



*Bald Head Association*

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## President's Letter ~ Judy Porter Progress in Motion

At the May meeting of your BHA Board of Directors, I was excited and pleased to hear the committee reports which are presented at every regular meeting to track progress on our goals for the year. We have a number of hardworking volunteers serving on various committees. They deserve our thanks and appreciation!

The Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee's work will help make it possible for us to open the expanded Boat Park this month. They have held meetings with the BHI Conservancy to schedule weekly litter sweeps as we get into our busy summer season and have started a "No Litter" campaign in conjunction with the Village. The RCB Committee also manages the Community Garden. Stop by this project on North Bald Head Wynd and see what the gardeners are growing!

The Finance Committee has been working on the many changes that need to be made for our merged BHA. Our annual audit is beginning, with no anticipated problems.

The Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee has a number of exciting events planned for the summer. They will sponsor Zumba, in addition to Yoga and Pilates. This committee has taken over sponsorship of the Island's Book Club, which will begin meeting at the Association Center in June. Later this month, a list of next year's books will be available. A new event, which will take place in July, will provide an opportunity for enthusiasts to take part in a Sand Sculpture Contest.



The Strategic Planning & Long Range Projects (SPLRP) Committee has been working with other Island entities to develop an historic district including Old Baldy, the Chapel, the Village of BHI, BHA and the Battery Four site. They have also continued to promote their BHA Mobile App for your mobile devices.

You have probably noticed a lot of construction on the Island. All of these projects, and others not so noticeable, have required many

hours of review and study by the ARC.

The BHA Board is still working on setting policies. We have found that two different associations over the years had developed differences in how they handled things. This has required a need to have some revised policies that are fair and easily understandable.

If you are reading this letter, you are obviously receiving the *Island Report*. This is a great monthly publication full of information important to BHA property owners. For news, timely updates, guidelines and happenings at your Association, visit our website regularly ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com)). For weekly news updates, sign up for Carrie's "Friday E-blast," which is delivered right to you. Information at your fingertips is also available on the BHA Mobile App ([www.BHAMobile.com](http://www.BHAMobile.com)).

As always, if you have any questions, ideas 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).



### Vision 2025 Framework for the Future — Goal 1

*By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island*

Bald Head Island has been featured in many magazine articles and even international lists of best beaches and vacation spots. The attractive elements highlighted in these publications are the same as those identified in **Vision 2025** — tranquility, the escape from the rat race of life on the mainland, the exquisite natural environment and no cars. Preserving the features that attracted us to this wonderful place while accommodating continued growth has posed some challenges. The **Vision 2025** process attempted to identify intrinsic unique qualities and values that merit preservation.

The first goal of **Vision 2025** is to develop education programs for all Island stakeholders — residents, business owners and visitors — that encourage a low impact on the environment and respect for living in harmony with nature. This is being addressed in multiple ways. Last year, the Village Communications Committee designed a handout that highlights the top rules that all islanders and visitors should know and follow. BHA is currently developing a piece inspired by property

owner input which will inform and educate new owners and others who visit. The newly formed Village Environmental Task Force is working on a host of ideas to bring the Island into the 21<sup>st</sup> century of environmental consciousness.

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## Unauthorized Removal of Trees and Vegetation

Everyone falls in love with the natural beauty of Bald Head Island. To lessen the human impact on this delicate ecology balance so that BHI remains a natural wonder for future generations to enjoy, guidelines for everyone to adhere to are necessary. That is why the BHA Unified Design Guidelines were created and are enforced.

Every property owner should familiarize themselves with these guidelines. They are on the BHA website homepage ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com)), just below the current *Island Report* link on the right side. If you have a landscape contractor performing work on your property, ensure that the contractor and all workers know the guidelines. (And make sure all workers contain any litter, as well.)

The property owner is the responsible party for any fines and/or mitigation costs for unauthorized removal of trees and vegetation. To date in 2018, over \$6,000 in fines has been assessed, with additional fines and mitigation costs forthcoming. Don't let this be you — read the Landscape Guidelines within the Unified Design Guidelines today. If you have any questions, contact the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) at 910-457-4676, ext. 22.

The BHA Unified Design Guidelines cover specific information about what property owners can and cannot trim or cut on their property. Of utmost importance is to know where your lot lines are located — check your survey. If you don't have a survey, check to see if BHA or the Village of BHI has one on file.

Any alteration on BHA common area requires permission from the Board of Directors or its designated committee.

Following is the BHA guideline pertaining to "Unauthorized Removal of Trees and Vegetation."

