



Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter January 2015

Dear OB II Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Holiday Season and is looking forward to a great 2015 as am I and your Board of Directors.

For 2015, the Oyster Bay II Community is expected to continue to mature as more new homes are built and new neighbors move into the neighborhood. Community maintenance and further improvements will continue to be top priorities for myself and your Board of Directors. If you have ideas for the further improvement of our Community and enjoyment of our Community members, please get in touch with me or any of your Board members at any time. Remember, this Community is an asset for all of us as lot owners to enjoy and we are responsible for its continued success.

Be careful over the Holidays as we look forward to a wonderful 2015!

Sincerely,

Buford T. Rowland

New To The Neighborhood ...

Welcome new property owners! Paul Cohen and Romney Wright from Great Falls, VA have purchased lot #210. Paul and Romney may be new to Oyster Bay II, but they're not new to Chincoteague as they've owned a home in Oyster Bay I for several years. And Antonio Simoes from Yonkers, NY has purchased lot #254. Best wishes to all.

Updates From The Board ...

Following approval of revisions to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, the Board has agreed to a Builders Impact Fee of \$1,000 for 2015. Payment of the fee will be required prior to the Architectural Committee's approval of a building permit request.

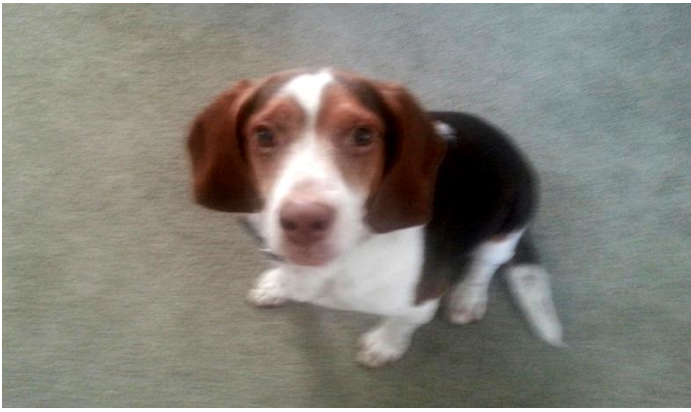
Also, the Board is looking into the Southern Pine Beetle issue in OB II. If anyone has information that could be of assistance, please forward it to a member of the Board

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th, 2015 at a time/location to be determined. This meeting is open to all members of the OB II POA and additional information will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Help Wanted ...

Usually, this request is featured at the very end of the newsletter. However, just in case you've been snoozing by the end of reading the last couple of issues, you can't say you didn't see it this time. I need your assistance, including ideas, creative input and articles for future newsletters. Do you have a favorite restaurant or place to visit in the area? Have you seen something special at the Wildlife Refuge or on the beach and were you lucky enough to get a photo of it? Have you heard local musician(s) or seen local artwork? Do you have a favorite recipe? FYI, March will include my mom's excellent Irish Soda Bread recipe. This will mark the first time that she's ever written it down!

Happy 2015 From Clam ...



Greetings Friends & Neighbors,

Many of you may recognize my mug from seeing me around our neighborhood. Some of you might also know that I'm a little nosy but that's mostly because I like meeting people who like dogs. Coming to live in Oyster Bay II has made a great difference in my life. For a long time I lived at the Eastern Shore S.P.C.A. in Onley, VA. The folks at the Eastern Shore S.P.C.A. took good care of me, and with the help of the Atlantic Animal Hospital, everyone made sure I was healthy before I was put up for adoption. Just as important as my physical health, they made sure I went home with someone who was a good "fit" for me. I admit, I've got a couple of issues. I'm scared of the thunder and I get anxious when I'm driving in the car. However, I've gotten much better on car trips these days. Of course, I don't do the driving because while I do have a license, it's not that kind.

In my case, I'm as happy as a clam (hence, my name). However, dogs and cats from the Eastern Shore S.P.C.A. are also available with qualities like soft as silk, faster than a jack rabbit, quiet as a mouse, sweet as pie, etc. They come in a variety of sizes ranging from XS to XL and feature many of today's most popular earth tone colors, including: cocoa brown, sandy beige, snow white, misty grey, coal black, just to name a few. Some even have skills like hand shaking, sitting, laying down and speaking.

If you're thinking about getting a new dog or cat, please consider adoption. Or if you're interested in helping the Eastern Shore S.P.C.A. with a donation of food, money or your time, my friends there would be so appreciative of any assistance you could provide. You can check out the Eastern Shore S.P.C.A. at: www.shorespca.com or you can visit 26528 Lankford Hwy. (Rte. 13), Tuesday thru Saturday from 11am – 3pm. The phone number is 757.787.7385

Hope you have a howling great New Year!

Sincerely,

Clam H.

P.S. Please join me in wishing my adopter, rescuer, therapist, nurse, chef, walker, guardian, companion and friend a very happy 86th Birthday (don't tell her I told you the number) on January 18th!

What Ducks ...

By Dave Hudgins

There are three ducks that may be seen on Mallard Pond that have some commonality to their look, but are really quite different. They are the Hooded Merganser, Ruddy Duck and Bufflehead. They all have white patches on their faces. Well, at least the males do.



The Hooded Merganser is the largest of these three species at 18 inches. The male is easily recognizable with its large black head and white crest behind its eye. The male has a black back with brown underneath, white front with vertical black and white striping on either side. The females are a more nondescript gray-brown to reddish-brown and slightly smaller than the males. Hooded mergansers dive in fresh water to feed on small fish, crayfish and other crustaceans and aquatic insects. Hooded Mergansers are mostly seen around Chincoteague in the winter as they prefer the coastal areas this time of year. But you may see them occasionally in the summer as they breed as far south as Georgia and Louisiana.



