

President's Letter: Advantages of a Merger ~Judy Porter

I want to thank all property owners who have contacted Carrie or me with comments and questions about the proposed merger with Stage II. This helps us better understand the concerns and questions of our members and respond to them. It will make sense to members of both organizations to have Unified Covenants and Unified Design Guidelines. These should aid all property owners, architects, builders and landscapers in planning their work.

At the October 22nd meeting, the Bald Head Association board and staff gave a presentation followed by a question and answer session. This presentation, along with multiple merger documents, is available on our web site <u>http://www.</u> <u>baldheadassociation.</u> <u>com/merger</u>.



Some of the comments from members were "It's about time," and

"We have been waiting for years." Others asked for more information about specific items. We tried to answer every question and will endeavor to provide the same information to everyone who was not present at that meeting.

Last month, I wrote about the *process* that both associations are going through in the merger planning. This month, I want to write about the *advantages* which I feel that a merged organization will bring to current BHA property owners.

We probably will not see many financial benefits immediately, although we do not predict any additional costs for BHA owners. We do expect to see financial savings as we move forward. With the merged organization there will be savings in areas such as lawyer's fees, insurance and duplication of services. In addition, if it is necessary to pay the 2018 Battery 4 assessment, that amount will be spread over more participants. The BHA acts as the voice for - and provides information to - property owners who cannot vote in Village Council elections. We also keep owners aware of issues that would change the quality of life and value of property on the island. With a merger we will have additional dues to help with these costs and also have a stronger voice through additional numbers.

The support of ALL property owners is important. We are hoping for a 100% return of ballots at the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2017.

Please email Carrie <u>carrie@baldheadassociation.com</u> or me <u>rporters@bellsouth.net</u> with any comments or questions that you may have.

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We are thankful for our developer!



BALD HEAD ISLAND LIMITED

Bald Head Island Entity of the Month~ Bald Head Island Limited

As a young oil executive, George P. Mitchell realized there were finite energy resources and raw materials for a world whose population was increasing rapidly. He and his wife, Cynthia, became ardent supporters of sustainable, environmentally responsible economic growth. They spent their lives promoting sustainable development and contributed or pledged hundreds of millions of dollars toward clean energy and water research and sustainability science – and toward developing communities like The Woodlands in Texas and Bald Head Island.

The Mitchell family bought out Cambridge Properties and Walter R. Davis and purchased the remaining unsold and undeveloped portions of Bald Head Island from the Bald Head Island Corporation in 1983. It has been said that the Mitchell's scrapped BHI Corporation's plans to develop the Island into an activity-filled destination, complete with an airport and dog racing track.

Instead, the Mitchells began developing a community by supporting organizations such as the Village

Chapel, Old Baldy and the BHI Conservancy through capital contributions, land donations and endowments. The Mitchells donated the land where the Association Center sits and contributed a significant amount toward its construction costs.

With an increasing number of families discovering BHI in the 1980s and 1990s, the Mitchells invested in four ferry vessels and a barge to transport people and goods to and from the Island – something businesses, guests and property owners utilize every day.

The Island's infrastructure is crucial but often overlooked unless it is malfunctioning. BHI Limited has invested in the infrastructure for the roads, water, sewer treatment, telephone, Internet and even electricity for the entire Island.

BHI Limited donated 178 acres of Maritime Forest to the North Carolina Coastal Reserve in 1999, preserving a significant portion of the Island's center.

Like members of any family, the intentions of the developer and those of the community have at times been misaligned. However, BHI Limited has spent over three decades building a legacy that binds a distinctive sense of place, classic coastal architecture, family-friendly atmosphere and a protected natural environment into one remarkable place.

For that, we are most grateful.



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We are thankful for our creative neighbors!

