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BHA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Bald Head Association extends its wishes for everyone to stay safe and encourages all members to continue following current recommendations about coronavirus (COVID-19) from credible sources. This is a fast and fluid situation, with many pieces of typical daily life changing rapidly, and we urge you to listen to governmental leaders who have the safety of all citizens in mind.

The key to “flattening the curve” of COVID-19 infections is to avoid person-to-person contact. Acting in a prudent manner to lessen the chance of spreading this virus and for the safety of property owners, vendors and staff, BHA canceled all activities/events in the Association Center beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020. A thorough cleaning to help prevent contamination has been done and will continue as needed.

Though nearly all BHA staff are primarily working remotely at this time, the BHA office began operating with limited hours beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020, with office hours Monday-Friday from 10:00am-1:00pm for contractor key pickups only. Homeowners are encouraged to have contractors needing to pick up keys to their homes call ahead (910-457-4676, ext. 21) to identify needed keys. Keys will be handed to contractors in a sealed envelope during these modified office hours only. Returned keys can be left in the secure drop box beside the office front door and sanitized upon return.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) office is closed to walk-ins until further notice. The BHA Board will re-evaluate the length of time for continuing these closures and limited office hours depending on timely updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an effort to limit person-to-person contact, we ask property owners, builders, landscapers and other representatives to contact staff through email:

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The BHA website is your 24/7/365 link for timely COVID-19 updates. Visit BaldHeadAssociation.com/news. Updates about BHA, BHI organizations and the Village of BHI, plus helpful COVID-19 resources, are available. 

Hold the Press — Last-minute Updates!

There are some late-breaking updates regarding the ferry, a Village of BHI proclamation and Bald Head Island businesses that we wanted to include in this issue, and more changes may have occurred since this issue went to press.

To bring a sense of normalcy among this crisis, some of the articles that contain valuable information for property

owners to know remain in this issue, even though their level of importance has shifted in this new light of dealing with a pandemic. Articles and information provided within were updated numerous times to the best of our ability as of press time. For timely updates, visit our website at

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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. During this COVID-19 pandemic, the ARC office is closed to walk-ins until further notice. Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com or Carol at 910-477-7246.

Let's Cover Mulch and Pine Straw

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

Something New in the 2020 Design Guidelines

On page 148, the Design Guidelines state, "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 across their lots.

There is no ARC approval needed for freshening up current mulch beds; adding mulch is considered soil remediation. If you were proposing a unique landscape design or changing the existing landscape and mulch was part of the plan, it would need to be included with a landscape plan submittal to the ARC. Mulch is available at no cost on Bald Head Island at the Mulch Site, located across from Timbercreek on North Bald Head Wynd.

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 required approval process before any work begins.

And here is a reminder about the importance of keeping the 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.

Some Tips

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

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

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

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

Proper Sabal Palmetto Tree Pruning

Everyone loves the sabal palmetto trees on Bald Head Island. Not only are they beautiful and represent a paradise on Earth, they play a major role in helping with this barrier Island's ecological balance — from their root systems helping hold the soil and aid water drainage to providing a salt-spray and wind barrier.

Pruning sabal palmetto trees correctly is very important. Cutting back a sabal palmetto tree will not make it grow faster. Pruned incorrectly, the tree can become susceptible

to pests. And over-pruning sabal palmetto trees can lead to a taper in the trunk, making it more susceptible to breaking in high winds. Certified arborists use the current American National Standard Institute (ANSI) standard practices for proper tree and shrub pruning.

According to the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), "Pruning is much more than the simple act of sawing off limbs. Proper pruning is an art based on scientific principles

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Address Bollard Visibility Is Essential — for Trams, Renters and Emergencies

The visibility of your address bollard could mean the difference of essential seconds in emergency response time. Public Safety personnel cannot find your home, tram drivers cannot find your home and renters cannot find your home if the address bollard:

- is missing
- is not visible at night because of faded, reflective paint
- is not visible due to YES/NO trash pickup sign obstruction
- is not visible day or night because of surrounding vegetation

Bollard construction and installation must comply with BHA Design Guidelines, so choose a service provider who complies with these guidelines (visit BaldHeadAssociation.com, click on “Life on BHI,” then “Island Service Providers”).



Do Your Part To Protect Sea Turtles on BHI — Hazards Include Holes and Mounds in the Sand, Dogs on the Loose and White Lights

Turtle Season is nearly here! Every year, Turtle Season is May 1 through November 15. This is the time when loggerhead sea turtles visit Bald Head Island beaches (and if we’re lucky, perhaps a Ridley’s kemp or leatherback sea turtle). Do you know how you can best help nesting turtles and their hatchlings?

Flat Beaches

BHI beaches are great for building sand sculptures. But did you know that those holes kids love to dig and any structural mounds can impede the path of a nesting sea turtle? **DO NOT ASSUME** that the water from high tide will level the sand back to “normal.” **YOU** must fill those holes back in and level any mounds back to flat. Help the sea turtles! Even if you didn’t create the hole or mound of sand and pass one on the beach, do your part for the sea turtles and level the sand back to normal.

Practice the backpacker’s philosophy of “pack it in, pack it out” at all BHI beaches. All beach gear, including litter, should be removed from the beach when you leave. Anything remaining could potentially tangle up a sea turtle.

Dogs

Per Village ordinance, all dogs must be “physically restrained by a leash” from sunset to sunrise during turtle nesting and

hatching season. But when you’re on the beach, pay attention and keep all dogs under control. Dogs should never be allowed near a protected sea turtle nest. If they dig a hole in the sand, fill it back in to prevent hindering a sea turtle’s path to and from the water. **DO NOT** be added to the “distracted dog owner” list. While you’re distracted, do you know what your dog is doing behind you?

