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Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

In February's "Trees Part 1 — Why Protect Trees" article, we discussed the many direct benefits that trees provide, part of the reason why BHA is focused on spreading the word about tree protection. We also discussed preventing improper tree removal, trimming and cutting on Bald Head Island.

According to BHI Conservancy's survey estimating Hurricane Florence's damage to trees

on Bald Head Island, "Scaled-up total loss of trees was a median of 4,000 trees lost for Bald Head Island proper, not including the Coastal Reserve, with an additional 1,000 trees lost on Middle Island." There are additional trees and seedlings that were compromised during Hurricane Florence's flooding that may not show their effects until months or years after the fact.

Though we cannot control the tree damage of past and future storms, there is something BHA and property owners — that's you — can do to help. Plant a tree! Or two or three! Every Bald Head Island property owner who chooses to participate will have a direct positive impact on the Island they love, for generations to come.

Though spring brings thoughts of new plantings, that is the time their energy is focused on their top-growth. A strong plant root system establishes a healthy plant, which is why fall is the best time to plant new trees and shrubs. Cold weather below 55 degrees (at a depth of six inches) shuts down root growth. Proper

soil preparation, planting, water regiments and mulching are all important steps to sustain a healthy tree and shrub, so work with

your landscaping service provider to schedule planting preparation.

Now is a good time to start looking around your lot and researching what types of trees to plant and where to plant them. BHA encourages the planting of native plants and trees. A list is provided in the Design Guidelines,

starting on page 150. Visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

In the coming months, BHA will revise the ARC approval process for tree planting to make it simple and easy. We will also look at BHA Common Area and develop a plan for replanting, working with other BHI entities to do the same across Bald Head Island.

Since 2012, Bald Head Island has been listed as a Tree City USA as by the Arbor Day Foundation. According to the foundation's website, to be named a Tree City USA, a community must meet "four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day."

We heard from many property owners following the February article on trees, including some great questions about understory and vines. Stay tuned for additional information. And keep sharing your ideas and questions with BHA.

What I & What BHA do about TREES

BHA's Insurance Q&A Roundup

Many questions about insurance arose in the wake of Hurricane Florence. Property owners dealing with a storm for perhaps the first time have learned the importance of a good insurance policy and a well-informed agent in preventing

problems after a hurricane.

On Saturday, February 16, 2019, BHA hosted a panel of insurance professionals to answer property owners' questions.

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ARC is your resource for all work pre-approvals and can help you comply with BHA's Design Guidelines. 2019 ARC Meeting Schedules are on the website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Planning a renovation project or new construction?
Want to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
Thinking about any landscape changes?

Ask ARC before any work begins!

Months and Years after Hurricane Florence — Flood Damage to Trees

It's all in the tiny details. Some trees and seedlings that weathered the storm and appear fine today could have been affected by floodwaters on a microscopic level, affecting the tree's health and not showing their damage until months or years afterwards.

Flooding reduces a tree's oxygen, especially in the upper six inches of soil, where its fine roots are located. This can kill those fine roots, which are the tree's pipeline for water and oxygen. Without adequate water and oxygen through a compromised pipeline, its foliage begins to wilt. It can take months or years for a mature tree to recover from flooding, and affected trees may need your help. This is a period of vulnerability for flooded trees for attacks by pests and

pathogens, so monitor your trees for any disease outbreak.

According to the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, "During this time you should not fertilize the trees or prune any living branches from the crown unless they are broken. Dead branches should be removed [check with ARC regarding approvals first]. As the soils dry, you may need to water your tree. Much of the root systems will have been damaged, and your tree may not have a sufficient number of roots left to absorb the necessary amounts of water to sustain itself."

Flooding has also affected the soil structure, anaerobic ecology and chemical activity surrounding the tree roots, so inspect your trees regularly to ensure their health.

Redbay Trees on BHI

Redbay ambrosia beetles are continuing to affect redbay trees on Bald Head Island. BHA is seeing an increase in dying and dead redbay trees, from the beetles' damage. According to the U.S. Forest Service, "The beetles thrive in large trees, which may explain why these are killed first. Recently, dead redbay trees attract redbay ambrosia beetles by the thousands. ... The whole process from attack to emergence of new beetles can happen in 50 days, depending on the time of the year. Each female produces an average of 23 young but can produce up to 300."

Redbays are also susceptible to damage due to flooding.

According to a study by the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society, Redbays "exhibited greatly reduced growth and vigor as a result of increased flooding with saltwater. Redbay seedlings were very susceptible to saltwater flooding, with significant mortality and growth reductions after one day of flooding."

If you have a dying or dead redbay tree, contact Karen at ARC for proper approvals and recommendations for cutting and mulching, in order to minimize continual beetle effects. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or email Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Spring Is Near — Are You Looking at Altering Your Landscaping?

It's a good time for an ARC review and approval reminder. First and most importantly, as you look at the landscaping around your home and consider cutting, trimming and/or planting, make certain the areas you are looking at are **ON YOUR LOT** — not on BHA Common Area (which must be pre-approved by the BHA Board of Directors); not on someone else's property; and not on SILT (Smith Island Land

Trust) lots, which are deemed to remain as is, with no cutting of any kind allowed.

Review the Design Guidelines (www.BaldHeadAssociation.com) for details on trimming, maintaining and planting, starting on page 145. Here are the general landscaping concerns: "ARC review and approval is required before the removal of trees 3 inches in diameter measured 48" along the trunk from ground level, tree limbs of 3 inches or more in diameter, clustered growth vegetation 2 square feet or more at ground level, regardless of branching habits or diameter of the branches. Within the understory, ARC approval is also required to remove vegetation 1 inch or greater in diameter measured 48" along the trunk from ground level."