*The unauthorized removal of trees or clustered growth on any property is considered a serious event and violation. Both Village Ordinance and Association Design Guidelines restrict removal of trees and clustered growth. In some cases you are required to get only ARC approval and in others you need both ARC and Village approval. Regarding the removal of trees, tree limbs, vegetation and clustered growth, in some instances the Association Design Guidelines requirements are stricter than the Village Ordinance. Failure to get*

*ARC approval prior to removal may result in fines and mitigation.*

*ARC approval is required for the removal of trees 3 inches in diameter and understory vegetation 1 inch or greater in diameter measured 48 inches along the trunk from ground level, tree limbs of 3 inches or more in diameter and clustered growth vegetation two square feet or more at ground level regardless of branching habits or diameter.*

*Village Ordinance provides that removal of any tree or trees 3 inches or greater in diameter at 48 inches above grade requires permission and/or a landscape permit from the Village Building Inspector, even if the tree is determined to be dead or diseased. Per Village Ordinance, removal of branches of 5 inches or more in diameter also requires Village approval.*

*Please see Appendix H in the Unified Design Guidelines for the Village Ordinance on tree cutting and removal.*

*The ARC supports the process in the Village Ordinance but also requires its own approvals. Those removing trees or branches without first obtaining ARC approval and/or Village approval and landscaping permit will be required to obtain a Village landscaping permit, pay the required fine, and mitigate loss of such tree or trees. The Village Ordinance allows the Village to assess fines of \$500 per inch of diameter at 48 inches above grade of the cut tree. ARC fines may be imposed and in some cases they may be levied in addition to Village fines.*

*If mitigation is required, the property owner may be required to plant a tree(s) of like kind and of the same size as the cut tree(s) within 180 days of the fine, guaranteeing the tree to survive for one year after the planting date.*

*Removal or altering vegetation of any size on Common Area requires permission of the Board of Directors or its designated committee. Violation of this requirement may result in penalties and fines being imposed for trespassing/vandalism of private property, as authorized by the Village Ordinances.*




### Island Treasures

BHI's Only Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, June 9**

9:00am-2:00pm

Generator Society Hall at Bald Head Association Center

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### Zumba Fitness

**Starts Tuesday, June 12**

Tuesdays 9:00-10:00am

Generator Society Hall at Bald Head Association Center

## Creating a BHI Historic District

By Kit Adcock

The BHA Strategic Planning and Long Range Projects (SPLRP) Committee has made a proposal to the Village to create a formal historic district in the Lighthouse Wynd area. With the guidance of landscape architect and Island property owner Brian Jenest, the concept has become a real plan.

Everyone who visits Bald Head Island spends time in this area. The highlight, of course, is Old Baldy. Yet, the charm of the Village Chapel, Village Hall, Post Office and Island Package Center, Bald Head Association Center and a visit to Battery 4 at Fort Holmes complete the circuit. For many day-trip guests, this is the only part of the Island they see. Creating common visual elements, along with standards to further unify the area, could easily be accomplished through an historic district overlay.

The plan, as it stands, calls for a continuation of the white fencing that currently exists on many of the properties. Common signage on posts would identify each parcel or business at its entry from the sidewalk or street. Entry “monuments,” currently drawn as small obelisk-type structures, would designate the area’s boundaries.

The absence of public restrooms in this Island destination has caused significant challenges for those in need, as well as for organizations like Old Baldy, whose limited restroom facilities were designed with only paying lighthouse visitors in mind. Significant costs are incurred by the Old Baldy Foundation to maintain their limited facilities for the general public. Furthermore, the availability of water fountains, shade or coverage from inclement weather and seating in this area is limited or non-existent.

As part of the long-term plan, several amenities and improvements have been suggested. The addition of a gazebo with built-in seating, public restrooms, a water fountain and picnic tables are proposed for the public space across from Old Baldy, beside the post office. Another issue discussed is the possible reconfiguration of the roadway intersection of West and North Bald Head Wynds, the wooden bridge and Lighthouse Wynd. The concept being considered is a large, vegetated traffic circle or oval to eliminate all the stop signs and to create a visually attractive and welcoming

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## Letter to the Editor: The Best- Or Worst-Kept Secret on Bald Head Island — Lyme Disease

By Mary Michels

Bald Head Island is a very special place that both owners and visitors have come to love and enjoy. However, there is a danger lurking on the Island which is rarely talked about and which we need to better educate property owners, employees, contractors, visitors, guests and renters about. That danger is Lyme Disease.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that Lyme Disease has been diagnosed in every state except Hawaii. Lyme Disease is currently contracted by an estimated 300,000 Americans per year. Dr. Novena Zubcevik, attending physician at Harvard Medical School and co-director of Dean Center for Tick-borne Illness at Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown, MA, said, “Recent research debunks several commonly held beliefs about the transmission and treatment of tick-borne diseases. The conception that the tick must be attached for 48 hours to inject the bacteria is completely outdated. There are studies that show that an attachment of 15 minutes can infect some strains of tick-borne disease.” No Lyme vaccine is readily available for humans, though one is available for pets. The vaccine for humans was once available but discontinued due to insufficient consumer demand.

“The bull’s-eye rash only happens 20% of the time,” Zubcevik said. It can often look like a spider bite or a bruise. Lyme Disease is often misdiagnosed as many different illnesses such as the flu, chronic fatigue, arthritis, fibromyalgia, migraines, dementia and Alzheimer’s

Disease. It can also be misdiagnosed as ADHD in children. Parents should know that Lyme Disease presents differently in children than it does in adults. Dr. Zubcevik stated, “71% of the time, headache is the most common symptom in children. If they are suddenly acting up in school, get them tested.” Dr. Zubcevik said research has shown there are 10 different strains of Lyme disease in the United States, and many of them do not test positive on the traditional Western blot or ELISA tests.

