



*Bald Head Association*

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## President's Letter ~ Judy Porter Time for Reflection and Direction

The Annual Meeting is over, and your new Board is seated and ready to serve for the next year. I am sure it will be a year of learning for all of us as we work through the first year of a merged organization. I hope all property owners will work with us to make this transitional year as smooth as possible.

The February meeting of the Bald Head Association Board will be a day-long retreat on February 9, 2018. This meeting gives us a chance to evaluate the past year and make recommendations for the next year. At this time, your Board will set goals for itself, the standing committees and staff. The newly approved bylaws give specific responsibilities to each of the standing committees. The goals assigned will include specific direction, if possible, to help assure successful completion.

Another agenda item for the retreat is to better define BHA Board policies. It is important that property owners feel assured that we try to act consistently as we make decisions. Having defined policies helps staff to better serve members, as they are the people who answer questions on a daily basis. Defining policy has become even more important, as we are finding an increasing number of cases where property owners have acted outside the Covenants or Design Guidelines. This has been especially true in cutting

trees and clearing land without approval — not only on members' properties, but also on Association property. I feel that BHA policies need to take as strong a stand as legally possible to effectively protect our members' assets and this wonderful and unusual environment.



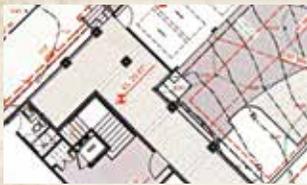
This retreat will be an opportunity for the Board to discuss the year ahead in a relaxed and informal setting. It is a time for Board members to get to know each other. This will help us as we work to serve you.

If there are things that you would like to see your Association accomplish over the next year, please let us know. Should you have any other questions, ideas or concerns, feel free to contact

Carrie at [carrie@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:carrie@baldheadassociation.com) or me at [rporters@bellsouth.net](mailto:rporters@bellsouth.net).

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## ARC Corner

**Karen Mosteller**

*Architectural Review Coordinator*

## What To Do After a Winter Storm with Damaged Trees and Limbs...

The recent snow and ice storm brought down large limbs and damaged trees on BHI. It seems that cedar trees were especially affected because of the weight of the precipitation clinging to the foliage. While everyone knows, the BHA requires ARC review and approval regarding any exterior changes including changes involving regulated trees, limbs and vegetation on member properties. During these unusual storm events, common sense and communication are important.

If you sustain damage to regulated trees, limbs or vegetation, please call the ARC office; this is the communication piece of the conversation. We will help to facilitate the necessary ARC approvals as stated in the Design Guidelines. The common sense part of the conversation is always safety first. If your home is damaged or imminent danger exists from broken trees or limbs, schedule the contractors you need, photograph the damaged regulated tree/limb and call our office to expedite the required approval process.

If you have concerns about damaged trees located on BHA Common Area, please contact Executive Director Carrie Moffett at 910-457-4676 ext. 26 or [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

Carrie will help you navigate the Board approval process and requirements regarding the removal of trees or limbs on BHA Common Area.

The Village of Bald Head Island has its own approval process regarding the removal of regulated trees and limbs. Please remember to contact the



Village of Bald Head Island's Development Services.

As we said last month, please keep in mind that all contractors were not created equal and because of liability reasons, we cannot give referrals. We can offer the following advice: the best referral may come from your neighbors who have had direct experience working with specific contractors. The BHA website ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com)) has a list of contractors who have worked on the island and have asked to be put on the list. Again, please keep in mind the BHA does not make recommendations but we are here to help facilitate the Architectural Review process.

Finally, as stewards, BHI property owners are and always will be the first line of defense for the preservation of the sensitive natural island environment. Please remember to use us as a resource to answer questions about the ARC process, Design Guidelines and necessary ARC approvals. Call 910-457-4676 ext. 22 or email me at [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



## Letter from the BHA Executive Director

Carrie Moffett



## Merger Memo

After many years of discussing, negotiating and planning, the merger with Stage II is now complete. The Articles of Merger, Articles of Incorporation and Unified Covenants have been filed with the county or state, accordingly. New deeds have been filed, transferring ownership of common area from Stage II to BHA. New Design Guidelines are in place and both sections of the newly constituted Architectural Review Committee have met to review submittals for properties throughout the island.

