



# Chincoteague Island, VA

## Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

### April 2018

Hello OB II Community,

Well, if our recent spring showers are any indication of April's flowers, hopefully, we're due for an extraordinary amount of blooms.

Happy Easter!

### Neighborhood News ...

If you wish to have any brush, leaves and pine cone debris that you have collected taken away, don't forget that the town will be making pickups on Thurs., April 5<sup>th</sup>. The quantity of brush collected at each household is limited to what would fill a full-size pickup truck. Also, if you have appliances or furniture you would like removed, these items will also be picked up on Thurs., April 5<sup>th</sup>. Community members wishing to use these services must contact (call

757.336.6519) the Town at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled pick up date.

### Updates From The Boards ...

**OB II POA:** The Board continues to seek resolution to access from Parcel E properties via N. Hibiscus Dr. No final determination has been reached. The owner of Parcel E has been granted an easement to N. Hibiscus Dr. by the Court, though an appeal is still being considered by the VA Supreme Court. Additionally, even if the easement stands, the final design of access to our road would be determined during the building permitting process.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Sat., April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the Hampton Inn & Suites (4179 Main St.).

**OB Water & Sewer Co.:** The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for 1pm on Sat., April 7, 2018 at the Hampton Inn & Suites (4179 Main St.).

All members are invited to attend both of these meetings.

Information regarding meetings, agendas and minutes are posted on the community website: <http://www.ob2poa.org>.

## Mutton Hunk Fen

*By Dave Hudgins*

Mutton Hunk Fen sounds like something you'd order at a local dive in Louisiana. But, it is actually a nature preserve located along Baker Road on the seaside of Accomack County.

Mutton Hunk is an unincorporated town along the Mutton Hunk branch of Whites Creek. The preserve is managed and protected as a cooperative effort of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Nature Conservancy and the Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust.

A fen is a particular type of wetland where the water table is at or near the ground surface for most of the growing season and as a consequence, the substrate is poorly aerated. Saturation lasts long enough that the dominant plants are those that can exist in wet and reducing conditions. The conditions limit the decomposition of plant roots, leaves, and stems and over time this organic matter accumulates to form peat soil.



**Interesting plant life attracts butterflies and birds.**

Mutton Hunk Fen is a rare sea-level fen community, one of only four in Virginia. The vegetation consists of an interesting combination of acid-tolerant bog plants and tidal freshwater wetland plants capable of surviving in low nutrient areas. Five state-rare plant species occur here.

Of the 516 acres that make up the preserve, 220 acres formerly under private lease for agricultural production have been converted to migratory songbird habitat.

A relaxing walk can be had any time of year. From the entry parking lot, there are paths to the right, left and straight ahead. The path to the right runs ~1/2 mile and ends at a wooded area. Walking the main path straight ahead, eventually dead ends at Gargathy Bay. About 2/3 of the way down the main path is a path on the left. This is a loop along Whites Creek that ends up back at the parking area.



**A display of bones, decoys, etc. greet you.**

I've hiked most seasons and always see something different. In the spring, migrating birds are encountered. Into the summer, nesting wrens, sparrows, bluebirds and buntings are abundant. As the flowers come into bloom in the summer and the fall, many butterflies can be seen feeding. During the fall and winter, you're likely to see some wintering waterfowl or raptors. One species I haven't encountered in any large numbers is the mosquito.

If you decide to check it out, Mutton Hunk Fen is located ~30 minutes from Chincoteague (Atlantic Rd. Rte 679 south to left on Baker Rd). Baker Rd. will dead end at a gate. You'll need to get out and manually open the left side of the gate. Then drive up to the parking area straight ahead. Note, the red building is closed, but has a neat display of artifacts. There is also a restroom facility. I have seen no indication that pets are not allowed. I've yet to run into another person while visiting. So you may have the whole place to yourself. Enjoy!

### Rhubarb Crunch

*Recipe courtesy of  
Ed Paulhus*

*You can find rhubarb from as early as mid-spring thru the summer; prime season runs April to June.*

- 1 cup flour
- ¾ cup rolled oats
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup melted margarine
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 4 cups rhubarb, chopped
- 6 strawberries, chopped
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tbs cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp vanilla



**A delicious springtime treat**

**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350°.

Mix flour, rolled oats, brown sugar and cinnamon until crumbly. Press ½ of this mixture into a 9" greased pan. Bake this crust for 12 minutes. Cover with chopped rhubarb and strawberries.

Combine sugar, cornstarch and water. Cook until thick and clear in a small sauce pan, Remove from heat and add vanilla. Pour over rhubarb. Top with remaining crumbs. Bake at 350° for 50 minutes.

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