



Bald Head Association

Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

President's Letter ~ Judy Porter

Bald Head Association — Open To Members

Spring is beautiful on Bald Head Island. Irises, azaleas and other blossoms dot the Island's natural landscape. Dolphins have been active on South Beach lately, and there was a whale sighting recently. As more property owners return to spend time on BHI in warmer weather, you may want to better understand and become involved in Bald Head Association — the largest homeowners association on Bald Head Island. The BHA Board has now made doing just that even easier.

I can remember attending the Bald Head Association meetings on Saturday mornings years ago while sitting on fairly uncomfortable folding, metal chairs in the bay of the firehouse. There was no air conditioning, and the acoustics were certainly less than ideal. At that time, however, monthly meetings were almost as well attended as the Annual Meeting. Over the years, as modern communication methods have given us access to information on a daily basis, the number of members attending meetings each month has dwindled considerably.

At the time I became president of the BHA, the policy was to have quarterly public meetings and to convene during the other months only in executive session. Your current board is concerned with the seeming lack of transparency with this type of schedule. In April, it was decided to make all of our meetings open to the public. Our hope is that we can better inform and serve the needs of our membership.

The BHA Board meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:00pm. Most meetings will be held in the Berne Conference

Room, upstairs in the Association Center. The agenda will always include reports from each of our committees, financial reports and administrative items. In addition, many other items usually come before the Board each month. There will always be time for comments and questions from the membership. It is the hope of your Board that you will take the opportunity to attend. The Board welcomes positive comments as well as constructive criticism — both help the Board meet the needs of its members.

We will plan to make sure that agendas are available at the BHA office a few days before each meeting.

A typical monthly agenda is interesting and varied. In April, we considered such items as committee reports, the expanded boat park, East End alleys, community standards and violation policies, use of the Association Center, insurance renewals, code violations and much more. Most meetings last two to three hours. You are welcome to come and go as your time permits.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or concerns, feel free to contact Carrie at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com or me at rporters@bellsouth.net.



Vision 2025 — Five “Ambitions”

By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island

The primary goal of *Vision 2025* is to ensure Bald Head Island's image as a family-oriented community developed in harmony with nature. Survey responses were replete with values Island property owners cherish. This community recognizes that growth, by its very nature, creates change. A strong preference for preserving the essence of the Bald Head Island experience can occur while embracing growth and its concomitant change. This requires conscious effort and planning, as well as reinforcement of the very elements and values that drew us to this place.

After reviewing and analyzing the 4,000 submissions, most respondents' recommendations fell under one or more of the five following general “ambitions” or categories. (The numerical assignment is not an indication of any of the items' priority.)

1. Develop education programs for all Island stakeholders — residents, business owners and visitors — that encourage a low impact on the environment and respect for living in harmony with nature.

2. Develop programs that enhance Public Safety.
3. Develop plans to improve Island-related transportation.
4. Develop strategies to encourage permanent residency and increase engagement of second homeowners in Island community life.
5. With the maturation of the Village as a municipality,

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ARC Corner

Karen Mosteller

Architectural Review Coordinator

Property owners: Doing a renovation project or new construction? We can help you understand the guidelines that apply to your project.

We are your resource for all things ARC, including Design Guidelines and necessary ARC approvals. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or email Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

So...Ready to Build Your Dream Home on BHI...Step Three: Final Review

Understanding the ARC guidelines is an integral part of a successful and positive building experience on Bald Head Island. The last two months we've focused on sketch and preliminary reviews, the first and second steps in the three-step review process. Now we are going to talk about step three in the ARC new construction process.

Yeah! It's time for the final review!

The final review submittal should include revision and responses to the comments and requests received from the ARC at the preliminary review. Unless the architect or designer determines that an additional detail page is required, the submittal will include the following drawings:

- a) Site plan
- b) Floor plans
- c) Roof plans
- d) Elevations
- e) Wall sections
- f) Detail plans
- g) Electrical plans

In addition to the drawings, a final review submittal must include the landscape plan and paint application. The signed and notarized property owner's agreement and construction deposit are required to complete the submittal. The property owner's agreement is a recorded document and ensures that the building project will be completed in accordance with the final approved plan.

Currently, the new construction deposit that accompanies the agreement is \$5,000. Please note, once the ARC final inspection has been completed satisfactorily, the construction deposit will be returned to the owner of record at the time of the inspection. It's especially important to understand that if the property is sold prior to the completed ARC final inspection, the deposit belongs to the

new owner. The owner of record is responsible for the completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans.

Once a project has received the Village's Certificate of Occupancy (CO) and the landscaping has been installed, our office must be notified by the builder that the project is ready for ARC final inspection. Before we can initiate the final inspection, the builder must also send our office a scaled copy of the "as built" survey.

The "as built" survey serves as the official documentation that verifies all of the structures are built in accordance with the approved site plan. Structures include all improvements, buildings, walkways, decks, driveways, etc.

The ARC recognizes that sometimes changes arise during the construction process. These changes must be submitted and receive ARC approval before installation. It's important to discuss this with your architect and builder at the beginning of your project construction. It is a rare project that does not have some changes during the building process. And far too often, these changes are not submitted and approved by the ARC, and this creates difficulties during the ARC final inspection. Please remember, as the property owner, you are ultimately responsible for the project, and fines may result from unsubmitted changes to approved plans.

Please refer to the guidelines for a list of the specific requirements for each drawing. The ARC Design Guidelines can be found on the Association website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on the "About BHA" tab, scroll down and click on "Architectural Review," then click on the PDF link "Complete Architectural Review Guidelines."

