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BHA Needs YOU!

John Kinney is seeking additional volunteers to serve on BHA's Nominating Committee. Send an email expressing your interest by May 31, 2022, to kinney.aj@gmail.com. The Nominating Committee informs the Board at its September meeting of names the committee will present to BHA members to vote on for 2023.

Consider sharing your knowledge, skills and time by serving on this and/or any Association committee. The committees' general goals are defined online at www.baldheadassociation.com/committees. Please be a part of these efforts. This is your Association and your Island!



Spotlight — The Important Role of BHA's Board Treasurer

BHA serves its members in many ways, many of which you've read about in its Island Report newsletters or Compass email bulletins, such as ARC-related services. And though BHA holds public sessions of its monthly Board meetings (typically the second Friday every month at 11:00am), it's rare for property owners to attend and learn about ongoing Board responsibilities.

How many of you reading this right now understand all of the important duties of BHA's Board Treasurer? Robert Drumheller is BHA's Treasurer, and we asked him, along with BHA Bookkeeper Denise Eidal, to share information about the treasurer's duties, to help members like you learn more about the importance this role plays for Bald Head Association and, therefore, for its members.

BHA's Board Treasurer duties include the following:

- At the end of 2021, the book value of all BHA assets was approximately \$3.5mm. The Treasurer oversees stewardship of these assets including asset reserve studies and annual reserve amounts for future replacement.
- BHA has 10 separate bank accounts and one brokerage account that have cash balances, either for revenue and operating issues or for asset reserve balances. Oversight includes investing surplus cash and taking full advantage of the FDIC insurance provisions, check signing, reviewing inflows and outflows from bank accounts and payroll. At year-end 2021, cash balances were approximately \$1.4mm.
- BHA keeps accounting records for the entire association, including breakdowns for the seven separate neighborhoods and the three drip-line communities.

- Oversight is provided for insurance including D&O, liability, storm damage and all risk.
- Oversight is provided for federal and state income taxes and the annual audit.
- The BHA prepares an annual budget each year. This includes separate budgets for master association, the three drip-line communities and three of the neighborhoods. Each of the budgets have two components — the operational budget and the asset reserve budget. The actual monthly financial results are reviewed compared to the budget each month at the BHA Board meeting.
- Certain BHA Common Areas are leased out to tenants. The Board treasurer is expected to provide meaningful input into these contracts.
- Oversight for inter-company loans.
- Routine time spent separately from regular meetings includes working with bookkeeper, signing checks.
- Time-consuming offline work for reviewing budget with BHA's Finance Committee occurs annually from May to November.
- Ongoing training of BHA's Finance Committee members. It takes approximately one year for a new committee member to get up to speed.
- Presents BHA's financials at the Annual Meeting and discusses financial projects/questions at monthly Board meetings.
- Periodically research, interview and hire a new auditor.
- Oversight of Reserve Study — recurring every 3-5 years.

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Ask ARC before any work begins!

- Planning a renovation project or new construction?
- Wanting to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
- Thinking about cutting/trimming trees or vegetation?
- Considering any landscape changes?

ARC office — open by appointment only

Email Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, at fran@baldheadassociation.com or Sharon Beasley, ARC Associate, at sharon@baldheadassociation.com or for urgent ARC matters, call 910-477-7246. For all questions about trees and vegetation, email trees@baldheadassociation.com.



New Village of BHI Pine Straw Ordinance Effective May 1, 2022

The use of pine straw and other ground cover materials with a fire rate of spread of more than 24 inches per minute as determined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) presents a serious fire hazard and threatens structures. “Pine straw is seven to ten times more combustible than any other mulching material, said Public Safety Director Alan May, “and natural resins in pine straw make it very flammable. An errant cigarette can ignite it in a matter of seconds and if it happens to be close to a structure, the structure will ignite as well.”

For these reasons, the Village will begin regulating the use of pine straw and other ground cover materials with a fire rate of spread more than 24 inches per minute as determined by the NIST. The ordinance effective May 1, 2022, states that **“no pine straw or any other landscape material with a fire rate spread more than 24 inches per minute shall be placed, kept, or stored within 25 feet of any building or other structure with a combustible exterior.”** Visit villagebhi.org for information.

Prepping BHI Homes for the Rental Season

There is a mixture of BHI property owners who rent their homes. Some hire property management companies and some rent on their own, utilizing rental listing companies such as Airbnb and VRBO (Vacation Rental By Owner). If you fall into the category of using a property management company, here are important reminders when it comes to the exterior of your home, including landscaping and tree trimming/removal.

The property owner is responsible for establishing proper expectations with property management companies.

