



# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## The Bald Head Association Voting Process

*A*t Bald Head Association's 2020 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020, the result of proxies and ballots will be announced. There are two vacancies on the BHA Board of Directors to be filled, with five proposed board candidates on the proxy/ballot to be voted upon. Also in the proxy/ballot is one proposed change to the Covenants. Members are asked to lift the single-family utilization requirement for an unbuildable lot on South Bald Head Wynd, for the Village of BHI to build a special-needs beach access. Your vote counts, and we ask all members to return the proxy that was mailed in the 2019 Annual Report in mid-December. **All proxies must be received by the BHA office by 4:00pm on Thursday, January 23, 2020, in order to be counted.**

Bald Head Association members are entitled to one vote per lot, and cumulative voting is permitted. Per the BHA Covenants, 100 votes constitutes a quorum.

These are the various ways you can cast your vote:

1. Return the mailed proxy to BHA. Proxy must be received by the BHA office by Thursday, January 23, 2020, in order to be counted.
2. Hand your completed and signed proxy to someone who is attending the 2020 Annual Meeting.
3. Vote in person by ballot the day of the 2020 Annual Meeting.

For any questions, contact Carrie Moffett, Bald Head Association's Executive Director, at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

## Winterizing and Closing Up Homes on Bald Head Island

Now with winter upon us, some BHI property owners' thoughts turn to the preparation of winterizing and/or closing up their homes. Here are some tips to help.

If you are away, it is important that BHA have the correct information to contact property owners, if necessary. If you have any contact information changes, don't forget to update that information with BHA. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 21 with contact update information. The Village of BHI also needs updated contact information. Call 910-457-9700 with updates.

If you are looking around your house and property and see any limbs and trees larger than 3" that need trimming, you must get prior approval from BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The same goes for any changes to the ecologically important understory. Requests for landscape changes to Common Area (a buffer zone between a property line and the golf course, for example) must be facilitated by BHA staff. On your own property, make sure your landscape contractor knows

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## Want to be included in BHA's BRAND NEW 2020 BHI Community Directory? You need to opt-in!

Do you want to be included in the 2020 BHI Community Directory? **Email BHA today!** You will not be in the directory unless you call or email BHA with your permission. BHA also needs your current contact information. If your contact information changes at any time, let us know.

### Email Bald Head Association:

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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](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

## The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Updates

The newly revised 24<sup>th</sup> edition of BHA's Design Guidelines is in effect for new submittals reviewed after January 1, 2020. Though the document is lengthy (at 185 pages), it is a comprehensive and easy-to-understand guide for property owners and their service providers. Available 24/7 on the home page of BHA's website ([BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)), it can easily be searched by key word using CTRL + F.

There are some important points and new changes to highlight, and property owners are encouraged to review pertinent topics to ensure compliance.

One important point refers to vacant lots. Per the Design Guidelines, "No activity/utilization is allowed on a vacant lot." No changes are allowed to a vacant lot, including the removal of vegetation and the addition of recreational amenities, for example. Exceptions for lot clearing for survey or staking and for sale are detailed in the Design Guidelines on page 10, which states, "In order to provide ease of access, a path of 36 inches in width may be cleared as long as no trees, tree limbs or clustered growth subject to Village or ARC approval are disturbed."


One change in the new Design Guidelines version concerns mulch and is important to highlight for all property owners. On page 148, it states, "The use of mulch or pine straw must be limited to defined beds. Utilizing mulch and pine straw as general ground cover is not allowed. Existing homes should maintain the surrounding landscaping in a naturalized manner that reflects their specific BHI ecological

environment — the creek side marsh, the open dunes or the Maritime Evergreen Forest." What this means is that homeowners may not clear/remove ground vegetation or understory to lay mulch on their lots.

And here is one reminder about the importance of keeping understory (the "scrubby stuff") in property owners' landscapes. When you clear out around your home and reduce the understory vegetation, you take out good-quality soils, which weakens your trees' ability to protect your home and removes vital wind protection. Therefore, a natural landscape should be maintained.