Whether you are a new or experienced BHI property owner, please remember, we are your resource for all things ARC, including Design Guidelines and necessary ARC approvals. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or email me at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

New to BHA? Assessment Dues Payments

Thank you to all property owners who have paid their annual assessment dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet,

you can easily and securely pay via the BHA website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. When prompted for your "Account Number," use the invoice number listed on your statement. In the "Amount Due" section, it will show \$0, so you must enter the assessment amount due — please refer to your invoice.

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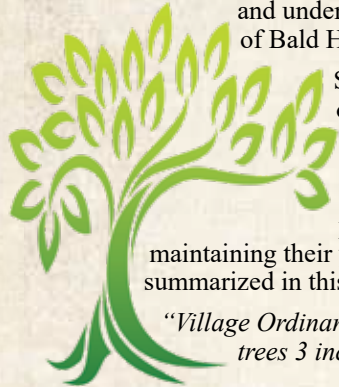
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Spring Cleaning — Trees on BHI

As warmer weather draws people outdoors, you may be looking at the trees around your BHI property. Keep in mind that trees and undergrowth help maintain the natural balance of Bald Head Island's ecosystem.



Spring is a good time to remind everyone of the guidelines, as property owners clean up yards and seek to improve their views. The current Unified Design Guidelines contain all the specific information property owners need when improving or maintaining their yards. The permissions needed are best summarized in this paragraph from the Design Guidelines:

"Village Ordinance provides that removal of any tree or trees 3 inches or greater in diameter at 48 inches

above grade requires permission and/or a landscape permit from the Village Building Inspector, even if the tree is determined to be dead or diseased. Per Village Ordinance, removal of branches of 5 inches or more in diameter also requires Village approval. ARC approval is required for the removal of trees 3 inches in diameter and understory vegetation 1 inch or greater in diameter measured 48" along the trunk from ground level, tree limbs of 3 inches or more in diameter and clustered growth vegetation two square feet or more at ground level regardless of branching habits or diameter."

If you are not sure if permission is needed for the trimming, pruning and weeding that you plan to do, please call ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 22. She will be happy to help you.

Fire Insurance Classification Reduction — More Money Stays in BHI Property Owners' Pockets

One-half of a point is all that's left from moving Bald Head Island's Public Protection Classification (PPC) Class Number from a current "six" on the scale to an improved "five." And Carl Pearson, Public Safety Chief, is on it. "The goal is to get to a 'five' by the end of July." What does that mean to property owners on Bald Head Island, and why should you care? That one-point drop in class number means somewhere between a 5% to 40% reduction in homeowners insurance, depending on your insurance carrier.

This is how the classification system works with insurance carriers. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts, based on something called a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The FSRS is based on a community's fire suppression efforts, including emergency communications, fire department and water supply. ISO then analyzes the data and assigns a PPC Class Number. Most US insurers of home and business properties use ISO's PPC Class Number for calculating insurance premiums. "One" on the PPC scale is

excellent and "10" on the scale is poor, so the lower the class number, the lower the insurance price.

Getting to that new class number for BHI requires some additional training, which Pearson says is already in progress. Many factors play a part in the FSRS. BHI now has 168 fire hydrants. With a current requirement of maintaining a minimum of four responders for all fire calls, Bald Head Island plans to have a minimum of five. BHI has "top-level water flow, thanks to the Public Utilities Department, with their pumps and backup pumps," says Pearson.

A money-saver for the Public Safety Department is also in the works, reducing the cost of water-flow tests from between \$4,000-\$8,000 annually (for an outside firm to perform the tests) to a mere \$750, spread over 10 years (the cost of one piece of equipment that lasts 10 years).

"It takes teamwork between several organizations and good communication," says Pearson, who maintains an open-door policy. "We are here to help you."

Who Do I Call? Unsafe Driving — Call 911

If you see any unsafe driving on Bald Head Island, call 911. Whether it's an underage driver (you must be at least 16 years old and have a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart), driving while impaired or any other unsafe driving, it's important to call Public Safety to address the situation. Make sure to tell the dispatcher that you are on Bald Head Island.

Do not attempt to confront another golf cart driver. Public Safety officers are trained to handle these situations and enforce safety guidelines in an equitable manner.

It's helpful to the 911 dispatcher if you can tell them the cart number, for identification purposes. Drive safely, everyone!

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From the Village Bond Referendum Special Election May 8, 2018

By Daralyn Spivey, BHI Village Clerk

Bond Referendum Special Election May 8, 2018: The Village is planning for a beach project in the winter of 2018-19. This project will use Jay Bird Shoals as a borrow site and use one million cubic yards of sand. This sand will be placed east of the terminal groin along South Beach. Additionally, there are five geotextile sand tubes that will need to be replaced, as they are damaged beyond repair. The polling place for Bald Head Island registered voters is the Brunswick Senior Center at 1513 Howe Street in Southport, NC.



affording the public an opportunity to ask questions and speak to the budget. There will be an additional opportunity for the public to hear the presentation at the June 27th meeting (please note the change of date for that meeting).

Utility Online Bill Payments: With the Village's new finance software in place, your online bill payment processes have changed. Should you have any questions about making your payment, please do not hesitate to contact Gina Troll at Village Hall at 910-457-9700. Village staff are on standby to answer any questions you may have as you navigate the new system.

Budget Season: Staff is working diligently on the 2018-19 fiscal year budget. There is a special meeting to be called on May 9 for the presentation of that budget to Council. As part of the process, there will be a public hearing at the May 18th Council Meeting,

The Village will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day.

BHA Encourages Voters to Approve Bond Referendum — Vote May 8, 2018

As many of you know, the Village of Bald Head Island has proposed a \$6 million bond to supplement existing funds for a private beach re-nourishment project this fall. This project will not only place sand on South Beach east of the terminal groin, it will also replace five geotextile tubes that are damaged beyond repair.

