



Chincoteague Island, VA

Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

April 2015

Greetings OB II Community Members,

Happy April Fool's Day! Don't forget to play at least one prank on someone you know (total strangers may find it less amusing)!

Thanks again to Pete Steffes for sharing another of his unique backyard photos (see above) and to Phil Hoey for helping us say goodbye to winter with his great photos (see pg 2) of a snowy OBII.

New To The Neighborhood ...

Welcome to Jacqueline Ann Nuzzo and Tracey Denes who moved into their new home at 272 Pine Tree Way. And, new home construction is underway on Lots #259 and #295/#295A, bringing the total number of homes in the community to 45.

Updates From The Board ...

The OB II POA Board of Directors met on March 14th to determine priorities for 2015 and beyond. For the current year, there are plans to:

- Complete clearing and grading around the community entrance pond.
- Clear in front of Mallard Pond near the end of N. Hibiscus Drive.
- Complete the cul-de-sac on Lakeview Road.
- Remove down/dead trees from several common area locations.

The Board considers restoring the community drainage system to alleviate flooding in the community as a top priority. An expert in environmental restoration is working to determine county requirements and provide an initial estimate for the work required. Look for a further update next month.

The Board is aware of Southern Pine Beetle infestation that is damaging and killing many of the Loblolly Pine Trees in the community. The Board is working to determine if a cost effective method exists to prevent or exterminate the Beetles.

Butter Butts At The Beach ...

By: Dave Hudgins

April is the time of year when the spring songbird migration really cranks up. Among the many species passing through on their way north for the breeding season are 30+ different species of warblers. Warblers are small insect eating birds which generally have a warbling or trilling type of song.

One of the most abundant and easy to identify is the Yellow-rumped Warbler, aka butter butt. Yellow-rumps can be readily seen in the community and at the wildlife refuge most of the year, summer being the exception.

Yellow-rumped warblers are about 5 inches long and have diagnostic yellow patches on the outer breast and, of course, a yellow rump. The males are much more colorful than the females. However, both will show the diagnostic patches. Yellow-rumps can be seen gleaning insects off of trees, shrubs and even the ground. They have adapted over time to lack of food sources during certain times of the year and also consume berries from Crepe Myrtles. For this reason, they are also known as the Myrtle Warbler.



Male Yellow-rumped Warbler in breeding plumage

Back to the spring migration. As noted, there are 30+ Warbler species that might be seen or heard during April and May. If you have a bird guide, you can likely identify a number of the more common migrants by sight or sound. Identification can be very confusing as the birds are moving a lot of the time and they may be up in a tree that has begun to sprout leaves.

In past years, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge has been fortunate to have a volunteer bird bander during migration. Richard Roberts is a retired biochemist who spends many hours every year studying birds. You might see him banding birds at the entry road to the Woodland Trail or by the Tom's Cove Visitors Center. Mr. Roberts puts up mist nets that the birds get caught in. He will remove each bird from the net, collect vital information (size, weight, sex, age), band the bird and set it free. The band numbers are entered into a database that allows tracking the birds if they are found in the future. Mr. Roberts is always happy to share what he is doing and allow you close-up views of what he is banding. It's always an education talking to him. So, I'd encourage you to stop by and say hi if you see him out banding.

Bird migration habits are an interesting subject. By April, waterfowl have headed north and are beginning to breed. In May, the shorebirds will be heading north for their breeding season. Enjoy the spring migration and keep an eye out for those butter butts.

Good Riddance To Winter ...

Are you already missing the type of weather we had this past winter? If so, here are some photos from N. Hibiscus Dr, after a February snowstorm, courtesy of Phil Hoey, that should bring back some fond memories.



All Around Town ...

Spring has sprung and so have many of the 2015 activities and events for Chincoteague Island and the area. There's going to be arts and crafts shows, educational programs, classic movies, live music, a run/walk race, pony roundups, a kite expo, a championship wildfowl carving competition, and a BBQ competition which will also feature a craft beer tasting, just to name a few!

Fri., April 3rd & Sat., April 4th, 12Noon – 6pm **"36th Annual Easter Decoy and Arts Festival"**

Local and national carvers and artists of all kinds exhibit and sell their one-of-a-kind crafts. Awards are given in various categories. This event will take place at the Chincoteague Combined School at 4586 Main St. For more details visit www.chincoteaguedecoyshow.com or call 757.336.6161.