Landscaping Service Providers

If you use a service provider for your landscaping, don't forget to verify that the owner and all of their workers know and strictly follow the Design Guidelines for ARC approvals before any work begins. The property owner, not the service contractor, is ultimately responsible if any violations occur.

2019 TALLY TO DATE BHA-owned Common Area Tree Violations

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Continued from page 1 (BHA's Insurance Q&A Roundup)

BHA received numerous questions prior to the event for the panel to answer. To help ensure proper insurance coverage for BHI homes and golf carts, BHA encourages every current, new and potential property owner to view the recorded session and discuss their insurance coverage with their agent. Both the event and the NCDOI (North Carolina Department of Insurance) presentation links are on the BHA homepage at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Panelists included Dr. Michelle Osborne, Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCDOI; Marcia Kelly, Regional Director — Coastal Southeast, NCDOI; Angela P. Hatchell, Deputy Commissioner Agent Services Division, NCDOI; Jerry Frye, Hazard Mitigation Program Supervisor Floodplain Management and Insurance, FEMA/DHS; and Bob Keiger, retired insurance professional and BHI homeowner.

According to Dr. Osborne, homeowners on Bald Head Island should have these policies at a minimum:

1. Flood policy
2. Standard homeowners policy (i.e., HO-3 or HE-7), including wind-driven rain, replacement cost for house and endorsements such as sewage backup
3. Wind and hail policy
4. Auto policy for golf carts

Dr. Osborne explained that a dwelling policy is not a comprehensive policy. And a dwelling policy does not cover wind-driven rain. Named perils coverage on a dwelling policy is not comprehensive. Though it may be less expensive, you should ask your agent the best form for the risk. Dr. Osborne said, "I would rather see you have a higher deductible than have a dwelling policy."

She recommends getting an HO-3 or HE-7 policy, and you should add a replacement cost so that you don't receive a depreciated amount of your home's value if it is destroyed. An HO-3 policy covers mold up to \$5,000.

Dr. Osborne added that golf carts should be covered on an auto policy, not homeowners policy, and homeowners should carry both comprehensive and collision. Golf carts on a homeowners policy are not covered for liability or for flood. Panelist Bob Keiger added that homeowners should review their deductible for golf carts and verify the location that the rate is based.

A widely discussed topic following Hurricane Florence was refrigerators — the food loss and cleaning up the smelly mess. Dr. Osborne explained that a refrigeration coverage endorsement is under an HO-3 and has a maximum coverage of \$500. She continued, "Don't just turn in a claim. The insurance companies look at how many claims you have."

Dr. Osborne's presentation discussed the definition of a flood and what does not constitute a flood, which is covered by the federal government. She clarified that water damage from a windstorm is covered by a wind and hail policy, not a flood policy. Of the 10.2 million people in North Carolina, there are 134,000 flood insurance policies. Jerry Frye added that for the 15,047 flood claims filed following Hurricane Florence, \$593 million has been paid to this point. He said, "If you live in an area that has rain, you should have flood insurance."

There are separate adjusters for wind and flood, which rely on inspection of the property and expert opinions. Flood disputes are handled in federal court, and wind and hail disputes are handled in state court.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Bald Head Island's additional charges for materials and labor costs (to cover barge, ICE vehicle permits, ferry and parking costs) that are not represented in the general 28461 zip code for Brunswick County. When one homeowner posed this question to the panel, stating that adjusters are not taking this into consideration with estimates, Bob said, "You have articulated the crux of the problem." Dr. Osborne promised to research this need and return with some answers.

For NCJUA/NCIUA (North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association/North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association) claims handling, North Carolina allows three years to file a claim. There were many more important points made about insurance coverage, such as for an evacuation, which doesn't necessarily mean that the insurance company has to pay for loss of use.

NCDOI is working on statewide flood initiatives such as educating realtors and brokers, educating consumers and allowing private companies in North Carolina to sell flood insurance. More information will be forthcoming.

At the end of the event, one homeowner said, "I took lots of notes, and I'm talking with my insurance agent on Monday." Do you have additional questions about insurance? NCDOI contact phone numbers are listed on their presentation, which you can view on the BHA website (www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). Dr. Osborne shared her direct phone number during the event, which is 919-807-6006. For FEMA questions, contact Jerry Frye at 202-431-8193 or Jerry.Frye@fema.dhs.gov.

We encourage property owners to share their feedback regarding this event and future information session topics on the evaluation form link on the website. Help us help you better by sending your completed evaluation to Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Payment Coupons Are in the Mail!

Coupons for the 2019 assessments (a.k.a. annual dues) have been mailed to all property owners. There are two options for payment this year. Those who choose can mail a check along with their respective coupon to BHA's lockbox, or payments can be made online via BHA's website (www.BaldHeadAssociation.com).

We regret that the coupons were mailed slightly later than anticipated, but not to worry, payments are not considered late until after April 15th, and interest will not begin to accrue on late payments until after May 1st. Contact BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 with any questions.

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Village of Bald Head Island — Sand Dredging on BHI

By Daralyn Spivey, Village of BHI Clerk

In February I was afforded the opportunity to attend a “Dredging 101” course with personnel from the Division of Coastal Management and Marinex, the dredging company that is currently working on the Village’s Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project. This project will help to alleviate damage to homes and infrastructure caused by coastal erosion from storm events.

Before the first anchor lines drop for the dredgers to begin their work, decisions such as costs, payment, permitting, beach designs, borrow locations, the required amount of sand and what the available work windows will be, just to name a few, will be made. The borrow sight — Jay Bird Shoals — has been divided into three sections. Section 1 and a portion of Section 2 have been used in the past and still provide the beach-quality sand the Village’s permit from the Division of Coastal Management requires. Section 3 has not been used to date.

