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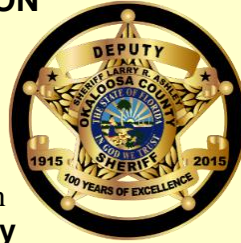
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: **LOCATION:** Okaloosa Island Fire Station, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
TIME: 7:00 p.m. **DATE:** Monday, **February 10, 2020.** **PARKING:** Please park
behind the Fire Station next to the water tank.

- ◆ Meeting Agenda for Feb 10, 2020
- ◆ Message from the President, **David Sherry**
- ◆ This Month in History – February
- ◆ Island Rainfall Report for Jan 2020
- ◆ Okaloosa Island Friends & Neighbors
 - ◆ Snowbird Craft Sale, Feb 8, 10 am to 1 pm, Islander Resort Lobby, 790 Santa Rosa Blvd
 - ◆ Island Garden Club Program – Feb 12 “Trees on the Coast” by Dr Allen French. Social Time: 9:30 am, Program 10 am. El Matador Meeting Room
- ◆ “**Double**” Wuzzle Puzzles
- ◆ Draft Jan 13, 2020 Members Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Architectural Review Committee Report for January 2020
- ◆ “**Double**” Wuzzle Puzzle Answers

FEBRUARY 10 MEETING PRESENTATION

The 7:00 PM
February 10
OILA meeting
will feature
Crime Prevention
Specialist **Ashley
Bailey** and **Captain Charlie Nix**,
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 the OCSO.
See enclosed article on page 4.





♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

OILA Meeting Agenda

DATE Monday, February 10, 2020

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call of Board Members: David Sherry

Ila. Guest Speakers: Ashley Bailey and Captain Charlie Nix, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. 13 January 2020. (Copy of these minutes published in this newsletter). - **John Donovan**

IV. Treasurer's Report: Jim Simpson
- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report for Feb.2020
- Treasurer's Reimbursement & Approval

V. Standing Committee Reports:

1. Architectural Review Committee (Jan 2020 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



This month's OILA meeting, February 10 at 7:00 PM, will feature Crime Prevention Specialist Ashley Bailey and Captain Charlie Nix, both with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), as our guest speakers. They will address crime and vagrancy on Okaloosa Island, include suggestions on what you can do to be safe, how and when to report incidents and concerns to OCSO, and then take audience questions. As a courtesy to our speakers and audience, it is my intention to let them speak at the beginning of the meeting.

On January 21 the Okaloosa County Commissioners (BCC) held two public hearings.

One public hearing considered revisions to the beach vendor ordinance which regulates activity on the beaches of Okaloosa Island, and placement of personal property on the beach. After much discussion and public input, the BCC voted to ban vending on the spoils islands in Santa Rosa Sound, and did not revise the beach vending portion of the ordinance. Staff had not collected beach usage data last summer as requested by Commissioners, and the BCC was concerned the lack of data could lead them to make poor choices. The BCC also discussed changes to better address public use of the beach. County staff will bring a data collection plan and a revised beach vendor fee schedule to the BCC in February.

The other public hearing considered an ordinance to regulate short-term rentals of single family homes. This item was tabled until the BCC meeting on July 21, 2020, after the close of this year's Florida legislative session. The Legislature is considering bills that could preempt the new county ordinance, while older ordinances and restrictions may remain grandfathered.

At the same BCC meeting Commissioner Boyles expressed an interest in having Okaloosa County examine the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants and Restrictions (Covenants), with an eye toward attempting to change them. Given the Florida Legislature's prior preemption, changing the Covenants could make its prohibition of short-term rentals in the B-1 areas of Okaloosa Island null and void. Additionally, in Commissioner Boyles' January newsletter he expressed an interest in improving all the soundside (north) accessways on Okaloosa Island.

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**THIS MONTH IN HISTORY- FEBRUARY
YES – 2020 IS A LEAP YEAR!**



February was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. The length of the month changed over time and, at one time, it had as few as 23 days. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar, the month was assigned 28 days during normal years and 29 days during leap years which occurred every four years.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 3, 1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

February 13, 1635 - Boston Latin School, the first taxpayer supported (public) school in America was established in Boston, Massachusetts.

