



Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

New Year, New Beginnings

President's Letter ~ Judy Porter

January is an important time for Bald Head Association. We will be having our Annual Meeting and at this time will elect new Board Members and vote on some covenant changes.

You should have received a packet with all the information you need about the Board candidates and explanations of some changes to the covenants. Please take the time to read the information and to vote.

I hope to see all of you at this year's Annual Meeting on **January 26, 2019, at 9:00am** at the Association Center, located at 111 Lighthouse Wynd. This is always a good time to chat with neighbors and learn about highlights of the past year and plans for 2019 from most all of the Island entities.

I have had the privilege of serving as your president for the



past three years and want to take this opportunity to thank many people for their support. I feel blessed with having been associated with hardworking and dedicated boards as we worked together through complex property acquisition and merger issues. We all have benefited from the dedicated efforts of our committee chairs and their members. Your Association staff is awesome! Their enthusiasm, knowledge and support made my job much easier.

I hope you all will continue to support your Association. I am sure that BHA, for its part, will continue to strive to ably represent its membership and find many ways to be of service.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Carrie at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com or me at rporters@bellsouth.net.



Resurrection Fern — Bald Head Island's Plant with Super Powers

Movies, TV shows and games are full of superheroes, and we all have our favorite characters. Did you know that their predecessors were semidivine heroes of old legends and myths? Some started in scripture, and others began in secular literature.

Forget about humans with super powers for a moment. What do you know about plants with super powers? One in particular — the resurrection fern — lives and is plentiful on Bald Head Island. Its Latin name is *Polypodium polypodioides*. That's a mouthful. The genus name comes from the Greek name polypodium from polys

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2018 Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project

Village staff met with the dredging contractor (Marinex) and state regulators the last week of November 2018. According to Chris McCall, Village Manager, this pre-construction meeting was “to review the project and permit conditions prior to the start of the project.”

Here is a quick overview of the 2018 Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project, provided by Jeff Griffin, Assistant Village Manager.

- Contractors are currently setting up their supply chain and are working on other logistical issues (i.e., fuel, lodging, communications and food).
- As of print deadline, the expected “mobilization” for Marinex (dredging contractor) is around December 15, 2018.
- Marinex will bring equipment to the Island on the barge

as well as through the use of a “beach landing” west of the terminal groin.

- Marinex will start placing sand near the terminal groin and work to the east.
- Project duration is estimated to be a minimum of three months (this is weather-dependent).
- As the beach is nourished, a second contractor will begin excavation for the new geo-textile tubes. Ten are scheduled for replacement.

The Village asks everyone to stay away from the construction area. The contractor will post work zone signage on the beach. Dredged material will be deposited behind a dike, which allows the sand to settle on the beach and water to return to the sea. This method will lessen impacts to fishing and water quality.

For any questions, contact Jeff Griffin at 910-457-9700, ext. 1003 or jgriffin@villagebhi.org.



Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Participants — Thank You!

In the wake of Hurricane Florence, it took many dedicated people to pull together to handle disaster recovery, ensuring that Bald Head Island

was free from safety hazards or risks to life before the reentry process could begin. Before that could even be dealt with, the basic concept of moving personnel from the ferry to anyplace on Bald Head Island posed numerous challenges. These people dealt with trees blocking roadways, water levels on roads that surpassed a backhoe’s battery box, deep sand-covered roads, alligators, snakes and mosquitoes. Oh my!

The EOC Team is comprised primarily of department head staff, mayor, council and others who physically work in the EOC, but there is also the remainder of Village staff who played a part to the mission and were primarily out in the field. Whether

part of the EOC or other Village staff, **EVERYONE** played an important part. Below is a list of Emergency Operations

Center (EOC) participants who helped in the wake of Hurricane Florence. Some of these EOC participants endured damages to their own homes and property, yet continued to give their all to Bald Head Island through an extreme circumstance.

Per Daralyn Spivey, Village of BHI Clerk, “Council was utilized in many ways during the storm and met as part of the EOC either in person,

via teleconference or assisting on the mainland, coordinating the return effort.”

BHA extends a big **THANK YOU** to all EOC participants and their efforts to help BHI’s recovery.



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Village of BHI Environmental Task Force

By Daralyn Spivey, Village Clerk

The Environmental Task force continues to meet and address issues that are relevant to Islanders. The Task Force brought concerns with the presentation and subsequent adoption of a resolution at the November 16, 2018, Council meeting,

encouraging Village operational and administrative functions and businesses on Bald Head Island to eliminate point-of-sale (POS), single-use plastics.



