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**OKALOOSA ISLAND LEASEHOLDERS
ASSOCIATION**

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Our May 2023 meeting will be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023** starting at 7 pm. For our April meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom. In a few days OILA members will receive a Zoom meeting invitation by e-mail, with instructions on how to join the meeting.

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**MONARCH BUTTERFLY
FEEDING ON A MILKWEED
PLANT**



THE OIL LANTERN- May 2023

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT – Ed Henderson

It's been an interesting Month as I wind down my term as serving OILA members. I was disappointed with our turnout for the BCC meeting on April 18 regarding Santa Rosa Blvd although we had 7 people provide convincing 3 minute presentations of the reasons the great majority of owners on our Island are against reducing our 4 lanes. We had one member who stated she was for the plan when she first viewed it; but changed her mind as she has learned of the problems it's sure to cause. Dave and Rebecca Sherry had most convincing presentations on the issues we will face that I feel the council has not given enough thought to. BCC Chairman Trey Goodwin brought up his original idea of reducing just 1 lane to have left turn lanes on our westernmost mile, which I feel is a wise move, however why not leave it be until we see the impact of the new bridge and its impact on Santa Rosa Blvd?



From Commissioner Ketchel's April Newsletter, regarding the BCC meeting earlier this week on the Santa Rosa Blvd Lane reduction project she wrote, "While the majority of the audience was in favor of the improvements proposed, a few expressed resistances to change." There were only 9 citizens who spoke; 7 who were opposed to the plan and presented excellent reasons for this opposition. The 2 in favor for lane reduction, in my opinion, did not have convincing reasons. The Sherry's quoted our data proving overwhelming votes/polls of Island residents against the lane reduction. It just doesn't make sense...

I also want to take this time to provide the correct website for how to obtain free milkweed flower seeds to help the Monarch butterfly **LiveMonarch.com**. I've noticed a drastic reduction in the Monarch population; your planting these seeds can make a major difference.

I also sent Jim Simpson an article as to what Walton County is doing to help reduce the Yellow Fly population, a most interesting read. I've also sent copies to Alex Fogg, Ecology Director and Chairman Goodwin to, hopefully, offer this to us as it seems the Yellow Fly's favorite meal is humans; I still remember their bites.

Our May meeting will include OILA's nominations for filling Board seats that are to be vacated. The terms of the following three current Board members are expiring - Ed Henderson, Jesse Hunt and Jack Pous. Under OILA By-Laws no member shall be eligible for re-election to the Board until he has been off the Board for a period of one year. Board member Brian Smith was elected to the Board in 2022 but resigned in October 2022 due to other commitment responsibilities. His position is being treated as a

OILA Members Who Spoke Against the 4 to 2 Lane Reduction at the April 18, 2023 BCC Meeting. Left to right: **David Sherry, Rebecca Sherry & Ed Henderson**

vacancy in the upcoming election. The continuing Board members are Frank Adcock, Louis Belanger and David Jones.

Please make plans to attend this most important event on Monday, May 8 at 7 pm at the Okaloosa Island Fire Department or via Zoom.

Best to you and yours,

Ed

PEST ALERT! THE YELLOW FLY – THE BITING, BLOOD-SUCKING INSECT FROM HELL IS BACK! – by Jim Simpson



OILA President Ed Henderson

sent me information about the super pest, the yellow fly, with a request to do an article about these winged demons. The adult grows to about half an inch long and is similar in appearance to a deer fly.

From past, painful experience, I jumped on the chance. Here’s what you need to know. Visitors to the beach during May and June often find themselves running from the large yellow flies that have a fierce bite. These pesky critters' painful bite often leaves their victims with painful swelling and itching. According to studies by the University of Florida, it is the female yellow fly that is responsible for inflicting bites, as the males are mainly pollen and nectar feeders, while the female feeds on blood to develop eggs. The yellow fly is one of the most serious biting flies, according to the University of Florida. It attacks vigorously and the bites are painful. It attacks throughout the day and is most active during the late afternoon and on cloudy days. University of Florida studies state that Deet is the most effective repellent, Locals advise that vinegar applied with cotton is good for bites, as is alcohol. Calamine lotion, Benadryl and Neosporin, are all good after being bitten, Treat it like a wound. Clean it to make sure it won't get infected." But the best plan of action is to cover up when you and the yellow flies will be out.



TOTAL RAINFALL FOR APRIL 2023: 4.7 inches

- April 8.....**0.6** inches
- April 12.....**0.1** inches
- April 13.....**0.1** inches
- April 15.....**0.7** inches
- April 16.....**0.4** inches
- April 27.....**2.6** inches
- April 29.....**0.2** inches

Avg Rainfall for April **3.7** inches.
Variance to Average:**+ 1.0** inches

May Avg Rainfall.....**4.0** inches
May Record High.....**101° F** (1953)
May Record Low **8° F** (1971)
May Avg Water Temperature.....**78° F**

June Avg Rainfall.....**6.1** inches
June Record High.....**102° F** (1969)
June Record Low **48° F** (1984)
June Avg Water .Temperature...**81° F**

YTD Variance **- 6.7** inches
Year to Date Rainfall.....**13,6** inches
Avg Annual Rainfall**65.1** inches



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR APRIL 2023: The OILA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) received and reviewed the following during April 2023 and upon review and adherence to the OILA Covenants, has approved the following project(s):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lot(s)</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Owner/POC/Address</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>In-Compliance & Approved</u>
04/04	24	13	R. Walton Cumberland Farms	Install New Signs	Yes
04/12		4	D. Davison Turtle Walk Condo	Concrete and Steel Repair/Replace	Yes
04/19	458	8	R. Langford 807 Tarpon Dr.	Roof Repair	Yes
04/19		4	K. Wickery Veranda Condo	Repair/Replace Wood and Stucko	Yes

