



# Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter December 2014

Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel (French), Feliz Navidad (Spanish), Buone Feste Natalizie (Italian), Nollaig Shona Duit (Gaelic), Judtlime pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritlo (Eskimo – inupik), Sheng Dan Kuai Le (Chinese – Mandarin), Kala Christouyenna (Greek), Mele Kalikmaka (Hawaiian), Frohe Weignachten (German), Gozhqq Keshmish (Native American – Apache), Kurisumasu Omedeto (Japanese) to one and all!

Also, apologies for an error in the November newsletter regarding POA rate increases. As of 1/1/15, the annual rate for owners of improved lots will be \$315, not \$312.

## Cheers & Best Wishes ...

Congratulations to Janet and Phil Hoey on the completion of their beautiful new home at 5375 N. Hibiscus Dr. We're looking forward to seeing you around the community!.

## New To The Neighborhood ...

While they're not the human kind of new neighbors, it appears that a Mallard couple is considering taking up residency in the front entrance pond. They seem to be enjoying a fabulous waterfront view, morning and afternoon sunshine and some scrumptious home grown delicacies compliments of the pond. Hope they decide to stay!

## Breaking POA News ...

**Declaration of Covenants & Restrictions** - After receipt of mail in votes, the proposed revision has received the required 2/3 aye votes to be adopted. The revised

document will be recorded with Accomack County. The Board of Directors will determine the amount for the new Builder Impact Fee.

**New POA Address** – Please note that with a new Treasurer, dues and fees will now be sent to:

OBII Community POA  
3904 Thrasher Court  
Monrovia, MD 21770

Please pay attention to the new address when you receive your bills.

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye ...

The following notice was sent by e-mail to the three active home builders in Oyster Bay II (Allen Clark Construction Co., Inc., BobCat Builders by Priest Construction Co. and Patriot Spec. Homes, Inc.) as to required documents the builder must submit to the Architectural Committee:

**Subject:** Documents Required For Approval of New Home Construction

In order to be consistent and fair to all builders in our community and speed up the approval process, the Architectural Committee will require the following documents be submitted to the Chairperson:

1. Clear drawing of placement of proposed home on the lot, showing dimensions and setbacks.
2. Elevation drawing that shows height above ground level.

3. A statement that before delivery to the customer, the builder will install a culvert in the swale at the road to prevent backing up water on others' properties. The recent heavy rains have demonstrated that this is a requirement.

We appreciate your assistance.

## The Show Must Go On ...

*By Laura Bell-Fourcade*



The Island Theatre, site of the 1961 world premier of "Misty of Chincoteague", has been welcoming box office visitors with Misty's own hoof prints for more than 5 decades.

Since 2011, under the ownership of the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization (CIAO), a 501(c) (3) Non-Profit, the theatre has undergone floor-to-roof repairs. Generous donations from individuals, groups in the community and grants have also made digital technology a reality. This makes the Island Theatre one of the only digital movie theatres between Cape Charles and Salisbury.

CIAO's goal is to create a performing arts center that will show first run movies throughout the year, as well as host concerts, live theater and other community and cultural events. Renovations and upgrades still needed makes ongoing fundraising a necessity. The old theatre seats, currently for sale, offer individuals a chance to own a piece of island history, while contributing to the theatre's future.

Filling the seats will be a given when, Wednesday, December 31st at 8pm, CIAO will present the 3rd annual New Year's Eve concert at the Island Theatre. Bill Toms brings creativity, power, and passion to his audiences through his repertoire of rhythm and blues, soul, folk, and rock and roll. He has opened for and played with a long

and impressive list of notables, such as The Band, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Little Feat, and Stevie Ray Vaughan. A sold out event last year had guests dancing in the aisles to Bill and his band, Hard Rain, and this year promises to be a reprise. The concert will end just in time for everyone to watch the "Horseshoe Drop" across the street at Robert Reed Park. You can sample Bill Toms' music at [www.billtoms.com](http://www.billtoms.com). Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are on sale now at Sundial Books and H&H Pharmacy (cash or check only) or online at [www.ciarts.org](http://www.ciarts.org). Beer and wine will be sold during the concert. Hope to see you there.

HAPPY 2015 from CIAO and The Island Theatre!

For more details on movies, events, and other news, please visit the CIAO website at [www.ciarts.org](http://www.ciarts.org)

## Snowy Forecast This Winter ...

*By Dave Hudgins*

Three "snowy" bird breeds from the arctic may be seen around Chincoteague during the winter season. They are Snow Geese, Snow Buntings and Snowy Owls.



The Snow Goose is a North American species that summers and breeds in the arctic. Fields of the eastern shore and the impoundments of the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge provide perfect habitat and food for the wintering flocks. Large flocks of these white and black geese are easily recognized as they move overhead and then swirl down to rest and feed. You may also note some darker 'blue phase' subspecies mixed in with the flock.

The Snow Bunting is a small song bird that has white wings and black wing tips. The Snow Bunting is an arctic species that migrates south for the winter. The eastern shore of Virginia is about the southern bounds of the Snow Bunting's range. These birds are typically seen in small flocks around the beach or in farm fields. A flock of four was seen on November 16th in the parking lot next to the Tom's Cove Visitor Center on Assateague.







The Snowy Owl is unusual for the area. A lack of this Owl's food (lemmings) in the more northern winter grounds last winter caused a rarely seen eruption of this bird south to Florida. Bird experts believe that a similar eruption could also occur this winter. The Snowy Owl is about two feet high with a five foot wing span. They have been

seen in the dunes at the beach and on stands out in the water. One was even spotted on our own Main Street on top of a street light.

So keep your eyes open this winter for avian forms of snow.