New to BHA? Post Office and Island Package Center (IPC)

Bald Head Island has a post office and an Island Package Center (IPC), located on Lighthouse Wynd beside Village Hall and across from the Old Baldy Lighthouse. If you want to receive mail and/or packages, here are answers to frequently asked questions.


Do you have a physical BHI address? If you are a permanent homeowner, temporary homeowner, guest or renter with a physical BHI address, you can receive mail on Bald Head Island. You must visit the post office in person to fill out a General Delivery mail card, identifying the BHI address. Visit the post office during office hours to pick up your mail.

You can purchase a post office box if you have a physical Bald Head Island address. The one-time, forever fee is \$6 (cash only). All you need to bring when you sign up for a post office box is a driver's license and a document with your address (a bill or golf cart registration document, for example).

If you plan to be on BHI for some length of time and want

to temporarily forward your mail to BHI, keep in mind that it can take 2-4 weeks before you begin receiving forwarded mail. When departing, remember to stop the forward mail service in accordance with your time schedule, as well.

Anyone with a physical address on BHI can receive packages. This includes permanent residents, temporary residents, guests and renters. When filling out the mailing label, you must include your name, address and phone number (use a second address line, if needed, to include a phone number). You are asked to time package shipments to coincide with your arrival date (if temporarily on BHI), track the package for arrival date and pick up as soon as the package arrives. This precludes the post office from having to store packages, taking up premium space. If the package is not picked up and must be returned to sender, staff will call the phone number listed on the address for notification.

Post office hours are 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Saturday. Access to post office boxes is 24/7. For any questions, call 910-457-9700, ext. 2. 



Who Do I Call? The Bald Head Association Voting Process

At BHA's 2019 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019, the result of proxies and ballots will be announced. There are two vacancies on the BHA Board of Directors to be filled, with two proposed board candidates on the proxy/ballot to be voted upon. Also in the proxy/ballot are three proposed changes to the Covenants. Your vote counts, and we ask all members to return the proxy that was mailed in the 2018 Annual Report in mid-December. **All proxies must be received by the BHA office by Thursday, January 24, 2019**, in order to be counted.

Bald Head Association members are entitled to one vote per lot, and cumulative voting is permitted. Per the BHA Covenants,

100 votes constitutes a quorum.

These are the various ways you can cast your vote:

1. Return the mailed proxy to BHA. Proxy must be received by the BHA office by Thursday, January 24, 2019, in order to be counted.
2. Hand your completed and signed proxy to someone who is attending the 2019 Annual Meeting.
3. Vote in person by ballot the day of the 2019 Annual Meeting.


For any questions, contact Carrie Moffett, BHA Executive Director, at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com. 

Put Your Cooking Grease in the Trash, Not Down the Drain | Village Public Utilities

When disposed of improperly, cooking grease can cause costly sewer line blockages that often result in a sewer spill. Whenever particles of grease are washed down the drain, they solidify and attach to the inside of the pipes. As more and more particles of grease flow down the drain, they gradually accumulate and can form a large mass. This mass of grease can eventually clog the pipes, block the wastewater flow and result in a sewer spill, but this situation can be prevented with your help.

Sink drains and toilets are not proper disposal receptacles for cooking grease or any other oily products. The Village of Bald Head Island Utilities Department urges all residents and guests to take a few extra moments to prevent cooking grease from entering drains. This can be accomplished by pouring cooled, used fat or grease into a milk carton, frozen juice container or other non-recyclable container, allowing it to harden in the refrigerator and then disposing of it in the household trash. When disposing of cooking oil which may not harden in the refrigerator, soak up the oil with disposable towels, newspapers or cat litter before disposing in the trash. Similarly, excess oil and grease should be wiped from dirty dishes, pans and utensils with a disposable towel before washing. The greasy towel can then be safely disposed of in the trash.

Please do your part to help prevent unnecessary equipment failures, blockages and sewer spills.

- Do not pour liquid fats, oils or grease into sinks, toilets or any other sewer drains.
- Do not discharge food waste into the sink.
- Dry-wipe pots, pans and dishware prior to washing. 

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Need To Replace Your Address Bollard?

According to Wikipedia, the definition of a bollard is “a sturdy, short, vertical post.” On Bald Head Island, bollards are used as address posts. This helps homeowners, renters, guests, tram drivers and Public Safety personnel easily identify homes.

