

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

Operation Re-Forest — We Forest

By John Kinney, BHA Board of Directors

OVs we are all aware, Hurricane Florence toppled or drowned thousands of trees on Bald Head Island, and the effects of the storm accelerated the already massive die-off of Redbay trees caused by the Asian ambrosia beetle. The effects of the storm and flooding are still obvious on the Island, especially with

respect to missing trees and the shade they provided for people and homes for wildlife. And, according to Sam Marshall at the NC State Extension, flooding effects on trees can take up to seven years to be revealed.

As a way to come together as a community and respond to these challenges, BHI entities are sponsoring tree planting events which will kick off in October to try to fill some of the gaps in the foliage that Hurricane Florence created.

A kick-off event symbolizing Islandwide tree-planting efforts will be held in conjunction with Halloween celebrations on **Saturday, October 26**. Join us at 12:30pm at the golf course crossing on Stede Bonnet Wynd, near the corner of Dogwood Trail.

Fall is the ideal time for planting trees because the temperatures are cooler, rainfall is moderate and the trees will have six months to get their roots established before hot weather and the increased need for water arrives again.

Bald Head Association

BHA will purchase 50 large trees, all native to BHI, for planting in locations identified by BHA's Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee with input from landscapers. Keep an eye out for stakes with colorful tape that mark where a new BHA tree will be planted.

BHA is also working with Keeper's Landing, Sumner's Crescent and Surfman's Walk neighborhoods to replace a yet-to-be determined number of trees that were lost in those communities. And BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is working with approximately 25 homeowners

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who are required to replace approximately 70 trees that were removed for various reasons.

BHI Conservancy

The Conservancy is working with the NC Forestry Division to obtain seedling pines, live oaks, and red cedars to plant on

common area land and to give to homeowners. BHIC also has engaged scientific resources to study the situation in the Maritime Forest Preserve and make recommendations for further actions. In addition, BHIC is working with Smith Island Land Trust to identify SILT properties will on which trees may be planted.

The BHI Club and the Village of BHI

Both entities have committed to participate and are currently evaluating with staff the most effective use of their resources. Additionally, other Island entities are being contacted to determine their ability and willingness to participate.

Individuals

Homeowners can participate by working with their landscapers to plant trees on their own lots.

BHI landscapers are familiar with this program, and all trees must be native to BHI. In addition, if a BHA tree-planting location (a stake marked with bright tape) is near your home, you can volunteer to water the new tree or give permission to volunteers to use your water spigot to water new trees. To help with watering, email Kay Menk (RCB Chair) at kgmenk@gmail.com.

NOTE: Review fees will be waived and no landscaping plan will be required, but homeowners MUST email Karen Mosteller at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com to let her know the number and types of trees they are planting. Note that this is a ONE-TIME process for planting trees. In the future, any landscape changes must first be reviewed by the ARC.

BHA is happy to promote this Island-wide restorative effort for BHI, and we look forward to evaluating its success. Every tree matters, especially on BHI, so join us to help make a difference.

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DO NOT cut or trim trees and vegetation — ask ARC first!

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*.

ARC Design Guideline Changes and Trees Native to BHI

ARC Design Guideline Changes

BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been asking property owners for input on Design Guideline changes since July 2019. The ARC Coordinator, Karen Mosteller, has compiled changes and has presented them to both Section A and Section B ARC members for their input. The next step is for the BHA Board of Directors to review the first draft at its September 13th meeting. After that, the draft will be published on the BHA website (*BaldHeadAssociation.com*) for BHA member feedback.

The BHA Board of Directors will consider for approval the final draft at the October 11 Board meeting. The approved final version of the Design Guidelines will be effective for NEW submittals reviewed after January 1, 2020.

For any questions and comments, contact Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or *Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com*. Members can also attend the meeting in person to share their feedback. The meeting is held upstairs in the Berne Conference Room at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd, BHI) at 2:00pm.

Trees Native to BHI

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 *BaldHeadAssociation.com*. These trees will help Bald Head Island control flooding as they mature by soaking up vast amounts of rainwater over their lifetimes. Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at *Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com* for information.

Participate in "Operation Re-Forest — We Forest" and plant native trees on your own property this fall. BHI landscapers are familiar with this program, and all trees must be native to BHI. In addition, if a BHA tree-planting location (a stake marked with bright tape) is near your home, you can volunteer to water the new tree or give permission to volunteers to use your water spigot to water new trees. To help with watering, email Kay Menk (RCB Chair) at *kgmenk@gmail.com*.