The Ruddy Duck is about 15 inches long and has fairly drab color with a white patch below the eye in the cheek area. The males are indeed ruddy colored in their brilliant rusty-brown breeding plumage. Later in the winter, you may see the bright plumage coming through. The females are a drab gray and a discernible white stripe below the eye, not so much a patch. Both have a paint brush like tail. Ruddy ducks dive to feed on pondweeds, algae and other aquatic seeds and grasses. They also eat aquatic insects and their larvae, shellfish and crustaceans. Ruddy ducks breed primarily in the prairie region of North America and winter on the coasts. Seeing Ruddy ducks in Chincoteague in the winter is normal. Seeing one in the area out of season is not unheard of.



The Bufflehead is about 15 inches long. The male is distinctive black and white, black back and white below, with the white patch across the back of its head that extends from cheek to cheek. The female has a black back and drab gray underneath with an oval white patch extending below the eye to the nape of the neck. Bufflehead dive for aquatic invertebrates, crustaceans, and mollusks. They typically swallow their food while still underwater. Bufflehead breed in southern Canada and winter along the coasts of North America. They can be seen in most of the ponds and open water areas around Chincoteague this time of year.

If riding around the wildlife refuge or just out for a walk in the community, keep an eye out for these winter visitors.

All Around Town ...

As well as all around the Eastern Shore, there's still plenty to do during the month of January in the area. Our town may be a little quiet at this time of the year but north and south of Chincoteague on Route 13, there's art, theatre, music and nature events happening.

Thurs., Jan. 1st, 1:15pm "New Year's Day Polar Pony Plunge" – Nothing can compare to the invigorating feeling you get by plunging into the ice cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean at Assateague Beach on New Year's Day. It's an awesome experience that you and the people watching you won't soon forget. The Brave plungers are encouraged to dress up in the zaniest, craziest costumes they can come up with and will receive a t-shirt to memorialize every chilling detail. Prizes will be awarded to the best costumes. For info, visit www.chincoteaguechristmas.com.

Sat., Jan., 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 1pm – 1:45pm "Critter Corner" – Come learn about the critters that call the Delmarva Discovery Center their home. The Center is located at 2 Market St., Pocomoke, MD. Call 410.957.9933 or visit www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org for more info.

Sun., Jan., 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 1:30pm – 1:45pm "Fish Feed" – What do fish eat? How do they eat? Go to a fish feeding at the Delmarva Discovery Center, which is located at 2 Market St., Pocomoke, MD. For more info, visit www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org or call 410.957.9933.

Sun., Jan. 4th, 1pm – 1:30pm "Dive Dialogue"

Experience human and animal communication in the underwater world. Learn sign language and see Scorchy and her fish friends communicate in the aquarium. Visit the Delmarva Discovery Center, 2 Market St. in Pocomoke, MD. For info, visit www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org or call 410.957.9933.

Thurs., Jan. 8th, 8pm "The Grocer's Son" – Onancock International Films will be showing this 2008 film at the Roseland Theatre, located at 2 Market St. in Onancock. The Grocer's Son is a French drama about that moment in a young person's life when he realizes that he is, despite all efforts to the contrary, a grown-up. Antoine left for Paris 10 years ago but when his father needs him, he returns and reconnects with his family and with the farmers, retirees and widows who depend on the traveling grocery truck. Unfolding amid the dappled sunshine and dusty roads of Provence, this is a film that lifts your spirits and shows that, in fact, it is possible to go home again. Tickets are \$7.50. For more info, call 757.858.8558.

Fri., Jan. 9th, 7:30pm "Loaded Goat" – The Eastern Shore's Own Arts Center (ESO) will host this eclectic mix or raw acoustic stomp and groove. Local and regional talent light up the night in an intimate nightclub-like atmosphere. Tickets are \$10 and partial proceeds go to continue the non-profit's mission of fostering the development of the arts through instruction and performance. Refreshments will be available including beer, wine, soda and snacks. To reserve tickets or a table, call 757.442.3226 or go online to www.esoartscenter.org.

Sat., Jan. 10th, 10am – 11am "Free Art Classes For Kids" – The Chincoteague Cultural Alliance offers an art class on the second Saturday of most months at 6309 Church St. Kids, ages 5-15 get to work with local artists on a wide variety of creative activities. All materials are supplied. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For info, visit www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org.

Sat., Jan. 17th, 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.

Fri., Jan. 23rd, 6pm "Quilt Show and Sale" The Stage Door Gallery at 301 Mason Ave. in Cape Charles, VA will hold a reception for this event starting at 6pm. The quilts will be judged by Karen Lee Carter of Design Details. The show runs thru Sat., Feb. 22nd. Visit www.stagedoorgallery.com or call 757.331.3669.

Fri., Jan. 23rd, 7:30pm "Lady Vee" The Eastern Shore's Own Art Center (ESO) presents a night of soulful blues, beautiful jazz covers and originals by the Shore's own Vee Ellis. Tickets are \$10 and partial proceeds go to continue the non-profit's mission of fostering the development of the arts through instruction and performance. Refreshments will be available including beer, wine, soda and snacks. To reserve tickets or a table, call 757.442.3226 or go online www.esoartscenter.org.

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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.