BHA recognizes that there are a few historical properties or special circumstances for using mowers and/or weed-eaters. However, with the goal of retaining a natural landscape, using these tools throughout an entire lot and/or for indiscriminately trimming all vegetative growth are counter to the intent of BHA's landscape guidelines. ARC manages the trimming and removal of vegetation (including understory) with a pre-approval process.

There is no ARC-Section A meeting in January 2020 and will resume in February. The monthly ARC Section A and B schedules are posted on the website ([BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)). Select "About BHA," then "Architectural Review" for submittal deadlines and meeting dates.

For any ARC questions, contact Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com). 

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and follows the Landscape Section of the Design Guidelines. The property owner is the responsible party if any work done by a contractor does not follow BHA's Design Guidelines. Do not assume — ensure they know about and will follow all guidelines.

For existing homes, the Design Guidelines state, "ARC review and approval is required for the removal of trees 3 inches in diameter measured 48 inches along the trunk from ground level; tree limbs of 3 inches or more in diameter; clustered growth vegetation two square feet or more at ground level regardless of branching habits or diameter. Within the understory, ARC approval is required to remove vegetation 1 inch or greater in diameter measured 48 inches along the trunk from ground level." For any questions, contact Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

**Note:** If you live in a drip-line community managed by BHA (Keeper's Landing, Sumner's Crescent and Surfman's Walk), you do not own the property from the "drip line" of your home outwards — BHA owns that property. Just as you would not walk onto your neighbor's property to cut or trim a tree (that would be considered trespassing, as well), in this case, your "neighbor" is Bald Head Association. BHA manages all landscaping using a pre-approved vendor. Contact Pam Rainey for landscape requests for these communities at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or [PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

### Winterizing Your Home

- Clean your windows, screens and doors. Repair any torn screen materials. Make sure windows and doors are sealed properly.

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## No Increase for 2020 Assessments

At its regular December Board meeting, BHA's Board of Directors approved a budget that provides all the services and activities BHA property owners expect without raising property owners' dues for 2020. Next year's annual assessments will remain at the 2019 level — \$390 for a home and \$130 for a vacant lot. Coupons were mailed directly to property owners in late December, and the assessments for 2020 are due February 15, 2020. The Board allows property owners whose

bill is more than \$1,000 to make quarterly payments that are due February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. Payment can be made by mailing the coupon to the lockbox address found on the coupon or by signing up for the new Owner Access portal. (An email invitation to sign up for the portal was sent in December.) For questions, contact Denise Eidal at [Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or 910-457-4676, ext. 27.

## Property Owner Portal

On December 12, 2019, BHA emailed property owners an invitation to register for access to the new property owner software portal. This portal allows property owners access to view account balances and history, add or change phone numbers and mailing addresses, sign up for autopay or make one-time payments.

For security reasons, access to the portal is via email invitation only. If you did not receive an email invitation from BHA, we may not have your current email address on file. Contact Denise Eidal for any questions at 910-457-4676, ext. 27 or

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Through the portal, you can choose to sign up for TOPS AutoPay and have your annual assessment automatically drafted from your account or make a one-time payment at your convenience. Owners must have signed up for AutoPay by December 31, 2019 for the auto draft of the 2020 assessment now due. For one-time payments from a bank account, there is a \$2.95 processing fee. For VISA or MasterCard payments, there is a 3% transaction fee in addition to the \$2.95 processing fee.

## Architect Hired for Wildlife Overlook

BHA is excited to announce that the Board of Directors has hired architect Gordon Hall to assist with the repair of the Wildlife Overlook located on Stede Bonnet Wynd. The Overlook is closed due to damage from the recent hurricanes. Gordon will design a new alligator viewing platform as well as an additional

area that will provide property owners and guests a place to view other wildlife that frequent that location. New educational signage about the lagoon and its visitors is also being planned. The Board's goal is to have the platform constructed for the upcoming summer season.