The Village and its long-time coastal engineer Eric Olsen have examined the near-term need for sand at that location and compared it to the prospects of receiving sand from a US Corps of Engineers dredging project. They have concluded that a taxpayer-funded project is necessary to sustain South Beach and to avoid further erosion in that area.

At its April meeting, Bald Head Association's Board of Directors unanimously voted to

endorse the proposed bond referendum and encourages voters to vote "Yes" to approve it on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Protecting the beach, the dunes and structures along South Beach is in the best interest of BHI as a whole, as their loss will impact owners throughout the Island.

For those owners not eligible to vote, be assured that Bald Head Association will continue to provide relevant information on this issue, and others pertinent to property owners, in the coming weeks and months.

A note about voting...

Ever wonder where your vote would carry the most weight? Say, for example, you are fortunate to split your time between Bald Head Island and Charlotte, NC. What difference would your vote make in an election in Charlotte, where the voting population is approximately 700,000? What about on Bald Head Island, where there are approximately 200 registered voters, and just one vote has defeated a proposed bond or candidate?

If you're interested in changing your registration to BHI, property owners who lived in Brunswick County for 30 days prior to the May 8th election can register and vote on the same day, as long as they meet several other criteria. This type of one-stop voting can be done between April 19th and Saturday, May 5th at 1:00pm at several locations around the county. It cannot be done on Election Day. Visit www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov/elections/absentee for specific details.

A Bit of BHI History

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In 1921, one woman was a BHI permanent resident registered to vote.



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Investing in Bald Head Association

Imagine this...you decide to invest \$300,000 with a new broker at a new brokerage firm and without doing any research about the firm, you simply hand over your money and put your investment on autopilot. Seems rather ill-advised, doesn't it? But, that's exactly what some property owners do when they simply pay their annual assessment and put their relationship with Bald Head Association (BHA) on autopilot.

BHA is a mutual benefit corporation with a mandate to serve the mutual benefit of all of its members. BHA's Board of Directors is keenly aware that it frequently makes decisions that will make a long-lasting impact on the BHI community and on the value of your investment in it. So, why not get involved in the Association to find out more?

One way to learn about BHA is to join a volunteer committee. Getting involved in the inner workings of the BHI community through BHA can show you how the Association helps maintain that special something that makes BHI attractive and welcoming. A few of the things you'll find us doing:

- Executing uniform guidelines for things like new construction and remodeling, exterior paint selection and landscaping.

- Communicating with property owners to keep them aware of issues and events relevant to them.
- Fostering a shared community spirit that helps property owners connect, attracting other desirable owners which helps maintain or increase your property's value.
- Maintaining the common area located throughout the island in a "natural" state, which reinforces the unique atmosphere that prior and current owners' desire.

Even if you don't have the time or ability to volunteer, make sure to become familiar with BHA. Check out BHA's website (BaldHeadAssociation.com) or the new mobile app (BHAMobile.com). Read the *Island Report* each month. Watch for the weekly email that is sent each Friday. (If you're not receiving the email, send an email to Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com to subscribe.)

Whether you're a full-time resident or a property owner who doesn't get to enjoy Bald Head Island as frequently as you'd like, know that BHA is constantly working to enhance the enjoyment and benefit of all owners.

Village Transportation Committee | By Kit Adcock

In early 2016, the Village agreed to form four ad hoc committees to address several hot-button community issues and then, once complete, disband. The committees were Public Safety, Communications, Broadband and Transportation. Today, the Transportation Committee is the only one of these original four committees that continues to meet. Council created two task forces at its 2018 retreat to deal with environmental issues and Island cell phone communication.

Council appointed five members and two alternates to the Transportation Committee. The first and most important of these was looking at the permitting process for internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to make the process less subjective. This issue has a subtext. There exists widespread concern in the community about the number and sizes of trucks that traverse Island roads, often seemingly without purpose.

There are two categories of trucks — those that operate and remain on Island and those that come on the barge for a few deliveries on a given day. The day-trip trucks are monitored through Bald Head Island Limited's barge operation and are charged a barge fee and a Village ICE permit fee that corresponds to the length of the vehicle. Identifying trucks that stay on Island was a bigger challenge. Not all ICE vehicles had permits, and not all ICE vehicles were parked overnight in Contractor Services. Addressing permitting of ICE vehicles on Island was virtually impossible without knowing what vehicles were actually here. Furthermore, prior year records of permits were incomplete.

An additional challenge arose from the acquisition of the Contractor Services lot by the Village. The needs of the new Public Safety Complex and plans for future expansion of Public Works had to be addressed prior to planning for a reconfigured Contractor Services lot. What began as an effort to improve a permit form morphed into a complicated task. In order to assist the Village with planning for the Contractor Services lot, the Transportation Committee gave priority to on-Island ICE vehicles that are permitted by Public Safety.

The Transportation Committee tackled ICE vehicles head-on. In the fall of 2016, it held several well-attended meetings with contractors and Island service providers to identify ICE vehicle needs. When encouraged to use electric carts/vehicles instead of ICE vehicles, contractors brought to light the absence of charging stations either in the

Contractor Services lot or in BHI Limited's overnight lot. Immediately, BHI Limited added 26 charging stations to the overnight lot, with plans to add more. Drawings for the revised Contractor Services lot were modified to include significantly more charging stations.

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BHI's Water — Safe to Drink

By Kit Adcock

Many Islanders and guests have read about “emerging contaminants” found in the Cape Fear River. Informal discussions have occurred to reassure Islanders about the safety of Bald Head Island’s potable water. The Island’s treated water was tested in late June 2017, immediately after learning about the river’s contaminants, and was found to have extremely low thresholds — a mere 1% of the newly established lifetime standard. Bald Head Island’s water is safe to drink.