Ensure that they, just like you, understand and follow BHA’s Design Guidelines and comply with ARC’s pre-approval processes. **DO NOT ASSUME.** Otherwise, you may literally have to pay for their mistake.

At the top of the list is knowing where your lot lines are so that you know the

area you actually own. Your lot may border a neighbor’s lot, land owned by the Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) or BHA Common Area (such as the land buffer between the rear of a home and the BHI Club’s golf course property). BHA is your “neighbor” for Common Areas and owns that vegetation. So, just as you would not venture onto your neighbor’s land to trim a tree, cut a tree or trim understory, the same holds true for BHA Common Area. Not only would that violate the ARC

process, it’s also considered trespassing. If you don’t have a lot survey or have any questions, BHA can help you or your landscaper closely estimate your lot area using GIS mapping on Brunswick County’s website. Visit BHA’s office at 111 Lighthouse Wynd.

For property owners who live in drip-line communities, you do not own the land outside of your drip line and cannot make any changes to landscaping on your own. If you live in a community with a sub-association, contact your president for work requests. If you live in a BHA-managed drip-line community (Keeper’s Landing, Sumner’s Crescent and Surfman’s Walk), contact Pam Rainey, BHA Customer Relations Associate, at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or pamr@baldheadassociation.com for work requests.

Before any work on the exterior of your home or any landscaping (which includes tree trimming, tree removal and understory trimming) is done, property owners must first request approval from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). The importance of reading, understanding and following BHA’s Design Guidelines (www.baldheadassociation.com) cannot be stressed enough. And Sharon Beasley, ARC Associate, can help with any questions. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 23 or email trees@baldheadassociation.com.

The ARC Design Guidelines and prior approval processes stand, even if you use a third party to manage your property. And the property owner remains the responsible party. So, talk with your property management company and make

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Help sea turtles! If you own an ocean-facing home, don’t forget to remind all guests and renters the importance of pulling down room-darkening shades at night and using exterior lighting frugally to prevent disorienting sea turtles and their hatchlings.

Sunsets on Bald Head Island

By Alan Briggs

from an ip to a pip
that is the path most follow
in their journey to and through
bald head island

when we arrive
we are an ip
an important person
in our worlds

important in our lives
in our careers
in our families
in our communities

doctors lawyers nurses
mothers engineers fund raisers
real estate moguls
politicians teachers...

we come here for
a break from our busy lives
a respite a breath of fresh air
peace calm return to nature

we look down the line
we have a vision of being
a previously important person
a pip

we walk the beaches
we watch for the baby turtles
we bike the wynds
we howl at the moon

we see our kids
bring us grandkids
and each year we return
to the beach to the forest

to the calm and beauty
of bald head island
and slowly over the years
we wind down

BHI is our Nirvana
our Rock of Gibraltar
our place to watch the sunset
to our days and to our lives

it takes us
from being an ip
to being a pip
and happy to be one.

BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

What Is the Most Important Work of the BHA?

All our work is important. Yes, but what is **most** important?

To answer this question, we look to the Articles of Incorporation that formed the Bald Head Association in 1982. They state:

*[T]he specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for the beautification, maintenance, preservation, and **architectural control of the exterior of the single family homes, multi-family units and non-residential areas, the residence lots, the assessable properties and common areas within those certain tracts...** [emphasis added].*

This is why we were formed in 1982. And this remains our most important purpose.

The Covenants for Bald Head Association provide that the work to accomplish this purpose is to be carried out by the Architectural Review Committee ("Committee") and provide:

7.4 Submission of Plans and Specifications.

(a) No construction or improvements, as defined in Section 7.1(a), will be commenced, erected, placed or maintained on any Unit; nor will any exterior addition, change or alteration be made thereto, until the plans and specifications ("Plans") will have been submitted to and approved by the Committee.

The work the ARC, the Committee, performs to approve "plans" is very difficult, complicated and demanding work requiring a high degree of expertise, work commitment and experience. To accomplish this work, the Board appoints eighteen BHI volunteers to the ARC. They are divided into two sections: Section A and Section B. Section A is chaired by David Pacyna, with members including Bill Bourne, Dixon McLeod, Joyce Nelson, Kathy Newman and Jan Triplett. Section B is chaired by Terry Steelman, with members including Mike Herriot, Patrick O'Bryant, Jennifer Pitts, Jennifer Russel, Gil Wilson and David Wray. John Kinney, Board Vice President, serves as the Board liaison for both ARC sections.

In addition, two local, experienced architects serve as consultants and attend the meetings and provide advice and counsel for the ARC. While they each receive a small honorarium, they are really volunteering their time and experience to help us. These architects are John Farabow for Section A and Mark Saulnier for Section B.

