



# Chincoteague Island, Virginia

## Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

### October 2016

Hi OB II,

Hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well

Big thanks to Karen Frank & Neal Faircloth for providing their very flattering photo of "Snappy" (see above).

Happy Halloween!

### **Please Attend ...**

The 41st annual joint meeting of the Oyster Bay II Community Property Owners Association, Inc. and the Oyster Bay II Water & Sewer Company, Inc. is scheduled for Sat, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at Hampton Inn & Suites, 4179 Main St. The meeting will begin at 1pm. You should have received formal notice by now.

Note, for the first time there will be a POA meeting followed by a Water & Sewage Co. meeting. At each meeting, members will elect a Board of Directors for 2017. Members of the POA have voting rights for the Water & Sewage Co. Therefore, it is important to attend both meetings. If you are unable to attend, please submit a proxy in your absence. Please consider serving as a Board or committee member. Looking forward to seeing you there. .

### **Updates from the Board ...**

The complaint filed against the OB II Property Owners Association by the owner of Parcel E has been answered by our legal representative. The Association maintains our ownership rights of North Hibiscus Drive.

The OB II Board of Directors met on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> to review the activities since the last meeting and prepare for the annual POA meeting on Sat., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each committee updated on respective activities over the past six months.

The Board agreed on a proposed update to the OBII Covenants and Restrictions to expand the architectural committees responsibilities to assure building plans are completed as approved (with particular interest around assuring the community drainage system is maintained) and to allow collection of impact fees on major construction on existing homes. The proposed change will be raised at the annual meeting for a vote of all members.

The Board deliberated on the joint management of the Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company by the POA Board and agreed that separate Boards should be elected moving forward. The details surrounding the decision and the plan



forward will be discussed at the annual meeting. This deliberation included guidelines for newly drafted W&S Company bylaws.

The Board reviewed the financial status of the POA and the W&S Company, considered plans for the coming year and developed a draft budget for 2017. The Board also determined fees required to support the proposed 2017 budgets.

The Board will meet on Sat., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am to finalize preparations for the annual meeting at 1PM.

## Red-bellied Woodpeckers

*By Dave Hudgins*

Maybe the most misidentified bird around is the Red-bellied woodpecker. Not that its features are easily mistaken for that of another species. But, mainly because the name doesn't match its major features. There is a tinge of red blush in the belly and that's where the name comes from. If you blow up the below photo, you can just about make out the red tinge in the belly. Since it's typically bellied up to the tree as it were, you typically wouldn't notice this feature.



*Female red-bellied woodpecker*

*Photo courtesy of Karen Frank & Neal Faircloth*

This year round and breeding resident of Chincoteague is often misidentified as a Red-headed woodpecker. If you look back at the September Newsletter (or just Google for pictures), these are two very distinct species.

The Red-bellied kind is a sleek, round-headed woodpecker, about 9 inches in size. It often appears pale overall, with boldly black-and-white striped back, and flashing red cap and nape with white patches near the wingtips. Note that the male has a full red nape and cap, while the female only has a red nape and a bit of red just behind the beak. Red-bellied woodpeckers are conspicuous, and vocal, thriving in rural and urban areas east of the Mississippi.



*Female red-bellied woodpecker*

*Photo courtesy of Karen Frank & Neal Faircloth*

Like most woodpeckers, the Red-bellied woodpecker eats a lot of insects. But they also like nuts, berries, and seeds and can be attracted to back yard bird feeders with suet cakes or sunflower seed.

Several neat facts about Red-bellied woodpeckers. A Red-bellied Woodpecker can stick out its tongue nearly 2 inches past the end of its beak. The tip is barbed and the bird's spit is sticky, making it easier to snatch prey from deep crevices. Males have longer, wider-tipped tongues than females, possibly allowing a breeding pair to forage in slightly different places on their territory and maximize their use of available food. Further, Red-bellied woodpeckers will drill out a new nest cavity every year. This is important as it leaves old cavities for birds like swallows, owls, bluebirds, other woodpeckers and a huge array of small birds like wrens and chickadees to use.



