



Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter January 2018

Dear OB II Friends & Neighbors,

Hoping everyone is having a wonderful holiday season and wishing everyone a great 2018!

Neighborhood News ...

Many congratulations and best wishes to Maria Paccioretti on the completion of your new home at 5215 Pine Tree Way (Lot #261); and Trudy Apple on your purchase of Lots #275, #276 and #277 on Green Glade Court; and Dave & Julia Weber of Gaithersburg, MD on the purchase of 5392 North Hibiscus Drive (Lot #213).

Greetings From Our New President

Dear OB II Neighbors,

I hope you all are enjoying a wonderful holiday season this year and my best wishes for the New Year.

2017 brought some new faces into our neighborhood and some departures of some good friends. We had some storm damage this year; but nothing major as far as I am aware. Kudos to Kathy & Terry Bradley and the Maintenance Committee for doing a great job with the community

upkeep. You make us look good! There are some ongoing challenges that the POA Board will be working on: southern pine beetles, potholes (or as I've heard them referred to "inverted speed bumps"), North Hibiscus Drive access litigation, and a few others as the community ages/grows. More info to follow on these subjects in the new year.

2018 brings a few changes to the OB II Board of Directors. Jack Keene retired from the Board this year and has left the community to be closer to his family. Jack was a fixture in our community for a long time and his contributions will be greatly missed. Please join me in recognizing the long service of Jack Keene.

In addition, Buford Rowland has stepped down as President and I've taken his place (I did twist his arm a bit to stay on as Vice President, as he teaches me the ropes). Also, Jeff Shelton has accepted a new job opportunity way west of us and Neal Faircloth is now enjoying his new home in Florida.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Landolt
OB II President

Updates From The Boards ...

Regarding Parcel E, an “enhanced brief” was filed by the POA’s attorney with the Virginia Supreme Court in December 2017.

Note, the Annual Meeting Minutes along with the most recent Board meeting minutes are available on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org> under the members section.

Please consider participating on one of the community committees. It does not require being a member of the POA Board. If you’re interested in contributing your time and energy, please refer to the last page of the newsletter for a listing. You can contact any Board member.

The 2018 Fee Schedule along with a “Process for Handling Overdue Accounts” is now posted at <http://www.ob2poa.org>.

Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company: The Board of Directors of OB Water & Sewer Co. Inc. will meet at 1pm on Sat., Jan. 6, 2018 at the Hampton Inn & Suites to elect its officers for the year.

A draft of the W&S Co. Annual Meeting Minutes is available under the water and sewer section on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org>.

Risk A Chill For A Thrill ...

If you’re willing to take a chance, or maybe a couple, and if you’re lucky (have your binoculars handy), you may see some extraordinary splashing going on off of Assateague Beach this winter. The winter welcomes the return of some of the eastern shore of Virginia’s most distinguished guests in search of great dining and beautiful waters: Atlantic whales. During the winter, humpback and fin whales feed along the Virginia coast as they head south to mate and calve in tropical waters.



A breaching humpback whale, photo courtesy of <http://www.fws.gov>

They are attracted to the food-rich mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and warmer Atlantic Ocean waters. Humpbacks can weigh up to 40 tons and range up to 52 feet long. They are well known for their long “pectoral” fins, which can be up to 15 feet in length. Their scientific name, *Megaptera novaeangliae* means “big winged New Englander” as the New England population was the one best known to Europeans. Their long fins give them increased maneuverability; they can be used to slow down or even go backwards.

Humpback whales are the favorite of whale watchers, as they frequently perform aerial displays, such as breaching (jumping out of the water), or slapping the surface with their pectoral fins, tails or heads.



A whale of a tail, photo courtesy of <http://www.fws.gov>

Fin whales also migrate along the Virginia Beach coast. Its scientific name is *Balaenoptera physalus*. Despite being the second largest animal on the planet after the blue whale, fin whales are known as the “greyhounds of the sea”, capable of speeds up to 23 mph. These massive marine animals can measure up to 79 feet long and weigh up to 70 tons.



A breaching fin whale, photo courtesy of <http://www.fws.gov>

The fin whale is a relatively deep diver and can dive as deep as 755 feet. Fin whales travel singly or in pairs and may gather in concentrations of 50 individuals.

Fin whales have been found stranded in Virginia and the species is probably the most abundant large whale in these waters. Fin whales apparently sleep on the surface at night, and thus are subject to collisions with ships.



A fin whale, photo courtesy of Annie Douglas

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**Corporate Registered Agent for Oyster Bay II Community
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