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# Village of BHI Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village of BHI Public Information Officer

## Public Input During Council Meetings

There are two methods in which councils receive public input during council meetings. One is through the public comment period, and the other is through a public hearing. A public comment period is when the public is permitted to comment on *any* subject that is within the jurisdiction of the local government. Councils are required by statute to have a public comment period at a regular meeting at least once a month (unless a regular meeting is not held). A public hearing is when the public is permitted to make comments — but only about *certain subjects*. Public hearings are often held to satisfy statutory requirements when council deliberates items such as rezonings, annual budgets, special assessments, etc. A public hearing may be held voluntarily if the governing board wishes to hear from the public on a particular matter. Public hearings are not necessarily conducted at every regular council meeting or even every month. A public notice indicating the date, time, location and subject of each public hearing is posted in advance of the meeting during which the hearing will take place. All public notices are posted on the bulletin boards at Village Hall and the Village Post Office, and are posted on the Village’s website. Some public hearings must also be advertised in the local paper, according to statute.

During public comment periods and public hearings, councils are not required to respond to comments or answer questions

from the public. This is difficult for some to understand. There are reasons why councils typically do not respond. One reason is because doing so takes up time that could be used to hear comments from other citizens. Another reason is to avoid arguments from taking place during meetings. It is understandable that council members could become defensive when responding to complaints and criticism of policies. Having a policy of not responding eliminates the likelihood of a conflict. This does not mean that council is not responsive to constituents’ questions and concerns. Oftentimes subjects that are brought to council through public comment are addressed by becoming future agenda items or are referred to staff for resolution. Council members and staff are also receptive to emails and phone calls, which is an alternative to requiring an immediate response during public comment because it does not put them on the spot. If you do not regularly attend meetings or keep up by reading meeting minutes, you may not know what has been discussed previously or what the Village may be doing currently to address your issue. You can always contact Village Hall and inquire about anything within the jurisdiction of the Village. Please feel free to call, email or stop by.

The statutes allow councils to establish guidelines regarding the public comment period. The Village Council recently agreed to a set of guidelines which set a time limit of three minutes per speaker, established that the Council will not answer or respond to questions posed by speakers, reminded speakers to be courteous and respectful of others and their viewpoints, among others. The full set of guidelines can be found on the Village website and are posted outside of the meeting room, along with the sign-in sheet at each regular meeting.

Part of the Village’s mission is to provide exceptional customer service based on transparent practices. That is accomplished by providing citizens with council meeting agendas and documents online and in advance of each meeting. This way, citizens can review the items that council will be deliberating and, if necessary, let council members know how they feel about the issues that are being discussed and may be voted on. Public comment periods and public hearings allow

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## Coyote Education Session

With the goal of informing property owners about coexisting with coyotes on Bald Head Island, BHA hosted a Coyote Education Session on December 6, 2019. It was presented by staff from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC), the “state government agency created by the General Assembly in 1947 to conserve and sustain North Carolina’s fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use and public input.” It was a packed room, with approximately 70 people attending the education session. For the convenience of our property owner members, the recorded video link is posted on the home page of the BHA website ([BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)). And additional resource links are on the “Life on BHI” page, under “Wildlife on BHI.”



Becky Skiba, Coastal Regional Education Specialist, and John Henry Harrelson, Coastal Regional Wildlife Biologist, gave some historical and present-day information about the species — their migration and movement, their behavior and characteristics, their habitat, their ecological role and more. They shared helpful information for how people can modify their own behavior in order to coexist with them. For all property owners on Bald Head Island, BHA encourages everyone to view the recorded video and share this information with guests and renters.

Here is a sampling of what property owners can learn from the recorded video. Coyotes are “generalists,” meaning that

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citizens to be heard. If you are unable to attend a council meeting and would like your voice to be heard, each council member’s contact information can be found on the Village website. You can also call, email or stop by Village Hall, and staff will be ready to assist you in contacting your elected officials. 🐾

they can live in any habitat, as long as they have access to shelter, food and water. If food is available, they’ll stay around. Coyotes are omnivores. Though they can eat a variety of items including small rodents, cats and deer, the bulk of their diet is typically “soft mass,” such as fruits and bird seed. They are “opportunistic” eaters, so they’ll also eat insects and garbage. Most human-coyote interactions are associated with unsecured food — such as with pets/ domestic animals, pet food, bird seed and garbage.

John Henry explained that coyotes are typically in residential areas because food is available and/or the habitat is conducive. An area that provides good hunting grounds or ample places for denning is appealing to coyotes.

