



Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

The previous two *Island Report* issues (February and March 2019) have covered trees on Bald Head Island. The first addressed “Why Protect Trees,” and last month’s covered “What Can I & What Can BHA Do About Trees?” For April, the month of Earth Day and Arbor Day, we’ll focus on additional details about how you can help with “Operation Re-Forest — We Forest!”

BHA’s Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is developing a simplified approval process, including waiving approval fees and streamlining logistics. Property owners can arrange to purchase trees through their landscaping service provider, or BHA is working with Island Hardware to serve as a central ordering and distribution point for new trees. BHA is also working with the Village of BHI and BHI Club, both committed to participating in this reforestation operation.

If you want to order trees through Island Hardware, email Pete Fullam (bhihardware@ihandm.com) with the number and types of trees you want by **Monday, September 2, 2019**. Pete will order all trees in September, for October and November delivery. He has been given BHA’s native plant list for various BHI ecologies, which BHA encourages utilizing for planting. Though some tree species may be harder to locate, Pete will contact local nurseries to accommodate orders as best as he can. He’s also been advised by BHA regarding preferred tree sizes.

This operation’s tree planting will

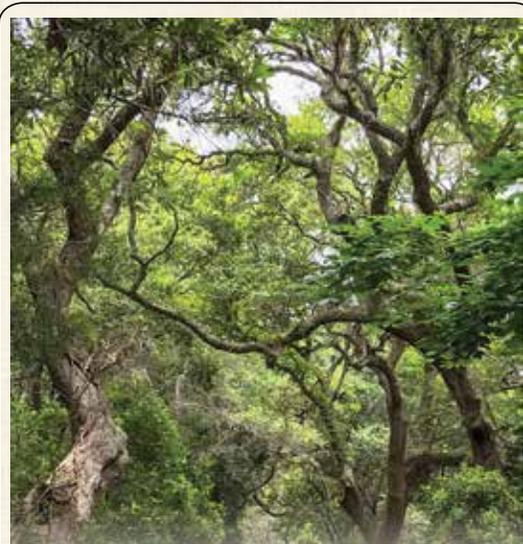
occur in the fall, which is the best time to help establish healthy and robust root growth, which is the foundation of a healthy plant. But you can start planning now for trees that you want to plant on your lot(s).

BHA’s ARC announces a new approval process specifically for tree planting, in conjunction with Operation Re-Forest — We Forest. All fees regarding tree approvals will be waived for this project. You simply need to email Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, with the number and types of trees you want to plant in the fall (Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

Reminder: You can only plant trees on lots that you own, so ensure that you know where your lot lines are.

BHA encourages property owners to plant trees that are native to Bald Head Island. A list is provided in the Design Guidelines, starting on page 150. Visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. A listing of native trees for various BHI ecologies can be found in the ARC Corner on page 3. These trees will help Bald Head Island control flooding as they mature by soaking up vast amounts of rainwater over their lifetimes.

If you, like many fellow BHI property owners, looked around at your property after Hurricane Florence and saw sunlight where there used to be shade or if you have space to add trees, join others in helping to replace Bald Head Island’s tree loss. **YOU** can help make a difference!



**Join in “Operation Re-Forest — We Forest!”
Trees help Bald Head Island control flooding as they mature by soaking up vast amounts of rainwater over their lifetimes.**

Join in the Fun!

By Betsi Stephen, SER Committee Chair (Socialization, Education & Recreation)

The Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee has some special events coming up, so mark your calendars. Weather permitting, the SER Committee is sponsoring a Sand Sculpture Contest on Sunday, May 26 from 1:00-2:30pm at Beach Access 42. Registration starts at 12:30pm. While we

welcome one and all, please be aware of parking restrictions. Carts must be parked in the parking lot or have all four wheels off of the road. More details on this fun event will be forthcoming but please plan on joining in on the fun!

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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!

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.

NEW! Tree Approval Process Starting Point Is Modified, Making It Easier for Property Owners

In response to concerns raised at BHA's Annual Meeting on January 26, 2018, BHA is working with the Village of BHI to streamline the tree approval process. This newly modified approval process regarding tree removal and trimming eliminates confusion.

Property owners can start the process with one simple phone call or email to Karen Mosteller, BHA's ARC Coordinator (910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

The previous approval process required property owners to contact both Karen Mosteller and Stephen Boyett, Village of BHI Development Services Director, for separate approvals. Though there are still approval processes for both organizations traveling parallel, the change is that to start the approval process, property owners need only to contact Karen.

This approval process is for all properties **EXCEPT** those located in the Harbour or Middle Island.

Dead or Dying Redbay Tree Removal Procedure

As more property owners return to Bald Head Island this spring, you may notice many dead and dying redbay trees throughout the Island. Their brown leaves stand out in stark contrast this time of year and will continue to be noticeable while surrounding plants blossom and grow green leaves.

If you have dead or dying redbay trees on your lot, keep in mind that you still need to go through the ARC approval process for removal. And BHA has a protocol to help minimize Island-wide damage by the removal of trees infected with laurel wilt, which is recommended by the NC Forestry Service.

