



Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter January 2016

Dear OB II Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Holiday Season and is looking forward to a great 2016 as am I and your Board of Directors.

This year, in addition to normal Community maintenance, we began Oyster Bay II's major stormwater ditching project which should be completed soon. This project should solve most if not all of the road and lawn flooding problems we've been experiencing. Although no additional major projects are planned for 2016, Community maintenance and further improvements will continue to be top priorities for myself and your Board of Directors.

As during this past year, the Oyster Bay II Community is expected to continue to mature in 2016 as more new homes are built and new neighbors move into the neighborhood. If you have ideas for the further improvement of our Community for the 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 property owners to enjoy and we are all responsible for its continued success.

Be careful over the Holidays as we look forward to a wonderful 2016!

Sincerely,

Buford T. Rowland
President

Updates From The Board ...

Please be sure to make note of the 2016 OB II Property Owners Association Board of Directors and Membership Committees list updates on the last page of the newsletter.

Special thanks to OB II's Treasurer, Phil Hoey, for his time and service over the past year and lots of appreciation to Karen Frank for volunteering to take over the position.

Just a reminder, to anyone mailing their 2016 OB II POA, Inc. and OB II Water & Sewage, Inc. fees or for mailing any other correspondence, both have a new mailing address: P.O. Box 642, Chincoteague, VA 23336

Last call to homeowners interested in obtaining fill dirt that's been excavated from the reestablishment of the draining ditches. Please contact Luke Britton at 757.894.3503 and he will deliver it. You'll need to put a stake or marker down to indicate where you would like to have the dirt dumped.

Take It Slow ...

Please be sure to stop at any and all intersections in the community as many people are out walking, running and biking. The speed limit within OB II is 15mph and with the combination of current road conditions and construction activities, it's extremely important that everyone pays attention to this. Thanks for following the rules!

New Library Opens on Chincoteague ...

By Andy Suchoski

On Saturday, December 26th, Monica and Andy Suchoski dedicated a Little Free Library on Lakeview Rd.



Everyone can enjoy this library, even the dog!

Little Free Libraries are a worldwide effort to promote reading and literacy by making books available in a simple way. The motto is "Take a book; return a book". The library is a wooden box of books where anyone may pick up a book or two, or bring a book to share. No one owns them; rather the libraries have stewards who maintain the repository. As of September 2015, there are over 32,000 registered Little Free Library book exchanges in all 50 U.S. States and in over 70 countries around the world. The only other registered Little Free Library on the Virginia Eastern Shore is in Cape Charles.

You can learn more about the Little Free Library program by visiting the site www.littlefreelibrary.org. So come and visit the new library on Chincoteague Island. Take a book or contribute a book to the collection.

Wonderful Willets ...

by Dave Hudgins

Have you seen the willets flying down by the shore with their distinctive white wing patches? Or heard the willets loud call? "Whatcha talkin bout Willets?" Just had to throw the *Diff'rent Strokes* reference in there.



Willets Watching Waves

The willet is a large shore bird that can be seen around Chincoteague most any time of year. In fact, they breed on

the NWR. But it turns out that there is the eastern willet and a subspecies western willet. Neal Faircloth took the photo on the bottom left side of this page of western willets down by the shore. (Neal also captured the Snow Goose welcoming 2016 on first page.)

Willets are 13-16 inches in size with a wingspan of about 28 inches. The plumage varies from grey in none breeding birds to reddish brown while breeding and somewhere in between streaking for immatures and molting birds. The diagnostic mark is the white wing pattern seen in flight. This is usually accompanied by a piercing loud call.

The eastern willet begins breeding in the May timeframe. They nest in the salt marshes. You might note different calls as the parents protect the nest or as birds fly through other's territories. By late summer the eastern willets begin their winter migration. Recent geo-tracking research has learned that the eastern willet primarily winters on the northwest coast of South America. Flying at speeds up to 60 mph, the typical 3,500 mile trip is completed in 3-4 days. The eastern willet will begin returning to Chincoteague in March in preparation for another breeding season.



Wandering Willet

The western willet breeds in fresh water habitats in the northwest United States to southwest Canada. The western willet is larger, and paler than the eastern species. They follow a similar breeding and migration pattern as their eastern counterpart. Around August, the western willet migrates to the east and west coasts of the United States. In winter, Willets eat small crabs, worms, clams, and other invertebrates from saltwater marshes and along open coastlines. Around March-April, the western willet will head west, back to their breeding grounds.

