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Chincoteague Island, Virginia Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter May 2017

Hello OB II Friends & Neighbors,

Hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and getting ready for the summer of 2017 on Chincoteague. The mosquitoes are out in full force. If you're thinking of planting things that help to repel the Chincoteague Air Force, here are five of the most effective mosquito repelling plants which are easy to grow in most regions of the U.S.: Ageratum, Catnip, Horsemint, Marigolds, Citronella (Citronella is the most common natural ingredient used in formulating mosquito repellents.)

How could anyone ever begrudge this charming little fur ball for rampaging the garden, destroying the hard work that was put into it and devouring the tulips just as they're getting ready to bloom?

Neighborhood News ...

Welcome Jim Kalil! Jim has purchased undeveloped lot #252 on Pine Tree Way. You may recognize the name as the man who does a wonderful job maintaining OB II's

common areas. Jim is interested in building a home here. Congratulations and best wishes from all of your neighbors.

Also, welcome to David and Kimberly Simmons who have purchased the home at 5199 Pine Tree Way (from Neal Faircloth). The Simmons live in Springfield, VA. We look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood!

Updates From The Boards ...

Oyster Bay II Property Owners Assocation: The Board of Directors met on April 29th for general updates and planning. Of note, the community as a whole looks great, with the fountain up and running and the entry pond water treatment complete.

Improvement to the drainage into Mallard Pond on N. Hibiscus Dr. is complete and should help reduce erosion and filter silt out prior to the drain water entering the pond.

The Board is working on removing a very bad section (potholes) of Pine Tree Way and replacing with gravel.

The complaint with Parcel E continues, with both sides filing appeals to the judge's decision. Stay tuned ...

Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company: The Board of Directors met on April 29th to discuss status of various projects, including the completion of the OB Water & Sewer Co. Operations Manual; a plan for painting and minor repair work to be made to the exterior of the sewer plant building.

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There were reports of the Easter Bunny being sighted in the OB II community following a recent visit it made to the Chincototeague Elementary School. The bunny was described as being high energy, cute as a button and extremely friendly. Does this description fit any of your neighbors? Do you recognize a neighbor in any of the following photos?



Easter Bunny arrived from the woods and hopped the fence.



Easter Bunny enjoying every moment of its visit.



Easter Bunny high five'n it hand to foot



Who doesn't like a hug from the Easter Bunny?



Easter Bunny leaving school after a great day at work!

So, let's all keep an eye out for our charming neighbor and report back to me if you have any ideas of who it may be!

All Around Town ...

Things are starting to seriously hop around here and I'm not only referring to the rabbits!

Fri., May 5th, 12th, 19th, Classic Film Series at the Island Theatre – Enjoy great movies for \$5:

Fri., May 5th, "Groundhog Day" (1993)

A weather man is reluctantly sent to cover a story about a weather forecasting "rat" (as he calls it). This is his fourth year on the story. On awaking the 'following day', he discovers that it's Groundhog Day again, and again and again. First he uses this to his advantage, then comes the realization that he's doomed to spend the rest of eternity in the same place, seeing the same people do the same thing EVERY DAY! Rated PG.

Fri., May 12th, "Blue Hawaii" (1961)

Chad Gates (Elvis Presley) has just gotten out of the Army, and is happy to be back in Hawaii with his surfboard, his beach buddies and his girlfriend. Chad's parents want him to follow in his father's footsteps and take over management of the family business, but Chad is reluctant. So Chad goes to work as a tour guide at his girlfriend's agency. Rated PG.

Fri., May 19th, "Rebel Without A Cause" (1955) Jim Stark is the new kid in town. He has been in trouble elsewhere; that's why his family has had to move before before. Here he hopes to find the love he doesn't get from his middle-class family. Though he finds some of this in is relationship with Judy, and a form of it in both Plato's adulation and Ray's real concern for him. Jim must still prove himself. Rated PG. Sat., May 6th, 10am - 4pm, 49th Annual Chincoteague Seafood Festival — Gates open at 10am, Appetizers served at 11am, Seafood served from 12 Noon — 4-pm. Enjoy the best of the best and all you want of local seafood, including "Little Neck" steamed clams, clam fritters, raw clams and oysters, clam strips, clam chowder, single fried oysters, shrimp and fried fish. \$45 per person (children under 5, free) Location: Tom's Cove Park, 8128 Beebe Rd. For more information, call 757.336.61621 or go online to http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com/events/chincoteague-seafood-festival.

Sat., May 7th, 5pm, Annual Chinco De Mayo 5 x 5 Art Show & Sale - 5 x 5 is a creative fundraiser and celebration that takes place after the Annual Seafood Festival. The art show and sale features artworks that are all 5" x 5" in size and they all sell for \$55. The show, sale and party start promptly at 5:55pm when the artwork is revealed to the public for the first time. But plan to arrive by 5pm and enjoy food from Bill's Restaurant and margaritas, sangria, beer and soft drinks. Admission of course is \$5, food and drinks are \$5 and donated 5 x 5 artworks are \$55. All proceeds will go to the Museum. Location: Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Bvd. For info, visit http://www.chincoteaguemuseum.com/programs.

Sat., May 13th, 8am - 3pm 23rd Annual International Migratory Bird Celebration – International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) is the only international education program that highlights and celebrates the migration of nearly 350 species of birds between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding grounds in Latin America, Mexico and the Caribbean. Each year, IMBD explores a different aspect of



Blue-winged Teal, courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services

migratory birds and their conservation. This year, many events will take place on May 13th, including a global big day bird walk, family activities, art show and kid's art contest, a lecture on birds and wildlife photography tips from wildlife photographer, Bill Wallen and even more. Location: Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. For more details, visit http://www.fws.gov/refuge/chincoteague

Sat., May 20th, 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

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