



*Bald Head Association*

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## Hurricane Florence

### President's Letter ~ Judy Porter

The main topic of discussion around the Island has been the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. This storm brought with it destruction throughout the entire county and a wide range of emotional comments and concerns on our small Island.

As Florence passed, we were all relieved that it did not come ashore as a Category 4 or 5 as predicted. Like previous storms Fran and Floyd, which had much stronger winds, Florence left the Island with a lot of tree damage but considerably more water than any storm in memory. When the rain finally stopped, there was understandable frustration about our inability to get to the Island to assess damage and start repairs.

I attended the Village Council meeting October 19th and was pleased that the Village will be taking steps to evaluate and improve storm response in the future. Three things are planned. The first will be a meeting of the personnel who were the first

group back on the Island. This will allow them to evaluate what went well, where there were problems and what needs to be done

differently. Secondly, there will be a Town Hall meeting to listen to, and get input from, property owners. The third part of the plan is to set up a Task Force which would work to update policies for re-entry after a disaster.

Recovery and restoration will take months. I hope, as a community, that we can work through this tedious period in a positive way as we evaluate the re-entry process and plan for the future. Meanwhile, Bald Head Association will work with other Island entities to provide as smooth a transition back to "normal" as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Carrie at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or me at [rporters@bellsouth.net](mailto:rporters@bellsouth.net).



### Hurricane Florence's Wake — On The Ground

BHA extends our heartfelt **THANK YOU** you to all of the BHI Public Safety staff, Public Works staff, Public Utilities staff, Admin staff, Council and all of the volunteers who helped in the early days of the Post-Hurricane Florence assessment and beyond. Without seeing the incredible damage firsthand of the destruction Hurricane Florence left in her wake, it is hard to imagine the barriers to completing previously simple tasks like driving down Federal Road. It took strategy, persistence, dedication, creativity and pure gumption during BHI's disaster recovery, including dealing with water levels on roads that surpassed a backhoe's battery box plus alligators, snakes and mosquitoes. Here is a summary of four days in the life of disaster recovery on BHI.

**Four Days in the Life of Recovery Post-Hurricane Florence**  
*Carl Pearson, BHI Director of Public Safety*  
 September 21, 2018

“Just to let you know what we have been up against since we have been here.

When we arrived at the marina, we tried to use 3295 [fire engine], but the battery was dead and had a flat tire. So, we tried Swifty [Public Safety golf cart] and ran into deep water past the barge landing. Public Works came back and picked us up, and we drove through approximately three feet of water to get to the lighthouse. Then the fun began. It took us 30 minutes just to cut

us out of Lighthouse Wynd to NBHW [North Bald Head Wynd] and from there one hour to get enough room, moving from one side of the road to the other side, to get to the Public Safety building.

From there we started going from one road to other, only to be denied access. There were no roads that we could use to get to SBHW [South Bald Head Wynd]. WBHW [West Bald Head Wynd] was blocked and had high water from 2- to 4-feet deep. We tried to use the dump truck, but when the water came over the windshield, we knew it was too deep. SBHW was also impassable with 4- to 5-feet of water. Edward Teach Wynd was

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## Fall Island Litter Sweep

Sunday, November 25, 11:00am-1:00pm, Association Center

BHA Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee (RCB)

Please mark your calendars now, so you can make plans to be on Bald Head Island the Sunday following Thanksgiving. This is our first litter sweep after Hurricane Florence and our final litter sweep of BHI before winter. We need lots of people to join us to help with the extra work created by Hurricane Florence.

There is always a huge turn out from our full-time homeowners, the weather is usually perfect for being outdoors and it's just a great time to be on Island. We'll have hot chocolate for the kids and coffee for the adults, with the usual treats and prizes when we finish.

New for this Litter Sweep, we are organizing from the Association Center. This more central and visible location should encourage everyone to participate. Pick up your bags (biodegradable, of course), gloves and those all-important grabbers on the Association Center porch. We will gladly fill your reusable water bottles. There will be a truck nearby to deposit your trashy treasures into when you finish.

Want to help even more? Volunteer for the RCB Committee. Applications are at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com).

## We Should Lead, Not Follow

*A Message from BHA's Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee (RCB)*

As helpful as Island Litter Sweeps are in keeping our Island beautiful, we all know that eliminating the source of much of our litter is the real solution. The RCB Committee (Resource Conservation and Beautification), in cooperation with the Village of BHI's Environmental Task Force, supports all Island entities promoting the elimination of plastic bags and reducing the number of single-use plastic containers by 2020.

There is ample evidence that single-use plastics are harmful to sea creatures, and many US cities and corporations, as well as countries like the UK, Bahamas and Australia have already banned their use in order to help preserve our oceans. As plastics in the oceans or on land break down into smaller and smaller bits, they enter the food chain, and this is bad for animals, the environment and, ultimately, for people.

From a purely aesthetic standpoint, plastic trash along our wynds degrades the attractiveness of our Island and adversely affects visitors' impressions of Bald Head Island. Our Island community has

the intellectual and financial resources to lead the state in implementing these environmentally sound initiatives, not following behind our beachfront neighbors.

