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# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## Your Feedback Helps Us Help You!

Thank you to all property owners who completed our survey between March 22-April 6 about the *Island Report (IR)*. Surveys such as this help BHA help its members better, and we appreciate your feedback.

The Survey Monkey link was sent in *BHA's Compass* email bulletin, containing 1,746 subscribers (not all BHI's nearly 2,000 property owners have subscribed). In total, 182 respondents completed the survey — a return rate of 10.4%. BHA requested verification of membership by a simple “yes” or “no” response. Nine respondents identified themselves as non-BHI property owners. Since BHA serves its members, the

responses and comments by those nine people were removed from the survey analysis. Here are the survey results:

- Do you read the *IR*?
  - Every month: 76.61%
  - Sometimes, but not every month: 22.81%
  - Never: 0.58%
- Which format do you prefer to read the *IR*?
  - Printed copy: 29.78%
  - Online copy: 28.99%
  - Online PDF with print to read ability: 7.69%
  - Both printed and online copies: 30.34%
- How would you rate the overall content and quality of the *IR*?
  - Excellent: 27.11%
  - Good: 44.00%
  - Average: 22.29%

- Below average: 4.57%
- Poor: 1.71%
- Does the *IR* help inform you about life on BHI?
  - Very much: 45.78%
  - Some: 30.12%
  - So-so: 15.52%
  - A little: 6.32%
  - Not at all: 1.15%
- How often would you like the *IR* to be published?
  - Monthly: 58.43%
  - Bi-monthly (every 2 months): 24.10%
  - Quarterly (every 3 months): 16.27%

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## Want to Join the BHA Board of Directors?

Anyone interested in getting involved with BHA at its Board level can submit her/his resume to Board member and Nominating Committee Chair Joe Brawner at [joebrawner1144@gmail.com](mailto:joebrawner1144@gmail.com) by June 30, 2023, for consideration for the 2024 Board.

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 27, 2023. Of course, that date is the final deadline, and submissions can be sent any time prior to the deadline. Note that all Board candidates are required to complete a biography/questionnaire and send a photo for publication in BHA's Annual Report and on BHA's website to help inform members of candidates' credentials. With a tight print deadline, all biography/questionnaires and photos must be received by 4:00pm November 28, 2023.

All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



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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](mailto:Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or  
Chris Howard, ARC Administrative Assistant, at [Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com)  
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For all questions about trees and vegetation, email [Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



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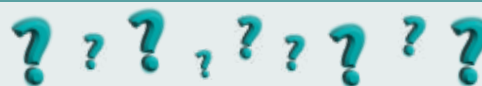
## Understanding Violations and ARC Reviews

Have you received a Community Wide Standard (CWS) violation notice lately? Or, perhaps you've received an ARC violation? Did you know the most frequent violation type is due to a property owner bypassing the ARC process (no application for home exterior/landscaping change was submitted)?

Maybe the house needs pressure washing or the driveway needs tidying up, and you'll get to it sooner or later. In the meantime, you're more excited about the crofter addition you're planning to make room for the new grandkids. But wait! Your ARC submittal of a Major Change application can be delayed if the CWS or ARC violation is left unaddressed or a satisfactory mitigation plan has not been approved.

While Article 15.3 of the BHA Covenants and Article 3 of the Planned Community Act allow BHA to suspend access to amenities and services pending the resolution of violations, we would rather work with you to get back on track. BHA members pay dues to support the work the ARC performs for the benefit of all property owners, and any violation affects not only your property value but the value of your neighbor's property, as well.

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## ARC Quiz — Are You a Pro?

ARC monthly quiz topics arise from current hot topics and/or whatever flurry of questions are coming from members. We figure if some members are asking about these topics, others may be curious, as well. We're here to help, and we welcome your input. Let us know if you have any ideas for future ARC articles and quiz topics. Email Kim Bandera at [Kim@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Kim@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

### 1. Impervious coverage includes all the following EXCEPT:

- (A) Any covered structures, including cantilevered elements but not the roof overhangs.
- (B) Number 57 stone, as designated by the American Society for Testing and Materials, laid at least four inches thick over a geotextile fabric.
- (C) The water surface of a swimming pool.
- (D) Wood decking with less than 1/4" between the boards.
- (E) Retaining walls.

