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BHA's 2024 Annual Meeting

BHA held its Annual Meeting in person and online on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Thanks to the Village, the meeting was held in the Public Safety Complex multipurpose room, since BHA's Association Center is undergoing renovations from last year's minor flooding incident.

It was a sunny, warm day, and the meeting was full of interested members. Over the course of just over two hours, the BHA Board presented BHA's accomplishments in 2023 and outlined items on the horizon, followed by presentations from Island organizations, including the Village of BHI, The Old Baldy Foundation, Village Chapel of BHI, BHI Limited, Public Service Auxiliary (PSA), BHI Conservancy/SILT and the BHI and Shoals Clubs. BHA hopes that members learned more about what Bald Head Association does on their behalf as well as updates and future plans for the other BHI organizations.

BHA thanks this year's presenters — Hon. Peter Quinn, Mayor, Village of BHI; Cam McIntyre, President, PSA; Chris Webb, Executive Director, Old Baldy Foundation; Kevin Arata, now former Board Member, Village Chapel of BHI; Chad Paul, CEO, BHI

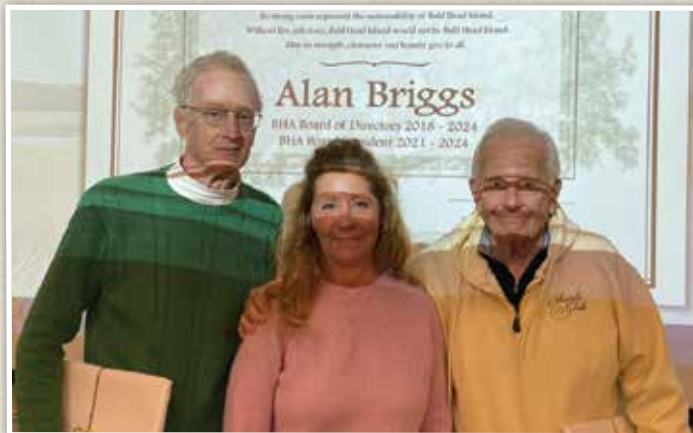
Limited; Chris Shank, Executive Director, BHI Conservancy/SILT; and David Sawyer, CEO, BHI and Shoals Clubs.

To view the recorded Zoom webinar on BHA's YouTube channel, you can find the link from BHA's web page www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/annual-meeting-online-voting. Or, go to www.YouTube.com and type "Bald Head Association" into the search bar and select BHA's channel. The video is titled "2024 BHA Annual Meeting." BHA thanks all attendees and viewers for investing their attention and learning more about Bald Head Association and Bald Head Island.

Now for a recap of the meeting itself. The membership elected Betty Robinson and Steve Smalley to the Board of Directors. We appreciate all candidates who ran. Outgoing Board members Alan Briggs and Robert Drumheller received certificates for the live oak Honor Trees that will be planted on Bald Head Island later this year on their behalf. BHA thanks both Alan and Robert for their years of service and dedication.

The membership passed all of the proposed changes to BHA's Bylaws and Covenants. Thank you to all members for voting! Some of BHA's highlighted accomplishments in 2023 included ARC, Covenants

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Christine Osborne presents outgoing Board members Alan Briggs and Robert Drumheller with certificates for Honor Trees to be planted on BHI in their names. Photo by BHA.



BHA's 2024 Annual Meeting was filled to capacity. Photo by BHA.

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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.

Contact Chris Howard, ARC Administrative Assistant, at Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 23.

For all questions about trees and vegetation, email Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



When Do Plants and Landscape Changes Need ARC approval?

March brings us the first day of spring on March 19, and you may be looking around your lot and realizing it needs some work. But how much — just a little refreshing or a full-blown overhauling? Depending on the answer, you may need an ARC submittal.

As part of new construction, the ARC requires a landscape plan which specifies what trees and understory vegetation are removed or remain, how many native or non-native plants are going to be added and what walkways or decking will be installed. These plans are often prepared by a landscape architect or other professional. As a homeowner wishing to make changes to an existing landscape, you have other options.

Let's say you want to refresh your lot's vegetation; a couple plants have died over the winter, and you just want to tidy up the place. Without ARC approval, homeowners can replace dead plants with the same species. You can remove trees under three (3) inches in diameter, clustered growth vegetation less than 2 sq. ft. or understory vegetation under one (1) inch. A general rule of thumb is to leave 60% of your site undisturbed. Container gardening is also an option.