If you need to replace your address bollard due to Hurricane Florence’s aftermath, you have options. First and foremost, bollards must be in compliance with BHA Design Guidelines. There is a service provider in Southport who has made many bollards for BHI and according to Design Guidelines specifications. That service provider is Roland (Smitty) Smith at A Sign of Distinction. Contact him at 910-457-5303 or asodsmitty@aol.com. You can choose the service provider you would like to order from, but you must ensure that they make the bollard according to BHA Design Guidelines. The homeowner is the responsible party. Design Guidelines are available on the BHA website home page at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

For installation, visit the Island Service Providers section on the website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/island-service-providers.

Please note that this is not a recommendation of any vendors, but rather, a list of service providers who have worked on BHI in the past or requested to be added to the list. Ask your neighbors who they used that they trust.

YES/NO tags to notify for trash pickup are provided by the Village. The entire address must remain unobstructed, and BHA Design Guidelines outline specifics for YES/NO tags. Visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com for full details. There is an exception for Cape Fear Station, and shorter tags, if needed, are available from Public Works.



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Want to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
Thinking about any landscape changes?

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ARC is your resource for all work pre-approvals and to help you comply with BHA’s Design Guidelines.

Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 901-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Debris from Hurricane Florence

The final debris pickup from Hurricane Florence — including white goods, vegetative and C&D (construction and demolition) — was completed in December 2018 by the Village of BHI. Property owners and contractors must resume previous arrangements of handling all debris, which is outlined by the Village of BHI, be it from Hurricane Florence or something else.

There were many pieces to this puzzle, and the Village of BHI had to balance the needs and wants of property owners with the logistics of moving various categories of debris from roadways to temporary holding locations and, ultimately, off of an island.

Vegetative debris (within size guidelines and with appropriate pre-work approvals) should be taken to the Timbercreek Mulch Site. C&D items

should be handled and removed from BHI by the contractor. White goods should be taken to Public Works (ask which bin to place items in at the office (hours are 11:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday and 7:00am-2:00pm Saturday-Sunday).



If you have a large item or multiple items that you need to dispose of but cannot transport them, you can request a special pickup. Call 910-457-5422 or 910-457-9700 to request a pickup and give sufficient notice. No construction debris or yard debris is allowed. Special pickups are \$50 per truck load.

The Village of BHI appreciates Island property owners who drop off vegetative debris at the Timbercreek Mulch Site. Reusing native vegetation for mulch is a great way to recycle

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November Litter Sweep — Thank You to All Participants!

BHA's Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee (RCB)

Clockwise, starting at right: Stuart Sparks, Elizabeth Kinney and John Kinney. The Messick family, with Mary (the youngest participant at age almost 4 years old). Mary, Jack and Leighton Messick. Mary Mears, Nancy Brause and Beth Iseman. Katie Chatas. Tom and Nanette Watjen. Sharon Lightbourne. Jay and Maureen Capon with Reed Riley.




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Old Baldy — Preserving BHI History

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Development and Special Event Coordinator

2018 was an important year in the growth of the Old Baldy Foundation, with the addition of a new staff member hired to expand and develop the Smith Island Museum of History and historic program offerings. As many museum visitors saw this summer, the exhibits at the Smith Island Museum of History was redone to share a comprehensive timeline of the Island’s history. The Bald Head Island Historic Tour program was broadened and a new program developed, “Historic Happy Hour.” The year ended with a Candle Lit Historic Happy Hour led by costumed living historians that set the scene of Christmas in 1793.

Another large project is underway to begin to digitize over 1,000 photographs from the Old Baldy Foundation’s archival collection for publication online. The photographs, spanning three centuries, chronicle Bald Head Island’s history and capture the individuals who once called this Island home. After scanning the photographs for digitization, Old Baldy Foundation staff organized and stored the originals following best preservation practices. Once finished, the digitization project will substantially increase the community’s access to Old Baldy’s archives and spread awareness about the Island’s rich history.

The photographs depict a variety of historic moments on Bald Head Island, from raising the chapel’s steeple to the destruction of the Bald Head Inn. Some photographs are full of smiling faces, like the picture of Jim Harrington dedicating the marina or coast guardsman Jack Murphy riding his horse through the surf during WWII. Some of the photograph’s subjects are wearing tuxedos, like the attendees of Old Baldy’s relighting gala. Other fashion choices are more questionable, like Generator Society member Bynum Tudor’s Winston cigarette pants. There are photographs of Captain Charlie saying goodbye to his lighthouse, of Old Baldy dusted with snow and of the brand-new barge rolling through Southport. Together, the photographs portray the Island’s story with the universal clarity only pictures can provide.