BHI Artisans Holiday Show and Sale



The BHI Artisans will hold their Holiday Show and Sale on Saturday, November 26 at the BHI Club from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Numerous unique handcrafted items created by island artisans will be on display. Jewelry lovers will be

thrilled with the beautiful handcrafted jewelry with semi-precious stones, pearls, shells and fine glass. A variety of fabric art such as home décor, wall hangings, aprons, scarves, purses, quilts, handbags and tote bags are perfect holiday presents as well as soy candles. Children's clothing and gifts including outfits for American Girl dolls will be for sale.

Admission is free. Open to the public. For more information, please contact Sally Klippel at sallyklippel@bellsouth.net or 404-692-8652.



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If you are a contractor or business, please email info@everythingbhi.com for special advertising rates in the app's official island business directory. The Smith Island Art League Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show and Sale



The Smith Island Art League of Bald Head Island will hold its annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show and Sale on Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26, 2016, at 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 am to 5 pm each day. For more information, contact Prudy Weaver at 704-907-4287 or <u>pweaver2@carolina.rr.com</u>. The Art League members show a variety of styles and mediums such as photography, ceramics, oil and watercolor paintings, cards, prints, jewelry, fabric art, stained glass and more. Learn about the League and its artists at <u>www.</u> <u>smithislandartleague.com</u>.



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We are thankful for fishing!

2016 Bluefish Bonanza Wrapup! The weather

was perfect and the anglers were

numerous! The Bald Head Island Chamber of Commerce successfully conducted its third annual Bluefish Bonanza on October 14th and 15th at Riverside Adventure Company on Bald Head Island. Winnings of \$7,300 were distributed.

- First place winner in both the largest fish and total weight categories: John Cheesborough \$3,500
- Second place total weight: Steve Trujillo \$1,500 •
- Third place total weight: Peter Bloomfield \$750
- Largest Bluefish Lady Angler: Cory Johnson • \$500

Although a prize bluefish eluded the 20 Junior and one Pee Wee participants, each received a \$50 award in recognition of becoming potential award winning anglers.

All registered participants enjoyed meals provided by Delphina Cantina. Nightly band: Sound Creek.



Film making/photography by ARIMUSE. A silent auction and numerous raffles were also held during the two day event. The fourth annual Bluefish Bonanza will be held in October 2017 on Bald Head Island.



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We are thankful for the services on Bald Head Island!



Wednesday, December 14th, 2016 – Annual meeting packets containing proxies mailed to members

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at 9 am Bald Head Association Annual Meeting Location: Association Center

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at 7 pm Annual Smith Island Social Location: BHI Club



Coming Soon: More information about Island Mini Storage. The building is currently being manufactured. Sizes are tentatively set at 76-5 x 10s and 19-10 x 10s.

Reservations are being taken, all climate controlled. Stay tuned!



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Maritime Market Cafe Expansion and Renovations

If you've been to the Market recently, you've noticed the construction taking place adjacent to the Cafe. The Market Cafe is in the midst of a comprehensive renovation. Once completed, the renovations will include a new food line and menu offerings that will feature a salad bar, hot bar, pizza bar and reconfigured areas for beverages and check-out. The salad bar will also be set up as a fruit/yogurt/cereal bar during the breakfast hours, and beverage offerings will include draft beer & wines by the glass during the lunch/ dinner hours.

The Cafe will be completely redecorated, with new tile floors, paint & trim, lighting and new furnishings, and the renovations will nearly triple the indoor dining capacity. The renovated space will also provide more opportunities for private events, wine dinners and other social activities for islanders. The renovations are due to be completed by Thanksgiving.

November

| Card Making Class | 11/2/2016 | 2 pm |
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| Election Day | 11/8/2016 | |
| Howl at the Moon | 11/14/2016 | 4 pm |
| Thanksgiving | 11/24/2016 | |
| Smith Island Art League | 11/25-26/2016 | 10 am |
| Merry Madness Sale | 11/25/2016 | 10 am |
| BHI Artisans | 11/26/2016 | 3 pm |
| Light up the Holidays | 11/26/2016 | 4 pm |

Click the *Events* tab on our website for more info! www.baldheadassociation.com

SAVE THE DATE in December:

| 12/7/2016 | 2 pm |
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| 12/9/2016 | 1 pm |
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We are thankful for Old Baldy!



