



*Photo by Karen Frank*

# Chincoteague Island, VA

## Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

### November 2018

Hello OB II Neighbors,

Even a very cloudy day can be beautiful in our town. Thank you to Neal Faircloth for sharing another photo from Karen's gallery of artwork.

It's hard to believe that the 2018 season is almost over (and was almost mosquito-less) and 2019 is at our heels.

Wishing everyone a happy, relaxing and safe Thanksgiving holiday

### Neighborhood News ...

Congratulations and welcome to Melissa Pirkle, the new owner of 5355 North Hibiscus Drive (lot #291). We look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood. OB II will miss Kurt & Judy Jarvis who have been part time residents in our community for many years. We wish them all the best with their new home in Lancaster, PA. Already looking forward to your visits back to Chincoteague.

### Updates from the Boards ...

**Oyster Bay II Property Owners Association:** The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual meeting of members was held on Sat., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 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.

Plans for the coming year, a budget for 2019 and committee reports were all presented. In addition, the election of a 2019 Board of Directors was completed.

Note, the Annual Meeting Minutes including the 2019 Board of Directors election info will be available on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org>, under the members section.

**Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company, Inc.:** The Annual Shareholders meeting was also held on Sat., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Year to date financial information, a budget for 2019 and committee reports were all presented. The election of a

2019 Board of Directors was also completed. The Annual Meeting Minutes, including the 2019 Board of Directors election info will be available on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org>, under the members section.

## **Your Voice Matters ...**

If your schedule permits, please consider attending future Chincoteague Town Council meetings on behalf of our community. 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.

The Town Council meetings are an opportunity to make a difference, including having your voice heard; representing the OB II community; meeting our local representatives face to face; find out what's coming to our neighborhood, or isn't, before it happens; get a better handle on local politics; have a real impact on improvements to our community.

The next scheduled meeting of the Chincoteague Town Council is Monday, November 5, 2018.

## **Everyone's Favorite Topic ...**

*by Jim Smith*

We may not think about our individual septic systems or our community sewer system until there is a problem. But there are a number of things that all homeowners can do to help prevent problems, reduce the need for expensive repairs and prolong the life of our individual septic systems and our community sewer system. This article is intended to increase awareness and encourage best practices that will support these goals.

Be aware that ground water from heavy rains and localized flooding that are so common here on Chincoteague Island must not be allowed to find their way into individual septic systems or the community sewer system. Some of the most vulnerable areas are missing or damaged clean-out lines and any damaged sewer line or fittings.

If you have a clean-out line on your lot, make sure it is properly capped and in good shape. A missing or damaged cap can be replaced for a minimal cost and can be found at any hardware store and is easily installed. Protect the capped clean-out from the lawnmower and your car.

Practice common sense water conservation to reduce the amount of water going into the systems.

Promptly repair any dripping faucets, showerheads or leaking toilets.

Properly dispose of leftover household hazardous chemicals such as cleaners, bleach, disinfectants, pesticides, paints, paint thinners, stains and varnishes; as well as construction materials such as caulk, plaster, spackle, grout, adhesives and sealants. Follow label instructions, and NEVER pour these chemicals into toilets, sink, tub or shower drains, even in very small amounts. These chemicals can cause serious damage to any system.

Avoid washing hair down the drain to prevent clogs in traps and drains. Use basket type strainers at the kitchen and bathroom sinks, tub and shower drains and dispose of the collected material in the regular garbage.

Use an ashtray or butt can for cigarette and cigar butts, not the toilet. These items can clog your drains and/or sewer

lines, especially over time, and cigarette filters will never decompose.

Use a toilet plunger to clear any ordinary clog in the toilet, sink, shower or tub drain lines. The next step before calling a plumber is to use a mechanical "snake" or auger to clear a clog. Do not use harsh chemicals in your drain lines. These chemicals do not work very well and can cause additional problems.

Never dispose of gasoline, motor oil, brake fluid, kerosene, lighter fluid or other flammable/explosive liquids, even in tiny amounts, in the toilet or any other drain.

Run your washing machine with a full load whenever possible. Use the manufacturer's recommended amount of detergent in your washing machine. It has been reported that the average household uses three times more detergent than the various manufacturers recommended for washing dishes and clothes. Clothes do not get any cleaner with excessive detergent, and too much detergent can harm fabrics. When these detergents enter the septic and sewer systems, they hold large amounts of fats, oils and grease in suspension making the treatment of the wastewater more difficult. In addition to saving money on buying detergents and preventing problems at the sewer plant, reduced use of detergents is good for the environment.

Materials such as used dryer sheets and dryer lint go into the trash, not in the toilet.

When the time comes for replacing or installing new plumbing fixtures, such as toilets, faucets and showerheads, or appliances that use water, such as washing machines and dishwasher, consider that the newer type fixtures or appliances use less water. Many of the newer appliances also have improved energy efficiency.

Properly dispose of kitty litter and other pet litter and never pour it into the toilet. Most of these products do not decompose easily and can cause back-ups in your lines, resulting in very costly repair bills.

Avoid long shower and reduce the shower water pressure. You can achieve better shower pressure while reducing water use by replacing your showerhead with a newer type, which you can purchase inexpensively at any hardware store or on-line and can install yourself in minutes.

Remember that the only things that should go down the toilet are human waste and toilet paper. EVERYTHING else must be put into the waste basket. Try to keep the toilet seat lid closed to prevent items from being accidentally dropped into the toilet. Keeping the lid down may also reduce the temptation to throw other items into the toilet.

Properly dispose of leftover cooking oils, bacon fat, grease, etc. These oils and greases will not decompose. Never pour these greases or oils down the sink or toilet. Limit the amount of milk products you pour down the drain. Milk creates a high oxygen demand to decompose. Use the kitchen waste receptacle for items like coffee grinds, tea bags and left-over food.

If you rent your home to others, remind your rental agency or guests that there are "house rules" that must be followed.

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2018 Board of Directors & Membership Committees**

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**Tim Landolt**

**Vice President**  
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**Phil Hoey**

**Communications Committee**

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**Corporate Registered Agent for Oyster Bay II Community  
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