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Resolution to Ban Single-Use Plastics

Since May 2018, the Village of Bald Head Island Council has adopted two resolutions regarding stewardship of the environment. The first was a "Sustainability Resolution," which recognizes the uniqueness of Bald Head Island, with its forests, marshes and highly productive marine ecosystem, and it calls for the Village to act to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Island. The second resolution calls for voluntary reduction in the use of single-use plastics on the Island in order to minimize or eliminate their effect on Bald Head Island. We all know how ugly plastic items along the roadside or plastic bags caught in trees or underbrush are, but also, plastics are a significant threat to the sea creatures we love to see in the waters around BHI. The Village is constrained from passing a ban on single-use plastic bags by Ratified House Bill 56, Session Law 2017-209, Section 19 (page 17), which repeals the ability of local communities in North Carolina to institute bans on plastic bags. Feel free to contact your NC State legislators to express your opinion on this law. Several communities south of us in South Carolina, including Hilton Head and Charleston, have already banned single-use plastic bags.

By John Kinney, BHA Board of Directors

agreement with the goals laid out in these two resolutions, both for the benefit of our members, by enhancing the quality of their experience on Bald Head Island and in order to preserve BHI for future generations. Here are some of the steps that have been taken by BHA, the Village of BHI and local businesses to further the ideas put forth in the resolutions.

- BHA's staff and Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee worked with the Village of BHI, the BHI Conservancy and the BHI Club to coordinate a tree-planting project in fall 2019.
- The Village of BHI's Environmental Task Force, in coordination with the RCB Committee, worked with BHI businesses, the BHI Conservancy and the BHI Club to distribute thousands of reusable bags on the Island to jumpstart the elimination of single-use plastic bags.
- Several businesses and entities on the Island, led by Mojo's on the Harbor, have voluntarily replaced plastic straws with stainless steel straws, again to reduce single-use plastics that may end up in the waters around Bald Head Island or along roadsides.

Beneficial Planting on BHI

September has arrived on our little Island, and it's not too early to be thinking about possibilities for fall and even spring planting projects. Your Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee is working with the Village of BHI to identify wynd medians that would be enhanced by adding wildflowers and other native plants. We are also looking at unused garden plots in BHA's Community Garden on North Bald Head Wynd for planting milkweed for butterflies.

BHI Conservancy personnel recently discovered some longlost native dogwoods deep in our forests. The RCB Committee

By Kay Menk, BHA's Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee Chair

hopes to propagate these native dogwoods with the goal of reestablishing them in abundance on the Island.

This committee is also coordinating with other Island entities to promote the planting of live oaks, red cedars, native hollies and pines that were lost to Hurricane Florence. Check out the cover story in this issue for more information on this one-time, tree-planting procedure on your own properties.

If you are interested in any of these projects, contact Kay Menk at *kgmenk@gmail.com*. We would love to have lots of hands moving these projects forward.

Helping Protect the Value and Aesthetics of Property on BHI

Bald Head Island is a unique and special Island where human development is joined in harmony with natural beauty — a balance that has drawn most property owners to the Island. Bald Head Association's vision for the Island is to promote "A community working together to cultivate a unique quality of life and to preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come."

To that end, the BHA is charged with the effective management of Covenants, Design Guidelines and Common Areas. BHA uses tools such as ARC (Architectural Review Committee), Design Guidelines and Community Wide Standards to help protect the value and aesthetics of property on BHI. BHA also has a responsibility to ensure that the three BHAmanaged communities of Keeper's Landing, Surfman's Walk and Sumner's Crescent are maintained.

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- The RCB Committee is working with the Village of BHI to plant native wildflowers along our roadways and in the medians to beautify the Island and provide plants that are beneficial for bees and butterflies.
- The RCB Committee is also working to make available an Island composting site for residents who would like to compost vegetative matter.



BHA's Covenants provide that all property owners maintain and preserve their lots and all structures on them in a clean, neat, sightly and attractive condition and provide for the removal of trash and refuse from their homes, all in conformity with the Community Wide Standards and all in order to assist in maintaining the aesthetics of the Island and the property values of owners' homes. In October 2018, the BHA Board of Directors adopted the Community Wide Standards for the maintenance of member properties on Bald Head Island. Each property owner can make an important difference by following the guidelines which will enhance not only their property's aesthetics and value, but those of all property owners on the Island.