For this job, Marinex is using the dredge Savannah, which sits about a 10-minute boat ride offshore. This particular dredge is designed as a “cutter dredge,” in that it has a cutter head on the bow that sits on the bottom. It pulls the sand and water through pumps and pipes that sit on the river bottom and, ultimately, onto the beach. The dredging continues 24 hours a day around the clock. The Savannah has a daytime crew of 11 and nighttime crew of nine. The Savannah has no engines on board for propulsion but relies on a series of anchors and lines to move along a grid, referred to as a “cut.” As the dredge moves forward on a set of anchor lines, the stern anchor lines feed out and the bow lines pull in. As the dredge moves back, the opposite happens. Any time the dredge needs to move, outside of actual dredging (such as bad weather when they anchor near Battery Island), it must be moved by a tug — in this case, the Captain Rip.


While sand is being pumped from the Savannah, the team on the beaches use bulldozers and other heavy equipment to move the sand to the area that is being filled, as the project moves along the beach. This crew is constantly surveying the beaches to record the additional sand being placed. As it pumps from

Sand dredging on South Beach.
Photo courtesy Village of BHI.



the pipe onto the beach, it is called a “slurry.” In that slurry, a good pumping ratio is about 20% sand and 80% water. Where the slurry ejects from the pipe, there is a specially designed tip made to spray the water and sand mixture, instead of allowing it to just pour onto the beach. This spraying will slow down the “ditching” that occurs when water run-off happens.


There are also a series of dikes built of sand to control the runoff and contain the sand in a given location as the beach equipment pushes it where it needs to be. At locations along the piping on the dry sand beach, there are Y-valves used, allowing for a high pipe and a low pipe. That Y-valve can shift the slurry from the high line to the low line and vice versa, so piping can be moved forward along the beach, allowing for the dredge to continue pumping without downtime while piping is being moved. The team on the beach ensures there is proper grade, depth and, most importantly, the width, among many other things, as the sand makes its way to the beach within the fill template as designed by the Village’s Coastal Engineer.

Reports are sent back daily to the Village’s Coastal Engineer so there is accountability and recording of the work being done. If the engineer needs to make any changes or adjustments, he has real-time information on which to base those changes. 

Village of Bald Head Island — Mulch from Hurricane Florence Debris

By Jeff Griffin

The grinding of vegetative debris from Hurricane Florence by CrowderGulf has been completed. As part of this project, the Village made a request to keep the byproduct (mulch) on the


Island for the use of residents, property owners and contractors. In February, the Village transferred mulch from the temporary debris management site at Swan Quarter off of South Bald Head Wynd to our permanent Timbercreek mulch site, off of North Bald Head Wynd. 



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2019 BHA Annual Meeting Recap

BHA’s 2019 Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, January 26th. It was standing room only, with over 100 property owners filling the room to hear updates and learn about accomplishments not only from BHA but also from each of the Island’s major entities. Members overwhelmingly approved the Covenants changes recommended by the Board and John Fisher was re-elected and John Kinney was elected to the Board of Directors. Later that day, the Board elected the following officers: John Fisher, President; Anne Boozell, Vice President; and Robert Drumheller, Secretary/Treasurer. Profiles of Board members can be found on BHA’s website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/board-roster. 

The BHI Beat *John Fisher, BHA Board President*

Summer Economics Affect Many Entities on BHI

It is now six months after Hurricane Florence hit Bald Head Island. Property owners have run the spectrum from no or little damage to their homes and/or golf carts to tear-down-to-the-studs, total renovations and repairs. Some have now completed their repairs, some are waiting on contractors' availability and others have yet to set foot on BHI to view the damage for themselves.

Property owners, their family and guests, day-trippers and renters all comprise a unique economic benefit to Bald Head Island's businesses and organizations — from Old Baldy, Maritime Market, BHI Club, cart and bicycle rentals, restaurants and shops, recreation rentals and more. This economic boost generally increases from spring to fall, with the bulk increase occurring during prime season — the summer.

With homes facing various issues from Hurricane Florence and with some contractors overwhelmed with work and creating a waiting list, BHA would like to understand how the summer 2019 season is shaping up.

If you did not participate in February's E-blast survey regarding the condition of your BHI home for yourself and/or renters, we ask you to share your feedback with us anonymously. Your insight will help BHA and other BHI entities understand and gauge for this

summer's potential economics.

In BHA's upcoming E-blast in March, we will ask property owners who did not participate in the February survey to respond to these questions:

1. Do you use your BHI home for only yourself, family and guests? If so, is it currently in live-in condition?
2. Do you rent your BHI home? If so, is it currently ready for the rental season?
3. If your home is not currently in live-in condition (for renters or for yourself), when do you estimate it will be?
4. Have you not visited your BHI home after Hurricane Florence? If so, have you engaged someone to assess its condition, both inside and outside?
5. If your home is in need of repair, are you having difficulty finding a reputable contractor and scheduling the repairs?

Not signed up for the BHA E-Blast? Sign up now! Go to www.BaldHeadAssociation.com or email Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com and ask to subscribe.

BHA has several projects in 2019 to enhance our members' services. Let us know if you have any thoughts or questions. Email Carrie at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Quick History Lesson on Beach Renourishment Project

The current beach renourishment project is BHI's third taxpayer-funded sand project to place sand back on the Island's beaches. It was approved by residents in May 8, 2018, as part of the Municipal Election that year.

The Village's present-day shoreline management plan is predicated on the long-standing Wilmington Harbor Sand Management Plan (WHSMP). BHI received its last channel maintenance federal disposal of sand on the Island in 2015, prior to the terminal groin construction. The last channel maintenance federal disposal event was scheduled for late 2017. However, in the absence of congressional funding, the project was

rescheduled for late 2018 with sand placement on Caswell Beach and Oak Island. Without a taxpayer-supported supplemental fill this winter to fill "hot spots," the earliest BHI might receive federal-channel-maintenance sand would be in 2021.