As we move forward, please do your part in promoting a healthy and sustainable Island environment. Take reusable, carry-all bags/containers wherever you shop. When produce, meats or that cute little t-shirt are put into plastic bags, just say, "No plastic, please." Use a personal reusable water bottle instead of buying water in plastic bottles, and if you must buy water, ask for water in aluminum cans, which Island businesses are starting to sell. Ask if you can provide your own container for carry-out orders or for boxing leftovers. Educate yourself how to best recycle and use the recycling facilities on our Island. Most importantly, set the example. Use your voice and your vote to keep Bald Head Island the best community in North Carolina, a community that is committed to environmental stewardship now and



for the generations to follow.

Did you know it takes 450 years for just one plastic water bottle to biodegrade in the ocean? Check out timelines for other everyday items at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com), under the "News" tab.



**The pier at Keeper's Landing is closed for repairs due to Hurricane Florence damage.**

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## BHA Members Can Reserve the Gazebo at Surfman's Walk



The gazebo at Surfman's Walk in Cape Fear Station is owned by Bald Head Association and is available for use by reservation for BHA members. Events can be held between 10:00am-10:00pm. A returnable security deposit of \$250 must be paid before the event. For rules and regulations, including decorations and serving alcohol, contact BHA.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact BHA for reservations at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or email at [Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



## BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Update — October 2018

Nine members of the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority attended the October 2018 meeting with what appeared to be a renewed sense of determination after not having met since August due to Hurricane Florence.

Bald Head Island Limited CEO Chad Paul reported that all ferry system assets are intact and did not suffer significant damage through the hurricane. There were a few minor issues (i.e., a piling rose, some siding blew off at Deep Point Marina) but in all, no major impact was discovered.

Paul mentioned that ridership during the month of September 2018 (11,000) dropped substantially over the level seen in September 2017 (31,000). He attributed the drop to the two-week period when the Island was shut down. Barge and ferry revenue has increased since the Island re-opened after the storm.

The Authority's statutorily required Annual Report was filed on October 1, 2018. The Annual Report will be posted on BHA's website on the News page ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news)). On the right side, the link is listed under "BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Updates."

HMS Consulting has conducted a survey on the condition of the ferry fleet, and the final report is expected shortly. BHA received a redacted copy of the draft report on October 19, 2018,

and it is available on BHA's website on the News page ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news)).

After a 30-minute open portion of the meeting, Authority members went into closed session. The group reconvened into open session at 11:00am. Kit Adcock read the two motions members agreed to in closed session:

1. First, the motion was for the Board to authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate and engage in contracts (not to exceed \$100,000) pursuing competitive bids and also pursuing a haul out survey of the floating assets and for the survey of the piers, terminals and waterfront structure of BHI Limited. The motion was approved.
2. The second motion stated that since the Executive Committee is doing the brunt of the work thus far, that the Board should consider exploring another variation of the committee structure to move issues along more quickly. No vote was taken on the motion, and the Chair stated that the Executive Committee would "take it under advisement."

The meeting adjourned at 11:05am. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building. Property owners are encouraged to attend.



## New to BHA? We Serve You

Bald Head Association (BHA) is the largest property owners' association on Bald Head Island. BHA's Board of Directors and staff are here to serve you. Whatever previous experiences you may have had with POAs and HOAs in other areas, we want you to know that we are here to help our members.

With members' requests for an expedited process regarding tree issues and structural damage repairs, as well as the need for temporary storage on BHI following Hurricane Florence, BHA created solutions to address your needs, in accordance with BHA Covenants and Unified Design Guidelines.

E-blasts with post-Hurricane Florence updates from the Village's Voice were sent as soon as they were available and also posted on the website. The BHA website was expanded to

include website links to credible information in dealing with post-storm issues as well as BHA resources to assist property owners.

Want to check out these resources? Visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). On the right side, click on "Hurricane Florence — Resources for Property Owners."

Not yet signed up for BHA's E-blasts? Sign up at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). On the right side, click on "Sign me up for BHA E-blasts."

During and following Hurricane Florence, there were some property owners' information that was outdated, so the Village of BHI and/or BHA was not able to reach them. We ask ALL property owners to ensure BHA and the Village of BHI have your correct contact information. Call BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 21.





## Water Quality — Beaches and Creeks Surrounding BHI for Walking, Kayaking and Fishing

The swimming advisory for BHI was lifted October 11, 2018 by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ). State recreational water quality officials announced “bacteria levels at swimming sites in Bald Head Island meet state and Environmental Protection Agency standards for swimming and other contact with the water.”

The BHI Conservancy has been conducting water quality testing following Hurricane Florence, including measuring coliform bacteria in ocean and creek waters. By October 12, 2018, bacteria counts were low in creek waters and in the ocean waters of all beaches, so there should not be any issues with eating fish moving forward. **However, it is recommended not to eat shellfish (sessile animals, such as mussels, oyster, etc.).** Oxygen levels were very low in BHI creek waters due to Hurricane Florence’s flooding but are recovering.

Dr. Beth Darrow, Senior Scientist at BHIC, explains about the importance of oxygen levels. “Our creek animals need oxygen to survive. Usually, fish can move away from low dissolved oxygen, but sessile animals cannot. In low-oxygen environments, often a shift is seen from more-sensitive to less

sensitive animals (fewer mollusks, more worms, for example).

