfish Ave – Tamara Copes**



**604 Pelican Dr – Brian & Sylvia Harrington**

**Photos Not Available for the Following Winners:**

**529 Dolphin Ave – Paula & Gary Hudson**

**622 Pelican Dr – Mathew Lowry & Olivia Dobson**



**Okaloosa Island Firefighters Who Took a Child Christmas Shopping**

**Okaloosa Island Firefighters' Participate in Annual Shop with a Firefighter - by Danie Pelkey, Office Mgr, OIFD**

The Okaloosa Island Firefighters Local 2617, along with firefighters from other local Districts, partnered with Catholic Charities, Wal Mart and the Salvation Army this Christmas season to provide 10 under-privileged children with an opportunity to Christmas shop for themselves.

Shop with a Firefighter has provided this community outreach shopping trip and is one of our firefighters' favorite activities because they get to act as Santa for these children. The Island Firefighters believe in "service before self" which implies that both service and self are important, and that a certain balance and priority between the two should be pursued.

These firefighters take great pride in doing community outreach with children by donating their time and resources for these programs or by providing station tours in house or at local schools.

The Island Firefighters Local 2617 gladly accept donations throughout the year for this event.

*"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." Maya Angelou*



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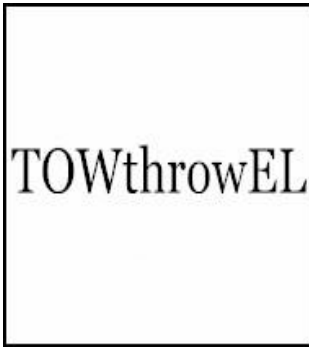
**CORNER**

- In Yukon, Oklahoma, it is illegal for patients to pull their dentist's teeth.
- Whale Harassment is a federal offense punishable by up to \$100,000 in fines.
- It's against French law to reveal the true identity of a member of the French Foreign Legion.

**Looney.....Laws**

**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.

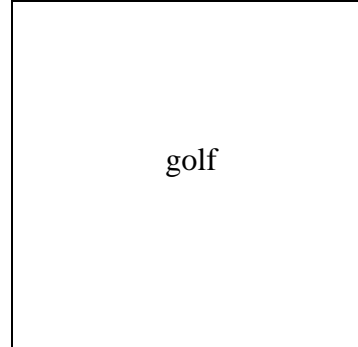
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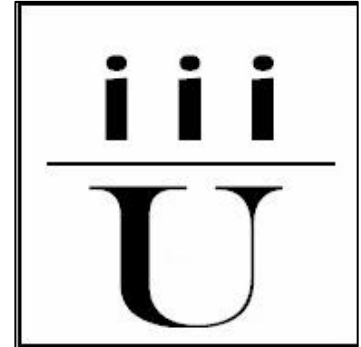
**Wuzzle No. 2**



**Wuzzle No. 3**



**Wuzzle No. 4**



**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2019** for permits submitted to them for consideration. The following information is provided by the Architectural Review 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 11	5	214	Arnold Kurstjens 505 Dory Ave	Finish Interior	Yes
Dec 19	8	492	Kathy Foster 849 Tarpon Drive	Replace Existing Fence	Yes

**THE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB IS CELEBRATING MARDI GRAS**

-- Paula Hudson, President, Island Garden Club

Even though we will not have a Mardi Gras Parade on Okaloosa Island the Island Garden Club will be making Mardi Gras wreaths at the January 8th meeting at the El Matador starting with socializing at 9:30. Nationally recognized floral designer Kirby Holt of Blossoms Florist in Chipley will be joining us once again to instruct us on completing the wreath.

Everyone is welcome and Kirby will provide all needed material at a cost of \$40 (payable at event). If you have them, just bring a glue gun, extension cord and wire cutters.

Mark your calendars for March 26th, as the Island Garden Club is sponsoring the trip to the Mobile Flower show again this year. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Foster at [fosterpk@gnt.net](mailto:fosterpk@gnt.net) as seats are going fast. The bus trip and entry fee is \$45.



**Kirby Holt**

**DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – DECEMBER 9, 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 **Mary Belavitz**.

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

**III. MINUTES:** Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Rick Deckert, to approve the draft November 11, 2019 minutes with a correction of any misspelled names. Motion was approved.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Treasurer Jim Simpson (See Attachment 1). Jim Simpson reported a membership of 245 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.

**(Draft Minutes – Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association – December 9, 2019 Continued on Next Page)**



**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. President David Sherry started a discussion regarding an Okaloosa County public workshop to address short-term rentals in single family homes and duplexes scheduled for 1:30 PM tomorrow in the county administration building in Shalimar. He stated this would be a new county ordinance. The agenda packet published that contains the draft ordinance is unclear whether restrictions in the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants will supercede the proposed county ordinance. In response to a condominium owner concern, Rebecca Sherry clarified the ordinance does not impact condominiums. Treasurer Jim Simpson asked if President Sherry would like an e-mail blast to be sent on this issue to the members, and David said yes.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Director Dr. David Miller asked if Okaloosa County still plans to rehab the beach accesses. He said the roof of Beach Access 7 was rusted through, several access buildings needed a thorough cleaning, and new stainless steel handrails are rusty. Director Kathy Foster offered to write a letter to Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel and report back to the membership. Mary Muller inquired about new survey stakes on the bayside at Beach Access 3. Lylee Dodson reported on a crime incident. After a discussion and with member consensus, President David Sherry said he would invite Ashley Bailey, Crime Prevention Specialist for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, to speak at a future meeting. Treasurer Jim Simpson recognized new member Theresa Sampson.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM (motion by Rebecca Sherry, seconded by Director Dr. David Miller and passed).

**Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report (Draft) as of December 9, 2019**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: December 9, 2019**

**MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 245**

**November 11, 2019 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 27,654.67**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF November 11, 2019....., \$ 25,711.14 (Note 1)**

<b>RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:</b> .....	Membership dues ..,	\$	<b>191.00</b>
	U.S. Mail ..	\$	<b>48.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>239.00</b>

**EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:**

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the December 9, 2019 OIL Lantern .....	\$	<b>27.50</b>
<b>TOTAL OF EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27.50</b>

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

**PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF December 9, 2019 .....** \$ **25,922.64**

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

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

**BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF December 9, 2019.....** \$ **1,421.28**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS of November 11, 2019.....** \$ **521.98 (Note 1)**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT**

Payment to Connie Dunlap for the purchase of ribbon to wrap the SRB palm trees.....\$ **89.46**

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF December 9, 2019 .....** \$ **432.52**

**SUMMARY: December 9, 2019 Fund Balances**

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance. ....	\$	<b>25,922.64</b>
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$	<b>1,421.28</b>
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$	<b>432.52</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,846.44</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Simpson, Treasurer

**Note 1:** \$500 transferred from the November 2019 Discretionary fund balance of \$26,211.14 to the November 2019 Christmas Decorating fund balance of \$21.98 for new balances as follows:  
Discretionary Fund: \$25,711.14. Christmas Decorating Fund: \$521.98



**WUZZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS**

**Wuzzle No. 1**



**THROW IN THE TOWEL**

**Wuzzle No. 2**



**HANDS ON  
EXPERIENCE**

**Wuzzle No. 3**



**MINIATURE GOLF**

**Wuzzle No. 4**



**ALL EYES ON YOU**