For a month or so in the early spring and late summer, both species may be present at the Wildlife Refuge. It takes a very keen eye or a very good camera to discern one from the other.

OB II's List

First Angie started her list (and let's face it, "Angie's List" has certainly gotten some attention) but now I'm hoping Oyster Bay II can start its own list. Whether big or small, sometimes it's difficult to find the right person for the job you need to have done. OB II's list would be made up of local contractors and vendors you've had a positive, satisfying experience with. It will include lawn and yard landscaping and maintenance, handyman work, tree cutting, plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning, painting, power

washing, driveway pavers (shells, blacktop, gravel), etc. In order to qualify to be on the list, a minimum of two endorsements from OB II property owners would be required. This is an opportunity to help everyone feel confident with who they hire. And it's a chance to give a shout out to local businesses. Vendor recommendations, and referrals can be emailed to jhlovesdogs@yahoo.com. If Angie could do it, so can we!

All Around Town ...

Welcome to January 2016 on Chincoteague Island! If you find yourself with a little cabin fever, you might find a remedy right here on the island. Why not try some wintertime ocean swimming, gardening, star gazing, music, classic films or volunteer opportunities. If anyone's brave and or crazy enough to take the Polar Plunge, please contact me so we can make a big deal out of you in the next newsletter!

Fri., Jan. 1st, 1:16pm, Polar Plunge Into The Atlantic

Few things compare to a quick dip into the ice-cold ocean on the first day of the new year. It's an awesome experience (as if I've done it). This celebration promises to be lots of fun all around and brave plungers are encouraged to dress up in the craziest costume that they can come up with. To convince the doubters, participants will get a t-shirt to memorialize every chilling details. Prizes will be awarded to the best costume in many categories. Anyone brave enough to take the plunge will need to read and sign the Plunge Waiver and Release form. There is no fee to participate. For more info, visit www.chincoteaguechristmas.com

Wed., Jan. 6th (every Wed. thru Apr. 13th), 8:45am - 3pm, Eastern Shore of Virginia Master Gardeners Classes

Calling All Gardeners! Are you interested in learning more about gardening and horticulture on the Eastern Shore?



Would you like to grow vegetables and fruits or learn about what types of plants grow well on the seaside? Master Gardener volunteers receive 50 hours of intensive training in all areas of Eastern Shore horticulture. The Master Gardener training program offers you the opportunity to benefit from a different expert each class day, plus field trips to enhance what you are learning. A fee of \$100 covers the cost of lecturers and materials. Upon completing the training and passing the final examination, participants are required to complete 50 volunteer hours during their first year on ESVMG projects located on Virginia's Eastern Shore to become a "Certified Master Gardener". For additional info, visit www.easternshoremastergardeners.com or send an email to esmgva@gmail.com.

Fri., Jan 15th, 7pm - 10pm, Astronomy and Night Sky Winter Series – Bring everyone or just yourself to an evening of astronomy and viewing of the winter night sky.

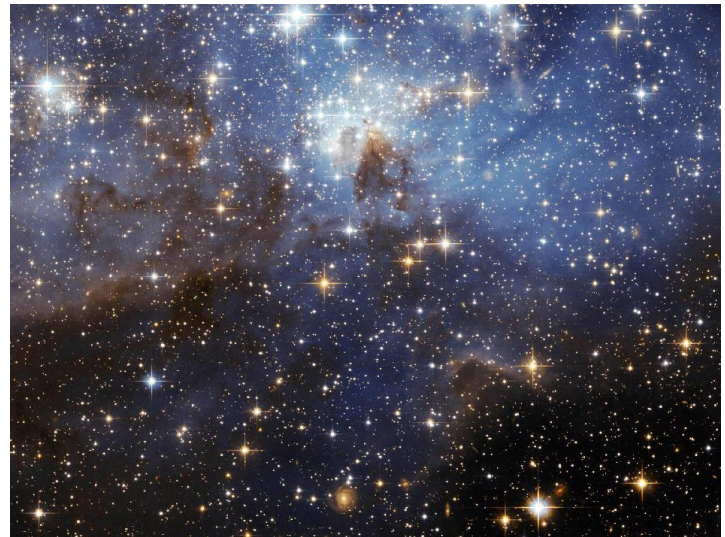


photo courtesy of NASA

The Delmarva Space Sciences Foundation will be onsite providing expertise and high powered telescopes. Starting at 7pm with a presentation of "Astronomy 101", this event will occur regardless of weather but telescope viewing is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. No admission charge. Wallops Flight Facility, Rte. 175, Wallops Island. For details and info, call 757.824.1344 or go online to <http://sites.wff.nasa.gov/wvc>