“Dissolved oxygen is low due to organic matter and nutrients coming downstream, in both the river water and creek. Some of this organic matter is natural — leaves, marsh grass and pine needles — and some of it is from humans — sewage, fertilizer and road run-off. It all gets respired by bacteria, using up more oxygen than is being produced by plants through photosynthesis. Our Island is certainly seeing the effects of being in the mouth of the Cape Fear River, since our creek water is not getting much extra oxygen from the river when the tide comes in.” Dr. Darrow expects additional data in early November regarding nutrient, carbon and bacteria samples taken in October 2018.

Some bacteria breaking down materials produce hydrogen sulfide gas, creating very strong “rotten egg” odors. Decomposition of organic debris results in additional odors. Have you walked on Stede Bonnet Wynd lately? These odors continue to linger.

Things will return to normal but may take several weeks or months. For additional information, visit [deq.nc.gov](http://deq.nc.gov), [bhic.org](http://bhic.org) and [capefearriverwatch.org](http://capefearriverwatch.org).

## Hiring A Contractor In North Carolina

Following a disaster such as Hurricane Florence, general contractors from other areas may seek jobs on Bald Head Island to help with the increased workload. Beware of companies that move from disaster area to disaster area and don’t have a reputation for quality work, perhaps leaving before work is completed. If you need to hire a service provider, check their credentials and make sure they are licensed, bonded and insured. It’s also wise to ask for recommendations from previous clients and check the Better Business Bureau (BBB) for any outstanding issues.

The NC Licensing Board for General Contractors has a brochure with guidelines and tips before you hire a general contractor or sign documents for repairs. Titled “A Consumer’s Guide To Protecting Yourself After A Disaster,” it can be found at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). Click on “Hurricane

Florence — Resources for Property Owners,” then click on “Use Caution When Hiring A General Contractor.” There is also a link to check your general contractor with the NC Licensing Board.

Important to note, in North Carolina, general contractors (GC) only need to be licensed for work generating \$30,000 or more. If a GC’s estimate is below \$30,000, they may not be licensed in North Carolina, so ask. It’s recommended to only hire licensed contractors who are bonded and insured.

Though BHA does not refer any particular service providers, there is a list of service providers at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/island-service-providers](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/island-service-providers). It is recommended to ask other BHI property owners about their experiences with service providers and ensure that the company you work with understands barge reservation logistics and any pertinent Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval processes.

## Subterranean Termite Re-treatment

Subterranean termite re-treatment may be necessary for homes on Bald Head Island affected by Hurricane Florence. Pest control companies may recommend re-treatment for homes that either sustained standing water for 72 hours or longer or were condemned as a result of flooding. The concern is that “Swarmers Subterranean Termites” will be attracted to wet wood.

The active ingredient in Termidor (a termite treatment) binds to soil, so if the soil and house foundation were compromised with storm effects, it’s wise to ask your service provider if re-treatment is necessary. It is recommended to re-establish protective zones if:

- Soil erosion or soil movement occurred near foundations with protected zones
- Flooding has brought new, untreated soil next to the foundation
- Landscaping has been altered, disturbing previously treated zones
- Foundation repairs creates untreated zones

There are additional conditions that would require termite re-treatment. BHA recommends that homeowners who were

impacted by flooding contact their respective pest control service providers to determine whether termite re-treatment is needed. A list of pest control companies is available on BHA’s website at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/pest-control](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/pest-control). (Information courtesy Manning’s Pest Control.)

**Annual Meeting packets  
will be mailed in December.**

**Update BHA with any  
mailing information changes.**

**Call 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or email  
[Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com).**



## Closing Up Homes on BHI — Part II

Many property owners are preparing to close up their homes for the winter season. In order to prevent weather-related issues, here are some tips. This is by no means a definitive list. *(Excerpt information previously provided by Steve Henson, Henson Building Corporation.)*

Also keep in mind, it's important to keep BHA updated with contact information, especially if you are away from Bald Head Island for an extended period. In case BHA or the Village of

BHI need to reach property owners, especially for an emergency, contact us with any updates. For BHA, call 910-457-4676, ext. 21.

Homes built on BHI are built to a higher code standard than mainland homes, and materials used here are of a much higher quality. There are still maintenance practices that can extend the life of your home, minimize or eliminate the need for costly repairs and enhance your enjoyment of your BHI home.

- Have windows and doors cleaned, remove screens and have them cleaned as well. Also check screens for damage and replace/repair torn fabric or screens frames if necessary.

- Check under the home for any place where an unwanted visitor may decide to winter (i.e., rodents and snakes). As the weather turns cooler, many critters seek a warm spot for shelter. Repair any openings you may find.

- Pick up and/or remove any "stuff" on the floor of garages and storage areas. These make cozy homes for unwanted critters and may be a potential fire hazard.

- Change air filters in air conditioning units. If outdoor units are under a cover and do not get rain, do a thorough fresh water rinse with a hose. We call it a "fresh water wash down." This will keep salt from accumulating on the metal parts, thus helping to minimize corrosion.

- Check screening around trash enclosures. Also check for the condition of outdoor trash cans and wash containers and area.