BHA staff focused on architectural review submittals consists of Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, and ARC Associates Sharon Beasley and Mary Anne Steele. Kimberly Bandera handles architectural review submittals for Middle Island and Harbour associations.

This team is here to serve you, our members. They do just that. While they deal primarily with your architects or planners, they are seeking to serve you. And they do that and do it exceptionally well.

First, they want to do all they can to help the members who want to build new homes or make improvements to their homes. And second, they want to do their work well to support all of the members so their investments in their homes on Bald Head Island are protected. These two duties may seem to conflict at times, but they do not. All want the architectural control of the exterior of BHI homes to be and remain characteristic of the unique and special little paradise we have. Careful and detailed attention to these duties helps preserve what makes Bald Head Island special.

As home building on BHI is now very busy, our ARC is also very busy. The pressure on our ARC to move the work along while still requiring full conformity of the plans to the Design Guidelines has been intense.

Accordingly, a group of us (Mayor Peter Quinn, Fran Pagliaro, Carol Collins, Terry Steelman, David Pacyna, Tiffany Williams, John Kinney, Robert Drumheller and I) met to discuss how we could help relieve some of the time pressure on the ARC team and, therefore, help expedite our service to you and your architects and planners.

We reached a number of conclusions and changes all designed to make service to our members better. The primary change you will notice is an increase in our staff support to the ARC. Specifically, Mary Anne Steele has joined the ARC team and will be focusing her attention primarily on being available to help the architects, planners and our members expedite the movement of their plans through the ARC process. We hope this will be helpful to all.

The volunteers I mentioned above are giving of their time from their busy lives to make our lives on Bald Head Island better. Please thank them when you get a chance. 



Village of BHI Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Dogs on BHI — Laws and Tips

Bald Head Island is a very dog-friendly place. You see dogs everywhere on the Island — riding in golf carts, walking along the wynds or beach strand, at the ferry landing or waiting at the post office while their owners are checking their mail. The following information addresses the Village’s laws regarding dogs and provides a few tips for first-timers, Islanders, guests and visitors.

Village Laws on Dogs

Dogs Must be Restrained — Per Village Ordinance Section 4-521, unrestrained dogs are not allowed on Bald Head Island, whether by intentional act or omission of the owner. What does unrestrained mean? It means that the dog is NOT:

1. Under the immediate control of its owner, or
2. Within the limits and boundaries of the private property on which its owner or any person authorized by the owner to keep the animal resides, or
3. On or in any vehicle being operated or parked upon any public or private street and physically confined within the vehicle so as to prevent it from exiting the vehicle.

Dogs on the Beach Must be Leashed During Turtle Season

Village Ordinance Section 4-521 states that from sunset to sunrise of every day during turtle season (May 1 through November 15) any dog on any beach must be physically restrained by a leash. The leash must not exceed ten feet in length. One end of the leash must be attached to the dog and the other must be held by the dog’s owner or custodian and by which such owner or custodian is physically capable of controlling the dog.

Feces Must be Removed and Disposed of Properly

Village Ordinance Section 4-521 states that dog (and cat) owners must immediately remove feces deposited on public property, including the beach strand, or on private property unless given consent of the owner. Feces must be disposed of in an appropriate manner. The Village’s beach accesses have doggie bag dispensers for waste and waste receptacles for the waste



once it’s picked up. The Village recommends that dog owners dispose of dog waste in the public waste receptacles or the receptacles supplied by the Village for regular household waste. Some sewer systems do not allow the flushing of dog feces; BHI does not have any restrictions on this method of disposal. Dog waste should not be used in compost that will be used for consumable vegetation because of the parasites and bacteria that may be present.

Violation of this ordinance could result in a civil fine of \$50 or a class 3 misdemeanor and a fine of up to \$500.

Excessive Barking — Excessive barking is generally prohibited by the Village’s noise ordinance (Sec. 16-132 – 133). The ordinance states, “The creation of any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise that would annoy, frighten, or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity is prohibited within the Village. In determining whether a violation of this section has occurred, the public safety department may take into account the volume, duration, time, location, and other circumstances surrounding the noise.” It goes on to state, “The following activities, among others, are hereby declared unreasonably loud and disturbing noises, but such enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive. ... (4) the keeping of any animal, including but not limited to a bird or dog, which makes frequent or long continuing sounds, in a manner that is likely to disturb persons

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in the vicinity outside the structure or property where the animal sounds are generated.” Please call 911 to report this type of disturbance to the Department of Public Safety.