BHA's Community Wide Standards and Design Guidelines are on the website at *BaldHeadAssociation.com*.

• The RCB Committee is considering innovative ways to use the BHA Community Garden on North Bald Head Wynd to propagate native wildflowers that can then be used on Island.

There is much more work to be done, but BHA is supporting the goals set out by the Village of BHI with the intent of preserving and enhancing the unique environment of Bald Head Island.





The Village Island Package Center (IPC)

By Daralyn Spivey, Village Clerk

The Island Package Center continues to serve the Island in this, one of the busiest

times of the year, with deliveries from the US Postal Service,

FedEx and UPS. In July 2019, the IPC had a 35.6% increase in packages received over 2018.

The Village has taken steps to improve our customer service by adding a part-time seasonal staff member. Due to the large increase in the volume of packages, it may take longer to process incoming packages. To assist in this large increase of

packages, the Village requests prompt pickup for any packages that you have currently in the IPC warehouse. If you are The Hurricane Florence Task Force final report was presented to Village Council at the July 19th meeting and is on the Village website at www.VillageBHI.org.

> expecting either a large number of packages or a single, large pickup, please pull around to the back of the building, and staff will assist you in loading those packages. If you have a large item shipped to the Island, please contact the IPC for delivery instructions. If you have medicine or medical devices that have been shipped to the IPC, staff will locate those packages as promptly as possible.

The IPC is open six days a week year-round, 9:00am-4:00pm, with pickup available each of those days.

BHA Executive Director Letter — Summer Observations

The summer of 2019 seemed to blow by in a hurry. One day we were helping property owners learn more about insurance issues and eagerly anticipating the BHI Club's expansion, and the next we're looking at the schedule for the Labor Day ferries.

Without much fanfare, this year's holidays sped by...Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July. It seemed as though we were all on automatic pilot this summer. Perhaps it's because we're still working through the challenges that Hurricane Florence left behind, or maybe it's just as my grandmother once predicted that once you turn 40, time just simply speeds up.

There was a lot of talk this summer about some new topics, but mostly, it was more of the same. I heard many comments on the ferry about the number of contractors on the Island. Actually, not just the number on the Island but the number of them riding the passenger ferries. There were a lot of them. As daily commuters to BHI, the BHA staff and I noticed a particular grumpiness among, well, just about all of us when it came to the number of people coming to BHI. Island workers



often raced to get to the 8:00am boat every morning, only to find they'd be bumped because the boat was full. Grumpy. Contractors wanted to get off the Island in the afternoons and were particularly prickly when someone else appeared to even move like they were going to jump in line. Definitely grumpy. Property owners lamented over and again how frustrated they were that the repairs on their homes from Florence were still not completed — some repairs haven't even been yet started. Most definitely grumpy.

While we all started the season with compassion and empathy, somewhere along mid-season, property owners appeared to become more and more frustrated. There were more complaints about the number of trucks on the Island. More comments about music being played loudly from golf carts or the beach. The tension between owners and vacationers seemed particularly strained as tomfoolery was discussed on social media time and again. Golf carts were mysteriously missing. Port-a-Johns *Continued on page 13*





Reflections Over the Last Year

It's wise to pause and reflect occasionally, to evaluate the past in order to help guide the future. Bald Head Island is arriving at the first-year anniversary of Hurricane Florence, and this Island has seen a lot of good, some bad and some ugly over the last 12 months. But it's the community response that defines the resilience, courage and creativity of this Island in the aftermath of such a disaster as Hurricane Florence.

Blue roof tarps still remain visible on several homes, indicating work still in progress. Homes across BHI continue to be repaired, both inside and outside. Though many homeowners had contractors working on home repairs as quickly as possible following the hurricane, contractors themselves had additional factors to overcome with their material supply chains being disrupted due to bridge and road closures and employees dealing with their own home recoveries.

With some BHI property owners as second homeowners, some live farther away and/or have work schedules that delayed when they could personally visit and assess damages. Some relied on a second pair of eyes on BHI to help assess damages so that they could schedule appropriate contractor work as soon as possible. Many experienced delays due to the sheer quantity of repair work needed with a limited source of contractors doing work on BHI. Some are just now having work done, either due to how far down the contractor's waiting list they were, health reasons prevented them from reacting earlier or other reasons.