- Remove vines and/or tree limbs from touching or resting against your home. **[Review ARC Design Guidelines before performing ANY maintenance.]**

- Ensure your smoke alarm is functioning properly and has the installation company's name on the inside cover.

# TIDBITS

## BHA Common Area

A revised draft of BHA Common Area (Unified Design Guidelines, Appendix F) is available for review before the BHA Board of Directors' approval at the November board meeting. Go to [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news).

## Golf Cart Insurance

As some property owners have unfortunately learned, golf carts should be insured on a car insurance policy, not a homeowner's insurance policy. On a homeowner's insurance policy, coverage typically begins above one foot, once you walk in the front door of your home.

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## Re-CYCLE BHI Wrap-up

By Sharon McCoy

Last Spring a dedicated group of Chapel volunteers set out on a mission — to collect used bicycles from Bald Head Island residents, provide for their repair and restoration and see that they were distributed to those who would want and appreciate them. The inspiration and leadership source for the group’s efforts was the Bicycle Man Community Outreach Projects of Fayetteville (BMCOPF).

To say the local project, aptly named Re-CYCLE BHI, was a success is an understatement. As of today, Re-CYCLE has collected over 500 bikes and, with the help of local sponsors, delivered them to Fayetteville for rehabilitation. Those 500 represent an increase of over one-third of the total number of bikes donated by BMCOPF last year.

The Bicycle Man project was founded by Moses Mathis in 1991. He had refurbished a junkyard bike as a teen and remembered the happiness the bike brought him. After helping a local boy repair his own dilapidated bike, the Bicycle Man came to be. As his efforts became known, he recruited volunteers to help refurbish bikes and donors to supply new and used ones. When Moses passed away in 2013, his wife, Ann, vowed to continue his efforts. Last year over 1,300 bikes were donated to children, people with mental challenges, senior citizens and those who work and but are in need of support.

The work is done in a warehouse in Fayetteville, where for months volunteers work eight-hour days. The distribution

happens in December, when each recipient chooses his or her own bike. They also receive a helmet and gift bag containing a winter coat and hat and other necessities.

On Bald Head Island, residents drop off bikes in container #14 behind the contractors’ parking lot. Then, with the help of Public Works employees and Chapel volunteers, the bikes are loaded onto a BHI Club truck and transported to Fayetteville. Success was only possible through the support of project sponsors, including not only Public Works and Contractor Services, but the Bald Head Island Club, Island Hardware, Maritime Market, Bald Head Association, Bald Head Island Limited Shipping and Receiving and Tram Services, Riverside Adventure Co., Wendy

**Please note:** DO NOT place bicycles you wish to dispose of in storm debris piles at the roadside. Re-CYCLE can reuse these valuable assets to help children in need. Every single part of donated bicycles is reused in some way, even if it was affected by Hurricane Florence’s floodwaters. Until Public Works can begin accepting bicycle donations in container #14 behind the contractors’ parking lot again, hold on to them. Updates on future collection methods will be forthcoming.

Wilmot Properties and the Inn at Bald Head Island.

Future efforts may include expanding the project to include Southport and/or collecting computer equipment, which the BMCOPF also collects, restores and distributes.

Ann Mathis is scheduled to visit BHI and thank Re-CYCLE donors at the Chapel worship service on Sunday, November 4, followed by a reception afterwards. All are welcome.

Gayle Sanders ([gaylesanders@mail.com](mailto:gaylesanders@mail.com)) and Anne Rex ([anne.e.rex@hotmail.com](mailto:anne.e.rex@hotmail.com)) head up Re-CYCLE BHI. For more information about future directions or how to donate, please contact them.

## Identify This Creature on BHI



This creature was photographed and submitted by Sandi Riegert at Keeper’s Landing on BHI in September 2018.

She believed it to be an Eastern Eyed Click Beetle, which was confirmed. The two large “eyespots” simultaneously mesmerize and distract. They

make the insect appear larger, so predators won’t attack. They get their name from the sound they make when they flip themselves upright.

Do you have an interesting creature you have photographed on Bald Head Island that you would like help identifying? Email [Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

## Village Island Package Center (IPC)

It’s holiday time! That means that many packages will both be sent and received at BHI Village IPC. If you’re waiting in line, please practice patience. Chat with others, write a poem in your head or just smile wide.

According to the BHI Village, its IPC is projected to receive an estimated 29,500 inbound packages throughout its 2018-2019 fiscal year. This is a continued 16.6% projected increase through FY 2015-2016 to present and includes UPS, FedEx and USPS packages.



**We are excited to announce our return to Bald Head Island this winter!**

**Todd Stephenson, our Consulting Arborist, is currently meeting with clients on the island.**

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## In the Wake of Hurricane Florence

After Hurricane Florence hit Bald Head Island in September 2018 with its Category I winds and excessive rains, many trees, limbs and understory were unfortunately affected, and many homes suffered damage and require repairs. Following a disaster, Bald Head Association understands the urgency of handling post-storm damage.

Like life, there is a need for balance, especially on a barrier island, which presents its own unique situations. Bald Head Association (BHA) has a responsibility to uphold the Unified Design Guidelines for the preservation, maintenance and thoughtful development of BHI, in keeping with the original vision to “Live in harmony with nature” that The Generator Society created. BHA is committed to cultivating a unique quality of life and to preserving the ageless appeal of BHI for generations to come.

