



Chincoteague Island, VA

Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

November 2014

Greetings fellow OBII Community Members,

A quick note to let everyone know that the Oyster Bay II Community did not suffer any visible damage due to the explosion of Orbital's Antares rocket. Our thoughts are with all of those involved.

New To The Neighborhood ...

Welcome new neighbors! Paul and Sandra Kleckner have a new home at 5190 Wild Pony Ct. (lot #269) and will be full time residents. Paul grew up on Chincoteague so for him, it must be like coming home again! Jerry and Judy Frey hailing from Dushore, PA have a new home at 5269 Pine Tree Way (lot #271) and will be here part time. We wish all of you the best.

Extra, Extra, Read All About It ...

The 39th annual joint meeting of the Oyster Bay II Community POA and Water & Sewer Company was held on October 25th. There were 32 members in attendance representing 42 lots. The POA Secretary accepted 13 proxies for a total of 55 out of 95 lots represented. It was good to see many new owners in attendance.

Community improvements for the year include graveling of N. Hibiscus Dr. from the old gate at lot #214 to the end at lot #210, re-graveling of the side streets and cul-de-sacs off of Pine Tree Way and the clean-up and addition of a fountain at the entrance pond.

Since the 2013 meeting, 7 new homes were completed and are occupied; numerous homes and lots have been bought and sold with additional new home starts anticipated in the coming months.

The Board has analyzed the costs and future needs of both the POA and the Water & Sewer Company. After some tough deliberations, the Board approved a rate increase for the first time in 6 years. The rate schedule for 2015 will be:

- POA unimproved lot dues: \$220 per year
- POA improved lot dues: \$312 per year
- Water & Sewer Company fees: \$125 per quarter

To offset some of the costs associated with wear and tear on the community resulting from new home construction, the Board proposed a revision to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions to authorize a builder impact fee. There were also other changes and clarifications in the proposed revision. Changes to Association documents require a 2/3 vote of the members in good standing. As 62 votes were required and 55 members were represented, ballots were accepted from those in attendance/proxies. Ballots will be sent to those that were not represented at the meeting. If approved, the Board will add the impact fee to the 2015 rate schedule.

Thanks All Around!

Terry and Kathy Bradley were recognized for their outstanding efforts on the entry pond, removing the green duckweed with hand skimmers and keeping the new fountain unclogged. When initially installed on September 29th, the fountain would need to be removed daily and cleaned due to clogging. Thanks Terry and Kathy!

Jean Hubbard was recognized for her terrific effort to create and publish the monthly newsletter. The newsletter helps keep members informed on what's happening in the OBII community and around the island. Thanks Jean!

David and Sandy Nash were recognized for their efforts on behalf of the community for many years. The Nash's purchase of lot #210 41 years ago predates the Association. As they anticipate the sale of their lot in the near term, David has opted to not seek re-election to the Board. Sandy served on the original Board and was the first Secretary. David has served for many years and, as a Virginia realtor, has provided great expertise and guidance to the Board over the years. Thanks David and Sandy!

The meeting concluded with the election of the Board for 2015. The Board can consist of up to 10 members. As there were only 10 names on the ballot when nominations were closed, the Secretary opted to cast a single ballot for the 10 nominees versus a formal vote of members.

Thanks to all who participated. Formal minutes from the meeting will be distributed.

2015 Board of Directors

2015 Board as elected at the annual meeting and positions as voted on at the subsequent meeting of the Board follow:

Buford Rowland – President

Tim Landolt – Vice President

Dave Hudgins – Secretary

Phil Hoey – Treasurer

Kathy Bradley

Arlene Dougherty

Philip Ettinger

Jean Hubbard

Jack Keene

Maria Paccioretti

Who's In The Community?

By Dave Hudgins



Have you ever heard something that sounds like a rubber ducky squeaky toy calling in the community? If so, you are likely hearing the call of the Brown Headed Nuthatch. The Brown Headed Nuthatch is a year round resident in the area. It is a small bird (about 4 inches long) with a blue-gray body, white breast and a light brown cap on its head.

A primary food source of the Brown Headed Nuthatch is pine nuts. This is why they are attracted to the Chincoteague area. They will also readily eat sunflower seeds from your feeder. They can also be seen using a piece of pine bark in its beak to dig for insects on tree trunks and limbs.

The Red Breasted Nuthatch can be seen occasionally in the community, mostly outside of the summer months.

This Nuthatch is also pretty small (about 4.5 inches long). It has a blue-gray back, with a white and cinnamon red breast, a black cap and a wide black eye stripe.

Red Breasted Nuthatches feed on insects, but will also eat the sunflower seeds from your feeder. They prefer pine forests. Their usual call is a series of short loud but tinny sounding yak-yak-yak-yak.

So, if you hear a rubber ducky sound and there is no bath tub in sight or if you see a small bird foraging its way down a pine tree trunk, you have probably stumbled upon one of the neighborhood nuthatches.

Showers Forecasted ...

By Dave Hudgins



Showers are forecasted for November and December. Meteor Showers!

On a clear night, the view of the stars in the community is spectacular. In fact, you can see the Milky Way trailing across the sky. Occasionally throughout the year, a shooting star might be observed. Two of the biggest meteor showers occur in November and December.