Lyme Disease does exist on Bald Head Island. Both residents and visitors have been diagnosed with Lyme Disease. We are a pet-friendly Island, and while most pets are protected with insect repellent collars, ticks can still use them as a transportation system to travel to and around the Island. With a deer population estimated at 200+ on Bald Head Island, ticks on the Island have a great transportation system for moving from a visiting pet to the Maritime forest, to the Sea Oats by the beach, to the grasses on the golf course, to your front yard. Island residents and visitors should use an insect repellent with Deet and wear clothing to protect themselves against ticks. Check each other, and especially children, for ticks every day. Alert Island visitors to the danger of Lyme Disease on BHI since symptoms often do not appear until they have left the Island.



### Who Do I Call? Debris Pick Up

The Village of Bald Head Island provides no-cost vegetative debris pick up for debris created by property owners. The debris can be placed in front of your property, and Public Works staff will pick it up once you call to notify them. You must call Public Works at 910-457-5422 to schedule a pick up. Debris created by landscapers or contractors, however, must be dropped off at the Mulch Site on North Bald Head Wynd by the landscaper/contractor.

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## From the Village Bond Referendum Update

By Chris McCall, BHI Village Manager

**Council Meeting Date Change:** The Village Council Work Session and Regular Meeting for the month of June has been changed to Wednesday, June 27. Work Session begins at 9:30am, and the Regular Meeting begins at 2:30pm. At this meeting, Council expects to discuss the fiscal year 2018-19 annual budget, among other items.

The bond referendum for beach renourishment passed. Voter approval was 86 voting “Yes” and 15 voting “No,” with an 85% approval rate. The approval allows the Village to borrow the \$6M in addition to the \$9.5M capacity that remains available from the bond approval in 2014, of which a portion was used to construct the terminal groin, extend the marina channel entrance jetty walls with the spurs and install the breakwater structures along Row Boat Row shoreline. These are all shoreline protection-related projects.

The bond referendum and approval is but one significant hurdle in a much larger complex process, and the Village continues to work in securing a few remaining permits required of state and federal regulatory agencies to include the Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps permit”), which should be fairly soon. In addition, we will have to work through the formal bid process later this summer to secure a prospective dredging contractor that will perform the work, which will take place later this winter on into the early spring of 2019 (March-April).

## State of Construction on Bald Head Island

By Stephen Boyett

Over the past couple of years, construction has been robust in Brunswick County as well as on Bald Head Island. While this activity represents the interests of those wishing to be a part of this great community, it does create some challenges. The Development Services Department strives to meet the needs of the development community and property owners while maintaining the unique nature of the Island. It is important for the designers, contractors and property owners to understand the Island’s mission to live in harmony with nature to the maximum extent possible. In keeping with the Island’s mission means leaving as much of the native vegetation in place as possible, having baffled exterior lights and minimal usage of internal combustion vehicles.

Another effect of the increased demand for construction is the surge of new contractors working on the Island. While there is a need for more construction providers to meet the demand, it is important that property owners hire contractors that are properly licensed and insured in North Carolina. A person must hold a North Carolina License to perform any of the following:

- General Contractor — if cost of job, including labor and material, exceeds \$30,000.

- Plumbing License — if they are repairing, replacing or altering any plumbing lines.
- Mechanical License — if they are repairing, replacing or altering any mechanical lines or systems.
- Electrical License — if they are repairing, replacing or altering any electrical lines or fixtures.

It is vital as a homeowner that if a project at your property meets any of those criteria, you hire a licensed individual. Hiring the proper licensed and insured contractor will ensure a higher probability the work will be correct, and any future disputes can be handled by the North Carolina Licensing Board. Hiring non-licensed entities to perform work on your home may vacate the responsibility of insurance companies in the event there is an issue. In addition to ensuring that individuals are properly licensed, you also need to verify that they have the proper workers compensation insurance. If the individual hired — even if a license is not required — does not have a workers compensation policy, then you may be liable if there is an injury while working on your property.

So, you have a project that needs to be completed at your home.

What should you do? Request a copy of the contractor’s license or perform a license search online at the NC State Board. Request proof of insurance and a copy of the Village Permit. Also, ensure that inspections have been performed before final payment. If there are any questions, please contact Stephen Boyett the Development Services Director at 910-457-6255 or [sboyett@villagebhi.org](mailto:sboyett@villagebhi.org).

### RECYCLE ALL TOGETHER

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Cardboard is collected separately. Please flatten before dropping into the designated bin.  
**PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!**  
 Return bags to grocery stores and participating retail stores for proper recycling.

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Please keep the following out to avoid contamination.