It has been a very intense couple of years and BHA would like to thank all those who helped make this merger happen. We know there are many individuals who spent hundreds of hours overcoming the challenges for the merger to occur and for your perseverance, we simply say ‘thank you.’ 

## Save the Date

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Boy Scout Breakfast**  
**Wednesday, March 14 at 9:00am**  
**Generator Society Hall / Association Center**

Join fellow supporters of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts for breakfast buffet and speaker Jon David, District Attorney for Brunswick, Bladen

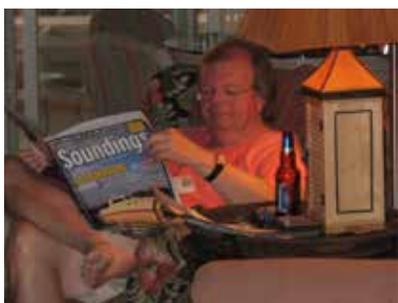


and Columbus counties, on Wednesday, March 14. The breakfast buffet starts at 8:45am, and the program starts at 9:00am. This is the first year the event will be held at Generator Society Hall in the Association Center.

Jon David earned his degree at Florida State University in 1992 and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida in 1995. Jon serves on multiple executive boards for non-profits dedicated to improving Brunswick County and serves as an Assistant Professor of Criminology at UNCW. He is on the board of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts. He will be speaking on issues affecting Brunswick County.

Donations are encouraged. Contact Larry Lammert with questions and to register at [lammertl@bellsouth.net](mailto:lammertl@bellsouth.net). 

Donate Blood  
 In Honor  
 of **Ray Webb**



## Save the Date

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual BHI Community Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, March 27**  
**Generator Society Hall / Association Center**

Mark your calendar for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual BHI Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 27 in the Generator Society Hall at the Association Center. Additional details are forthcoming. 



This blood drive is organized in memory of long-time BHI property owner, Ray Webb.

Please consider participating or volunteering for this year’s blood drive to help replenish local blood supplies. Contact Chris Webb at [webb8636@bellsouth.net](mailto:webb8636@bellsouth.net) to schedule an appointment or to learn more information. 



## From the Village

**Chris McCall**

Village Manager  
Village of Bald Head Island

### Winter Storm Grayson — the Village's Response and Recovery Update

On Wednesday January 3rd, after several conference calls with Brunswick County Emergency Services and the National Weather Service (NWS), the Village determined in the interest of safety of all Village employees to close early that day at noon giving all employees time to get home safely prior to the approaching winter storm reaching southeastern Brunswick County. The decision in terms of timing in response turned out to be right on the mark as all employees, with the exception of Public Safety who remained on island as part of their normal operational status, were able to get home in time before the fall of any real meaningful precipitation. Given the levels of confidence being reported by the NWS during conference calls prior to our closing for the day indicated a low confidence in the potential for sleet & freezing rain and a high level of confidence with snow, the NWS characterized it as a "snow or no snow event." As we know, mother nature is difficult to predict, and like many, we left the island that day with certain assumptions given the best information available at the time with no expectation of the amount of ice & freezing rain that would pummel the island for hours. While most areas of Brunswick County on the mainland at some point transitioned over to snow after a few hours of sleet and freezing rain, the island did not. The resulting amount of sleet and freezing rain wreaked havoc throughout areas of the island within and under the cover of the Maritime Forest to include all primary and secondary roads. The icy conditions were immediately felt by our PS Department personnel having to go out early Thursday morning — 12:08am to be precise — in responding to a 911 Fire Alarm activation. The impacts at that point were to the extent that their response time was delayed in having to both take caution in traveling the ice-covered Wynds as well as having to cut and push a number of trees blocking their progress along the route already blocked by trees that succumbed to the heavy weight of frozen ice.

