



Chincoteague Island, VA

Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

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Greetings OB II Home and Property Owners. We hope everyone's enjoying the summer and finding some time to relax and enjoy Chincoteague.

Thank you again for all the great feedback regarding the newsletter and don't forget to send your thoughts and ideas for future issues.

New To The Neighborhood ...

Greetings to our new neighbors and homeowners, Robert and Allyson Jozwik from Alexandria, VA., who purchased a new home at 5363 N. Hibiscus Dr.

Save The Date ...

Mark your calendars! And even if you don't, we'll be reminding you again that the 39th annual Oyster Bay Property Owner Association meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th at 1pm. Members will receive notice of meeting location in the mail and we'll also include the information in upcoming newsletters.

This meeting provides an important opportunity to get to know the Board of Directors as well as your neighbors. It also gives everyone a chance to be updated with current information and/or to voice any community concerns.

A History Lesson Part 2 ...

The Oyster Bay development in Chincoteague is primarily made up of two sections. This series of articles written by Buford T. Rowland provides a history of the development of the Oyster Bay II Community and the evolution of the Property Owners Association.

By 1972, the Oyster Bay II community had roads installed and topped with oyster shells, city water lines installed and telephone and electric lines installed. A promise that sewage would be provided by a new central sewer system came with each new lot sale. Also in 1972, the developer drafted by-laws and covenants and restrictions for an Oyster Bay II community property owner's association and held at least one meeting. The developer's intention was to establish the framework for a property owner's association and then turn the property owner's association over to the property owners once enough lots were sold to merit the transfer.

In 1973, with the national economy having problems and gas becoming difficult and expensive to buy, the sale of lots in Oyster Bay pretty much dried up. Oyster Bay Development Co. sold their last 31 lots in Oyster Bay II to the Chincoteague Development Partnership, a group of retired investors. The original developer and land owners defaulted on the development of Oyster Bay II and declared bankruptcy in the mid-1970's, leaving the Community to the lot owners to complete.

The Oyster Bay II Community Property Owners Association was formed as a not-for-profit corporation in 1975 to complete the roads and the central sewer system, to maintain other common areas of the Community and to look after the interests of the Community. A Board of Directors was elected to pursue the Association's interests. Through the result of legal actions, ownership of all Oyster Bay II property and on-site assets were deeded from the developer and land owners to the OBII Community POA. During the formation of the Association, the Board of Directors drafted and the Association membership approved the Association's formal documents: Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions.

Roads in the Community were restored in the late 1970's, with the main roads (less cul-de-sacs and the last section of Hibiscus) being paved as funds permitted. Since the last section of Hibiscus had become a dump for local residents and a parking place for youngsters and since no homes were built on this section, the Board of Directors elected to block access, ultimately with pilings and a gate. Cul-de-sacs continued to be upgraded and main roads maintained over the years as funding and conditions permit.

The Oyster Bay Water and Sewer Company, Inc., a public utility corporation wholly owned by the OBII Community POA, was formed, also in 1975, to administer and operate the central sewer system. "City" water lines had been installed by the developer and turned over to the Town to be maintained and are not managed by the Water and Sewer Company. The OBII Community POA Board of Directors hired contractors to complete development of the central sewer system which was completed in 1979.

An initial 12 homes were permitted to be connected to the central sewage system by the Health Department, based on water usage and sewage guidelines at the time. Based on water usage records and revised sewage criteria, the Health Department permitted an additional 4 homes to be connected to the central sewer system in the late 1980s. 9 homes remained on their original individual septic systems which the Health Department continued to allow as long as the systems were working properly.

Gardening Goodies ...

Before you throw it in the garbage can, think about using some everyday food and beverage items to help feed your gardens throughout the year.

For example, roses love banana peels. Bananas are rich in phosphorus and potassium, which provide macro-nutrients for plants. Potassium in particular is responsible for the formation of new buds. Just cut the peel into chunks and bury them around fresh soil.

Eggshells in my garden? Almost 98% of the eggshell is calcium carbonate, which is important to fast growing plants such as tomatoes, peppers and eggplants because the

plant depletes the surrounding soil of calcium which is important to cell growth in the plant. Crush the shells and mix them into the soil around each plant.

Guess who else will love a morning cup of joe as much as you do? Save your coffee grinds for your gardens. Coffee grinds are a terrific source of nitrogen and they also contain magnesium, calcium and potassium. Sprinkle them on top of the soil; they'll know what to do. And as an added bonus, coffee grinds can help to create a slug and snail barrier because they are abrasive and acidic.

A lovely cup of tea for your gardens? Tea leaves will supply your garden with the big three nutrients: N-P-K, nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus. Sprinkle your used tea leaves around the base of acid loving plants, including tomatoes and roses.

Local Hot Spots ...

In the event that the summer hasn't been hot enough for you up until now, why not try some of the locally made hot items to really heat you up!

Hot Stuff – 6273 Cropper St. Features a wide selection of gourmet hot sauces, salsas, mustards, dips, etc. Exclusive home of Chincoteague Island Wild Pony Sauce.

