



Chincoteague Island, Virginia Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter July 2017

Hello OB II Friends & Neighbors,

Hope everyone is getting ready to enjoy a safe and happy July 4th Holiday whether you're spending it on Chincoteague or somewhere else.

Neighborhood News ...

Please be extra careful and drive slowly (15 mph) in and around the OB II Community during this busy time of the year. There are many children as well as adults riding their bicycles and scooters, pushing baby strollers, walking themselves and/or their dogs, running, etc. and it's easy to forget that the speed limit is lower in our community than it is on the island.

Updates From The Boards ...

Oyster Bay II Property Owners Association: At this time, there are no new developments regarding Parcel E. Our attorney says we now must wait for the Virginia Supreme Court to review our appeal request to determine if the Court will hear our appeal. This process will require a couple of months or more, depending on the Court's schedule.

You can find the latest OB II POA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org> under the members section.

Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company: The latest OB Water & Sewer Co. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes are available on the community website <http://www.ob2poa.org> and can be found under the Water & Sewer tab.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

All Customers of Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company, Inc. are reminded that:

1.) Virginia health regulations require that all sewer cleanout pipes be capped. A cleanout pipe is a vertical pipe that extends up from the underground sewer lateral line to the surface to permit cleaning or removal of a clog in the line. You probably have one or two such cleanouts between your house and the roadway. For reference, please see the two photos below.



Typical clean-out pipe with cap



Typical clean-out cap

When a clean-out pipe is left uncapped, ground water can enter the sewer system and cause an overload condition. This may result in costly repairs. Also, a clean-out pipe left uncapped can become filled with debris, grass, pine cones etc., eventually causing a back-up in your line and the need for costly repairs.

The good news is that it is way less expensive to keep your clean-outs properly capped. If there is no damage to the vertical pipe itself, the cap can easily be replaced by the homeowner at a cost of less than \$30, and the parts and adhesive are sold at Lowes, Home Depot or any plumbing supply or hardware store. Or you can call a plumber.

2.) NOTHING should go into the toilet except waste and toilet paper. Please do not flush any other materials including paper towels, tampons, disposable diapers, kitty litter, cigarette butts, dental floss, etc. If you rent your property to others, it may be helpful to post a friendly reminder at each toilet for your guests.

Thanks for your help in keeping our sewer system working and keeping our operating costs down.

Sincerely,

James. G. Smith
President
OB Water & Sewer Co.

For Immediate Release ... There Are Thieves On The Loose In OB II

By Janet & Phil Hoey

They look cute and cuddly but there is a family of thieves on the loose in OBII. The parents are teaching their young in the nefarious skills of theft and midnight requisitions



.The charges against the villains include:

- Theft of seed from bird feeders
- Raiding our garden of ripe strawberries ☹ Noooooo
- Lapping the sweet water from hummingbird feeders.
- Destruction of private property, specifically leaving scratch marks on the side stairs.
- Provoking residents: Specifically driving the dogs nuts.
- Creating a nuisance: Specifically leaning how to knock over trash cans for a midnight snack. They knocked over our wheeled trash can, opened the top and had a feast. (The top is now closed with a bungee cord.)

ROCKY & FAMILY – THIS IS WHERE YOU BELONG!



Photo courtesy of Benjamin Miller, FreeStockPhotos.biz

Do The Squirrels Drive You Nuts?

By Andy Suchoski

Many of us set up bird feeders to attract a variety of birds however, the feeder often attracts some four- legged furry friends as well. Squirrels seem to have a preoccupation with raiding bird feeders and getting their fill. They also are very clever in defeating obstacles we place in their way. It is amazing how they can get a grip on smooth metal and scurry up the pole. Greasing the pole will defeat them for a while but eventually they will wear enough of the grease away and be able to get to the feeder and then you are faced with a greasy mess on the feeder.

I had a battle royal with squirrels on our feeders at home. I tried commercially available baffles and they worked for a while but eventually the squirrels figured them out. Then I tried designing my own. For one attempt, I cut a large flat piece of metal about two feet in diameter and put that on the pole. For several days I watched squirrels climb up the pole and look at the metal disk. They seemed baffled and climbed down again. I thought I had beaten them. Then I noticed the squirrels would stretch out from the pole and chew on the end of the metal. I thought this rather odd but then after several days of chewing I saw one squirrel stretch out its paw and get a grip on the rough metal edge and then it flipped itself up on top of the disk. It was amazing to see but nonetheless disheartening. The squirrels were winning and one day when the garage door was left open, they came in and chewed a hole in the top of the plastic trash can where we kept as much as 50 pounds of sunflower seed. At that point I declared war on the squirrels and things turned ugly. I resorted to some drastic measures to discourage the squirrels but they kept coming.



Then I recalled someone once remarked that what truly baffles a squirrel is when it cannot see its way. Most domed squirrel baffles allow the squirrel to see what it is working on. So I hit upon the idea of creating a cylinder from some plywood and twelve inch roof flashing. I cut two plywood circles fourteen inches in diameter and laminated them together. Then I screwed the flashing into the plywood and used a riveter to join the seam of the cylinder. This squirrel baffle in the picture is about fifteen years old. You can see how the bottom of the cylinder has been chewed by the squirrels but in all that time I saw only one squirrel on the bird feeder and that was when we had eighteen inches of snow and it jumped onto the platform. However, I still haven't figured out how to keep raccoons off the feeder.

Eat, Drink And Be Patriotic With Easy 4th Of July Recipes ...

Courtesy www.ideas.evite.com

Paint your party red, white and blue with some of these fruity patriotic recipes.

American Flag Fruit Skewers

Swap your basic fruit salad for this crowd-pleasing platter of fruit skewers in the design of an American flag. All you need are strawberries or raspberries, blueberries, bananas, and a handful of skewers to make this colorful dessert.



Patriotic Parfait

All you will need are clear plastic or glass drinking cups, a whipped topping (i.e. Cool Whip), or use vanilla pudding, chopped strawberries and/or whole raspberries and blueberries. Starting with one of the fruits at the bottom of the cup, alternately layer the fruit with the whipped topping until you get to the top ending with the fruit. Add another dollop of the whipped topping and some shaved almonds. This makes the perfect after barbecue sweet treat.



All Around Town ...

I ran out of space! Please visit the following websites for a list of what's happening and where it's happening:

<http://www.chincoteague.com/events.html>

<http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events>

<http://www.chincoteagueisland.org/events.htm>

<http://www.cvfc3.com/events>

http://www.esvatourism.org/es_calendar/calender_display.asp

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