January through March is coyote breeding season. Due to coyotes traveling in search of a mate, they may be more visible to humans since they are moving around more. Pup season is April through August, and coyotes concentrate their activities around dens or burrows. They may become defensive and

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## Village of BHI Council

BHA thanks the property owners who exercised their 15th Amendment right to vote in the 2019 Village of BHI Council election. Receiving 101 votes, Michael T. Brown and Peter C. Quinn will serve four-year council terms. Receiving 87 votes, incumbent candidate Kit Adcock will serve until 2021, to align timing with the other council seat. All three candidates were

sworn-in at the December 13th council meeting.

In the 2019 election, 269 people were registered to vote on BHI. With 175 votes cast, 65% of Bald Head Islanders turned out to vote.


BHA congratulates the new council members and looks forward to working with the new Village Council. 

## New Cell Tower for Bald Head Island

*By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer*

The Planning Board has recommended approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which is needed to build a new cell tower on Bald Head Island. The Planning Board approved the CUP with no additional conditions. The Board of Adjustment makes the final approval of Conditional Use Permits. It was on the Board of Adjustment’s agenda for its December 20, 2019 meeting (held at 10:00am at the Public Safety Complex on BHI). The current plan, pending approval of the Conditional Use Permit, is to have the new tower up and functioning by Memorial Day weekend in 2020. The new cell tower will be located next to the old cell tower. The old tower will be removed

during the off-season.

In November 2018, Crown Castle flew test balloons at varying heights and took photos from four different areas of the Island. The height of the new tower will be 160 feet, which is 60 feet above the current tower height. The higher cell tower will improve cellular service throughout the Island. And the new cell tower will allow for the capability to add antennas for additional cell phone carriers. It will also enhance our Public Safety Department’s VIPER system (used for 911 communications), allowing for improved line-of-sight in areas of the Island such as near the dune line. 

## Coyote Management Update


From the December 3, 2019 *Village’s Voice*: “As a follow-up to previous updates provided on the Village’s efforts toward identifying ways to manage the island coyote population, Village staff continues to work at the direction of Council and in coordination with the BHI Conservancy. Since June 2019, the Village and the BHI Conservancy have been researching best practices on both the management of coyotes (lethal & non-lethal) and a variety of ways to improve the design of turtle nest cages to better protect sea turtle eggs, the protection of the eggs being the impetus for the Conservancy reaching out to the Village.

“More recently, with the 2019 election of two new Council members who will officially join the Council December 2019, additional time is needed to educate and bring them up to speed on efforts to-date, as any decision made in moving forward will be at the direction of the new Council. At this time, there is no

planned date(s) for trapping or otherwise until Council makes the decision at a future regular meeting and in open session.

“Until such time, the Village and Conservancy will continue to conduct research and communicate with wildlife and barrier island experts with the goal of finding well-informed solutions to address the coyote population on the island.

“Additionally, the Village continues to be receptive to the input received by Village residents, property owners and others, knowing any decision made in the future will be difficult and not taken lightly, but ultimately the decision will be made in the best interest of the island’s health, safety and general welfare. The health and safety of humans, pets and native island wildlife species (whether threatened, endangered or otherwise) will be among other considerations the priority for any decision made by Council.”

For updates, contact the Village of BHI at 910-457-9700. 



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## Who Do I Call? Bald Head Association

Bald Head Association is the largest property owners' association on Bald Head Island, with 1,910 member properties. BHA has a six-member Board of Directors and is managed by Executive Director Carrie Moffett, with six staff members. Here is a list of BHA staff members and their responsibilities, with their phone extensions and email addresses for easy contact.

### Carrie Moffett, Executive Director

Supervises BHA staff; oversees management of all contracts of BHA services; manages financial resources of the Association; supports annual audit process, Board of Directors and BHA committees; E-blasts; member surveys; interfaces with on- and off-island organizations; oversees, coordinates and/or executes the provisions of BHA's Procedures Manual and Covenants; and more.

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### Diane Mesaris, Administrative Assistant

Contact information changes, real estate closing information, BHA master calendar of events, Association Center rentals, Welcome Package mailings, community garden and general BHA questions.