One way to identify an infected redbay tree is to observe that the leaves die within a short period of time, as little as two weeks. The NC Forestry Service advises that in order to limit the Laurel Wilt fungal infection on Bald Head Island, the proper way to dispose of the infected, cut tree is to do one of the following:

- A. Cut down the dead tree down leaving it at the site.
- B. Chip the dead tree leaving it at the site.
- C. Burying the dead tree at the site.

IMPORTANT! Even dead or dying redbay trees still need to go through the ARC approval process for removal. There is also a procedure for properly disposing of infected trees and cleaning any equipment that touches infected trees.

If the killed tree is moved to a new location as firewood or other untreated wood products (such as the Timbercreek Mulch Site), those redbay ambrosia beetles can emerge at the new location and start a new infestation. The NC Forestry Service identifies our best weapon in slowing the spread of this disease is to keep infected trees where they are. To help limit the spread of the disease, do not move dead

host material. The Forestry Service reminds us that even moving chips or tree debris to landfills can spread the insect and the disease.

Saws and equipment used to cut and chip infected trees must be cleaned of tree debris and disinfected before moving to a new site. The Forestry Service advises using either rubbing alcohol or a bleach-and-water solution to disinfect equipment after cutting an infected redbay tree.

Bald Head Association appreciates your commitment to, and recognition of, the interdependence of maintaining a healthy Maritime Forest and the survival of Bald Head Island's delicate ecology.

For more information about the ambrosia beetle and laurel wilt fungal infection, visit www.ncforestservation.gov/forest_health/forest_health_laurelwiltfaq.htm. For questions and to start the approval process, contact Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

2019 TALLY TO DATE BHA-owned Common Area Tree Violations

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Plant Native Trees

The three major ecological environments on Bald Head Island — the creek side marsh, the open dunes and the Maritime Evergreen Forest have been shaped by the natural forces working on the Island. The relative stability of the Island has been dependent upon its maritime forest. The forest prevents wind erosion and traps wind-blown sand to eventually form the large dunes on the seaward edge. Here in the forest,

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Mixed Bag Wrap-up

By Carrie Moffett, BHA Executive Director

BHI is currently a hub of activity, with home repair and new construction projects continuing to generate a good amount of activity on the Island. Mother Nature has already teased us with a quick shot of spring, and I think nearly everyone is just simply ready for some summer sunshine!

There are a couple of relevant pieces of information I wanted to pass along. In February, BHA surveyed property owners about damage to homes caused by Hurricane Florence to gauge the potential impact on BHI's summer economics. A summary of the survey results are available on BHA's website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news. Thanks to those who took time to complete the survey. Your responses identified several issues that BHA has already begun addressing on your behalf. Watch for information on those efforts in the *May Island Report*.

Several property owners have called about the alley assessments paid by those whose properties include alleys in

Cape Fear Station. The question we get most often is, "Why are you charging this now when I've never paid it before?" Well, actually, you may not realize it, but if you own a property on an alley, you have always paid that assessment. Here's why... the covenants governing the alley properties require that BHA ensures both short- and long-term maintenance of the alleys. A detailed explanation of the alley supplemental assessments can be found on BHA's website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news. Be sure to call the office if you still have questions after reading it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly (910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com). Our staff is always glad to hear from property owners firsthand so we can work toward resolving any issue our members might have. Now go grab your sunglasses and enjoy the best of what BHI has to offer. 

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A popular event sponsored by SER is a twice-annual visit from a veterinarian. The next visit for Dr. Rickman will be Thursday, April 25, 8:30am-1:00pm, at the Public Safety Complex (273 Edward Teach Ext.). Please call Four Paws Veterinary Hospital 910-457-7387 to make an appointment.

Island Treasures is coming, too! Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 22, 9:00am-2:00pm. Please consider having a table at our annual Island-wide sale of household items or plan to come shop and find some great buys from fellow islanders. The event is held at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd).

SER also hosts many other educational, physical and fun activities throughout the year at the Association Center. The monthly "third Monday" Community Potluck Dinners held from September to April are a highlight for full-time residents and homeowners visiting during the off-season. Anyone can stay fit with twice-weekly Pilates sessions or twice-weekly

yoga sessions held throughout the year. We welcome anyone to attend for a small walk-in fee, even a session or two — including visitors to the Island or homeowners here for a short time.

Another fun, weekly activity is the Knitting & Needlepoint group, held Wednesday mornings. Knitters and needlepoint workers of all varieties are welcome. Card-making classes are held the first Wednesday of each month. Join a session and impress your friends and family with gorgeous handmade cards.

Shag dance classes were held weekly in February and March. We hope to continue offering the classes next fall, and we hear that some "pop-up" shaggers have been known to dance the evening away at the Peli Too.

We are co-sponsoring a photo-labeling history project with Old Baldy. We welcome all ages to participate — entire families, high school students, anyone! If you are interested in seeing the historic panoramas of Bald Head Island and have some time, please contact Travis Gilbert at oldbaldyprograms@gmail.com. He can help you get started on the project from your own computer.