February 18, 1939 - A ninth planet is discovered in the solar system and is named Pluto. The discover is Clyde Tombaugh.

February 19, 1846 - Texas annexed to the United States. Almost ten years after winning independence from Mexico, and after a long and controversial diplomatic struggle, Texas was annexed to the United State under the administration of President James Polk.



February 19, 1913 - A prize is inserted into a Crackerjacks box for the first time.

February 22, 1879 - Frank Woolworth opens the first "Five Cent Store" in Utica, N.Y.

February 23, 1896 - The Tootsie Roll rolls into stores in America.

February 28, 1983 - The final episode of M.A.S.H. is aired.

**ISLAND RAINFALL FOR JANUARY
2020: 4.2 INCHES**

January 3.....**0.7** inches
January 11.....**1.0** inches
January 18.....**1.0** inches
January 19.....**0.1** inches
January 23.....**0.4** inches
January 26.....**0.1** inches
January 29.....**0.8** inches
January 31.....**0.1** inches



Avg Rainfall for Jan.....**5.0** inches
Variance to Average..... **-0.8** inches

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

March Avg Rainfall.....**5.8** inches
March Record High.....**80° F** (1957)
March Record Low**4° F** (1985)
Mar Avg Water Temperature...**66° F**

YTD Variance **-0.8** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**4.2** inches
inches

Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches

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

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

WWW.OILAWEB.COM

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**CONTACT
JIM
SIMPSON
at
(850) 585-2116
OR
BY EMAIL AT**



SANLEANNA@COX.NET

CRAFT SALE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Islander Resort Lobby - 790 Santa Rosa Blvd
Fort Walton Beach

Unique and Beautiful Variety of **Crafts**
-- all Hand Made by the Snowbirds!

ISLAND GARDEN CLUB FEBRUARY MEETING TO FEATURE DR. ALLEN FRENCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & FOUNDER OF *TREES ON THE COAST*

The Wednesday, February 12 Island Garden Club meeting will feature Dr. Allen French, Executive Director and Founder of *Trees on the Coast*. The mission of this non-profit is dedicated to improving Okaloosa and Walton County's beauty through planting, conservation and education. Come at 9:30 for socializing, the meeting begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. at El Matador downstairs meeting room. As always, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.

There are seats available on the bus for the Thursday, March 26, trip to the Mobile Festival of Flowers. The cost is \$45 and includes the entry ticket. Departure from the island is 7:30 a.m. with a planned return time of 5 p.m. Kathy Foster, Island Garden Club Treasurer, fosterpk@gnt.net 850-244-4490



OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF CRIME PREVENTION DEPT TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT FEBRUARY 10, 7:00 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT THE OKALOOSA ISLAND FIRE STATION



Ashley Bailey - Crime Prevention Manager for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office

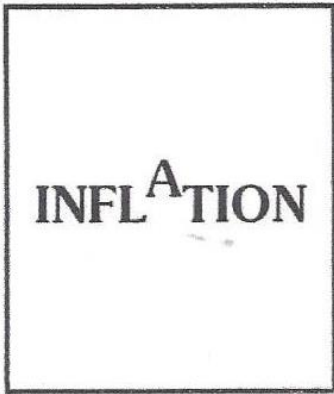
MISSION STATEMENT: The formal definition for Crime Prevention is the anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce the crime through public education. What that translates to is doing all we can to help citizens realize they can be additional eyes and ears in our community to help law enforcement and boost public safety. The Sheriff's Office offers individuals numerous free educational programs and services.