A North Carolina State researcher studied the river’s water beginning in 2012. He uncovered high percentages of six different chemicals, collectively called emerging contaminants. Tests were performed on the water at the intake and output of one of Wilmington’s water treatment plants. The treatment modality used did not remove any of them. Reports of these studies became public in June of 2017. Communities up and down river who use the Cape Fear as the primary source of drinking water involved the NC Department of Environmental Quality, the NC Department of Health and Human Services and the EPA to address both the sources of the chemicals and the solutions to ridding river water of the chemicals, both at the source and through treatment.

Bald Head Island is fortunate to have a reverse osmosis (RO) system to treat its water. This method successfully removes the emerging contaminants. The primary source of the Island’s drinking water comes from Island wells. This water is treated through RO as well as other methods to remove impurities and kill bacteria.

The Island’s water is supplemented with treated water from Brunswick County. The county has two water treatment facilities. The NC 211 plant draws and treats water from wells. Its water is supplemented with treated water from the Northwest Plant. The Northwest Plant’s water source is the Cape Fear River. This blended, treated water supplements Bald Head Island’s treated water during high-use periods and is blended with the Island’s treated water. Through this process, a very dilute quantity of treated Cape Fear River water is combined with the Island’s drinking water. When tested for emerging



BHI Mulch Site

The Village of BHI appreciates Island property owners who drop off vegetation and trees at the Mulch Site. Reusing native vegetation for mulch is a great way to recycle and repurpose.

There are size restrictions due to the chipping machinery — no larger than 6” in diameter. There is no length restriction. Please do not include poison ivy or any trash items.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any trees and limbs over 3” in diameter and underbrush 1” in diameter and larger that a property owner believes should be trimmed or cut — alive or dead — first needs approval from **BOTH** Bald Head Association and the Village of BHI. These guidelines are in place to ensure the beauty and sustainability of Bald Head Island. More details can be found in the Unified Design Guidelines on www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. If you’re unsure and want additional information, please call Bald Head Association before you cut anything at 910-457-4676.



contaminants, the concentration in the Island’s potable water was slightly more than 2 parts per trillion (ppt). The recently revised human consumption threshold is 140 ppt. With reductions in source contamination, the concentrations throughout the river and in the treatment systems are well below the 140 ppt threshold.

Both Brunswick County and New Hanover County have been aggressive in working to resolve water safety issues. The river is tested frequently, and the concentrations of contaminants have been reduced dramatically at the source. Brunswick County has accelerated its plans to expand the Northwest Treatment Plant and will add a reverse osmosis system. Designs and costs for the expanded and improved plant were presented at the March 2018 Commissioners meeting. Final approval is expected in the next few months so that construction can begin as soon as possible. It will take several years to bring the new treatment capacity online.

The most frequently talked about emerging contaminant, GenX, was designed to replace TEFLON and has a similar chemical structure. GenX was produced and is a byproduct of other chemicals made at the Fayetteville Works plants. It was released into the Cape Fear River and has been found in the air, as well. These chemicals are used as coatings in food packaging, in many fire extinguishers and as fire retardants in clothing and furniture. As with most chemicals produced in the United States, no FDA approval is required, nor standards established unless or until problems arise.

Please rest assured that the Village’s Utilities Department, your Village Council and Village staff are actively following this critical water safety issue.



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Two neo-Panamax cranes were carried on the Zhen Hua 18 up the Cape Fear River to the Port of Wilmington on Thursday, March 29, passing in close proximity to Bald Head Island and temporarily halting ferry service.



BHI Sea Turtles

By Brooke Milligan, Director of Conservation

The 2017 sea turtle nesting season was a successful year for the state of North Carolina; however, Bald Head Island did experience a low number of nests. Overall, North Carolina had 1,222 nests. The first North Carolina nest was laid on Figure 8 Island (loggerhead sea turtle), and the last nest laid on Cape Hatteras National Seashore (green sea turtle). North Carolina experienced an average nest success of 79.7% (number of nests that successfully produced hatchlings) and hatch success (number of eggs that successfully hatched) of 68.4%. There were 1,194 loggerhead turtle nests, 26 green turtle nests and 2 kemp's ridley nests.

The 2017 BHI Conservancy sea turtle protection program was successfully led by coordinator Megan Arias, with five interns carrying out the nightly patrols to fulfill our saturation-tagging program. The first Bald Head Island nest was laid on May 18, 2017, and the last nest was laid on July 27, 2017. Overall, Bald Head Island beaches experienced 74 nesting attempts or events with 34 false crawls and 40 nests laid. One of the exciting events in the season was the green turtle that nested during the June 10th Howl at the Moon event. The last green turtle nest on Bald Head Island was laid in 2014.

Only four nests (10%) were relocated due to proximity to the high tide line. Bald Head Island nests hatched between July 20 and September 29 with an average hatching success rate of 75.9% (higher than the state average of 68.4%). The average emergence success rate — hatchlings that emerged from the nest without assistance — was 74.7%, with 3,379 hatchlings reaching the water. The BHI Conservancy's 2017 sea turtle education programming educated over 5,000 people through "Sea Turtles of BHI," Turtle Walks, Ride-Alongs and nest excavations.

Island Treasures Community Yard Sale Saturday, June 9, 9:00am-2:00pm Bald Head Association Center

Island Treasures Community Yard Sale is coming soon. The event is open to everyone. Mark your calendar to join us and shop for your treasures.