As the Island recovers, we welcome a return to some of our other more popular events such as Pink Weekend and the Smith Island Social. Stay tuned for more details.

If anyone has any suggestions for any events, activities, speakers, etc., please contact Betsi Stephen at betsistephen@gmail.com. We are eager to consider more possible fun activities, especially those for families and for homeowners who are here for the summer or short periods of time. 

Spring BHI Litter Sweep April 22

By Kay Menk, RCB Committee Chair
(Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee)

Our Island is certainly looking better, but with each new home improvement project, there seems to be an inordinate amount of unsightly debris that comes along in its wake. Our Public Works Department can't, nor should it, be solely responsible for keeping our wynds clean. As citizens, we all have an interest in ensuring that our community is clean and beautiful. Bald Head Association's RCB (Resource Conservation and Beautification) Committee invites you to join your neighbors on Earth Day, April 22, from 10:00am to noon and do your part to spruce up our Island's natural beauty. We will gather at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd) at 10:00am for coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. We'll gather up our gloves, grabbers and bags and then spread out over as many beaches and wynds as we can, enjoying the camaraderie as we work together cleaning up our Island.

Remind your guests and contractors to put their "butts" where they belong — in the trash. 

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Beach Project Update

By Jeff Griffin, Assistant Village Manager

The Village started the 2019 Coastal Storm Damage Project on December 18, 2018. The project included placing 1.1 million cubic yards of sand on South Beach and the replacement of the sand-filled geotextile tubes.

Though it appears as one massive project, there are two components. The first is the dredging of sand from Jay Bird Shoals. The second is the excavation of the old geotextile tubes, followed by replacement with the newer tubes.

At this point, S.J. Hamell (Marinex) has placed approximately 880,000 cubic yards of sand on our beaches, with an average of 20,000 cubic yards per day. The project, which started near the terminal groin, has moved into the area near Sandspur Trail. To date, there have been three weather-related work stoppages.

McPherson Marine (Fish Tec) are the contractors for the replacement of the soft sand-filled geotextile tubes. They are currently excavating the 10th of the 13 tubes being replaced. The Village took delivery of the last three tubes in March. Currently, contractors are averaging a new installation every two to three days. The target for completion of this portion of the project was



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

the end of March.

The Village has closed beach accesses 15 and 17. We also ask that beachgoers avoid construction areas.

Tax Information

By Kelli Carbone, Village BHI Tax Administrator

All property owners who rent their homes are required to remit an accommodation tax of 6% to the Village of Bald Head Island, as well as 6.75% to the State of North Carolina. These taxes are due by the 20th of each month, regardless of revenue. If you do not rent your home in any given month, you are required to remit a \$0 report. Please keep in mind that late tax payments will be assessed in accordance with *N.C.G.S 105-275(16)*. This statute also requires that the property must be listed as income-producing property with the Brunswick County Tax Department on January 1 of each year. Listing forms from the county may be obtained by contacting the Tax Department directly at 910-253-2829.

If you need a coupon book or have questions regarding your Accommodation Taxes, please contact Kelli Carbone at kcarbone@villagebhi.org or 910-457-9700, ext. 1005.

Please note that all other taxes — Property, Personal Property and/or Business Personal Property — are collected by Brunswick County. Please see www.brunswickcountync.gov for more information.

NFIP Community Rating System

By Stephen Boyett, Village BHI Development Services Director

The Village of Bald Head Island has been working with North Carolina Emergency Management staff and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to gain acceptance into the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS program is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. When a community is accepted into the CRS program, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community actions meeting three goals of the CRS — reduce flood damage to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

So, what could the Village's participation in the CRS program mean to Bald Head Island property owners? According to the NC Department of Public Safety, there are 1,181 flood insurance policies in force for coverage in the amount of \$364,230,700

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Bald Head Island In Progress

Thank you to all property owners who responded to BHA's survey about home readiness for the rental season. With approximately 400 responders, this valuable information has been shared (anonymously) with BHI entities that are affected by the number of people on BHI throughout its busiest season — spring and summer.

Bald Head Island is busy with projects, some currently in the works and some completed, and all for the benefit of property owners. The spring paving project by the Village is underway, starting on Lighthouse Wynd, then moving to other areas. This previously planned fall project was delayed by Hurricane Florence.

The Village's sand dredging project is also well underway. The \$10 million electrical grid infrastructure upgrade by Duke Energy is continuing. Details can be found in the February *Island Report*. Renovations and new construction at the BHI Club are moving forward, with the new pool and restaurant area looking very enticing, especially with the cement poured and landscaping and fencing in place. BHA thanks Robert Norton, General Manager of

the BHI Club, for his 13 years of leadership and wish him well in his retirement at the end of 2019.

For those property owners still struggling with home renovations following Hurricane Florence, remember that Island workers were also affected by this storm. Many workers' homes and cars were impacted by the hurricane's excessive rain, winds and flood.