Fri., Jan. 22nd, 7pm, "The Duellists", Island Theatre

This 1977 film directed by Ridley Scott is a drama starring Keith Carradine and Harvey Keitel who are French soldiers. A trivial quarrel between the two escalates into a lifelong grudge, and as the war rages on, the officers repeatedly challenge one another to violent sword and pistol duels. After 15 years, both men have distinguished themselves through their service and become generals, however, their mutual hatred never ceases even when the initial cause of their rivalry is forgotten. Sponsored by Sundial Books, tickets are \$5 at the door; discounts are available at www.chincoteagueislandarts.org

Sat., Jan. 23rd, 7:30pm, Tidewater Guitar Orchestra

In concert at the Island Theatre, this event is sponsored by the Chincoteague Island Arts Organization. For more info, visit www.islandtheatres.com

Fri., Jan 29th, 1pm - 3pm, Chincoteague Bay Field Station New Volunteer Training – All who are interested in getting involved in the 2016 season are welcome. Register at www.cbfieldstation.org

Fri., Jan. 29th, 7pm, "Doctor Zhivago", Island Theatre

This 1965 film directed by David Lean involves drama, romance and war. Starring Omar Sharif and Julie Christie, this film is set in Russia between the years prior to World War I and the Russian Civil War of 1917 – 1922. During the Russian Revolution, Yuri Zhivago is a young doctor who has been raised by his aunt and uncle following his father's suicide. Yuri falls in love with beautiful Lara who has been having an affair with her mother's lover, an unscrupulous businessman. Yuri ends up marrying his cousin, Tonya. But when he and Lara meet again years later, the spark of love reignites. Sponsored by David Johnson and Lisa Cannon, tickets are \$5 at the door, discounts available at www.chincoteagueislandarts.org.

**OB II Community Property Owners Association
2016 Membership Committees**

Architectural Committee

Kathy Bradley (Chairperson)

Neal Faircloth

Maria Paccioretti

Ethan Simonson

Phil Hoey (alt.)

Budget Audit Committee

Karen Frank (Chairperson)

Tim Landolt (Audit)

Phil Hoey

Communications Committee

Jean Hubbard (Chairperson)

Neal Faircloth

Dave Hudgins

Andy Suchoski

Community Improvement Committee

Dave Hudgins (Chairperson)

Jean Hubbard

Jeff Shelton

Buford T. Rowland (alt.)

Documentation/Records Committee

Monica Suchoski (Chairperson)

Dave Hudgins

Maria Paccioretti

*Jeff Shelton**

Maintenance Committee

Kathy Bradley (Chairperson)

Terry Bradley

Tim Landolt

Ethan Simonson

Utilities Committee

Terry Bradley (Chairperson)

Kathy Bradley

Jack Keene (on-site rep)

**Corporate Registered Agent for Oyster Bay II Community
POA and Oyster Bay II Water & Sewage Co., Inc.*

**OB II Community Property Owners Association
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**IMPORTANT NOTE: Please mail all OB II POA, Inc. and
OB II Water & Sewage Co., Inc. dues, payments and
correspondence to:**

**OB II POA, Inc., or OB II W & S Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 642
Chincoteague, VA 23336**

**Please recycle whenever possible. The Recycle Center
is located at 5073 Deep Hole Rd. Open daily (except
Tuesdays) from 7am – 6pm. There are additional bins
for donations of clothing and shoes and a dumpster for
used tires. Thank you for keeping our community clean.**

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

**I need your help with our newsletter! Please email your
ideas, photos, articles, recipes, upcoming events,
suggestions, etc. to jhlovesdogs@yahoo.com.**