



*Bald Head Association*

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## President's Letter ~ Judy Porter New Year, New Goals

The Bald Head Association Board of Directors held their annual retreat on February 23, 2018. This was a day-long meeting which set the direction for the Board, Staff and Committees for 2018.

I want to report on a few of the many items discussed.

We started with a review of the goals set for 2017. One of our major accomplishments in 2017 was the merger of the two associations. Work with merger issues will continue to be a big part of our focus in 2018. Staff will complete a data migration so that information on all properties is easily accessible. The Finance Committee will need to closely study sources of revenue, expenses and reserves while the Architectural Review Committee will be adjusting to different review philosophies and identify any necessary changes to the Unified Design Guidelines.

A retreat such as this provided the BHA Board an opportunity to meet with Staff and listen to their ideas and concerns. We



feel that we have a super team working with Carrie and want to help them do the best job possible.

We began the work of formalizing some of our Board Policies. An increasing number of violations for tree removal, both on members' and common property, has made it necessary to further define this policy. We feel that in dealing with violations, we must be consistent in how we inform and fine violators.

As the island grows, it becomes important to look at the role of the Association within the Bald Head Island community. Years ago, we were the only voice on Bald Head Island. Now, the Village and other organizations have expanded roles, which makes it necessary to evaluate how we meet the needs of the community through the BHA. The covenants specify certain obligations that the Board must meet. How these are carried out within the community is most important.

Another task at the retreat was to set goals for the Board, Staff and Committees. Doing this gives structure and direction to those serving the membership. I will be addressing in detail some of the decisions the Board made at the retreat in future letters.

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).

### Vision 2025 — Framework for the Future

*By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island*

Over six weeks in the spring of 2017, many in the Bald Head Island community participated in a survey that served as the basis for Vision 2025. The Village's Voice and the Bald Head Association E-blasts posted two online questions each week. More than 4,000 thoughtful responses were received and analyzed. Vision 2010, produced in 1997, and a Village-directed survey of priorities from 2005 were also reviewed. The results are now available on the Village website.

Vision 2025 — Framework for the Future is a survey of the attitudes, interests and concerns of the Island's population at one point in time. It is an expression of the values islanders hold, what brought them to Bald Head Island and what their hopes are for its future. It is more values-based than goal-oriented, though goals that further the values are included.

A forty-page report, Vision 2025 includes a summary of the objectives of the process as the Island faces a critical juncture in its development. The actual "Vision" is preceded by a description of the process, the review committee, the

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## ARC Corner

**Karen Mosteller**

*Architectural Review Coordinator*

### So...Ready to Build Your Dream Home on BHI...Step One: Sketch Review

Like so many visitors to Bald Head Island, you fell in love with the Island, bought a lot and now are ready to build your dream house. Understanding the ARC guidelines is an integral part of a successful and positive homebuilding experience. The ARC review process for new construction is typically a three-step process that includes Sketch, Preliminary and Final review submittals.

The primary purposes of the review process are: (a) to assess and confirm conformance with Bald Head Association Covenants and the Design Guidelines, including the NCDNR (North Carolina Department of Natural Resources) Storm Water Permit Regulations and (b) to assess the impact of requested deviations and approve or disapprove such in the context of the stated objectives of the Covenants and the Design Guidelines.

A typical, new-construction project review process takes a minimum of three months. It is advantageous to use architects and designers who are familiar with coastal construction and the environmental requirements of Bald Head Island. This helps to ensure an appropriate level of competency and aesthetic desirability to maintain compatibility in this unique building environment.

While the guidelines do not require a sketch-level review, a sketch plan submittal is strongly recommended. This

step will enable the ARC to consider the design aspects of the house and site and provide valuable feedback. The main reason sketch submittals are encouraged is to save the property owner money. Revisions at this stage can save many hours of production time needed to meet the more complex preliminary submittal requirements. The first two sketch reviews are free.

During a sketch review, the ARC offers helpful guidance to property owners, architects and designers regarding inconsistencies in overall design. Some examples of previous sketch level ARC comments to applicants suggesting further consideration for future submittals include:

- a) The overall design is too complex and does not appear to be coastal vernacular.
- b) North elevation should address the street as the front of the house.
- c) Column on the right-side elevation appears to be almost two stories and not consistent with typical BHI design.
- d) Due to the windows and doors on the ground level, the elevation labeled "East side" appeared to be 3-stories.
- e) Survey states the lot square footage is 10,148 feet, but the questionnaire lists the lot's square footage as 9,996 square feet.
- f) Required guest parking must not encroach setbacks.