Did you see the vibrant purple berries on the beautyberry bushes last fall? Would you love to have some in your yard? Or maybe recent rains caused extensive erosion and you're thinking about adding sea oats or dwarf palmettos to stabilize the soil. If you're considering adding a raised garden bed, you'll want to add a planting screen around it. All of these scenarios involve a change in the plant material in your yard and, therefore, require ARC review and approval prior to any work beginning.

The Plant Material Change Application is straightforward, and there is no fee. However, you will need to know if your new plants are BHI native, NC native or non-native, along with the percentage of each category you are proposing to plant



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BHA President's Letter

By Christine Osborne, BHA President

To say I have some very large shoes to fill would be quite the understatement. I only met our past President, Alan Briggs, last year when I was elected to the Bald Head Association Board. I am now proud to call Alan my friend. I can only hope that I am able to carry what I have learned from Alan and do my very best to promote a strong and healthy Board for all of our members.

Speaking of healthy, we are quite fortunate to have had Robert Drumheller as our Treasurer. Robert leaves us with a fiscally sound association. We are thankful for his service and will continue to make financial decisions that benefit our members.

While we had two Board members roll off — Alan Briggs and Robert Drumheller — our members elected two very capable candidates, Betty Robinson and Steve Smalley. Our existing Board and I look forward to working with both of them.


I have to say that I am quite proud of our community. We had five strong candidates who ran for two open Board seats this year. We will also have full committees with chairs who will

bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their particular committees.

This past year in November, we experienced a flood in our lower level of BHA's Association Center, which left the first floor unusable, and BHA has been unable to make use of this venue for any scheduled events. We were quite fortunate that this did not affect any major reservations. In fact, several Island entities came to our aid for some of our regularly scheduled activities, and we are thankful.

Every cloud has a silver lining. By the time you read this edition of the *Island Report*, our Association Center should be in the final stages of renovations. We are excited for all members to see our fresh, updated look!

This Island is constructed of full- and part-time residents, and both are equally important to the overall vitality of Bald Head Island. All of our members have a voice, and you have a Board along with a staff of hardworking individuals that are here for you!

I'm excited to serve and to get to work with my fellow Board members for each and every one of you. 

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Village of Bald Head Island Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Routine Overhead Cutting of Trees Along the Village Roadways

The Village's tree cutting contractor was on the Island in late January to do some routine, overhead cutting of trees along the Village roadways. We were asked about why this work was being done. So, following is an explanation.

As a Tree City USA community, the Village follows guidelines set forth by common municipal tree care practices. The standard practices are a balance between ensuring public safety and preserving the health of the Island's tree canopy.

The Village's priority is public safety. Everyone who visits the Island will at some point find themselves under the tree canopy above the Village roadways. The smaller, dead limbs usually end up as nuisance debris on the roads. When the larger limbs fall, they can block the roadway, and if they happen to fall on a person, that could be fatal. The live oak limbs on the Island are especially dense and heavy, and there are many of them.

An additional aspect of public safety is that the larger emergency vehicles need clearance to travel our roads. The lower limbs cause damage to the vehicles and could cause injury to the operator or passengers. When lower limbs are struck, the tree itself can be damaged at its trunk, slip into a declining state and ultimately die. Our emergency vehicles need to be able to get to their calls as quickly and safely as possible.

The overall health and cosmetic look of our trees is also important. Proper pruning can have health benefits for the tree. For instance, by cutting lower hanging limbs, we help propagate the desirable, upper-canopy limbs.

The Village's Public Works employees are trained in basic arborist techniques regarding proper tree pruning and have experience in leading our tree cutting contractor during this phase of our tree management program. Our contractor, currently Fitness Tree, also has highly trained people who are led by a licensed arborist.

Check Your Deck

The corrosive nature of the coastal environment can take a heavy toll on wood and fasteners, and it is important to inspect the condition of your property routinely and take any necessary corrective action. Now is a good time to do it so you can get it ready for summer. There are many licensed general contractors and home inspectors who would be happy to assist.