If you have items to sell, reserve your space today. This is open to everyone. You can sign up with Cam McIntyre and email her any questions at cammacnc@gmail.com.

Tables are \$5 each and are first-come, first-served. Reserve your space early, as space is limited. You must remain at your table to sell items.

Bring your bedding, small furniture items like lamps and small tables, art work and home decorations to pass on to others. All items not sold can be donated through BHI Public Works. This annual event is sponsored by BHA's Socialization, Education & Recreation (SER) Committee.

Contact the BHI Conservancy if you are interested in participating in sea turtle programs during the 2018 season.

Due to the very generous donation of community members, the BHI Conservancy was able to satellite tag 5 nesting loggerhead turtles in partnership with USGS. Data received from the tags will allow USGS and BHI Conservancy scientists to gain an understanding of fine-scale habitat-use and detailed activity patterns of BHI nesting turtles between nesting events, then additional information about where these nesting individuals select foraging areas.

Loggerhead sea turtle nesting is cyclical in nature with 2-3 year breaks, or remigration interval, for mature females. Therefore, it is normal to see high years followed by low years. We hope to experience a higher year in the 2018 nesting season!



Home Lights and Turtle Season — Protect the Turtles

Do you own an ocean-facing home on the seaside of the Dune Ridge? If so, are your windows covered to protect hatchling and nesting sea turtles from May 1 to November 15? The BHA Design Guidelines regarding lighting state as follows:

"Light pollution is avoidable. Homes on the island must be extremely frugal with exterior lighting. Homes on the beachfront especially must be careful to prevent distraction of the hatchling and nesting sea turtles during the annual "turtle season" from May 1st to November 15th. This necessary lighting restriction is strictly regulated by Village ordinance and enforced by Village personnel. Nesting female and hatchling loggerhead sea turtles should not be exposed to artificial sources of light while on Bald Head. Ocean-facing homes on the seaside of the Dune Ridge are required to install room darkening window treatments, such as blinds, shades and drapes, on all beach-facing windows. These window treatments should be closed from dusk to dawn during the "turtle season" months to prevent interior house lighting from disturbing the nesting and hatching of the sea turtles. A variance may be requested if natural screening exists."

For the full guideline, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on "UNIFIED DESIGN GUIDELINES accessible Here," on the right.



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Old Baldy Welcomes Travis Gilbert

The Old Baldy Foundation is pleased to announce and welcome Travis Gilbert to our staff as the new Programs and Operations Coordinator. In this role Travis will be leading our historic tour program, developing and curating The Smith Island Museum of History and managing large group visits and school field trips. After a momentous year celebrating 200 years of the Old Baldy Lighthouse, along with the growing work and projects of the Old Baldy Foundation, it was time to develop a full-time position dedicated to preserving and educating the important maritime history of the Old Baldy Lighthouse and Bald Head Island.

Travis Gilbert comes to the Old Baldy Foundation after serving as the manager of the historic Latimer House Museum for The Lower Cape Fear Historical Society. Travis was an integral part of curating rotating museum exhibits and tour programs for the Latimer House Museum. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in History from Hood College in Fredrick, Maryland, Travis is currently working towards his Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins



University. During his studies Travis was particularly drawn to history from the 19th century in the American South, which led him to settle in Wilmington, North Carolina.

“This island is an integral part of our state’s cultural heritage. It will be my honor to interpret Bald Head Island’s rich history by sharing the story of North Carolina’s oldest lighthouse and helping preserve her beauty for generations to come,” Travis shares about his new role.

Travis joins the Old Baldy Foundation at an opportune time as the second, new, full-time staff member in the past year, as the Foundation is seeing higher numbers of visitors and the tourism draw of the area continues to grow. The Old Baldy Foundation is beginning an important time in the organization’s history, as many opportunities to develop further contributions to the community, including new programs, exhibits and eventually a larger museum building are in the near future. The addition of Travis to our team will allow the Foundation to grow to fit the needs of the thriving community.



BHI Club — Opening Memorial Day Weekend 2018

The BHI Club is outfitting the existing pool with new tables, umbrellas and chaise lounges, renting very nice temporary dining and restroom facilities and reviewing final parking/logistical arrangements to ensure continued Club operations. If you miss the old Peli, don’t fret. The temporary restaurant will be similar and will actually provide more seating than the Peli had, both inside and out! While not ideal, the Club is confident that it will remain operational and enjoyable this summer until the new complex is complete.

For the latest updates, visit: bhiclub.net/renovation.

BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Monthly Update

At the April meeting of the Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority, members cleared several administrative hurdles and moved closer to acquiring the current ferry system. Inter-local agreements have been signed with the Village of BHI for pass-through start-up funds and with the City of Southport for administrative support. Treasurer David Jensen reported that the \$50,000 start-up funds were received from the Village on March 16th.

The bulk of the open session was a presentation by Ted Cole, senior vice president of Davenport & Company, outlining the firm’s scope of work and accompanying timeframes for accomplishing identified tasks. Davenport & Company is the Authority’s new financial advisor selected to help determine the value of the current ferry system, a purchase price and a financing strategy for the acquisition

of the system. Mr. Cole gave an extensive presentation on capital funding options, revenue bonds and credit rating factors. He also described a laundry list of action items his firm will work through with the Authority to develop and execute a Plan of Finance.

Also during the open session, the Authority announced it has authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate with Deb Straub for her services as Interim Finance Officer on a contract basis. Deb is the former Director of Finance for the Village of BHI. The Authority also authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate and potentially enter into a contract with an advisor who will assist with evaluating the operations and assets of the BHI Transportation system.

The Authority’s next meeting is May 16th at 9:15am in the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay). Property owners are welcome to attend.