The evidence of the true meaning of the word "community" has shone brightly during the hurricane and the disaster that Florence left in her wake. Property owners offered to share housing and golf carts. Some offered help to remove debris. Others created a website to organize who could help and who needed help. Flyover videos and photos were generously donated to help property owners get a glimpse of their own areas. BHI Limited generously donated ferry tickets and trams for property owners to initially check on the status of their homes.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Village of BHI staff, BHI Public Safety, BHI business personnel and volunteers worked 12- to 14-hour days to cut debris, set up pumps and more, in deep water with critters and mosquitoes and in high humidity and hazardous conditions, in order to create navigable, safe roadways for property owners to return to BHI. And that was on top of dealing with their own house and property repair issues. Through all of this, no recovery worker suffered injury. Count that on the extremely positive list.

With the extent of fallen trees blocking roadways, the damaged electrical and utility grid and the extreme flooding from Hurricane Florence's lengthy rains (compounded by the Island's aquifer setup and its unique challenges in handling water overflow), property owners had to wait three weeks before they were allowed back on BHI. Frustrations abounded over many issues in the new reality of post-Hurricane Florence.

Yet, everyone was unified in the need and wish to find solutions to help prevent and prepare for the future. From this need, the Village of BHI's Hurricane Florence Task Force was initiated. Task force members were solicited and selected by the Village. Task Force members met with Island entities, property *Continued on page 8*



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Denise Eidal

BHA Full Charge Bookkeeper

Denise Eidal is the new Full Charge Bookkeeper for Bald Head Association (BHA). She comes to BHA with over 20 years of accounting experience, and she can be reached at 910-457-4676, ext. 27 or *Denise@ BaldHeadAssociation.com*.

Thank you and best wishes to Carol Gurda in her retirement!



2nd Annual Then and Now Home Tour

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Foundation Development and Communications Coordinator

Please join the Old Baldy Foundation as they present the second annual "Then and Now Home Tour" on Saturday, October 12, from 1:00-5:00pm.

In 2018, the home tour was canceled due to Hurricane Florence. The Old Baldy Foundation is delighted to bring this event back over Columbus Day Weekend. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to see the story of Bald Head Island evolve through real estate. You will tour through some of the original structures on the Island to some newly constructed marvels. See the history of Bald Head Island unfold from when only a few brave souls lived on the Island with homes powered by generators to the modern-day amenities we all enjoy. Included on the tour is the

stunning 2017 Southern Living Idea Home.

Tickets for the tour are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of. If you are off-island and would like to take the tour, there is a package including round trip ferry tickets for \$40. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.oldbaldy.org.

Welcome David Sawyer, Incoming CEO of the BHI Club and the Shoals Club



Change is constant. While Robert Norton, current CEO of the BHI Club and the Shoals Club, moves toward retirement and the passing along of his wisdom through this year, the Bald Head Association (BHA) extends a heartfelt "Thank you" for all of his hard work and many long-lasting accomplishments on Bald Head Island. BHA genuinely wishes Mr. Norton all the best for his future. Succeeding Mr. Norton is David

Sawyer, and BHA extends a hearty "Welcome!" From the BHI Club, here is an introduction.

"David Sawyer has had progressive executive roles with The Cliffs Communities for the past twelve years, most recently serving as the Managing Partner/President/COO of The Cliffs Clubs in North and South Carolina. David is a committed, visionary leader with a servant's heart. He believes in ensuring that every Club Member is valued and inspired to enjoy their membership to the fullest.

"He embraces tradition and club culture as a foundation to communicate a vision and common purpose to proactively improve club service, exceed goals and help members live their best lives for generations to come.

"David and his wife, Kathy, have three rescue spaniels. They Continued on page 10



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owners, scientists, engineers and professionals to compile a comprehensive report to help determine, recommend and prioritize courses of action to the Village.

The Task Force released its final report, a comprehensive, 82-page report, to Village Council on July 19, 2019. The full report is available at *VillageBHI.org* and *BaldHeadAssociation. com/news*. In order to learn from Hurricane Florence's unique challenge of record-breaking rainfall combined with how the aquifer on BHI is affected, two studies are included in the Village's 2019-2020 budget. One is to study the aquifer, and the other is to study the topography and stormwater management. This essential information will help guide future preventive and responsive actions.