If you are a new property owner, call our office, and we will help you understand the guidelines that apply to your project. Also, please remember, whether it's a renovation project or new construction, 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](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com). 

## New to BHA?

### 2018 Assessments

If you're new to Bald Head Association, you may be wondering about the process for paying your annual dues (a.k.a., annual assessment). Owners whose properties are located in the former Stage II may be accustomed to paying

their bill on the first day of each year. Owners who purchased their property in 2017 may be completely unfamiliar with the process since their dues were paid by the prior owner. Here's the typical process for paying dues:

**Late January/early February** — Invoices are mailed out to all owners.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** — Dues that are \$1,000 or less are to be paid in full by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Dues in excess of \$1,000 can be paid in quarterly payments due March 15<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** — 30-day grace period ends and interest on outstanding balances begins to accrue.

**September** — Board of Directors places liens on properties not paid in full or under other payment arrangements.

With the implementation of the merger, this timeline has deviated somewhat but rest assured, interest will not accrue until after the April 15<sup>th</sup> grace period.

Questions? Contact BHA at 910-457-4676 ext. 21. 

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

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## BHA Executive Director Letter

### 2018 Annual Meeting Recap

It was standing room only at BHA's 2018 Annual Meeting held on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Association Center. Property owners learned about BHA's progress toward goals during 2017 and also heard updates from other Island entities such as the Village of BHI, BHI Limited and the BHI Club, among others. Numerous property owners mentioned that while they'd been property owners for many years, they learned more about the Island's inner workings at the Annual Meeting than they had at any other time.

During the meeting, BHA launched a new communication tool called BHA Mobile App, which combines information relevant to property owners in an easy-to-use and platform-independent way. Instructions on how to access the app can be found on BHA's website at [www.baldheadassociation.com](http://www.baldheadassociation.com).

BHA members also approved the proposed bylaws by approximately 95%, effectively revising volunteer committee names and functions. Following are the approved committee names:

- Architectural Review Committee (ARC)
- Finance Committee
- Resource Conservation and Beautification Committee (RCB)
- Socialization, Education and Recreation Committee (SER)
- Strategic Planning and Long Term Projects Committee (SPLTP)

Detailed descriptions of the committee's charges, as well as a volunteer application, can be found at [www.baldheadassociation.com/volunteering-opportunities](http://www.baldheadassociation.com/volunteering-opportunities).

At a meeting of the new Board of Directors held subsequent to the Annual Meeting, Board members elected the following officers for 2018:

Judy Porter, President  
Anne Boozell, Vice President  
Robert Drumheller, Secretary/Treasurer

Contact Carrie Moffett at 910-457-4676 ext. 26 with any questions. 

## Meet F. A. McLeod

### New BHA Board Member

At its regularly scheduled meeting, the BHA Board voted unanimously to appoint F. A. McLeod to the Board to serve the remainder of Eric Kozlow's term, which expires in 2020.

F. A. and her husband, Dixon, moved to the Island as full-time residents in 2012. She is a volunteer with the Village of BHI's Public Safety Department in the role of an interior firefighter and first responder. She has served on the Village Chapel's Board of Directors and volunteers at the BHI Conservancy.

F. A. was an Adjunct Professor at Shorter University in Rome, GA. Prior to that, she was Principal at Berkeley Lake Elementary in Gwinnett County, GA, and Assistant Principal at Camp Creek Elementary in Lilburn, GA. A teacher since 1986, F. A. taught at R. W. Craig Elementary in Lawrenceville, GA, and at R. L. Norton Elementary in Snellville, GA.



Her education includes a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from NOVA Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL; a Specialist Degree in Early Childhood Education from University of Georgia in Athens, GA; a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA; an Elementary Education Teaching Certificate from Saint Mary's College in South Bend, IN; and a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a Telecommunications concentration from University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.

"Bald Head is my home, refuge and a gift I am grateful for every day. I look forward to serving on the Association Board and working to maintain the Island's unique character."

We welcome F. A. to the BHA Board and look forward to her sharing her valuable perspective. 



