



Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

Community Wide Standards — Share Your Feedback Prior to the November 13th BHA Board Meeting

Last month's Island Report article on Community Wide Standards (CWS) highlighted the reasoning behind important changes to BHA's Community Wide Standards, which the BHA Board will be voting on during the public session at its November 13th meeting, beginning at 11:00am. To view the full article, current CWS document and revised CWS draft, visit BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

BHA's Board adopted the CWS for its member properties in October 2018, and the Board has voted to begin conducting evaluations of all member properties in early 2021 but would like to receive property owner feedback prior to implementation. An opportunity to speak was available at the October 12th regular BHA Board meeting and will also be available at the upcoming

November 13th regular BHA Board meeting, which will be held electronically.

We want to hear from you!

Join the public session of the BHA Board meeting on November 13 at 11:00am and share your feedback with us. You can join from your computer, tablet or smartphone at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/712300053>.

You can also dial in using your phone (in the United States) at: **+1 (408) 650-3123. Use access code: 712-300-053.**

For more information or to provide feedback to the Board about these changes prior to the meeting, email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Giving Thanks

November is a month often thought of as a time for reflection and thankfulness. The challenges of daily life — especially this year — can make it more difficult to see the many things that make this Island special. Although there are many, many others, the following are some things that we are thankful for:

- Most importantly and the most obvious, that there hasn't been a serious outbreak of COVID-19 on the Island.
- BHA staff and the Island's other dedicated employees who stood in line for at least 30-40 minutes twice a day — every day — over the past several months to commute to and from work. Some got paid for waiting; others did not.
- The Village of BHI for the completion of successful infrastructure projects, such as the Public Safety Complex and the terminal groin. Instead of watching beach walkways at The Point fall helplessly into the Cape Fear River, today's beachgoer must walk quite a distance to reach the water.

- The generosity of property owners and others who stepped up to support Old Baldy, the Chapel, the BHI Conservancy and the Island's businesses when BHI was on hiatus. They all contribute mightily to the BHI experience and basic needs for owners and visitors alike.
- The incredible wildlife that freely wander the Island.
- The Island's gorgeous sunrises and sunsets. They never ever get old.
- The ability to travel through three wondrous, separate and distinct ecosystems within 10 minutes.
- The time and commitment of BHA's volunteers — in particular, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Giving selflessly to one's community is a key to BHI's ultimate success. It can't survive without volunteers.
- The commitment of the developer — Bald Head Island

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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 office — open by appointment only

Email Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com or call Carol Collins, ARC Associate, at 910-477-7246.

ARC — Mulch and Holiday ARC Meeting Schedule

Now is a good time to provide some clarification about mulch on property owner lots. On page 148 of the Design Guidelines, 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.” This means that homeowners may not clear/remove naturally occurring, native ground vegetation or understory to mulch across their entire lots. While mulch and pine straw used to create defined beds helps to provide nutrients and retain moisture to support plantings, it is important to not cover the base collar roots of trees.

This item should not be confused with a guideline specifically for new construction, which states on page 119: “In order to protect the road edge, all drives and/or construction accesses should be stabilized with gravel,

mulch or other appropriate material before construction begins. This temporary stabilization material may need to be removed at project completion in order to not increase the approved impervious coverage calculation.”

Mulch and pine straw may also be used on new construction sites to mitigate the impact of the building process and help support and reestablish native ground coverage and understory.

The full Design Guidelines document is on the BHA website at BaldHeadAssociation.com. For the keyword search function, hit “CTRL + F” to open the keyword search bar, once the document is fully loaded. For any questions, email ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com or ARC Associate Carol Collins at CarolC@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Holiday ARC Meeting Schedule

Plan now for your ARC meeting. There will be no Section B meeting in December 2020 and no Section A meeting in January 2021.



Highest number of submittals
for one ARC meeting
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29 total submittals,
with 9 new constructions,
at the ARC-A October meeting.

Thank you
to our valued and hardworking
ARC volunteers and staff!

Love the Wild

Over the last year, several *Island Report* articles have covered the philosophy and science behind the importance of preserving the understory and vegetation that grows on BHI property owners' lots, as well as across the entire Island. BHA thanks the many property owners who follow the proper procedures outlined in the Design Guidelines. Unfortunately, too many violations of work done outside of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), including landscaping changes, continue to occur.