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- Household trash
- Disposable food trays, cups or cutlery

- Receipts
- Hardcover books
- Clothing or fabric
- Dishes or cookware (plates, cups, ceramics)

- Electronics
- Light bulbs
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- Liquid waste (paint, cleaners, etc.)

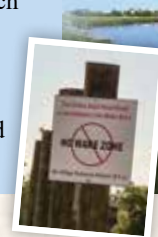
- Garden hoses
- Window or mirror glass
- Tires
- Construction debris or yard waste

## No Wake Zone — BHI Creek

The entire BHI Creek is a **No Wake Zone** by law. Not only are there safety issues for kayakers and paddle boarders, the creek is a nursery for estuarine species.

The **No Wake Zone** is meant to minimize creek bank erosion. More wake means more energy directed onto the shoreline, which means more loss of shoreline.

Please respect those who live and play on the creek.



## Heat, Humidity and Sun — Humans and Pets Need to Hydrate

Outdoor temperatures are rising, humidity is increasing and the sun is shining. It's a great time to enjoy the outdoors. It's also a good time to remind ourselves and loved ones about proper hydration. Dehydration can happen to anyone, but people who are elderly or have chronic diseases pose a higher risk.

Your body needs water and other fluids to function normally. Every day, in any type of weather, your body loses water through normal functioning processes like breathing, perspiring and urinating. Keeping well hydrated enables your body to work properly.

This increasingly hot, humid weather adds additional stress on your body, especially in full sun. And when you add exercise to the mix, it's important to be aware of how much water and other fluids you're intaking, in proper proportions.

People with added stresses on the body, such as the elderly and those with chronic diseases, need to pay close attention to the amount of water they're drinking. As we age, our thirst sensation may be diminished. Without feeling thirsty, you may not realize you're not drinking enough water each day. That's simply a matter of the aging process. And chronic diseases can affect how your body handles heat's additional stress.

Prevent dehydration by drinking enough water and eating plenty of foods with high water contents, such as fruits and vegetables. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends adults drink almost eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day. For certain chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, talk to your doctor first about how much fluid you require.

Always carry water with you. There are many reusable water bottle options for keeping water cool, even in extreme heat. Don't forget that your pets need extra water, too. If you're out with pets, carry extra water for them. Varieties of mobile water bowl options are available. And protect their paws from extreme heat on paved areas.

Reduce or strategically plan when you drink diuretic fluids containing alcohol or caffeine. That beer, coffee or tea tastes great, but they decrease your blood volume, so balance your water intake when you enjoy them. Read medication labels. Some medicines are diuretics. And medicines for blood pressure and other cardiac conditions can compound the effect of dehydration on blood pressure.

Plain water in excess can deplete your body of important electrolytes, so don't overdo it, either.

Mild dehydration symptoms may include: feeling faint, tired or dizzy; dry, sticky mouth; sleepiness; thirst; decreased urine; headache; or lightheadedness. Don't delay and don't deny. It's better to act quickly and drink some water to prevent the situation from worsening. Ask your physician for guidelines specifically for your health situation. For any emergency, call 911, and tell the dispatcher that you are on Bald Head Island.

Be safe this summer and drink your water!



## Village of BHI Proposes Slight Tax Increase for FY19

Village Manager Chris McCall presented to the Village Council a recommended budget of \$11,383,820 for fiscal year 2019 that includes varying reductions and cost efficiencies, as well as an increase of the budget's debt portion of the tax rate — a result of the recent bond referendum. The proposed overall tax rate for FY19 is \$.6863; \$.0908 and \$.0556 rates are proposed for MSD A and MSD B, respectively. These reflect increases of \$.02 Island-wide; \$.03 in MSD A and \$.025 in MSD B per \$100 of value.

The balanced budget, which state statute requires be approved by June 30<sup>th</sup> each year, funds the year's obligations for the recent purchases of Marina Park in the Harbour, development of the new Public Safety Complex and expansion of Contractor Services. One issue of concern to many property owners is the continued management of BHI's deer herd. With input from the BHI

Conservancy on the potential efficacy of the immunocontraception project, and coming off the heels of five years of relative harmony between the Village and property owners on how to manage the herd, the Village Council voted to include funds to apply for an operational permit to continue the program, and, if successful in receiving the permit, the Council will continue the immunocontraception method as a means to control the herd size, with a possible cull, if necessary.

The recommended budget will be considered for approval at the Council's June 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting being held at 2:30pm at BHA's Association Center.

The Village Manager's entire budget presentation and other items are on BHA's website at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news).



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## Island Book Club

By Betsi Stephen

The "Second Tuesday" Book Club is switching to the "Second Monday" Book Club.

A long-standing Island Book Club welcomes all readers! Starting in July, the Book Club will be meeting on the second Monday of each month, so in July the meeting will be July 9 at 10:00am in the Association Center. The club welcomes all on the Island, whether you are here for a week, a month, the summer, for a season or full-time. The book title for the monthly meeting will be announced in mid-June. Mark your calendars and please join us for a lively conversation.