Duke Energy began their \$10 million upgrade to BHI's electrical grid in January 2019. The project includes improving the lines, making them more resilient; replacing about five miles of main transmission lines; and adding other features such as rerouting power during outages to ensure service reliability. The phased project will restart in the fall of 2019, so as not to impact service during the most populated times of the year.

In just the nine-month period post-Hurricane Florence, sales of unimproved and improved properties are already slightly above the typical average for a full 12 months. From 10/11/18-7/30/19, 34 unimproved (vacant lot) and 77 improved (with a home) properties have sold. Stay tuned for a year-end analysis of these numbers.

The Village of BHI has projected a downturn of approximately 20% in their accommodations tax, which reflects a downturn in rentals. The Village Chapel of BHI has seen a reduction in wedding bookings for this year and next year, and attendance is down this year.

The BHI Club completed phase I of its pool area and new restaurant (Horizons) with great success. Plus, the BHI Club interior repairs are finished. The BHI Club also completed its purchase of the Shoals Club and has hired a new CEO, David Sawyer, to succeed Robert Norton after his retirement later this year.

As for wildlife, 2019 has been a record-breaking year for sea turtle nests laid on BHI. The last count was 169 nests laid. As the coyote population appears to be growing, the BHI Conservancy and Village of BHI are looking at the need for possible actions. The BHI deer herd management program continues, with the BHI Conservancy capturing data about its positive effects.

The Village successfully completed the beach renourishment



project along South Beach. The "2019 Coastal Storm Damage Project" began on December 18, 2018, and included placing 1.1 million cubic yards of sand on South Beach and the replacement of 13 soft sand-filled geotextile tubes.

Bald Head Island will receive over \$1.5 million for Hurricane Florence-related expenses, which covers vegetative debris removal from roads and rights of way around BHI. From September 14, 2018 to March 14, 2019, 24,322 cubic yards of vegetative debris was collected and shredded for on-island mulch.

Post-Hurricane Florence, the Village managed the removal of 225 white goods, 1,440 pounds of hazardous material, 8,102 cubic yards of construction and demolition (C&D) debris, 1,368 cubic yards of sand from roads, 275 leaning and fallen trees on roads, 3,148 hanging limbs and much more.

In conjunction with Public Safety Day on June 27, 2019, the Village rolled out a campaign to inform property owners and visitors about "No Underaged Drivers" on golf carts. With a new logo posted on signs around BHI and magnets, this addresses a constantly recurring issue with dangerous implications. Through education, the hope is to prevent golf cart and other accidents on BHI. That intention set aside, people continue to get hurt on golf carts this year. BHI has had one shark bite, and Public Safety has had several medical evacuations, both by ferry and helicopter. Sadly, there has been one death from an unfortunate accident.

BHI misses its dearly departed neighbors, including Ralph Lee III, Ronald O'Keefe, Barbara Gray, Captain Rodney Melton, Steve Conway and Bryant Frech. BHA extends a wish of peace for the families they left behind.

Changes around the BHI include the "Old 32" fire station and administration building on Edward Teach Extension. Harper Peterson has a new sign "Provisions," coming in fall 2019. The "New 32" is being transformed into office space by John Fisher and Tiffany Williams. The Silver Peddler has new owners, Jack and Sharon Frost, with special stories about their ties to BHI.

Meanwhile, the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) continues to meet monthly one-and-a half years after it began, with the intent to transfer ownership from the Mitchell estate to the Authority.

Ferry ticket comparisons from year-to-year are an interesting way to track trends. For the period of January through June from 2017 to 2019, Class I General ticket sales have increased 11%,

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(Noun) a small and particularly interesting item of information.

Fate of BHI Coyotes Being Debated

The BHI Conservancy reported at the July regular meeting of the Village Council that several coyotes who have made their home on BHI are potentially threatening sea turtle eggs and hatchlings during what has become a record year for the number of nests not just on BHI but also along the East Coast.

Despite the Conservancy's efforts to protect the nests, approximately 3-4 coyotes have discovered the nests located along East and South beaches. As of the July Council meeting, the coyotes had entered just under two dozen nests and eaten about 300 eggs. BHI Conservancy Executive Director Chris Shank reported that the coyotes have become habituated to the human nest monitors and interns and have

begun entering the nests between 2:00-6:00am.

While debating the need to help protect the federally protected sea turtle and finding a balance to let nature take its course, the Council instructed Village staff to pursue obtaining a depredation permit to potentially remove some coyotes from the Island. Staff were also asked to identify a professional trapper, determine potentials costs and report back to the Council for a decision on whether and how to move forward.

