



Photo by Neal Faircloth

Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter August 2018

Hey OB II,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting some time to relax. I for one love our mosquito eating friends, the dragon flies. Our yard has been full of dragon flies since June and absolutely no mosquitoes. I know I've risked a lot by typing that so please knock on wood with me that the skeeters stay away and that I'm right about the dragon flies being the reason why. Go dragon flies!

Thank you Neal Faircloth (friend and former neighbor) for sharing your exquisite photos of nature (see above).

Neighborhood News ...

Many thanks to Kathy & Terry Bradley, Rick Rhoads and Chris Smith for all the work you have done to fill in the community potholes. Thank you for making our lives a little smoother! Unfortunately, new holes have already started to emerge. Once there are some consecutive days of dry weather, the work will continue. Anyone interested in volunteering to help should contact Kathy Bradley

Updates From The Boards ...

The next meetings of the Board of Directors of both the OB II POA and OB W&S Co. will be held on Sat., Sept. 22nd, 2018. The POA BoD will meet at 9am at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 4179 Main St., Chincoteague. The W&S Co. meeting will take place at 1pm, same location.

In the meantime, the agenda and minutes of the April 7, 2018 Board of Directors meetings of both entities are posted on the community website: <http://www.ob2poa.org>.

Weather permitting, work is expected to begin soon on the reestablishment of the cul de sac on Green Glade Court.

A reminder to all home and lot owners that only (1) "For Sale" sign is allowed on the subject property. Directional signage (unless an "open house" is taking place) and advertising signage is not permitted, unless specifically required by the Town for contractors. Thank you for your cooperation.

Help Wanted ...

The OB II Community POA and the OB Water & Sewer Co. are each looking for a volunteer part time Bookkeeper within the community to take over this function by the end of 2018.

The POA Bookkeeper job description can be found at http://ob2poa.org/Resources/POA_Treasurer.pdf.

The Water & Sewer Co. Bookkeeper job description can be found at http://ob2poa.org/WaterSewer/WS_Treasurer.pdf.

If you have questions or need additional info, please send an email to Dave Hudgins at mdhudgins57@gmail.com.

How About A Little More Art And Some History, Too?

As a follow up to Kurt Jarvis's art lesson in last month's newsletter, I thought people might be interested in seeing his lesson and process applied to a local historic landmark and you can see how Kurt worked it.



Kurt's original photograph of the Hill House



Kurt's interpretation of the Hill House

Now for a bit of history. Did you know that there's a rare piece of American architectural history right around the corner from OB II?

Experts say the Hill House was built around the year 1800. Up until the 1980s, the house stood in the residential development now known as Deep Hole and it was in very poor condition. A real estate agent who had a soft spot for dilapidated old houses, managed to have the Hill House

moved, on his own dime, to a property on North Main Street, where it stood for another quarter of a century.

In 2009, Broadway actors, Louisa Flaningam and Paul Brzozowski bought the Hill House. They knew almost nothing of its back story. When a contractor came out for an inspection, a piece of the exterior clapboard fell off, revealing not just the original wooden exterior of the building, but also the intriguing image of a ship that had been carved roughly with some sort of knife. Their curiosity piqued, Flaningam and Brzozowski, asked friend and architectural historian Carl Lounsbury who was a member of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation for advice. Despite a caved-in roof and an abundance of rotting wood, Lounsbury and a team of experts immediately recognized the structure as a rare find – a two century old “plank home” with a wooden chimney.

How rare is the Hill House? It is believed to be one of just two structures with a wooden chimney still standing in the state of Virginia. The chimney was constructed with a makeshift latch and pulley system so that it could be detached quickly and then pulled away in the event of a fire, keeping the main part of the home safe.

Once restoration work began, workers uncovered 21 generations of paint colors on the front door. The original color used in much of the interior of the house was probably the rich blue you can still see in some spots on the mantle.

There is a wide open second-floor space in The Hill House. At different times over the centuries, the building housed families with several kids, seven in one case, and nine in another. The footprint of The Hill House is just 16' x 17' feet.

The rough carving of a ship that appeared when some clapboard fell was one of 38 carvings, all of ships in the exterior wood. No one has solved the mystery of the carvings so far but there's a theory that the carvings are at the right height to be the work of a young boy.

Legend has it that Timothy Hill came to Chincoteague as a teenaged shipwreck survivor, and then stayed for the rest of his life. In census records, he identified himself as a sailor from New York. He started up his own firm, delivering seafood and other goods to Philadelphia and other cities. Hill's first appearance in official records came when he bought real estate in April 1822. Hill's marriage to a local girl, Rebecca Russell came in May 1822. Timothy and Rebecca raised six children.

The home remained with the Hill family up until 1954. A gentleman named Jack Hill was the last descendant known to have actually lived in the house. There are still a number of Hill descendants living in town and in the area.

The Hill House is the only structure on Chincoteague Island listed in both the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

Content borrowed from “Secrets of the Eastern Shore” by Jim Duffy.

Slow Down ...

The speed limit in Oyster Bay II is 15 mph. Thanks for following the rules!

Please Recycle ...

Please recycle your trash. The Center is located at 5073 Deep Hole Rd. Open every day, except Tuesday.

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