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BHA Committee Reports

Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee

Fresh off a successful offering of “shag dancing,” the SER Committee is hard at work planning activities for the summer and fall. The annual Island Treasures will be held June 9th and plans are underway to bring Zumba back to the Island.

Finance

In addition to the usual tax return filings and audit engagement letters, the Finance Committee is working on a long-term project to reduce costs for owners whose properties are located along an alley, especially those on the East End of the Island.

Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee — Spring Litter Sweep

By Kay Menk, RCB Committee Chair

A heartfelt thank you to all the residents and visitors who joined hands in our semi-annual Litter Sweep. Although many of you are continually vigilant about keeping our Island as litter-free as possible, there is something gratifying about all coming together on one day to give the place a good cleaning. We had people on most of our beaches and from the Harbor all the way to the neighborhoods around East Beach. There were lots of visitors, many of whom had participated in the Turtle Trot earlier that morning. Several of these youngsters earned Community Service Certificates for their efforts while on Spring Break. Lots of our regular participants were out helping. John Kinney, the Williams family, the Capans, Kathy and Bob Ketels were all out with grabbers and bags.

The Osborn and Carpenter families earned the prize for “Most Unusual” finds. They were picking up along South Bald Head Wynd, beyond Stede Bonnet and heading towards Flora’s Bluff. They proudly displayed a vast array of odd stuff such as pipes, hoses, concrete blocks and a kazoo. The “Prettiest” participants were Susan and Mark Andrews. They cleaned in the Marina. The “Youngest Litter Picker Upper” was Sims Mizell. He is 22 months old and the third little Mizell in his family to take home a Litter Sweep prize.

The Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee sponsors these Litter Sweeps. This committee also oversees the community garden, the boat storage area and the common areas around

our beaches and properties. Responsibilities now extend all the way to the East End. We are always looking for enthusiastic Islanders who are willing to roll up their sleeves and to lead in the stewardship of maintaining the natural beauty of Bald Head Island. Please contact Kay Menk at kgmenk@gmail.com if you would like to join our ranks. Applications are available online or at the Bald Head Association office.

Don’t forget to **PREVENT** litter. Please secure belongings in golf carts and on bicycles. Contain items to prevent them from blowing away in strong winds. Keep a handy, reusable trash bag in your cart. If you see litter, thank you for picking it up. Trash receptacles are located all around BHI. Recyclables can be dropped off at Public Works.



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Bald Head Island Pirate Invasion — June 15-17

Join the pirates for a party in front of Riverside Adventures on Friday night, June 15, then take a ghost walk after the sun goes down.

Saturday morning, June 16, opens with a sea battle at Beach

Access #5, beginning at 10:00am. After the battle, head to Marina Park in the harbor for a day of living history demonstrations, visits to pirate encampments and pirate ships, music, children’s activities, sword fighting demonstrations and a barbecue dinner.

On Sunday morning, June 17, head to MoJo’s for “Pancakes with the Pirates” from 10:00am-noon.

Throughout the weekend, artist Don Maitz will be traveling around the Island with his portable easel, doing spontaneous sketching and painting. Historian and author Allen Balogh will be on hand with copies of his books about the Golden Age of Piracy, including tales of the infamous Blackbeard.

For more details and to pre-register for some of the events, please visit www.facebook.com/BaldHeadIslandPirateInvasion.



Blackbeard — “Did You Know?”

Did you know? Blackbeard and some 20 other pirates went to see Charles Eden, the Governor of North Carolina, where they accepted the King’s Pardon. In secret, however, Blackbeard and the crooked governor had made a deal. These two men realized that working together, they could steal far more than they could alone. Eden agreed to officially license Blackbeard’s remaining vessel, *Adventure*, as a war prize. Blackbeard and his men lived in a nearby inlet, from which they occasionally sallied forth to attack passing ships.

Monthly facts about Blackbeard are provided by the Bald Head Island Pirate Invasion to celebrate the 300th anniversary of his death.

BHI Pirate Invasion Fundraiser Party for BVI

A good time was had by all attendees at the BHI Pirate Invasion fundraiser party for BVI Community Support Appeal on April 5 at the Forest Pavilion on Bald Head Island. Pirates entertained adults and children alike. Money was raised for the British Virgin Island hurricane recovery and rebuilding work.

At right: Some of the children at the party gathered around Blackbeard.



The Smith Island Art League (SIAL) 2018 Memorial Day Show & Sale — May 26-27, 10:00am-5:00pm And Smith Island Junior Art Show — May 25, 5:00-7:00pm

By Sherry Becker, Publicity Chair, Smith Island Art League (SIAL)

The Smith Island Art League (SIAL) of Bald Head Island will hold its annual Memorial Day Art Show and Sale on Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27, 2018, at Generator Society Hall in the Bald Head Association Center, 111 Lighthouse Wynd (to the right of the Chapel). The show is open to the public, with free admission, from 10:00am-5:00pm each day. For more information, contact Prudy Weaver at 704-907-4287 or pweaver2@carolina.rr.com. SIAL members show a variety of styles and mediums, such as ceramics, oil and watercolor



paintings, cards, prints, jewelry, fabric art, stain glass, photography and more. Learn about SIAL and its artists at www.SmithIslandArtLeague.com.

In addition to this year’s Smith Island Art League Member Show, on Friday, May 25, from 5:00-7:00pm, Junior Members under the age of 18 will be exhibiting their artwork. The theme this year is “Birds of Bald Head Island.” Their artwork will include drawings, watercolor, collage, paper mache and fabric art. The show is open to the public.

