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Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter December 2018

Greetings OB II Friends & Neighbors,

While it's been a little rainy lately, we have some colorful feathered friends that become even more visible when it's pouring outside. How do they do it and always stay looking so good?

Don't forget about this weekend's 39th Annual Old fashioned Christmas Parade on Main Street. Festivities start at 6:30pm with the invocation in front of the Chincoteague Island library and the parade begins at 7pm.

Merry Christmas to all!

Neighborhood News ...

While we don't have any new neighbors to welcome this month, we do welcome any help residents can provide in keeping the swales in front of their homes clear of branch and pine cone debris. It helps to keep the water flowing, especially during periods of heavy rainfall.

Updates from the Boards ...

Oyster Bay II Property Owners Association: Be on the lookout in your email inbox or mailbox for your 2019 POA dues invoice.

Note, Meeting Minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on Saturday, October 20^{th,} including the 2019 election of the Board of Directors, are now available on the community website, http://www.ob2poa.org, under the members section.

Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company, Inc.: The Annual Shareholders Meeting Minutes, including the 2019 election of the Board of Directors, is available on the community web site, http://www.ob2poa.org, under the members section. In addition, the Meeting Minutes from the W&S Co. Board of Directors meeting, which also took place that day, are posted on the website.

119 Years And Still Counting ...

Courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Chincoteague

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge is proud to invite participants to join the 119th Annual Christmas Bird Count, conducted by the National Audubon Society. This international event provides an opportunity to engage in real citizen science by contributing to a long-running wildlife census.



A Kingfisher, courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

What is the Christmas Bird Count? The refuge hosts preregistration for people who wish to make observations in the "Chincoteague Circle" (VACI). The circle is 15-miles in diameter and includes Chincoteague Island, portions of Assateague Island, portions of Wallops Island, Horntown, Greenbackville and Stockton, MD. The National Audubon Society and other organizations use data collected in this long-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations — and to help guide conservation action. Registered participants are invited to a "Tally Rally" and light dinner at 5:30pm at the Herbert H. Bateman Education Center, sponsored by Chincoteague Natural History Association and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.



A Northern Pintail, courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Pre-registration is required and participants will be assigned to a sector within the count circle. To join, please contact Kevin Holcomb at 757-336-6122, ext. 2319 or email Kevin_Holcomb@fws.gov. The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a long standing program of the National Audubon Society with over 100 years of citizen science involvement. It is an early-winter bird census, where thousands of volunteers across the U.S., Canada and many other countries in the Western Hemisphere, go out over a 24-hour period on one calendar day to help count birds. Learn more at http://audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count.

Please Slow Down ...

15 mph speed limit signs have been posted in the neighborhood but some drivers are still not following the rules. Slowing down reduces the risk of damage to your car from the ruts and increases the safety of our community. Over the last couple of weeks, we've had a lot of rain and some of the puddles make it difficult to see the potholes. Drive a little slower and you and your car will feel less of the potholes!

It's That Time Of Year ...

It's that time of year when it's easy to get a little more stressed out than usual. So what can we do to take away a little of the stress? Take deep breaths and try to find something to laugh about. While these aren't the most earth shattering funny jokes in the world, one or two of them might make you smile, which is better than nothing.

- Q: Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?
- A: Because he was a little shellfish.
- Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
- A: Frostbite.
- Q: What do snowmen like to eat for breakfast?
- A: Frosted flakes.
- Q: What did one hat say to the other?
- A: You stay here. I'll go on ahead.



- Q: Why do mummies like Christmas so much?
- A: They're in to all the wrapping.
- Q: How many reindeer does it take to change a light bulb?
- A: Eight. One to screw in the light bulb and seven to hold Rudolph down.
- Q: What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?
- A: Phillipe Phillope.
- Q: What do you call a guy with a rubber toe?
- A: Roberto.

Your Voice Matters ...

If your schedule permits, please consider attending future Chincoteague Town Council meetings on behalf of OB II. The Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in Council Chambers, located at 6150 Community Drive. All meetings of the Town Council are open to the public and are an opportunity to have your voice heard; to represent the OB II community; to meet local representatives; to find out what's coming to our neighborhood, or isn't, before it happens; to get a better handle on local politics; and to have a real impact on improvements in our community.

The next scheduled meeting of the Chincoteague Town Council is Monday, December 3, 2018.

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