### Who Do I Call?

#### Cable, Phone and Internet Services

If you are a Spectrum customer and have questions or need to contact the company for cable, phone and Internet services, call Spectrum directly. They want to make sure customers' needs are met. The customer service number specifically for BHI property owners is **844-794-5263**.

Spectrum is still working to bury cables on BHI. They are laying cables on every single street across the entire Island, including Middle Island. They are also canvassing the Island to ensure cable strength is good throughout all areas. Watch for more updates. 

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## From the Village

### Daralyn Spivey, NCCMC

Village Clerk  
Village of Bald Head Island

### Retreat Update

On January 31 and February 1, Village Council met at their annual Council Retreat to discuss key items and initiatives the Village will face this upcoming fiscal year. Items of discussion included topics such as beach renourishment; dredge funding sources and options; the Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years; and new parking areas that will be made available before the season at Beach Access 13 (across from the Club), Beach Access 19 (on Sandspur Trail), and Beach Access 34 (near Loggerhead Trail). Most of the beach accesses on the Island are also equipped with a bike rack for use, removing the parking component by those who use the accesses.



Other projects discussed were the Ditch Stabilization Project, Public Works/Contract Services Conceptual design, Utilities ReUse and Vision 2025.

The Ditch Stabilization Project moves forward and is ready to begin the work as soon as the regulatory agencies issue the Village the necessary permits. The removal of water using

this ditch is the most efficient way, as it utilizes gravity to remove stormwater and is a vital part of the process.

The successful use of Village Utilities ReUse and future upgrades to the Utilities water and sewer plants providing remote monitoring was also considered.

The conceptual design for the Public Works/Contractor Services lot was among topics considered. The Village is focused on maximizing land use, improving and controlling access, increasing storage facilities and installing charging stations for electric vehicles.

Vision 2025 began last summer with two survey questions over a six-week period sent out to Island stakeholders in an effort to elicit information regarding what the stakeholders value in the Island experience. The results of that series of surveys were presented and discussed, with more information to follow.



## Village of Bald Head Island Proposes Referendum for Beach Renourishment

Village of BHI Mayor Andy Sayre announced at BHA's 2018 Annual Meeting in January that the Village Council was considering the necessity of a privately funded beach renourishment to not only protect South Beach from imminent erosion but also to replace the sand that sifted as expected through the terminal groin and onto West Beach, as required by the groin's permit.

The need for the private sand placement project is being necessitated by a postponement of the Sand Management Plan — an agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oak Island, Caswell Beach and Bald Head

Island to dispose of beach quality sand from dredging the federal navigation channel located partially between the two islands on an established schedule. Due to the unavailability of federal funding in 2017 and a lack of bids for the 2018 project, Oak Island/Caswell Beach did not receive their allocations for 2017 and 2018, which means BHI won't receive its allocation until 2021 at the earliest. By then, the Village's long-time coastal engineer Eric Olson states there will likely be a loss of beach, a loss of dune and even a possible loss of structures along South Beach. The proposed \$6 million referendum would authorize funds for the placement of 1 million cubic yards of sand along that area and would replace five geotextile tubes currently in disrepair.

The Village will be providing specific details of the proposed referendum and will hold a public hearing and other presentations in the coming months. The referendum will be considered by BHI's registered voters on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Property owners who are registered to vote elsewhere will not vote on the proposed referendum.

Watch for details from the Village on this important proposal.



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## Black Beard — “Did You Know?”

Did you know? Blackbeard was in charge of two good ships. He continued to prowl the waters of the Caribbean and North America. On November 17, 1717, he captured La Concorde, a large, French slaving ship. He kept the ship, mounting 40 guns on it and naming it *Queen Anne’s Revenge*. *Queen Anne’s Revenge* became his flagship, and before long, he had a fleet of three ships and 150 pirates. Soon, the name of Blackbeard was feared on both sides of the Atlantic and throughout the Caribbean.



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

### Save The Date

Fundraiser for BVI Community Support Appeal

April 5, 7:00-10:00pm / Forest Pavilion

Hosted by Bald Head Island Pirate Invasion

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## Can Public Safety See Your Address?



Make sure your “yes/no” trash tag is positioned on your address bollard so that Public Safety can see your street address in the event of an emergency. Especially at night, it is difficult for emergency responders to see individual house numbers on the bollards when the trash tags are covering them.

