

The Estuary Maternity Ward  
(AKA the Adventures of Bonnie & Clyde)

The Estuary Council mascot (Momma Bird) gave birth to her first newborn on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> early in the day. I was so excited to see an adorable baby sitting there quietly with his Mom ( Bonnie). I don't have a son I'm thinking it was a boy Clyde Jr. OK so that's 1 down 3 to go as you are all aware Bonnie had produced 4 of the quietest eggs I've ever seen.

Now I'm thinking great timing with the upcoming long weekend and the proud parents becoming more protective of the maternity ward by the minute. This is a great time for the big event. Now people I would like to give all the credit to Mother Nature but "It takes a Village". We cordoned off the area, rerouted foot traffic and kept large vehicles away as much as we could. Granted we had a few rubberneckers but it was a team effort and thanks to you all it was a success.

Now this was not a small baby and came fully equipped with lots of feathers and really big wings. Actually his head was a little large but I'm sure as he matured he would grow into it. By Saturday afternoon things had progressed along quite nicely. Momma with 3 hatchlings all adorable ha ha and she moved the family away from the nest to a more quiet location (witness protection program) with Dad guarding the nest waiting for the last egg to hatch.

Now I'm not quite sure what happened to the last egg. But with the story moving along so nicely I would like to think they are all living in a beautiful elm tree on a quiet side street in the suburbs and because of all of you they are living happily ever after.

Thanks everyone

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