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### Karen Mosteller, Architectural Review Coordinator

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) activities and BHA's Design Guidelines — new construction, renovation and repair, all exterior structure changes including paint color, lighting, roofing, tree and understory trimming/removal/additions.

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### Pam Henson, Communications Associate

Monthly *Island Report* newsletter, Annual Report, BHA website and social media, seminars, video recording and online posting, Welcome Package, resource information sheets, event posters and BHI Community Directory.

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### Denise Eidal, Full Charge Bookkeeper

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### Teagan Perry Hall, ARC Associate and Covenants Compliance Agent

Helps facilitate ARC process and handles resolution of all BHA violations.

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### Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate

Manages drip-line communities of Keeper's Landing, Summer's Crescent and Surfman's Walk; manages tree trimming/approval requests on BHA common area; manages Boat Park storage.

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## Did You Know? Island Trash Receptacles

*By Kit Adcock, Village of BHI Councilor*

Have you ever wondered why trash receptacles and enclosures are designed the way they are on Bald Head Island? The answer is because of BHI wildlife.

During the 1990s, BHI's raccoon population skyrocketed. These normally nocturnal creatures were so abundant, they would forage for food 24 hours a day. The foxes that had previously inhabited Bald Head Island died off from distemper,

so the raccoons had no natural predators. They were prolific.

Raccoons raided unsecured Island trash daily. Food left out disappeared. In winter months, raccoons found warmth in uninhabited homes, entering through clothes dryer ducts, attic vents or subflooring that was not complete. It was not uncommon to have your lunch or soda can snatched from your

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## New to BHA? BHA's Annual Meeting and Smith Island Social — Saturday, January 25, 2020

If you are interested in learning about various Bald Head Island entities and who does what, plan to attend BHA's Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Not only is it an opportunity for members to learn more about BHA, it's also a chance to learn more about the inner workings of the entire Island. In addition to BHA representatives, members also traditionally hear from other BHI entities, including the developer BHI Limited, the Village of BHI, the BHI Club, Old Baldy, the Chapel, Middle Island's POA and the BHI Conservancy. All that information is packed into less than two hours! Numerous long-time property owners have expressed that they learned more about Bald Head Island at the Annual Meeting than they had from any other source. Make plans now to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2020, beginning at 9:00am. The meeting will be

held at BHA's Association Center, located at 111 Lighthouse Wynd, Bald Head Island, NC.

The Smith Island Social is back! Held annually, this event was missed in 2019 due to Hurricane Florence's damage. Appetizers and cocktails start at 6:00pm at the BHI Club. **Call the BHI Club at 910-457-7300 to make your reservations by Saturday, January 11, 2020.** DJ Fray will spin some great tunes in the Ocean Room. You can specify the Palms Room for a quieter space when you make your reservation. Cost is \$50 per person. You do not need to be a member of the BHI Club to attend, but non-club members must provide a credit card. The Smith Island Social menu was included in the 2019 Annual Report package. If you missed it, visit [BaldHeadAssociation.com/island-report-archives](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/island-report-archives). 


## March Madness — UNC Tarheels vs. Duke Blue Devils Basketball Game Viewing Parties

Come join with other UNC Tarheel and Duke Blue Devil fans to watch these epic basketball matches in 2020 — Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 7. Both start at 6:00pm in the Generator Society Hall at the Association Center (located at 111 Lighthouse Wynd, Bald Head Island).

BHA's Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee is sponsoring this event. For any question, contact F. A. McLeod, SER Committee, at [FAatBeach@aol.com](mailto:FAatBeach@aol.com). Bring an appetizer to share and your beverage, and help cheer on your team!

Did you know that UNC-Chapel Hill (Carolina) and Duke University (Duke) played their first basketball game against each other on January 24, 1920? Carolina won that game with 36 vs. 25 for Duke. In their last game on March 15, 2019, Duke won with 74 vs. 73 for Carolina, so the rivalry continues. Of the total 251 meet-ups to date, Carolina leads, winning 139 games vs. Duke winning 112 games.

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campuses (only eight miles, as the crow flies), in 2000, ESPN ranked this basketball rivalry as the third greatest in North America. 