BHA’s Design Guidelines require that if you’re going to put the trash tag on the address bollard, it must be two inches below the last number. Otherwise, the tags should be placed on the trash enclosure near the home.

(Exception: Yes/no signs are not permitted in the street in Cape Fear Station.) And, remember, advertising is not permitted on the tags.

Questions? Contact ARC Associate Julie Starcher at [julie@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:julie@baldheadassociation.com) or 910-457-4676 ext. 23.

## Water Leak Detection System

By Stephen Boyett, Village of Bald Head Island

After the frigid winter temperatures, there was a question about the best way for homeowners to protect their property from damage due to leaking water pipes. Water leaks happen for a variety of reasons, from toilet lines bursting, pipes freezing and refrigerator tubing cracking, for example. The damage from these water line failures is troubling for several reasons — costly damage to your home, costly utility bills and waste.

With the large amount of second homes on the island, a majority of water line failures are discovered well after the failure by property managers or by utility staff noticing a high reading. In both instances the damage and cost has been greatly increased, due to the time lapse from failure to discovery.

As with most things in today’s market, there are a wide number of technological advances that a homeowner can install to monitor the water lines in their home. Most of these devices are easily installed and not only automatically shut off the water supply in the event of a failure, many can send alerts or be monitored through smart phone apps. These devices range from \$250-\$2,000, depending on the type of system you would like to install.

If you are interested in protecting your home from a water line failure, please contact a licensed plumber who can discuss the options that would best fit and the cost to install the device. As an added bonus to the sense of security you will get from knowing your home is protected from costly water leak damage, check with your insurer about any discounts on annual premiums.



## BHI Conservancy

**Brooke Milligan**  
Director of Conservation

### BHI Conservancy Currently in Year Five of the Deer Immunocontraception Project

Through an environmental services contract with the Village of Bald Head Island, the BHI Conservancy is carrying out the fifth of a five-year study on the effectiveness of immunocontraception as a management method for the BHI white-tailed deer population. The team, consisting of Micah Walker, Set Rankins, Ed McDonald and Hayden Wolfe, has been highly successful this year, already capturing 16 deer (31 target does were captured in 2017, a very successful season).

Most of this success can be attributed to the dedication of the highly qualified team. Micah Walker, team lead, is pursuing his M.S. degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology from NC State University using the BHI Immunocontraception program as the core of his thesis research. The partnership with NCSU began in the 2016/2017 season and has enhanced the scientific rigor of the program. Blood sampling was initiated last year to test for pregnancy and provides quantitative data to evaluate the effectiveness of the immunocontraception.

#### Continuing Objectives:

- 1) Maintain BHI deer population < 200 using immunocontraception and leaving approximately 30 viable does.
- 2) Conduct physical health assessment measurements of immobilized deer.
- 3) Conduct darting and extensive tracking to reduce and/or eliminate public risk.
- 4) Implement and fine-tune darting protocol to eliminate non-target captures (males and fawns).
- 5) Implement tracking and triangulation protocol of does within 42 days of capture.



### Knox Box — Access in an Emergency

What happens when first responders need access to your home in an emergency? A Knox Box allows first responders, such as firefighters, with immediate access into secure residences and commercial properties when it matters most. Removing barriers to entry reduces injuries to responders and minimizes property damage to home owners.

There are two sets of forms to complete — one for BHI Village Department of Public Safety and one for Knox. The form for BHI Public Safety is located on



#### Research Questions:

- 1) Is post-rut (winter-spring) administration of GonaCon™ effective at preventing pregnancy of female white-tailed deer?
- 2) Can the white-tailed deer population of Bald Head Island be controlled at or near a level of 200 with the use of an immunocontraceptive (GonaCon™, USDA)?
- 3) Does immunocontraception alter the physical health or the disease load of deer on Bald Head Island?

Currently, the team is focusing on capturing previously darted does due to the urban archery permit obtained for the 2018 season by Boiling Springs. Beginning February 18th the team will also target new does (no previous inoculations). Based on data from the fall camera index, the team plans to target 10 new does, which would lead approximately 30 viable females in the population without immunocontraceptive, per NC Wildlife Resources Commission regulations.

Although the darting schedule can vary, the team will generally sit in blinds between 3:00-8:00pm and conduct targets of opportunity from BHI Conservancy-labeled golf carts between 6:30pm-9:00pm. Targets of opportunity have also been added in the morning, between 6:30am-9:00am, to target deer that have been darted in prior years which are not approaching the baited sites.