When you buy local, your money goes a long way in helping the local economy. When you visit and support organizations on Bald Head Island, you directly support those organizations and all of their employees. That direct dollar impact helps entities such as Old Baldy, the Village Chapel, BHI Conservancy, BHI Club, Shoal's Club, Maritime Market, Island Hardware, BHI restaurants and BHI shops. Those local dollars continue to recirculate as employees spend their dollars at local businesses. Spread the word about buying local!

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.

BHA Covenants — Single-family Residence

Unless specifically zoned otherwise, all properties in Bald Head Association's service area are for single family residential purposes only. This means that commercial activities are prohibited except for home offices, but even these cannot create traffic, require signage or include retail space, among other things.

BHA's covenants also prohibit property owners from:

- allowing their homes to be occupied by more than one family or one family with guests
- renting their crofters independent of renting their homes
- simultaneously occupying their homes while renting their

crofters or vice versa

- renting individual bedrooms to multiple guests in one home

These guidelines are specified in Article 10.5(a) of BHA's covenants, which can be found on BHA's website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Remember, as the property owner, you are responsible for knowing your obligations under the covenants. For any questions, contact Carrie Moffett at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority Update

Several members of the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority recently updated staff of the Local Government Commission on the Authority's activities, helping pave the way for approval of the asset purchase agreement between BHI Limited and the Authority for the ferry system and the financial plans for future operation of the ferry system. The Authority also approved at its March meeting an inter-local agreement with the Village of BHI

to receive an additional \$50,000 in seed funds for the Authority's activities. The funds originate from BHI Limited and are passed through the Village to the Authority.

The Authority's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay Street, Southport). Property owners are encouraged to attend.

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White-Tailed Deer Immunocontraception Program Update

By Beth Darrow, BHI Conservancy Senior Scientist

The GonaCon (contraceptive drug) has been shipped, and the deer team will begin capturing and dosing new does with the drug starting March 20, 2019. The team has already been capturing deer by darting from blinds during daylight hours and darting using “targets of opportunity” (driving golf carts to find deer) at night and early morning. The team has captured five previously dosed deer to take blood samples for pregnancy

analysis. Previous results show that deer need two doses of GonaCon for maximum effectiveness. Based on the final fall population survey, we will be dosing 10 single-dose deer and six previously undosed deer, leaving 30 viable does on Bald Head Island. The deer team are submitting weekly updates to the Conservancy website at www.bhic.org/deer under “2018-2019 season” if you would like to keep up with their activities.



Red Foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*)

BHI Conservancy Website

Red foxes are generally larger than gray foxes, ranging in size from three to four feet long. They have red-orange fur on their backs and the widest portion of their tail (one-third of their body length), white fur on their face and at the very tip of their tail and black fur on their ears and feet. These creatures are fast, running up to

and fruit, among other things. Active mainly at night, red foxes will continue hunting even after they are sated, storing excess food among the leaves to eat later. Red foxes live to about three years and reproduce like gray foxes, mating in January-February, with cubs being born in March-April.

Red foxes are found around the world, and most threats they experience are localized to their regional habitat. Habitat fragmentation can be a threat, and red foxes are still hunted for their fur in some areas. On Bald Head Island, the red fox population is small due to the viral disease, distemper, which affected the fox population in 2013. Though red foxes are known to be on Bald Head Island, the BHI Conservancy does not know how large their current population is at this time.

almost 30 miles per hour.

Red foxes inhabit wooded areas as well as prairies across the U.S. They are omnivores, consuming rodents, insects, carrion

Year of the Tree

By Emilee Winter

April 20, 2019 / 11:00am-1:00pm
Bald Head Island Conservancy

To kick off Bald Head Island’s “Year of the Tree,” the Conservancy is partnering with Bald Head Island Limited to host a free “tree training” event on Saturday, April 20th. We will have an educational presentation from local experts on topics such as the ecology and importance of trees to Bald Head Island, tree identification and best practices for tree planting and care. Residents will have the chance to sign up to receive native tree seedlings, which will be planted across the Island in the fall. Activity and craft stations for kids will also be available. We will finish the event with a ceremonial tree planting to observe recovery of our Island from Hurricane Florence at 12:30pm.

BHA supports this effort to help restore Bald Head Island’s forests.

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through the NFIP for properties on Bald Head Island. The total annual premium is \$1,135,954. Depending on the final rate class that the Village receives through this process, the annual discount on flood insurance premiums could range from 5%-45%. As an example, if the Village were to obtain a Class 4 CRS rating, the annual savings on premiums could be \$340,786.

So, keep an eye out for the final rating in 2020 so that you can contact your insurance provider and find out what savings will apply. Further information can be found at www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system. For more information contact Stephen Boyett at 910-457-9700, ext. 1004 or sboyett@villagebhi.org.