“Lights Affect Us”

Nesting sea turtles and their babies need darkness so that they are not distracted from their path to the water. No white flashlights should be used on the beach at night during Turtle Season. Use a flashlight with a red filter, which gives you viewing ability without affecting the turtles. **NEVER** disturb sea turtles in any way. This includes flash photography and shining cell phone lights on them. It is illegal to touch or disturb sea turtles. And harassing a threatened species, which is a federal crime (U.S. Endangered Species Act), can carry a fine of \$10,500 and possible jail time.

It is critical that homes facing the ocean are frugal in using exterior lighting, to prevent disturbing nesting females and

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As we all tackle our Spring cleaning and get ready for warmer weather now is a great time to review and adjust our insurance policies. Chances are your home is your biggest financial asset so reviewing your current home insurance is very important. Here are few items to look for on your current declaration page(s):

Is your insurer automatically updating your dwelling coverage every year to reflect local construction costs?

The average cost to construct a home on Bald Head Island is much more expensive than a home off the island. The increased cost of construction should be taken into consideration rather than just using a national average when determining the replacement cost.

Check your deductibles.

Are they what you expect or desire? Many home insurers have been switching customers from flat dollar-amount deductibles to percentage-based deductibles. Chances are you may be eligible for a percentage deductible for Named Storms. You should also consider your deductible to be the amount you are willing to self-insure. This would be your max out-of-pocket expense in the event of a claim.

Whether you live on Bald Head Island full-time, part time, do vacation rentals or not, you should have an understanding of what "loss of use" or "loss of rents" coverage means for you and your family.

Ask your agent how this coverage applies to the way you and your family enjoy Bald Head Island.

Consider your valuables.

If you've acquired expensive jewelry, for example, it may not be fully covered under a standard homeowners policy. You may need riders for items like jewelry, artwork and computers. Check the details of your policy, or ask your agent to explain coverage limits. Most homeowners' policies have a limit on specific items such as jewelry and other valuables.

Do you have a list of every single item in your house right now?

Many people don't, yet having a complete home inventory is crucial to maximizing a claim if your house suffers serious damage. A good exercise is to take a video or picture of each room. Save these photos in a safe place away from the home or in the cloud so you can access them in the event of a major claim. It will be very difficult to list everything you lost after a catastrophic event.

As homeowners on BHI, we want to make sure our neighbors have the proper coverage on their homes. Now that we have reviewed our insurance policies and completed some Spring cleaning, let's sit back and enjoy this beautiful island!



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Village of BHI Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village of BHI Public Information Officer

2020 Census Reminder

Households should have received an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in the mail in mid-March. Your participation in the census is important in determining funds that are distributed from the federal and state level. It is estimated that for each person not counted in Brunswick County, \$1,823 a year for 10 years is lost in potential funding. The NC Counts Coalition 2020 estimates that 21,081 individuals in Brunswick County are likely to NOT respond to the census. This equates to \$38,430,633 a year or \$380,480,663 over ten years that is not going to come to the area to fund hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads and other resources that are based on census data. For more information, go to www.2020census.gov.



Photo by Carin Faulkner, Village of BHI.

New Council Member

The Village Council accepted the resignation of Councilor Betsi Stephen. The Village wishes her well and would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the last two years. On February 26, 2020, Jim Bonica was appointed to serve the remainder of former Councilor Stephen's term on the Village Council (term expires in 2021).

Councilor Bonica and his wife, Patty, have been residents since 2008. Since being here, he has been a volunteer for Public Safety and has participated with the Finance Committee and other Island entities.

Councilor Bonica comes to the Village as a senior executive with extensive leadership experience, in-depth financial planning and analysis background. When nominating Bonica to serve, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Brown said, "I have worked with Jim over the last six years with the Club and have found that he works and acts with the highest of integrity. He collaborates well and works with others with respect. He would be well suited for the position and a great fit for the Council for the remaining term."

Annual Council Retreat

The Village Council held its annual retreat on February 25 and 26, 2020. Many topics were covered, and many will be re-visited as staff, working with the Council, develops the Village's FY21 budget and projects are funded for the next fiscal year.

A full recap of the retreat can be found in two recent issues of *Village's Voice*. Here is a list of some action items from the 2-day retreat:

- The Village will be requesting a proposal for the expansion of the Village Utilities Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- The Village will be requesting a mixing zone analysis to address the reverse osmosis (RO) water treatment plant reject discharge.
- The Village will be submitting a permit application to extend the sand disposal area from the marina channel dredging further down the Row Boat Row shoreline.
- The Village's coastal engineer will be working on a beach fill template for the next Wilmington Harbor Channel Maintenance Project to extend the fill further eastward toward the Cape Fear River in hopes that the Army Corps of Engineers will allow for this extension to the project.
- The Village's coastal engineer will begin working on the concept for the hardening of the soft-filled geotextile groin field.
- The Village will begin work on permits for a stormwater

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Girl Scout Sea Turtle Patch Program

By Emily Eldridge, Marketing & Communications Specialist, BHI Conservancy

This spring, the BHI Conservancy is excited to once again host our Girl Scout Sea Turtle Patch program. What originally started out as a fundraiser idea initiated by a development

intern has grown into a popular program now held by our education department. This program, which invites Girl Scouts to participate in engaging activities in order to learn about sea turtles and earn their sea turtle patch, draws so much excitement from the public that when the spring dates for the program were announced, all offerings quickly sold out!

Due to its popularity, the BHI Conservancy is happy to announce that a Scout Program Request form is now available, which allows troops to request a specific date and time for a private program. Jennifer Carter, the Program Executive at Girl Scouts — North Carolina Coastal Pines, highlights the positive experience scouts can have at the Conservancy, saying: “This program will give Girl Scouts the opportunity to directly interact and learn more about our coastal community by experiencing everything from ferry travel, hands-on activities and getting out on the beach to experience the nesting habitat of sea turtles. It is a fun way for girls to engage with other Girl Scouts while learning how their actions locally can make a big difference for our fast-swimming ocean friends.”