The BHA Covenants were drafted and adopted by the property owners of Bald Head Island. Within these Covenants, the property owners created the ARC and Design Guidelines to support their goal of "enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness" of the Bald Head Island properties and maintaining the environment in which they exist.

Since Bald Head Island is an interconnected ecological puzzle, changing even one piece of that puzzle has a domino effect, though some effects may not be immediately visible. You may not understand that making landscape changes on your own lot outside of the ARC process affects you and your neighbors, but it does.

Here's an example. If you ignore the Design Guidelines and do not seek prior ARC approval and remove the understory vegetation on your lot, you've affected the natural flow of water and runoff. The roots from that improperly removed understory were holding the soil and preventing erosion, as well as aiding in water absorption. Now, with that important mechanism altered, you may find that your lot gets quite muddy and doesn't drain water as well as it used to, especially following a rainstorm. So now, and again by ignoring the Design Guidelines and not seeking prior ARC approval, you may think that adding mulch to your entire lot would be a good solution. Not only is this a violation of the Design Guidelines (by laying mulch over the entire lot) as well as an ARC violation (for work done outside of ARC), you've again affected the ability of that necessary understory to regrow and help with water runoff.

Does BHA Have Your Current Address for the Upcoming 2020 BHA Annual Report Mailing?

Have you recently moved or changed any of your contact information? If so, have you notified BHA to update your records? In preparation for mailing the 2020 BHA Annual Report in early December and to prevent misdirected mail, BHA needs your current mailing address.

BHA's owner portal allows property owners to view, add or change phone numbers and mailing addresses easily. If you haven't yet signed up for the owner portal, email Denise Eidal at Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Please make sure BHA has your current contact information by either reviewing your owner portal information or sending your name, mailing address, BHI address, phone number and email address to Diane Mesaris at Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

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Know your Design Guidelines. And always ask ARC for approval before any landscaping changes are done, with noted exception. Per the Design Guidelines:

"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."

Save the Understory

Here is a reminder about the importance of keeping the understory (the "scrubby stuff") in property owners' landscapes. "Manicured" lots may suit home standards in mainland neighborhoods but not on a barrier island where all of the ecological pieces help sustain the others and the entire Island. 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. Plus, understory serves additional benefits to water absorption, soil nutrient composition, insects and wildlife. Therefore, a natural landscape should be maintained.

For any questions about landscaping and ARC, email Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com. There is also a wealth of information at BaldHeadAssociation.com/bhi-landscapes.



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Village of BHI Updates

New Public Safety Director

Alan May was hired by the Village of Bald Head Island to serve as its Public Safety Director in September 2020. May began his law enforcement career with the New York City Police Department. He became a member of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (Florida) in 1987 and served there until retirement. During his career with the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, he rose in the ranks starting out as a patrol deputy and serving as a Watch Commander, Training Division Commander and Commanding Officer of the Marine Enforcement Unit.



While employed at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, May earned a Master of Public Administration Degree from Florida Atlantic University, where he eventually was employed as an Adjunct Professor. He is an honors graduate of the nationally recognized Southern Police Institute

at the University of Louisville.

Since retiring from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, May served as the Major/Assistant Chief of Police of the Whiteville Police Department in Whiteville, North Carolina, and the Training Commander for the State of Florida's Alcoholic

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Beverage and Tobacco Division of Law Enforcement.

May's years of experience, education and familiarity with coastal communities made him stand out as a candidate for Public Safety Director. "I'm looking forward to working with the members of the agency, our volunteers, the employees of the Village and being able to provide exemplary service and a good quality of life to all the residents and visitors of the Island," said May.

Golf Cart Registration

It is almost time to get your golf cart registered for 2021. Online and in-person registrations begin on **Tuesday, December 1, 2020.**

First Time Registrations: The initial registration of a golf cart (first time on Island, initial application) must be completed at the Public Safety Building with staff. Village ordinance requires that proof of liability coverage must be provided at the time of registration. The coverage must meet the standards set by the NC Department of Motor Vehicles. The golf cart owner must provide a copy of the policy.