## All Around Town ...



*T's Christmas time on Chincoteague and in Oyster Bay II there are several fun activities in December to do.*

*A Gingerbread challenge and other holiday food, the kinds of events that'll put you in a good mood.*

*There's a Kiwanis pancake supper to benefit the kids, hosted by Bill's Seafood, it'll be delicious, that's no fib.*

*Don't miss the Christmas Parade all along Main Street, bring blankets and chairs; otherwise you'll be on your feet.*

*Look at the homes, the lights and the trees, there's even stuff you can do here for free.*

*Merry Christmas to one and all,*

*and if possible, please shop local and not at the mall!*

**By Jean Hubbard**

**Wed., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30pm – 7:30pm “Kiwanis Old Fashioned Pancake Supper”** – Kiwanis members and Bill's Seafood Restaurant staff donate their time and tips to help families in need at the holidays. Hosted at Bill's (4040 Main St.) and tickets are available from Kiwanis members, H&H Pharmacy or Mason Oil Co.

**Sat., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> “Homes For The Holidays” Home Tour** The 2014 Chincoteague Island Holiday Home Tour is a great opportunity to look inside some remarkable homes and learn about their rich history, architecture, distinctive features and decorations. Tickets are \$20. Call 757.336.6858 or email [tw6er@yahoo.com](mailto:tw6er@yahoo.com).

**Sat., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm “Old Fashioned Christmas Parade”** A truly old fashioned Christmas parade featuring floats, marching bands, color guards, saltwater cowboys, fire companies from around the shore, and of course, the big man himself, Santa Claus! An awards ceremony will be held at the Fire House following the parade with prizes and awards given in a variety of categories.

**Sun., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 12pm – 4pm “The Great Gingerbread Challenge”** – The competition promises to be fierce and fun in this sweet rivalry of sugar mayhem! This live interactive family fun event will feature multiple teams, 3 judges and only 1 winner. Admission price: please bring canned and dry goods. Donations will benefit the Chincoteague Food Pantry. This event will be held at the Community Center (6155 Community Dr.). For more info, visit [www.chincoteaguechristmas.com/gingerbread.html](http://www.chincoteaguechristmas.com/gingerbread.html)

**Sun., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2pm “Children's Tea Party With Mrs. Claus”** – Mrs. Claus along with several of Santa's elves will be the honored guests of the Hampton Inn's (4179 Main St.) Christmas By The Sea Children's Tea Party. There will be games, songs and gifts as well as hot cocoa, sandwiches and cookies for the kids. Tickets are \$15 per person and pre-paid reservations are required.

**Sat., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – 10pm “Island Coffeehouse”** Each month the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance's Island Coffeehouse presents a variety of arts in a listening room environment. Enjoy acoustic musicians and spoken word artists, look at some visual art and taste some good food and drinks! \$5 per person, \$3 for those under 22.

**Mon., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, “Santa Claus On The North Side of Chincoteague Island!”** – Beginning at about 5:30pm, you can see Santa Claus on the Chincoteague Island Fire Truck going thru the north side of the Island. The dividing line will be Church St. Keep an eye out!

**Tues., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, “Santa Claus On The South Side of Chincoteague Island!”** – Beginning at about 5:30pm, you can see Santa Claus on the Chincoteague Island Fire Truck going thru the south side of the Island. The dividing line will be Church St. Keep an eye out!

**Thurs., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 8pm – 11:30pm “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Year's Eve Concert”** – Bill Toms and Hard Rain will perform a mix of rhythm & blues, soul, folk and rock 'n roll at The Island Theatre (4074 Main St.). The doors will open at 7:30pm. This event was sold out last year. Tickets are \$30 per person and are currently on sale at Sundial Books, H&H Pharmacy or online at [www.ciarts.org](http://www.ciarts.org)

**Thurs., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 10pm “Pony Island Horseshoe Drop & Costume Promenade”** – Head to the Robert Reed Downtown Waterfront Park and enjoy a festive end of year celebration. Wear your favorite costume because prizes will be awarded in various categories or be a spectator. Help with the countdown to Midnight when the lighted horseshoe drops just in time to ring in the new year. You'll have a lot of fun with your island friends and neighbors! For more details, visit [www.chincoteaguechristmas.com](http://www.chincoteaguechristmas.com)

**OB II Community Property Owners Association  
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*Maria Paccioretti (Chairperson)*

*Phillip Ettinger*

*Phil Hoey*

*Ethan Simonson*

**Budget Audit Committee**

*Phil Hoey (Chairperson)*

*Tim Landolt*

**Communications Committee**

*Jean Hubbard (Chairperson)*

*Dave Hudgins*

*Andy Suchoski*

**Community Improvement Committee**

*Dave Hudgins (Chairperson)*

*Jean Hubbard*

*Buford T. Rowland*

**Documentation/Records Committee**

*Maria Paccioretti\* (Chairperson)*

*Dave Hudgins*

**Maintenance Committee**

*Tim Landolt (Chairperson)*

*Kathy Bradley (on-site rep)*

*Ethan Simonson*

**Utilities Committee**

*Kathy Bradley (Chairperson)*

*Jack Keene (on-site rep)*

\*Corporate Registered Agent for Oyster Bay II Community POA and  
Oyster Bay II Water & Sewage Company, Inc.

**OB II Community Property Owners Association  
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Please recycle whenever possible. The Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Road and it is open every day, except Tuesdays, from 7am – 6pm. Additional bins have been added for donations of clothing and shoes as well as a dumpster for used auto and truck tires. Thank you for helping to keep our community clean.

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

Attention OBII Members: Please help with our newsletter! Email your ideas, suggestions, articles, photographs, recipes, restaurant reviews, fishing and crabbing spots, favorite activities, places of interest, Jean Hubbard.