Fri., April 3rd & Mon., April 6th, 8:30am – 3:30pm **"Spring Break Day Camp"**

Chincoteague Bay Field Station offers an opportunity for you to entertain and educate your children during their Spring Break. The Camps are open to students ages 5-8 and 9-11. Campers will enjoy fun games, activities and crafts. Lunch and snacks are included. Location is the Chincoteague Bay Field Station. For more details, visit www.cbfieldstation.org or call 757.824.5636.

Fri., April 3rd, 7pm, "Picnic" - Friday Film Series At The Island Theatre. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Film will be shown at The Island Theatre, located on Main St. \$5 admission.

Sat., April 4th – "Bay to Bay 10K Run & 5K Run/Walk"

The race starts at 8am with check-in beginning at 6:30am. Participants register the day of the event at the Robert Reed Park on Main St. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Family YMCA. For more info call 757.336.6266 or go online to www.ymcachesapeake.org/chincoteague/

Mon., April 6th – Wed., April 8th "Homeschoolers Marine Science Adventure" Homeschoolers Workshops at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station are tailored for the budding Marine Biologist in your home. Workshops provide hands-on observation of marine environments. Commuter tuition is available. For more info, visit www.cbfieldstation.org or call 757.824.5636.

Fri., April 10th & Sat., April 11th, "Spring Round Up"

The ponies on Assateague are rounded up for vet checks. The southern herd is rounded up Friday afternoon around 4:30pm. The northern herd is rounded up Saturday morning. The southern herd is viewable by the public in the southern corral which is located on the road going out to the beach on Assateague. For additional info, go online to <http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com/CVFCFallAndSpringRoundUpInfo.pdf>

Fri., April 10th, 7pm, "Psycho" - Friday Film Series At The Island Theatre. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization, the movie will be shown at The Island Theatre, located on Main St. \$5 admission.

Sat., April 11th, 7pm, "Twist and Shout Concert"

George Wayne and his friends are bringing the music of the Beatles! The Chincoteague Island Arts Organization will be sponsoring this event at the Island Theatre on Main St. Admission is \$15/person and \$25/couple. For more info, visit www.chincoteagueislandarts.org.

Fri., April 17th, 7pm, "Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein" - Friday Film Series At The Island Theatre. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Film will be shown at The Island Theatre, located on Main St. \$5 admission

Fri., April 24th, 7pm, "East of Eden" - Friday Film Series At The Island Theatre. Sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. Film will be shown at The Island Theatre, located on Main St. \$5 admission

Fri., April 24th, 4pm – 10pm & Sat., April 25th, 10am – 8pm, "1st Annual Saltwater Brew 'N' Que" professional barbeque competition and craft beer festival on Chincoteague Island! The two day event will feature some of the best barbeque in the United States along with an extraordinary selection of craft beer with unlimited tastings!! There's going to be live music, entertainment for kids, classic cars and more. Come check out the "People's Choice" chicken wing contest on Friday and the BBQ competition on Saturday. This event will take place at the Chincoteague Fairgrounds on Main St. Admission is \$5 at the gate, free for children 12 years and under. Craft beer tasting tickets are sold separately: \$15 if you purchase it before the event, or \$25 if you purchase your ticket the day of the event. Don't forget to bring your I.D. – it will be checked!!! For more info or to purchase tickets for the Craft Beer Tasting, visit www.saltwaterbrewnque.com.

Fri., April 24th, Sat., April 25th & Sun., April 26th, 9am – 9pm, "Maryland International Kite Expo"

Come see one of the largest kite expos with multi-level precision flying events, and special displays by internationally known kite flyers. The location of this expo will be the Ocean City Beach & Boardwalk, from 2nd St. to 6th St. For more info, call 410.289.7855.

Fri., April 24th, Sat., April 25th & Sun., April 26th, "Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition"

Known as one of the most prestigious competitions in wildfowl carving, this event will a benefit auction, classes, seminars, children's activities, carver's art shop and over 100 exhibitors of carvers art and supplies. Hours: Fri.: 10am – 5pm; Sat.: 9am – 5pm; Sun.: 10am – 4pm. Location: Ocean City Convention Center, 40th St. and Coastal Hwy. For more info, call 410.742.4988 (ext. 120).

Sat., April 25th, 9am – 5pm, "Eastern Shore House & Garden Tour" Sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia and hosted by the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore. The 2015 House and Garden Tour will tell the story of centuries of architectural trends. Purchase tickets in advance for the full tour for \$40 per person or on the day of the event for \$45, \$15 for a single-site ticket and for children ages 5-12, \$20. This is a rain or shine event. For more info, visit www.esgardentours.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)

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Dave Hudgins

Andy Suchoski

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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)

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**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.