As we awoke on the mainland side early Thursday morning, areas of Brunswick County like Leland received in excess of 6" inches of snow accumulation on top of an inch or more of ice, and emails from those on island indicated reports of debris-laden Wynds being impassable due to the impenetrable walls of limbs and branches from trees having fallen across the roads. The list of island



roads impacted to some degree included most, if not all, those under the canopy of the forest. North Bald Head Wynd, Federal Road (east and westbound lanes) through the Maritime Forest, portions of Stede Bonnet, Muscadine Wynd, and Edward Teach as well as West Bald Head Wynd. Cape Fear Station roads were not to be spared, and although Middle Island roads which are categorized as "private roads" did have some trees lying across the roads, the Village did make sure at minimum those roads were accessible for emergency response.



As Village Public Safety personnel on island were in constant communication with the Public Safety Director, we were already aware from the early morning fire alarm call of the impacts to be faced with at sun up, and Public Safety personnel wasted no time in getting started early that morning with an overall assessment and initiating recovery efforts. The primary focus in response was to clear roads for emergency access, should a call be dispatched to any number of locations along those Wynds previously mentioned, by cutting and pushing the debris off to the side of the road. This "cut and push" concept is known as Phase I and is part of the Village's Debris Management Plan which focuses on a strategic plan for getting primary roads cleared as quickly as possible to all identified "critical facilities" such as the Public Safety Department (i.e. from North Bald Head Wynd to the ferry landing).

In my assessing a plan of action based on information the Public Safety Director and I were receiving from the Shift Lieutenant on island and in communications with BHI Transportation, our initial Village Voice message was

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# BHA Goes Mobile

**Pam Henson**

Communications Associate  
Bald Head Association



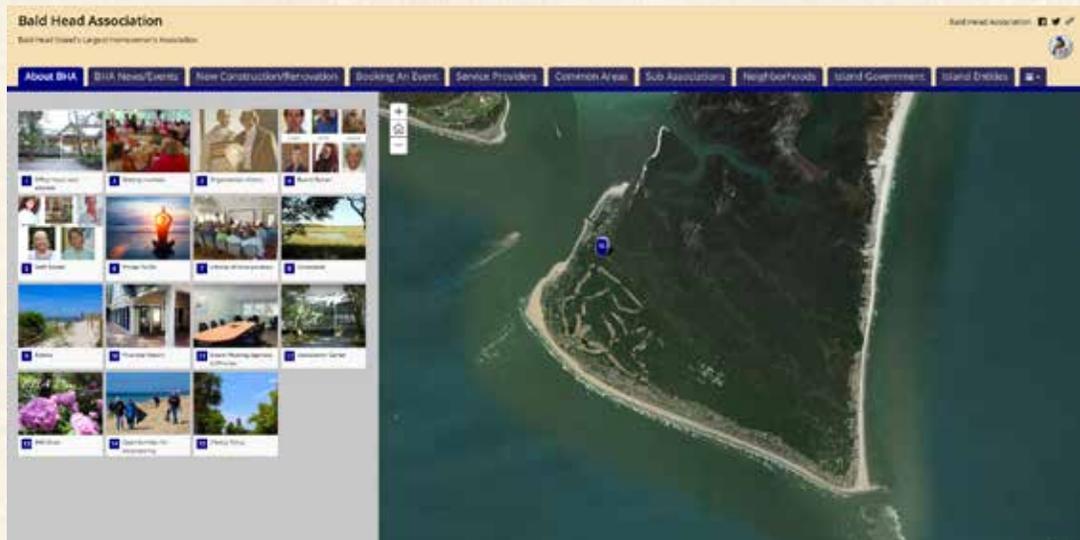
Working on behalf of its homeowner members, Bald Head Association is always looking for ways to help members' island life experience be the best it can be. Part of that task is communicating — news, events and updates on island life.

With people becoming even more mobile, the BHA Long Range Planning Committee

wanted to create a mobile site that is platform independent and handy to use on laptops, tablets and smart phones. Their new product is called the BHA Mobile App. Using GIS mapping technology, you can find key information in a new, easy-to-use manner.

The BHA Mobile App was rolled out at the BHA Annual Meeting on January 27 and is now viewable and usable by everyone.

Want to download it for easy access on your smart phone? Open your web browser (Safari, Chrome, etc.). In the address bar at the top of the web page, type [www.bhamobile.com](http://www.bhamobile.com). On your iPhone, add it



to your favorites (click on the rectangle with the up arrow, at the bottom of the screen, and accept or type the name you want). On your Android phone, click on the three-dot menu in the top right and select “Add to Home Screen.”