In accordance with North Carolina law, the Village inspects any new construction and significant repairs or renovations at the time the work is completed but does not engage in routine, periodic inspections. This responsibility ultimately falls on the property owner, although the Village's building inspector will

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5th Annual Operation Re-Forest — We Forest

BHA's 5th annual Operation Re-Forest — We Forest was held in early January 2024. It takes many volunteers, along with staff, to run this operation each year. We are happy to continue this annual operation now passing its fifth year, not only because it helps Bald Head Island's tree canopy but also because it helps our members purchase trees and plants at the lowest possible cost.

Many hands and hearts make this operation a success. BHA is grateful for those volunteers who are generous with their time and talents to help everything run smoothly. BHA's Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee spearheads this event, with point person and BHA Board member John Kinney helping organize the operation. A big thank you goes to Barbara and Dale Giera, who chair the RCB Committee; Gerardo, their supervisor; and their

employees who planted the trees and lifted those 120-pound live oaks!

Thank you to Len Miller for taking photos; to Jim Nichols for general supervision, watering and working the plant distribution center; and to Betty Robinson for doing her third round of working plant distribution. And thank you to Elizabeth Kinney for general supervision of her husband, John, and for working the plant distribution.

We thank both BHI Limited and the Village of BHI for their continued support, with BHI Limited paying for the barge fees on our behalf and the Village again waiving its ICE fees as well as allowing us to borrow space for plant distribution (thanks

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Crew members moving a 120-pound live oak. Photo by Len Miller.



Crew members planting a live oak. Photo by Len Miller.



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Bald Head Island Conservancy Summer Camp 2024

By Morgan Greene, Marketing Associate, BHI Conservancy

We are so excited to discover and learn with your children this spring and summer through our nature-based camp experiences at the Bald Head Island Conservancy! Feeling connected to nature, especially to the animals and plants we share Bald Head Island with, is the best way to appreciate and learn about this amazing barrier island.

Nature camp at the Bald Head Island Conservancy will immerse your child in barrier island ecology as they explore the maritime forest, salt marsh and beach environments. Campers learn through outdoor activities, nature-based art, games and community science, while developing a deeper connection and understanding of the natural world around them.

Camp activities will include visiting the maritime forest habitats, learning about salt marsh ecology and diving into sea turtle conservation. We'll take campers birding, on tidal explorations, plant identification hikes, searching for animal tracks and so much more. Campers will be able to interact with our education animals which include box turtles, yellow-bellied sliders, corn snakes and a musk turtle. Every day in camp is a new adventure, and no two days are the same.

Spring camp registration opens February 28, 2024, and summer camp registration will be available April 1, 2024. Please contact Programs@bhic.org if you have any questions. 



Children playing with the Draw Alive. Photo by BHI Conservancy.



Left: Camp beach exploration! I love camp!
Right: Fossil hunting. Photos by BHI Conservancy.



Left: Sea stars at the Shoals. Right: Animal encounter with Gloria our box turtle. Photos by BHI Conservancy.

To our neighbors on Bald Head Island, if you have bikes you need serviced or would like to purchase new bikes or e-bikes, please call the shop. We are happy to pickup, deliver and tag your bikes for delivery on the Bald Head Island Ferry.

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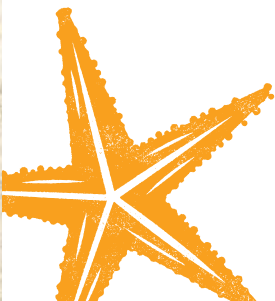
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BHI Native Plant Feature of the Month

American Holly

American Holly (*Ilex opaca*) is also known as English Holly, European Holly, Holly, Inkberry, Oregon Holly and Winterberry. It is a fragrant, evergreen tree or shrub often found in the understory of forests and in coastal communities of the central and southeastern United States.

American Holly grows slowly and can reach 40-60 feet tall and up to 20 feet wide in an open, conical to pyramidal shape with limbs to the ground. According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, "American Holly is ideal for privacy screens, barriers and hedges. It is not recommended for small yards but can be a beautiful specimen plant when given ample space to grow." It thrives best in moist, neutral to acidic soil in full sun to partial shade. In hot, summer climates, afternoon shade is ideal. It can also tolerate occasionally wet or dry soil, but not flooding, so, good drainage is important for optimum growth.