The last club meeting on a Tuesday will be June 12, when the group will select the books for the coming year and will look for volunteers to lead the discussion each month. That meeting will be at 12:30pm in the Association Center. Bring your nominations for books to be read. Following that meeting, Marti Flanagan will announce the book selections for the entire year.

## Shag Dance Classes

Shag dance classes held in April were a great success! The BHA Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee announced that it will organize additional classes in the fall.



## Knitting and Needlepoint Project Lovers

By Pam Henson

Do you knit or know someone who does? How about crochet, counted cross stitch, rug hooking, needlepoint or embroidery? If it involves any type of needles and fabric, there's a group on Bald Head Island you should know about. All are welcome. Come for one visit or come every week.

When I visited this group recently, the first thing they told me was, "We're loud." They welcomed me in with a feeling of comradery and friendship. All had knitting or crochet projects to work on. Some were sharing tips, some were just catching up. They described themselves as a welcoming, fun group.

They shared some philosophical benefits of knitting and needlepoint work. "It's cheaper than therapy." "Plus," one added, "you have a concrete product at the end."

Giancarla was finishing up a crocheted blanket for BHI Public Safety to use for emergency transports on the ferry. The ladies shared about other charity knitting projects, such as infant "Red Hats," which are used for infants at New Hanover Hospital, and afghans made for service members attending BHI Warrior Weekend to Remember.

The ladies I met were Giancarla Helgesen, Florence McKeithan, Barbara Cook, Susan Naysnerski, Donna Patterson and Ronnie Willis. One started knitting when she was a young child, taught by nuns. Others started as early as 8 years old, up to high-school age. Several were taught by a mother or grandmother. And one lady just started a year ago.

This group meets every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30am, at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd, Bald Head Island).



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## Batty About Bats

By Emily Goetz

### Citizen Science Days: May 19 and June 21

Join the Bald Head Island Conservancy to learn about ways to get involved in local citizen science projects, like the Lost Ladybug Project, eBird and iNaturalist. These workshops are free and open to all ages. Kids are encouraged to participate!

### Bat Report

This April, a team of bat biologists from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) spent a week surveying for bats on Bald Head Island. While bats are often spotted at dusk and throughout the night, we have minimal information about the bats on the Island. The coast of North Carolina is home to 11 different species of bats, but only three species have been recorded on Bald Head Island — eastern red bat, Seminole bat, and northern yellow bat (in 2008, the most recent survey year on BHI). This spring, biologists once again mist-netted both eastern red and Seminole bats and heard calls from northern yellow bats.

While some people may have negative feelings about bats, they are enormously important and increasingly rare parts of our ecosystems. An individual bat can eat between 2,000 and 6,000 insects — including mosquitoes, moths and beetles — every single night. This is not only beneficial to those who want reduced mosquito populations, but also to farmers, who benefit from the natural pest control that bats provide.

While on Bald Head Island, WRC biologists utilized several methods of searching for both bat species and habitat. They searched for habitat such as tree cavities, Spanish moss and dead palmetto fronds, which bats roost in during the day. At dusk, just before bats flew out of their roost sites, the biologists set up “mist-nets,” fine mesh strung between tall poles, to capture bats as they left their daytime homes. They also used Anabat call detectors to record call frequencies and determine the species flying and echolocating overhead.

Once the biologists captured a bat in the mist-net, they recorded data about the size, sex and breeding status of the bat, then placed a



At left: eastern red bat.  
At right: Seminole bat.

small metal band with a unique code on its wing.

If this banded bat is ever captured again, scientists will be able to learn more about its lifespan and biological history. The bat biologists also looked for any damage to the bats' wings, which is a potential sign of white-nose syndrome, a devastating disease that has killed millions of bats in the eastern United States since its introduction in 2006.

Luckily for the bats of BHI, white-nose syndrome has yet to be found east of Winston-Salem here in North Carolina, due to the warmer climate and different roosting conditions along the coast. Because of the current absence of white-nose syndrome, eastern North Carolina and especially the undeveloped forests and marshes of Bald Head Island are increasingly important habitat sources for bats, as their populations decline precipitously in other parts of the state and country.

To help bat populations, Island residents can help preserve habitat for bats. This includes leaving dead palmetto fronds, Spanish moss on trees and maintaining native plants species around their homes. The Bald Head Island Conservancy hopes to coordinate with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission for future surveys. In the meantime, the Conservancy is in the process of establishing a bat citizen science project, where volunteers can help monitor bat roosting behavior and bat population estimates through both bat box building and acoustic monitoring efforts.

If you are interested in getting involved in bat citizen science projects, email [volunteer@bhic.org](mailto:volunteer@bhic.org).

## All BHI Lagoons:



## Home Stats on BHI

There are currently approximately 1,200 homes on Bald Head Island.