Annual Renewals: To complete your online registration, you will need your insurance policy and a credit card. Please inspect your cart registration number before affixing a yearly renewal sticker. If your cart number is torn, faded, peeling or damaged in any way, please choose the option to pick up your annual registration at the Public Safety Building. When you arrive at

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The Keeper's Cottage at Old Baldy

By Travis Gilbert, Programs Coordinator

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Old Baldy Foundation dedicating the reconstructed keeper's cottage at Old Baldy Lighthouse. The dedication occurred in true Bald Head Island fashion — on Easter weekend in 2000. Attending the ribbon cutting were four of Capt'n Charlie's children; a granddaughter of Thomas Franklin Boyd, who owned Bald Head Island in the early twentieth century; and several members of the Mitchell Family, who developed the Island in the modern era.

For years, the Old Baldy Foundation dreamed of reconstructing a keeper's cottage at the lighthouse. After reopening the newly preserved lighthouse in 1995, the Old Baldy Foundation turned their eyes towards constructing a museum to house artifacts and interpret the life of a light keeper. "We plan to house displays featuring artifacts, photographs and memorialization that will give information about life on the island over the years," wrote Old Baldy Foundation President Donna Ray Mitchell in February 1998. Mitchell continued by stating the Old Baldy Foundation wished to construct "an authentic reconstruction of the old lighthouse keeper's cottage." Rather than a modern visitor's center, the foundation hoped "to avoid the installation of any modern conveniences to give island visitors a chance to 'step back in time.'"

Creating an authentic keeper's cottage proved easier with the assistance of four photographs taken of Old Baldy by lighthouse engineer Hebert Bamber in May 1893. The Old Baldy Foundation acquired cyanotype copies of Bamber's photographs while preparing to reconstruct the keeper's cottage. Bamber photographed the second of three keeper's cottages to serve Old Baldy's Lighthouse throughout history. This second keeper's cottage served Old Baldy from the lighthouse's reestablishment in 1880 until the third cottage's construction at the turn of the 20th century. A recent scholarship completed by the Old Baldy Foundation's staff suggests that the second keeper's cottage was a private residence constructed on the lighthouse reservation during Old Baldy's inactive period from the end of the Civil War until 1880. The federal government demolished other private residences on the lighthouse reservation and kept the



Left to right: Old Baldy Foundation President Donna Ray Mitchell; Reese Swan, son of Capt'n Charlie; and Old Baldy Foundation Vice President Jane Oakley cut the ribbon to open the reconstructed Keeper's Cottage at Old Baldy Lighthouse.

largest cottage to serve as the official keeper's cottage upon reestablishing the lighthouse in 1880.

Using the Bamber photographs, architect Chuck Dietsche created a schematic design for the proposed cottage. "I tried to keep the building as similar to the photos as I could," wrote Dietsche to Donna Ray Mitchell. Dietsche described the schematic as "a very funky building with lots of bizarre conditions." He concluded by saying "the building's quirks give us the best insight into the keeper's life and times, so I have kept as many as I can." Taking Dietsche's schematic, architect Mark Grenell of Castle Hayne, North Carolina, drafted the keeper's cottage blueprints. Within the blueprints were the "bizarre conditions" described by Dietsche, including a detached kitchen in the rear of the building, wooden gutters and sloped porch floors to deflect water. The design nearly copied the historic, second keeper's cottage at Old Baldy, differing in only the number of doors leading into the detached kitchen and the

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Pausing and Offering Thanks

By Melissa Blackmon, Director of Development

The leaves have changed, the air goes from humid to crisp, the crowds slowly die down as summer turns to fall and the year comes to an end. November always feels like a moment to pause and find the things you are thankful for. Our team at the Bald Head Island Conservancy has so much to be grateful for as the year comes to a close.

The year 2020 brought with it many challenges, uncertainties and obstacles. Our staff members went from 100% virtual, bringing home our beloved ambassador animals to care for them during our absence, as well as educating our supporters from afar and meeting via Zoom to find unique ways to fulfill our mission, then after some time, we slowly returned to the Island. We braved the ferries, donned our masks and went back to our beloved Island, finding new ways to continue to work hard during these uncertain times.

Thank you to the families who joined our education team, safely kayaking, fishing, exploring the Island with our team.



Thank you to our volunteers who helped host our turtle trots, build sea turtle cages and even assisted with our marketing efforts from afar.