Targets of opportunity are an integral part of the darting program, as many of the deer exhibit learned behavior and a wariness to approach baited sites. Safety for the community, animals and team is ALWAYS the top priority. If you see the team out during operations, feel free to ask questions or contact us via [deer@bhic.org](mailto:deer@bhic.org).

[www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). At the bottom of the page, click on “New Property Owners.” Click on the third item listed, “Knox Box information.” At the bottom of the paragraph, click on the link “[Here](#)” in the sentence “Click [HERE](#) for the VBHI Public Safety Knox Box Information Sheet.” That takes you directly to the form. Print the form, fill it out, and take it to BHI Public Safety.

For security purposes, you must contact Knox directly for the form and the Knox Box itself.

It's easy and gives you peace of mind.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual BHI Warrior Weekend To Remember — April 19-23, 2018

Please join the community of Bald Head Island as it once again unites to bring five Purple Heart recipients and their families to the Island the weekend of April 19-23, 2018. The BHI Warrior Weekend committee is very proud to offer a weekend to remember for not only the service personnel, but also their caregivers and family. As one service member stated, “That’s rewarding in itself, just knowing that what we do is appreciated. This is a testimony of the citizens of Bald Head Island appreciating soldiers.”

In partnership with HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation, this is a unique opportunity for Bald Head Island to provide a weekend they will never forget. But we need your help. BHI Warrior Weekend organizer, John Fisher says, “It takes a village to put on an event like this.”

HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Keep in mind that 100% of the donations go toward this BHI event, and all donations are tax deductible. Contributions can be dropped off at Bald Head Association, located at 111 Lighthouse Wynd, or mailed to BHA at



PO Box 3030, Bald Head Island 28461. Checks should be made out to “HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation,” with “Bald Head Island” noted in the check description line. **NOTE: HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation is NOT affiliated with Wounded Warrior Project.**

Want to help give a soldier the thrill of a lifetime? Sponsor a tandem skydive jump! A \$500 donation will sponsor a tandem jump for one of the warriors and their spouse. Jumps take place on April 20 and April 21.

Housing is needed to host these warriors and their families. If you would like to donate your rental property, contact John Fisher at [johnlfisher86@gmail.com](mailto:johnlfisher86@gmail.com).

Save the date of Friday, April 20, for the Community Dinner, open to the public at BHI Club, to meet these service members and their families. There will be kids’ activities, guest speakers and a live band.

Want to see a 7-minute inspirational video of last year’s event? We will provide links on [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com), our Facebook page, our YouTube Channel (Bald Head Association) and in our E-blasts.

## Spring Island Litter Sweep

Saturday, March 31, 11:00am-1:00pm

Public Safety Department — Fire Station

Join us to help keep BHI pristine. Gloves, litter bags and grabbers are provided. Participants will be treated to coffee, donuts and Easter candy.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unusual litter found, and kids receive school community service credit. Thank you for volunteering!

## Village Chapel of BHI RE-CYCLE Project

The Village Chapel invites the Bald Head Island community to participate in our 2018 Mission Project — RE-CYCLE. The Chapel asks for your old bikes, bicycle parts, bike accessories and used computer equipment and printers. All of these items will be delivered to North Carolina’s “Bicycle Man,” an organization that enhances the lives of the less fortunate by refurbishing used bicycles and computer equipment and distributes these recycled items to about 1,500 children every Christmas.



For questions and donations, contact Gayle Sanders at 910-477-2346 and [gaylesanders@mail.com](mailto:gaylesanders@mail.com) or Anne Rex at 910-899-7918 and [anne@wpbaldhead.com](mailto:anne@wpbaldhead.com).

Calendar of Events

# The OLD BALDY FOUNDATION

2018

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**May** Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo  
17th-20th

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June 1st-3rd  
**North Carolina Treasures Weekend**

Save a weekend celebrating North Carolina Food, Art, Spirit and History Hosted by The Old Baldy Foundation

August 3rd - 5th  
**NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY WEEKEND**

Pay tribute to Old Baldy's maritime history during a weekend featuring fun for all ages including food, spirit, a 5k, 10k race and more!