While work is well underway on this significant project, much more needs to be done to categorize and catalog the images to be available to the public. The Old Baldy Foundation has already received invaluable help from volunteers from Bald Head Association’s Socialization, Education and Recreation Committee (SER) on this project. We are excited to continue on this work and will have more to share with you as we continue on into 2019. For any information about this project, please reach out to Travis Gilbert at Travis@OldBaldy.org.

Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority Update

At its December meeting, the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority approved an inter-local agreement between the Authority and the Village of Bald Head Island for \$100,000 to cover expenses related to due diligence recommended by its consultant for the out-of-water inspection of all BHI Transportation floating stock, including the ferries, barge and tug, and for the inspection of all relevant bulkheads at Deep Point and BHI Marina. The funds for the agreement are donated by Bald Head Island Limited and passed through the Village to the Authority. KOPCO, the team inspecting the vessels, has completed inspections for the Adventure, the Sans Souci and the barge. Hull inspections on the remaining floating stock (two twin hulls and tug) will be completed shortly. The Authority also approved an agreement for Moffatt and Nichol to inspect the bulkheads.

The Authority’s consultants provided a GANNT chart that lists a full load of activities over the first six months of 2019 with a potential acquisition of assets set for June 2019.

The next meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, beginning at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building. BHI property owners are encouraged to attend.

Reminder

Holiday lighting rules in the BHA Design Guidelines state: “Holiday lighting is permitted from November 15 to January 15 only. Moderation is recommended. No holiday or string lighting is to be used for exterior decoration any other time during the year, including clear or white lights, nor is it permitted to be used to illuminate any exterior steps, porches, arbors, structures, etc. any other time of year.”

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TIDBITS

(Noun) a small and particularly interesting item of information.

BHA Annual Meeting & Proxy

As required by BHA's Covenants, members were mailed a packet of information with materials for the 2019 Annual Meeting in December 2018. The packet contains BHA's 2018 Annual Report and a proxy that members can fill out and return to BHA prior to the deadline if they're not planning to attend the meeting. **Proxies must be received by BHA by January 24, 2019.**

BHI Cell Phone Tower Tests

On November 6, 2018, a team from Crown Castle, the company that owns the cell tower behind Maritime Market, flew test balloons at 120', 140' and 160' to gather data, exploring the need for a new and higher tower. According to John May, "A higher tower would improve reception throughout the Island, support antennas for additional cell phone carriers and allow placement of a VIPER antenna — the gateway to the county-wide emergency system."

Once this data is evaluated by their engineers, an update will be provided to the Village. Stay tuned for more information.

Golf Cart Thefts

Per Chris McCall, Village Manager, "As of 12/5/18, Public Safety has apprehended two suspects, with one of the individuals being directly involved with the recent larceny of golf carts (investigation is still ongoing) and the other on warrants in another county (the latter having been identified as part of the on-going investigation on the larceny).

"As we continue with the investigation, we want to remind Island residents to be aware and cognizant of their personal security as it relates to making sure they secure their homes and golf carts. Also, if you happen to see anything that looks out of the ordinary and/or suspicious, please call 911 to report it to Public Safety.

"With the most recent thefts of golf carts, Public Safety has stepped up patrols. Public Safety does conduct routine night patrols, checking to make sure businesses are secured in the commercial areas in addition to house checks for those who request and meet requirements of the program."

For information on the BHI house check program, contact the Public Safety Department at 910-457-5252 during normal operating hours — Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Cleanup Around Post-Hurricane Florence Debris Piles

Debris piles from post-Hurricane Florence have been picked up by the Village of BHI. However, small items and items that may have been blown into nearby areas may remain. For the good of Bald Head Island — this ecologically delicate barrier island that depends on all of the humans who interact with it — BHA asks **EVERY** property owner to pick up any remaining litter. And thank you for picking up litter **ANYWHERE** you see it on BHI.

Golf Cart 2019 Registration

The 2019 registration deadline for golf carts has now passed. It was December 31, 2018. For any questions, visit www.VillageBHI.org or call 910-457-5252. If you purchase a new golf cart at any time during the year and need first-time registration, you must register in person at Public Safety (273 Edward Teach Ext.).

Community Wide Standards Approved and Effective Now

The new Community Wide Standards policy was approved and adopted by BHA's Board of Directors on October 26, 2018. To view the document, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

Did You Miss?

Did you miss the article titled "The Village of BHI Emergency Management Plan" from the August 2018 *Island Report*? Check it out.