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# TIDBITS:

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## NC State Ports Authority

Information about the NC State Ports Authority's plans for deepening the Cape Fear River channel is at: [CoastalReview.org](http://CoastalReview.org). Public comments can be emailed to the port at: [WH203study@ncports.com](mailto:WH203study@ncports.com).

## BHITA Meeting Updates

The Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA) meeting updates and year-end financial documents are posted online at: [BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/news).

## Bald Head Woods Coastal Reserve

The Bald Head Woods Coastal Reserve is now reopened, as of November 17, 2019, after being closed due to damage from Hurricane Dorian.

## 2020 Golf Cart Registration

The 2020 registration deadline for golf carts on Bald Head Island was **December 31, 2019**. For golf cart registration renewals, visit [www.VillageBHI.org](http://www.VillageBHI.org). For golf carts being registered for the first time, you must register in person at the Public Safety Complex, located at 273 Edward Teach Extension.

If your cart registration sticker is damaged, you can visit the Public Safety Complex for a new cart sticker. Golf carts are registered individually. For any questions, call the Public Safety Department at 910-457-5252.

## Knitting and Needlepoint Project Group on BHI

Do you knit or know someone who does? How about crochet, counted cross stitch, rug hooking, needlepoint or embroidery? If it involves any type of needles and fabric, there's a group on Bald Head Island you should know about. Everyone is welcome. Come for one visit or come every week. This group meets every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30am, at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd).

When you visit, the first thing this group may tell you is, "We're loud." They embody a feeling of comradery and friendship, and they help each other. Sometimes they share needlepoint tips, sometimes they just catch up. They are self-described as a welcoming, fun group.

Their philosophical benefit of knitting and needlepoint work is, "It's cheaper than therapy. Plus, you have a concrete product at the end."

One lady started knitting when she was a young child, taught by nuns. Others started as early as 8 years old, on up to high-school age. Several were taught by a mother or grandmother. And one lady just started recently. Join this group and make some new friends!



## New Home Owners

If you have recently bought or sold your home on BHI, don't forget to update your Knox Box paperwork and, if necessary, replace any inoperative keys. In an emergency, every second counts. Contact Public Safety at 910-457-5252.


## Did You Miss?

Did you miss the November 2019 article entitled "The Story About Understory, Why Everyone on BHI Should Care"? Read it online! Antime you want to view archived *Island Report* issues and E-blasts, visit [BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/news). Select your option from the menu, with 24/7 convenience.

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table at the Club pool in broad daylight. Raccoons and their darling babies were everywhere.

Today, with the addition of coyotes to Bald Head Island's habitat, the Island's well-designed trash containers will prevent easy foraging.

**NOTE:** Property owners who rent are encouraged to inform renters to place trash bags in the home's securely contained trash receptacle, **NOT** at the roadside, and to turn the **Yes/No** sign for pickup. 

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### 2020 TALLY:

1. BHA-owned Common Area Tree Violations:  
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2. Tree Violations on Property Owner Lots:  
**\$0 fines levied by BHA Board**  
**for unauthorized tree removal**
3. Community Wide Standards Violations: **0**
4. Lighting Violations: **0**
5. Trash and Debris Violations: **0**
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- Visually inspect your air conditioning unit and have all necessary repairs made by a licensed heating and air conditioning company. If you ever see visible ice anywhere on your AC unit and/or on its copper coils, call your heating and air conditioning contractor immediately.
- Have your heating unit inspected and cleaned by a licensed heating and air conditioning company before you use your heating unit for the first time in the fall.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a licensed chimney sweep before its first use.
- Change all air filters.
- Check all fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries.

**Closing Up Your Home**

- Make sure all windows and doors are locked.
- Store outdoor furniture securely in your garage. And store any flyaway materials indoors.
- Clean out your refrigerator and freezer. In case the power goes out for any period of time, you don't want to return to not only the mess, but potentially maggots and bad smells. If you turn off the power, leave the doors ajar to prevent mold growth.
- Empty and clean out all appliances. Unplug appliances and electronics.
- If you don't have remote thermostat controls, turn your heat down to a level that prevents freezing temperatures inside the house. This temperature setting helps prevent internal plumbing pipes from freezing, which can lead to more problems.
- If you want to have the water turned off, only the Village of

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territorial to those that may invade their space during this time to protect their pups.

