



Chincoteague Island, Virginia Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter November 2016

Hello Oyster Bay II,

Hope everyone has had or will have a chance to enjoy some of the beautiful autumn weather we've been having.

Big thanks to Andy Suchoski for sharing his terrific shot of a Little Blue Heron (see above). Here's an interesting fact: immature Little Blue Herons are actually white. Andy also provided the photos on the next page of that fascinating bird activity that periodically takes place around Mallard Lake when the conditions are just right.

A big shout out to all of our Veterans for Veteran's Day and everyday! Thank you for your service!!

New to the Neighborhood ...

Please welcome our new neighbors Flo & Richard Rhoads from Captains Cove. They recently completed their beautiful new home at 5290 Pine Tree Way. Congratulations. We look forward to seeing you around the hood!

Updates from the Board ...

The 41st annual meeting of the Oyster Bay II Community Property Owners Association, Inc. and the annual meeting of the Oyster Bay II Water & Sewer Co., Inc. was held on Sat, Oct. 22nd. Important topics were discussed, including:

The Board is working to fill the void left by the passing of our treasurer, Karen Frank. Each committee reported out on progress achieved through the year. A proposal for a revision to the Association's Covenants & Restrictions was brought to a vote, with all in attendance approving the revision. A voting ballot has been sent to those not represented at the meeting for the purpose of obtaining 2/3 majority required to approve the revision. POA 2017 fees have been set at \$260 for unimproved lots and \$335 for improved lots. All members of the current Board were elected to serve the 2017 term.

Highlights from the Annual Meeting of the Oyster Bay II Water & Sewer Company included a history of the corporation and the plan forward for management of the company by a separate Board. Recent costly repairs at the

sewer plant including, replacement of the filter media and a pump were completed during the summer. The repairs have been effective and the hope is for quiet operations in 2017. Customer usage rate for 2017 has been set at \$160/qtr. The first independent Board of Directors for the 2017 term was elected. The Board intends to meet prior to 2017 to elect officers and set the agenda moving forward.

Feeding Frenzy on Mallard Lake

By Andy Suchoski

As the summer wanes and the algae on Mallard Lake begins to die, a strong wind will churn up the lake and apparently create an abundant food supply for shore birds. We've had our home on Mallard Lake for six years now and in late August or September we've seen this event occur every year; sometimes multiple times.



Photo courtesy of Andy Suchoski

The wind from tropical storm Hermine caused this situation to occur in early September. Hundreds of egrets, heron and ibis flocked to the shores of the lake while sea gulls gathered on the surface of the lake looking for food. There were also a half dozen cormorants diving in the lake. The event is also very loud with the guttural squawking of the heron and egrets and cackling of the sea gulls. The frenzy starts when the sun comes up and continues for several hours. Later in the morning the gulls fly off and the rest of the birds retreat to branches on the trees bordering the lake. Eventually everybody leaves and returns the next day. The gathering usually lasts for 3 or 4 days and then the lake is quiet again. It is a wonderful sight to behold.



Photo courtesy of Andy Suchoski

Ahoy There Matey!

By Carol & Jim Smith

Introducing Captain Carol Smith! Check it out – that's Carol recently braving the seas out on Mallard Lake. First Mate and coach, Jim Smith provided all of the photographs.



Carol looks like a professional out there!



Still smiling; this photo was taken before she went overboard!



Home from a day at sea!

The Best Times At The Beach Aren't Always In The Summer

By Carol & Ethan Simonson

Need a couple of reasons to get yourself out of bed and over to Assateague before the sun rises in the morning? Here's why the summer isn't always the most perfect time to be at the beach. Photos are all courtesy of the Simonsons.



Sunrise at Assateague on October 15, 2016



Even the fishing rods look like they're enjoying themselves!



The perfect way to start a day!



Get the feeling a day at the beach beats a day at the office?



Peace ...



You should've seen the size of the one that got away!

How Did Chincoteague Get Its Name?

By Kurt Jarvis

In 1760 a small settlement came to what is now Chincoteague then called just "the first island." The first winter was exceptionally cold and the settlers fashioned long cloaks out of spun horse hair down to their feet. However, socks were not made yet and while they had leather boots their shins were always getting frostbite.

One settler came up with a frostbite preventative by using discarded tea leaves compressed into thick cardboard like sections and tying these around their ankles and shins. These became known as "Shin co-coverings of tea to keep warm" shortened to "chin co tea k" and that is how Chincoteague got its name, not this nonsense of it being an Indian name.

