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Chincoteague Island, VA

Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter

October 2018

Hello Oyster Bay II,

Fortunately for all of us, Florence decided to do her dirty work elsewhere and Chincoteague remained dry as a bone for the most part. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been affected by this storm and we hope that recovery is on the horizon.

Neighborhood News ...

Congratulations and welcome to Jessica Moore, the new owner of 5290 Pine Tree Way (lot #256) and a belated one to Susan Birch Smith, the new owner of 5252 Pine Tree Way (lot #241). Looking forward to seeing you in the hood!

Congratulations and cheers to Andy & Monica Suchoski for taking first place in the amateur chowder category at the 18th Annual Chili Chowder cookoff held on September 29th.

Updates from the Boards ...

The **OB II Community POA Board of Directors** met on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The Board received updates from each committee and highlights included:

completion of work on the Green Glade cul de sac and replacement of the light shield on the Pine Tree Way street light. Actions being taken include additional signage, including speed limit signs and reminders to pick up dog waste. Documentation is in the process of being finalized to better enforce OB II's Covenants & Restrictions non-compliance's.

The **OB Water & Sewer Company Board of Directors** met on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The Board received updates from each committee and highlights included: establishing formal chain of command for George Bowden to follow should a problem arise at the sewer plant; drafting of a 2019 budget and completion of the 2017 financial audit report.

You're Invited ...

You are invited to the **Annual Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company Annual Shareholders Meeting** on Saturday, October 20th at 10:30am. All members of the POA are welcome and customers of the W&S Company are encouraged to attend. Voting at this meeting is limited to the Shareholders Representatives (the officers of the POA).

The Board and Committees will provide status of activities since last year and plans for 2019. All members are encouraged to raise their comments and concerns. An election of the 2019 Board will be held. Please consider running for a Board position or serving on a Committee.

Please join us on Saturday, October 20th at 1pm for the **43rd Annual Meeting of the Oyster Bay II Property Owners Association**. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting and to complete a proxy if you are unable to attend. The Board and Committees will provide status of activities from the past year and plans for 2019. All members are encouraged to raise their comments and concerns. An election of the 2019 Board will be held. Please consider running for a Board position or serving on a committee.

The documents that have been emailed to you in preparation of the meeting are also on the community website; especially important are the Proxy Form and the Ownership Form. They can be found under the Meetings tab <http://ob2poa.org/Meetings>

Both of these meetings will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 4179 Main Street, Chincoteague in the conference room off the main lobby. The respective secretaries will be sending formal invitations and agendas for the meetings.

Trash Talk ...

Quarterly brush collection by the Town is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th. The quantity of brush that will be collected at each household is limited to what would fill a full sized pickup truck. For info on brush and trash collection, visit: <http://chincoteague-va.gov/trash-disposal-information>.

Soon, Davis Disposal will be requiring all homes to put their garbage out in Davis Disposal containers. If you are still using your own trash containers (with covers or not), please call 757.442.7979 and request a container. They are available in two sizes, 65 gallon and 95 gallon. Your container will be delivered to your home.

Also, it's been reported that some people in OB II are not cleaning up after their dogs. Whether it's on common property or your neighbor's property, this poses health hazards and risks to everyone and it makes our community look bad. Please respect our community and your neighbors and scoop your dog's poop!

Picture Perfect Pumpkins ...

Let's face it, some people create better jack-o'-lanterns than other. How do they do it? After some investigative work, here are a couple of hints, which may help you.



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Get a pumpkin with a stem. To ensure you're getting the freshest pumpkin, look for one with a greenish stem. The greener and thicker the stem, the better. The thicker the stem, the heavier the pumpkin and the better it is for carving. Avoid pumpkins with blemishes and soft spots.

Don't dismiss a weirdly-shaped pumpkin. Pumpkins come in many shapes and sizes. Some of the really awkward ones can inspire some unique designs.

Sketch your plan on a piece of paper before you start to cut your pumpkin. Draw your design with a pen onto the pumpkin.

Keep a water bottle handy. While you're carving it, the pumpkin is losing a lot of moisture. Constantly spray it and try to keep it wet. This helps the pumpkin to stay workable.

Think about using tools that can carve a pumpkin, including paring knives, lemon zesters, exacto knives, clay sculpting tools, saws, etc. Be very careful with your choices, especially when involving kids. Make sure everyone involved is familiar with the "do's and don'ts" of their tools.

For scooping, use big spoons. Big, wide, plastic salad serving spoons that you can snap the ends off of are ideal.



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Leave the top of your jack-o'-lantern on. Removing the top not only messes with the structural integrity of the pumpkin, it also cuts off the vine, which supplies the fruit with nutrients and moisture until it's all dried out. Likewise, cutting off the bottom is a bad idea because pumpkins give off so much water when you cut them that all the liquid can start oozing out and really make a mess. If necessary, cut a hole in the back of the pumpkin.

Wear rubber gloves. There's no getting around it. Scooping out your pumpkin can get messy. Scoop out everything. Everything. Leaving bits of pumpkin goop on the inside of your jack-o'-lantern is a mistake. The goop will get moldy and then it'll spread to the walls of your pumpkin. Try to scrape the walls really thin and get every last stringy bit out, the walls are drier and seem to stay that way longer before they start to break down.

Use electric light, including LEDs or CFLs. They get really bright but they don't give off heat. You want to keep the pumpkin as cold as possible, and if you have a heat source inside of it, the pumpkin is going to start to cook inside of it.

Keep your jack-o'-lantern as cool as possible. When it's not on display and if it's cool enough, keep it near a window or on the garage floor. If you have the room, wrap it really tight with plastic wrap and keep it in the refrigerator.

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