Your shortcut should now appear on your home screen. Simply click on the icon to open to the BHA Mobile App. There's lots to explore, from BHA information, events, dining, shopping and more.

We will be fine-tuning the BHA Mobile App as we move into 2018, so watch for additional updates.



**Total Tree & Lake Care, Inc.**

**Todd Stephenson, our Consulting Arborist, is currently meeting with clients on the island.**

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## Your BHA at Work

**Carrie Moffett**

BHA Executive Director



Occasionally, new property owners ask for an explanation of how their dues are utilized. There are the obvious expenses like the operating and maintenance costs for the Association Center and the monthly Island Report, but it's much more difficult to explain how their dues support advocacy on behalf of property owners — which is one of BHA's charges directed by our governing documents. The recent installation of Spectrum services provided the perfect example of our advocacy efforts.

During the time Spectrum was transitioning customer services from Tele-Media, BHA staff mentioned to Spectrum leadership how frustrated many property owners and businesses are with the spotty cell coverage currently on the Island. The response from Spectrum was positive and ripe with possibilities. Staff contacted Village Councilman John May and relayed that Spectrum may be able to help solve the cell issue in addition to the broadband. While the end result may or may not be successful, options are being discussed because BHA advocated for property owners with their best interests in mind. Stay tuned!

## Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie

**Monday, February 19 at 6:00pm**  
**Generator Society Hall / Association Center**

The monthly Pot Luck dinner for February will have an added twist!

All are invited to make new friends and join old ones and enjoy good food, conversation **and a movie** — *Saint Ralph!* The movie is 1 hour and 38 minutes, and it is a comedy-drama about a teenage boy who sets out to win the Boston Marathon. It is a feel-good movie set in the 1950s.

Just bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage. This event is sponsored by the Association's CER committee. For more information, contact F. A. McLeod at [faatbeach@aol.com](mailto:faatbeach@aol.com).



## Black Beard "Did You Know?"

Did you know? Sometime in 1716, Edward Teach (aka Black Beard) joined the crew of Benjamin Hornigold, at that time one of the most feared pirates of the Caribbean. Hornigold saw great potential in Teach and soon promoted him to his own command. With Hornigold in command of one ship and Teach in command of another, they could capture or corner more victims and from 1716 to 1717 they were greatly feared by local merchants and sailors.



Hornigold retired from piracy and accepted the King's pardon in early 1717.



### Island Mini Storage

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## BHI Conservancy

**Brooke Milligan**  
Director of Conservation



### Bald Head Island Winter Wildlife

Bald Head Island (BHI) supports numerous healthy functioning ecosystems ranging from our Bald Head Creek saltmarsh system to the globally imperiled maritime forest. These habitats in turn support a diverse and interconnected web of flora and fauna. Some of the BHI terrestrial mammals that you see more during the winter (besides deer) include the raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), the gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), the red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), and the coyote (*Canis latrans*).

The gray fox is North Carolina's only native fox species, while hunters introduced the red fox in the early 1700s. These two fox species are often confused because of similar coloration and size; however, the gray fox is slightly smaller, darker in coloration and lacks fur between the toe pads, leaving a more distinct track. Raccoons are highly intelligent, highly adaptable, easily recognizable by the "black face mask" and abundant in North Carolina.

Coyotes are a relatively new, non-native species in North Carolina, seen in western North Carolina in the 1980s. Coyotes have been documented in all 100 counties across North Carolina and are on Bald Head Island. The BHI Conservancy conservation staff has captured coyotes on wildlife cameras throughout the island, and pups have been seen on east beach.



Coyotes are very adaptable, as noted by their presence in areas heavily impacted by humans. An interesting anecdote is that coyotes seem to be displacing non-native

red foxes, while Gray fox populations are less affected, likely because the gray fox can climb trees.

#### Biology

Currently, many of BHI's mammals are in the mating season (January through March). This may increase their perceived presence on the island as they move around to find mates. Although these are all nocturnal species, they can also be seen during daytime hours if prompted by unnatural food sources (e.g. pet food outside, loose trash cans, etc.). The presence of pups/kits may also be a reason behind daytime movements; pups (foxes and coyotes) and kits (raccoons) are typically born March to April.