BHA will continue to report on this issue as more information becomes available.

Do You Have a Used Mattress? Do You (Hopefully) Recycle?

NEW Mattress Disposal Process for Property Owners

BHI Public Works has a NEW process for disposing of used mattresses. DO NOT take mattresses and box springs to the container or dumpster at Public Works. And DO NOT leave mattresses and box springs at the Public Works gate or anywhere outdoors on BHI. Doing so only makes more work for Public Works and destroys BHI's natural beauty.

- 1. Call Ben Liddle at Public Works at 910-457-5422 to request a pickup of your mattress and box springs.
- 2. Ben must first approve the pickup request.
- Once Ben approves the pickup request, a payment of \$80 per mattress and box spring set must be paid to the Village of BHI. You can either pay in person at Village Hall or call in a payment by phone (910-457-9700, ext. 0). Gina Troll collects the payment and the property owner's contact information.
- Once payment is completed, Gina will email a receipt to the property owner and copy Ben, with the property owner's contact information.
- 5. Ben will call the property owner to schedule a pickup.

Recycling — Did You Know?

Do you have an unwanted computer, monitor or television? Did you know that you can recycle it on BHI? You can bring these electronic devices to container #3 at Public Works. If you have any questions, the Public Works office is open 7:00am-2:15pm Monday-Friday

and 6:30am-2:00pm Saturday-Sunday.

Have an old cell phone you need to dispose of? How about used batteries or other hazardous chemicals such as cleaning supplies or paint? Come to Public Works during office hours to find out how.

Did you know that chipboard milk, cream and juice containers are recyclable? Chipboard beer and soda packaging and cracker boxes are all recyclable. Paper towel and toilet paper chipboard rolls can also be recycled. But all chipboard items go into the recycled container, not the cardboard container. Please clean all containers before recycling.

Styrofoam containers are not recycled, so throw those into the trash. But chipboard egg containers are recyclable. They go in the recycled container, not the cardboard container.

All plastic bags, including grocery bags, bread bags and trash bags are not allowed in the recycling container. Either recycle plastic bags at mainland grocery store containers or throw them into the trash can provided at Public Works.

Keep in mind that NO construction materials are allowed in the Public Works dumpster or any containers. Treated lumber removal requires special handling. Your contractor must properly dispose of all construction and demolition (C&D) debris.

The Brunswick County recycling brochure with additional information is posted the home page at *BaldHeadAssociation.com*.

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are both avid Penn State and Pittsburgh Steeler fans. They are involved in the arts and humanities scene and dog rescue. They enjoy kayaking, gardening and trying healthy, new recipes in the kitchen. They are looking forward to moving to historic Southport and learning all about Bald Head Island and the Wilmington area.

"David is honored to join the talented teams at the BHI Club and the Shoals Club, and he looks forward to continuing and building upon their proud history. He is eager to take up Robert Norton's great work and lead the team to provide excellent service, programs, facilities and experiences in golf, food and beverage, recreation and wellness. He aims to make a longterm positive impact and help the Board, members and team to position the BHI Club as one of the premier clubs on the Atlantic Coast and one of the leading resort destination clubs in America."

The 2019 Village of BHI Council Candidate Forum Thursday, September 26, 2019, 4:00-6:00pm

The Brunswick County League of Women Voters (BC-LWV) will hold a forum for Village Council candidates on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the BHI Club (1 Saltmeadow Trail) in the Ocean Room from 4:00-6:00pm.

The candidates who are running are: Kit Adcock, Joe Brawner, Michael T. Brown, John L. Fisher, Dan McConnell, Claude Pope and Peter C. Quinn.

Do you have questions that you would like the candidates to address at the forum? Questions for candidates will be collected and organized by the BC-LWV. A secure email address has been set up for this purpose. Email your questions to: *BHI2019council@gmail.com* by Monday, September 16, **2019**. DO NOT email any questions to BHA. Only the BC-LWV will see these questions before the event

BHA will record the event and post it online within 24 hours on the BHA YouTube channel, with links on the website and Facebook.

BHA is hosting this event, but the BC-LWV is organizing and executing the format of the forum. All questions for candidates and communications with candidates will be handled by the BC-LWV. The event moderator will be confirmed and announced in the October *Island Report*.

Be on the lookout for the October *Island Report*. Candidate photos and bios will be included, along with their answers to a few personal questions.