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## BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

Did you ever wonder what you were missing by not being on BHA's Board of Directors? Well, let me describe a typical four-and-a-half-hour Board meeting that will give you a glimpse of the joy you are missing.

First, we typically meet the second Friday of each month. Sometimes we change the schedule because of conflicts but, in the normal course, we stick pretty closely to the second Friday of each month.

Second, there are two meetings — first, the Executive Session that starts at 10:00am and second, the Public Session that starts at 11:00am.

Let me tell you about the Executive Session. This is a session at which only Board members and staff can attend, along with any particular individual who is involved with whatever issue we are discussing. You probably want to know why we have an Executive Session at all; do we have secrets? No, we don't have secrets. But sometimes privacy considerations for property owners suggest to us that the

matters being discussed are matters to be discussed privately.

At a recent Board meeting, there was a compliance hearing for a property owner who had numerous violations with a new construction. As always, the homeowner was given an opportunity to provide reasons and circumstances that precipitated the violations to help the

Board make a decision related to the violations. This type of matter is appropriate for Executive Session, where there will

### Pelicans By Alan Briggs

yesterday on the morning beach walk I watched the pelicans flying above me there were six of them in a straight line they either flapped their wings or not they seemed to follow the leader if the leader flapped his wings the others followed in order first the second one then the third... if the leader stopped and glided the others followed in order

are we like the pelicans  
or are the pelicans like us.

be privacy concerns. The Board and staff members will be present, and the privacy considerations of the homeowner will be respected.

In 2002, BHA's Board adopted a policy that specified when the Board may consider matters for Executive Session. The BHA Board still follows this policy. Generally, legal matters, personnel matters, Covenant enforcement issues, business matters where discussion might compromise any competitive advantage and other unique matters are appropriate for Executive Session.

The Public Session starts at 11:00am. The Executive Session is usually not ended by then, so the Executive Session is generally continued after the Public Session is over.

The Public Session is open to all the members of BHA. They may attend in person or by Zoom. The Zoom link is on BHA's website ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/board-meeting-agendas](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/board-meeting-agendas)).

The Public Session will follow a typical format, where we will approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the prior meeting, then turn to old business. The old business discussion will follow a specific pattern, where we will review first how we are doing on BHA's Priorities. For example, this is the priorities section from the agenda from our last meeting:

#### 4. 2023 Priorities

1. Communications with Our Members — Christine Osborne
  - a. Survey report on *Island Report* Communications — Pam Henson
  - b. NCUC complaints — Christine Osborne
2. Attention to Financial Responsibility for BHA — Robert Drumheller
3. AD Hoc ARC Committee to help better serve our members — John Kinney

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BHA's Association Center and office

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## Village of BHI Updates

### Hurricane Season Is Here, Make Sure You Are Ready!

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> each year. For North Carolina, the worst storms seem to come later in the season, but *now* is the time to prepare.

Colorado State University's Tropical Weather & Climate Research Division, which has a well-respected research team, anticipates that the 2023 Atlantic basin hurricane season will be slightly below average. They have forecast 13 tropical storms (a typical year averages about 14) and 6 hurricanes (two major — Category 3-5).

Village officials have already begun preparations including reviewing the Village's Emergency Management Plan (EMP), ensuring contact information is up-to-date, equipment is in working condition and that the off-island Emergency Operations Center (EOC) contract is renewed for this year.

Here are some steps YOU can take to prepare:

**Sign up for the Code Red notification system.** The Village of Bald Head Island utilizes an emergency notification system known as Code Red. Village of Bald Head Island citizens can register to receive emergency messaging and updates about specific events (i.e., hurricanes and/or tropical storms). This system will be used in addition to the *Village's Voice* to send important messages via email and text. Registrants can choose

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

### No Doshier Clinic on BHI for 2023

The Village received notice from Doshier Memorial Hospital that due to staffing shortages, they will not be able to have a clinic on the Island this season. This will not impact the Village's current procedures for addressing walk-in, non-emergency patients. The Village will continue to notify patients about their options to include the on-island provider and mainland providers when necessary. In addition, some medical providers and insurance companies have telemedicine options that individuals may wish to explore prior to staying on the island. **As always, if you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911 and let the operator know you are on Bald Head Island.**

which methods of contact they prefer. Messages can be targeted to areas of the Island, so be sure to use your physical address on the Island when you sign up. The Village also uses this service to send messages about utility outages.