*Female & Immature Red-bellied woodpeckers*  
*Photo courtesy of Karen Frank & Neal Faircloth*

The next time you spot a Red-headed woodpecker, take a good look at its belly.



## What's Cooking ...

There's still time to take advantage of delicious locally grown vegetables and put some of your own spin on them. Here's a very tasty recipe that my mom and sister have perfected together.

### 1, 2, 3 Ratatouille By Mary Hubbard & Maureen Norris



#### Ingredients:

- 2-3 ripe chopped tomatoes
- 1-2 medium sliced zucchinis
- 1 medium sliced onion
- 1 cubed eggplant
- 1 pint sliced mushrooms
- 1 thinly sliced bell pepper
- 4 cloves chopped garlic
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper

#### Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Oil a casserole pan.

Sauté onions, peppers, eggplant in olive oil (do not include zucchini). Add mushroom slices, garlic, basil, oregano, salt and pepper; cook until soft.

1. Spread layer of mixed vegetables in pan, sprinkle parmesan cheese on top
2. Spread layer of chopped tomatoes, sprinkle parmesan cheese on top
3. Spread layer of sliced zucchini, sprinkle parmesan cheese on top.

Continue until you've used up your vegetables. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and bake for approximately 40 minutes. Enjoy!

## Help Wanted ...

Just in case you don't make it to the very end of the newsletter, I'm trying a new tactic and relocating my request for your help with our newsletter! Please email your ideas, local news, photos, articles, recipes, events, reviews, secret fishing and crabbing spots, short stories, poems, jokes and riddles to [jhlovesdogs@yahoo.com](mailto:jhlovesdogs@yahoo.com)

## All Around Town ...

The summer of 2016 may be over but the weather's still great and there's still plenty of going on around here:

**Sat., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm - 8:30pm, U.S. Marine Band Tour Concert: Princess Anne, MD** – The concert is free but tickets are required. Tickets are limited to 4 per request. <https://marineband.ticketleap.com/usmbtourprincessanne/dates/Oct-01-2016at0700PM>.

**Thurs., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> thru Sun., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival** – Experience migration along the Eastern Flyway on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Guided tours, hikes, boat trips, workshops and family activities. Festival headquarters and check-in location: Sunset Beach Resort, 32246 Lankford Hwy., Cape Charles, VA. For info, visit <http://www.esvbirdingfestival.com> or call 757.710.9040.

**Sat., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 12Noon - 4pm, 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Festival**  
Come enjoy a full day of oysters, oyster and more oysters! Oysters on the half shell, steamed, single fried and fritters, clam chowder, clam fritters and lots more. \$45 per person (ages 5+). Location: Tom's Cove Park, 8128 Beebe Rd. For more details, call 757.336.6161.

**Sat., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - 10pm, International Observe the Moon Night** – The NASA Wallops Flight Facility and its partner the Delmarva Space Sciences Foundation will be hosting a viewing event for International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN).



Photo courtesy of NASA

The event begins with a Moon Mania presentation at the NASA Visitor Center's Auditorium at 7pm, followed by moon and night sky observations through telescopes on the grounds of the Visitor Center. The event is free and open to the public. The Moon Mania will take place regardless of the weather; however, the telescope viewing is subject to cancellation. For more details and info, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/content/wallops-visitor-center/special-events>

**Sat., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 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>

**Mon., October 31<sup>st</sup>, 4pm – 7pm, Trick or Treat Main St.**  
Come and enjoy a fun, safe and happy Halloween on Main Street, Chincoteague Island. Sponsored by the Historic Main Street Merchants Association.



**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**

*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*

*Jim Smith*

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POA and Oyster Bay II Water & Sewage Co., Inc.*

**OB II Community Property Owners Association  
OB II Water & Sewage Company  
2016 Board of Directors**

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*Neal Faircloth*

*Jean Hubbard*

*John M. (Jack) Keene*

*Maria J. Paccioretti*

*Jeff Shelton*

Check out our community website, at [www.ob2poa.org](http://www.ob2poa.org) as the format and content continue to evolve. Email Andy Suchoski at [andy.suchoski@verizon.net](mailto: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  
Chincoteague, VA 23336**