#### Human Interactions

The species described above can become acclimated to humans, which will cause them to be less wary of humans. The process of habituation or acclimation will occur at a faster rate in an absence of threats and an abundance of food (e.g. pet food, garbage, unsupervised small pets, bird feeders). It is important to keep pet food inside and make sure trash is

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## Want To Learn More?

Coexisting with Raccoons

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Species/coexistraccoons.pdf>

Coexisting with Foxes

<http://216.27.39.103/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Species/coexistfoxes.pdf>

Coexisting with Coyotes

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Learning/documents/Species/CoexistingWithCoyotes.pdf>



## BADWATER CAPE FEAR Saturday, March 17

The BADWATER® ultra running experience returns to the East Coast when the fifth BADWATER® CAPE FEAR race takes place on Bald Head Island, North Carolina on March 17, 2018.

With 50km and 51-mile race options, BADWATER® CAPE FEAR features a twelve-mile warm-up on the car-free, one-lane-wide roads of Bald Head Island, followed by either 19 or 39 miles of running on the wild and secluded sandy beach between Cape Fear and Fort Fisher. The race is held along the Atlantic Seaboard, with spectacular views of the Frying Pan Shoals to the east and wild and undeveloped marshlands to the west. Running this remote coast is a dramatic, invigorating, and inspiring manner in which to experience the Cape Fear region in all its grandeur.

### Friday, March 16

9:00am: Coffee / Breakfast Meet-Up at Maritime Market.

Afternoon Suggestion: Climb to the top of Old Baldy Lighthouse. (The race will start at its foot.)

3:00-5:00pm FIRM: Racer Check-In at Bald Head Island Conservancy; Racer Mugshots, Goodie Bags, Sign Waivers, etc.

4:45-6:15pm: Social Mixer for runners, staff, family, and friends.

6:00pm onwards: \$10 Pasta Feed at Mojo's on the Harbor.

### Saturday, March 17

6:00am (recommended) or 7:00am (risky): Runners not staying on Bald Head Island must depart via ferry from Deep Water Marina in Southport.

6:20am: Sandpiper Coffee at Bald Head Marina opens extra early just for the runners and race fans.

7:15am: Late Check-In at the start line for runners who did not come over on Friday to do so.

7:45am: Race starts at Old Baldy Lighthouse.

8:25am: High Tide.

9:15am: First runners pass the 12-mile mark at BHIC.

11:55am: First runners return to BHIC at 50km mark.

2:26pm: Low Tide.

2:30pm: First 51.4-mile finishers.

3:45pm: Mandatory Cut-Off for 51.4-mile finishers to depart BHIC at mile 32 for their second loop to and from Fort Fisher.

4:45pm: Mandatory Cut-Off for Officially Finishing the 50km Race (9 hour time limit).

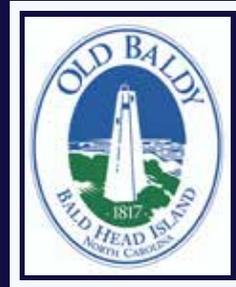
8:33pm: High Tide.

9:45pm: 51.4-mile Race Course Closes at BHIC (14 hour time limit).



# • 2017 • THE OLD BALDY FOUNDATION

## Impact and Accomplishments



2017 marked an important year for the Old Baldy Foundation, with the 200th Birthday of the Old Baldy Lighthouse. As a 501C-3 not for profit organization, all proceeds and funds raised go to our mission of preservation of the Lighthouse and historical education and outreach.

Get a glimpse of the work we completed in 2017!

### Historic Preservation

In our mission to preserve Old Baldy, the lighthouse had a massive renovation with nearly \$350,000 of work. The renovation included covering exposed brick with stucco and sealing the sand stone cap at the lantern room with copper. Additional work was done to prevent water infiltration which included new glass, all new bronze framing for the glass curtain wall, and refurbishing the vent ball.

### The Story of Cape Fear and Bald Head Island

After years of research, we were able to publish this well received history book, by noted historian Kevin Duffus.



People took a step into history by climbing to the top of Old Baldy.