Interested in learning more about this program or the other educational opportunities the BHI Conservancy offers? Please reach out to Senior Educator, Marissa Blackburn, at marissa@bhic.org for more information.



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hatchling sea turtles. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to light only what is needed when it is needed outdoors, especially on the ocean side. And these homes must install room-darkening window treatments to block interior lighting in the evenings, per the Design Guidelines.

If you see a nesting sea turtle, call the BHI Conservancy at

910-457-0089, ext. 5. For more information about sea turtles on Bald Head Island or to be a part of the BHI Conservancy’s Sea Turtle Protection Program, visit their website at BHIC.org.

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Bald Head Island's Inconspicuous Beach-nesting Birds



By Lauren Schaale, Coastal Scientist,
BHI Conservancy

It's that time of year again! Beach-nesting birds will be arriving to look for suitable nesting habitats on Bald Head Island. Bald Head Island beaches are popular nesting areas for Wilson's Plovers, Least Terns and Killdeer. Wilson's Plover and Least Terns are both North Carolina species of special concern. These shorebird species will start arriving at their nesting grounds in the beginning of April, and the males will start courting the females. Once mates have been established, the male will start making nest scrapes (small indentations) in the sand. The female will decide which scrape is the best and she will lay her eggs directly in the sand (usually 2-4 eggs, depending on the species). The pair will take turns incubating the nest until it hatches. Breeding birds will defend their nests. Defensive strategies include running away from the nest, making lots of noise and acting in distress to lure the perceived predator away from the nest.



Prevent disturbing beach-nesting bird eggs by keeping dogs leashed.

Nesting shorebirds are particularly sensitive to human and pet disturbance. At the beginning of April, the Bald Head Island Conservancy will be putting up protective postings and signage at Beach Accesses 1 to 2, Beach Accesses 9 and 11 and wherever there is beach-nesting activity. These postings provide a protective barrier to give the birds a large and quiet space to nest and raise their young. **The BHI Conservancy urges people and pets to respect these postings and keep out of those areas**

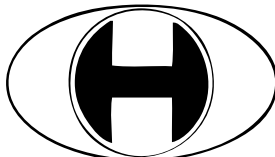
when possible. The BHI Conservancy staff will be conducting weekly surveys to search for nests and to monitor breeding activity. In addition, there will be new opportunities to interact with our scientists, who will be stationed near the postings twice a month in June and July. Visitors can ask questions and take a peek at nesting birds and their chicks. Please keep an eye out for future Facebook posts about these opportunities or contact the **BHI Conservancy information desk at 910-457-0089** to ask for locations.

If you have any questions or concerns about the postings or to report disturbances of nesting activity, please contact the **BHIC Conservation department at 910-338-0942.**



Above photos courtesy Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Left to right: Least Tern (Jonathan Eckerson, ML27053501), Wilson's Plover (Chris Wood, ML27797501) and Killdeer (Charles Shields, ML49573601).

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Old Baldy Update

By Abby Sachs, Development and Communications Coordinator

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Old Baldy Foundation has postponed its annual “Then and Now Home Tour” initially planned for May 9th and has rescheduled the event for October 10th. Please follow the Old Baldy Foundation on oldbaldy.org and social media channels for further announcements in regards to scheduled events and hours of operation. School field trips scheduled for the spring have unfortunately been canceled, but the staff is diligently trying to reschedule for the fall and offer digital lessons for the students. The Old Baldy Foundation is following directives from officials with regards to operations and will be updating the status of events and hours as the situation evolves.

Digging Through the Archives

By Travis Gilbert, Old Baldy Foundation Programs Coordinator

Over the winter, the Old Baldy Foundation refreshed the exhibit spaces at Old Baldy Lighthouse to feature new artifacts, which promises returning visitors a new experience when climbing Old Baldy Lighthouse this season.

One of the largest cases inside the keeper’s cottage features artifacts that highlight the development of Bald Head Island into the vacation community we know today. Some of the earliest artifacts from the development years are exhibited, including a beautiful early 20th century photograph depicting a woman in an Edwardian summer dress overlooking a Bald Head Island beach from the edge of the maritime forest. This photograph reminds us that individuals have visited Bald Head Island for pleasure for more than 100 years. Another early artifact from the development years is a 1926 letter from Thomas Hooper representing the “colored citizens of Wilmington” asking Bald Head’s owner if a group of African-Americans could ferry to Bald Head Island for a relaxing day at the beach. It seems that Bald Head Island was one of the only welcoming beaches for African-Americans in the days of segregation.

Later development-related artifacts on display include a piece of dinnerware from the

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Bald Head Island Inn, which was constructed from 1972 to 1973 along South Beach near the modern Bald Head

Island Club. The plate is displayed alongside a menu from the inn, which lists a hamburger for \$2.75 or fried chicken for \$4.00. A photograph near the menu shows the inn’s demise — an encroaching surf along the ever-changing South Beach. We are fortunate that someone took this photograph and many others, as construction crews demolished the inn.

Many Civil War artifacts are on display inside the keeper’s cottage, including an April 17, 1864, letter from Private Cyrus Brooks written from Fort Holmes on Bald Head Island. Below the letter, in a trunk, is a sample of the cannon balls within the Old Baldy Foundation’s collection, including a massive, 150-pound, solid shot, likely from a Columbiad cannon at Fort Holmes. Above the cannon ball is an original lithograph from *Harpers Weekly*, a Civil War-era newspaper. The lithograph depicts Fort Holmes with Old Baldy Lighthouse in the background — the only known illustration of Fort Holmes.