You can sign up online from the Village's homepage at [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org). Scroll down to "Safety" and click on "Subscribe" under "Notifications."



### Find the Village on Social Media.

During the last few storms, the Village has used its social media accounts to distribute information and photos. Please follow or like us on our Facebook ([www.facebook.com/villagebhi](https://www.facebook.com/villagebhi)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/villagebhi](https://www.twitter.com/villagebhi)) and Instagram ([www.instagram.com/villagebhi](https://www.instagram.com/villagebhi)) channels.



**Create an emergency communication plan** with your family, friends and neighbors. This plan spells out how everyone will contact each other.



**Create an emergency preparation plan for your property** to include emptying refrigerators/freezers, securing outdoor furniture and clearing loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.

If you have a "house check" service with a property manager, building contractor or other trusted source, reach out to them to establish communications before, during and after the event passes.

**Build an emergency kit.** Keep it ready at home, at work and in your golf cart. The [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) website has some ideas on what to include in your kit.

**Check your insurance coverage.** Damage caused by heavy winds, wind-driven rain and flooding may not be covered by homeowner's insurance policies. Buy flood insurance. Buy golf cart insurance (considered much like an automobile policy). The NC Department of Insurance has "A Consumer's Guide to Disaster Preparedness" document online that can help guide

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## Appealing ARC Decisions — Scope of Review

As one might imagine, there are times when property owners have their hearts set on a particular design element or paint color, but the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) denies the application based on its review of factors such as suitability of the proposed building site, landscaping, visual aesthetics and harmony of external design with nearby structures, property and environment, among others. BHA's Design Guidelines describe the appeal process that members can pursue to understand why the ARC did not approve certain elements of a submittal through a Decision Review meeting with the whole ARC. If the ARC reaffirms its decision during that meeting, property owners who remain unsatisfied with the ARC's decision can appeal the decision to BHA's Board of Directors.

Article 7.4(g) of the Covenants guarantees property owners the right to appeal to the Board any ARC decisions with which they disagree and request that the Board reverse the decision. But, what is the Board's scope of review for that appeal?

Property owners often assume that if they appeal the ARC's decision to the Board, they might receive an answer more to their liking. For example, several years ago, a homeowner appealed the denial of a four-color paint scheme of bright and competing colors. The Board, of course, listened intently and respectfully to the homeowner's presentation but ultimately denied the appeal and asked the homeowner to work with the ARC to select a new color scheme more fitting to that portion of the Island.

The reason the Board denied the appeal was not because members didn't like the paint scheme. Instead, the appeal was denied because the Board did not find any abuse of discretion on the part of the ARC.

Rather than examining whether one color or design element is aligned with Board members' personal tastes, the Board listens to each and every property owner's appeal closely to determine whether the ARC deviated from the Board-approved submittal review process, if any of the decisions were arbitrary in nature or whether there were any conflicts of interest by or among any of the ARC members. Understanding whether those conditions exist is the foundation of the appeal.

Property owners or their representatives who want to learn more should review the Design Guidelines found at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines). Contact Carrie Moffett ([Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com)) or Fran Pagliaro ([Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com)) with questions.

### Love BHI Night Sky

By Pat Miller

Are you ready to howl at the Moon and gaze at the stars while listening to the song of the sea and the whisper of the wind? Lower outside lights, and we can all sing about a thousand stars in the sky and tell the Moon good night.

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## Celebrate Sea Turtle Week With BHI Conservancy (BHIC)

By Jenny Marty, Marketing Associate, BHI Conservancy

Sea Turtle Week is June 8-16! It starts off on June 8, World Ocean Day, and the celebration continues through World Sea Turtle Day on June 16. We are excited to celebrate Sea Turtle Week and World Sea Turtle Day to acknowledge the history of sea turtle biology and broaden awareness of sea turtle conservation efforts. We will be hosting lots of fun activities and educational experiences from Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16, on the Conservancy campus (700 Federal Road). Read below for a sneak peek and stay tuned on our social media channels (@bhiconservancy on Facebook and Instagram) for a more detailed schedule of events. We hope you will join us for one or many of the activities!