A few of the most popular programs and services are Neighborhood Watch, Self Defense Tactics Classes, (CPTED) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, vacation security checks, Take Me Home program, and (CASE) Communities Against Senior Exploitation fraud, scam programs and church security surveys

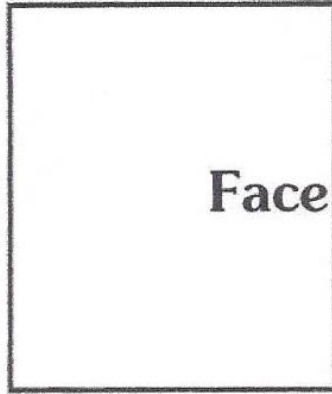
Crime Prevention Manager/Specialist **Ashley Bailey** (left photo) and **Captain Charlie Nix**, both with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), will address crime and vagrancy on Okaloosa Island at the OILA Feb 10, 7 pm meeting, and will include suggestions on what you can do to be safe and how and when to report incidents and concerns to the OCSO. Ms. Bailey's contact information follows: **Cell: (850) 259-0031, Office: (850) 651-7153**
Email: abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org

(DOUBLE) 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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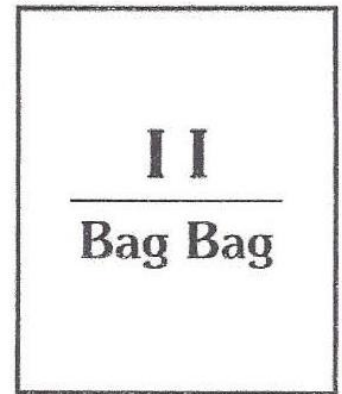
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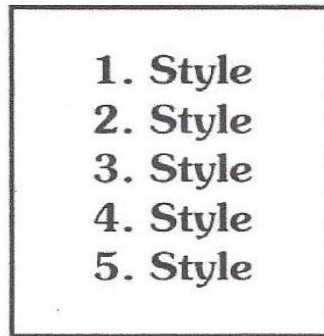
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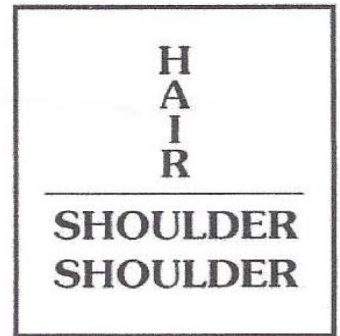
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Wuzzle No. 8



DRAFT MINUTES – OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION – JANUARY 13, 2020

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

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance led by **Lew Paul**.

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

III. MINUTES: Secretary John Donovan made a motion, seconded by Carmen Parker, to approve the draft December 9, 2019 minutes. Motion was approved.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Jim Simpson ([See Attachment 1](#)). Jim Simpson reported a membership of 249 members. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report and to reimburse Jim Simpson was made by Director Kathy Foster, seconded by Michelle Seitz, with an accepted amendment by President David Sherry to include Christmas decoration reimbursements in addition to the reimbursements to Treasurer Jim Simpson. 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 Kathy Foster gave an update on planned Okaloosa County projects on Okaloosa Island. Reroofing of the Beach Access #7 pavilion begins this month. Crosswalks with flashing lights will be completed in early 2020 using sales tax surcharge funds. Okaloosa County has obtained a grant to construct a sidewalk on the south side of Santa Rosa Boulevard. Sales tax surcharge funds could be used to supplement the grant. Property owner input will be requested at a public meeting likely to be held this March.

2. Director David Miller reported on continued lack of maintenance and unclean conditions at Okaloosa Island's southside beach access facilities.

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS (continued on next page)

VI. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS - continued

3. President David Sherry reported he had followed up with Jason Autrey, Director, Okaloosa County Public Works, regarding survey activity at the Third Beach Freeway, and was told no construction is planned.

4. Everyone who made the Christmas season activities a success was thanked: Nancy Hunt, Christmas decorating committee chairman, Bob and Michelle Seitz who dropped off a record OILA donation of dry goods at Sharing and Caring, Paul Barcus of Wild Willy's who provides storage for OILA's Christmas decorations, the volunteers who put up OILA's Christmas decorations, and the leaseholders who decorated their own property.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. President David Sherry reminded those present that two Okaloosa County public hearings are scheduled for 2 PM January 21 at the County Administration building in Shalimar (during the County Commission meeting that begins at 1:30 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. The other public hearing will be to adopt a new single family home short-term rental ordinance. Per the November 12 public workshop draft minutes the new short-term rental ordinance will not supersede restrictions contained in the Okaloosa Island Protective Covenants. Since anything can happen at a public hearing, he encouraged those present to attend the hearings or to contact the County Commissioners if these issues are important to them. 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.