The Old Baldy Foundation encourages return visitors and homeowners to visit the keeper’s cottage to see the new trove of artifacts on display that highlight the history of Bald Head Island. As always, the Old Baldy Foundation’s complete collections are available online at oldbaldy.org.



Woman with Parasol, Bald Head Island, circa 1910. Photo courtesy of Old Baldy Foundation.

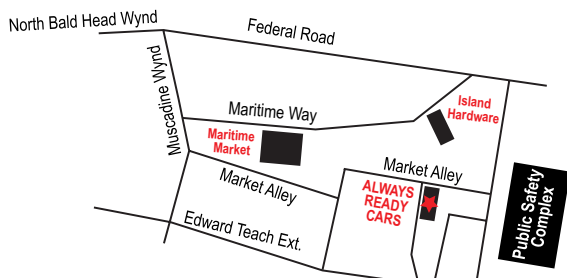
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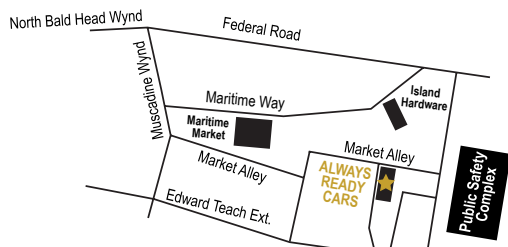


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There are two sets of forms to complete — one for BHI Village Department of Public Safety and one for Knox. The form for BHI Public Safety is located on www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. At the bottom of the page, click on “New Property Owners.” Click on the third item listed, “Knox Box information.” At the bottom of the paragraph, click on the link “HERE” in the sentence “Click HERE for the VBHI Public Safety Knox Box Information Sheet.” That takes you directly to the form. Print the form, fill it out, and take it to Bald Head Island Public Safety.

For security purposes, you must contact Knox directly for the form and the Knox Box itself. It’s a simple process and provides peace of mind.

Have You Changed Door Keys? Have You Changed Home Ownership?

If you have changed the lock on your front door and have new house keys, contact Public Safety to change the house key contained in the Knox Box — for security purposes, they are the only entity with access to the box. If you are a new homeowner, make sure the correct house key is in your Knox Box and that paperwork is updated.


Also, if you’ve had a Knox Box for some time and want to check the condition of your keys in the box, contact Public Safety to open the Knox Box. If your house key is rusted or unusable, replace it with a new key.





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Golf Carts Must Be Registered Annually — Are Yours? 21 Citations To Date in 2020

The 2020 registration deadline for golf carts on Bald Head Island was **December 31, 2019**. Are all of your carts up to date? The Village of BHI's Public Safety Department handles golf cart registrations and has currently issued 21 citations for outdated golf cart registrations, similar to this time last year. For golf cart registration renewals, visit 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.

ARC Office Temporarily Closed Due to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the BHA Board has temporarily closed the ARC office to walk-ins until further notice, for everyone's health and safety.

For questions, contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com or ARC Associate Carol Collins at CarolC@BaldHeadAssociation.com and 910-477-7246.

Need a Place on BHI to Park Your Small Boat & Trailer?

BHA has spaces available to lease in its Boat Park, located on the Timbercreek Mulch Site Road, off of North Bald Head Wynd. A water hose is located just inside the park entrance for lessees.

Per the Village of BHI ordinance, eligible boats must be a maximum of 16 feet in length, with a maximum 25hp motor. Spaces are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, and the annual fee is prorated. Spaces are assigned by Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate. Annual stickers are placed on boat trailers. And all boats must be kept in their assigned spaces.

For more information, contact Pam Rainey, BHA Customer Relations Associate, at PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

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

Springtime in BHA-managed Drip-Line Communities

Spring is here, and Bald Head Association has begun refreshing Association assets in the BHA-managed drip-line communities of Keeper's Landing, Sumner's Crescent and Surfman's Walk.

BHA is planning meetings with each community to give all property owners an opportunity to contribute ideas and to provide feedback on how to move their communities forward. Some of the refreshing projects include power-washing fencing and retaining walls, reforestation and mulching existing beds. Work requests for these three communities are facilitated by Pam Rainey, BHA Customer Relations Associate, through pre-approved vendors. Contact her at PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Village Chapel Outreach for Food Bank Assistance

Want to help others? One of the impacts of COVID-19 upon communities nationwide is the closure of schools and workplaces. A secondary effect of those closures is that many people are without food and relying on food banks to help sustain them during this crisis. The Village Chapel of Bald Head Island, as part of the Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship, supports the Food Pantry, located in Boiling Springs. A wonderful way to help others during this national crisis is to give to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, which helps us locally in Boiling Springs, ensuring that no one goes hungry during these challenging times. You can contribute at www.FoodBankCENC.org.





Cape Fear Station Alleys Project Completed

Within the planned unit development of Cape Fear Station are alleyways that were designed to provide additional access to 125 properties in that area. These properties contain a private, paved easement that is located at the rear 10' of each of the properties. Owners pay for the maintenance and reserves of these alleys proportionally, based on linear feet. Visually, the alleys appear to be regular public streets without a street sign. They are, in fact, private easements owned and paid for by the property owners.

To help reduce ongoing costs for the owners of alley properties, the Stage II Association negotiated an agreement with the Village of BHI whereby if all owners on the respective alleys agreed to convert the private easement to a public easement, the Village would maintain the alleys, along with other public streets on the Island. Stage II Association began the effort several years ago to collect the requisite documents for the conversion and coordinate the paving of the alleys to Village standards. BHA continued the effort after

merger, sending numerous general mailings and having multiple contacts with individual alley owners.

To date, notarized easements have been received from all owners on four of the nine alleys. There are several alleys where the required documentation has been received by all but two owners; other alleys are lacking a significant number of owner signatures. At the BHA Board's instruction, staff will not be actively collecting the easements but will, instead, respond to inquiries and educate new owners about the ongoing costs.