Hours of operation: Mondays Closed Tuesday- Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 11 am - 4 pm Closed on Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving

Historic Tours run every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 10:15 am

Upcoming Events:

The Old Baldy Foundation is excited to announce that the Christmas Trees are in! Come by the lighthouse to pick up your tree and join in on the traditional tree decorating for the Annual Light Up the Holidays Tree Auction. Once your tree is decorated please return it and it will be entered into the tree auction. All proceeds raised will go towards the historic preservation projects. The event takes place on Saturday, November 26th at the Bald Head Island Club. The public is welcome to come by at 4 pm and a reception will begin at 5 pm.

Mark your calendars for the Merry Madness Sale! On Friday, November 25th the Old Baldy Lighthouse Gift Shop will have a 20% off of gift shop merchandise sale from 10 am til 4 pm! Join Old Baldy for a day of holiday cheer & score unique, custom made gifts for friends & family. Cookies, Mulled Cider & Hot Chocolate will be provided for guests!

The Old Baldy Lighthouse is turning 200 next year and we have a calendar full of events to celebrate. Go to www.oldbaldy.org to find out more! (All 2017 events will be posted on November 1st)



We are thankful for the Chapel!

The Village Chapel of BHI has been providing a place for worship and celebration for 30 years. The island community has had several celebrations of this anniversary already and still has more events on the calendar.

- November 26, 2016 Special show of art featuring the Chapel (Smith Island Art League)
- December 9, 2016 Live Nativity
- April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

We are thankful for the island's generosity



Help make the holiday special for children everywhere when you donate to this year's Toys for Tots US Marine Corps program.

From November 24th to December 14th please bring UNWRAPPED, NEW toys to the collection trunk displayed in the BHI Club lobby.

We are thankful for the island's furry and feathered friends

Marley

Marley is the beloved cat of Larry and Florence McKeithan and resides in Nashville, Tennessee, when not on Bald Head Island. Marley loves to keep Florence company while she is knitting or reading. A favorite pastime is watching the birds and squirrels and



Marley will gladly show you where the cat food is kept in case you should forget!

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We are thankful for our rich history!



Courtesy of The Way It Was, A Pictorial History of the Southport Area.

Cornucopia

~ by Susan Grantier, Old Baldy Foundation reprinted from Island Report November, 2015

As we enter the height of fall and the holidays approach, thoughts of abundance, harvest, and tables laden with delicious bounty fill our head. With this in mind, here are some snippets from history about the link between food, beverages and Bald Head Island.

There is plenty of physical evidence that Native Americans would come to the island and plunder the tidal creeks for the plentiful shellfish. They would gorge themselves for days and piles of their discarded shells can still be seen today.

The first English settlement attempt, Charles Town at present day Town Creek, was abandoned after about six months. As they departed, they left their cattle on Bald Head Island. It was later observed the Native Americans continued to cultivate the livestock.

Lighthouse Keepers supplemented their food stores with hunting and fishing. Spot would run in the fall, and what wasn't sold in Southport was salted down to preserve. Cap'n Charlie was an excellent hunter and would often bag his limit of Marsh Hens.

Speaking of Cap'n Charlie, he planted fig and peach trees on the island. When the peaches were ripe, the keepers' families enjoyed fresh homemade peach ice cream.

T.F. Boyd bought the island in 1917. While he tried to figure out a way to develop it as a vacation destination, he tried his hand at raising livestock. He was very successful, apparently. By 1933 it was reported that the island was overrun by 1500 sheep and 500 hogs, many of them feral.

In the 1940s, island owner Frank Sherrill had a

superintendent living on the island with a couple of field hands, experimenting with raising crops. The main produce was peas and lettuce, and up to 10 - 15 pickers would be hired to harvest the crops which were then shipped to nearby markets in Wilmington.