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BHA's Community Garden

Do you love to garden? Did you know there is a community garden on Bald Head Island that BHA manages? Act fast because there are only three large and two small plots available. Contact Diane Mesaris for plot fees and availability. She can be reached at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

BHA's Boat Park

If you have a boat that you need to store, spaces are available in BHA's newly expanded Boat Park. Acceptable boats must not exceed a maximum length of 16 feet and 25hp motor.

Located off North Bald Head Wynd on the Mulch Site road, spaces are assigned by BHA. (This is not the area where the Dog Park and Community Garden are located.) Once fees are collected, you will be given a permit number and sticker. Boat stickers are renewable each year in January. Parking is by permit only and will be checked.

For information contact Ann VerMeulen at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Alley Supplemental Assessments Explained

There are approximately 125 properties in Cape Fear Station that have a private alley easement placed on them by the developer. Because the Secondary Covenants governing those properties require BHA to ensure that all 11 alleys are maintained, funds are collected each year for annual maintenance, with the remaining amount placed in a reserve fund earmarked for future repaving. **The 2019 alley assessments were reduced over 2018's by an average of 25%.**

For any questions, contact Carrie Moffett at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Have Furniture To Donate?

If you have furniture that you would like to donate, contact Ben Liddle, Village Public Works, at 910-457-5422. There is a \$50 fee for a crew to go into your home and pickup a sofa, for example. They are limited by size and quantity, and currently at press time, they were full. As an alternative, contact a general contractor. A list of general contractors is at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Turtle Season — Dogs & Lights

Turtle season is May 1 through November 15. Per Village ordinance, all dogs must be "physically restrained by a leash" from sunset to sunrise during turtle nesting and hatching season.

It is critical that homes facing the ocean are frugal in using exterior lighting, to prevent disturbing nesting female and hatchling loggerhead sea turtles. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to light only what is needed when it is needed outdoors, especially on the ocean side. And these homes must use room-darkening window treatments to block interior lighting.

Finding a Contractor

Remember to do your due diligence in locating contractors. Check for proper licensing, bonding and insurance. You can visit North Carolina's Licensing Board at www.NCLBGC.org. Check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau. Ask your neighbors for contractors whose work they have been happy with, and get more than one estimate. Work estimates are typically free, so if a contractor charges a fee for an estimate, keep looking.

If you have experienced price gouging, the North Carolina Department of Justice reviews claims and imposes penalties, seeking possible refunds. Visit NCdoj.gov.



Island Treasures

Household items, artwork, bicycles, outdoor equipment & more!

Saturday, June 22 / 9am-2pm
(Setup Friday, June 21 / 1pm)

**Generator Society Hall at
Bald Head Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd)**

Have items to sell?
Table cost: \$5⁰⁰ (check only)

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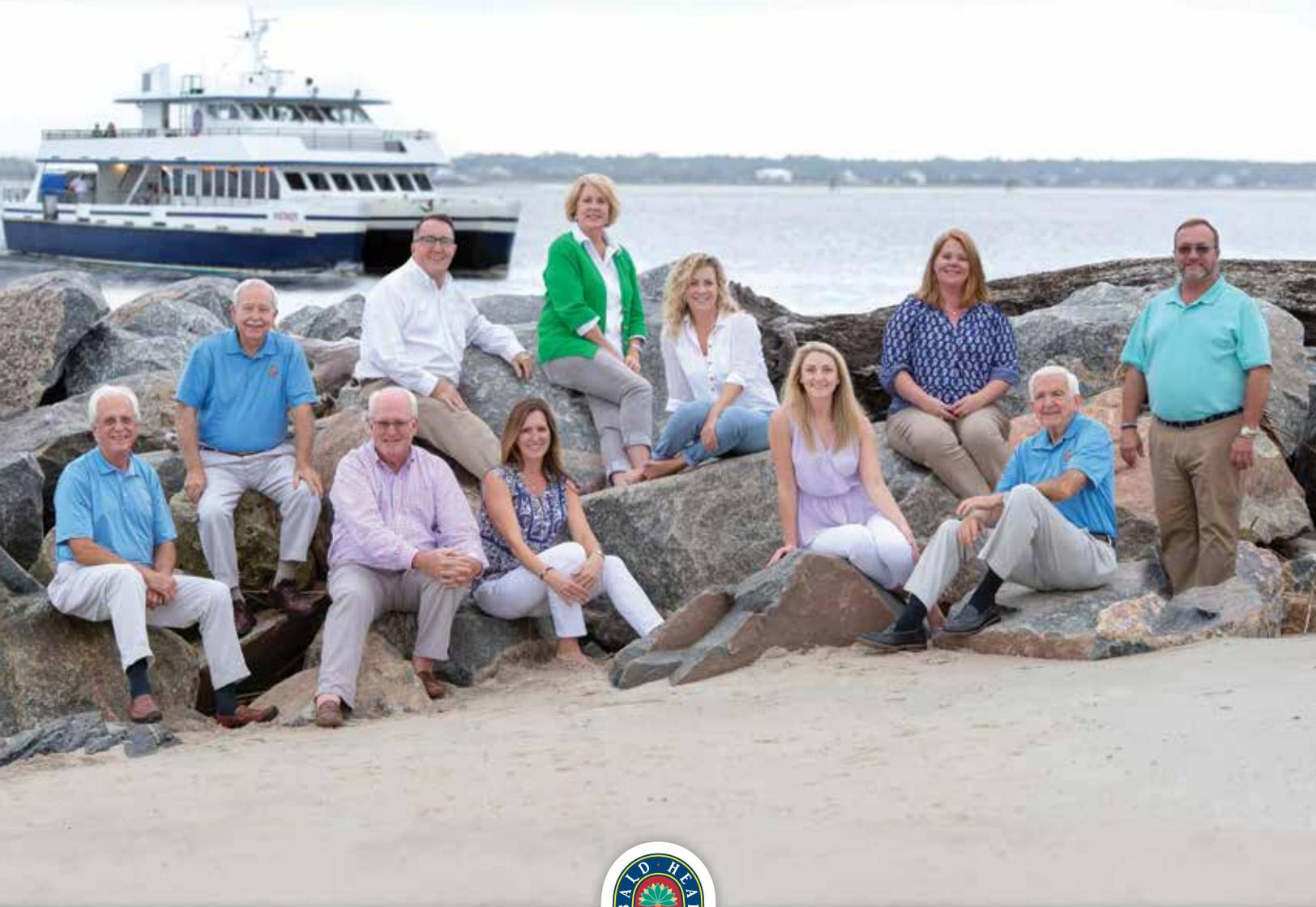
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NEW! Old Baldy Annual Pass Program