Responding to property owner needs in the wake of Hurricane Florence, BHA has developed interim solutions for streamlining and expediting damage-related requests pertaining to trees and landscape, as well as exterior structure repairs.

### Trees and Landscape

All Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Design Guidelines, including guidelines for trees, limbs and understory, remain in place. However, BHA understands the need for a more immediate response to public safety issues. There are three levels of dealing with post-storm trees and landscape issues.

**1. EMERGENCY LEVEL I** — If a tree or limb on your property presents a safety hazard to a structure, walkway or driveway, take a photo before and after removal work is completed and email the photos, BHI address and your contact



## ARC Corner

information to Karen at ARC ([Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com)). When appropriate, owners of forest lots are encouraged to give much needed support to the fragile Bald Head Island eco-system by allowing felled and broken trees to remain. These trees provide essential habitat for the island’s insects, birds and wildlife.

**2. SPECIAL ARC REVIEW LEVEL II** — Damaged trees that are located in areas not safety critical require ARC review and approval prior to removal, and ARC will deal with storm-related issues in an expedited manner. During October and November, ARC will facilitate interim reviews to address certain storm-related changes concerning trees and landscape, where it would cause hardship to wait for the regularly scheduled ARC meeting. Call the ARC office at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 (Karen) or ext. 23 (Julie).

**3. REGULAR ARC REVIEW LEVEL III** — All other BHA Design Guidelines regarding trees and landscaping must be followed, including rules pertaining to vacant lots. Use the regular ARC submittal process for this level of trees and landscape issues.

**Do NOT** assume you own the land behind your home. A majority of homes abut Common Area, which is managed by BHA (except for the Harbour area). In 2018 alone, numerous property owners have incurred major fines and mitigation fees for executing unauthorized tree work on BHA Common Area. One property owner cut down 20 large trees for a golf course view without first consulting BHA and now faces significant mitigation costs.

### BHA-managed Multi-family/“Drip-Edge” Communities (located in former Stage II)

Homeowners do not own the land around their homes in these neighborhoods. This surrounding land is owned and managed by BHA, and all landscaping is done by landscape contractors hired by BHA. This includes all trimming, planting and tree removal. **Owners or other landscapers may not trim trees, bushes, vines, grasses, etc. around their homes.** If an owner feels that any vegetation needs to be trimmed or removed, contact the Bald Head Association for details.

Fallen trees and limbs posing a safety hazard in these communities have already been removed as of 10/3/18, and any non-safety critical trees and limbs are in the process of being handled. For questions, contact Ann VerMeulen at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or [Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

### For Reference — BHA Landscape Design Guidelines

“Canopy and Understory Trimming — The cutting of the forest canopy, or the thinning of its understory, may expose remaining vegetation to harmful salt-laden winds, resulting in damage. For this reason, cutting and thinning should be kept to an absolute minimum. In addition to the negative impacts of salt spray, removing vegetation from the understory to ‘open up’ one’s yard or landscape will also create new areas of light in the forest floor that cause vines and other plants that may not be

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## Historic Bald Head Island Creek Boat House

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Development and Special Event Coordinator

We at The Old Baldy Foundation are heavyhearted to report the destruction of the Bald Head Island Creek Boat House caused by this powerful storm. The boathouse, constructed circa 1915, was Bald Head's second site on the National

and supporters have shared vintage photos of the boat house. The Old Baldy Foundation invites you to contribute copies of photographs depicting the boat house to our organization's archives. Send a digital copy with a brief caption to [travis@oldbaldy.org](mailto:travis@oldbaldy.org). Together, we can preserve the legacy of the boat house for generations to come!

Register of Historic Places.

We are sad to lose this valuable piece of history that told the story of the U.S. Lighthouse Service and U.S. Life-Saving Service at Cape Fear.

We have seen many Bald Head Island residents and visitors express their sadness and love of this special piece of history. Many of our friends



## Old Baldy Christmas Tree Auction

The holidays are approaching! This means the Old Baldy Foundation's annual "Light Up The Holidays Christmas Tree Auction" is approaching.

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 23 from 5:00-7:00pm at The Bald Head Island Club for this family friendly event. Nibble on appetizers and sweets, sip hot and cold beverages for all ages, enjoy festive music and bid on dozens of beautifully decorated tabletop Christmas trees, all while supporting Old Baldy.

Interested in decorating a tree for the auction? Stop by the Old Baldy gift shop to pick up your tabletop tree. The decorated trees must be returned to Old Baldy by Wednesday, November 21 at 3:30pm or brought to the Bald Head Island Club on Friday, November 23 by 11 am. For more information visit [oldbaldy.org](http://oldbaldy.org).

## BHI Employee Appreciation Luncheon Rescheduled — Friday, November 9

Old Baldy has rescheduled the annual Employee Appreciation luncheon for Friday, November 9, from 12:00-3:00pm. Every year this luncheon is hosted in September to thank the Bald Head Island workforce for everything they do during year. Hurricane Florence and her aftermath forced us to postpone this special event. All of our service providers have been working tirelessly in difficult conditions to get Bald Head Island back on its feet while dealing with their own personal losses from Hurricane Florence.