Simply seeing a coyote is not a cause for alarm. Fear often drives public perception, but educating yourself is key. What should BHI property owners do if you see a coyote? Hazing is recommended, meaning to deter them in order to maintain a coyote's fear of humans — yell, wave your arms, stomp your feet or use noisemakers (like a whistle).

There are steps that all BHI property owners can do to help:

1. Educate yourself (and guests and renters) — learn about coyotes and their behavior.
2. Modify your behavior.
  - a. Remove the attractant (secure bird seed/feeders, clean areas below bird feeders, avoid feeding pets outdoors and ensure garbage is only disposed of in enclosed trash receptacles — educate renters not to place trash beside roadways).
  - b. **Leash dogs at all times.**
  - c. **Keep cats indoors.**
3. Modify potential habitat areas around your home and/or lot. Potential den sources include structures with open access, so close off any open areas around your home or garage. (*Note: All exterior changes are subject to ARC pre-approval.*) And clear any brush piles, which may provide cover.



BHI can do that. For fee information and questions, call Public Utilities 910-457-7350.

- Take photos of the interior and exterior of your home for insurance purposes.

Property owners are holding their own in the battle with rats. Though rats are still on BHI and will always be here, BHA urges property owners to continue to be vigilant. Here are tips to help prevent potentially expensive repairs from rat damage.

- If no one is in the home for an extended amount of time, remove non-perishable food items from your pantry. Remove any packaging that is not rodent “gnaw-proof,” such as plastic or thin chipboard.
- Use materials that are rodent “gnaw-proof” such as sheet metal, expanded metal, perforated metal, iron grills, hardware screen and cement mortar. Materials having an opening of ¼”

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# January 2020

BHA Office Closed	1/1/2020	
Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	1/8/2020	
Card Class	1/8/2019	2pm
Village Transportation Committee Meeting	1/10/2020	10am
Howl at the Moon (“Wolf Moon”)	1/10/2019	4pm
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Mtg.	1/15/2019	9:15am
ARC–B Meeting	1/17/2020	9am
VBHI — Work Session	1/17/2020	9:45am
Village Council Meeting	1/17/2020	2:30pm
Community Potluck Dinner	1/20/2019	6pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/20/2020	
BHA Office Closed	1/20/2020	
BHA Board Meeting	1/24/2019	10am
Bahamas Hurricane Relief Fundraiser	1/24/2020	6pm
Meeting Weekend	1/24/2020-1/26/2020	
BHA Annual Meeting	1/25/2020	9am
BHI Conservancy Annual Meeting	1/25/2020	1pm
Villa Association Meeting	1/25/2020	2pm
FB/KR Board Meeting	1/25/2020	2pm
Creek Geek Meeting	1/25/2020	3pm
BHA Smith Island Social	1/25/2020	6pm
Village Chapel Board Meeting	1/26/2020	11am

## SAVE THE DATE in February:

Card Class	2/5/2019	2pm
ARC–A Meeting	2/7/2020	9am
UNC vs. Duke Basketball Game Gathering	2/8/2020	6pm
Howl at the Moon (“Snow Moon”)	2/9/2019	4pm
Valentine’s Day	2/14/2020	
President’s Day	2/17/2020	
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Mtg.	2/19/2019	9:15am
ARC–B Meeting	2/21/2020	9am
VBHI — Work Session	2/21/2020	9:45am
Village Council Meeting	2/21/2020	2:30pm
Community Potluck Dinner	2/17/2019	6pm
BHA Board Retreat	TBD	

## Around the corner in 2020:

Daylight Saving Time Begins	3/8/2020	
UNC vs. Duke Basketball Game Gathering	3/7/2020	6pm