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Development and Special Event Coordinator

Does your family like to visit Old Baldy multiple times in the year? The Old Baldy Foundation is thrilled to present a brand-new Annual Pass Program! This program offers yearly access at varying levels to The Old Baldy Lighthouse and Smith Island

Museum of History. Each pass holder receives exclusive access to Old Baldy while supporting the Old Baldy Foundation's mission of preservation and educational outreach.

The new Old Baldy Annual Pass Program features two tiers. Each tier includes unlimited access to Old Baldy and the Smith Island Museum of History, day passes for you to give friends and family, complimentary Island-wide historic tours and summer night climbs.

Tier One features unlimited access for the pass holder and one family member into Old Baldy for one year. Ten daily guest passes will be given to the pass holder to distribute to friends and family as they wish. The pass holder will also receive a complimentary Island-wide historic tour for two and a summer night climb of Old Baldy for two. The price of Tier One is only \$150, with a value of over \$200.

Tier Two features unlimited access for the pass holder and three family members to Old Baldy for one year. Twenty daily guest passes will be given to the pass holder to distribute to friends and family as they wish. The pass holder will receive a complimentary Island-wide historic tour for two and a summer night climb of Old Baldy for four. The price of Tier Two is only \$250, with a value of over \$300.

We are excited to offer this program to our Old Baldy supporters! To get this program started, we have decided to discount each tier by \$25 through Memorial Day weekend. Purchase a Tier One Pass for only \$125 or a Tier Two Pass for \$225 until Monday, May 27.

For more information about this program, contact Abby@OldBaldy.org or visit www.OldBaldy.org.

Old Baldy Admission Price

Effective Sunday, April 21, the admission price at Old Baldy Lighthouse and Smith Island Museum of History will increase to reflect increasing preservation expenses and enhanced educational programming. The new admission price is \$8 per adult (Age 13 and up) and \$5 for youth (Age 3-12). The rate for the Bald Head Island Historic Tour will be \$30 per adult (Age 13 and up) and \$15 for youth (Age 3-12).

The Old Baldy Foundation is continually growing and educating the community about Bald Head Island's historical significance. We are proud to provide the community with an enhanced experience in 2019, including refreshed exhibits in the keeper's cottage, a new exhibit in Old Baldy's oil house, an online guide book to lead you through our campus, a daily guided tour of the grounds during the summer months and online access to the Old Baldy Foundation's archival collection. The Old Baldy Foundation is eager to continue sharing the story of Bald Head Island and its crucial role in our nation's history.

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Battery 4 History on BHI

Supply lines are essential in wartime. During the Civil War, the Confederacy saw the vital need to protect the ocean inlets to the Cape Fear River from Union blockaders, while securing a route for blockade runners to deliver Confederate military supplies to Wilmington, NC. Losing their hold on Wilmington’s port, the only port open to the Confederacy along the Atlantic seaboard after Charleston’s siege in 1863, would mean the downfall of the Southern Confederacy. The stakes were high.

In this fight for waterway control, Bald Head Island (then called Smith Island), Fort Fisher and Fort Caswell were key areas. In May 1863, construction began on Bald Head Island for Fort Holmes, an earthen fort built by 1,100 Confederate soldiers and about 400 African-American slaves. It was named after Confederate Major General Theophilus H. Holmes and was larger than Fort Fisher, with sand walls that ran 1.5 miles. There were four battery designations, which were built to protect troops, supplies and guns such as Whitworth field artillery that had a range of 10,000 yards and could be hitched to a team of horses for mobility around the island.