Re-CYCLE BHI

By Sharon McCoy

Bald Head Island residents showed their generosity recently by donating over 160 bicycles to make Re-CYCLE BHI a major success. The project, sponsored by the Village Chapel, collects used bikes in any condition and ships them to Fayetteville, where volunteers from the Bicycle Man Project repair and refurbish them for distribution to those in need. Donors received discount coupons for new bikes from Island Hardware.



Bald Head Island Village has established a permanent drop-off site behind the contractors’ parking lot. Residents are welcome to leave bikes inside container 14, next to the green building. As the container fills up, these bikes will also be delivered to the Fayetteville location. Re-CYCLE is also accepting cash donations, to be used to purchase helmets and other items also given to bike recipients. For more information, contact project co-coordinator Anne Rex (anne.e.rex@hotmail.com), who promises, “Watch for continued updates and more opportunities to be involved.” Added co-chair Gayle Sanders, “We



Left photo: Steve McCoy helps BHI Club employees Eugene Jordan and Olijah Frink. Right photo (left to right): Keith Bradley, Bruce and Karen Mortimer, Darryl Early, Gayle Sanders, Sharon and Steve McCoy, Emily Hill, Scott Starks and Cindy Early. Missing, but participating in the Easter weekend event: Bill Waddell and Harrison Waddell.

have all been absolutely amazed at the excitement and generosity of our Island neighbors in this Village Chapel mission project.”

Re-CYCLE BHI wishes to thank all the many organizations and businesses that have contributed to this project, including the BHI Club; BHI Limited, Shipping and Receiving and Tram Services; Bald Head Association; Island Hardware; the Maritime Market; Riverside Adventure; the Village of Bald Head Island, Public Works and Contractor Facilities; and Wendy Wilmot Properties.

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Pet of the Month — Dakota Early | *By Cindy Early*

Dakota Early is a 10-year-old blonde lab. He was introduced to Bald Head Island back in 2008. We have been living here full-time for the past seven years, in the Harbor. Prior to that we had a shared partnership on the Island. We had moved here from the Greensboro area, where he was born.

I will never forget the day when Dakota became a part of our family. It was a complete surprise. I came home from work and my son, Chase, asked, "Mom, can you get a spot out of my shirt?" I said, "Sure." I went to the laundry basket, picked up the shirt and there

was a precious, little puppy hidden amongst the clothes.

Dakota enjoys sitting on the front porch, watching everyone go by and will welcome those who stop by to say "Hello," with a big lick. He is loved by many. I have been told that people refer to him as the "Island Dog." Neighbors will swing by, get his leash and take him for a walk when Darryl and I are working.

Any opportunity he gets, he will go to the beach and chase after bait fish. Has he ever caught one? No. But he loves the water!



His most favorite thing to do is take a ride on the golf cart. He is spoiled rotten. I take him on at least three trips a day. Even when the ride is over, he will just sit in the cart for a while.

When mom and dad go on vacation, he is taken such good care of by Jim Daughtry.

Dakota made his debut in *Our State* magazine back in 2013. We were driving across the bridge, and someone snapped a picture of us in our orange cart.

He was also in the spotlight in *Haven* magazine when they did the article, *It's a Dog's World After All*.

He is such a loving dog and so much fun to have around. Dakota wants to send a big "Thank you" to all of those on the Island who give him treats. He is so spoiled at Maritime Market, the post office, Public Works, the guys who pick up our garbage, MoJo's and Island Passage. He loves everyone!



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Village Chapel of BHI Needs Your Input

The Village Chapel of Bald Head Island is working on a strategic plan, and we would like your input. The Chapel Board of Trustees has been working diligently on developing a short, six- to seven-question survey and will make the survey available both in hard copy and electronically via a SurveyMonkey link during the month of May.

Please watch for additional information on accessing the SurveyMonkey link. Communications will appear via BHA E-blasts, posters throughout the Island, Chapel Sunday bulletins and hard copies found in the Chapel Narthex.

Thanks in advance for sharing your input. 

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There have been no reported accidents with ICE vehicles and residential golf carts, bikes or pedestrians. Yet, there have been numerous complaints about road safety associated with trucks on Island roads. Part of the Bald Head Island “experience” is the freedom to safely traverse the Island’s roads. Sharing winding Island roads with noisy and/or smelly, gas-powered golf carts, as well as trucks whose widths push pedestrians onto uneven road shoulders and/or trucks whose heights or overall size may obstruct mobility, destroys the ambience that is essential to Bald Head Island. There were 269 ICE vehicles that

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revisit Village governance standards and organizational structure, Village responsibilities versus other Island entities and develop a strategic plan for operational growth that accommodates a growing population.

The “obvious” delegation of many of these “ambitions” to one formal entity or another may be overly simplistic. For instance, #1 may appear to be Conservancy-related, while # 2 may seem to be a Village function. Item #5 is clearly Village-related. In fact, each of these affects all of us, and everyone should know that their input and ideas are welcome, needed and appreciated. Every Island entity is composed of volunteer Islanders whose voices direct the activities of that organization. Item #1 might be accomplished by any or all Island entities, or even individuals working in their own sphere or in collaboration with others to embrace a lower impact on the environment.

Already, the Village has organized an Environmental Task Force to look at ways in which the Island’s vegetative and man-made waste streams can be reduced. At its first meeting, discussion focused on numerous big and small ways to enhance our environmental consciousness and improve our eco-footprint. In a small but very tangible way, Island restaurant MoJo’s has stopped using straws. For those who need or want a straw, stainless steel straws are available for a small fee. Each encounter offers an opportunity to educate guests about MoJo’s and the Island’s environmental priorities. This one effort by one Island company has already made an impact.


Small, individual efforts accumulate quickly. Every Islander — and guest — has a role to play. *Vision 2025* identified goals. It will take all of us to make any of them a reality.