This tree has green, prickly, oblong leaves that are one to three inches in length and width. It also has greenish/gray branches and small, white or golden-yellow flowers that bloom in the spring and

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Earth Day Celebration — "Pollinators" and Native Plant and Herb Sale

Join us on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 10:00am-2:00pm to celebrate Earth Day and to participate in our Native Plant and Herb Sale at Marina Park (111 Keelson Row). Some of the native plants that will be available are black-eyed Susan, horsemint and blazing star. The plants and herbs will be provided by Shelton Herb Garden at a reduced rate. Homeowners need to pre-order the plants and pick them up on April 5. If you won't be on the Island that day, please ask a friend or neighbor if they can pick them up for you. The BHI Garden Club and BHA committee members will be in attendance to assist with planting ideas. Watch for updates in *BHA's Compass* email bulletin for details on ordering plants.

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The Four-legged “Old Baldy”

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

Throughout my life, I have led hundreds, if not thousands, of tours. I’ve led 8th graders through winding museum corridors while dressed up as a Revolutionary War soldier, introduced tourists to Philadelphia from the top of a double-decker tour bus and virtually “guided” groups through online exhibits about women’s suffrage.

My current role includes driving folks around Bald Head

Island in an 8-person golf cart. My largest takeaway has been that no two tours are ever the same. It sounds cliché, but I swear! For any given tour, I try to prepare to expect the unexpected.

Yet, last April, at the end of stop one, I was taken off guard when a guest asked me, “What about the other Old Baldy?” The guest, realizing that I had no idea what they were talking about, continued to explain that Union general George Meade had a warhorse affectionately known as “Old Baldy.” There is even a group that taxidermized and “tastefully” affixed Old Baldy’s head to a plaque after his death. Not only is that plaque still on display, but there is also an “Old Baldy Civil War Round Table,” with members who bring “Flat Old Baldy” to Civil War historic sites, such as Bald Head Island.¹ That is how one of the members and Flat Old Baldy ended up on my tour.

Afterwards, I needed to know more about this horse, so I did some research. It turns out Old Baldy was quite the patriot

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Artillery horses during the American Civil War.
Photo by Old Baldy Foundation (OBF).



Jake Grossman with “Flat Old Baldy.” Photo by OBF.

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Dark Skies | By Pat Miller

Once upon a time, this Island was so dark at night that walking down South Bald Head Wynd was impossible without a light. Walking on the beach was an ethereal experience as stars, our Milky Way galaxy, sea sparkle (bioluminescence) or magic along the shore brought gasps of delight to islanders and visitors.


Did you know that the night sky is waiting to reveal her magic again? But, it will take Island cooperation to make the magic come back. Will **YOU** do your part? Lower the wattage in all outside lights, check if your stair lights meet code and turn off lights not being used.

People have asked if there is any way to suggest to neighbors that lowering their lights would be appreciated, since light pollution is **REAL** and affects us. **YOU** may be new to the Island or have never thought about light pollution. **YOU** can help bring back the magical time when the beauty of darkness revealed the glory of the night sky on Bald Head Island. 



The rising moon on East Beach. Photo by Pat Miller.

2024 BHA Annual Assessments

For 2024, BHA's basic assessment remained the same as last year. A home is \$570.00, and a lot is \$190.00. BHA's 2024 assessments were due February 15, 2024. BHA allows a 30-day grace period for assessments, so late fees and interest do not begin to accrue on outstanding balances until March 15, 2024. Thank you to all members who have already paid! For any questions, contact Leigh Ann Fink at Leighann@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 27. 



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Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunrise Chapel Service
Sunday, March 31, 2024
6:45am

Chapel Service/Communion
Sunday, March 31, 2024
8:30am and 10:00am

Mark your calendars for the Village Chapel's special Easter worship services.
Come early to place flowers on the cross in front of the chapel.



Easter Egg Hunt

Come join the family fun on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 1:00pm! The Easter egg hunt will take place at Village Common Park at Cape Fear Station (201 SE Beach Drive). The Easter Bunny will be making a special appearance and children will need to bring their own basket for collecting Easter eggs.

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summer. American Holly is also a beneficial wildlife food source. The flowers provide nectar for pollinators like butterflies and bees. From September through February, the pollinated female plants produce drupes of small, aromatic, bright reddish-orange berries. These berries attract small mammals and songbirds.