Have you seen our new educational technology space yet? We have moved some of our educational activities that were previously located in Fleming Environmental Education Center and have made some exciting additions, such as a new Virtual Reality experience. Stop by during Sea Turtle Week to watch your sea turtle drawing come to life through our Draw Alive technology and experience the new virtual reality activities.


We will also have a sea turtle exhibit in Fleming Environmental Center, as well as outdoor activities and crafts. Meet our ambassador Eastern Box turtles, Gloria and Brownie Bite, learn about sea turtle tagging and create sea turtle themed crafts.

Whether you join in on our special activities during Sea Turtle Week or not, we encourage everyone to continue celebrating World Sea Turtle Day *every day* on Bald Head Island. Some of the ways you can continue the celebration and join us in our sea turtle conservation efforts include:

- using only red lights at night
- turning off beach-facing lights at your home
- filling in holes on the beach
- choosing reusable items instead of plastic
- taking everything with you when you leave the beach
- picking up trash

Interested in learning more about sea turtles? Sign up for one of our Conservancy programs, such as a Turtle Walk (BHIC members only), Sea Turtle Ride Along or Totally Turtles. View our program calendar at [bhic.org/calendar](https://bhic.org/calendar).

More information about our sea turtle conservation work can be found at [bhic.org/conservation/sea-turtle-protection-program](https://bhic.org/conservation/sea-turtle-protection-program).

BHIC's sea turtle conservation work is authorized by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Permit 23ST14. 



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## Congratulations Diane Mesaris!

BHA congratulates one of its own, Diane Mesaris, for receiving the 2023 Governor's Volunteer Service Award. The North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service presented this award to ten recipients from Brunswick County. Diane has volunteered for the Village of BHI's Public Safety Department for 25 years. Thank you for your service and generous support of your community! Use the QR code for Brunswick County's announcement.



## Porch Island Treasures

By Betsi Stephen, Education and Recreation (ER) Committee Chair

The annual Island-wide, only yard sale on BHI, known as Island Treasures, will return on Saturday, June 24, but with a twist this year. For 2023, we will be having **Porch Island Treasures**, in which homeowners will have their items for sale or to give away on their porches.

Anyone selling items will need to complete an online form (use QR code) prior to the sale so that interested buyers can view a map and list of participating homeowners. The deadline to sign up is Monday, June 12. The map and list will be available on BHA's website ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com)) to print yourself, or you can pick up a map at BHA's Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd) starting at 8:45am on June 24. Buyers can drive from home to home to purchase items of interest. Sellers will have from 9:00am-12:00pm to sell or give away items, or sellers may close earlier if all items are sold or given away.



Note that all items not sold or given away should be removed from porches at 12:00pm. If you'd like to donate leftover items, the Village's Public Works trailer for donations is labeled #2, and staff can assist you. Public Works is located at 271 Edward Teach Extension and is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-2:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 7:00am-2:00pm. Learn more about Public Works at <https://villagebhi.org>.

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## 40 Years on "Turtle Time" Annual Silent Auction & Golf Cart Raffle

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## The Old Baldy Foundation's North Carolina Treasures Weekend

By Stacy Kopp, Communications and Development Coordinator, Old Baldy Foundation

During the weekend of June 9-11, The Old Baldy Foundation, which oversees the preservation of the 206-year-old lighthouse, will celebrate North Carolina treasures with a roster of activities showcasing the best of the state's arts, history and spirits.

The weekend's highlights will be a themed evening under the stars, "1970's and the Generator Society," with a presentation and book signing by author Mary-Kathryn Moore, who wrote *Bald Head Island: The Early Years: Memories, Mishaps, and Merriment*.

Immerse yourself in the equally entertaining and inspiring true stories of the people who stewarded the transition of Bald Head Island from an isolated barrier island into a relaxing destination oasis; one appreciated today by visitors from around the world. This event will take place on Friday, June 9, at 6:00pm on the

picturesque grounds of Old Baldy. Enjoy craft beer, wine and spirits from North Carolina breweries and distillers. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be presented by the Shoals Club.