2. President Sherry announced the February 10 OILA meeting will feature Ashley Bailey, Crime Prevention Specialist, and Sergeant Brian Perkins, both of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. They will address crime and vagrancy on Okaloosa Island, and will include suggestions on what you can do to be safe and how and when to report incidents and concerns to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM (motion by Carmen Parker, seconded by John Donovan and passed).

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT: January 13, 2020

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 249

December 9, 2019 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 27,846.44

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF December 9, 2019....., \$ 25,992.64

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT:	Membership dues ..,	\$	140.00
	U.S. Mail ..	\$	6.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$	146.00

EXPENDITURES:

Reimburse Jim Hendricks for the purchase of 20 solar landscape lights to illuminate the SRB Medium Christmas Pallets.....	\$	247.96	(Note 1)
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EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for stamps to mail the January 13, 2020 OIL Lantern	\$	27.50
TOTAL OF EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT	\$	27.50

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS OF January 13, 2020	\$ 25,863.18
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BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF December 9, 2019..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF January 13, 2020..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PROJECT 2016 BALANCE AS of December 9, 2019.... \$ 432.52

EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORT:

Reimburse Beth Jeter for the purchase of Christmas mesh, ribbon & bows for the palm trees, pallets and the public beach access entrances on Okaloosa Island – OILA 2019 Christmas Project....	\$	398.33	
Reimburse Jim Hendricks for the purchase of 20 solar landscape lights to illuminate the SRB Medium Christmas Pallets.....	\$	34.19	(Note 1)

TOTAL EXPENDITURES (CHRISTMAS FUND.....\$ 432.52

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF January 13, 2020\$ -----

Attachment 1 TREASURER'S REPORT: January 13, 2020 continued

SUMMARY: December 9, 2019 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.....	\$ 25,863.18
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$ 1,421.28
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$ -----
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....	\$ 27,284.46

Respectfully submitted, Jim Simpson, Treasurer

Note 1: Total reimbursement to Jim Hendricks for purchase of solar landscape lights: **\$282.15**



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020 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>
Jan 9	3	103	Jamie Nabors 359 & 360 Bluefish Drive	Build Two Pools	Yes
Jan 16	12	1	Amir Patel/Emerald Coast Inn & Suites 1214 Miracle Strip Pwky	Remove & Replace Existing Freestanding Sign	Yes
Jan 23	7	444 & 445	Vince Bruner/Beachmark Inn, Inc 700 Santa Rosa Blvd Choctaw Engineering	Construct Hotel, 70 Room "The Maxwell"	Yes

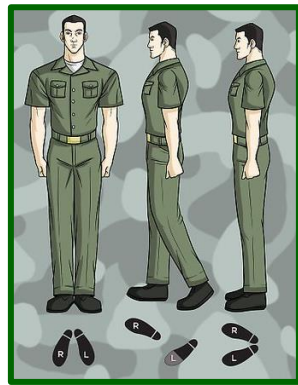
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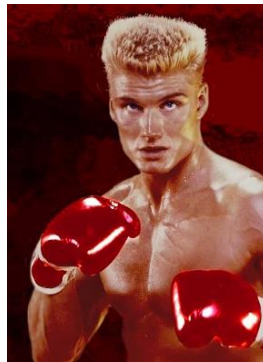
A RISE IN INFLATION

Wuzzle No. 2



RIGHT FACE

Wuzzle No. 3



FLAT TOP

Wuzzle No. 4



BAGS UNDER THE EYES

Wuzzle No. 5



LIVING IN THE STICKS

Wuzzle No. 6



FANCY THAT or (THIS?)

Wuzzle No. 7



STYLIST

Wuzzle No. 8



HAIR DOWN OVER THE SHOULDERS