



BACK BAY BREEZE

Back Bay...it's worth saving!

May, 2010

25 Years of Flyway Feast Fun

Since 1986

we've celebrated Back Bay and all that call this amazing watershed home. Starting with that very first Feast, you have made our goals of improving the lands and the waters of Back Bay and protecting the area's vast diversity a reality!

Saturday, June 26th, 2010

is the date of the 25th Annual Flyway Feast. Just as in years past, it will be held at the Flyway Hunt Club south of Creeds on Princess Anne Road—just over the North Carolina State line.

Tickets

\$45 (presale) or \$50 (at the door) for adults, \$25 for those 12 to 18, and one kid under 12 free per adult ticket holder. Price includes admission, whole roast pulled pork, bbq chicken, fresh corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, roast taters, and assorted beverages. \$25 of your ticket price is a tax-deductible 1-year BBRF membership.



FUNdraising

Unique and exciting items for raffle and for bid in the silent/live auctions including a kayak **donated by the late artist Henry Rawles**. Henry used it to paddle around Back Bay and get ideas for his fabulous art—one of which we have for auction this year as well. Check around—you too might have an item or two to donate this year. We'll even come to you to pick it up!

Visit the website or call 721-7666 for information, to purchase tickets, donate or VOLUNTEER to help!

BBRF Business and Volunteer Opportunities

- The next BBRF membership meeting will be August 4th, 2010. We need to know who/what you'd like to hear. Phragmites control? Water testing? Send all speaker suggestions to bbrf@verizon.net
- BBRF adopted a mile stretch of Nimmo Parkway. Do you have a group (ages 10 and up) interested in some satisfying and relatively easy community service hours? Contact me to set up a date/time!
- We can use all the volunteers we can get to help out before, during and after the Flyway Feast. Call or e-mail me to volunteer. 721-7666 or bbrf@verizon.net

False Cape State Park Happenings

Shell & Tell

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Stroll down the beach looking for seashells and other beach artifacts. Find out what animal lived inside the shell and its role in the food chain. Program will begin at Barbour's Hill at the Visitor Center Contact Station at 10:00 am and is free and open to the public, including campers, hikers, bikers and tram guests. The tram provides transportation to False Cape State Park from Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center at 9:00 am and returns at 1:00 pm and costs \$8.00 for adults. \$6.00 for children under 12 and adults over 62. Under 3 are free.

Stargazing and Owl Hoot

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 7:30-10:30 pm

Journey through scenic Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge to the heart of False Cape State Park away from city lights and traffic to observe the night sky and listen to the owls. Look for shooting stars and other bright lights in the sky as you learn to pick out the winter constellations. **Cost:** \$10.00/person

Sunset Kayak Paddle

Sunday, May 16, 5:30-8:30 pm

Explore Back Bay and its marshes by kayak at False Cape State Park as the sun is setting over the bay. Kayaks and equipment are provided - no paddling experience is necessary. Trip meets at Little Island City Park in Sandbridge. **Cost:** \$16/person

****Reservations required for all but tram transportation. Reservations not taken for tram—seating is first-come first-served. Call (757) 426-7128 to sign up or for more information.**

Starting Friday, May 28th through Labor Day, the tram will run on its Summer Schedule departing the BBNWR parking lot seven days a week at 9:00 AM and returning at 1:00 PM.

Reservations are not taken. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Prices remain \$8 - adults, \$6 - seniors over 62 & children under 12, Under 3 - free



Camping at False Cape State Park. Talk about getting away from it all! Camping areas are available at Barbour Hill Bay, Barbour Hill Ocean, False Cape Landing Bay and False Cape Landing Ocean.

For additional details see

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/fal.shtml

To reserve one of the 12 primitive sites (tents only, minimal services) call the State Parks Reservation Center at 1-800-933-7275.

Camping permit: \$11

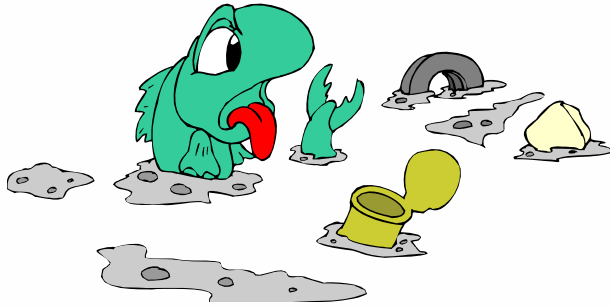
Bug spray: \$3.50 Unending peace and quiet:

Priceless

Announcing youth summer employment opportunities at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

BBNWR is looking for Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Members. Announcements should be open at the City of Chesapeake website under the employment link. They expect to hire 12 youths between the ages of 15 and 18. Positions are fulltime for a period of eight weeks starting June 22nd. Pay is \$7.80/hour. All applications must be submitted online at: <http://www.chesapeake.va.us> (Select Jobs link)

New Bridge Road Cleanup - One Year and Counting



One year ago, BBRF started a new, hands-on initiative to keep our watershed clean. Through the Virginia Beach Adopt-a-Spot program, we signed up to take responsibility for all 1.3 miles of New Bridge Road adjacent to agricultural fields and Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge property. As a part of the Back Bay watershed, this stretch of road washes directly into Back Bay by way of Ashville Bridge Creek. It is not far-fetched to presume that by cleaning up this area, our efforts will have a direct and positive impact

on water quality from Back Bay all the way south through the Albemarle Sound to the Atlantic Ocean and beyond. Every other month, the volunteer teams walk both sides of the road, fishing countless plastic and glass bottles, beer cans and other assorted garbage out of the ditches and from the trees and shrubbery along the way. These items, carelessly tossed out of vehicles traveling up and down the road, have amounted to more than **THREE THOUSANDS POUNDS!** Check it out:

April 2009: 1000lbs (including a bicycle and a mailbox complete with a post)

June 2009: 350lbs

August 2009: 350lbs

October 2009: 350lbs

December 2009: 350lbs

February 2010: 300lbs

April 2010: 500lbs (including five tires, a space heater and a bathtub - yes, a bathtub)

Due to the popularity of this program and the good feeling people get from making a positive impact on the environment, BBRF adopted a second spot along Nimmo. Stay tuned to the newsletters for dates and times!