One of the alleys was paved last fall, and the other three alleys are set to be paved as part of the Village's fall paving project, to save on mobilization costs. **Alley property owners interested in learning more can participate in a phone conference about the alleys on May 21 at 2:00pm**, barring any complications from the COVID-19 pandemic. Email Pam Rainey at PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com to receive details of the call.

As of February 2020, BHA has received 100% homeowner participation of four (out of a total of nine) alleyways, resulting in handing over the maintenance and incurred future costs to the Village of BHI. These homeowners still retain the ownership of the property. These alleys are highlighted in **green** in the above map and include:

- Surfman John Price
- Keeper Samuel Brinkman
- Unnamed #2
- Keeper Dunbar Davis #2

Homeowners of alleys that did not receive 100% participation (five out of a total of nine) will continue to fund their own yearly alleyway maintenance and maintenance reserves, with an annual supplemental assessment paid to and managed by the BHA. These alleys are highlighted in **red** in the above map and include:

- Keeper John Watts #2
- Keeper John Watts #1
- Keeper Dunbar Davis #1
- Surfman James Pinner
- Unnamed #1

A call-in meeting for owners of alleys not receiving 100% participation is scheduled for May 21 at 2:00pm, barring any complications from the COVID-19 pandemic. To participate, contact Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate at Bald Head Association, at PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



Who Do I Call? No Fishing In ANY Bald Head Island Lagoon/Pond — Call 911

The “No Fishing” and “No Feeding” signs at BHI lagoons/ponds are there for a reason.

With alligators, turtles and fish populating these fresh-water lagoons, fishing does two things — endangers wildlife from leftover fishing gear and is perceived by alligators as a source of food (they don’t know the difference from a lure to an alluring tasty bite).



Photo by John Henry Harrelson, Coastal Regional Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).

See the above photo of an alligator on Bald Head Island that, without human assistance, would not have been able to eat due to discarded fishing gear getting trapped in its mouth. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is the agency licensed to handle a situation such as this. WRC’s John Henry Harrelson, along with the BHI Conservancy, helped rescue this alligator.


Fishing is viewed by an alligator as feeding, no matter what lure is used. Feeding any wildlife, including the turtles, is unlawful in North Carolina. Remember, just because you think you can toss bread to the turtles, alligators don’t understand that the bread isn’t meant for them. Here’s the kicker. If alligators perceive humans as a source of food,

this increases the chance of teaching negative behavior.

WRC’s *Coexist with Alligators* fact sheet (available at BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on “Life on BHI,” then “Wildlife.”) states, “Alligators can become a safety issue if they are habituated to being fed by humans. It is unlawful in NC for anyone to intentionally feed an alligator. To ensure alligators keep their secretive and shy behavior, **DO NOT** feed them, no matter where they are seen.”

Too many people ignore these postings, which affects everyone on BHI. You, your guests or renters may only be on BHI for a short stay, but these alligators are on BHI 24/7/365. Think one person ignoring the signs and not obeying the laws doesn’t matter? Multiply one person thinking that the rules don’t apply to them times one hundred — just in one season in one year. For the good of Bald Head Island, property owners are strongly encouraged to educate their guests and renters about NC law and Village ordinances regarding no fishing and no feeding in any lagoons/ponds on BHI.

Now that you understand the importance, here’s what to do if you see anyone fishing in a BHI lagoon/pond — **call 911**. Tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island. They will alert BHI’s Public Safety Department. Keep in mind, if the Public Safety Department has personnel handling other emergency calls, your call will be prioritized as required. Calling 911 creates a log and report, from which Public Safety can track, gain better understanding of call types/frequencies/timing and use for training. Do not approach the person who is fishing. Public Safety responders are trained to deal with the situation; you are not.

All lagoons/ponds are located on private property. If you’re fishing, you’re trespassing. BHA, The Villas and the BHI Club have authorized Public Safety to ticket anyone violating the No Fishing/No Feeding/No Boating/No Swimming policy in the lagoons/ponds with a trespassing citation. Public Safety is focused on educating violators, with a possible citation and/or arrest, if warranted. 



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New to BHA? Community Wide Standards & Welcome Package

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. The 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. The 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 the owners.

The Community Wide Standards document was adopted by the BHA Board of Directors to define specifically the maintenance of properties on Bald Head Island. Each property owner can make an important difference by following these guidelines which will enhance not only their property’s aesthetics and value, but those of all property owners on the Island.

It is the intent and purpose of the Association to ensure development and maintenance of the Bald Head Island complex