In addition, Sunday, June 11, will feature a North Carolina Marketplace on the Old Baldy grounds from 12:00-3:00pm. This artisan gathering will feature local food purveyors, décor, 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. For information, prices and tickets for the entire weekend, go to [oldbaldy.org](http://oldbaldy.org) or call 910-457-7481.



Participants enjoying a previous NC Treasures event.

## Finding Freedom on the Cape Fear River

By Jake Grossman, Educator and Collections Coordinator, Old Baldy Foundation

**Note:** *Historical language is included in quotations.*

From the Spanish attack on Brunswick Town in 1748 to currently housing one of the largest military terminals in the world, Sunny Point and its military activity is intertwined with the history of the Lower Cape Fear River. Warfare has not only taken the lives of locals but sometimes provided opportunities for locals to carve out new ones. Indeed, during the American Revolutionary War, as well as the American Civil War, thousands of men, women and children shed the bondage of slavery to find freedom during these tumultuous times.



Earl of Dunmore, (Wikipedia)

In April 1775, John Murray, Lord Dunmore and the Royal Governor of Virginia declared that "all indented servants, Negroes, or others (appertaining to rebels) free."<sup>1</sup> Although not a perfect promise of freedom, most capable people risked freedom with the British as opposed to enslavement by Patriots. North Carolina officers such as James Moore, Richard Caswell and Robert Howe each lost dozens of people to the British throughout the war.<sup>2</sup> In total, historians estimate over a 100 people found

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## Village Chapel Update

By Kevin Arata, Village Chapel Board of Trustees

### Praise and Worship Service in June

On Sunday, June 4, at 5:00pm, there will be a worship service led by Rev. David Beam (son of BHI residents) from Hayes Barton United Methodist Church in Raleigh, accompanied by the praise band LightHouse. John Cathcart, a percussionist and son of a BHI property owner, is part of this band.

BHA's Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd). Dates set thus far are June 5 and 19. The men's group meets at 8:30am, and the women's group meets at 10:00am. For more information, contact Rocky Rausch ([rockyrausch@gmail.com](mailto:rockyrausch@gmail.com)) or Dick Johnston ([erj@mercurysgate.com](mailto:erj@mercurysgate.com)) for the men's group and Pat Miller ([pattiegail@bellsouth.net](mailto:pattiegail@bellsouth.net)) or Robin Prak ([robinprak@gmail.com](mailto:robinprak@gmail.com)) for the women's group. The men's group also allows people to Zoom in for the meeting.



Women's Fellowship Group.

### More Extra Innings Coming in June!

An *Extra Inning* event will be hosted on Father's Day weekend in June, with guest Chris Sasser, author of *Bags*, a book about helping parents and grandparents learn how to help kids grow up emotionally, mentally, relationally and spiritually healthy ([www.thebagsbook.com](http://www.thebagsbook.com)). More information to follow once the date and time are confirmed.


### Musical Event on July 15

Join us on Saturday, July 15, at 4:00pm for Nixon, Blevins and Gage, an acoustic trio loosely based on bluegrass, hosted on the Chapel grounds. They will also perform at the 10:00am service on Sunday, July 16. Check them out at [www.nixonblevinsandgage.com/the-pickers.html](http://www.nixonblevinsandgage.com/the-pickers.html).

### Men's and Women's Fellowship Groups

Men and Women Fellowship groups are hosted twice each month (generally) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at

### Summer service schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 28 (Memorial Day weekend), through Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day weekend), the Village Chapel will hold two worship services — at 8:30am and 10:00am. Lemonade socials will be hosted between the two services, as well as following the 10:00am service, over the summer service period. 



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## Pirate Invasion

**Pirates will once again be invading Bald Head Island!** Several crew members will be setting up camp in Marina Park (111 Keelson Row) on Friday, August 4. Captain Sinbad and Blackbeard will be sailing into the harbour, and a host of other pirates will be descending on our shores. Events on Saturday, August 5, include music, sword fighting, living history demonstrations, painting, a pirate ship, searching for treasure and a scary ghost walk after dark.

Start putting together your pirate outfit and come join us for this family friendly event the weekend of August 4-6. To learn more, visit our website at [www.baldheadislandpirateinvasion.com](http://www.baldheadislandpirateinvasion.com).