Dangerous Dogs — The Village’s code of ordinances also addresses dangerous dogs (Sec. 4-121-126). It is important to report all incidences with a dog that has been deemed dangerous, potentially dangerous or when the status is unknown to the Department of Public Safety by calling 911 so the incident can be investigated.

All ordinance violations should be called into the Department of Public Safety. On Bald Head Island, please call 911. Let the operator know that you are on Bald Head Island. Using the 911 system will ensure that an officer is responsive to your concern immediately. Using 911 allows the department to keep track of all calls for service that are received. All calls are recorded for investigative purposes.

Tips about Dogs for First-timers

Here are some tips about dogs for first-time visitors and guests:

The ferry — The ferry is likely going to be full of people, and there will likely be other dogs. If it is your dog’s first experience on a boat, it will be nervous. Make sure you are ready to calm your dog and restrain them, if needed, to keep them from getting too close to dogs that may not play well with others. You and your dog must ride outside of the cabin no matter the weather

since dogs are not permitted inside the cabin. Some surfaces on the ferry get very hot, so take that into account, as well. A thick towel or blanket may be useful to protect your dog’s paws.

New smells — There will be new smells on the Island, and your pet is going to be distracted by them and will want to track down those smells. Be sure to keep a tight grip on the leash when you arrive and know that if they have the chance, they will run!

Secure them in the house — When you leave the house, make sure your pet is secure in the home. Some porches have screens and screened doors that are easy for dogs to push on to escape.

Dog Park — There is a Dog Park on BHI, located at 230 N. Bald Head Wynd and adjacent to BHA’s Community Garden. There are separate fenced-in areas for small and large dogs with significant shade and plenty of space to run and play. It includes a seating area for pet owners and water bowls with a water source for pets to hydrate.

General Tips Regarding Dogs on BHI

Lost dogs — If your dog is lost, please call 911 so the Department of Public Safety can assist in locating your pet. Sometimes found pets are reported to the department or dropped off at the station. Lost and found pet information is often posted on the Village’s social media sites (DPS Facebook, Village Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram).

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How to Improve Your Crab Catch While Protecting Diamondback Terrapins

By Beth Darrow, Ph.D., Chief Scientist, Bald Head Island Conservancy

One of the joys of spring and summer on Bald Head Island for many residents and visitors is throwing a crab pot in the creek and catching your own dinner of blue crabs. The blue crab is the largest value fishery species in North Carolina. Bald Head Creek and the other creeks of the Smith Island Complex are wonderful habitats for blue crabs and many other animals.

Crabs are caught by placing baited crab traps on the creek bottom, attached to a marker buoy. Crab traps have “funnels” that allow crabs to enter the trap walking sideways but make it difficult for a larger crab to exit the trap. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries has regulations to ensure crab populations remain healthy. Regulations include limits on the numbers of crab pots, size of crabs that can be caught (minimum 5" carapace width) and times of year that crab pots can be used. There are also regulations on crab pots to reduce bycatch of non-target species, especially species of concern such as the Diamondback Terrapin.

Diamondback terrapins are a brackish water turtle species of special concern that live in marshes and tidal creeks. Terrapins, which are air-breathing reptiles that can be similar in size to blue crabs, often get caught in crab pots as bycatch and drown. Terrapin Excluder Devices (TEDs, also known as Bycatch Reduction Devices) can be installed in crab pots to prevent

terrapins from getting in. TEDs are required in all crab pots in Diamondback Terrapin Management Areas including Bald Head Island from March 1 to October 31 (details at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/blue-crab-topic>).



For the past year, the Conservancy has partnered with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries and the Village of BHI to purchase TEDs and provide them to the public free of charge. BHI residents and visitors can order TEDs for their crab pots (free, while supplies last) by contacting conservation@bhic.org.

The Conservancy has had a number of questions about how the TEDs work and if the crab pots are able to successfully catch
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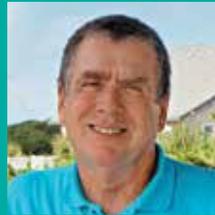
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legal-sized (5" width) crabs, since TEDs restrict the diameter of the funnel opening. Research studies in South Carolina have shown that crab pots with the TED design shown above catch as many, if not more blue crabs than crab pots with no TEDs. Crabs will walk sideways and diagonally through the TED to get to the bait. One BHI crabber who was initially skeptical reported to us at the end of the summer 2021 that his efforts using crab pots with TEDs were very successful. One theory is that legal-sized crabs, once inside the pot, find it more difficult to escape the pot with the TEDs installed. **Add TEDs to your crab pots to protect diamondback terrapins...and you might catch more crabs!**

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the reason for these regulations on Bald Head Island? I have never seen a terrapin here.