SEPTEMBER 19TH  
Island Wide Employee Appreciation Day

Join us on the Lighthouse grounds during this day to honor the many employees whose hard work makes the Island run!

October 5th-7th  
**Roast and Toast on the Coast**

Don't miss this one of a kind weekend sponsored by Bald Head Island Limited and Seaman Living Magazine featuring an oyster roast, wine dinner and more. A portion of the proceeds are donated to Old Baldy.

**Memorial Day**  
May 28th

Gather on the Old Baldy Grounds for a service honoring fallen military service members.

4th of July  
**Golf Cart Parade**

Enjoy this beloved island tradition hosted by The Old Baldy Foundation. Participate by decorating your cart or join in on the fun as a spectator.

**Labor Day**  
Then and Now Home Tour

Tour some of the iconic and historic homes of Bald Head Island

**September 1st**

Light Up the Holidays

Be in a beautifully decorated tree for Christmas free as the annual Christmas Tree Auction (Free Auction)

NOVEMBER 23RD



### Pet of the Month — Dixie Mears

Although they have vacationed at Bald Head Island since the late 1990s, Scott and Mary Mears have been residents since retiring at the end of 2013. They had been “dogless” for about two-and-a-half years, after losing their German shepherd in 2011. Surprisingly, Scott was initially against owning a shepherd, thinking they were a ferocious breed, but he has since been made a believer.

Though they enjoyed the freedom that *not* having a pet provided, by 2016, they could stand it no longer. Scott and Mary thought adopting from a shelter was for them; however, finding a younger dog suitable for their lifestyle and the Island was surprisingly more difficult than they anticipated. After looking for several months, they decided to find their own puppy to raise. They traveled to a farm about two hours away from the coast and brought Dixie to Bald Head Island when she was just two months old, in the spring of 2016. The name Dixie was selected because of their fondness for their southern home and friends. Mary likened raising a puppy to having a baby in the house again — those 2:00am walks in the dark, forest yard can be a little unsettling.

Dixie was initially prone to motion sickness but has thankfully grown out of that, enabling her to travel in the car between western Pennsylvania and Bald Head Island, on the ferry and, of course, the



family golf cart, which she loves. She continues to find Bald Head Island to be one big adventure, encountering everything from turtles to deer while on her numerous walks each day. She particularly enjoys walking with her playmate (and boyfriend), B, owned by friends and neighbors, Suzi and Al Buzzard. Originally afraid of the ocean, Dixie has now become quite a fan of playing in it. Her favorite activity is to play with whatever stick she comes upon, awarding her the title of Bald Head Island’s official “branch manager.”



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## Old Baldy Quilt

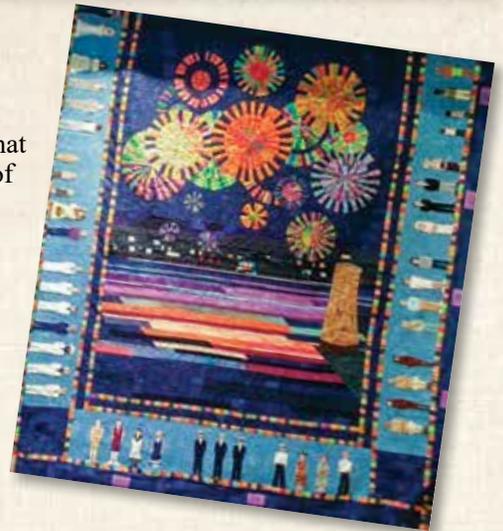
By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Foundation

With an important year celebrating 200 years of Old Baldy, the Old Baldy Quilters created a stunning quilt that lived up to the important historic occasion. The quilt, "Celebrate the Light: Old Baldy at 200," was handmade by Doreen Fairbank, Cathy Ward, Jane Johnson, Maria Clancy, Judy Porter, Tisha Graham, Wendy Walker, Carol Johnert, Marilyn Ridgeway and Jana Cruse.

The quilt was inspired by a photograph from Michael Ligett depicting Old Baldy with fireworks in the sky. To complement the image, the border of the quilt features characters from the Island over the past 200 years.

The raffle drawing took place on Saturday, January 27 at the Smith Island Social. The winning ticket belonged to Devin McCann. Although Mr. McCann was not present at the social,

he was thrilled and humbled to learn that he won this piece of art. The Old Baldy Foundation sold a record-breaking number of raffle tickets. All of the proceeds from the raffle go toward the foundation's mission of historic preservation and education.



