



Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter October 2014

Hello and greetings to all OB II Community Members (not including the mosquitoes!),

Welcome to the Autumn of 2014 on Chincoteague Island. While it's not quite as busy as the last couple of months have been, there's still "stuff" going on both in our community and on the Island in October. Check it out!!

Happy Halloween Everyone!!!

New To The Neighborhood ...

Welcome new neighbors! Dr. James Beach has a new home at 5404 N. Hibiscus Dr. (lot #212) and Brett Vincent also has a new home at 5142 Deep Fern Ct. (lot #245). We wish you the best.

Please Attend ...

The 39th annual joint meeting of the Oyster Bay II Community Property Owners Association, Inc. and the Oyster Bay Water and Sewer Company, Inc. will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 in the Conference Room (above the office) at the Rodeway Motor Inn on Maddox Blvd. on Chincoteague. The meeting will begin promptly at 1pm. You have likely received formal notice by now.

There are many important matters to discuss at this meeting. Election of the 2015 Board of Directors will take place. Also, a vote is expected on recommended changes to the Association's Covenants and Restrictions. It's highly recommended that you attend or submit a proxy in your absence. As our community continues to grow, we'd like to have new members step forward to help out on the Board or the POA committees. Hope to see you there!

News From The Board ...

The Board of Directors met on September 20th to discuss the status of several community activities and to prepare for the upcoming annual POA meeting on October 25th. Updates were provided on the following projects:

- N. Hibiscus Drive extension road project near completion
- Pine Tree Way side streets road gravelling project to begin soon
- Community entry pond clearing and fountain installation near completion
- Community entry area fencing and other improvements in planning stage
- New home starts/completions and lot transfers continue
- Updates to the Covenants and Restrictions awaiting comments from legal counsel
- Long term capital project recommendations made

The Board also prepared the 2015 budget for the POA and the OBII Water and Sewer Company. Plans for 2015 fees will be determined prior to and presented at the Annual Meeting.

Details for all of these items and much more will be covered at the Annual Meeting.

Day Tripping ...

By Dave Hudgins

If you dig archeology, you will want to check out Makemie Monument Park. Formerly known as Pocomoke Farm, Makemie Monument Park is a historic site along the banks of Holdens Creek in Sanford, Virginia. The site is the location of the home and family cemetery of Francis Makemie (1658–1708), acknowledged as a founding leader of the Presbyterian Church in America. Maintained by the Francis Makemie Society, the site includes a monument built in his honor in 1908.



The Society has sponsored archeological digs to unearth Rev. Makemie's grave, his home and other remnants from the time. Recent work has included clearing of two building basements. Among items found so far are buttons, nails, cow bones and teeth, colonial-era glass, clay pipe fragments and many types of ceramics, including fragments of rare green and yellow tiles experts think were used as a decorative feature around a fireplace.

The site also features a nice picnic area and a cleaning station for those inclined to fish in the creek.

Makemie Monument Park is located about a ½ hour drive from Chincoteague. From Rte. 175 (Chincoteague Rd.) turn left onto Atlantic Rd. (Royal Farms Store). After 2.1 miles, turn right onto Rte. 695, cross Rte. 13 and continue on Saxis Road for 5.4 miles. The sign for the Makemie Memorial Park will be on your right.

More information on the park can be found at:

www.francismakemiesociety.org

A Pinch Of This ... A Handful Of That ...

Herbs enhance the flavor of many recipes. They also help our health because they contain minerals and vitamins, unique anti-oxidants and essential oils. Basil, parsley, rosemary and peppermint are just a few of the herbs that are particularly nutritious. Basil contains Vitamins K and A, iron and calcium. Parsley has powerful anti-oxidants and is high in Vitamins K and C and it's a good source of iron. Rosemary has been reported to decrease blood sugar levels. And peppermint is an excellent source of calcium, magnesium and potassium. You don't have to go far to find these herbs (fresh and dried) as well as others.