In the next issue of the *Island Report*, the focus will be on some specific ideas generated by *Vision 2025*. 


Dosher Medical BHI Summer Hours Start May 29

Dosher Medical—Bald Head Island will be open weekdays, 9:00am to 4:00pm, beginning Tuesday, May 29, and continuing through Friday, August 31, 2018. The facility will be closed on July 4.

This is the fourth year of operation for Dosher’s walk-in clinic at the Bald Head Island Public Safety Building on Edward Teach Wynd. For information, call 910-457-5252 during the summer season or visit Dosher.org/Clinics.

For emergencies on Bald Head Island, call 911. Dosher Memorial Hospital is open 24/7 and is a five-minute drive from Deep Point Marina in Southport. 

received permits in 2017-2018. In sum, the proliferation of ICE vehicles seems to be killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

The Transportation Committee’s current focus is to review every ICE permit for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to educate and promote the use of golf carts/electric vehicles instead of ICE vehicles beginning with fiscal year 2019-2020. Specific criteria for “special permits” to be incorporated into the Village ordinances will be refined during the 2018-2019 review. For the Contractor Services lot reconfiguration in 2018-2019, more parking spaces with charging stations will be offered. 

May

ARC–A Meeting	5/4/2018	9am
FOM Concert	5/4/2018	7:30pm
Book Club	5/8/2018	12pm
VBHI–Transportation Meeting	5/9/2018	10am
BHA Board Meeting	5/11/2018	1pm
Mother’s Day	5/13/2018	
ARC–B Meeting	5/18/2018	9am
VBHI–Work Session	5/18/2018	9:30am
VBHI–Council Meeting	5/18/2018	2:30pm
FOM Gala Cruise	5/19/2018	5pm
Village Chapel RE-CYCLE Collection	5/25/2018 – 5/28/2018	
Smith Island Art League Junior Show	5/25/2018	5-7pm
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	5/26/2018	10am-5pm
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	5/27/2018	10am-5pm
Memorial Day	5/28/2018	
Dosher Medical–Bald Head Island Opens	5/29/2018	9am-4pm
Howl at the Moon (“Strawberry Moon”)	5/29/2018	7pm

SAVE THE DATE in June:

ARC–A Meeting	6/1/2018	9am
Card Class	6/6/2018	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	6/8/2018	1pm
Island Treasures Community Yard Sale	6/9/2018	9am-2pm
Book Club	6/12/2018	12pm
ARC–B Meeting	6/15/2018	9am
Bald Head Pirate Invasion	6/15/2018 – 6/17/2018	
Annual Hurricane Preparedness Presentation	6/20/2018	10am
Public Safety Day	6/27/2018	10am-2pm
Howl at the Moon (“Buck Moon”)	6/28/2018	7pm

Check out our “Events” tab on www.BaldHeadAssociation.com

Public Safety Auxiliary (PSA) Stickers

By Cam McIntyre

The Public Safety Auxiliary (PSA) is selling stickers to help fund additional resources for the new Public Safety Complex. PSA stickers are now available, and we are asking a minimum contribution of \$5.00 per sticker, with the funds sent to Bald Head Island Public Service Auxiliary, PO Box 3255, Bald Head Island, NC 28461.



We will also be helping the Public Safety Department with their Public Safety Day on June 27 from 10:00am-2:00pm at Marina Park (former tent site lawn area in the harbor) and will be selling PSA stickers there. Come see us there and bring your families.

The PSA raises money for Public Safety items that are not included in the budget, such as additional radios, pots and pans, beds and mattresses. This is a volunteer-based organization, comprised of people who assist on emergency calls.

Public Safety Day

June 27, 10:00am-2:00pm

Marina Park (former tent site lawn area in the harbor)

Did you know that Public Safety personnel are cross-trained as fire fighters, water rescue technicians, medics and police officers? Do you have kids who would like to explore a real fire truck? Do you want to learn about Public Safety's QRVs (Quick Response Vehicles)? If you want to learn about the Public Safety Department on Bald Head Island, meet Public Safety officers, explore a fire truck and watch safety demonstrations, that's what Public Safety Day is all about.



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		1 Ladies Bible Study 10:15am (VC)	2 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	3	4 ARC Meeting A 9am (AC) ARC - B Submission Deadline Friends of Music Concert 7:30pm (Chapel)	5
6 8:30am Rev. Dr. Steven Hein <i>Presbyterian</i>	7 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	8 Book Club 12:00pm (AC)	9 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	10	11 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) BHA Meeting 1pm (AC) "Evening of Beauty" 5-7pm (AC)	12
13 8:30am Rev. Dr. Carl Sachtleben <i>Lutheran</i> Mother's Day	14 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	15 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 10:15am (VC)	16 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	17 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	18 ARC Meeting B 9am (AC) ARC - A Submission Deadline VBHI Work Session 9:30am (AC) VBHI Council 2:30pm (AC)	19 Friends of Music Gala River Cruise 5:00pm
20 8:30am Rev. Molly Shivers <i>Methodist</i>	21 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	22 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	23 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	24 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	25 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) Smith Island Art League Junior Member Art Show 5:00-7:00pm (AC)	26 Smith Island Art League (SIAL) Art Show & Sale 10:00am-5:00pm (AC)
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VC (Village Chapel)
OB (Old Baldy)
PSD (Public Safety Operations Building)
RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)
Maritime Market Forest Pavilion (MMFP)

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- Knitting — A group of knitting enthusiasts meets every Wednesday at the Association Center, 9:30-11:30am.
- Evening Bible Study — Every Tuesday, 7:30-9pm, location varies. Call Pattie Caban at the Village Chapel at 910-457-1183.

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