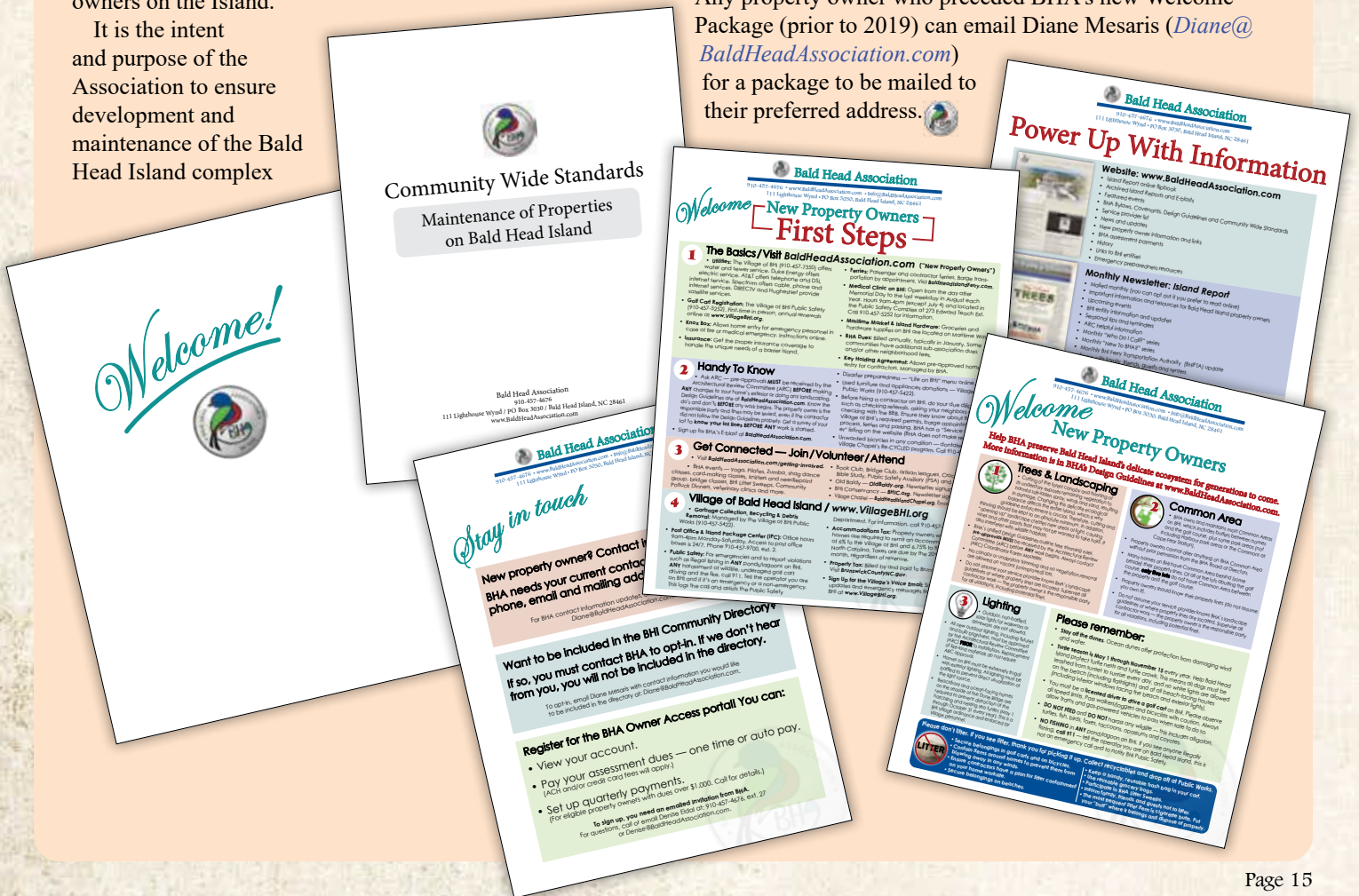
as an exclusive residential community of the highest quality and at the same time to endeavor to retain the natural, unspoiled beauty of the Island.

To that end, all structures shall be cared for, maintained and repaired in a manner such that the external appearance of each structure remains consistent with the other well-maintained structures in the community and consistent with the general tone and nature of the community. Maintenance will include, but not be limited to, repair and replacement as needed.

Property owners who rent their homes through VRBO or Airbnb are encouraged to inform their renters about Island-wide, back-door trash pickup service. Trash pickup is once a week from Labor Day to Memorial Day and two times a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Renters should not place trash at the curbside, which attracts wildlife. This is detrimental by not only providing a food source for wildlife but also by creating a mess.

The full Community Wide Standards document is on the BHA website at BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on “About BHA” and then “Community Wide Standards.”

This document is also in BHA’s Welcome Package. Any property owner who preceded BHA’s new Welcome Package (prior to 2019) can email Diane Mesaris (Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com) for a package to be mailed to their preferred address.



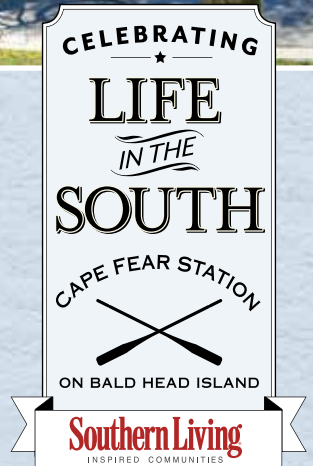
Meet *Southern Living's* Inspired Community of the Year



The word is getting out... Bald Head Island's *Southern Living* Inspired Community in Cape Fear Station was recently hailed the **Community of the Year** by the magazine.

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Village Chapel of BHI Update

By Kevin Arata, Board of Trustees (Communications Chair) for The Village Chapel of Bald Head Island

Given the current state of affairs regarding COVID-19, the Village Chapel of BHI has suspended church services through at least April 30, coinciding with the Village's State of Emergency. Chapel officials will continue to carefully evaluate the situation, and of course, follow any other guidance or directives that may come from Governor Cooper, the White House and the CDC.

The primary focus is on ensuring the Chapel best serves and protects the BHI community. While Chapel officials know

this presents challenges, they felt it was prudent to follow the recommendations of the experts and governing bodies.


Chapel officials are evaluating how they might serve the Bald Head Island Village Chapel patrons in other ways and will provide any information in that regard as soon as possible. They are also evaluating options for Maundy Thursday and Easter Services and will be consulting with area churches, other religious organizations and the minister scheduled for that week. Officials will make decisions on church services beyond that point as soon as possible, knowing that information on COVID-19 effects upon the community are changing daily. 

25th Annual BHI Fishing Rodeo & Beach Music Extravaganza

The 25th BHI Fishing Rodeo & Beach Music Extravaganza is planned for May 14-16, 2020, on Bald Head Island. This event is held by a non-profit organization, with all proceeds donated to the Old Baldy Foundation.