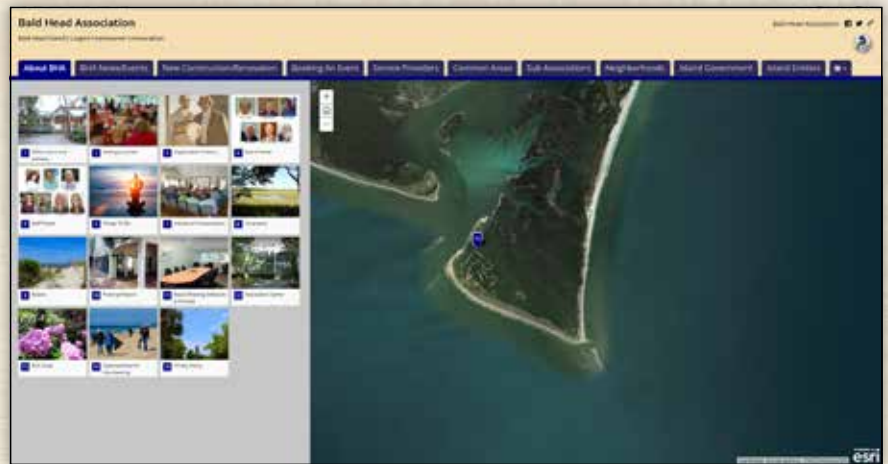
On average, 25-28 new homes are built each year.

Currently, 25 homes are under construction, with three new submittals in May 2018.

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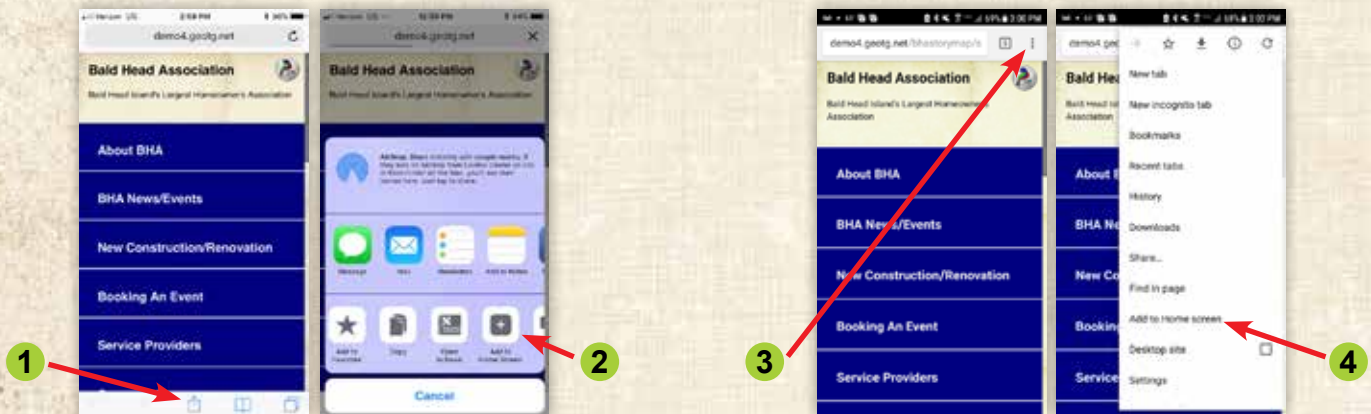
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## July 4th Golf Cart Parade

The Old Baldy Foundation is excited for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade! This event is a highlight of the summer, and we love seeing the many creative golf carts that join in on the fun. This year the themes will be Patriotic, Anything BHI and Tacky Tourist. Register your cart online at [www.ldbaldy.org](http://www.ldbaldy.org) for \$20. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00am, with the line-up of golf carts at 9:00am.



## BHI Warrior Weekend to Remember

By John Fisher

Thank you for helping make this year's BHI Warrior Weekend to Remember our best ever! Through the generosity of individuals like you, we continue to pay homage to wounded soldiers, their caregivers and their most deserving families.



Beginning in 2007 and held annually, Bald Head Island has provided a respite for wounded soldiers, along with their families and caregivers. Each spring, BHI's developer, residents, property owners, business owners, Village

government and BHA all come together to provide an all-expense-paid retreat for selected military personnel who have been wounded in active service, plus their families and caregivers. The guests are selected through military base contacts, hospitals and individuals. BHI Warrior Weekend to Remember is an

opportunity to give back and say "Thank you" to those who afford us the freedoms to live as we do here in America.

We provide a "passport" of opportunities such as tandem skydiving onto beautiful Bald Head Island, family helicopter rides for a bird's-eye view, art lessons for the children, spa treatments, golf, tennis, swimming pools, conservancy adventures, cookouts and beautiful beaches, just to mention a few.

We are honored and privileged to host new families each year. It is but a small token, as we remind ourselves "All give some, some give all, some give for the rest of their life."



## History Project Love History, Want to Volunteer?

By Mary Mears

The BHA Socialization, Education & Recreation (SER) Committee, in conjunction with the Old Baldy Foundation, is looking for volunteers to assist in cataloguing documents relative to the history and development of Bald Head Island. Neither minimum time requirements nor recurring involvement is required.