26,089  
Climbers



### School Field Trips 655 Children

Experienced a one of a kind field trip traveling to Bald Head Island and experiencing a day in the life of a lighthouse keeper.



587  
Visitors enjoyed an island wide historic tour learning about the rich maritime history of Bald Head Island.

1,980  
People learned about life as a lighthouse keeper, by listening to our audio tour.



### Celebrations

Many celebratory and educational programs and special events were hosted to honor Old Baldy. Families and friends joined to celebrate and learn about the rich island history. Nearly 2,000 people joined in the fun throughout the year!

WWW.OLDBALDY.ORG

## Pet of the Month — Foxi Billitto

Hi there, I'm Foxi. I am a 12-year-old Pomeranian, and my parents, Dave and Pam Billitto, rescued me about two years ago and brought me to Bald Head Island to have fun and relax. We enjoy it here, but I think I like it most because they always seem to be working and doing stuff.

Funny thing is, my dad prefers to call me "Johnnie Drama," and I have my own Instagram account under "Johnnie Drama" — the "i" is dotted with a heart. They say people like my pictures, and I am quite famous for my tongue, which is always out and positioned to the side — a real cheeky kinda look.

We only live on Bald Head about six months out of the year, and we stay in Wilmington and Western North Carolina in the summer season. Regardless of where we are, I like to bark, but it's a friendly, inviting bark. I love to bark at other dogs, but it is really a "hey, look at me...come over here" sorta thing. I also like to bark at the wind in the trees in the forest, the signs we drive by, and the many deer that are around but never want to play — those deer are a pretty boring lot.

One of my favorite winter time things to do is go on cart rides. Sometimes my parents try to leave without me on the cart, but I am way too quick for that, or it could be that they are just too slow. So, I run down to the cart, paws up, and hold my ground next to it. Yep, we go on three or four rides a day. I also love to go to East Beach and run on the hard-packed sand and sometimes, just for a moment, my instincts take over, and I want to chase a bird or two, but not that often.

Okay, I was going to tell you all the things I really like to do while on the island, but they really are all



about the cart ride and the wind in my face, so I am moving on. More cart rides, please!

At home I have two sister kitty cats that go by the name of Teegan and Mini Me. I like them there because their food is soooo much better. Mmmm, that kitty food is scrumptious. I also have some favorite toys at the house including Orange Mat and numerous nesting beds for a little R and R. I ask you, what is wrong with a little R and R on Turtle time, especially after that dang tasty kitty food?

When not on the island, I can be found on Front Street in Downtown Wilmington and at the park at Lake Lure. So, if you see a lil' Pomeranian with her tongue out, please come by and say hello. 🐾



Want your pet featured in an upcoming *Island Report*?

Email Pam Henson, Communications Associate, at [pam@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:pam@baldheadassociation.com).

## Atlantic Ocean Included in Proposed 2019-2024 Oil and Gas Leasing Program

**Carrie Moffett**

BHA Executive Director

In January 2015, the U.S. Department of the Interior released the draft lease sale schedule for 2017-2022 for the national oil and gas leasing program proposed for planning areas of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). After the mandatory consulting process, the final program was approved in January 2017 with a prohibition for drilling in the Atlantic firmly in place.

However, last month, the Department of the Interior released a new draft plan for 2019-2024 that dramatically expands oil and gas exploration and drilling into nearly all U.S. waters, including the Atlantic.

Opposition to oil and gas exploration and drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf is a bipartisan effort among individuals, municipalities and other governing bodies. The Village of Bald Head Island passed a resolution in August 2015 in opposition to seismic surveying and oil and gas exploration and drilling. Neighboring Southport, Caswell Beach, Oak Island, Holden Beach, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach and Wilmington have passed similar resolutions. As well, every coastal governor from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans except one opposes oil and gas exploration and drilling off their coasts and are seeking waivers to become exempt from the five-year program. In all, 33 North Carolina cities, towns and counties, and more than 140 municipalities on

the East Coast have passed formal resolutions in opposition to seismic blasting and offshore drilling.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper announced his opposition to exploration and drilling in July 2017 stating, "It's clear that opening North Carolina's coast to oil and gas exploration and drilling would bring unacceptable risks to our economy, our environment, and our coastal communities — and for little potential gain."