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- or less will exclude both rats and mice.
- Install professional bait stations. If you choose to install exterior bait stations and traps, contact a professional, licensed exterminator. **Note: Rat poison not dispensed and monitored by professionals is NOT recommended. Pellet bait in particular is STRONGLY DISCOURAGED because it is highly toxic and can be removed by rats and dropped in open areas accessible to children, pets and wildlife — including predators such as bald eagles, owls and others.** By properly sealing your home, you can PREVENT the need for dealing with rats and mice.
- Frequent visual home inspections have averted substantial damage. This may be a challenge for many property owners during the off season. However, it is especially important to have your home inspected regularly. If you can't get to the Island in the coming months, it is highly recommended that you consider asking a neighbor or hiring a contractor or trusted individual to inspect your home at least once a month for signs of intrusion. As with so many things, early detection is key.
- Close up holes on the underside of your home. Several contractors report that rats can enter homes with ease through the underpinning because it is often overlooked.
- Rats will be looking for water — particularly where HVAC condensation lines enter the home. Redirect HVAC condensation lines draining directly under and beside structures. Attach soaker/irrigation hoses to the ends of redirected lines with a PVC connector/adaptor, preventing puddles which attract

- all types of wildlife to drink, including rodents.
- Remove all dog droppings and all animal food.
- Remove ripe and fallen fruits and nuts. Elevate stored items at least 18" off of the ground.
- Check and repair any openings under your home.
- Ensure that all trash enclosures are secured from wildlife intrusion.

**Storing Your Golf Cart**

Check with your golf cart supplier for the necessary maintenance services and important details about short- and long-term storage. The checklist of do's and don'ts for golf cart storage varies, depending on the length of storage time, access to a charger on a continual basis, AC power availability, ability to maintain electrolyte levels, timing of adding water to the battery to ensure appropriate mixing time with electrolytes to prevent from freezing and more.

In general, here are some basic tips for storing golf carts:

- The golf cart should be fully charged prior to storage.
- The key switch should be turned to the OFF position and removed.
- Leave the forward/reverse switch in the NEUTRAL position.
- Place the tow/run switch in the TOW position.
- Clean battery packs, tops and terminal.
- Store golf cart vinyl covers in the DOWN position to prevent from cracking.
- Store the windshield in the UPRIGHT position.

There are additional, important details about golf cart storage. Check with your golf cart supplier for more information.



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# January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>BHA Office Closed</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>3</b> <b>ARC — B</b> Submission Deadline	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10am <b>Rev. James B. Craven III</b> <i>Episcopal</i> (VC)	<b>6</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>7</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>8</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Card Class</b> 2pm (AC) <b>Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test</b> 10am	<b>9</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>10</b> <b>Village Transportation Committee Mtg.</b> 10am (PSC) <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 4pm (Access 39)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10am <b>Rev. Timothy Russell</b> <i>Methodist</i> (VC)	<b>13</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>14</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>15</b> <b>BHI Transportation Authority Mtg.</b> 9:15am (Southport) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>16</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>17</b> <b>ARC — B Meeting</b> 9am (AC/B) <b>VBHI Council Work Session</b> 9:45am (PSC) <b>VBHI Council Mtg.</b> 2:30pm (PSC)	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10am <b>Rev. Dr. James Garneau</b> <i>Catholic</i> (VC)	<b>20</b> <b>Community Potluck Dinner</b> 6pm (AC) <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> <b>BHA Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>22</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>23</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>24</b> <b>BHA Board Meeting</b> 10am (AC/B) <b>ARC — A</b> Submission Deadline <b>Bahamas Hurricane Relief Fundraiser</b> 6pm (MMFP)	<b>25</b> <b>BHA Annual Mtg.</b> 9am (AC) <b>BHIC Meeting</b> 1pm (BHIC) <b>Villa Assoc. Meeting</b> 2pm (AC) <b>FB/KR Board Meeting</b> 2pm (AC/B) <b>Creek Geek Meeting</b> 3pm (BHIC) <b>Smith Island Social</b> 6pm (Club)
<b>26</b> 10am <b>Rev. Dr. Craven Williams</b> <i>Methodist</i> (VC)  <b>Village Chapel Board Meeting</b> 11am (VC)	<b>27</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>28</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>29</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>30</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>31</b>	



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**Standing Events:**

- **Knitting & Needlepoint Work**  
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- **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](mailto: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)

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