The Leonids Meteor Shower occurs in November. The name comes from the constellation Leo, where the meteors appear to radiate from. The meteors are the result of debris from the Tempel-Tuttle Comet colliding with the earth's atmosphere. The meteors become visible in the late evening (after 10pm), with peak seen throughout the early morning hours. The number of meteors is not completely predictable. In recent years, 10 - 20 meteors per hour can be seen.

The Geminids Meteor Shower occurs in December with peak on December 13th – 14th. The name comes from the constellation Gemini, where the meteors appear to radiate from. The meteors result from rock debris from a Palladian asteroid. The Geminids produces 50 - 100 meteors per hour at the peak. Meteors can be viewed as readily in the late evening as the early hours from midnight until dawn.

For more information on meteor showers throughout the year, go to <http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/earthskys-meteor-shower-guide>

Household Hints ...

For a change of pace and because we'll all probably be spending a little more time in the house rather than in the garden over the next couple of months, I thought people might find the following information helpful. We'll definitely get back to "Gardening Goodies" in the future.

HOW TO REMOVE PERMANENT MARKER FROM EVERYTHING



CLOTHES - USE HAND SANITIZER

WALLS - USE TOOTHPASTE OR HAIRSPRAY

WOOD - USE RUBBING ALCOHOL

CARPET - USE WHITE VINEGAR

FURNITURE - USE MILK

WHITE BOARD - USE DRY ERASE MARKER OR PENCIL RUBBER ERASER

CERAMIC OR GLASS - USE 1 PART TOOTHPASTE WITH 1 PART BAKING SODA

All Around Town ...

Feel like going somewhere but don't want to wander too far? There are some great activities taking place on Chincoteague throughout the month of November that may fit your interests:

Sat., Nov. 1st, 6:30pm, "Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre" – Presented by the Chincoteague Island Theatre Company, this is your last chance to enjoy "Three Doors to Death: Or, The Choice Is Yours" by Keith Jackson. Catered and performed at Mr. Pauls's Kitchen. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from Sundial Books or H&H Pharmacy. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Sat., Nov. 8th, 5pm–9pm, "2nd Saturday Art Stroll" – Participating galleries and shops are open for extended hours with special events. Call 757.336.0044 for more info or visit www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org.

Sat., Nov. 8th, 5pm, "Chin-Dig" at Tom's Cove Family Campground - Sponsored by the Chincoteague Family YMCA and Tom's Cove, this "Island Masquerade" will include lots of good food, dancing, music and an auction. Participants are encouraged to wear fancy masks. A raw bar and New Orleans style buffet will be provided and there will also be a cash bar. Proceeds to benefit the "Strong Kids" Campaign. \$30 per person. Tickets available at the YMCA. For more info, call 757.336.6266, email swiger@ymcachesapeake.org or go to <http://www.middelmarvaymca.org/chincoteague/>

Fri., Nov. 14th - Tues., Nov. 18th, "Wounded Warrior Hunt" - The Freedom Hunters Organization and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will host a Wounded Warrior Hunt at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The Freedom Hunters, a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit, is organizing this event. Supporters include Chincoteague American Legion Post 159, St. Andrew the Apostle Church, the Refuge, Tyson Foods and others. Event will also include several other activities, including a bonfire on Assateague Beach. For more info, visit www.FreedomHunters.org or call the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce at 757.336.6161.

Sat., Nov. 22nd, "4th Annual Mayors Ball" – 6pm cocktails, 7pm dinner Event takes place at the Chincoteague Center, with catering by Bill's Seafood and music and dancing by Bigger Dreams. \$50 per person, tickets are available for purchase at the Center and at Shore Bank. For more info, call 757.336.0614.

Thurs., Nov. 27th – Sun., Nov. 30th, "Assateague Island Waterfowl Weekend" – In celebration of their annual migration to the Refuge, the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge will hold an Open House and offer a variety of programs and activities, including guided tours on trails that are normally closed to the public. This weekend is a spectacular opportunity for bird nerds and photographers since fall migration is at its peak. For more details visit www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco or call 757.336.0044.

Fri., Nov. 28th and Sat., Nov. 29th, "28th Annual Deborah Waterfowl Show & Auction" at the Chincoteague Combined School, 4586 Main St. – Over 100 exhibitors. For information, call 757.336.6161 or go to www.chincoteaguechamber.com

Sat., Nov. 29th, 9am – 1pm. CCA "Holly Day Market" - Chincoteague Cultural Alliance hosts a special Holly Day Market offering handmade quilts, vintage Christmas items, wreaths, woodcrafts, jewelry and more. Music, raffles and contests. 6309 Church St.. Rain or shine.

Sat., Nov. 29th, 5pm, "Chincoteague Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony" – Sponsored by the Main Street Merchants, this event will take place at Robert Reed Downtown Park. For more info, call 757.336.6858 or go to www.chincoteaguemerchants.com

**OB II Community Property Owners Association
2015 Membership Committees**

Architectural Committee

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.

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John M. (Jack) Keene

Maria J. Paccioretti

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.