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- Annually: 0.57%
- Never: 0.57%
- In what format do you prefer the IR?
  - Printed and mailed to me: 40.80%
  - Printed, but I'll pick up at BHA's office of Village Post Office: 8.05%
  - Online version: 40.96%
  - Online PDF with option to print: 26.51%
- Would you like to see a stronger BHA presence on social media?
  - Yes: 37.04%
  - No: 62.96%
- Which social media platforms do you use most?
  - Facebook: 65.99%
  - Instagram: 40.82%
  - YouTube: 16.33%
  - Twitter: 14.29%
  - Other: 16.34%
- There were 188 comments offered by BHI property-owner respondents.

Note that the survey is a sampling of how a portion of BHI property owners feel about this specific issue within a certain time period. Regardless of whether the

survey contains a statistically significant sample size, the comments provide valuable information for BHA and others to understand the opinions of many of BHI's property owners.

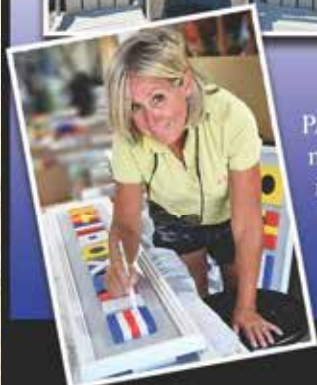
Communications Manager Pam Henson presented the survey results and revenue projection analysis for various IR publishing options to Board members at its regular meeting in April. The Board discussed the information and decided to leave the current publishing format and frequency (monthly, in print and online) as is for now.



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4. Transparency – All directors
5. Collaboration with Island Entities – Robert Drumheller
  - a. Dog Park – Robert Drumheller
  - b. Beehive on Common Area – Carrie Moffett
6. Provide support for BHA Staff – Carrie Moffett

After we receive reports from the directors on how we are doing with seeking to achieve our priorities, we then turn to discussion of how our committees are doing. For each committee, we have a Board liaison, and that director will lead the report, and we will discuss each. Here is the agenda section on this portion of the last meeting:


#### 5. Committee Reports

1. Architectural Review Committee – John Kinney and Christine Osborne
2. Community Wide Standards Committee – Joe Brawner
3. Education and Recreation Committee – Christine Osborne
4. Finance Committee – Robert Drumheller
5. Long Range Planning Committee – Alan Briggs
6. Resource, Conservation and Beautification Committee – John Kinney
7. Nominating Committee – Joe Brawner

Thereafter, we will discuss other areas. Again, here is the agenda from our last meeting for this last grouping to give you an idea of the subjects we discuss:

6. **Managed Areas** – Pam Rainey
  - a. Reconsideration of Bi-annual inspections
  - b. Keeper's Landing pier repairs
7. **Boat Park Collections** – Pam Rainey
8. **Approval of Reserve Expenses** – Carrie Moffett
  - a. Association Center Repairs
  - b. Surfman John Price Alley
9. **Executive Director's Report** – Carrie Moffett
10. **Member Comments**
11. **Adjourn**

This outline should give you an idea of a typical meeting. This particular meeting lasted 4 hours and 50 minutes, with 15 minutes for lunch. All directors were present and participated.

All members are invited to participate in the Public Session meeting. All members who are interested in becoming directors are urged to let Joe Brawner know of your interest. Joe is the chair of the Nominating Committee, and we welcome any and all of you to come join the fun. Email Joe at [joebrawler1144@gmail.com](mailto:joebrawler1144@gmail.com). 



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freedom with the Redcoats just during the spring of 1776. Generally, the British employed the freedom seekers as spies, laborers, waggoneers, guides, nurses and laundresses. One British ship reported taking on 12 formerly enslaved women at once.<sup>3</sup> Helping free and employ locally enslaved peoples was a popular tactic for the British in the Revolutionary War, as well as the Union during the American Civil War.

On May 23, 1861, Frank Baker, Shepard Mallory and James Townsend risked their lives to flee enslavement under Charles Mallory and seek freedom with the Union Army.<sup>4</sup> At this point the war recently broke out, and the Union had not yet taken a formal stance on the status of enslaved individuals. The freedom seekers were brought before Union General Benjamin Butler at Ft. Monroe, VA. They informed Butler that they were usually field hands but were forced to build fortifications for the Confederacy war effort. Indeed, they were shortly going to be sent (away from their families) to help construct forts on the Carolina Coast, maybe even Ft. Holmes on Bald Head Island. Butler concluded that if the Confederates considered the people property and they employed that property for their war effort, it would only make



Gould Family (Wikipedia)

sense to seize them as “contraband.” Subsequently, hundreds of thousands of enslaved peoples sought freedom with the Union Army or Navy, such as William B. Gould.