Thank you to our Nest Monitors who kept a special eye on our nests all summer so that the sea turtles were not afraid to come out. Thanks to our amazing sea turtle interns who assisted in welcoming 115 nests this season! Thank you to our dedicated Turtle Central shoppers, first online then back into the store to find our staff hard at work stocking the shelves for what turned out to be a busy summer. And thank you to our members, our “adopt-a” families, our 4th of July fundraiser

participants and our supporters who came out in a time of need to help support our mission.

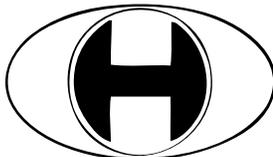
The year 2020 may not have been what we expected, though as we look back, the magic of Bald Head Island was seen all over the Island, thanks to those who love it as much as we do.



BHI Transportation Authority October Update

Please note: Due to the November *Island Report* deadline occurring prior to the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) October meeting, held on October 21, 2020, the update will be posted on the BHA website at BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

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the Public Safety Building, you will need to request a new cart sticker (you will be assigned a new registration number). The online registration can be completed here: <https://villagebhi.org/residents-owners/submit-a/golf-cart-electric-vehicle-registration>.

You must register each cart individually. As a reminder, trailers that are as long as golf carts must also be registered with the Village. If you have questions regarding registration, contact Public Safety at 910-457-5252.

Creek Access Permit Renewal

The Creek Access Permit renewal will begin the first week of December for the 2021 calendar year, with a due date of January 15. Permit fees remain at \$150 per permit. Historically, those permit applications have been sent via USPS. If you would rather receive the application via email, please reach out to Daralyn Spivey, Village Clerk, at dspivey@villagebhi.org, and she will email the necessary paperwork to you. As in years past, upon receiving the payment and paperwork, staff will affix the permit sticker to the vessel at the access, ensuring your description matches what is in the assigned space.

Holiday Mail & Package Tips

With the holidays right around the corner, the Bald Head Island Post Office and Island Package Center (IPC) have a few tips and reminders if you are planning to mail and ship items from the Island this season.

U.S. Mail — U.S. mail leaves the Island Monday through Friday on the 2:30pm passenger ferry. Please have mail in the

outbound mailbox no later than 2:15pm. There is no outbound mail delivery on Saturday.

UPS — All UPS packages (prepaid and drop-offs) originating at IPC depart the Island via the Bald Head Island Limited warehouse truck on the barge. The exact timing of departure depends entirely on the warehouse truck schedule and barge schedule. These packages must be transported via the barge and cannot be transported on the passenger ferry. Every effort is made to have these packages sent off the Island as quickly as possible. Once the packages arrive at the Deep Point warehouse, they will be picked up by the next UPS delivery truck, which is generally the next business day.

FedEx — The IPC does not offer FedEx shipping services; however, they do accept prepaid FedEx drop-offs. All prepaid FedEx drop-off packages depart the Island via the Bald Head Island Limited warehouse truck and then the barge. The exact timing of departure depends entirely on the warehouse truck schedule and barge schedule. These packages must be transported via the barge and cannot be transported on the passenger ferry. Every effort is made to have these packages sent off the Island as quickly as possible. Once the packages arrive at the Deep Point warehouse, they will be picked up by the next FedEx delivery truck, which is generally the next business day.

Tips:

- Send your items as soon as possible and give everything an extra day or two when you are sending from the Island.

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Compliance — Giveaway/Sale Items Not Allowed in Yards

In recognition of the BHA Board placing a higher emphasis on compliance, we're adding this new section every month to highlight frequently cited issues and give property owners tips to help stay in compliance.

As always, the Design Guidelines are available online 24/7/365 with a handy, keyword search function at BaldHeadAssociation.com. Once the full document is open, click "CTRL + F" to bring up the keyword search bar.

November's Compliance Feature: Yard "giveaways" and yard sales not allowed on BHI

The summer of 2020 has seen numerous violations of the guidelines covering yard giveaways and yard sales, though this reminder has been in several *Island Reports* this year. Social media highlighted many property owners who remain unaware of this guideline. Yard "giveaways" and yard sales are not allowed on Bald Head Island. **This includes any free items placed in yards or driveways that are visible from the road as well as any signage. Donated or giveaway single items that are offered on social media may be placed discreetly and yet not visible from the road.**

Items for donation can be taken to Public Works, located behind the Public Safety Complex on Edward Teach Extension, during open hours of Monday-Friday 7:30am-2:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 7:00am-2:00pm.