To view archived Island Reports, visit BHA's website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news. Don't miss an issue!

Sign Up for BHA's E-blast

Stay updated with information from BHA. To be added to the E-blast list, fill out the form at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. On the home page's list on the right side is the handy link.

To view all archived E-blasts, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

Contact Information Updates

Have you moved? Sold your home? Update BHA and BHI Village with any contact information changes. Contact Diane at BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Call BHI Village at 910-457-9700.


Did You Know? What are the semi-circular road extensions on the way to East Beach? | *By Kit Adcock, Mayor Pro Tempore*

Once upon a time, there was a single-lane, two-way road leading to East Beach, just wide enough for two golf carts to pass each other. The forest canopy was slightly taller than the carts that slowly drove through it. Carts and their passengers were shaded and completely surrounded by the dense forest. A flicker of sunlight was visible at the east end of the verdant tunnel, where the driveway up to Captain Charlie's cottages created an opening in the trees. On moonless nights this section of Federal Road was as dark as black velvet.

In the mid-1990s the Conservancy built its campus at its current location. A second, westerly cut was made through the forest parallel to Federal Road in preparation for construction of Cape Fear Station. When the original two-way road was

scheduled for paving, somehow this narrow road had to accommodate large construction vehicles as well as carts traveling in both directions.

"Turn-outs" were the solution. There are five or six semi-circular paved areas extending beyond the width of the roadway, some on each side of Federal Road heading east. These paved extensions, or turn-outs, allowed for slower or larger vehicles to pull out of the way of two-way traffic. It may seem odd that they exist on both sides of the road, but traffic on this road went in both directions. The turn-outs gave large vehicles heading in either direction room to pass golf carts and each other.


Now you know! 

Carbon Monoxide — Keep Safe in Your Home

Carbon Monoxide ("CO") is an odorless, colorless gas that can kill you. CO is in the fumes created by fuel-burning items such as water heaters, gas stoves, fireplaces, grills, small engines, lanterns, furnaces and more. According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), "These fumes can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it."

No one is immune from CO poisoning. The CDC states, "Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room and more than 4,000 are hospitalized.

"The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. CO symptoms are often described as 'flu-like.' If you breathe in a lot of CO, it can make you pass out or kill you."

Prevent CO poisoning in your home. Install a carbon monoxide detector and change the batteries twice a year — put it on your calendar. Have your heating system, water heater, fireplace and any gas-burning appliances serviced by a licensed technician every year. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm. 

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Common Area — Revised Policy Adopted by BHA Board

The pristine natural setting of a barrier island is a main reason many property owners originally wanted to invest and spend time on Bald Head Island. As a barrier island, property owners share an individual and collective responsibility to maintain BHI’s delicate ecosystem balance. When one property owner changes the canopy by cutting a tree or clearing out underbrush, it affects the entire island. That is why Bald Head Association’s covenants address BHA’s responsibilities to oversee the pre-approval process, for the benefit of all who live and visit BHI, as well as for ensuring the longevity of Bald Head Island itself for generations to come.

BHA asks all property owners to be good stewards of this precious island that we all love. To understand BHA’s perspective, eight property owners have improperly cut nearly 200 inches of trees on Common Area in one year alone. This tree removal was not authorized by the BHA Board of Directors, which is required. This resulted in fines and remediation for the property owners. But even one lost tree affects BHI’s delicate ecosystem.

The property owner is the responsible party, even if trees are cut by a contractor. Property owners must ensure that all contractors (including all of their employees and not just the owner, who may or may not be onsite) are aware of correct procedures before any work is done. This cannot be emphasized enough because this is what occurs too many times on BHI. Another essential issue is to know your lot lines before any work is started.

In order to protect trees on BHA Common Area — and therefore protect Bald Head Island — a revision of the Common Area policy (Appendix F in the Design Guidelines) was adopted by BHA’s Board of Directors on November 9, 2018. The document draft is available at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

Revised Policy

The revised policy explains in more detail how Common Area can be used, as well as the process for work requests. It also addresses an update for fines. It now reads, “For every tree/limb removed without authorization, BHA will:

1. Levy a fine of \$100 for the action.
2. Levy a fine of \$100 per inch for remediation.”

BHA Common Areas typically are the buffer areas between units and golf course property and units and the beach, between

neighborhood properties and, sometimes, between units. No clearing, landscaping or improvements of any type may occur on these properties without the permission of Bald Head Association.