Each spring there are a number of dead terrapins that wash up on BHI beaches, and we suspect that they could be crab pot discards. You may not have seen terrapins because they are fairly small and secretive; sometimes you'll just see their head popping up from the water for a moment before they dive down again.

There is a known population of diamondback terrapins in the creeks of the Smith Island Complex and Zeke's Island, just north of BHI. The populations in Bald Head Creek and Cape Creek are currently unknown, but we have documented a

few adult and juvenile terrapins in these creeks this year. We encourage crab pot users to follow DMF regulations and make their crab pots terrapin safe. If you have more questions or concerns about these regulations, please contact DMF biologist Joe Facendola (joe.facendola@ncdenr.org).

Do TEDs reduce the amount of crabs that my pot can catch?

Scientific research says no. TEDs help reduce the number of diamondback terrapins caught in crab pots while not significantly affecting the number of legal-sized blue crabs caught (Chavez & Williard, 2017; Hart & Crowder, 2011).

That TED looks very small. How does a legal-sized blue crab fit in the opening?

Surprisingly, blue crabs with 5"+ carapace width will fit into this "South Carolina design" TED just fine; they turn diagonally and swim in sideways (legs first). This is based on extensive testing of various TED designs in a research study by Arendt et al. (2018).

What are the dimensions of this TED?

The "SC Design" has openings that are 7.3 cm (3") wide and a curved height that ranges from 5.1 to 6.4 cm tall. The TED we are producing for Bald Head Island follows the SC design and is 7.5 cm wide and 5.1 - 6.4 cm tall. This is based on recommendations by Arendt to widen the opening slightly to allow 99% of legal-sized crabs to enter the crab pot.

Can I use different kinds of TEDs in my crab pots?

There are a few different designs that are allowable according to the DMF (visit <https://bit.ly/3ukAHy8>). These include a rigid rectangle with dimensions of 1.6" x 6.3". However, this design was not as successful at retaining blue crabs or reducing terrapin bycatch as the "SC Design," according to the Arendt study.



Have TEDS been proven to work on Bald Head Island?

A study is currently being conducted by UNCW and DMF in the Smith Island Complex. We will share those results when we get them.

Terrapin Excluder Device Installation

You will need 2-5 TEDs per crab pot (1 per funnel/opening). Place a TED at the base of each funnel (narrow opening) and secure it with zip ties, hog rings or wire. Video instructions here: <https://bit.ly/35Sa36a>.



How else can I help conserve diamondback terrapins?

- Spread the word about TEDs! All crab pots should have them in areas where terrapins might be living. They are required on BHI.

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The Old Baldy Foundation’s NC Treasures Weekend

By Abby Overton, Communications and Development Coordinator, The Old Baldy Foundation

During the weekend of June 3-5, The Old Baldy Foundation, which oversees the preservation of the 205-year-old lighthouse, will celebrate North Carolina treasures with a roster of activities showcasing the best of the state’s cuisine, spirits, arts and history. The weekend’s highlight will be an “All About Art” exhibition featuring internationally acclaimed artist Bob Timberlake, presenting a coastal retrospective from his storied career. Beyond a weekend full of festivities, All About Art and The Old Baldy Foundation are honored to announce a time-limited print edition of a Timberlake original entitled Capt. Charlie’s Glass will be available for purchase as a part of North Carolina Treasures Weekend. This print can be purchased at any weekend event and through June 31st, if quantities allow.

The celebration of North Carolina treasures begins on June 3rd at 6:00pm with southern-inspired cuisine being served oceanside by the innovative chefs at the Shoals Club. As you dine, Bob Timberlake will tell stories of his illustrious career highlighting coastal works. Art has taken him worldwide, being honored by past presidents and Prince Charles of Buckingham Palace. Even through the international acclaim, Timberlake can’t escape the magic of home — North Carolina. This inspired evening is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to get a glimpse

into the mind of one of NC’s finest treasures, Bob Timberlake. Toast to an unforgettable night with cocktails crafted with local spirits from Cape Fear Distillery, craft beer brewed with purpose from Flying Machine Brewery and selections from Long Creek Wines.

Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th, will feature a Bob Timberlake Exhibition hosted by All About Art Gallery at BHA’s Association Center. Original pieces focusing on Timberlake’s coastal works will be displayed. All pieces will be available for viewing from 11:00am-4:00pm both days. At 1:00pm on Saturday, Bob Timberlake will be onsite for a meet and greet and signing.