Commercial fishermen from Southport would come to the island to haul great catches of menhaden fish, often right off the beach.

Enterprising youth from Southport would row over to the island in the 1930s and dig up the nests of sea turtle eggs, which they then sold to housewives in Southport. Turtle eggs were a prized delicacy in the old days.

Finally, this gem: in 1927 Federal Prohibition officers raided Bald Head Island and captured a complete distillery plus 20 gallons of liquor. An abandoned still was also found, with cement vats capable of holding 115,000 gallons.

All info from these sources: *Bald Head A History* of Smith Island and Cape Fear, by David Stick, Cap'n Charlie and the lights of the lower Cape Fear by Ethel Herring and Southport Volume III by Bill Reaves. All are available for sale at the lighthouse gift shop.



Fishing has always been popular and plentiful on Bald Head Island, Old Baldy Collection

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2016 Sea Turtle Season Update

This season was a record-breaking sea turtle **BHI CONSERVANCY** nesting season! Overall, there were 102

nests laid on Bald Head Island. This is the most nests BHI has seen in over 20 years. All nests this summer were Loggerhead sea turtle (Caretta caretta) nests. The nesting season stretched over 111 days, with the first nest being laid May 11th, and the last August 30th. The hatching season began on July 19th, and

is not over yet! There are still two nests incubating on our beaches.



This summer,

43% of the nests laid on Bald Head Island were relocated. BHI Conservancy Sea Turtle Biologist and Sea Turtle Interns determined when relocations were necessary, and followed both Conservancy and NC state standards for ensuring the safety of the eggs during the relocation. Eighteen nests were relocated due their proximity to an eroding escarpment. Ten nests were laid precariously close to the tide line, while another fifteen were relocated due to being laid in a narrow stretch of beach known to be inundated at high tides.

This summer saw two large storms. Hurricane Hermine passed over Bald Head Island as a tropical storm over Labor Day weekend. Hurricane Matthew passed as a Category 1 hurricane on October 8th. Both storms had an associated storm surge that covered most of South Beach. Three nests were significantly washed over by Hermine, and did not hatch as a result. Matthew hit when only one nest was left on South Beach – we are still unsure of the impact of the storm on the remaining nest. Besides the three nests washed over by Hermine, three others did not hatch this summer due to unknown causes. Hurricane Matthew resulted in some sand loss, which actually exposed a nest that had been missed during regular patrols. This nest appeared to have hatched.

Of the nests that have hatched so far (e.g. not including Nest #100 and Nest #101), the average



hatching success rate has been over 77%, which is above the last five-year average. Sixty of the inventoried nests had a hatching success rate

over 80%, which is fantastic! So far, over 8,000 hatchlings have made it the ocean from our beaches

this summer.

Many thanks to the Volunteer Nest Monitors for their countless hours dedicated to



monitoring and protecting Bald Head Island's nests and hatchlings as well as the community and visitors to the island for their interest and participation in our conservation efforts this summer!

Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Rescue

On October 13, 2016, the BHI Conservancy received a call that a fisherman off of beach access 5 accidentally caught a sea turtle. The Conservancy staff arrived at the scene to discover that it was a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle, not very common on BHI, and estimated to be 5-7 years old. A large Stainless

steel hook was in its throat. With the help of the fishermen nearby, the Conservancy staff was able to remove the hook from the



sea turtle's throat. Harper Peterson and the staff of Delphina's helped get the sea turtle into a bin with moist salt water towels and transported it to the state sea turtle stranding coordinator who assessed the turtle and determined it would be fine. The stranding coordinator then took it to the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue & Rehabilitation Center in Surf City, NC for a brief rehab to heal its throat, then it will be released.

Many thanks to the fishermen, the dock master, Harper Peterson and his staff for their help in rescuing the Kemp's Ridley. It will be returned to the wild because of the generosity of the Bald Head Island community.

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