When space permits, American Holly is ideal for a pollinator, butterfly, native or children's garden. It is deer resistant, and the fragrant, evergreen leaves and fruits can be used to create winter décor.



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BHA's Board Updates

Immediately following BHA's Annual Meeting every year, the new Board holds an organizational meeting. Here are some items that were discussed at this year's organizational meeting. For the election of officers, the Board elected Christine Osborne as President and decided to elect the remaining officers at the Board retreat in February. They discussed Board meeting dates and times.

At the Board retreat in February, the Board affirmed Christine Osborne as President and elected Betty Robinson as Vice President and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, and


Paul Carey as Secretary/Treasurer. The Board discussed priorities for 2024, which will be finalized at the March 22nd regular Board meeting. For Board meetings, they decided to change the start time of the public session to 10:00am, with the executive session to be held after the public session. Board meeting dates will be finalized at the March 22nd regular Board meeting. Except for a few that will be reviewed in March, all other committee volunteers were approved, and Board liaisons were assigned to each committee. 

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(per the Design Guidelines, 70% BHI native, 20% NC native and 10% non-native). Dwarf palmettos, for example, are all over the Island, but they are not actually native to BHI — they are NC native — so they can only make up 20% of your new plantings. See the ARC's handy color-coded plant list to help with your selections on BHA's website (www.baldheadassociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines) and select "BHI Plant List").

If you've decided your home would benefit from new decks or walkways, you'll need to look at the ARC's Minor Change

Application, which covers hardscape and impervious coverage. Call ARC for assistance. If you're merely repairing and replacing current materials with the same materials, then ARC does not need to get involved.

If you have any questions about your planting and landscape plans, please reach out to the ARC staff. We're happy to assist you in protecting the value and attractiveness of your property and those of your neighbors. Contact Chris Howard at Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 23. 




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Plus, we have many Tree Keepers who help check on newly planted trees and keep them watered during their first year, to help ensure they survive and thrive. Thank you! If you would like to volunteer to be a Tree Keeper, email Barbara Giera at Barbara.Giera@gmail.com.

Here are the stats for this year's operation:

- 6 live oak trees were planted on BHA Common Area as Honor Trees.
- 60 trees were planted by BHA or delivered to owners:
 - 22 live oaks
 - 20 yaupon hollies
 - 18 wax myrtles


The online map and Honor List is updated on BHA's website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/re-forest.


Now for a bit of history. BHA began this operation in 2019 to help mitigate Bald Head Island's tree losses from previous storms, such as Hurricane Florence in 2018. According to BHI Conservancy's survey estimating Hurricane Florence's damage to trees on Bald Head Island, "Scaled-up total loss of trees was a median of 4,000 trees lost for Bald Head Island proper, not including the Coastal Reserve, with an additional 1,000 trees lost on Middle Island." Because trees, native vegetation and their root systems help with water drainage and wind protection, BHA




"Operation Re-Forest — We Forest" online map and list of Honor Trees on BHA's website www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/re-forest.

kicked off "Operation Re-Forest — We Forest" in 2019 as a way to help mitigate BHI's tree losses.

Want to learn about how you can participate in helping re-forest Bald Head Island (while taking advantage of our bulk discount rate and handy tree pickup on BHI)? Watch for updates about our 6th annual operation later in the fall this year. 





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New to BHA? Meet the BHA Staff

Bald Head Association is the largest property owners' association on Bald Head Island, with 1,886 member properties. BHA has a six-member Board of Directors and is managed by Executive Director Carrie Moffett, with nine staff members. Here is a list of BHA staff members and their responsibilities, with their phone extensions and email addresses for easy contact.

Carrie Moffett, Executive Director

Oversee all aspects of the organization and manage the day-to-day operations of BHA; provide leadership in developing sound program, organizational and financial plans with the Board of Directors, committees and staff; carry out plans and policies authorized by the Board; act as the Board's representative for enforcing the Covenants; serve as a resource for property owner members.

910-457-4676, ext. 26

Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Mary Anne Steele, Deputy Director

Helps manage Board and property owner relations; oversees all facets of human resources, Covenants compliance and BHA's managed areas.