It is known that the 20 counties that comprise North Carolina's coastal region generate more commercial and personal income, public revenues and employment opportunities than the petroleum and natural gas industry has estimated to generate for the State.

Public comments on the proposed Draft Proposed Program are due to the Interior Department by March 9th via [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Copies of the Program can be found at [www.boem.gov/National-Program](http://www.boem.gov/National-Program).

BHA encourages property owners to become informed on the issue and make their opinions known during the public consultation process, which is occurring now. Contact Carrie Moffett ([carrie@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:carrie@baldheadassociation.com)) or 910-457-4676 x26) with any questions. 

### New Research on Seismic Surveying Impact

A controversial aspect of the oil and gas exploration process is the use of seismic surveying to determine potential sites for drilling. Compressed air is blasted into the water at intervals of 10-15 seconds. The sound penetrates the ocean's floor and is bounced back to the surface to cables with sound sensors. The full impacts of this process are not fully understood by scientists, the oil and gas industry and the federal government.

Leading marine scientists have expressed concern over the significant threat to marine life posed by the introduction of seismic oil and gas exploration along the U.S. mid-Atlantic and south Atlantic coasts. The University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Arctic Study released new research in June of 2017 that showed that marine seismic surveys used in petroleum exploration could cause a two- to three-fold increase in mortality of adult and larval zooplankton, tiny animals that are eaten by fish and are a building block of most marine life.

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### Bald Head Island Winter Wildlife

secured in cans. These are important species in the BHI ecosystems occupying the biological niche of a predator often controlling small rodent populations.

It is important to note that all of the above mammals are able to carry rabies, with the most common reservoirs being raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes and coyotes. Therefore, if you see any of these species, respect that they are wild animals and maintain a safe

distance. It is also important to not touch or interact with any scat/feces, as these may also carry the rabies virus. Please visit the NC Wildlife Resource Commission documents (web addresses listed on page 7) for coexisting with the above species. You can also find more information on the BHI Conservancy's website ([www.bhic.org/mammals](http://www.bhic.org/mammals)). 

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### Winter Storm Grayson — the Village's Response and Recovery Update

delivered at approximately 8:29am, informing folks to be aware of the hazardous conditions along the Wynds and emphasizing that folks stay inside until further notice, given the potential for other trees and/or large hanging limbs that could snap at any time causing injury and the need for our own Public Safety personnel to respond.

Public Safety's efforts would continue throughout the day Thursday, and given the extended forecast with freezing temperatures predicted over the next several days, this made it all the more difficult in planning for rotating of our Public Safety personnel. In that same light, our ability to get essential personnel on island both to rotate out the Public Safety shift personnel and bring Public Works staff over to continue with recovery efforts was contingent upon BHI Transportation being faced with the difficult challenge of determining when it was appropriate to resume ferry service given the state of road conditions throughout the county.

With the abbreviated ferry schedule having resumed on Friday and through coordination with BHI Limited, the Village was able to secure overnight lodging for our Public Works personnel so they could remain on island after the last ferry run on Friday afternoon to continue working until sundown. And with the same ferry schedule on Saturday, Public Works remained on island again to get back to work first thing Sunday morning.

Given the uniqueness of this particular event and the challenges faced, our ability to adapt as we continued to push forward throughout the event should not go unnoticed. On behalf of the Village, including the Mayor

and Council, and to all those property owners who sent me emails expressing their gratitude for the efforts of the Public Safety Department and Public Works, and let us not forget the efforts of our Utilities crews as the temperatures started to get warmer in the days following as they worked to repair water leaks resulting from the extended period of cold arctic temperatures, I SAY THANK YOU!

And I should not forget the coordination with BHI Limited in working to secure lodging for our Public Works crews who committed to staying on island through the weekend to expedite the cleanup process. 

### February

ARC-A Meeting	2/2/2018	9am
FOM Concert	2/2/2018	7:30pm
Card Class	2/7/2018	2pm
Valentine's Day	2/14/2018	
Ash Wednesday Service	2/14/2018	1pm
VBHI Council Meeting	2/16/2018	2:30pm
Pot Luck Dinner & Movie	2/19/2018	6pm
ARC-B Meeting	2/26/2018	9am

Click the *Events* tab on our website for more info!