Gould was born enslaved in Wilmington, NC, in 1837. Gould was a talented plasterer, whose work on the historic Bellamy Mansion can still be seen today. On September 21, 1862, Gould and eight other enslaved men rowed 28 nautical miles down the Cape Fear River, passing right by

Confederate Fort Holmes on BHI, en route to finding freedom with the USS Cambridge.<sup>5</sup> Gould thus joined the Navy and served for the rest of the war, keeping a diary. Check out his entry from March 8, 1863:

*Off New Inlet (Near Ft. Fisher). We got underway about 2 bell. Cruised until 1 O'clock. Came to anchor at 4 bells. Quarters and Service. Read the Articles of War. Also the Proclamation of Emancipation. Verry good.<sup>6</sup>*

Gould, as well as Frank Baker, Shepard Mallory, James Townsend, Moses Caswell and the Moores, are few of the

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you further (use the QR code on this page for the Village's Emergency Preparedness web page, scroll down to "Other Resources" and click on the title).

**Have an evacuation plan.** Know the evacuation routes ahead of time. For permanent residents on the Island, it is critical to have a plan for alternative living arrangements (include medications), which could extend into several weeks in the case of major damage to the Island.

**Download an emergency weather app** on your phone and purchase a weather radio.

**Keep all important documents in a waterproof container** to take with you, if you evacuate.

**Identify the safest place in your home** in case of a tornado

and/or flooding. For a tornado, this would be a small, interior, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor.


There are many resources online that provide additional helpful tips to prepare for hurricanes. Many of them are listed on the Village's Emergency Preparedness web page at (use the QR code).

If you are new to the Island and have not experienced a severe storm yet, reach out to your neighbors. They can be very helpful in providing information on how they prepared for the last few storms and what they learned they need to do for the next one. If you have any tips you would like to share that could be used in future Village communications, please send them to

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many heroes we would like to honor and celebrate this year for Juneteenth Day on Monday, June 19, 2023! 

<sup>1</sup> "Lord Dunmore's Proclamation, 1775;" Document Bank of Virginia.

<sup>2</sup> Moses Caswell, as well as Daniel and (likely, wife) Tina Moore, along with (likely) their daughter Elizabeth Moore, all escaped slavery on the Cape Fear River. Each one evacuated with the British in 1781 to live free in Nova Scotia. Bobby G. Moss and Michael C. Scoggins, *African-American Loyalist in the*

*Southern Campaign of the American Revolution.*

<sup>3</sup> Robert M. Dunkerly, *Redcoats on the Cape Fear: The Revolutionary War in Southeastern North Carolina.*

<sup>4</sup> Adam Goodheart, "How Slavery Really Ended in America," *NY Times*, April 1, 2011.

<sup>5</sup> "Stood for strange sail and at 10:30 picked up a boat with 9 contrabands from Wilmington, NC." U.S.S Cambridge Ship logs. Sept 22, 1862. National Archives. Found in Gould IV, William B. *Diary of a Contraband*, Stanford University Press, California, 2002.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.



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## Tip and Toss

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## Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety

Remember that North Carolina traffic laws apply for safety, and pedestrians and bicyclists should comply with correct traffic flow. All pedestrians should walk/jog/run single-file **against** the flow of traffic on BHI roads. All bicyclists should ride single-file **with** the flow of traffic. Front and rear lights must be in working order while riding at night, and bicyclists should wear a helmet to help protect your head and brain from injury in the event of an accident. Pull over to the roadside when safe to do so to allow vehicles to pass. For both, wear brightly colored clothing and be extra cautious on blind curves. Local laws and Village ordinances require anyone under the age of 16 to wear a helmet while on a bicycle, scooter (motorized or non-motorized), roller blades or similar means of transportation.