# 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).

**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 Bald Head Island 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.

**Bald Head Island Artisans Show & Sale**  
**Saturday, March 31 / 10am-5pm**  
 Generator Society Hall / Association Center

Numerous unique, handcrafted items created by Island artisans will be on display. The very pretty American Girl Doll clothes are being joined by the Boy clothes. Beautiful, handcrafted jewelry will be available. Bird home replicas of historical BHI buildings and wood-carved fish decoys will be for sale. Admission is free, and this event is open to the public.

The Artisans are seeking new members. All Island residents and property owners who make their own handcrafted items are encouraged to join the Artisans. Items may include but are not limited to photographs, soaps, candles, children's clothing and toys, etc. For more information, please contact Sally Klippel at [sallyklippel@bellsouth.net](mailto:sallyklippel@bellsouth.net) or 404-692-8652.

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## BHI Ferry Transportation Authority — February Meeting

The BHI Ferry Transportation Authority held its regular monthly meeting and a special meeting in Southport on a bright spring day in late February. The special meeting allowed members to alter the Authority’s bylaws to allow for quarterly meetings, should members choose to do so in the future.

During the regular meeting, the Authority’s attorney, Hal Kitchin, briefed members on three issues. First, the Request for Qualifications process to identify a financial advisor was finalized and sent to thirteen different organizations requesting a response by the end of February. The organizations were asked to identify their abilities to estimate the value and purchase of the BHI ferry system and to help structure the bonds to purchase the system’s assets. The Authority’s Executive Committee will review the responses

and make a recommendation at the March meeting.

Members approved, with amendment, the interlocal agreement with Bald Head Island for advanced financial support. The agreement is scheduled for consideration by the BHI Village Council at its regular March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The interlocal agreement with the City of Southport for administrative support of the Authority was approved, as well.

Mr. Kitchin also discussed with the Authority members their responsibility to meet the Open Meetings and Public Records laws. The next meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Southport Community Building beginning at 9:15am.



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survey questions and the numbers of responses to each. The summarized “Vision” is a single overarching theme, followed by five general statements, each with a list of objectives.

In addition to the “Vision” itself, the bulk of the document addresses the responses to each survey question. Dominant common answers are quantified and prioritized. These summaries provide the foundation for the vision statements. Each survey question had at least one objective to help

direct future community investments and action. Responses were compared with question-specific goals. They, too, are presented, question by question, along with the quantified responses.

There is something for every islander and Island entity to consider from Vision 2025 as we work together to realize the potential of this unique Island. Sincere thanks are extended to all who took the time to participate.

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## Looking Out for Homeowners — Golf Cart Accidents and Owner’s Liability

By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island

During the summer of 2017, there was one unfortunate death on the Island’s roads and several instances of life-flight transits for head injuries. Officials say that a majority of the unnecessary emergency medical exits resulted from careless golf cart use and most occurred in carts from rental properties.

Homeowners who rent their houses assume enormous potential liability with respect to the carts that are rented with their home. There is no doubt that we live in a litigious society where lawsuits are often perceived like a lottery. As the owner of a golf cart associated with a home rental, are you aware of your liability? Have you spoken with your insurance agent about your exposure, should a rental guest be responsible for or the victim of a serious accident or death? How much do you pay each year for repairs to your cart(s) from rental guests? What documentation and or education do you provide to those who will use your golf carts?

Our Public Safety staff and volunteer first responders work tirelessly to answer every call they receive. Careless accidents garner the same attention as the medical emergencies for which responders are trained. The reality is that no matter how well a community is staffed for peak season, the relentless calls for avoidable golf cart accidents and the resulting injuries wear on all the dedicated responders.

If you haven’t already, talk with your insurance agent about your liability exposure and make sure your rental guests take seriously the Island’s road rules — actions that can help limit both your repair expenses and significant liability exposure. While homeowners are frustrated when renters abuse the carts from their homes, they are genuinely saddened when an accidental death or life-changing injury occurs due to a needless golf cart accident.

Who needs additional stress in their lives? Preventive action today can help give you peace of mind. 

## BHI Club Facilities Plan — Phase One Update

Great progress is being made on the new Aquatics Complex. If you are on the Island or have visited within the past couple of weeks, you have seen a great deal of infrastructure being established. The pool forms and rebar are in, and they are days away from pouring concrete. The Project Team has been diligently working to make sure Club members and guests will have a pool to enjoy this summer.

