



*Photo by Karen Frank*

# Chincoteague Island, Virginia

## Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

### November 2017

Hello OB II Friends & Neighbors,

Welcome to November on Chincoteague. The weather's been beautiful, the sun's been shining and the fish have been biting. Hope everyone has a chance to enjoy.

Thank you to all our military veterans who we honor on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Thanksgiving!

### Updates From The Boards ...

**Oyster Bay II Property Owners Association:** The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Oyster Bay II Community Property Owners Association, Inc. was held on Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meeting and thank you to all those who couldn't make the meeting but submitted their proxies.

With the sale of Jack Keene's house (lot #260) being complete, the Board stands at eight for the remainder of 2017.

Regarding Parcel E, the POA's attorney is working on an "enhanced brief" which will be filed with the Virginia Supreme Court in November. A copy of the brief will be forwarded to the POA prior to its submission.

Plans for the coming year; a budget for 2018 and committee updates were all presented. In addition, the election of a 2018 Board of Directors was completed.

Note, a draft of the Annual Meeting Minutes including the most recent Board elections info is available on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org> under the members section.

**Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company:** The Board of Directors of OB Water & Sewer Co. Inc. also met on Sat., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Year to date financial information, a budget for 2018 and committee updates were presented. The election of a 2018 Board of Directors was also completed. A draft of the Annual Meeting Minutes is available under the members section on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org>.

## Nice Catch!

Some days the fish are really biting. Just ask Arlene and Joe Dougherty who both reeled in some nice sized tasty dinners over the last couple of weeks. Do they have a secret fishing spot on the Island? Do they use a special rig? What time of the day and what weather works best? For the answer to those questions, you'll have to ask the pros!



*A Brown Trout, photo courtesy of Arlene Dougherty*



*Flounders, photo courtesy of Joe Dougherty*

## Wishing Jack Keene All The Best ...

As many of you already know, Jack Keene has sold his home in OB II and moved to Pennsylvania for health reasons and to be closer to his family. Jack has been a long-time member of our POA Board of Directors and served as its Treasurer for many years, as well as serving as Plant Manager for the Water & Sewer Co. We cannot thank Jack enough and he will be dearly missed.

For anyone who would like to send Jack a note or a card, his son said the messages would be very welcome. He has moved to Traditions of Hershey in Pennsylvania.

## Not Your Everyday Squirrel ...

*Info courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

Visitors to the Refuge are often treated to delightful views of the Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrels (*Sciurus niger cinereus*) as they root around on the ground for tempting truffle treats (undergrown fungi that grows on tree roots).

Larger than other squirrel species and generally not found in suburban or urban areas, the Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel (DFS) ranged throughout the Delmarva Peninsula of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia before experiencing a sharp decline in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century due to forest clearing. With its range reduced by more than 90%, the DFS was one of 78 species listed under the Endangered Species Preservation Act in 1967.



*Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

From 1969 to 1971, biologists relocated 30 DFS to various sites including Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and released them in habitat surrounding the historic Assateague Lighthouse. The population of squirrels at the Refuge is now between 300-350 individuals, with new populations dispersing on their own throughout the southern portion of Assateague Island. Since listing, the DFS's overall range has increased from 4 to 10 counties, and a population of up to 20,000 squirrels now covers 28% of the Delmarva Peninsula, primarily in Maryland.

After decades of conservation work by refuge biologists, state agencies and recovery partners, the status of the Delmarva Peninsula Fox Squirrel has been reversed. As of December 2015 the species was officially removed from the Endangered Species list. The Endangered Species Act has been successful in conserving imperiled wildlife, preventing the extinction of more than 99% of the species listed as threatened or endangered since 1973.

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