The project will use Jay Bird Shoals as a borrow site, with one million cubic yards of sand to be placed east of the terminal groin along South Beach. In addition, the Village will replace nearly all of the geotextile tubes that are damaged beyond repair.

Visit BHA's website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news to view an informative poster developed by the Village for voters during the election and photos of the work in progress.

Voting on Bald Head Island

BHI property owners often ask how they can have a "voice" in decisions that are made, particularly those that require voting. Voting in Brunswick County and North Carolina requires that owners meet certain criteria before they can register to vote in

any election. They must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a legal resident domiciled in Brunswick County and

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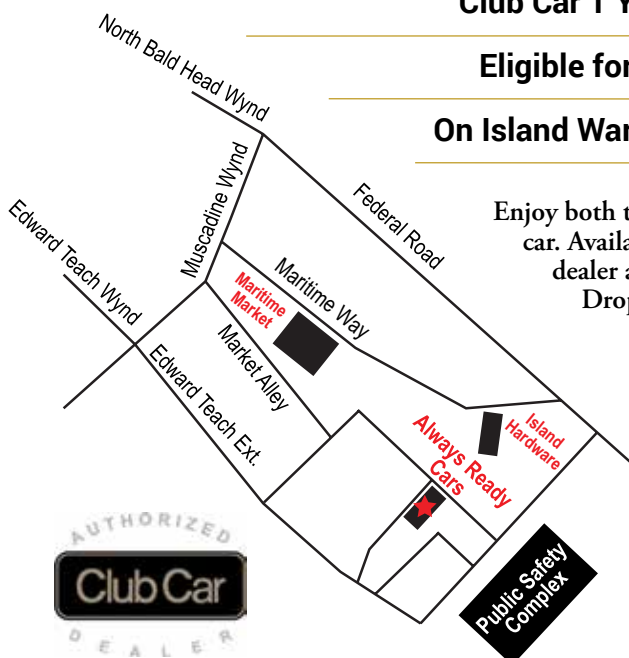
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The Water Beneath Bald Head Island

By Chris Shank, BHI Conservancy
Executive Director

Below the sandy soils of barrier islands and often hidden from view until storms bring substantial rainfall events, are freshwater aquifers. Most people have a notion of the term “groundwater,” but few have a sense of the dynamics of how groundwater flows within and out of an aquifer. On barrier islands, the freshwater in the aquifer is supplied by rainfall that infiltrates the sandy soils. For some barrier island locations, including Bald Head Island, the aquifer is used as a source of drinking water, which substantially reduces water supply costs.

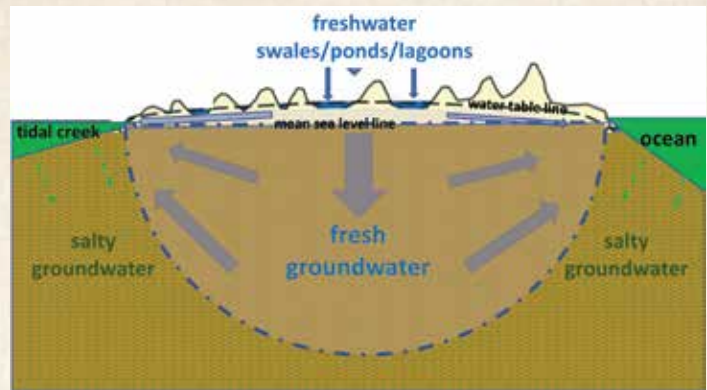
Question: What happens to this freshwater after disappearing into the ground?

Freshwater accumulates and forms a lens or “bubble” with its top (a.k.a. water table) highest near the island’s center. This freshwater then flows beneath the sandy soils by gravity towards the lower elevation edges of the island or is forced deeper into the bottom of the bubble, depending on where the freshwater entered the subsurface. Ultimately, the freshwater flowing below the island’s surface meets up with belowground saltwater surrounding the island below the marsh and along the beaches and nearshore environment. Two important things to understand about the freshwater bubble:

1. The freshwater bubble exerts strong outward pressure on the belowground seawater surrounding and underneath the island, which keeps salty water from intruding in and up directly under the island and harming the roots of our precious forest trees.
2. Groundwater moves slowly because its exit path is challenging having to move around sand and soil particles before reaching a belowground saltwater-freshwater boundary, where it awaits its ultimate exit via slow transport into the seawater realm near the fringes of the island.

Question: Why do many interiors of Bald Head Island flood?
There are two things to understand here, as well:

1. Water flows downhill by gravity only as fast as it can be discharged along the island edges, so if the top of freshwater bubble is already high at any location, it will breach the land surface and produce aboveground flooding.
2. Lower elevations between surrounding higher dune ridges (a.k.a. dune swales) serve as rainfall collection focal points as groundwater moves downhill from both sides before



Generalized cross-section of freshwater bubble below barrier island. Image provided by BHI Conservancy.

reaching a gravity equilibrium point, where it awaits transport and discharge along the island’s perimeter. If substantial amounts of rain occur, as did during Hurricane Florence, the water table gets so high that it breaches the surface all across the island and the bubble can’t “deflate” until the pressure is relieved by the slow discharge of flow around the island perimeter.

Question: Can’t the Village pump away enough freshwater before a storm to reduce flooding?

This is challenging for a couple of reasons. Imagine if the predicted storm did not produce as much rain as was forecasted but the Village had already pumped enough water to lower the important outward pressure of the freshwater bubble. The potential for saltwater intrusion into the soils around the island would increase. Additionally, any swale location that sits at considerably lower elevation than adjacent dune ridges will remain wet because it is nearer to the top of the water table (which may have breached the ground at the lower elevation) and because gravity will continue to bring water from the surrounding higher elevations until the bubble is in equilibrium.

