



Photo Courtesy of Dave Hudgins

Chincoteague Island, VA Oyster Bay II Community Newsletter Summer 2019

Hello OB II Friends & Neighbors,

Hope this newsletter finds everyone well and getting an opportunity to relax and enjoy the summer on Chincoteague

Special thanks to Dave Hudgins for providing a beautiful image of wood ducks (see above) that he photographed from his own yard.

An important reminder, for everyone's safety, the speed limit in OB II is 15mph. Thank you for your cooperation.

Neighborhood News ...

A group of OB II residents attended the Chincoteague Town Council meeting held on Monday, June 3rd in an effort to bring the Council's attention to the poor and continuously deteriorating conditions of the house and property located at 5291 Pine Tree Way and Green Glade Court.

Maria Paccioretti explained to the council how it affects the entire community's property values and that it's a safety issue as well, especially to children and pets. Jackie Nuzzo, who lives across the street, told the Council that due to health issues, when the wind blows and the grass is not

being cut, she has a difficult time breathing. Margaret Nichols, homeowner and area realtor talked about the home's condition making the entire development not sellable and how it's affecting everybody's values. The Council was presented with a series of photographs showing current conditions. Mayor Leonard assured the OB II group that a letter had already been sent to the property owner regarding the grass and that the town would be cutting the grass and billing the owner. The grass was cut and the property was cleared of debris on June 5th.

Many thanks to Maria, Jackie and Margaret for their time, energy and attention to this important issue.

Stay tuned for updates ...

From the Boards of Directors ...

Tim Landolt resigned as President of the OB II POA and as a Board member effective May 22nd, 2019. The Board met on May 26th and elected Kathy Bradley as President for the remainder of the 2019 term. We thank Tim for serving the Board over the last several years. We thank Kathy for assuming the role of President and ask for all members to support her in this new role.

Oyster Bay II Property Owners Association: Meeting Minutes from the BoD meeting held on May 4th, 2019 are posted on the community website, <http://www.ob2poa.org>, under the members section. The next meeting of the OB II POA Board of Directors will be held on Sat., Sept. 21st, 2019. Time and meeting location information will be sent prior to meeting.

Oyster Bay Water & Sewer Company, Inc.: The Annual Shareholders Meeting Minutes and the W&S Co. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, from May 4th will be posted shortly on the website, <http://www.ob2poa.org>, under the members section. The next meeting of the OB Water & Sewer Co. Inc. will also be held on Sat., Sept. 21st, 2019. Time and meeting location information will be sent prior to the meeting.

All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Quarterly Brush Collection ...

Brush will be collected the first Thursday of July, with the quantity of brush collected at each household being limited to what would fill a full-size pickup truck. Contact the Town (757.336.6519) at least 48 hours in advance to schedule your pickup

Protect The Nesting Shorebirds ...

Info courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Virginia

For Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, spring heralds the return of migratory birds such as Piping Plovers, American Oystercatchers and Least Terns. Many of the birds who spend summers here also nest on the beach or in the marshes. Some of these bird populations are also declining in numbers, for the instance, the Piping Plover.



Piping Plover chick, courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Atlantic Coast Piping Plovers, (*Charadrius melodus*) are a small, sandy-colored bird with a black band on their forehead and neck, orange bill with a black tip, and orange legs. Piping Plovers are solitary ground nesters, which prefer to nest in sparsely vegetated, sand-flats, shell flats and sand spits on coastal beaches from Canada to North Carolina. Plovers form their nests by scraping shallow depressions in the sand with their breasts, wings and feet. Plovers line the depressions with tiny stones or pieces of shell. Plovers lay up to four eggs per nest and both males and females incubate the eggs for an average of twenty-eight days. Piping Plovers rely on cryptic coloration to hide from predators while sitting on their eggs. Nesting in open areas free of visual obstruction allows the parents to see predators coming. Piping Plover chicks are precocial and leave the nest shortly after hatching. The Plover chicks rely

on both parents to lead them to food sources, shelter them from hot and cold temperatures, keep them dry in the rain, and for protection from predators.

The tiny Piping Plovers use distraction and secretive behaviors to breed successfully. Instead of attacking predators like Terns, Piping Plovers distract predators by calling or feigning a broken wing to lure a threat away. Piping Plovers will also secretly slink away from a nest or their chicks to avoid detection by a predator and return when the threat has passed. Frequent disturbances may lead Plovers to abandon their nests.

To give these birds a chance at survival, nesting sanctuaries have been created by closing Toms Cove Hook and Assawoman Island. From March 15th thru September 15th, visitors are asked to help protect the nesting shorebirds by staying out of these sensitive areas.



American Oystercatcher, courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The American Oystercatcher is a large, boldly patterned bird and it's conspicuous along ocean shores and salt marshes. True to its name, it is specialized in feeding on bivalves (oysters, clams and mussels) and uses its brightly colored bill to get at them. This large, pied shorebird is dark above the head and mantle, white on breast and flanks. Long, straight, bright red to orange bill. Long, pale pink legs lacks hallux. Bright yellow iris, sometimes with dark flecks. Shows narrow, white wing stripe in flight. Long reddish bill laterally compressed.. Yellow eyes with red eye ring and black head and neck, contrasting with brown mantle, distinguishes this from other species. Males and females are visually indistinguishable. Juveniles have varying degrees of dusty orange to gray on bill and mottled brown feathers on back until fully matured.

During the breeding season, the American Oystercatchers can be found in coastal habitats, including sand or shell beaches, dunes, salt marshes, marsh islands, mudflats and dredge spoil islands made of sand or gravel. These conspicuous birds tend to roost on beaches, dunes or marsh islands near their foraging sites, and rarely venture far inland.

Permits Are Required ...

As you know, any construction on your property requires the approval of the OBII Architectural Committee. If you are hiring a contractor, they will take care of any required permits. However, if you are doing the work yourself you will need to submit applications for permits. The ob2poa.org website contains the OBII Building Plan Submittal Process as well as links to the Town of Chincoteague website for Forms and Applications in the Resources (<https://ob2poa.org/Resources/index.html>) and the Members (<https://ob2poa.org/Members/index.html>) sections.

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