Pet of the Month — Sam Lammert

By Larry Lammert

Sam was adopted in January of 2004 and came to live on Bald Head Island. For his first 13 years, he only knew golf carts as the way to travel. Sam has walked miles and miles on BHI with the men's walking group, and he has a wealth of information about BHI because he laid at Larry's feet in more meetings than he can remember.

Sam has the best personality of any dog. His smile will let you know that he loves you. Sam spent 13 years welcoming everyone he met to BHI. He left BHI on May of 2016 with his owners to start a new life in Wilmington. But he comes back at least four times each year to spend time visiting his friends.



Larry and Pat Lammert visited BHI recently with their dog, Sam.

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were tipped over. Street signs went missing. Visitors were photographed doing silly and outlandish things in, with and on their golf carts. Owners just shook their heads and continued to wonder out loud what is to become of our precious Island.

I heard the greatest quote the other day that made me think of that tension between owners and visitors — "Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were." If nothing else, we all know that the month of October is right around the corner and there's almost nothing more splendid than BHI during the month of October. Hold onto our grumpiness, and we'll do a collective exhale next month.

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Class II Bulk 40 tickets have dramatically increased 72% and Class V Contractor tickets have increased 24%.

BHA hopes that we can all learn from our Island's challenges and celebrate the victories. BHA's stated vision for the future is for a community working together to cultivate a unique quality of life to preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come.

BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA)

In order to move up the date that property owners receive their mailed *Island Reports*, the new cutoff date precedes the BHITA monthly meeting. The October *Island Report* will cover the August 21 BHITA meeting. Monthly articles are also posted on the website at *BaldHeadAssociation.com/news*.

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BHA-owned Common Area Tree Violations:

162.75 inches of trees \$4,250 fines & remediation costs

Tree Violations on Property Owner Lots:

\$3,400 fines levied by BHA Board for unauthorized tree removal

Community Wide Standards Violations: 1

You may notice some changes soon...

Changes to the Wildlife Overlook on Stede Bonnet Wynd are beginning. You may notice some workers and equipment in the area. We ask everyone to refrain from visiting this area until work is fully completed and the structures are sound. Beware! Do not walk around the structures to the lagoon/pond alligators roam freely. Stay tuned for updates.

September 2019

| Labor Day | 9/2/2019 | |
|---|-----------|--------|
| Card Class | 9/4/2019 | 2pm |
| ARC–A Meeting | 9/6/2019 | 9am |
| Grandparents' Day | 9/8/2019 | |
| Patriot Day | 9/11/2019 | |
| BHA Board Meeting | 9/13/2019 | 2pm |
| Howl at the Moon ("Harvest Moon") | 9/13/2019 | 6:30pm |
| Island-wide Employee Appreciation Day | 9/18/2019 | 11am |
| BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg. | 9/18/2019 | 9:15am |
| ARC–B Meeting | 9/20/2019 | 9am |
| VBHI — Work Session | 9/20/2019 | 9:45am |
| Village Council Meeting | 9/20/2019 | 2:30pm |
| Autumnal Equinox | 9/23/2019 | 3:50am |
| 2019 Village Council Candidate Forum | 9/26/2019 | 4:00pm |

SAVE THE DATE in October:

| Card Class | 10/2/2019 | 2pm |
|---|-------------|---------|
| ARC–A Meeting | 10/4/2019 | 9am |
| Thad Wester Fishing School 10/4/201 | 9-10/6/2019 | |
| Veterinary Clinic | 10/10/2019 | 8:30am |
| BHA Board Meeting | 10/11/2019 | 2pm |
| Old Baldy Then and Now Home Tour | 10/12/2019 | 1pm |
| Howl at the Moon ("Hunter's Moon") | 10/13/2019 | 5:30pm |
| BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg. | 10/16/2019 | 9:15am |
| ARC–B Meeting | 10/18/2019 | 9am |
| VBHI — Work Session | 10/18/2019 | 9:45am |
| Village Council Meeting | 10/18/2019 | 2:30pm |
| Island Litter Sweep | 10/26/2019 | 10am |
| Operation Re-Forest — We Forest Kickoff | 10/26/2019 | 12:30pm |
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Around the corner in 2019:

| Daylight Saving | 11/3/2019 |
|--|------------|
| Roast and Toast on the Coast | 11/8/2019 |
| Veterans Day | 11/11/2019 |
| Brunswick County Nuclear Siren Test (3 min.) | 11/13/2019 |
| Thanksgiving Day | 11/28/2019 |
| | |