In summary, although freshwater delivered by rains can cause flooding issues around the island, the aquifer that sits below us is just as important as the saltwater that surrounds us. It provides the island with drinking water and helps keep salty water from seeping beneath our forest soils. Of course, there is always too much of a good thing, and we don’t need another Florence over-inflating our freshwater bubble ever again.

Congratulations! The BHI Conservancy’s Sea Turtle Protection Program has received an award from the International Sea Turtle Society for being exemplary in advancing the cause of sea turtle biology and conservation. Visit BHIC.org for details.

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BHA Assessment Coupons

BHA Assessment coupons were mailed the end of February. Though the due date shows March 15, there will be no interest charged until May 1, 2019. If you are paying on the BHA website (www.BaldHeadAssociation.com), the amount will show \$0, so you must enter the amount from your invoice(s) manually. This is the first year that the account number on your invoice is the account number to use for payment.

If your amount due is \$1,000 or more, contact Carol Gurda at Carol@BaldHeadAssociation.com for instructions on how to make quarterly payments, should you desire..

Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority February 2019 Meeting

Members of the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority heard a series of updates in the 15 minutes of open session during the Authority's February 2019 meeting. The Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for both Deep Point Marina and the BHI Ferry Terminal have been completed by S&ME, Inc., and provided to the Authority's counsel for review. As of press time, the appraisals from Moffatt and Nichols have not yet been received by the Authority but are anticipated any day. An RFP is being developed to solicit bids for a turn-key operator with the help of experts, including potentially the Passenger Vessel Association. The Authority is considering three operational takeover plans. The result will most likely be a hybrid approach. Davenport & Company reported on plans to meet with staff of the Local Government Commission to discuss submitting a final application for the acquisition of the ferry system.

The Authority's next meeting will be held on March 20th at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building at 223 E. Bay Street in Southport. Property owners are encouraged to attend.

Notary Public on BHI

Looking for a Notary Public on Bald Head Island? Staff at the Village of BHI, Bald Head Association and BHI Club (for BHI Club members only) can help. Call first for availability, and you must bring proper identification.

Drip-Edge/Drip-Line Communities with Sub-Associations

For a listing of sub-association contacts, visit the BHA website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com, click on "About BHA," then click on "BHA Dues." Listed on page 5 are the 2019 sub-association contacts. These communities include: Flora's Bluff/Killegray Ridge, The Hammocks, Ibis Roost, Lighthouse Landing, Royal James, Sabal Palms, Timbercreek and The Villas.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

The BHI Department of Public Safety is collecting expired medications for safe disposal on **Wednesday, April 3, from 9:00am-4:00pm**. The Public Safety Complex is located at 273 Edward Teach Ext. Open to the public, you can drop off your expired medications.

Federal Government Shutdown Affects BHI Deer Herd Management

The federal government shut down for 35 days between December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019. Because of the shutdown, plus staffing and permitting issues, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has not yet received the drug GonaCon. GonaCon, a contraceptive drug, is used by the Bald Head Island Conservancy to control the deer population on BHI. Executive Director Chris Shank anticipates being able to complete GonaCon drug administration by April.

