



Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter March 2015

Hello OB II Neighbors and Friends,

Spring is coming. Spring is coming. Spring is coming.
Now, take a deep breath and repeat the line above as many times as necessary to convince yourself it's true!.

Hopefully, the snow and ice will soon be gone for good, the puddles, which have grown into pools, will dry up and signs of the new season will emerge. At this point, I'll even settle for two out of three.

Thank you to OB II's friend, former property owner and Board member, Dave Nash, for sharing one of his photos of an extraordinary sunset over Mallard Pond.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone because everyone's Irish on this day! And Happy 1st Day of Spring!!

New To The Neighborhood ...

Congratulations to new property owners Kenneth and Donna McKeown from Middletown, DE on their purchase of Lot #209 on N. Hibiscus Dr.! We look forward to seeing you in the OB II community.

Everyone's Invited ...

The OB II Board of Directors will be meeting on Sat., March 14th at 1pm. The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn on Main St. The Board will be setting priorities for 2015 and working on the long term capital improvement plan. All members of the OB II Property Owners Association are welcome to attend.

Assateague Island Celebrates 50 Years As A National Park ...

Are you interested in learning some Assateague history? Assateague Island this year is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its designation as a National Seashore and the preservation of its relatively untouched beauty, but there were several times in history when it was close to being developed commercially. This link provides an informative timeline to what almost happened to Assateague Island. Thank you Buford Rowland for forwarding this article:

<http://mdcoastdispatch.com/2015/02/11/assateague-island-marking-50-years-as-national-park-island-almost-developed-several-times-in-past/>



Mary's Irish Soda Bread

By Mary Hubbard

Ingredients:

2 cups sifted flour

½ cup sugar

½ cup raisins

1 cup of buttermilk

1 ½ teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda

Directions: Soak raisins in warm water for ½ hour before starting. Mix all of the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Add buttermilk and again mix well. Form the dough into a ball shape and place on a well floured board. Make sure you also flour your hands (flour the backs of your hands as well to keep the dough from sticking). Roll the dough ball around on the floured board until it is easy to handle and does not stick. Shape the dough into a circle shaped mound (~ 7" to 8" diameter) and place it on a greased baking sheet. Using a knife, make a cross shaped ¼" indentation into the dough. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes. Allow bread to thoroughly cool before slicing.

All Around Town ...

Yes, Spring will definitely get here at some point but just in case the current weather doesn't make you feel like spending a lot of time outside, you might also find some of the "inside" activities and events taking place during the month of March in the area interesting and entertaining.

Wed., March 4th, 6:30 – 8:30pm, "Perdue Relay For Life Pottery Fundraiser" Join Perdue in their fight against cancer and create your own one-of-a-kind vase. A portion of each ticket sold benefits the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life". Your ticket includes all materials and instruction. An artist will show you how to create your piece from clay, pottery instructors will glaze your vase with your selected color(s), fire your piece and contact you when your piece is ready to be picked up (approx. 3 weeks). Participants must be 21+ years old. Cost is \$35. This event will take place at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, located at 94th St., Ocean City. For more info, go online to www.artleagueofoceancity.org or call 410.524.9433.

Sat., March 7th "NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center" 11am – Story Time; 2pm – Model Rocket Launch. Free admission.

Sat., March 14th "NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center" 11am – Space Racers Activity; 2pm – Science Demonstration. Free admission.

Sat., March 14th "In Search Of Shamrocks"

The Historic Main Street Merchants invite you to come celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of Spring by playing "In Search Of Shamrocks". Pick up a game card from any participating store and follow a scavenger hunt for shamrocks through Chincoteague Island. Don't forget to wear your best green or your finest St. Patrick's Day costume to this event. Complete your game card and turn it in at your final destination (Don's Seafood) and you'll be entered into a drawing for lots of fun prizes from local merchants. For more info, please call Laurie Walton at 485.995.6001.

Sun., March 15th, 2pm "Onancock's St. Patrick's Day Parade" Thaispeaint Do Glas (Translation: Show your green.) at Onancock's 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Parade on Market Street! Come welcome the arrival of Spring and all things fresh and new. See floats, dancers, fairies and leprechauns. Celebrate everyone's favorite Irish holiday.

Sat., March 21st "NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center" 11am – Puppet Show; 2pm – NASA SCIfiles Program. Free admission

Thurs., March 26th, 7 – 9pm, "Code Breaking in WWII"

This class will be taught by Jerry West at the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance building, located at 6309 Church St. It will include an exploration of the importance of Allied code breaking in the victory over the Axis forces in World War II and will also look at earlier code making and breaking methods. Emphasis will be on the historical aspects of code breaking rather than the mathematical intricacies of codes. Learn about the Chincoteague connection. The cost for this class is \$10 and it is free for Chincoteague Veterans. Ages 18+, supplies will be provided.

Fri., March 27th – Sun., March 29th, 6am – 9am

"RockSat-X Mission - NASA Wallops Flight Facility."

Launch Vehicle will be the Terrier-Improved Malemute; Type: Suborbital. The time that the Visitors Center will be open to the public is to be determined. For info updates and launch schedule, visit www.nasa.gov/wallops.

Sat., March 28th "NASA Wallops Flight Facility Visitors Center" 11am – Toddler Craft Time; 2pm – Science On A Sphere Program. Free admission.

Sat., March 28th & Sun., March 29th, 11am – 5pm

"Chincoteague Heritage Weekend: World War II, Commemorating 70 Years". The Museum will be presenting an updated version of its celebrated exhibit "Chincoteague and WWII: Home Front – Front Line" on Sat., March 28th. In addition, it will also host a number of activities, including a panel of Chincoteaguers discussing their memories of WWII, a panel of people who have donated items to the WWII exhibit sharing their stories of those items and educational activities for children. Admission to the Museum will be free during this weekend only. The Museum is located at 7125 Maddox Blvd. For more info, call 757.336.6117 or send an email to info@chincoteaguemuseum.com

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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.