In addition, Sunday, June 5th, will feature a North Carolina Marketplace on the Old Baldy grounds from 12:00-3:00pm. This artisan gathering will feature local food purveyors, decor, arts, handcrafted drinks and more. Stop by to shop for the freshest local ingredients to whip up dinner in your coastal kitchen or look for the perfect new piece to go in your home. This event will celebrate the talented vendors who represent North Carolina’s rich history and landscape with their work.

The event is made possible by the sponsors and volunteers who support The Old Baldy Foundation, All About Art and Bob Timberlake. For information, prices and tickets for the entire weekend, go to oldbaldy.org or call 910-457-7481. 

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BUILDING AND RENOVATING FINE HOMES ON BALD HEAD ISLAND



Village Chapel Update

By Kevin Arata, Village Chapel Board of Trustees

The Village Chapel Re-CYCLE program is kicking off again! If you have unwanted and unused bikes, place your bikes inside Container 14 across from the contractor lot (behind the Public Safety Complex in the trash/recycling area of Public Works). A Re-CYCLE poster is on the container. Donated bikes are provided to the Bicycle Man Community Outreach Projects in Fayetteville, NC, which fixes up the bikes and provides them to children in need across six North Carolina counties, including Brunswick County. Bikes in any condition can be donated, as well as bicycle parts, which can be

refurbished and used for repairs.

The Village Chapel has been honored to support this charitable organization for four years. Please do not leave bikes outside the container if the container is full; bring them back another time. Contact Anne Rex at anne.e.rex@hotmail.com with questions.

All donations are appreciated! Moses Mathis was “The Bicycle Man” founder, and his motto was always, “It’s all about the kids,” a motto that stays strong within the organization today. Visit their website at www.thebicycleman.bike/home.html.



BHI Questions? How Can I Help Sea Turtles on BHI?

Turtle Season is 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). There are many ways property owners and visitors can help sea turtles, including preventing hazards.



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 or other sea creature.

Dogs

Per Village ordinance, all dogs must be “physically restrained by a leash” from sunset to sunrise during turtle nesting and hatching season. Pet owners are encouraged to keep dogs under control at all times. Dogs should never be allowed near a protected sea turtle nest. Don’t be a distracted dog owner who isn’t aware of what your dog is doing behind you.

“Lights Affect Us”

Nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings need darkness so that they are not distracted from their path to the water, which unfortunately occurred on BHI last summer from beach-facing houses’ interior lights not being shielded with darkening shades (required by BHA’s Design Guidelines). It is critical that homes facing the ocean are frugal in using exterior lighting, to prevent disturbing nesting females and hatchling sea turtles. These homes must install AND USE room-darkening

window treatments to block interior lighting in the evenings. This is essential information to share with your guests and renters.

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 (the BHI Conservancy has these). **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.

If you see a nesting sea turtle, call the BHI Conservancy at 910-457-0089, ext. 5 and leave a message. 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 bhic.org.

The Process of Joining the BHA Board of Directors

Anyone interested in getting involved with BHA at its Board level can submit their resume to Board member and Nominating Committee Chair John Kinney at kinney.aj@gmail.com by June 30, 2022, for consideration for the 2023 Board of Directors.

There are two ways to be considered for Board service. First, the Nominating Committee is charged with selecting at least one candidate for each vacancy and recommending them directly to BHA's membership for consideration at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee informs the Board of candidates' names at its September Board meeting.

Second, if someone wants to be considered by the membership for Board service and is not identified through the Nominating

Committee process, BHA's Bylaws identify an alternative path: "A petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) individual property owners, advocating a nominee for election to the Board of Directors, may be submitted to the Association office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and this candidate or candidates shall be added to the final ballot which will be mailed to the membership no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting."

The 60-day deadline for petitions this year is November 29, 2022. All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at carrie@baldheadassociation.com. 

Bulk Item Pick-up and Furniture Donations — from the Village of BHI

Since it is the time of year that folks are doing their spring cleaning and preparation for peak season, the Village's Public Works Department would like to remind you that bulk item pick-ups are now limited to two items. This change went into effect in December 2020. Items must be left outside for pick-up. If you need more than two items hauled away or assistance moving items out of your home, please contact a local mover. BHA has a list of local movers on their website (www.baldheadassociation.com) under "Life on BHI" and "Island Service Providers."

If you need to schedule a pick-up, call the Village's Customer Service Representative at 910-457-9700, ext. 1000. The representative will take your payment over the phone along with

your contact information, which is then given to Public Works to contact you to schedule the pick-up. Please provide the Village with enough notice so that Public Works can schedule your pick-up. Special pickups are \$100.00 with a limit of two items. Mattresses are \$85.00 each.