In January 1865, a Union naval force and land-based army troops captured Fort Fisher. After its fall and with its close proximity, Fort Holmes was evacuated on January 16, 1865. Before leaving, Confederate forces destroyed supplies that could not be taken, setting fire to wooden artillery carriages and all of the fort’s structure and furnishings. Horses that could not be removed were killed. On January 20, 1865, Union troops took possession of what remained of Fort Holmes, capturing 18 Confederate soldiers.

Remains of some of these earthen fortifications, built with dirt and sand, exist today, and historical markers show the areas of each battery location. Battery 4, the eastern section of the fort,



is located beside Bald Head Association’s office and Association Center. Its size is 1.315 acres. It has a map, an historical marker and a small outdoor classroom that faces Bald Head Creek. The walkway marks the old “Confederate Road” that ran from the lighthouse all the way to East Beach.

Battery 4 contains one of the last undisturbed portions of Fort Holmes, and this piece of Bald Head Island history is important to preserve. In 2004, Bald Head Association began gathering historical and archaeological information about Fort Holmes, and they initiated negotiations with BHI Limited to acquire this land. The property was purchased in 2016 after BHA membership approval to allow the future expansion of the Association Center as BHI pushes closer to build-out. Though this historical area will be preserved, it allows BHA to expand, if deemed necessary and due to restrictions on impervious surface area, into the current parking lot.

To read about BHA’s special assessment billing history for members’ purchase of Battery 4, including this year’s final assessment (making BHA debt-free), visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news. Select *Island Report* archives, then choose February 2019. The article is on page 9.

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As the Foundation grows and offers more programming, the price increase will reflect these changes. We proudly offer enlightening exhibits, educational material and an unforgettable experience at an affordable price to our community. Since the formation of the Old Baldy Foundation in 1985, extensive work has been done to protect the Old Baldy Lighthouse from weather and age. These collective repairs have allowed Old Baldy to weather over 200 years of history and continue sharing its story with thousands of guests each year.

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many species of plant and animal life find their home. Live oak, pine, palm, bay and laurel oak provide a canopy that rises from its salt-sheared edge to about fifty or sixty feet adjacent to the salt marshes. Much of the vegetation is evergreen, and the low-light levels on the forest floor preclude much understory growth.

Native plants will always grow best on Bald Head Island, and the use of native grasses, wildflowers or vines for groundcover is highly encouraged. Native plants contribute to the overall resilience of the Island and support native wildlife of all types.

Strategically placed on the ocean side of the dune ridge, appropriate shrubs can detour strong winds and, in combination with the native grasses, will stabilize shifting sands that tend to intrude on unwanted places. On forested sites, protecting and planting trees decreases temperature impacts of seasonal extremes while at the same time providing privacy and beauty.

Here is a list of native trees for various areas on Bald Head Island that BHA recommends for planting during our fall "Operation Re-forest, We Forest."

Dune Environment

- Yaupon Holly
- Coastal Red Cedar
- Wax-myrtle
- Hercules'-club/Toothache Tree

Dune Scrub, Marsh Edge, Maritime Forest Edge Environment

- Yaupon Holly
- Wax-myrtle
- Laurel Oak
- Live Oak
- Sabal Palm/Cabbage Palmetto
- Tough Buckthorn/Tough Bumelia
- Hercules'-club/Toothache Tree

Maritime Forest Environment

- Coastal Hornbeam/Ironwood
- Flowering Dogwood
- Coastal Red Cedar
- American Holly
- Yaupon Holly
- Wax-myrtle
- Red Mulberry
- Red Bay
- Loblolly Pine
- Carolina Laurel Cherry
- Laurel Oak
- Live Oak
- Sabal Palm/Cabbage Palmetto
- Tough Buckthorn/Tough Bumelia 

April 2019

Women's Bible Study	4/2/2019	10:30am
Hurricane Florence Task Force	4/2/2019	1pm
Operation Medicine Cabinet	4/3/2019	9am
Card Class	4/3/2019	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	4/5/2019	9am
Hurricane Florence Task Force	4/9/2019	10am
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
Surfman's Walk Owners Meeting	4/13/2019	9:30am
Palm Sunday	4/14/2019	
Community Potluck Dinner	4/15/2019	6pm
Women's Bible Study	4/16/2019	10:30am
Hurricane Florence Task Force	4/16/2019	1pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	4/17/2019	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	4/18/2019	9am
Maundy Thursday Service	4/18/2019	4pm
Good Friday / Passover	4/19/2019	
BHA Office Closed	4/19/2019	
Howl at the Moon ("Pink Moon")	4/19/2019	7pm
Year of the Tree (BHIC)	4/20/2019	11am
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 Spring Litter Sweep	4/22/2019	9am
5 th Annual BHI Community Blood Drive	4/24/2019	10am
Veterinary Clinic	4/25/2019	8:30am
Arbor Day	4/26/2019	
Men's Bible Study	4/26/2019	8am
Sumner's Crescent Owners Meeting	4/27/2019	9:30am