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### SAVE THE DATE in March:

Howl at the Moon	3/1/2018	5pm
ARC-A Meeting	3/2/2018	9am
Card Class	3/7/2018	2pm
FOM Concert	3/9/2018	7:30pm
Timbercreek Annual Meeting	3/10/2018	10am
Daylight Saving Time	3/11/2018	
Boy Scout Breakfast	3/14/2018	9am
ARC-B Meeting	3/16/2018	9am
Badwater Cape Fear	3/17/2018	7:30am
BHI Club Board of Governors	3/19/2018	9am
Pot Luck Dinner	3/19/2018	6pm
BHI Community Blood Drive	3/27/2018	
Maundy Thursday Service	3/29/2018	1pm
Good Friday	3/30/2018	
BHI Artisans Show & Sale	3/31/2018	10am
Howl at the Moon	3/31/2018	5pm

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## Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting

**Carrie Moffett**

BHA Executive Director

The Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority held its second meeting in mid-January at the City of Southport’s Fire Station. All of the Authority’s members attended in person to discuss several issues relevant to its start-up. During the meeting, the authority selected McGuireWoods LLP to serve as its counsel after members of the Executive Committee interviewed members of the firm, including Mary Nash Rusher who has extensive experience as bond counsel for a variety of public finance issues. Rusher advised members to hire a financial advisor qualified to perform asset valuation and revenue stream financing and has experience with mergers and acquisitions. She stated, “A lot of what you’ll do is crunch numbers and understand how all of those numbers work together.”

After a closed session, the Authority gave approval for the Executive Committee to develop an inter-local agreement with the Village of Bald Head Island to provide funding and to develop an inter-local agreement with the City of Southport to provide meeting space and administrative assistance. Members also approved a search to identify a part-time finance director.



The Authority will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Southport Community Building at 9:15am through June. Specifically, it will meet on February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Marsh Ecology, Part II — Friday, February 2 at 1:00pm

*Calling all lovers of Bald Head Island creeks!*

Dr. Chris Shank, the Executive Director of Bald Head Island Conservancy, will give Part II of his Marsh Ecology presentation. This event is open to all.

The presentation will be held on Friday, February 2 at 1:00pm at the Bald Head Island Conservancy Auditorium. Visit [www.bhic.org](http://www.bhic.org) for additional information.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 ARC Meeting A 9am (AC) Men's Bible Study 8am (VC) Friends of Music Concert 7:30pm (Club) ARC - B Submission Deadline	3
4 8:30am Rev. James Craven, III Episcopal  "Souper Bowl of Caring" All Day (VC)	5	6 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 10:15am (VC)	7 Card Making Class 2pm (AC)	8 Pilates 10:45am (AC) BHIC Lecture 6pm (Club)	9	10
11 8:30am Rev. DeDe Pickle Methodist	12 BHI Club BOG Mtg. 9:30am (Club)	13	14 Ash Wednesday 1:00pm Rev. Dr. Garrett Albertson Methodist   Valentine's Day	15 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	16 ARC Meeting B 9am (AC) Men's Bible Study 8am (VC) VBHI Work Session 9:30am (AC) VBHI Council 2:30pm (AC) ARC - A Submission Deadline	17
18 8:30am Rev. Curtis Campbell Methodist	19 Pot Luck Dinner & Movie — Saint Ralph 6pm (AC)	20 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 10:15am (VC) VBHI Broadband/Cell 10am (AC)	21	22 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	23	24
25 8:30am Rev. Dr. Jonathan Jeffries Methodist	26 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	27 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	28 Yoga 11:45am (AC) VBHI Transp. 10am (AC)			

AC (BHA Association Center)  
BHIC (BHI Conservancy)  
Club (BHI Club)  
MP (Marina Park Area)  
VC (Village Chapel)  
OB (Old Baldy)  
PSD (Public Safety Operations Building)  
RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)

#### Standing Events:

- Alcoholics Anonymous — Monday & Friday, 12-1pm, Association Ctr. Contact John B. at 336-671-8858 or [sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com](mailto:sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com).
- 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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