We would like to encourage participation, support and donations from the Island community. Because all of our frozen barbecue was lost to Hurricane Florence, we will be starting from scratch this year. We are in need of food donations, monetary donations, door prizes and volunteers. Last year we were able to give away a Flat Screen TV, a Calcutta Cooler, Amazon Gift Cards and feed about 200 people. Please reach out to [abby@oldbaldy.org](mailto:abby@oldbaldy.org) for ways to get involved and show our Island workers our appreciation!



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## In Memory of Mary Munroe

Siobhan Munroe

For more than 25 years, our mother, Mary, packed her husband, four children, and at least two dogs to spend summers and holidays at the oasis we call Bald Head. If you knew Mary, Bald Head Island was much more than a beautiful vacation spot. It meant the family Olympics, the Fourth of July parade, late-night swimming at the BHI Club or Shoal's Club and, of course, meeting young families that reminded her of her own.

We have so many fond memories at Bald Head Island because of her hard work and dedication to real estate. Through real estate, Mary met lifetime friends and helped new families begin their own family traditions at Bald Head Island. Most remember her long phone conversations, her nursing advice or even advice for the best beach for the day. Although her children and husband were so important to her, the grandchildren always grabbed all of her attention. We are so blessed to have received so much love through the BHI community. Mary is surely smiling down with her coffee in hand.



L-r: Mary and Bob. Siobhan with her mom for a Turtle Trot.

*With much love and gratitude,  
The Munroe Family*

## Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show & Sale

Sherry Becker, Publicity Chair, The Smith Island Art League (SIAL)

The Smith Island Art League of Bald Head Island will hold its annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show and Sale on Friday, November 23, and Saturday, November 24, 2018, in the Generator Society Room at the Bald Head Association Center, 111 Lighthouse Wynd (to the right of the Chapel). The show is

open to the public with free admission from 10:00am to 5:00pm each day. For more information, contact Prudy Weaver at 704-907-4287 or [pweaver2@carolina.rr.com](mailto:pweaver2@carolina.rr.com). Art League members show a variety of styles and mediums such as ceramics, oil and watercolor paintings, cards, prints, jewelry, fabric art, clay works, photography and more. Learn about SIAL and its artists at [www.SmithIslandArtLeague.com](http://www.SmithIslandArtLeague.com).



# SEA TURTLES

Bald Head Island, North Carolina

**23** UNIQUE INDIVIDUAL MOMS

39% OF THOSE WERE NEW MOTHERS TO BHI

**HIGHEST NESTERS** 1 2 3 4 5  
three moms BILLIE CAROLINE UNNAMED

**BILLIE'S STATS**  
MOST EGGS IN ONE NEST: 164

**BEST MOM** 143 MOST HATCHINGS FROM ONE NEST 96% AVERAGE HATCHING SUCCESS

14% OF NESTS WERE RELOCATED TOO CLOSE TO HIGH TIDE

**Hurricane Florence IMPACT**

HATCHED BEFORE STORM	2	2
DROWNED	2	2
UNKNOWN	2	2
COYOTES SUSPECTED	2	2
WASHED AWAY	2	2

100% OF NESTS WERE ADOPTED THROUGH ADOPT-A-PROGRAM

**4** LEGACY SEA TURTLES NESTED BILLIE LISA CAROLINE CARETTA

76 FALSE CRAWLS

52 NESTS

# of Nests Per Beach

South Beach	27
East Beach	20
West Beach	5

Times Nests Were Laid

9:00PM - 12:00AM	27
12:00AM - 3:00AM	20
3:00AM - 6:00AM	5

**73%** HATCHING SUCCESS RATE

**4,400** hatchlings WENT TO SEA FROM BHI

NESTS LAID BY NEW & RETURNING MOMS 27%

NEW MOMS 73% RETURNING MOMS

## Thanksgiving Dinners on BHI

Are you spending Thanksgiving on Bald Head Island? If you don't want to cook, there are three options available this year. The Bald Head Island Club is offering a Thanksgiving Catered Menu. Place your order for a turkey and/or all the fixings and enjoy it in your own home. Email orders to [jdibiaggio@bhiclub.net](mailto:jdibiaggio@bhiclub.net). All orders must be placed by Tuesday, November 12, 2018, by 5:00pm. The Maritime Market is offering fresh, whole turkeys; spiral hams, prime tenderloins, sides and the "Whole Shebang" turkey dinners. Order early at [www.MaritimeMarketBHI.com/thanksgiving.aspx](http://www.MaritimeMarketBHI.com/thanksgiving.aspx). Mojo's is offering Thanksgiving dinner. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. Call 910-457-7217 or visit [www.MojosOnTheHarbor.com](http://www.MojosOnTheHarbor.com).

## SOIIF Hunger Walk — Donations Requested

The previously scheduled SOIIF (Southport/Oak Island Interfaith Fellowship) Hunger Walk in October was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence. With the food bank very low and with post-storm additional needs, SOIIF is requesting cash donations. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to SOIIF, PO Box 711, Oak Island, NC 28465. Thank you!