Ocean View Restaurant — The Club continues to collect name suggestions for the new restaurant, so keep them

coming! Suggestions can be emailed to [jallen@bhiclub.net](mailto:jallen@bhiclub.net).

The Renovation Updates link on the Club’s website is continually updated with the latest pictures, drone footage and schedule changes. It’s [www.bhiclub.net/renovation](http://www.bhiclub.net/renovation). 

## The Friends of Music Society Concert

Village BHI Chapel

**Friday, March 9 / 7:30pm**

Gabriel Crist, Teen prodigy pianist

**Friday, April 6 / 7:30pm**

The Cecilia Ensemble, Professional choir  
directed by Joel Scrapper

## Smith Island Junior Art League

**Friday, May 23 / 5:00-7:00pm**

Generator Society Hall / Association Center

The Memorial Day Art Show Special Exhibition of Junior Members will be held Friday, May 23, 5:00-7:00pm in Generator Society Hall at the Association Center.

This year’s theme is “Birds of Bald Head Island.” Original artwork includes drawing, watercolor, collage, paper mache’ and fabric.

Applications are due by April 20, 2018. 

### March

Howl at the Moon	3/1/2018	4:30pm
ARC–A Meeting	3/2/2018	9am
Card Class	3/7/2018	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	3/9/2018	1pm
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	7:45am
BHI Club Board of Governors	3/19/2018	9am
Pot Luck Dinner	3/19/2018	6pm
First Day of Spring	3/20/2018	
Palm Sunday	3/25/2018	
BHI Community Blood Drive	3/27/2018	
Maundy Thursday Service	3/29/2018	5pm
Good Friday	3/30/2018	
BHI Artisans Show & Sale	3/31/2018	10am
Turtle Trot	3/31/2018	9am
Spring Litter Sweep	3/31/2018	11am
Howl at the Moon	3/31/2018	4:30pm

### SAVE THE DATE in April:

Easter	4/1/2018	
Card Class	4/4/2018	2pm
ARC–A Meeting	4/6/2018	9am
FOM Concert	4/6/2018	7:30pm
BHA Board Meeting	4/13/2018	1pm
Pot Luck Dinner — <i>Season Finale</i>	4/16/2018	6pm
ARC–B Meeting	4/20/2018	9am
Howl at the Moon	4/29/2018	5pm

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# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 4:30pm (Access 39)	2 <b>ARC Meeting A</b> 9am (AC) <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 8am (VC) <b>ARC - B</b> Submission Deadline	3
4 10:00am <b>Rev. Richard Elliott</b> <i>Episcopal</i>	5 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	6 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:15am (VC)	7 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Card Making Class</b> 2pm (AC)	8 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	9 <b>BHA Meeting</b> 1pm (AC) <b>Friends of Music Concert</b> 7:30pm (Chapel)	10 <b>Timbercreek Annual Meeting</b> 10am (AC)
11 10:00am <b>Rev. Dr. Phil Smith</b> <i>Baptist</i>  <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b>	12 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	13 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	14 <b>Boy Scout Breakfast</b> 9am (AC)  <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	15 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	16 <b>ARC Meeting B</b> 9am (AC) <b>Men's Bible Study</b> 8am (VC) <b>VBHI Work Session</b> 9:30am (AC) <b>VBHI Council</b> 2:30pm (AC)	17 <b>Badwater Cape Fear</b> 7:45am (OB)
18 10:00am <b>Rev. Jim Everette</b> <i>Baptist</i>	19 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)  <b>Pot Luck Dinner</b> 6pm (AC)	20 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)  <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 10:15am (VC)  <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b>	21 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	22 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	23 <b>ARC - A</b> Submission Deadline	24
25 10:00am <b>Rev. Steven Conwell</b> <i>Baptist</i>  <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	26 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	27 <b>BHI Community Blood Drive</b> (AC)	28 <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	29 <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)  <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 5pm (VC)	30 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>BHA Office Closed</b>	31 <b>Turtle Trot</b> 9am (BHIC) <b>Litter Sweep</b> 11am (PSD) <b>BHI Artisan Show &amp; Sale</b> 10am (AC) <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 4:30pm / (Access 39)

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)

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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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