Association Common Area is defined in the Covenants in Article 1.8 as “all real property and facilities owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of all members of BHA, including greenways, recreational areas, dunes, beaches and roadways. It is intended that the Common Area will include all of the subject property except platted lots, multi-family sites, and other non-residential areas, the golf course, clubhouse sites and sites established for utility purposes.”

There are three classes of Common Area:


1. Fairway — those tracts adjoining the golf course property.
2. Forest — those tracts located in the forest of Bald Head Association that do not adjoin the golf course.
3. Dune/Beach — those tracts in Bald Head Association that are located outside of the forested area and that do not adjoin the golf course, including waterfront properties.

Here are some tips to prevent property owners from learning the hard way about tampering with Common Areas on BHI.

1. Know your property lines.
2. Supervise all contractor work — the property owner is the responsible party.
3. Common Areas are overseen by the BHA Board of Directors.
4. No change can be made to BHA Common Area without the consideration and prior approval of the BHA Board of Directors.
5. A new construction deposit may be used to restore any damage to Common Area.

“Drip-Edge” Communities

Note to “drip-edge” communities, which include Keeper’s Landing, Sumner’s Crescent and Surfman’s Walk: homeowners **DO NOT** own the land around their homes (beyond the home’s “drip-edge”). BHA owns and manages the land surrounding the homes in these communities, including all trimming, planting and tree removal. Homeowners or other landscapers may **NOT** trim trees, bushes, vines, grasses, etc., around their homes.

Have any questions? BHA encourages you to **ASK FIRST**, before any work begins. We are here to help you and to help Bald Head Island. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 22 (Karen) or ext. 23 (Julie). 

Seeking Volunteers for BHA Committees

Thank you!

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee (RCB)

Socialization, Education & Recreation Committee (SER)

Strategic Planning & Long Range Projects Committee (SPLRP)

Finance Committee

Committee descriptions and volunteer forms are available at

www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees.

Contact Carrie Moffett for information at 910-457-4676, ext. 26

or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Have you experienced price gouging after Hurricane Florence?

The North Carolina Department of Justice reviews claims of price gouging and imposes penalties, seeking possible refunds.

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Village of BHI Launches Post-Hurricane Florence Task Force

In response to concerns expressed by many BHI property owners during and after Hurricane Florence, the Village Council has appointed a seven-member Hurricane Florence Task Force to review the Village’s planning for and response to the hurricane. Members appointed to the Task Force include Joe Brawner, Rex Cowdry, Keith Earnshaw, Pete Fullam, Scott Gardner, Peter Menk and Conn Sharp.

Prior to its first meeting, the group identified three broad areas of concern: advance planning for disasters and decision-making during the event, communication and storm damage management, though other more specific issues are surely to arise.

There is no scheduled public meeting of the Task Force for the immediate future; instead, members will be working

over the next several months to gather information, review documents and conduct interviews. Property owners are strongly encouraged to provide comments and suggestions about the storm and other events to the Task Force via a special email: hurricaneflorencetaskforce@villagebhi.org. Comments are requested before January 15, 2019.

Email your comments to the Village of BHI Post-Hurricane Florence Task Force at: hurricaneflorencetaskforce@villagebhi.org. Comments are requested before January 15, 2019.

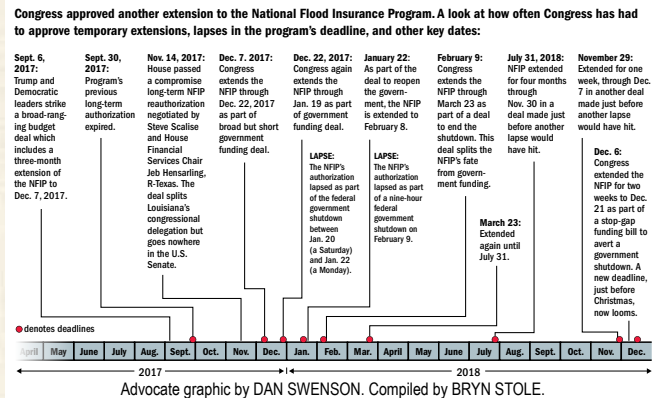
The Hurricane Florence Listening Session, moderated by the Cape Fear Council of Governments, will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 4:00pm at BHA’s Association Center.

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Your participation in this process is vital to the Village’s efforts to improve upon disaster preparations both for future hurricanes and other potential disasters.