A big **Thank You** to the following people who cleaned up New Bridge Road on April 24th:

Wendy Camacho ~ Jim Miller ~ Kitty Boshier ~ Tim Wenzel

For more information or to sign up for the Adopt-a-Spot program, call 385-4104 or email the Clean Community Coordinator, Anne Marie Studds, at AMStudds@vbgov.com

Anyone can make a difference - just give it a try!

Membership Business

~Thank you to our renewing members Than Green and Carl Dehne~

~While managing the BBRF membership database recently, I noticed many membership are expired. Please note on this and all subsequent mailings, the four digit number above your name on the address label indicating the membership year and month of expiration (YY/MM). In an effort to help us update our member database, please contact us if you find this in error. Please also consider sending in your membership renewal to assist in the day to day administrative operations of BBRF including the ***printing and mailing of this fabulous newsletter!***

~In an effort to "get with the times," BBRF is holding a new fundraiser in conjunction with the **25th Annual Flyway Feast**. We will be holding an online auction via www.biddingforgood.com As a BBRF member, you will soon be receiving email notifications of the auction dates and available items. Know you are free to "opt out" of these emails at any point!

~Thank you for your cooperation with these issues. We could not do what we do without the help and support of our BBRF members!



June 26, 2010
25^h Annual Flyway Feast
Donation/Advertising/Volunteer/Ticket Order Form

Please fax form to (757) 721-7666 or mail to 3022 New Bridge Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ E-mail: _____

TICKETS (each includes \$25 tax deductible membership in the Foundation) - please indicate number of in space. ***Ticket orders will be processed and mailed within three working days of receipt of payment:***

Adult - \$45 (\$50 at the door): _____
Child - 12 to 18 - \$25: _____
Total for tickets:\$ _____

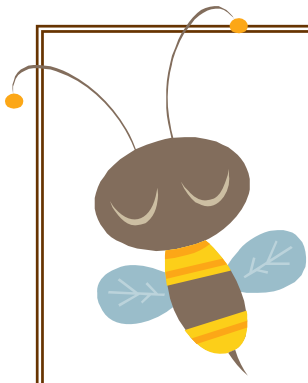
DONATIONS (for auction/raffle) List item(s) and approximate value (for your tax records).

ADVERTISING (must be camera ready and made available to BBRF by **June 1st** at the latest):

1/4 page - \$50 _____ full page - \$100 _____
1/2 page - \$75 _____ Inside front and back cover - \$150 _____
Total for advertising: :\$ _____

VOLUNTEER (for set up, break down, parking, children's activities, T-shirt & raffle ticket sales at the Feast - your choice) :

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Activity: _____
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More about bees...

Our April membership meeting topic, Beekeeping, sparked some interest among our members, and I've received both requests for more information and some information.

So here it is!

Honeybees get all the attention — mainly because they make honey. But did you know there are over 3,500 species of solitary bees in North America alone? In fact, most bees (about 85%) are solitary. And native solitary bees have been pollinating the flowering plants of the continent for millions of years before the arrival of the European honeybee. The truth is, many solitary bees are far more efficient pollinators than the honeybee — as much as 80 times more efficient! Unlike honeybees, who retreat to their hives when it gets chilly and rainy, many solitary bees keep on working, and they work a lot faster. More pollination = more fresh and local fruits and veggies!

Why not get your own busy bees? I think I just might! The *CozyBee™ Solitary Bee Observation House* allows you to see everything. Now you can observe the entire bee life cycle of solitary bees: building the mud nest and stocking it with pollen, laying the eggs, the larvae hatching and growing, then spinning their cocoons. See the pupa stage during which the adult bees develop and the new adults leaving the nest to start the cycle all over. Have fun watching and learning about them even as they pollinate your garden! Check out the following website for more information: <http://cozybee.com/>



Question: What's the difference between an Environmental Assessment (EA) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

Answer: An **Environmental Assessment (EA)** is a concise public document that provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining the significance of environmental effects from a proposed Federal action. An EA is prepared if there is a question of whether or not an action will have a significant effect on the environment. If it is determined that a Federal action will not have a significant effect on the environment, then a Finding of No Significant Impact is prepared

(FONSI). If it is determined that a Federal action will have a significant effect on the environment (either through the EA or based on existing knowledge) then an EIS is prepared. Generally, an EA includes brief discussions of the following: a statement of the purpose and need for the proposed action; a description of the affected environment; alternatives to the proposed action; and an analysis of environmental impacts and ways to mitigate such impacts.

An **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** is a comprehensive public document that analyzes the impacts of a Federal action that will have a significant effect on the environment. Preparation of an EIS requires public scoping. Draft EISs must be made available for public review and comment; agencies must wait 30 days after publishing final EISs before making decisions. Generally, an EIS includes detailed discussions of the following: a statement of the purpose and need for the proposed action; a description of the affected environment; alternatives to the proposed action; and an analysis of environmental impacts and ways to mitigate such impacts.

For additional information, see: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/basics/nepa.html>

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***May 31: Memorial Day , Tram
begins daily service***

***June 12: New Bridge Road
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***June 26: 25th Annual Flyway
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