The first-place fishing prize has a guarantee of winning at least \$15,000. And all participants and family members will have access to both the Shoals Club and BHI Club. Music and dinner will be held 6:00-9:00pm on Thursday and Friday, and 5:00-

9:00pm on Saturday at the Harbour Pavilion. Open to the public, tickets are \$25 for everyone 21 years and older, \$15 for under 21 and kids under 13 eat for free. There will be kids' activities and a silent auction.


As of press time, this event is still scheduled. For more information closer to the event date, contact event organizers at 910-363-4955 or bhirodeo@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.bhirodeo.com. 

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management solution (possible outfall) for the east end South Bald Head Wynd.

- The Village will be meeting with stakeholders, including the Bald Head Island Club, to discuss a lagoon connectivity plan to address stormwater.
- The Public Works Department will be providing road paving recommendations and estimates for repairs for the Timber Bridge.
- The Public Safety Department will be providing cost estimates for VIPER radio equipment.
- The IPC/Post Office will be providing cost estimates for equipment that would help move packages more efficiently, improved shelving and construction of an enclosed area on

the back of the building for large items such as kayaks. The Village will also be looking at its contracts with the carriers. The Village is also going to emphasize through Village communications that packages need to be picked up in a timely manner to allow for adequate space in the facility and will encourage folks to designate others to pick up packages if they are not on the Island.

- The Village will receive proposals for FY21 for several ongoing projects that the Bald Head Island Conservancy has been working on.
- The Village PIO will be getting cost estimates to produce short educational videos and cost estimates for a Wayfinding Program. 

Thank you to all BHA committee volunteers!

Bald Head Association recognizes and appreciates the time, hard work and service of its many committee volunteers. It takes a village ~ BHA thanks you, and Bald Head Island is better because of you. Here were our 2019 committee volunteers:

Andrea Pitera, William Faber, Susan Mullen, Tiffany Williams, Jan Triplett, John Farabow, Brent Belch, Bill Bourne, Brewse Barnard, Kathy McConnell, Nana Smith, Scott Bergeron, David Wray, Mike Herriott, Gil Wilson, David Pacyna, Kay Menk, Dixon McLeod, Betty Robinson, Craig Miller, Janie Miller, Bonna Pfeiffer, Barbara McQuaide, Betsi Stephen, Cam McIntyre, Susan Panousis, Elizabeth Kinney, Susan Terrio, Susan Weaver, Sally Klippel, Mabel Caringer, Suzanne O'Bryant, Joe Hawkins, Dick Johnston, Greg Wendling, Craig Bandoroff, Bob White, Karen Mortimer, Brian Jenest and Curt Hinton.

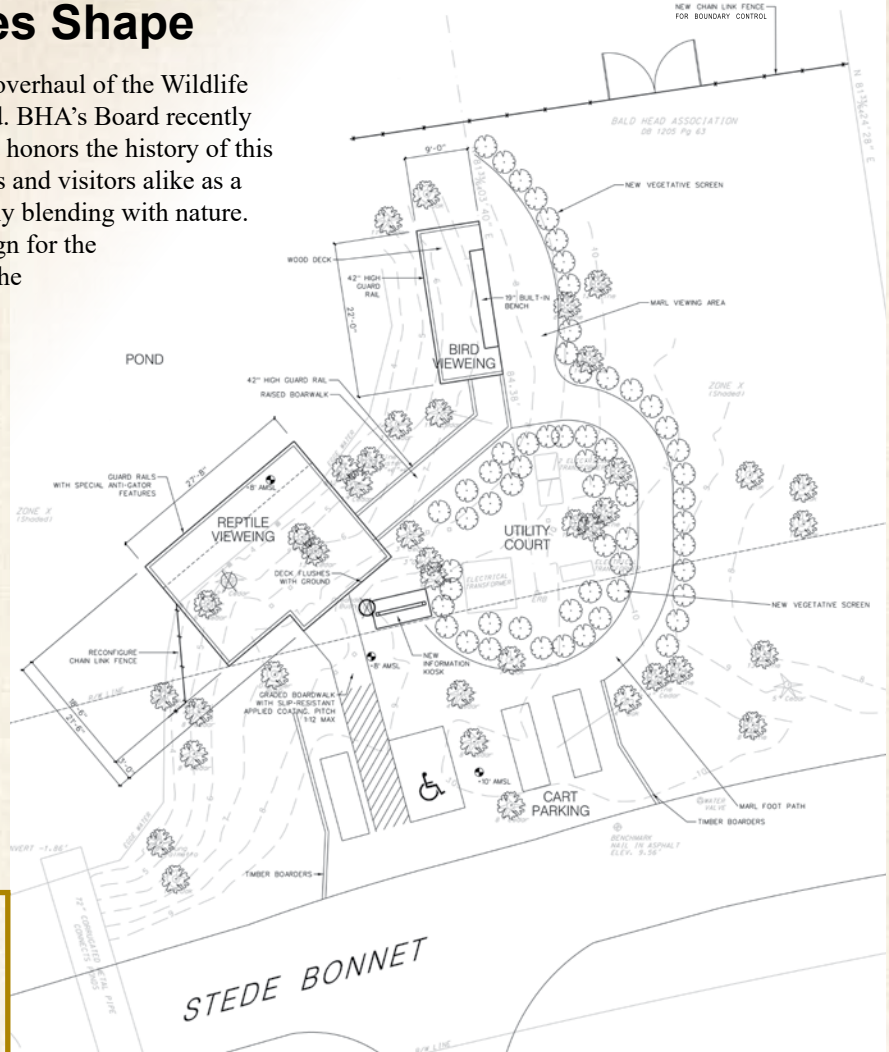
For a list of 2020 committee volunteers, visit BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees. If you would like to volunteer, email Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Off-island volunteers can call in to committee meetings.