SAVE THE DATE in May:

Card Class	5/1/2019	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	5/3/2019	9am
Women's Bible Study	5/7/2019	10:30am
Men's Bible Study	5/10/2019	8am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	5/10/2019	10am
BHA Board Meeting	5/10/2019	2pm
Mother's Day	5/12/2019	
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	5/15/2019	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	5/17/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	5/17/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	5/17/2019	2:30pm
Friends of Music Society Gala Cruise	5/17/2019	5pm
Women's Bible Study	5/21/2019	10:30am
Howl at the Moon ("Flower Moon")	5/18/2019	7pm
Men's Bible Study	5/24/2019	8am
Smith Island Art Show & Sale	5/25/2019-5/26/2019	10am
Sand Sculpture Contest	5/26/2019	1pm
Memorial Day Holiday/BHA Closed	5/27/2019	
Dosher Medical-BHI Clinic Opens	5/28/2019	9am

Around the corner in 2019

Old Baldy — NC Treasures Weekend	6/8/2019-6/9/2019	
Island Treasures — Community Yard Sale	6/22/2019	9am

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Pay Attention — Are You Being Charged More Than You Need for Contractors Riding the Ferry?

The BHI Public Safety Department estimates there are between 400-450 contractors on Bald Head Island every day. With those numbers, this information could impact most property owners on BHI. If you have contractors doing work on your home and/or property, are you aware of the charges that get passed along to you?

If your contractors purchase ferry tickets for the passenger ferry (which includes tram service), that costs \$22 round-trip, per person, per day. Or, Bulk 40 tickets cost \$16.50. A ferry ticket for the contractor ferry (which does not include tram service) costs \$13 round-trip, per person, per day. This cost may be passed to you, the property owner, either directly or indirectly and depends on how that contractor bills for multiple homes worked throughout that daily trip.

With a difference of either \$9 or \$5.50 per person, per day and if you are shouldering the cost alone and have a longer-term project that involves multiple employees, you can see how this cost would multiply much faster. Be aware and check with your contractors about their ferry costs and how you are being billed.



**5th Annual
BHI Community Blood Drive
April 24, 2019 / 10:00am-1:45pm**
Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd)
For appointments contact Chris Webb at 910-231-8065
or webb8636@bellsouth.net

New to BHA? Emergency Resources

For any emergency on Bald Head Island, call 911 and tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island. Calls that go through 911 are logged, helping emergency responders track types and quantities of emergencies.

For medical information, emergency weather information, hurricane resources and disaster preparedness, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Categories are listed on the “Life on BHI” menu tab.

Make sure you are signed up for BHA’s E-blast (on the website home page) and the Village’s Voice www.VillageBHI.org for updates and emergency information.

Brunswick County has an emergency notification program called “Code Red.” Go to www.BrunswickCountyNC.org. Select “Departments,” then “Emergency Services” and click on “Emergency Alert Notification Set-Up.”



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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	2 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Women’s Bible Study 10:30am (VC) Hurricane Florence Task Force 1:00pm (AC/B)	3 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Card Class 2:00pm (AC)	4 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	5 ARC — A Meeting 9am (AC/B) ARC — B Submission Deadline	6
7 10:00am Rev. Elizabeth Freund Methodist (VC)	8 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	9 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Hurricane Florence Task Force 10:00am (PSC)	10 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	11 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	12 Men’s Bible Study 8am (AC/B) VBHI Council Work Session 9:30am (PSC) VBHI Transportation 10:00am (AC/B) BHA Board Mtg. 2pm (AC) VBHI Council Mtg. 2:30am (PSC)	13 Surfman’s Walk Owners Meeting 9:30am (AC/B)
14 10:00am Rev. Barbara Cooke Episcopal (VC)	15 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Community Potluck Dinner 6:00pm (AC)	16 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Women’s Bible Study 10:30am (VC) Hurricane Florence Task Force 1:00pm (PSC)	17 Yoga 11:45am (AC) BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg. 9:15am (Southport)	18 ARC — B Meeting 9am (AC/B) Pilates 10:45am (AC) Maundy Thursday 4:00pm (VC)	19 ARC — A Submission Deadline Howl at the Moon 7pm (Access 39) BHA Office Closed Good Friday	20 Year of the Tree 11:00am (BHIC)
21 8:30am Rev. Dr. Steven Hein Presbyterian (VC) Easter	22 Litter Sweep 10:00am (AC) Earth Day	23 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	24 5 th Annual BHI Community Blood Drive 10:00am (AC)	25 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	26 Men’s Bible Study 8am (AC/B) Arbor Day	27 Summer’s Crescent Owners Meeting 9:30am (AC/B)
28 8:30am Rev. Timothy Russell Methodist (VC)	29 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	30 Pilates 10:45am (AC)				



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AC (BHA Association Center)
 AC/B (BHA Association Center — Berne Room)
 BHIC (BHI Conservancy)
 Club (BHI Club)
 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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