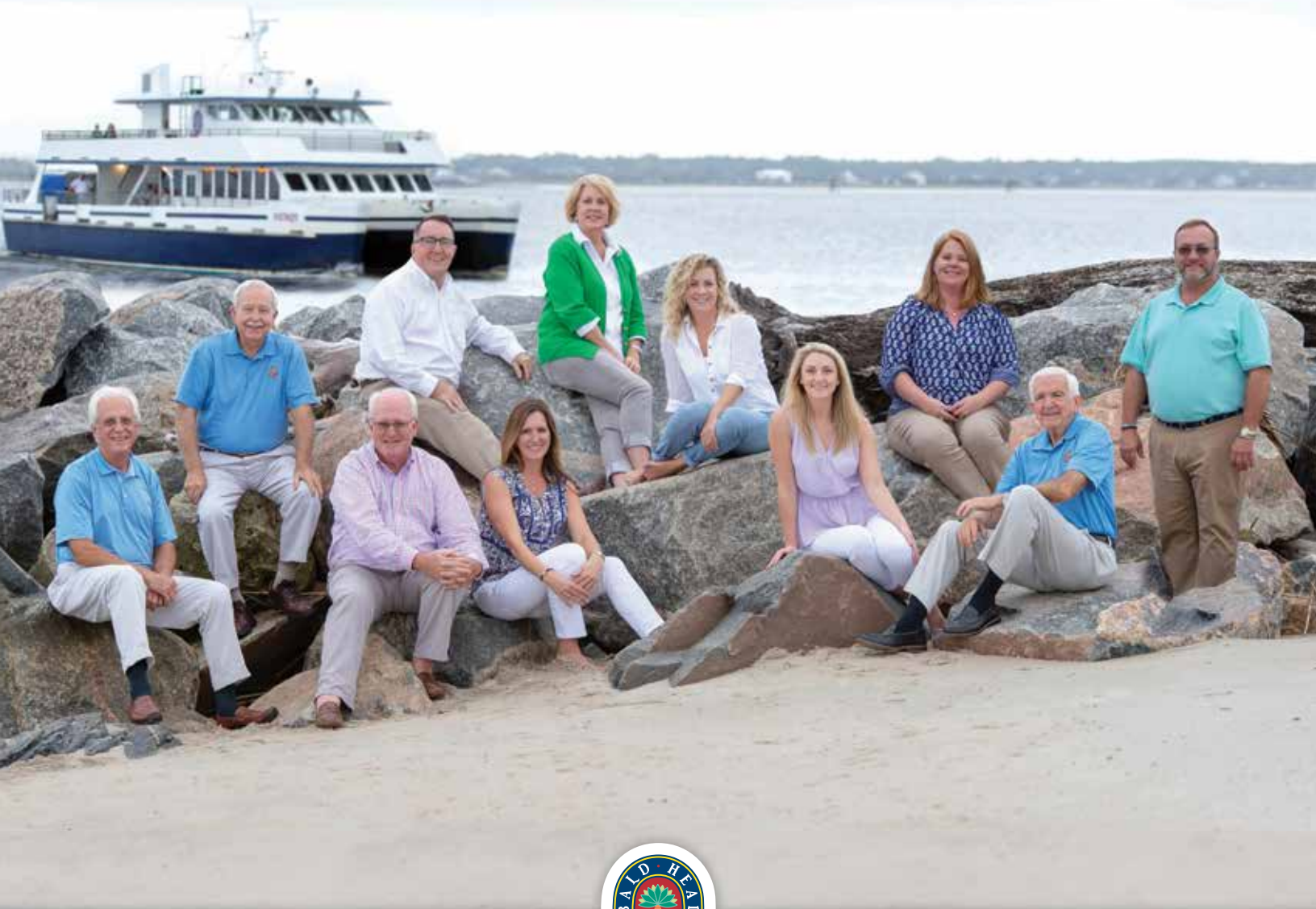
Homeowners Recovery Fund

The North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors has a brochure titled "A Consumer's Guide to North Carolina's Homeowners Recovery Fund," which outlines who is eligible to file a claim and answers questions about claims. This fund "is designed to be a last resort for homeowners seeking to recover losses incurred as a result of the actions of dishonest or incompetent general contractors." For details, visit www.NCibgc.org.

YOUR PROFESSIONAL GUIDES TO SELLING ISLAND REAL ESTATE

Bald Head Island's real estate market is dynamic, and sales strategies that worked in previous markets won't work in this one. When you're ready to list your island home, homesite or shared ownership property for sale, turn to the company that knows the lay of the land better than any other—Bald Head Island Limited Real Estate Sales.

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Old Baldy — NC Treasures Weekend

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Development and Special Event Coordinator

The Old Baldy Foundation is thrilled to present the third annual North Carolina Treasures Weekend on June 8-9. The Old Baldy Lighthouse stands tall, representing over two hundred years of North Carolina's history. North Carolina Treasures Weekend will honor that history by showcasing the food, spirits, arts and more of this great state.

The highlight of this weekend will be an epicurean event on Saturday, June 8, featuring award-winning chef Matthew Register. Register will craft a farm-to-table menu with all North Carolina products that you can enjoy under the stars at Old Baldy. Matthew Register has recently completed his first cookbook titled *Southern Smoke: Barbecue, Traditions, and Treasured Recipes Reimagined for Today*, which will be published on May 7. He joins The Old Baldy Foundation as one of the first stops on his press tour to share his new book. All event attendees will not only be able to attend an exclusive dining event featuring this noteworthy chef, they will be one of the firsts to take home a signed copy of his brand-new book. More details about this dinner will be released soon but make sure to mark your calendars, as this is not one to miss.

Join Old Baldy again on Sunday, June 8, for the "North

Carolina Treasures Marketplace." This artisanal marketplace will feature NC-made arts, decor, food purveyors, craft beers, distiller tastings and more. Stop by to shop for the freshest local ingredients to whip up dinner at home or look for the perfect new piece of artwork to go in your BHI home. This will be a celebration of the many talented farmers, artisans, purveyors, craftsmen and more who represent North Carolina's rich history and landscape with their works. Join us for this relaxing day of shopping while promoting these NC-made food and products, all while directly supporting Old Baldy.

We are excited to share this celebratory weekend with our supporters and friends! Follow www.OldBaldy.org and Old Baldy on Facebook and Instagram as more details about this weekend are released.



Mulch and Pine Straw

Spring brings thoughts of adding fresh mulch or pine straw to your landscaping. Their benefits include reducing water needs for plants, controlling erosion, cooling soil temperatures and reducing weeds.

There is no ARC approval needed for generally mulching your yard; adding mulch is considered soil remediation. If you were proposing a unique landscape design or changing the existing landscape and mulch was part of the plan, it would need to be included with a landscape plan submittal to the ARC. Mulch is available at no cost on Bald Head Island at the Mulch Site, located across from Timbercreek on North Bald Head Wynd. The mulch produced from Hurricane Florence's debris has been moved to this site.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind. To alleviate pest issues, it is recommended to dry out your mulch before you spread it in place. Termites and cockroaches like dark, moist environments, so drying it out first can help prevent a problem. Mulch should also not be placed against a structure unless it has

been treated for termites.

Natural resins in pine straw make it more flammable than mulch. And pine straw dries much faster than mulch, resulting in faster combustion. "Pine straw is 7 ½ to 10 times more combustible than any other decorative mulching material," said Deputy Chief Matt Lawrence of the Chapel Hill Fire Department. "From our standpoint, it's not a safe ground cover to use adjacent to combustible construction."

Some cities, such as Raleigh, have created an ordinance banning pine straw from within 10 feet of multi-family dwellings, after a series of fires in 2010, and BHA is exploring the possibility of working with the Village of BHI to consider such a policy on BHI.

It is recommended that you **DO NOT** place pine straw up against any structure, which is a serious fire hazard. Work with your landscaping service provider to select the appropriate type of mulch and its placement to prevent a hazard.



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BHA Wildlife Overlook on Stede Bonnet Wynd

After the BHA Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019, BHA Board Members led a discussion about the BHA Wildlife Overlook on Stede Bonnet Wynd to gain input from property owners. Approximately 35 property owners shared their thoughts and asked questions.


Several property owners shared their stories of family and kids visiting the Wildlife Overlook as a special tradition. Some, now adults, remembered visits when they were younger themselves and their special memories of the area.