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so deep that Newman, Shaw and Harris [Public Safety officers and Public Works employee] boated in with a flat-bottom boat to check on a person who stayed on the island.

When we tried to use a backhoe, the water went over the tires, so that, also, was a disappointment. On to Stede Bonnet Wynd. We only made it to the first part of the golf course when water came up to the side windows of the trucks and the trees also blocked the road. Federal Road (for those of you who worked the ice storm) was blocked on both sides of the road plus a new twist — it was FLOODED — water was so deep, the backhoe took water over the battery box. So, all of East Beach Drive was blocked and all of South Bald Head Wynd was blocked. That was day one.

#### Day 2

We made it through the water past the barge landing to get to the lighthouse, only to stop and let a fish swim by. Yes, that's the truth, but it did lighten the mood for us a little. Setting pumps was first priority and trying to drain water as fast as we could. Then more setbacks, with one large truck blowing an engine. We're trying to keep our building [Public Safety Complex] in order. Barger and Newman [Public Safety officers] cut some trees off the drive area and grounds. Plus, we swept the floors and emptied the trash, got the leaf blower and cleaned out the bays.

#### Day 3

We used the drone to film part of the island which showed us what we were up against. I think we were all surprised


at what we saw. Over half of SBHW was under water. The Club was an island, as were the condos. All the Public Works and Public Utilities [staff] were busy putting in pumps to try to move water. A 6-foot pump was put at the lighthouse to make it easier to get back to the marina. Lighthouse Wynd is closed, due to the road washing out. And that pump also drained water off of Captain Charlie. And the day went on with ups and downs, trying to get from one side of the island to the other.

#### Day 4

Arrived on the island with lots of chainsaws and people to run them. Slow and steady, trying to clear the roads but still having problems with the amount of water on the island. Public Safety has been running escort and assigned to workers, so we have communication with everyone on the island. The hard part is trying to keep up with where everyone is. And to make sure they're safe. Still deep water, but we're making headway. Power is still out, as well as water and sewer, but Ken has pushed water to Public Safety, so we can flush toilets and wash our hands as well as take a shower if you fall in this nasty water (and the water is nasty). NC Wildlife and NC Marine Fishery has sent two boats to patrol our marina and creek to keep unwanted guests out. That allowed our PSOs [Public Safety Officers] to do other things than watch the marina. The marina was closed by BHI until.

So that's where we are at this time. Tomorrow is a new day with a new crew. I hope to see all of you soon. Be safe. ”

#### BHI Kindness, Gratitude, Compassion and Appreciation — the “Humane” in Humans Is Showing

Following Hurricane Florence's devastation, many people showed a truly beautiful side of human potential, helping people and their community in the wake of a disaster. A group of volunteers started a website to help homeowners exchange information and resources, such as cleaning out your refrigerator and home- and cart-sharing programs during post-storm cleanup ([bhicomunity.com](http://bhicomunity.com)). There are property owners buying Maritime Market gift cards and handing to individual FEMA crews around BHI. Property owners are sharing homes and golf carts with others during cleanups and repairs. Even a golf cart ride from the harbor to a homeowner seeing his kayak and property for the first time since the storm helps. Do you have a story to share? Email [Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com). 



Photos courtesy Village of BHI.



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wanted to take hold. This will also eliminate habitat that supports an interesting variety of wildlife. No canopy or understory trimming and no vegetation removal are allowed on unimproved (vacant) lots. The practice of tree topping is not permitted.”

**Know Your Property Lines**

- Any plans for changes to trees and landscape on your property must first be submitted and receive authorization from ARC before any work begins.
- **Do NOT assume!** You may not own the property where you are looking to alter and, therefore, cannot make any changes.
- Bald Head Association and the Village of BHI may be able to help with property line information.

**Common Area**

- BHA owns and maintains all Common Areas on BHI (except for Harbor area).
- Property owners cannot alter anything on Common Area unless prior permission from the BHA Board of Directors is received.
- Most homes on BHI have Common Area behind and/or beside their property line.
- Of all of the homes abutting the golf course, only five homes do not have Common Area between the property and the golf course.

**Exterior Structure Repairs**

All Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Design Guidelines remain in place. However, BHA understands the need for a more immediate response to public safety issues and storm-related damage.

During October and November, ARC will facilitate interim reviews to address certain storm-related changes such as roof materials and/or paint colors. These interim reviews are available for storm-related submittals that would cause hardship to wait for the regularly scheduled ARC meeting. Fees for storm-related submittals may be waived. Call the ARC Office to begin this process.

**Repairing and/or Rebuilding with “Like-Kind” Versus New Materials — ARC Process**

Keep in mind that an ARC Review submittal is not required to repair and/or rebuild previously approved items (existing) that have been damaged with like-kind materials and details.

For example, replacing a damaged window with the same type of window does not require an ARC Review. However, if you want to replace windows with a different style or design, then an application must be submitted to the ARC for review at a regularly scheduled meeting. This is consistent with the Bald Head Association Design Guidelines.

**Requirements of the ARC Submittal Process**

1. Complete application submittals must be received by 4:00pm, 14 days before the regularly scheduled ARC meeting.
2. Application submittals received after this specified deadline will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled ARC meeting.
3. Incomplete application submittals will not be included on the ARC agenda.