Now ... As to how Assateague got its name, well, that's a yarn for a different telling!

What's Cooking ...

Looking to serve a unique and delicious salsa for game day or around the upcoming holidays? Here's one from my sister-in-law that everyone raves about:

Marvelous Mango Salsa

By Linda Hubbard



Photo courtesy of U.S.D.A.

Ingredients:

- (1) mango, chopped small
- (1) kiwi, chopped small
- (1) tomatillo, chopped small
- (1) jalapeno, seeded, chopped small
- 1/2 red pepper, chopped small
- shallots or green onion, chopped small
- cilantro to taste
- dash of Tabasco sauce – to taste

Directions:

Just mix all the ingredients together, and scoop with Scoops! Delicious!!

All Around Town ...

Whether you're interested in outer space, watching a classic movie, listening to some contemporary music, looking at outstanding nature and wildlife photography or simply enjoying a cup of hot chocolate by the dock on a cool evening, November's got something for everyone ...

Sat., November 5th, 2pm, NASA Presents Rocketry at the Wallops Island Visitor Center –



Photo courtesy of NASA

A unique opportunity to learn about sub-orbital sounding rockets and see the principles in action by launching model rockets or straw rockets. The launches of the straw and model rockets will be dependent on the weather conditions. If they are unable to launch the straw and model rockets, there will be a rocketry presentation in the Visitor Center Auditorium. For info, call 757.894.1344 or visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/wallops/visitorcenter>.

Thurs., Nov. 17th thru Sun., Nov. 20th, 4th Annual Delmarva Nature & Wildlife Photography Summit – Take your photography skills to the next level with this multi-day workshop sponsored by the Chincoteague Bay Field Station. Seasoned photography instructors, including Jim Clark and Nikhil Bahl will lead field sessions, photo tours, portfolio critiques and more. Commuter and single-day rates are available. For more information, call 757.824.5636 ext.106 or visit <http://www.cbfieldstation.org/photography-summit.html>

Sat., Nov. 12th, 5pm – 9pm, 2nd Saturday Art Stroll

On the 2nd Saturday of each month from April thru November, participating galleries and shops on Main Street and Maddox Boulevard offer an array of special events, including arts 'n crafts, demonstrations, book signings and readings, art exhibits, tastings, music and the unexpected. <http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/2nd-saturday-art-stroll.html>.

Sat., Nov. 19th, 7pm, CCA Island Coffeehouse

Each month, the Island Coffeehouse presents a variety of arts in a listening room environment. Enjoy performances by acoustic musicians and spoken word artists. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6:30pm, performances begin at 7pm. Admission: \$5, \$3 for students aged 22 and under. Location: 6309 Church St. For more info, visit <http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/coffeehouse.html>

Sat., Nov. 26th, 5pm - 7pm, Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting (A Christmas By The Sea Event)

The holiday season officially begins with this celebration at the Robert Reed Downtown Park. Many shops will be open afterward to offer an early shopping opportunity. Hot chocolate, music and a special appearance by Santa Claus. For more details, visit <http://www.chincoteaguemerchants.com> or call 484.995-6001.

Sat., Nov. 26th, 7pm, CIAO Presents "It's A Wonderful Life". Don't miss seeing this 1946 American Christmas fantasy drama on the big screen! Cost of admission is FREE. Island Theatre, 4070 Main St

Help Wanted ...

My usual request for your assistance with our newsletter. Please email your ideas, local news, photos, articles, recipes, events, reviews, secret fishing and crabbing spots, short stories, trivia poems, jokes and riddles to jhlovesdogs@yahoo.com

**Community Property Owners Association
OB II Water & Sewage Company
2016 Membership Committees**

Architectural Committee

Kathy Bradley (Chairperson)

Neal Faircloth

Maria Paccioretti

Ethan Simonson

Phil Hoey (alt.)

Budget Audit Committee

Dave Hudgins (acting 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

Jim Smith

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Check out our community website, at www.ob2poa.org as the format and content continue to evolve. Email Andy Suchoski at andy.suchoski@verizon.net if you experience any problems or have any comments.

Slow Down! The speed limit is 15mph. Thanks for following the rules.

Please recycle whenever possible. The Recycle Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Rd. Open daily (except Tuesdays).

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
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