BHA Violations YTD 2020: 58

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New to BHA? BHA Annual Report Packets, Annual Meeting and Voting

On the last Saturday of each January, Bald Head Association members gather to elect a new board of directors, consider any board-recommended changes to governing documents and learn about the Association’s challenges and successes for the previous year. 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, and 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.

BHA’s 2021 Annual Meeting will be held online for the first time, due to safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As required by BHA’s Covenants, members will receive in late December 2020 a packet of information with materials for the online 2021 Annual Meeting. The packet will contain BHA’s 2020 Annual Report and specific instructions for voting. More details will be forthcoming but make plans now to join us virtually at the 2021 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2021, beginning at 9:00am. Contact Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 26 with any questions.

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Typically included in the BHA Annual Report packets are voting proxies and information about the Smith Island Social. Though voting will take place primarily online this year due to COVID-19, paper proxies will be available upon request. And updates regarding the Smith Island Social will be included in the December *Island Report*.

BHI Community Directory — To Be Listed, You Must Opt-in
Go ahead and opt-in **NOW** to have your information listed

in the BHI Community Directory being produced by BHA in 2021. This is a valuable owner resource, not only to help connect neighbors, but also to allow another Bald Head Islander to notify you if they notice something amiss at your home while you may be away. To opt-in to be included in the BHI Community Directory, return the online form located at BaldHeadAssociation.com to Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

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- If you are ordering food to be delivered to the Island for the holidays, give it a few extra days delivery time.
- Select a durable box to protect contents.
- Properly address packages — include both “to” and “from” information and only one side of the box.
- Print addresses clearly — add all address elements including apartment numbers and directional information.
- Never guess a zip code — you can look up a zip code easily at usps.com. No zip code is better than a wrong zip.
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Need a Place on BHI to Park Your Small Boat and Trailer?

If you're looking to park your small boat and trailer on Bald Head Island, BHA has spaces available to lease in its Boat Park. Located on the Mulch Site Road off of North Bald Head Wynd, BHA's Boat Park should not be confused with the Village's Creek Access located near Lighthouse Wynd that leases spaces for small watercraft such as kayaks.

For BHA's Boat Park and per the Village of BHI ordinance, eligible boats must be a maximum of 16 feet in length, with a maximum 25hp motor. A water hose is located just inside the park entrance for lessees. Spaces are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, and the annual fees are due January 1, 2021. Late arrivals are prorated upon initial signup. Spaces are assigned by Pam Rainey, BHA Customer Relations Associate. Annual stickers are placed on boat trailers by BHA, and all boats must be kept in their assigned spaces. For more information, contact Pam Rainey at PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Please note: Owners of small watercraft such as kayaks, canoes and skiffs without trailers can rent space at the Village-owned Creek Access on North Bald Head Wynd. Call the Village of BHI at 910-457-9700 for more information.



BHI Ferry Passenger Capacity Increased to 100

Beginning October 10, 2020, BHI Transportation was granted permission by the NC Utilities Commission to increase the maximum number of passengers per ferry voyage from 75 to 100. Masks remain required while in line, inside passenger boarding areas and on ferries. All passengers are asked to wait six feet apart, wash hands frequently and be courteous to everyone.

Fireplace and Chimney Inspections

Fall is upon us, and evening and daytime temperatures are starting to dip. Fireplaces are wonderful ways to warm up, especially with a good book and a mug of your favorite hot drink.

According to recent statistics, there are over 25,000 chimney fires per year in the US. In addition to the human toll of injury, death and displacement, these fires account for over \$125 million in property damage. On BHI, a barrier island with periodic high winds, any fire hazard is of great concern.

Before using your gas or wood-burning fireplace this fall and winter, have it fully inspected. The flue and chimney structure, as well as the fireplace mechanisms (pilot assembly, control valves, blowers, switches, etc.) should be checked for proper working order. A technician should also check that there are no obstructions or combustible deposits. For fireplace maintenance service providers, visit BaldHeadAssociation.com/heating-and-air.

BHA's Community Garden — Reserve Your Garden Plot

Do you love gardening? Did you know that BHA has a community garden on North Bald Head Wynd, beside the Dog Park? BHA leases garden plots annually, and there are spaces available. Water is available in several areas around the garden, and you provide your own hose.

