



# **Chincoteague Island, Virginia Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter September 2016**

Hello OB II,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone having some time to enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer.

Thanks again to Karen Frank and Neal Faircloth for sharing another one of their great photographs.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe Labor Day weekend!

## **Neighborhood News ...**

We have new neighbors! Please welcome Kathleen Gunson and Peter R. Frascella to their new home at 5211 N. Hibiscus Dr. (Lot #231) and Racing Moon, LLC, which has purchased the home at 5151 Deep Fern Ct. (Lot #248). Congratulations on the completion of their new homes to Donna & Kenneth McKeown at 5342 Hibiscus Dr. (Lot #209) and Christina & Rory Smith at 5385 N. Hibiscus Dr. (Lots #295/295A). Best wishes to all.

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

A joint meeting of the OB II Community POA and Water & Sewage Company Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1pm. The location will be Hampton Inn & Suites, 4179 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA. The primary purpose of the meeting is to status activities since the April meeting and prepare for the 2016 POA annual meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. All OB II POA members are invited to attend. Hope to see you there.

The Oyster Bay II sewer plant has experienced a problem over the past months, although service has not been affected. The utility committee hired Bundick Well & Pump to perform the repairs. The repairs included replacement of the pumps and filtering media in the plant.

An updated OB II Membership Master Mailing List and OB II Residence Directory have been posted on the community website at <http://ob2poa.org> under the MEMBERS tab.



# Red-Headed Woodpeckers ...

*By Dave Hudgins*

On numerous visits to the community during the past few summers, I've spotted an adult red-headed woodpecker. I've seen the bird at the intersection of N. Hibiscus and Pine Tree Way. I've seen them along Pine Tree Way on the phone lines and telephone poles. On a recent visit, I saw a pair of red-headed woodpeckers as I was pulling into the driveway. But these looked different. From the neck down, they were definitely red-headed woodpeckers. But from the neck up was a grayish black. These were immature red-headed woodpeckers. So, there appears to be breeding red-headed woodpeckers in the neighborhood!



*Adult red-headed woodpecker courtesy Audubon.org*

The typical red-headed woodpecker is about 8.5 inches in length with a wing span of 16 inches. They have a crimson red head with a sharp beak, snow white under parts and, jet black wings with distinctive white patches. Unlike many bird species, the male and females are practically identical. Red-headed woodpeckers are year round residents of Chincoteague.

The breeding pairs will create a nest in a dead tree, branch, stump, or even in a telephone pole or fence post, between 5 and 50 feet above the ground. The hole may be excavated by the woodpecker or may be an existing cavity. The cavity is usually about 6 inches wide by 8 inches deep with a 2 inch diameter entrance hole. A breeding pair of red-headed woodpeckers may use the same cavity over a number of years. The female will lay three or more eggs with the incubation period running about 14 days. The young can usually fledge within a month of birth. The pair may raise two broods each year.



*Immature red-headed woodpecker*

Red-headed woodpeckers are omnivorous, feeding on both insects and plant life. They prefer open spaces where they feed primarily on flying insects during spring and summer. Red-headed woodpeckers will snag their prey and hide them in between the bark of trees to consume later. Grasshoppers are regularly stored alive, but tightly wedged into crevices so they cannot escape. As the insects wane in the fall and winter the diet changes to a large helping of seeds and nuts.

Pleistocene-age fossils of red-headed woodpeckers up to 2 million years old have been unearthed in Florida, Virginia, and Illinois. The longevity record for the red-headed wood pecker is just shy of 10 years.

Keep an eye out in the air, on the trees, poles and lines and in the grass for red-headed woodpeckers. Maybe another successful brood will hatch in 2017.

## From Your Garden to Your Table ...

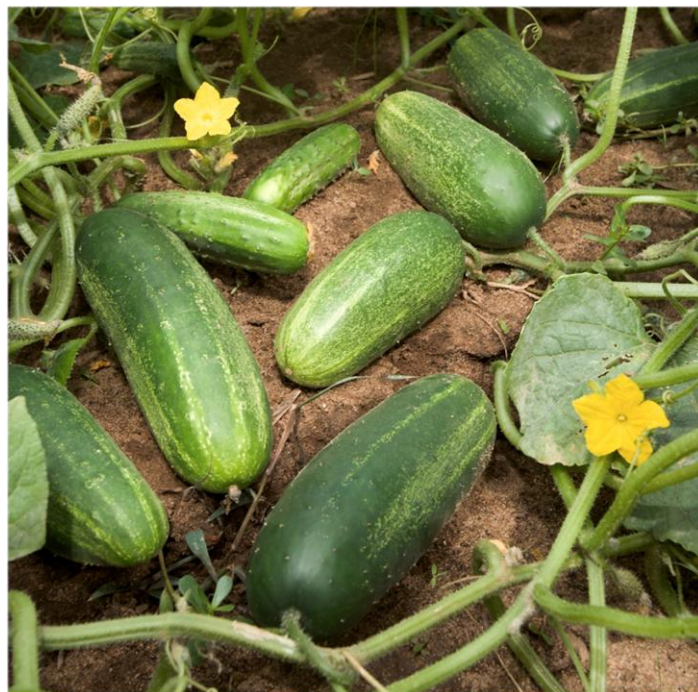
It's that time of the year when you can pick many veggies fresh from your garden (or if you're really lucky, from your neighbor's garden – thanks Carol!) or pick them up from one of the local farm stands and enjoy your harvest at dinner. Here are a couple of easy recipes that bring out the best flavor of their star ingredients:

### Cool as a Cucumber Salad

*By Mary Hubbard*

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pint sour cream (light sour cream works well, too)
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 tablespoons dry dill (if you use fresh, add extra)
- 2 teaspoons Kosher or sea salt
- a pinch of black pepper
- 1 small white onion
- 2-3 cucumbers



*Photo courtesy of USDA*

#### Directions:

Peel the onion and slice very thin. Peel the cucumbers and slice medium (1/8" slices). Combine sour cream, vinegar, sugar, dill, salt, pepper and mix until smooth. Add your onion and cucumber slices, mix and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.



**Baked Parmesan Tomatoes**  
 Courtesy of [eatingwell.com](http://eatingwell.com)

**Ingredients:**

- tomatoes
- grated parmesan cheese
- olive oil
- oregano
- salt
- pepper



Photo courtesy of USDA

**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 450°. Slice tomatoes in half and place cut-side up on a baking sheet. Top with Parmesan cheese, oregano, salt and pepper. Drizzle with olive oil. Bake until the tomatoes are tender, about 15 minutes.

## All Around Town ...

Just a couple of more weeks left to the summer of 2016 on Chincoteague but that doesn't mean that there's going to be any less to do around here:

**Sat., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm — The Brown Box Theatre Project presents Shakespeare in the Park, "Shakespeare's Romantic Adventure"**



*Featuring:*

- ❖ a British king
- ❖ an evil stepmother
- ❖ a princess and a commoner's secret marriage
- ❖ a daring wager
- ❖ disguises and trickery
- ❖ potions and prophecy.

Location: Robert N. Reed Downtown Waterfront Park. Visit <http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org> for details.

**Sat., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9am Launch, Onancock Challenge – Kayak/Canoe/SUP Race**



The Onancock Challenge Kayak/Canoe/SUP Race features 5K and 10K routes on historic Onancock Creek on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Categories for recreational and sea kayaks, SUPs, canoes, outriggers, K-1s, surf skis and a Kids Fun Race. Seafood boil to follow. Seafood Boil is \$17 per person and includes seafood lunch, soup and salad (drinks not included). On-site registration begins at 7am - 8am; 8:15am Race Meeting (meeting is mandatory); 9am Launch; 1pm Seafood Boil at Mallards on the wharf (pre-paid reservations for Seafood Boil required). Pre-registration is \$25 (\$30 the day of the race). Kayak rentals are available for \$20. Please reserve before day of the race. Please call 757.331.6190 or send email to [sekayak@gmail.com](mailto:sekayak@gmail.com). The Kids Fun Race registration fee is \$15. For more information and directions, send email to: [onancock@southeastexpeditions.com](mailto:onancock@southeastexpeditions.com).

**Sat., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 9pm, Plein Air Art Show & Sale**

Each year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September brings more than 50 fine artists from the Mid-Atlantic and beyond to paint "en plein air (French for painting outdoors)" on Chincoteague and Assateague. On Saturday evening, you can see what they've created at a Show and Sale that is free to the public. Come early as the best pieces sell quickly. A portion of the artworks sold benefits Chincoteague Cultural Alliance. For info, visit <http://www.chincoteagueculturalalliance.org/plein-air-art-show--sale.html>.

**Fri., September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm — Taste of Chincoteague**

Mark your calendar for this event, kicking off Chincoteague's Annual Restaurant Week with "Taste of Chincoteague", an evening of fine food samplings from local eateries, accompanied by contemporary music and unique local and regional artwork. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase. Admission is \$15 per person. Location is Chincoteague Center, 6155 Community Dr. For details, send email to [center@thechincoteaguecenter.com](mailto:center@thechincoteaguecenter.com), visit [www.thechincoteaguecenter.com](http://www.thechincoteaguecenter.com) or call 757.336.0614

## 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, upcoming events, interesting local places you have visited, secret fishing and crabbing spots, short stories, poems, jokes and riddles to [jhlovesdogs@yahoo.com](mailto: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**

*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)*

*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  
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*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**