The Village is still accepting furniture donations for drop-off at Public Works. Donation drop-off is limited to two items every five days. To keep the hauling of donations off-island to a manageable level, the Village would like folks to utilize your furniture delivery company to haul away the items being replaced or to call a local mover. To be sure someone at Public Works is available, call 910-457-5422. 

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At the beach — When you are at the beach, make sure your dog has plenty of water to drink. Bringing a shade source is also a good idea; the sand gets very hot. Umbrellas and canopies are permitted on the beach but must be taken down nightly (must be removed between 9:00pm and 8:00am year-round). It is wise to prevent your dogs from drinking the salt water. Small amounts of salt water could cause diarrhea, and too much can lead to vomiting and dehydration.



Protect from predators & ticks —

Leaving your pet unattended near the lagoons is not recommended. Alligators make the lagoons their home year-round on the Island and can jump four feet vertically out of the water. It is best to observe them from at least 20 feet away, with or without your pet. Coyotes are another predator

Taking your dog to the beach? Please remember to clean up after your dog and that it must be on a leash between sunset and sunrise during turtle season (May 1 – November 15). The sun makes the sand very hot for your pet; fresh water and shade will help keep you and your pet more comfortable.

on BHI that you need to be careful about. Do not leave your pet unsupervised outdoors and do not feed them outside because the food will attract coyotes and unwanted pests. Ticks are a given on BHI, with its shady areas and moist overgrowth. Make sure your pet is up to date on any flea and tick medications or check with your vet to see if other measures need to be taken.

Veterinary Emergencies — There is not an emergency veterinarian on the Island. Be prepared to call for transport off the Island so you can quickly get to an emergency vet on the mainland. Have phone numbers for several transport companies and emergency vets so you can make contact with one that can help you when you need them.

Grilling Safety Tips & Village Ordinance Reminder

Outdoor grilling is a favorite in spring and summer, and it’s one of the most popular ways to cook food. A grill that is placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Hot grills can also cause burn injuries. Medical and fire emergencies are two things we all want to avoid on Bald Head Island.

The Village’s Fire Prevention Ordinance (Section 12-53) states: *Cooking fires contained within a commercially available, solid-fuel burning, portable, outdoor cooking appliance, but only to the extent that such portable appliance shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any structure and within twenty-five (25) feet of a permanent water source connected to a hose that is able to reach the location of the appliance, and shall not be located upon any wood or composite deck or balcony attached to such structure or underneath any roofed structure, including any porch, awning, or balcony overhang of a structure.*

Following the Village’s Ordinance will reduce fire emergencies and property damage caused by grills and ensures that Islanders can quickly respond to any mishaps that may occur when grilling out. Violating this Ordinance could result in a \$500 fine.

Here are a few grilling tips from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA):

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

For more information about grilling safety and other fire safety topics, go to nfpa.org/education. Also, check out the Village of Bald Head Island YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjbbWcCO0OU) for a short grilling safety video.



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Tides and the Moon

Bald Head Island is a barrier island surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and Cape Fear River. If you live on or visit Bald Head Island, it is wise to know about tides that may affect your outdoor recreation. Knowing these times can affect not only where you place your beach chairs and when to walk, but more importantly, when or when not to kayak, canoe, paddleboard, boat, fish or swim.

High tides can be higher (and low tides can be lower) than normal depending on the phase of the moon that corresponds with the alignment of the Earth, sun and moon (during full and new moon phases, all three are nearly aligned during a “spring tide” that occurs every two weeks), during times of the moon’s closest proximity to Earth (called perigee) and when the Earth is at perihelion (closest to the sun in early January). A king tide is a colloquial term for an especially high spring tide, such as a perigean spring tide.

King tides typically occur three or four times a year. In 2022, king tides will occur May 15-19, June 12-16 and July 11-15. Expected higher and lower water events will occur in August through December. The 2022 North Carolina King Tides Calendar is on BHA’s website at www.baldheadassociation.com/weather.

Tide charts are easily found online. And moon phase information is easily accessible online as well as on some weather apps. Check daily to know when high and low tides are occurring on BHI.