Mr. D's Suicide Flakes – 3276 Ridge Rd. Homegrown hot pepper flakes that'll make your eyes water! Garden fresh herbs are also available.

Local Cooling Stations ...

However, if you're in need of some serious cooling off, there are several places on Chincoteague that are sure to do the trick with frozen treats and icy cold beverages of all kinds:

Island Creamery 6243 Maddox Blvd. Opens at 11am. Frozen desserts, handmade in small batches. Over 34 flavors of ice cream, sorbet, sherbet and frozen yogurt

Mr. Whippy's 6201 Maddox Blvd. Opens at 11am. 97% fat free and available in sundaes, milkshakes, cones, snowballs, slushies, cyclones and sorbet

Mullers Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor 4034 Main St. Opens at 12 Noon. Fresh fruit sundaes, malted milk shakes, ice cream sodas, draft root beer, soft custard.

Dairy Queen/Orange Julius 6758 Maddox Blvd. Opens at 11am. Soft serve ice cream, signature shakes, sundaes, smoothies and ice cream cakes.

Who's In The Community?



The Great Horned Owl with its long ears and piercing yellow eyes, is the owl most depicted in story books and movies. It's a nocturnal bird, but may be seen occasionally at dusk or dawn sitting up in a tree. They build a nest of large sticks, likely in the Pines on Chincoteague. Pairs breed in January – February each year. The Great Horned Owl can be heard most times of the year in our community. It's easily recognized by its stuttering call, hoot-hoot-hoot --- hoot – hoot. The male's voice is deeper than the female's. It's a powerful bird that feeds on other birds, mice, frogs and even larger mammals. They use their exceptional hearing to locate their prey. They're very quiet and stealth flyers so they easily attack with little notice. On a quiet summer night, keep your ears open for the Great Horned Owl.

All Around Town ...

There's much more going on here during the month of August than this newsletter will accommodate! Here are just a few of this month's events:

Fri. morning, Aug. 1st: Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Co. Pony Swim Back. Watch the ponies swim back home to Assateague! Call 757.336.3138 for schedule info.

Fri., Aug. 1st & Sat., Aug., 2nd 7pm – 11pm
89th Annual Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co.'s Carnival Rides,
Food, Games and Fun!

Summer Cinema Series Join the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance for Summer Cinema. Bring a chair to Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park to enjoy free films outdoors on the big screen. Films begin at dusk.

Thurs., Aug. 7th - "The Mouse That Roared"

Thurs., Aug. 28th - "Moonrise Kingdom"

Chincoteague Bay Field Station Workshops

Fri., Aug. 8th – "Wonders of Wallops Island Tour"

A unique field trip to the sand dunes of Wallops Island NASA base will allow you to see a pristine environment. The island is closed to the public and this opportunity is exclusive to the CBFS. While in the field, participants will learn about dune succession and collect shells.

Fri., Aug. 15th – "Fish Printing" At CBFS

Gyotaku, the Japanese art of fish printing evolved in Japan more than 100 years ago as a means for fishermen to

document the size of their catches. Come learn this unique craft. Tools and materials will be provided.

CBFS Workshops run 8:30am – 12Noon on Fridays.
Pre-registration is required at www.cbfieldstation.org
or call 757.824.5636.

The 2nd Saturday Art Stroll Aug. 9th, 5pm – 9pm.

Arts 'n crafts demonstrations, exhibits, live music, readings, book signings, wine tastings and it takes place at participating galleries and shops around the island.

Sat., Aug. 9th & Sat., Aug. 30th – "Music At The Dock"

Music At The Dock is a series of public concerts performed in Robert Reed Park along the waterfront in downtown Chincoteague. The concerts are free and each one presents a different style of music. Bring a chair or a blanket and sit on the lawn or listen from your boat docked on the waterfront. Concerts start at 7pm. This event is tentatively scheduled so please call 757.336.0044 or visit www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/musicatthedock

Sat., Aug. 16th 6:30pm – 10pm "Island Coffeehouse"

Island Coffeehouse features eclectic, non-electric acts in a casual cabaret setting at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance, located at 6309 Church St. Admission \$5/adults, \$3 for those aged under 22.

Wallops Island Rocket Launches For upcoming mission and launch dates and info at the Wallops Island facility, go online to www.nasa.gov

Wondering where to watch a rocket launch from? You can watch them from several locations including:

The Wallops Island Visitors Center on Rte. 175

On Chincoteague at Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Curtiss Merritt Harbor, the bike trail adjacent to the Assateague Bridge and the Accomack Public Launch on Rte. 175

Assateague Island beach is also open for launch viewing during their normal business hours, too. If a launch is scheduled to occur outside of these hours, please contact the Visitors Center at 757.824.1344 for additional info.

Please don't forget to recycle when possible. The Accomack County Convenience Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Rd., open from 7am – 6pm (closed Tuesdays). Thanks for keeping our Community clean!

If you have a Community concern that needs immediate attention, call: Jack Keane or Kathy Bradley.

And if you have any suggestions or Community information for this newsletter, please contact Jean Hubbard.