Wildlife Overlook Takes Shape

After far too many months of lying dormant, the overhaul of the Wildlife Overlook on Stede Bonnet Wynd is moving forward. BHA’s Board recently hired architect Gordon Hall to develop a design that honors the history of this treasured Island spot known among property owners and visitors alike as a place for viewing the Island’s wildlife and for quietly blending with nature.

The Board is excited to share the conceptual design for the Wildlife Overlook and to announce that BHA is in the process of contracting for the construction by this summer. Once complete, the Overlook will have a new bird viewing area connected by a raised boardwalk from the traditional reptile viewing area. Interpretive signage will highlight many of the special reptiles, birds and other wildlife found in the area, as well as describe the unique way BHI uses its interconnected lagoon system (including the Wildlife Overlook) to manage its storm water runoff. The area will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and, though not indicated in this conceptual design at right, it will include additional golf cart and bicycle parking.

BHA is pleased to bring this Island gem back to life. Watch for construction to begin in the near future as we intend to have the project completed in time for the 2020 season.



Bald Head Island Transportation Authority (BHITA) March Update

At the BHI Transportation Authority’s regular March meeting, the Board of Trustees moved forward on several requirements necessary for ensuring that the Authority has the current or anticipated revenues necessary to meet its fiscal obligations. The Authority’s attorney, Hal Kitchin, noted that the Board approved the following: negotiating with and engaging US Bank as bond trustee for any future bond financing; negotiating with and engaging Mercator as bond financing feasibility consultant for any future bond financing; engaging one or more ratings

agencies to provide indicative ratings for any future bond financing; and engaging S&ME to conduct testing of spoils in the Deep Point Marina basin and to assist the Authority with further collection and analysis of information relating to the spoils basins at Deep Point Marina and at Bald Head Island.

The Authority’s next meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay Street, Southport).



Village of BHI Noise Ordinance Revisions Now In Effect

Property owners may not be aware that as part of the revision of Chapter 28 of the Village’s ordinance last year, the Village Council also adopted language that restricts noise outside of homes and golf carts, particularly at night. The impetus for the change was the increasing number of people on golf carts who travel BHI’s streets while playing music loudly, which was regarded as being in opposition to the quiet, relaxing nature of the Island.

Sections 16.131-137 of the Village ordinance generally prohibit “unreasonably loud and disturbing noise on any

residential property that would annoy, frighten, or disturb the quiet comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity...particularly, but not limited to, during the nighttime.”

The ordinance prohibits music played from within residences and projected by golf carts by musical instruments, prerecorded music and any sound amplifying equipment, among other things, particularly at nighttime. Property owners, guests and renters may want to be aware of the new ordinance as summer fun arrives.

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of plant physiology. At its most basic level, pruning trees involves removing damaged, dead or structurally weak limbs, which will improve a tree’s health and reduce the chances of personal or property damage caused by falling limbs.

“Proper pruning encourages growth, increases flower and fruit production, improves plant health and removes damaged limbs, all which give aesthetic appeal to a tree. Pruning at the right time and in the right way is critical, since it is possible to kill a tree by neglect or over-pruning. Pruning at the wrong time can be

damaging to tree tissues.”

Property owners are encouraged to work with certified arborists (ask for their credentials) to assess the health and necessary pruning of sabal palmetto trees on their lot. A large number of older yellow, lower fronds may indicate a nutrient deficiency, which an arborist can assist with. If you work with a landscaper, make sure they prune according to ANSI standards and comply with any applicable ARC Design Guidelines requirements.

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BHI Transportation, the owner of the ferry system — comprising the barge, the ferry and tram service — is working closely with state and local government officials and the US Coast Guard during this pandemic. The safety of all people, including staff, is essential in its decisions. With the fluidity of the COVID-19 pandemic, property owners should understand and be prepared for the ferry service to be “disrupted, curtailed and/or suspended with little or no notice.” As of press time, the maximum number of passengers on all ferries is limited to 45.

On March 19, 2020, the Village of BHI declared a State of Emergency, which includes a voluntary evacuation of Bald Head Island with the following orders, prohibitions and restrictions that remain in place through Thursday, April 30, 2020:

- **Discontinuance of All Short-term Rental Operations:** All rental agencies and property owners that rent properties on Bald Head Island are instructed to have all current renters, for a rental period of less than three (3) months duration, and their invitees vacate the premises and leave the Island by not later than 2 PM on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Effective immediately, there will be no new rental occupancies of any nature or duration allowed on the Island.
- **Restricted Access:** Only property owners and residents, business owners and their respective employees and contractors, and municipal employees and contractors shall be admitted to the island after 6:00 PM today, March 19, 2020.
- **Village Operations:** The Village Manager, Assistant Manager or their designee are

hereby authorized to take all lawful actions necessary to manage the Village during this State of Emergency, including, without limitation, procuring goods and services necessary to manage this emergency and adjustment of hours, access, and operation of all Village-owned facilities, parks, and government operations as deemed reasonably necessary to restrict the spread of COVID-19 and protect Island residents, the public and municipal employees.

With Governor Roy Cooper’s executive order closing restaurant dining rooms, most restaurants have shifted to order-ahead-and-pickup meals. Because of quickly evolving information about COVID-19 and its effects on people, events, plans and more, for the most updated information, visit BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

April 2020						
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Due to COVID-19, Governor Roy Cooper’s executive order reducing the number of people gathering and in the interest of helping to prevent its spread, some or all of April events may be canceled and/or postponed. Timely updates can be found on the BHA website at BaldHeadAssociation.com and websites for individual BHI organizations.

BHA’s Association Center is undergoing thorough sanitizing, and we anticipate helping to gather the BHI community for future events, once the threat from this pandemic is over.

BHA wishes everyone to stay informed with reliable information from credible sources and to stay safe.

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BHA Assessments

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