- Herbs & Artistry - 6455 Maddox Blvd.
- Farmers Market (Wed. /Sat.) 6309 Church St.
- The Giving Tree Garden Market – 33050 Rte. 175

3, 2, 1, Blastoff ...

The September 20th launch from the Wallops flight facility of the Terrier-Lynx suborbital rocket was postponed until October 1st with a launch window between 2:30am – 4:30am (Yikes, that's early!). The NASA Visitors Center at Wallops will not be open for this launch. It will not be shown live on the Internet nor will launch status updates be provided on social media once the countdown begins.

Also launching from Wallops on an Antares Rocket, Orbital-3's blast-off is scheduled for no earlier than October 14th. This mission will deliver cargo and supplies to the International Space Station.



You can watch these launches from Robert Reed Waterfront Park, Curtis Merritt Harbor, the Assateague Bridge and the Accomack Public Launch on Rte. 175

For updates and info, please visit www.nasa.gov/wallops

All Around Town ...

Looking for something to do that you don't have to drive too far for? Heck, you can even take the trolley to the Oyster Festival for free. There are a couple of local events happening on the Island during the month of October that you might want to consider adding to your schedules:

Sat., Oct. 11th – 42nd Annual Chincoteague Oyster Festival - Enjoy all you can eat oysters on the half shell, steamed oysters or single oyster fried fritters. Also serving steamed crabs, clam fritters, clam chowder, hotdogs, fries and more. The Festival takes place from 12Noon – 4pm at Tom's Cove Park, located at 8128 Beebe Rd. Tickets are limited and may not be available the day of the event. For additional info call 757.336.6161, visit the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce at 6373 Maddox Blvd. or go online to www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events/oysterfestival.

Fri., Oct. 10th & Sat., October 11th Chincoteague Vol. Fire Co. Fall Pony Roundup - This event usually takes place on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. On Friday, the Saltwater Cowboys will round up the southern end of the pony herd and corral them into the south pen on the road going out to the beach on Assateague. Friday's roundup will take a couple of hours and there's plenty of parking access. On Saturday morning, the cowboys will head up the service road and round up the northern end of the herd and corral them into the north pen. This area is not as accessible to the public because it requires a three mile walk up the service road to wait for the ponies and then a three mile walk back. For more info, visit www.cvfc3.com or call 757.336.3138.

Sat., Oct. 11th Artful Flea & 2nd Saturday Art Stroll - Artful Flea Community Yard Sale runs from 8am – 2pm at 6309 Church St. Vendors are also welcome but must pre-register. Call 757.336.1789 for info. Art Stroll takes place from 5pm – 9pm in participating galleries and shops on the Island.

Sat., Oct. 11th "Music With A Spanish Flair" at 7pm - Chincoteague Island Arts Organization presents pianist Lynne Mackey in concert at the Island Theatre located at 4074 Main St. Listen to works of diverse composers from Europe and the Americas who were inspired by the allure and under. Purchase tickets online at www.ciao.org or from Sundial Books or H & H Pharmacy.

Sat., Oct. 18th Chincoteague Center Fall Yard Sale - Sell your own stuff or buy someone else's stuff and enjoy a snack. Tables and booths are still available. For more details call the Chincoteague Town Center, 757.336.0614 or go online to www.chincoteaguecenter.com.

Sat., Oct. 18th Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Island Coffeehouse – The Island Coffeehouse features eclectic, non-electric performances in a casual cabaret setting. Refreshments are available. Doors open at 6:30 and shows run till 10pm at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance building, located at 6309 Church St. Admission \$5/adults, \$3 for those aged under 22.

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Please don't forget to recycle. The Accomack County Convenience Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Rd., Open daily from 7am – 6pm (closed Tuesdays).

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

LOOKING FOR ARTICLES & IDEAS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS! Do you have a favorite activity, place to eat or shop around the area? Or maybe a great day trip, cooking recipe or gardening idea? Please share it with our community. Email articles, ideas and info to Jean Hubbard.

P.S. Anyone interested in participating in an OB II Community Yard Sale by the front entrance of our community? It'll be a great opportunity to clean out closets, the garage and the shed!