**Post-Hurricane Florence Temporary, Portable Storage Containers (TPSC) Allowed on BHI. See Guidelines at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com), under Hurricane Florence — Resources for Property Owners.**

**There will be no ARC meetings for Section B in December 2018 and Section A in January 2019.**

**November**

Vet Clinic	11/1/2018	9am
ARC–A Meeting	11/2/2018	9am
Daylight Saving Time Ends	11/4/2018	2am
Re-CYCLE Speaker & Reception	11/4/2018	9:30am
Book Club	11/5/2018	10am
Election Day	11/6/2018	
Ladies Bible Study	11/6/2018	1:00pm
Men’s Bible Study	11/9/2018	8am
Employee Appreciation Luncheon	11/9/2018	12pm
BHA Board Meeting	11/9/2018	2pm
Veterans Day Observed	11/11/2018	
BHA Office Closed	11/12/2018	
Card Class	11/13/2018	2pm
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	11/14/2018	10am
Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	11/14/2018	10-11am
ARC–B Meeting	11/16/2018	9am
VBHI — Work Session	11/16/2018	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	11/16/2018	2:30pm
Ladies Bible Study	11/20/2018	1:00pm
Thanksgiving	11/22/2018	
BHA Office Closed	11/22/2018 - 11/23/2018	
Men’s Bible Study	11/23/2018	8am
Old Baldy Christmas Tree Auction	11/23/2018	5pm
SIAL Art Show & Sale	11-23/2018 - 11/24/2018	10am
Howl at the Moon (“Beaver Moon”)	11/23/2018	5:30pm
Flora’s Bluff/Killegray Ridge Sub-Assoc.	11/24/2018	10am
Fall Litter Sweep	11/25/2018	11am

**SAVE THE DATE in December:**

Hanukkah	12/2/2018	
Community Potluck Dinner	12/3/2018	5:30pm
ARC–A Meeting	12/7/2018	9am
BHA Open House	12/7/2018	12pm
Men’s Bible Study	12/14/2018	8am
BHA Board Meeting	12/14/2018	2pm
Book Club (Holiday Location)	12/10/2018	10am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	12/12/2018	10am
VBHI — Work Session	12/14/2018	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	12/14/2018	2:30pm
First Day of Winter	12/21/2018	
Howl at the Moon (“Cold Moon”)	12/22/2018	5:30pm
Christmas Eve Chapel Services	12/24/2018	5pm & 7pm
Christmas	12/25/2018	
BHA Office Closed	12/24/2018 - 12/25/2018	
Men’s Bible Study	12/28/2018	8am
New Hope Auction	12/30/2018	5pm
New Year’s Eve	12/31/2018	

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# November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)  <b>Vet Clinic</b> 9:00am (PSC)	<b>2 ARC — A Mtg.</b> 9am (AC/B)  <b>ARC - B</b> Submission Deadline	<b>3</b>
<b>4 8:30am</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt</b> <i>Presbyterian</i>	<b>5 Book Club</b> 10:00am (AC)  <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>6 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)  <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 1:00pm (VC)  <b>Election Day</b>	<b>7 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)  <b>VBHI — Transportation</b> 10:00am (PSC)	<b>8 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>9 Men's Bible Study</b> 8am (AC/B)  <b>Employee Appreciation Luncheon</b> 12:00pm (OB)  <b>BHA Board Mtg.</b> 2pm (AC/B)	<b>10</b>
<b>11 8:30am</b> <b>Rev. Edward Hillman</b> <i>Methodist</i>  <b>Veterans Day</b>	<b>12 BHA Office Closed</b> <b>(Veterans Day Observed)</b>	<b>13 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)  <b>Card Class</b> 2:00pm (AC)	<b>14 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)  <b>Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test</b> 10:00-11:00am	<b>15 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>16 ARC — B Mtg.</b> 9am (AC/B)  <b>VBHI Council Work Session</b> 9:30am (PSC)  <b>VBHI Council Mtg</b> 2:30pm (PSC)	<b>17</b>
<b>18 8:30am</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Robert Sims</b> <i>Lutheran</i>	<b>19 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)  <b>ARC - A Submission Deadline</b>	<b>20 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)  <b>Ladies Bible Study</b> 1:00pm (VC)	<b>21 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>22 BHA Office Closed</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>  9:30am <b>Rev. Shawn Blackwelder</b> <i>Methodist (AC)</i>	<b>23 BHA Office Closed</b>  <b>SIAL Art Show &amp; Sale</b> 10:00am (AC) <b>Christmas Tree Auction</b> 5:00pm (Club) <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 5:30pm (Access 39)	<b>24 SIAL Art Show &amp; Sale</b> 10:00am (AC)  <b>Flora' Bluff/ Killegray Ridge Sub-Association Meeting</b> 10:00am (AC/B)
<b>25 8:30am</b> <b>Rev. Shawn Blackwelder</b> <i>Methodist</i>  <b>Litter Sweep</b> 11:00am (AC)	<b>26 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>27 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>28 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>29 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>30</b>	



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 OB (Old Baldy)  
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 RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)  
 VC (Village Chapel)

**Standing Events:**

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- 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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