Some spoke of the benefit that the overlook provides, to help inform and educate people about alligators. One property owner shared her experience about people harassing alligators, having witnessed people trying to entice alligators out of the water for a photo, shining flashlights at them, poking them with sticks and more. She also witnessed one alligator having to be removed from Bald Head Island years ago because of harmful human behavior, creating a potential safety concern.

North Carolina and most states in the U.S. have laws prohibiting the feeding of alligators and wildlife. Though signs prohibiting feeding and fishing are posted at the overlook,

evidence tells us that the alligators in that lagoon are being fed illegally, which can pose potential safety dangers. That is why BHA added protective fencing to the overlook in 2018. With damage sustained to the walkway from Hurricane Florence, the Wildlife Overlook has been closed due to safety concerns.

John Fisher, BHA President, discussed at the meeting the origination and development over time of the overlook platform and structure, with all materials and labor having been donated by Wayne Lambert. John then discussed the potential of the BHA Board to research fence design alternatives that would help keep people safe while allowing an unimpeded view of the lagoon area in its natural state, adding that this would need to be funded from somewhere. Property owners at the Annual Meeting clapped in agreement.

A show of hands was unanimous in asking the Board to keep the Wildlife Overlook open. A follow-up question about redesigning the fence also showed a unanimous vote. At this time, BHA is currently working with the BHI Conservancy, wildlife management organizations and experts who design and build animal enclosures in other parts of the country to redesign the overlook and implement proper signage. Stay tuned for updates. 

The Silver Peddler — New Owners

By Jack Frost


Jack and Sharon Frost are excited to announce that as of January 1, 2019, they've acquired The Silver Peddler Gifts & Accessories, located at 8 Maritime Way, Bald Head Island. Jack says, "The purchase of The Silver Peddler is a gift of love on an Island that we love and represents love to us."

Jack continues, "Back in the mid-1990s, we started visiting BHI, seeking a quieter, more family focused summer vacation spot. When the girls selected Bald Head Island over Disney for

a spring break trip, we knew we had a winner!" The Frosts have been part of the BHI community for more than 20 years and part-time residents for over 15. They bought their home on the Island as a 25th wedding anniversary gift for each other and renewed their vows at the Point. And their eldest daughter, Lauren, was proposed to at the Beach Access 1 gazebo during an annual scavenger hunt tradition on BHI.

Jack and Sharon are happy to share with visitors about the store's beginnings, starting with original owner Jill Moeller setting up a table in the harbor at night, spreading her silver wares after her three young children were tucked in at night. Seeing the response of visitors gathering around with flashlights, Mr. Mitchell began referring to Jill as "the silver peddler" and helped Jill open her original storefront.

The Silver Peddler will retain its wonderful selection of jewelry, gifts and coastal décor in its Maritime Way store location, while enhancing its e-commerce position to ensure those who love the Island can find gifts and jewelry that reflect that love for special occasions throughout the year. Jack and Sharon will be adding a new ancillary business, BHI DécorVations, to assist residents with bringing new style to their piece of paradise.

Visit The Silver Peddler's new owners and share your own stories of special pieces acquired there, to continue adding to The Silver Peddler storybook. Jack can be reached at JacksonBHI@gmail.com. 



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- Not be registered nor will vote in any other county or state.

*Per state statute, individuals who will turn 18 years of age before the general election day but after the primary election voter registration deadline may register and vote in the primary; but, they may not register earlier than 60 days before the primary election.

For specific questions regarding your situation and whether you qualify to vote in Brunswick County, contact the Brunswick County Board of Elections at 910-253-2620 or elections@brunswickcountync.gov.



Who Do I Call? Pre-approvals for Tree Cutting on Common Area

Are you looking to change your view of the golf course? Common Area is a buffer between homes and the golf course for all but five properties along the golf course. Or, perhaps there's a tree in need of cutting or trimming on Common Area in other locations. If you want to have a tree cut or trimmed on BHA Common Area, you can start the approval process by contacting BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett with your request. She can be reached at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

As is written in BHA's covenants, all Common Area tree cutting and trimming requests are decided upon by the BHA Board, which meets the second Friday of each month.

New to BHA? Events on Bald Head Island

There are many events held on Bald Head Island throughout the year — for adults, families and kids. Some are educational, some help your health, some are special events and all are fun. BHA's Socialization, Education & Recreation Committee (SER) hosts ongoing events, seasonal events, the annual Smith Island Social, periodic classes and more. Some of their events include yoga, Pilates and Zumba; Community Potluck Dinners; bridge classes; knitting get-togethers; shag dance classes; Island Treasures yard sale and more.

Some classes have a nominal charge, and some are free to attend, so check for details on the BHA website calendar at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/calendar-bha (or, on the homepage, click the "Events" tab). If you have a community event you want to add to the BHA calendar, contact Diane at BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

BHA and other event posters are on bulletin boards around BHI. Check BHI individual entities' websites for their events, as well.