Who Do I Call? Voting Questions

Do you have questions about voting? Perhaps you'd like to understand residency requirements, how to get an absentee ballot or change where you want to vote. For all voting questions, Brunswick County is your

source. Visit www.brunswickcountync.gov/elections/. As of the print deadline, there are 253 people registered to

vote in BHI elections. If you live on BHI full-time or parttime, you may want to review the voting requirements and determine where you want to exercise your voting rights. According to the Brunswick County Board of Elections, to

According to the Brunswick County Board of Elections, to register to vote in Brunswick County, you must "be a legal resident domiciled in Brunswick County and North Carolina for 30 days by the date of the next general election day."

Here are some important voting dates. Absentee ballots are available October 4. Residency deadline is October 6.

Voter registration deadline is October 11. Municipal election is November 5 (polls are open 6:30am-7:30pm). For the full list of voting dates, visit *www.brunswickcountync.gov/elections/* Select the "2019 Election Calendar" link under the subhead "2019 Election Dates."

The "One-stop" absentee voting process is as follows: "The voter appears in person at a prescribed location, completes an application, and then casts his/her ballot. The time frame for one-stop voting is the third Wednesday before an election through the Friday before the election." For 2019, this time frame is Wednesday, October 16, through Friday, November 1.

For questions, call the Brunswick County Board of Elections at 910-253-2620. Office hours are 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday, and the website is *www.brunswickcountync. gov/elections/.*

New to BHA? Island Litter Sweeps — YOU Can Help BHI!

BHA has five volunteer committees, one of which is the Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee. One of RCB's many functions is holding Island Litter Sweeps two to three times each year. The next Island Litter Sweep is **Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 10:00am-12:00pm**.

Join us in the Generator Society Hall at the BHA Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd). Gloves, grabbers and litter bags are provided, as well as water and snacks. All participants receive a reusable shopping bag.

Everyone is invited to help clean up this beautiful Island, no matter if you live here, rent here or work here. There is an abundance of litter following Hurricane Florence, so plan on coming to help and bring others with you. Every pair of hands has a dramatic and immediate impact.

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| Check out our "Events" tab online at: www.BaldHeadAssociation.com September 2019 | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|----------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 8:30am /10am Rev. Dr. Steven Hein Presbyterian (VC) | 2 No Yoga Labor Day BHA Office Closed | 3 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 4 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Card Class 2pm (AC) | 5 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 6 ARC — A Meeting 9am (AC/B) ARC — B Submission Deadline | 7 |
| 8 8:30am Rev. Dr. Garrett Albertson Methodist (VC) Grandparents Day | 9 Yoga 11:45am (AC) | 10 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 11 Yoga 11:45am (AC) | 12 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 13 Village Transportation Committee 10am (PSC) BHA Board Mtg. 2pm (AC/B) Howl at the Moon 6:30pm (Access 39) | 14 |
| 15 8:30am Rev. Christopher Garcia Episcopal (VC) | 16 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Community Potluck Dinner 6pm (AC) | 17 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 18 BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg. 9:15am (Southport) Employee Appreciation Day 11am (OB) | 19 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 20 ARC — B Mtg. 9am (AC/B) ARC — A Submission Deadline VBHI Council Work Session 9:45am (PSC) VBHI Council Mtg. 2:30pm (PSC) | 21 |
| 22 8:30am Mr. J. Brent Bill Quaker (VC) | 23 No Yoga Autumnal Equinox 3:50am | 24 Pilates 10:45am (AC) | 25 No Yoga | 26 Pilates 10:45am (AC) 2019 Village Council Candidate Forum 4pm (Club) | 27 | 28 |
| 29 8:30am Rev. Dr. John Brearley Presbyterian (VC) | 30 No Yoga | | | | | |



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

AC (BHA Association Center) AC/B (BHA Association Center — Berne Room) BHIC (BHI Conservancy) Club (BHI Club) CA (Creek Access) MMFP (Maritime Market Forest Pavilion) MP (Marina Park, Keelson Row) OB (Old Baldy) PSC (Public Safety Complex) RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard) VC (Village Chapel) September 2019 / Vol. 30, No. 9

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BHA's Community Potlack Dinners retarn! Monday, September 16 and Monday, October 21 Association Center /6:00pm

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