## BHA 2023 Assessment Dues — Late Fees and Interest Accrual

Thank you to all members who have paid their annual BHA 2023 assessment dues, which were originally due by February 15, 2023. There is a 30-day grace period before late fees and interest accrue, which ended on March 15, 2023. For property owners who have not yet paid, final statements were mailed in May 2023. The list of properties with outstanding balances will go before the Board at its August meeting, and the lien process will start after that meeting.

Payments can be made easily and securely on the website at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). On the top menu, click on "Make A Payment." If you are signed up for Owner Access and log in under "Property Owner," the amount due is shown. If you are not signed up for Owner Access and log in under "Other," the amount due is not shown, and you must enter the amount from your statement.

Website payments can be made using a checking account (ACH) or credit card, with accompanying fees. Checks can be mailed to Bald Head Association, PO Box 3030, Bald Head Island, NC 28461. Note your BHI street address in the check's memo line and include your account number. For any questions, contact Leigh Ann Fink at [LeighAnn@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:LeighAnn@BaldHeadAssociation.com). Thank you! 



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So, while we share your excitement in creating a place for the new grandkids, we're equally excited to help you through the violation mitigation process and get you started on the ARC process without delay. Contact BHA's Covenants Compliance Associate Dora Richey at [Dora@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Dora@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or 910-457-4676, ext. 30 for more information about addressing CWS violations. We're here to help! 

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**2. Does the site plan for a New Construction and Major Renovation Landscaping Plan submittal require variety, size and location of plant material, and dimensions of hardscape and impervious coverage impacts?**

- (A) Yes.  
(B) No.


**Answers**

1. B and C. In relation to construction, impervious coverage is the area of the property covered by structures or materials that do not allow water to penetrate or percolate into the ground.  
2. Yes. 

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If you are not going to be on the Island but have some items to sell or give away, you may give them to a neighbor or friend to sell or give away for you. If you live in a neighborhood that would prohibit porch sales, we will have a few tables in BHA's Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd), where you can bring items to donate on Friday, June 23, between 2:00-3:00pm. For a list of sub-association contacts, use the QR code (page 5).



We have no storage available, so if you are not going to be on the Island on June 23 or June 24, give your items to a friend or neighbor to bring to BHA's Association Center. All proceeds from items sold in BHA's Association Center will go toward the new Pollinator Garden in Marina Park. 

Scan this QR code with your phone camera for full details on BHA's events calendar!



## June 2023:

ARC-A Meeting	6/2/2023	9:30am
Howl at the Moon	6/3/2023	6pm
BHA Board Meeting	6/9/2023	11am
Old Baldy's NC Treasures Weekend	6/9/2023-6/11/2023	
ARC-B Meeting	6/16/2023	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	6/16/2023	10am
Father's Day	6/18/2023	
Juneteenth Holiday	6/19/2023	
BHA Office Closed	6/19/2023	
Porch Island Treasures	6/24/2023	

## Save the Date in July:

Howl at the Moon	7/3/2023	7:30pm
Independence Day	7/4/2023	
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2023	
Old Baldy's 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2023	10am
Calligraphy Class	7/6/2023	7pm
ARC-A Meeting	7/7/2023	9:30am
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	7/8/2023 & 7/9/2023	10am
BHA Board Meeting	7/14/2023	11am
Perseid Meteor Shower	7/14/2023-9/1/2023	
ARC-B Meeting	7/21/2023	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	7/21/2023	10am
BHI Artisan's Show and Sale	7/22/2023	10am

## Around the Corner in 2023:

Howl at the Moon	8/1/2023	7pm
Pirate's Weekend	8/4/2023-8/6/2023	
National Lighthouse Day Weekend	8/4/2023-8/6/2023	
Pirate Invasion	8/4/2023-8/6/2023	
Editing Your Phone Pictures Class	8/15/2023	6:15pm
Howl at the Moon	8/30/2023	6:30pm
Orionid Meteor Shower	9/26/2023-11/22/2023	
Howl at the Moon	9/29/2023	6pm

## Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays through 9/3/2023	8:30am/10am
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #85999065097, P/C: 570863, Email: <a href="mailto:sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com">sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com</a> )		
Yoga Classes:	Mondays & Wednesdays	11:45am
Women's Fellowship:	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	10am
Men's Group:	Every Other Monday	8:30am





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