March 2019

ARC—A Meeting	3/1/2019	9am
Women's Bible Study	3/5/2019	10:30am
Ash Wednesday Service	3/6/2019	1pm
Card Class	3/6/2019	2pm
Men's Bible Study	3/8/2019	8am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	3/8/2019	10am
BHA Board Meeting	3/8/2019	2pm
Village Hurricane Task Force	3/8/2019	4pm
Friends of Music Society Concert	3/8/2019	7:30pm
Timbercreek Annual Meeting (BHIC)	3/9/2019	10am
Daylight Saving Time	3/10/2019	
ARC—B Meeting	3/15/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	3/15/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	3/15/2019	2:30pm
Village Hurricane Task Force	3/15/2019	4pm
Badwater Cape Fear	3/16/2019	7:45am
St. Patrick's Day	3/17/2019	
Community Potluck Dinner	3/18/2019	6pm
Women's Bible Study	3/19/2019	10:30am
First Day of Spring	3/20/2019	
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting	3/20/2019	9:15am
Howl at the Moon ("Worm Moon")	3/20/2019	6:30pm
Men's Bible Study	3/22/2019	8am
Boy Scout Breakfast	3/26/2019	9am

SAVE THE DATE in April:

Women's Bible Study	4/2/2019	10:30am
Operation Medicine Cabinet	4/3/2019	9am
Card Class	4/3/2019	2pm
ARC—A Meeting	4/5/2019	9am
Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	4/10/2019	10-11am
Men's Bible Study	4/12/2019	8am
VBHI — Work Session	4/12/2019	9:30am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	4/12/2019	10am
BHA Board Meeting	4/12/2019	2pm
Village Council Meeting	4/12/2019	2:30pm
Palm Sunday	4/14/2019	
Community Potluck Dinner	4/15/2019	6pm
Women's Bible Study	4/16/2019	10:30am
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting	4/17/2019	9:15am
ARC—B Meeting	4/18/2019	9am
Maundy Thursday Service	4/18/2019	5pm
Good Friday / Passover	4/19/2019	
BHA Office Closed	4/19/2019	
Howl at the Moon ("Pink Moon")	4/19/2019	7pm
BHI Artisan's Show & Sale	4/20/2019	10am
Easter	4/21/2019	
Easter Sunrise Service	4/21/2019	6:45am
Easter Services	4/21/2019	8:30am/10am
Earth Day	4/22/2019	
BHI Litter Sweep	4/22/2019	9am
5th Annual BHI Community Blood Drive	4/24/2019	10am
Arbor Day	4/26/2019	
Men's Bible Study	4/26/2019	8am

Around the corner in 2019

Mother's Day	5/12/2019	
Friends of Music Society Gala Cruise	5/17/2019	5pm
Memorial Day	5/27/2019	

MOLD — Be Aware!

Mold is tricky. It has different strains, so one chemical may not fully treat it. Just like when you go to the doctor. They have to determine if the cause is bacterial or viral and what strain it is, so they can prescribe the correct medicine to treat it.

6th BADWATER® Cape Fear Race

Saturday, March 16 / 7:45am

Old Baldy (101 Lighthouse Wynd)

This ultra running experience returns to Bald Head Island for its sixth year. With its 50km and 51-mile race options, BADWATER® Cape Fear features a 12-mile warmup on BHI roads, followed by either 19 or 39 miles of running on the wild and secluded sandy beach between Cape Fear and Fort Fisher.

10th Annual Boy Scout Breakfast

Tuesday, March 26 / 9:00am

Generator Society Hall
BHA Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd)

Join fellow supporters of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts for a breakfast buffet and speaker Dr. Tinsley, an Eagle Scout and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Dr. Tinsley is a leading general surgeon in North Carolina with an extensive background in vascular surgery. Donations are encouraged. For questions and to register contact Larry Lammert at llammert@bellsouth.net.


Mold cannot necessarily be treated with over-the-counter solutions such as bleach, hydrogen peroxide, lemon juice, vinegar or products sold at hardware stores. This may work on small areas of mold in specific circumstances. But after Hurricane Florence's unprecedented flooding and the length of time before cleanup, it is recommended to call in a professional who can test for mold. Some over-the-counter products for mold may cover the mold temporarily, but the mold spores themselves could remain and possibly spread in the future.

Mold can become dormant in cooler weather, so if you or a contractor used over-the-counter products but performed no air or mold clearance testing, you may be vulnerable to new mold growth, especially when the weather warms up.

You should seek the advice of a certified professional who performs clearance testing for air and mold. Some professionals carry certifications specifically for mold and water. Any professional using chemicals for treatment should have a specialty license to use those chemicals.

DO NOT assume a contractor is performing the necessary clearance tests. **DO NOT** assume because you have mold that the entire house needs to be torn out down to the studs. Just because a company says that they treat mold doesn't necessarily mean that they will perform the proper clearance tests for air and mold. The air you breathe can affect your health, so be sure.

It is suggested to get a second opinion for contract work. At the very least, ask good questions of all contractors and make sure they carry the proper licensing for the work they are performing.

For additional information on mold, visit the Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov/mold/cleanup.htm. 

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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ARC — A Meeting 9am (AC/B) ARC — B Submission Deadline	2
3 10:00am Rev. Richard G. Elliott <i>Episcopal</i> (VC)	4 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	5 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Women’s Bible Study 10:30am (VC)	6 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Ash Wednesday Service 1:00pm (VC) Card Class 2:00pm (AC)	7 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	8 Men’s Bible Study 8am (AC/B) VBHI — Transportation 10:00am (PSC) BHA Board Mtg. 2pm (AC/B) Hurricane Task Force 4pm (PSC) FOM Concert 7:30pm (VC)	9 Timbercreek Annual Meeting 10am (BHIC)
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24 10:00am Rev. Dr. James Garneau <i>Catholic</i> (VC)	25 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	26 Boy Scout Breakfast 9:00am (AC)	27 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	28 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	29	30
31 10:00am Rev. Dr. Carl Sachtleben <i>Lutheran</i> (VC)						



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 Creek Access (CA)
 Maritime Market Forest Pavilion (MMFP)
 OB (Old Baldy)
 PSC (Public Safety Complex)
 RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)
 VC (Village Chapel)

Standing Events:

- Alcoholics Anonymous — Monday & Friday, 12-1pm, Berne Room at the Association Center. Contact John B. at 336-671-8858 or sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com for more information.
- Knitting & Needlepoint Work — A group of knitting and other needlepoint enthusiasts meets every Wednesday in the Association Center, 9:30-11:30am.

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