Special Notes: The OILA ARC instructions for your project are located on the OILA website:

[Okaloosa Island Leaseholders Association - OILA - Architecture Review](#)

Please read and follow the instructions for submission of an OILA ARC application:

3. OILA ARC review package:
 - 3.1. Completed OILA ARC application,
 - 3.2. Survey plat of the property,
 - 3.3. Overlaid illustration of the project on a copy of the survey plat.
 - 3.4. Other supporting documents* (drawings, plans, specifications, etc.) (*If these are large files, they can be submitted separately).
 - 3.5. (Combine the files into one file for submission to the ARC, either in MS Word or Adobe PDF format.)
4. Email the completed ARC application file to the OILA ARC for review at OILAARC@yahoo.com.

The ARC applications will be reviewed in the order they are received and the review will be completed within 2 weeks of a completed application. (Note: The ARC no longer holds meetings in-person/zoom meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday's of the month)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023 – APPROVED AT THE APRIL 10, 2023 MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 10, 2023

MEMBERSHIP TOTAL: 279

March 13, 2023 TOTAL BALANCE: \$ 28,828.77

ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AS OF March 13, 2023... ..\$ 27,319.44

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST REPORT

Membership dues.....\$	18.00
U.S. Mail.....\$	<u>6.00</u>
Total..... \$	24.00

EXPEDITURES: No Expenditures.

EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT:

Reimburse Jim Simpson for the cost of stamps to mail the April 2023 OIL Lantern\$ **30.24**

**ASSOCIATION DISCRETIONARY FUND BALANCE AFTER RECEIPTS,
EXPENDITURES & EXPENSES PENDING APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT AS
OF APRIL 10, 2023 \$ 27,313.32**

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF MARCH 13, 2023..... \$ 1,421.28

BEAUTIFICATION FUND EXPENDITURES SINCE LAST REPORTNo Expenditures

BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 10, 2023..... \$ 1,421.28

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF MARCH 13, 2023..... \$ 88.05

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING FUND BALANCE AS OF APRIL 10, 2023\$ 88.05

SUMMARY: April 10, 2023 Fund Balances

-- Association's Discretionary Fund Balance.	\$ 27,313.32
-- Beautification Fund Balance.....	\$ 1,421.28
-- Christmas Decorating Fund Balance (Donations).....	\$ <u>88.05</u>

TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE.....\$ 28,822.53

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Simpson, Treasurer

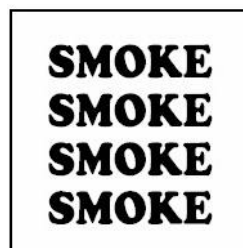
WUZZLE PUZZLES - What is a Wuzzle Puzzle? It is a puzzle consisting of combinations of words, letters, figures, or symbols positioned to create disguised words, phrases, names, places, etc. Are you ready to take the challenge and figure out the "disguised" meaning of these wuzzles? Good luck. The answers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



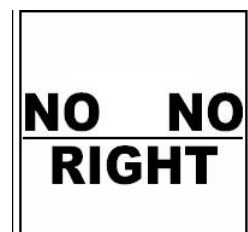
Wuzzle No. 1



Wuzzle No. 2



Wuzzle No. 3



Wuzzle No. 4

May 8, 2023 Meeting Agenda

DATE: Monday, May 8, 2023 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

- I. PLACE:** For our May 2023 meeting, members will have the option of attending the meeting in-person at the Okaloosa Island Firehouse (104 Santa Rosa Blvd) or attending over the internet by Zoom
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call of Board Members:** Ed Henderson
- IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:** John Donovan
 1. March 13, 2013 and April 10, 2013 Draft Minutes Pending
- V. Treasurer's Report for May 2023 -** Jim Simpson, Treasurer
- VI. Standing Committee Reports:**
 - A. OILA Director Nominating Committee.
 - B. Architectural Review Committee Report for April 2023 (printed in this newsletter and for info only)
- VII. New and Unfinished Business**
 - A. Upon motion to be made and seconded, be it Resolved, that in the event there is a contested OILA 2023-2024 Directors Election this year, the cutoff time and date for the submission of new membership applications and/or renewals is set at 12 Noon on the Saturday before the June 2023 OILA Monday Election Day, with the exact date of the Election Day to be announced by the OILA President at the May OILA Members Meeting."
 - B. Progress Report for OILA's Educational/Recruiting USPS Postcard Project
 - C. Establish an Island Coalition to Promote the Planting of Milkweed to Save the Monarch Butterfly
- VIII. Announcements, Speakers and Programs:**
- XI. Adjournment**

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY – MAY

May 5, 1893 - The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began as stock prices fell dramatically. By the end of the year, 600 banks closed, 15,000 businesses went bankrupt and unemployment hit 20%.

May 7, 1915 - The British passenger ship *Lusitania* was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, losing 1,198 of its 1,924 passengers, including 114 Americans

May 13, 1981 - Pope John Paul II was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.

May 27, 1937 - In San Francisco, 200,000 people celebrated the grand opening of the Golden Gate Bridge by strolling across it.

May 29, 1453 - The city of Constantinople was captured by the Turks, who renamed it Istanbul.



WUZLE PUZZLES ANSWERS

Wuzzle No. 1



Hi Rise A-part-ments

Wuzzle No. 2



Sooo Long for Now

Wuzzle No. 3



Smoke Stack

Wuzzle No. 4



Right Under the Nose