This may be a perfect activity for residents interested in the history of the development of BHI, for something to do on a rainy day or for teens and young adults looking for community service hours to add to their resumes, etc. The only requirement is that volunteers have a smart phone on which they can download a scanning application from iTunes or Google Play.

Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours can contact Elizabeth Kinney at [ekinney4@gmail.com](mailto:ekinney4@gmail.com) or Susan Panousis at [susan@keepsakerealty.com](mailto:susan@keepsakerealty.com) to schedule a time to appear and receive a brief training session on how to catalogue.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Public Safety Day June 27, 10:00am-2:00pm

Marina Park (former tent site lawn area in the harbor)

Did you know that Public Safety personnel are cross-trained as fire fighters, water rescue technicians, medics and police officers? Do you have kids who would like to explore a real fire truck? Do you want to learn about Public Safety's QRVs (Quick Response Vehicles)? If you want to learn about the Public Safety Department on Bald Head Island, meet Public Safety officers, explore emergency vehicles and watch safety demonstrations, that's what Public Safety Day is all about.



Participants include: BHI Public Safety Department, NC Wildlife, NC Marine Fisheries, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, Coast Guard, Public Safety Auxiliary (PSA) members and Sunny Point Ocean Terminal — which is the largest ammunition depot on the entire Eastern Seaboard.

Officials will share information and answer questions. Emergency equipment such as boats, a helicopter, a fire truck and a mass casualty bus will be onsite to explore.

As Carl Pearson, Public Safety Chief, says, "We are 'Public Safety,' and we're here to help you."



### Support Your BHI PSA — Buy A Sticker

The Public Safety Auxiliary (PSA) is selling stickers to help fund additional resources for the new Public Safety Complex. PSA stickers are now available, and we are asking a minimum contribution of \$5.00 per sticker, with the funds sent to Bald Head Island Public Service Auxiliary, PO Box 3255, Bald Head Island, NC 28461.

We will also be helping the Public Safety Department with their Public Safety Day on June 27 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Harbor Green (former tent site lawn area in the harbor) and will be selling PSA stickers there. Come see us there and bring your families.

The PSA raises money for Public Safety items that are not included in the budget, such as additional radios, pots and pans, beds and mattresses. This is a volunteer-based organization, comprised of people who assist on emergency calls.



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### Habitat ReStore BHI Pickup Event

By Julie Starcher

The Habitat ReStore pickup event was a huge success! There were 11 donation pickup locations around BHI on April 11. A 26-foot truck left BHI packed full, returning to the Southport Habitat ReStore and, ultimately, helping the community by selling the donated items to the public.

Special thanks to BHI Limited for the barge services, Mike and Ritch at the barge office, Village of BHI Public Works Director Ben Liddle and the BHI residents who participated in this Habitat ReStore BHI pickup event for their generous donations to this worthy cause.

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture,



Two Habitat ReStore employees are pictured with Claude and Melissa Pope.

appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

### BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Update

Over the last several weeks, the Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority moved forward on additional administrative items and has agreed to solicit proposals from professional firms for auditing and consulting services. Finance Officer Deb Straub presented a draft budget for the Authority to consider for both the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 fiscal years. The skeleton budget for the current year was approved, and next year's budget will be considered at the June meeting.

Also being considered at the June meeting will be a formal proposal from Dixon Hughes for auditing services. State statute requires the Authority

to produce an audit report and statement of activities by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Authority also voted to request a formal proposal from HMS Consulting, a firm that focuses on marine technical, regulatory and business consulting services. The Authority's financial advisor, Davenport & Company, reported on several tasks that have been completed over the prior month — including setting up introductory meeting for Local Government Commission representatives, researching grant opportunities and conversing with potential lenders.

More details are at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news).



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entry to Bald Head Island.

Also included in the drawings is a segment of the “Blueway-Greenway.” This is a creek-front walkway, much like that at Cape Fear Station. This walkway, which has periodically been revisited, was part of the original Island concept of a continuous walkway along the creeks. Easements already exist. Constructing the walkway at this starting point might help move the concept forward

as originally conceived, creating more pedestrian paths away from the Island’s increasingly busy streets.

There are numerous considerations to all of these wonderful ideas, most notably cost. Whether all or just some become reality will be up to the property owners in the proposed historic area and Council on behalf of the Village. The conversation is just getting started. Your participation in the discussion is always welcome.

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Under the broad educational heading, four other goals are listed that are more challenging. They are: rehabilitate the Kent Mitchell Nature Trail and develop additional self-guided nature trails; develop owner-education programs about Island-wide impacts of unpermitted tree cutting and excessive night lighting; consider the feasibility of providing safe, multi-purpose bike and pedestrian paths, including reconsideration of the “Blueway-Greenway” plan; and develop summer public service and environmental education programs for teens. Each of these deserves consideration.

The Kent Mitchell Nature Trail is a popular visitor site. The natural elements of our northern-most semi-tropical locale on America’s East Coast are beautifully showcased along this trail as well as in the Bald Head Island Woods Reserve. The flora, and occasionally the fauna, of an Island hammock can be witnessed at the time of day and pace of discovery specific to each guest. Creating other self-paced “tours” would offer more insights into the natural environment that makes Bald Head Island so unique and help develop an appreciation for the importance of each element of diverse habitats.