National Flood Insurance Program Update

As this *Island Report* goes to press, the U.S. Congress has yet to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and it will expire toward the end of December 2018. President Trump signed a ninth short-term extension on December 7th which extended the NFIP through December 21st. The program’s authorization expired in September 2017. Several federal lawmakers have introduced legislation to extend the program for weeks or months, but many owners, realtors and insurance experts continue to call on Congress to completely overhaul the program, which continues to run billions in the red. Some industry reports point to the possibility of a revamping of NFIP with the incoming Democratic leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives. BHA will continue to monitor the reauthorization progress and keep property owners informed of any developments.



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and repurpose.

If you do your own yard work and have vegetative debris, you can schedule a pickup. This is a free service to Island residents. From Labor Day until Memorial Day, yard debris pickup is done on the first Wednesday of the month. From Memorial Day until Labor Day, there is an additional pickup day on the third Wednesday of the month. Piles should be left on the roadside, and you must call 910-457-5422 or 910-457-9700 to request a pickup. This service is for Island residents only; all contractors and landscapers are responsible for removing yard debris.

There are size restrictions due to the chipping machinery — **no larger than 6” in diameter at its largest point**. There is no length restriction. **Please do not include poison ivy or any trash items.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any trees and limbs over 3” in diameter and underbrush 1” in diameter and larger that a property owner believes should be trimmed or cut — alive or

The Doshier Medical-BHI walk-in clinic will return to Bald Head Island May 28, 2019, through August 30, 2019. Hours are 9:00am-4:00pm, and the clinic will be closed on July 4, 2019.

dead — first needs approval from **BOTH** Bald Head Association and the Village of BHI. These guidelines are in place to ensure the beauty and sustainability of Bald Head Island. More details can be found in the Unified Design Guidelines on www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Also important, make sure you know your lot lines before **ANY** work is done. This is the property owners’ responsibility, not the contractor’s. And keep in mind that you cannot do **ANY** trimming or clearing on Common Area — even if you want a better view — without prior approval from BHA’s Board of Directors. If you don’t understand what Common Area is or where it is in relation to your property, call BHA at 910-457-4676.

If you have any questions and want additional information, please call Bald Head Association’s Architectural Review Committee (ARC) **BEFORE** you and/or a contractor cut anything. The property owner is the responsible party. The fate of Bald Head Island is in your hands. Contact Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

The BHA newly adopted Community Wide Standards are in place, in order to assist in maintaining the aesthetics of the Island. To view the document, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

Continued from page 1 (Resurrection Fern — Bald Head Island's Plant with Super Powers)

(meaning many) and pous (meaning a foot).

Water is essential to every living thing — humans, animals and plants. Most plants and animals cannot survive more than 10-20% water loss. And 15% water loss is fatal to humans. This unique plant's super powers allow it to survive as much as 95% water loss.

During periods of drought, this plant curls up its fronds, exposing the underside leaves that absorb water. This gray-brown, dead-looking appearance is where the resurrection fern gets its name. As it dries, proteins called dehydrins are released near the cell walls, acting like a lubricant to allow the leaves to fold and unfold. When rain arrives, these underside-exposed leaves quickly rehydrate the plant, uncurling and recoloring the leaves.

Classified as an epiphyte, or air plant, this fern pulls its nutrients from the air and water. Though it grows on tree branches, logs and rocks (it particularly likes oak trees), it merely attaches to these objects for support and is not a parasite. It's so smart, it knows how to position itself to receive the best sunlight and water.

Scientists are studying this plant to possibly recreate its response to drought in order to help other plants. Other uses may be in store for the concept of structures with shape memory, as well. Native peoples have used this plant for health benefits, and new medical research is confirming folklore reports that plant extracts have anti-arrhythmic cardiac properties.

In 1997, a sample of this plant was taken into space aboard Space Shuttle Discovery to view its resurrection in zero gravity. There's even a song about this plant. Released in 2007 and classified as neo-folk, the artist Iron & Wine recorded "Resurrection Fern" on the album *The Shepherd's Dog*. You can hear it online at YouTube.

Now you know. What else can you learn if you just look up?



Chicken of the Woods

Also known as Sulphur Shelf, this fungi is found growing on or at the base of dead or dying trees and has been found on living trees, as well. It is a polypore, meaning a group of fungi with pores or tubes on the underside of their fruiting bodies.

Named for its apparent taste similar to chicken, the French botanist and mycologist Jean Baptiste Francois (Pierre) Bulliard originally described this fungi in 1789. And American mycologist William Alphonso Murrill (1869-1967) gave this polypore its current name. **(NOTE: Do NOT eat any fungi that has not been properly identified by a qualified professional.)**



Many wild fungi are DEADLY. The type of tree that a fungi grows on can cause serious distress.)