Contact Diane Mesaris for details, fees and available spaces at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Those with current garden plots will receive the gate lock's combination for access.

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Limited — to set up an infrastructure for the long-term success of BHI. The installation of the roads, waterlines, electricity and cables, plus the operation of the barge/ferry system are the backbone of the Island's infrastructure.

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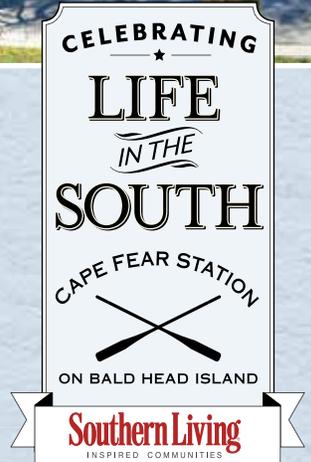
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If property owners want to shut off their water and/or sewer during an extended time away from Bald Head Island this winter, call Village Public Utilities at 910-457-7350 for complete information about service and reconnection charges.

Water rates are currently based on two tiers of usage. Tier 1 is for water use of up to 3,000 gallons per month, for a rate of \$6.02 per thousand gallons. Tier 2 is for water use of 3,000+ gallons per month, for a rate of \$9.86 per thousand gallons. Metered irrigation water is all charged at the Tier 2

rate of \$9.86 per thousand gallons. There is a base monthly rate of \$21.32 for all BHI property owners throughout the year, regardless of usage. The schedule of water and sewer rates states, “If water and/or sewer service is disconnected and service is reconnected within nine (9) months, the base charges and surcharge for all months disconnected will be due and payable.”

For utilities documents, guidance and reports, visit <https://villagebhi.org/departments-services/utilities>.

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cottage’s location. Originally, the second cottage sat to the east of the lighthouse, between Old Baldy and the Village Chapel. The reconstructed cottage would be constructed to the west of Old Baldy on land donated by Bald Head Island Limited, LLC.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the keeper’s cottage occurred on Easter weekend in 1999. “Complete with gold shovel, Bald Head Island Choir, bagpipe music and speeches, the groundbreaking signified

the start of another exciting era for Bald Head Island history,” read the ceremony’s press release. Shortly after foundation President Donna Ray Mitchell and Vice President Jane Oakley shoveled the first spade of soil, contractor Jim Corrigan began construction of the cottage. Corrigan completed construction of the cottage for its dedication a year later, on April 22, 2000. During the dedication, living historians portraying soldiers from the United States Colored Troops in the Civil War fired a volley, and the audience heard remarks from Reese Swan, the youngest son of Capt’n Charlie. At the ceremony, Swan donated an inventory logbook completed by Capt’n Charlie to the Old Baldy Foundation’s collections. The logbook joined other artifacts already on display in the newly completed cottage, including riding boots donated by former Coastguardsman Jack Murphy and period-appropriate antiques. Visitors

quickly began filling the keeper’s cottage on tours with Jane Oakley, the Old Baldy Foundation Vice President. “I certainly think this will help [visitors] visualize the scene more clearly than I can tell them,” Oakley said of the cottage. Twenty years later, the reconstructed cottage continues to help visitors at Old Baldy visualize life on Bald Head Island many years ago. 

November 2020

ARC–A Meeting	11/6/2020	10am
Veterans Day	11/11/2020	
BHA Office Closed	11/11/2020	
BHA Board Meeting	11/13/2020	11am
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	11/18/2020	9:15am
ARC–B Meeting	11/20/2020	10am
Village Council Meeting	11/20/2020	10am
Thanksgiving	11/26/2020	
BHA Office Closed	11/26/2020-11/27/2020	
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	11/27/2020-11/28/2020	10am

Save the Date in December:

No ARC–B Meeting in December 2020		
ARC–A Meeting	12/4/2020	10am
Village Council Meeting	12/11/2020	10am
BHA Board Meeting	12/11/2020	11am
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	12/16/2020	9:15am
BHA Office Closed	12/24/2020-12/25/2020	
Christmas	12/25/2020	

Around the corner in 2021:

No ARC–A Meeting in January 2021	
New Year’s Day	1/1/2021
BHA Office Closed	1/1/2021

Ongoing:

Village Chapel Virtual Services:	Sundays	10am
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #3909737348, P/C: 217739, Email: sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com)		

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