The addition of bike trails and/or pedestrian paths would also allow for enjoyment of the Island’s habitats. Among the original plans for Bald Head Island was a “Blueway-Greenway” — a pedestrian path to follow the contours of Bald Head Creek. The original portion was constructed around the Lighthouse Landing community, and another segment was built at Cape Fear Station near Keeper’s Landing. With increasing traffic on Island roads, other ways to navigate the Island should be reconsidered.

Covenants associated with all Island properties limit the cutting of the Island’s important protective forest canopy. One property owner’s preference for a better view of the ocean, golf course or creeks does not override the importance to the entire Island of an uninterrupted canopy. When purchasing property on Bald Head Island, the owner agrees to the covenants and to abide by the standards. These rules are also memorialized in the Village Ordinances and in the Architectural Design Guidelines. Additional education for new homeowners, regular publication of the standards and increased enforcement and fines are all efforts to minimize destruction of our forest and vegetation. Similarly, both interior and exterior lighting schemes were established to protect the Island’s wildlife, including sea turtles, migrating birds and

insects. More information about lighting standards, including language associated with LED technology, will be forthcoming.

Inviting and effective programming for teens is a perennial challenge. This segment of the Island’s population is often overlooked on this family focused Island. In an environment where self-directed entertainment dominates, opportunities and events for teens of different ages are a missing component. A fun and safe balance of structured events versus freedom to roam for teens of different ages, especially at night, must be found. Identifying community service projects with appropriate and beneficial scope and collecting data for educational research are among possibilities for teen engagement.

Educating islanders and visitors with the myriad of technologies available seems simple. However, with more websites, apps, emails, texts and other notifications, often too much information is available, leaving it difficult to discern what is of value. For many, Bald Head Island is about tuning out technology to become enveloped by the Island’s serenity and natural beauty. Identifying and prioritizing issues is the first step to developing solutions for which choosing the most effective educational delivery media must follow.

## June

ARC–A Meeting	6/1/2018	9am
Card Class	6/6/2018	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	6/8/2018	1pm
Island Treasures Community Yard Sale	6/9/2018	9am-2pm
Zumba Fitness Begins (Tuesdays)	6/12/2018	9-10am
Book Club	6/12/2018	12:30pm
ARC–B Meeting	6/15/2018	9am
Bald Head Pirate Invasion	6/15/2018 – 6/17/2018	
Annual Hurricane Preparedness Presentation	6/20/2018	10am
Village Council Work Session	6/27/2018	9:30am
Public Safety Day	6/27/2018	10am-2pm
Village Council Meeting	6/27/2018	2:30pm
Howl at the Moon (“Buck Moon”)	6/28/2018	7pm
BHI Artisan Show & Sale	6/30/2018	10am-5pm

## SAVE THE DATE in July:

July 4 <sup>th</sup> Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2018	10am
BHI Conservancy Picnic	7/4/2018	4pm
ARC–A Meeting	7/9/2018	9am
Book Club	7/9/2018	10am
Litter Sweep	7/11/2018	
Card Class	7/11/2018	2pm
Sand Sculpture Contest	7/13/2018	
BHA Board Meeting	7/13/2018	1pm
ARC–B Meeting	7/20/2018	9am
Howl at the Moon (“Sturgeon Moon”)	7/27/2018	7pm

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<b>3</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Peter Bynum</b> <i>Presbyterian</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>5</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>6</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Card Making Class</b> 2:00pm (AC)	<b>7</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>8</b> <b>BHA Meeting</b> 1pm (AC/B) <b>World Oceans Day</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Island Treasures Community Yard Sale</b> 9:00am-2:00pm (AC)
<b>10</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. R. Kevin Kelly</b> <i>Episcopal</i>	<b>11</b> <b>No Yoga Class</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>Book Club</b> 12:30pm (AC)	<b>13</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>14</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b> <b>ARC — B Meeting</b> 9am (AC/B) <b>Pirate Invasion</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Pirate Invasion</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Charles Supin</b> <i>Episcopal</i> <b>Pirate Invasion</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Bridge</b> 2pm (AC)	<b>19</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>20</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Annual Hurricane Preparedness Presentation</b> 10:00am (AC)	<b>21</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>First Day of Summer</b>	<b>22</b> <b>ARC - A</b> Submission Deadline	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Sally Brower</b> <i>Episcopal</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Bridge</b> 2pm (AC)	<b>26</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>27</b> <b>VBHI Council Work Session</b> 9:30am (AC) <b>Public Safety Day</b> 10:00am-2:00pm (MP) <b>VBHI Council Meeting</b> 2:30pm (AC)	<b>28</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 7:00pm (Access 39)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>BHI Artisan Show &amp; Sale</b> 10:00am-5:00pm (AC)



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PSD (Public Safety Operations Building)  
RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)  
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