910-457-4676, ext. 31

MaryAnne@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Diane Mesaris, Administrative Assistant

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

910-457-4676, ext. 21

Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Fran Pagliaro, Architectural Review Coordinator

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

910-457-4676, ext. 22

Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Kimberly Bandera, ARC Specialist

Field work related to Architectural Review Committee (ARC), facilitates the architectural review process for the Harbour/Middle Island and more.

910-457-4676, ext. 29

Kim@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Chris Howard, ARC Administrative Assistant

Helps facilitate ARC process and general ARC questions.

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Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Pam Henson, Communications Manager

Monthly *Island Report* newsletter, *BHA's Compass* email bulletins, Annual Report, BHI Basics, resource information and Welcome Package; BHA website and social media; event seminars and forums; videos and more.

910-457-4676, ext. 28 / Cell 910-477-7537

Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Leigh Ann Fink, Bookkeeper

BHA accounts payable/receivable, supports annual audit process, manages financial resources of the organization and BHA-managed communities (Keeper's Landing, Surfman's Walk and Sumner's Crescent) and Enumerate owner access.

910-457-4676, ext. 27

LeighAnn@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate

Manages drip-line communities of Keeper's Landing, Sumner's Crescent and Surfman's Walk; manages BHA Common Area, including tree trimming/approval requests and landscaping contracts; manages Boat Park storage.

910-457-4676, ext. 24 / Cell 910-477-2956

PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Dora Richey, Covenants Compliance Associate

Helps homeowners maintain compliance with BHA's Covenants, Design Guidelines and Community Wide Standards.

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BHI COMMUNITY CARE
IN ASSOCIATION WITH PROJECT LONGEVITY

Do you need assistance? Your Island Friends are here to help!
For help or to volunteer email joanmaggio.bhicare@gmail.com

Services listed in the honeycomb grid:

- Ride to the ferry
- Meals
- Small Fix-it projects
- Grocery Shop
- Rx Pickup
- Computer Assistance
- Emergency Water Shut-off
- Friend Check-In
- Pick up Packages
- Dog Walk
- Light home help
- Ride to the Doctor
- Hurricane Prep
- Lend Medical Equipment

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Pedestrian and Bicycle 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. 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.

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inspect any property for which a specific complaint is received. To assist our property owners, Village staff has prepared a simple, helpful Citizen's Guide to Deck Safety (use the accompanying QR code to read the guide). This flyer includes a graphic illustrating typical deck construction along with illustrations of common problems and other helpful tips.

Additionally, it is important for everyone (property owners and visitors) to be mindful of the number of people gathered on a particular deck or section of the deck.

If you have questions or need additional information or assistance, please contact Stephen Boyett, the Village's Development Services Administrator, at 910-457-9700, ext. 1004 or sboyett@villagebhi.org.



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with a track record worthy of investigation. However, before we discuss Old Baldy, let us consider the history of equines during the American Civil War.

Horses and mules were essential to both armies during the American Civil War. At least three million horses and mules served during the war.² Half of them did not survive. Although rail transportation was becoming widespread, horses were still the main means of

transportation. Horses carried scouts and officers across the battlefield, while mules hauled weapons, supplies and soldiers (wounded or healthy) thousands of miles.³ A horse could easily travel 35 miles a day with a rider and supplies. Often, horses were pushed to cover 50 miles in a day.⁴



Wagon train. Photo by Old Baldy Foundation.

The importance of horses is evident by the nearly doubling of the cost of a horse, from \$110 in 1861 to \$200 in 1865.⁵ Naturally, keeping a horse healthy through the hardships of warfare was not easy. Equines weathered lack of supplies and rations long before soldiers felt the pang of hunger. It required a lot of supplies to keep a 950-pound, five-foot-tall horse alive, let alone healthy. Indeed, the daily ration for a horse was ten pounds of hay and 14 pounds of grain, compared to four pounds for a soldier.⁶ The cost of horseflesh was high, yet necessary, as a good horse could turn the tide of a fight.

Come back next month to learn more about the four-legged Old Baldy and how he helped carry the Union to victory.

¹ Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia.

² *War Horses: The Four-Legged Fighters that Carried Giants into Battle*. American Battlefield Trust.