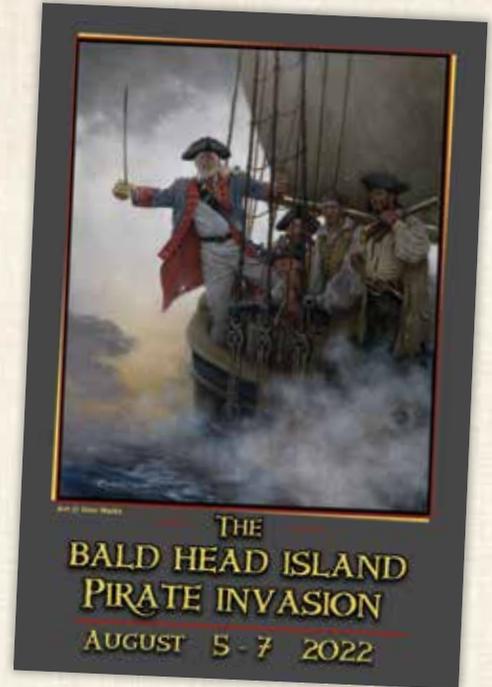
It is **not recommended** to venture out onto Frying Pan Shoals at ANY time, even low tide, for safety. Every year, too many people on BHI need water rescues from being stranded by incoming tides. Help spread the word to your guests and renters.

BHI Pirate Invasion

Pirates will once again be invading Bald Head Island! Several crews will be setting up camp on the Village’s Marina Park (111 Keelson Row). Captain Sinbad will be steering his ship, the Meka II, into the harbor, the Shadow Players will be demonstrating sword fighting and pirates will be roaming Bald Head Island playing music and causing mayhem.

Events include living history demonstrations, learning how to walk and talk like a pirate, creating a pirate ship, searching for treasure, a costume contest and a scary ghost walk after dark.

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- Upcoming project requiring treasurer assistance — BHA's Mulch Site reconfiguration. (BHA is working with the Village of BHI on an overall redesign of the entire area for efficiency and expansion. Stay tuned for updates.)
- Upcoming treasurer project — transferring BHA shared ownership of lagoons to the BHI Club, which is now under consideration.



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sure they know that you expect them to follow the correct ARC procedures. If they don't, you will be the one who receives a violation letter and possible fine. Keep in mind that necessary permissions prior to doing any exterior work include:

- Changing any exterior light fixture.
- Trimming tree limbs
- Removing trees (even if dead)
- Trimming or removing understory
- Post-storm trimming or removal of any vegetation
- Changing any exterior structure materials
- Changing any landscaping elements

For ARC questions, contact Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or fran@baldheadassociation.com.



••• Continued from page 9 (How to Improve Your Crab Catch While Protecting Diamondback Terrapins)

- Report all sightings of diamondback terrapins (dead or alive) by calling the Conservancy's Wildlife Response Hotline (910-457-0089, ext. 5) and leaving a message.
- We will be looking for volunteers this summer to help teach the public how to install TEDs. Email us if you would like to help with an outreach event for 1-2 hours.

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May 2022

Men's Bible Study Group	5/2/2022 & 5/16/2022	8:30am
ARC-A Meeting	5/6/2022	9:30am
Mother's Day	5/8/2022	
Community Potluck Dinner	5/9/2022	6pm
Card Making Class	5/11/2022	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	5/13/2022	11am
Howl at the Moon	5/15/2022	6:30pm
BHI Transportation Authority Meeting	5/18/2022	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	5/20/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	5/20/2022	10am
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	5/28/2022-5/29/2022	10am
BHI Conservancy's Surf Competition	5/29/2022	
Memorial Day	5/30/2022	
BHA Office Closed	5/30/2022	

Save the Date in June:

ARC-A Meeting	6/3/2022	9:30am
NC Treasures Weekend	6/3/2022-6/5/2022	
BHA Special Meeting	6/7/2022	10am
Card Making Class	6/8/2022	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	6/10/2022	11am
Howl at the Moon	6/14/2022	7:30pm
ARC-B Meeting	6/17/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	6/17/2022	10am
World Sea Turtle Day Celebration — BHI Conservancy	6/16/2022	
Island Treasures Community Yard Sale	6/25/2022	9am

Around the Corner in 2022:

Bald Head Artisans Show & Sale	7/2/2022	10am
4th of July Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2022	10am
BHI Conservancy Auction & Raffle	7/4/2022	
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	7/9/2022-7/10/2022	10am
BHI Pirate Invasion	8/5/2022-8/7/2022	
National Lighthouse Weekend	8/5/2022-8/7/2022	

Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays 5/1-5/22	8:30am
	Sundays 5/29-9/4	8:30am/10am
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
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Remind your guests and renters:

- Fill in holes dug in the sand to prevent trapping nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings.
- Flatten sand sculptures on beaches to prevent obstacles for sea turtles and their hatchlings.
- In ocean-facing homes, pull down the room-darkening shades and use exterior lighting frugally to prevent disorienting sea turtles and their hatchlings.



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