Do you have an interesting creature or nature item you have photographed on Bald Head Island that you would like help identifying? Email Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



Due to BHI Club's renovations following Hurricane Florence, the Smith Island Social has been canceled for 2019.

There will be no ARC — Section A meeting in January 2019.

January 2019

New Year's Day	1/1/2019	
BHA Office Closed	1/1/2019	
Card Class	1/2/2019	2pm
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	1/9/2019	10am
Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	1/9/2019	10am
Men's Bible Study	1/11/2019	8am
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting	1/16/2019	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	1/18/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	1/18/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	1/18/2019	2:30pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/21/2019	
BHA Office Closed	1/21/2019	
Community Potluck Dinner	1/21/2019	6pm
Howl at the Moon ("Wolf Moon")	1/21/2019	4pm
Men's Bible Study	1/25/2019	8am
Hammocks Annual Meeting	1/25/2019	9am
BHA Board Meeting	1/25/2019	2pm
BHA Annual Meeting	1/26/2019	9am
Villa Association Meeting	1/26/2019	1pm
BHI Conservancy Annual Meeting	1/26/2019	1pm
Flora's Bluff/Killegray Ridge Annual Board Mtg.	1/26/2019	2pm
VBHI Post-Hurricane Task Force Open Forum	1/26/2019	4pm
Village Chapel Reception	1/27/2019	11:30am
Village Chapel Board Meeting	1/27/2019	1pm

SAVE THE DATE in February:

ARC-A Meeting	2/1/2019	9am
Card Class	2/6/2019	2pm
Men's Bible Study	2/8/2019	8am
BHA Board Meeting	2/8/2019	2pm
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	2/13/2019	10am
ARC-B Meeting	2/15/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	1/15/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	1/15/2019	2:30pm
Community Potluck Dinner	2/18/2019	6pm
Howl at the Moon ("Snow Moon")	2/19/2019	4pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting	2/20/2019	9:15am
Men's Bible Study	2/22/2019	8am

Around the corner in 2019

Daylight Saving Time	3/10/2019
First Day of Spring	3/20/2019
Badwater Cape Fear	3/16/2019
Easter	4/21/2019
Earth Day	4/22/2019

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January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day BHA Office Closed	2 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Card Class 2:00pm (AC)	3 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	4 ARC — B Submission Deadline	5
6 10:00am Rev. James B. Craven III <i>Episcopal</i> (VC)	7 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	8 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	9 Yoga 11:45am (AC) VBHI — Transportation 10:00am (PSC) Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test 10:00am	10 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	11 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) BHA Board Mtg. 2pm (AC/B)	12
13 10:00am Rev. Jim Brown <i>Church of Christ</i> (VC)	14 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	15 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm (VC)	16 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	17 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	18 ARC — B Meeting 9am (AC/B) ARC — A Submission Deadline VBHI Council Work Session 9:30am (PSC) VBHI Council Mtg 2:30pm (PSC)	19
20 10:00am Pending <i>Pending</i> (VC)	21 Howl at the Moon 4:00pm (Access 39) Potluck Dinner 6:00pm (AC) Martin Luther King Jr. Day BHA Office Closed	22 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	23 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	24 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	25 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) Hammocks Annual Meeting 9:00am (AC)	26 BHA Annual Mtg. 9:00am (AC) Villa Assoc. Mtg. 1:00pm (AC) BHIC Annual Mtg. 1:00pm (BHIC) FB/KR Board Mtg. 2:00pm (AC/B) VBHI Task Force Open Forum 4:00pm (AC)
27 10:00am Rev. Chris Singleton <i>Baptist</i> (VC) Chapel Reception 11:30am (VC) Village Chapel Board Meeting 1:00pm (AC/B)	28 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	29 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	30 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	31 Pilates 10:45am (AC)		



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AC/B (BHA Association Center — Berne Room)
BHIC (BHI Conservancy)
Club (BHI Club)
Creek Access (CA)
Maritime Market Forest Pavilion (MMFP)
OB (Old Baldy)
PSC (Public Safety Complex)
RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)
VC (Village Chapel)

Standing Events:

- Alcoholics Anonymous — Monday & Friday, 12-1pm, Berne Room at the Association Center. Contact John B. at 336-671-8858 or sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com for more information.
- Knitting & Needlepoint Work — A group of knitting and other needlepoint enthusiasts meets every Wednesday in the Association Center, 9:30-11:30am.

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