³ One artillery battery generally consisted of approximately 100 men and 120 horses. One cavalry regiment had around 1,200 men and 1,200 horses.

⁴ A couple of times, Confederate cavalry spent 21 hours on horseback, covering 80 miles in 27 hours and 90 miles in 35 hours.

⁵ \$100 in 1865 is roughly equal to \$1,890 today.

⁶ *Heroes with Hooves*. National Park Service.

BHI Transportation Announces Deadline of March 31, 2024 for 2-part ("Old") Paper Ferry Tickets

Bald Head Island Transportation will STOP accepting two-part ("old") paper tickets after March 31, 2024. "Old" Bulk 40 tickets (only) may be exchanged for a coupon code through March 31, 2024.

Starting April 1, 2024, only QR-coded "new" tickets and transferred or newly issued passes will be valid for ferry boarding.

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enforcement, financial and communication activities; committee updates; review of the Board's 2023 priorities, including:

1. Communications with our members
2. Attention to financial responsibility for BHA
3. Ad hoc ARC committee to help better serve our members
4. Transparency
5. Collaboration with Island entities

Some items on BHA's horizon include:

1. Enhancing member communications — website update, more online forms, member forum, targeted communications.
2. Continue to offer free and low-cost events and activities for our members.
3. Continue Community Wide Standards (CWS) evaluations.
4. Ongoing focus on expense control.
5. Prioritize digitization of ARC files and home plans.
6. Work with the Village of BHI to enhance the Dog Park.
7. Complete conveyance of lagoons (in whole/ in part) to BHI Club.
8. Continue working closely with all Island entities on behalf of the membership.

BHA's Covenants require that its Annual Meeting be held the last Saturday in January, so for next year, it will be held on January 25, 2025. Save the date!



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



March 2024:

ARC-A Meeting	3/1/2024	9:30am
Village of BHI G.O. Bond Referendum	3/5/2024	
Timbercreek Association Annual Meeting	3/9/2024	9am
Daylight Saving Time Begins	3/10/2024	1am
Community Potluck Dinner	3/11/2024	6pm
BHI Garden Club — Shelton Herb Farm Visit (8:30am ferry)	3/13/2024	10am tour
ARC-B Meeting	3/15/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	3/15/2024	10am
BHI Transportation Authority Meeting	3/20/2024	9:15am
Village Chapel of BHI Music Event "Duo Beaux Arts"	3/20/2024	6:30pm
BHA Board Meeting	3/22/2024	10am
BADWATER Cape Fear	3/23/2024	7:45am
Howl at the Moon — "Worm Moon"	3/25/2024	6:30pm
Village Chapel of BHI Maundy Thursday Service	3/28/2024	12pm
Good Friday	3/29/2024	
BHA Office Closed	3/29/2024	
BHI Artisan Show & Sale	3/30/2024	10am
Village Chapel of BHI Baby Bazaar	3/30/2024	11am-5pm
Easter Egg Hunt at Village Common Park	3/30/2024	1pm
Deadline for Two-part ("Old") Ferry Tickets	3/31/2024	
Easter	3/31/2024	
Easter Sunday Sunrise Chapel Service	3/31/2024	6:45am
Easter Sunday Chapel Service/Communion	3/31/2024	8:30am and 10am

Save the Date in April:

BHA Board Meeting	TBD	10am
ARC-A Meeting	4/5/2024	9:30am
Earth Day Celebration and Native Plant & Herb Sale	4/5/2024	10am-2pm
Pollinator Garden Planting	4/6/2024	
BHI Artisan Show & Sale	4/6/2024	10am
Community Potluck Dinner	4/8/2024	6pm
BHIC's Johnston Coastal Sustainability Symposium	4/9/2024	
ARC-B Meeting	4/19/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	4/19/2024	10am
Earth Day	4/22/2024	
Howl at the Moon — "Pink Moon"	4/23/2024	6:30pm

Around the Corner in 2024:

BHA Board Meeting	TBD	10am
ARC-A Meeting	5/3/2024	9:30am
Picture Book Writing Retreat	5/3/2024-5/5/2024	
Community Potluck Dinner	5/13/2024	6pm
ARC-B Meeting	5/17/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	5/17/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Flower Moon"	5/23/2024	7:30pm
Memorial Day	5/27/2024	

Ongoing:

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



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