



Bald Head Association

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

President's Letter ~ Judy Porter

## Community Wide Standards

This month, at the August 10, 2018, meeting of the Bald Head Association Board, we will be taking public comments prior to the adoption of a new Community Wide Standards policy. At the present time, what we have been using to define Community Wide Standards is in Article 11.2 of the Covenants of the Association, which follows:

*"11.2 Responsibility of Owner:*

*Each Unit Owner will maintain and preserve the grounds of the Unit. Living Unit, and all structures located thereon in a clean, neat, sightly and attractive condition; and will provide for the removal of all trash or refuse from the Unit. This removal will be consistent with the Community Wide Standard and all applicable covenants, unless such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by, or assigned to, the Association pursuant to this Declaration. In addition to any other enforcement rights, if an Owner fails properly to perform his or her maintenance responsibility, the Association may, but is not required to, perform such maintenance responsibility and assess all costs incurred by the Association against the Unit and the Owner in accordance with ARTICLE 5. The Association will*



*afford the Owner reasonable notice and an opportunity to cure the problem prior to entry."*

The Board and staff have been dealing with complaints about some properties and feel that we need to be more specific as to what is required of property owners. A subcommittee of the Board spent many hours and looked at how other associations have defined their Community Wide Standards. They then presented a draft proposal to the Board at the July meeting. The Board has approved the proposed draft. We are seeking property owner input prior to formally adopting this policy. This draft proposal is published on page 2 in this issue of the *Island Report*.

I encourage each of you to read the proposal and come to the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with suggestions and comments. It begins at 2:00pm and will be held at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd). If you are unable to attend the meeting, Carrie and I will be happy to receive your input.

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 3: Transportation

By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island

The *Vision 2025* third group of specific goals addresses transportation. Bald Head Island's unique location with no land bridge, its history of electric cart usage and its growth have contributed to many unique challenges.

The three broad transportation goals are:

- Limit use of internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles on the Island;
- Engage with ferry transportation authority to advocate for needs of residents, businesses and visitors to include improved baggage handling and additional options for residents; and
- Explore the need for and options to encourage an affordable on-Island transportation system.

Significant, thoughtful deliberation among users and providers will be required to establish essential versus ideal service levels or something in between. These goals share a longer-term window of consideration than 2025, require more than cultural or educational effort and will likely impact users' wallets.

When Bald Head Island's current evolution began, golf carts became the preferred mode of Island transit. Over time, especially as Bald Head Island Limited transferred various ownership and service interests to independent contractors, more

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## Community Wide Standards — Draft Language

The following is draft language for the Community Wide Standards — Maintenance of Properties on Bald Head Island. This document is currently under review with the BHA Board of Directors. Please review and share your comments with Carrie at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or Judy Porter at [rporters@bellsouth.net](mailto:rporters@bellsouth.net) by August 8. Or, come to the BHA Board meeting at 2:00pm on August 10 at the Association Center Berne Room to share your comments.

### A. Background

Bald Head Island is a unique and special Island where human development is joined in harmony with natural beauty — a balance that has drawn most property owners to the Island. The Bald Head Association's vision for the Island is to promote "A community working together to cultivate a unique quality of life and to preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come."

To that end, the BHA is charged with the effective management of Covenants, Design Guidelines and Common Areas. The Covenants provide that all property owners maintain and preserve their lots and all structures on them in a clean, neat, slightly and attractive condition and provide for the removal of trash and refuse from their homes, all in conformity with the Community Wide Standards.

This document has been adopted by the BHA Board of Directors to specifically define the Community Wide Standards for Maintenance of Properties on Bald Head Island. Each property owner can make an important difference by following these guidelines which will enhance not only their property's aesthetics and value, but those of all property owners on the Island.

### B. Community Wide Standards For Maintenance of Properties on Bald Head Island

#### Guiding Principle

All structures shall be cared for, maintained and repaired in a manner such that the external appearance of each structure remains consistent with the other well-maintained structures in the community and consistent with the general tone and nature of the community. All property owners shall maintain and preserve their lots and all structures located on their lots in a "clean, neat, slightly and attractive" condition and provide for the removal of all trash or refuse from their homes.

### C. The Duty to Maintain and Preserve Structures and Lots

#### I. Structures

The words "clean, neat, slightly and attractive," while subjective, are nonetheless clear, plain and easy for all to understand. To determine whether or not a structure is "clean, neat, slightly and attractive," one shall consider, among other factors, whether or not the structure has a visible appearance of mold, mildew, rot, algae or peeling, cracked, faded, chipped, torn or missing exterior surface materials. The surface materials include, but are not limited to, paint, stain, stucco, siding, shingles or roof

materials. Exterior surface materials include, but are not limited to, materials on the roof, building walls, door, garage doors, porches, patios, awnings, screens, windows, window frames, casements, ledges, retaining walls, bulkheads, fencing, fascia, eaves, steps, driveways, walkways and building trim.

In the normal course of maintenance, it is expected that homeowners shall:

1. Maintain a clean and attractive condition of exterior surfaces by removing mildew, dirt, mold, algae, moss and chipped or cracked paint;
2. Maintain clean and attractive exterior surfaces by replacing trim and damaged or rotted boards, shingles, screens, awnings, windows, railings, roofing, doors, fences, lighting, overhangs, trash receptacles, walkways, stairways, driveways and all other parts of the exterior that exhibit failure or are unsightly;
3. Maintain a proper coat of stain or paint on exterior surfaces;
4. Maintain a clean and attractive exterior by clearing roofs and gutters of debris, clearing debris off of exterior decks, walkways, stairways and driveways; and,
5. Cause to be done all other proper maintenance necessary to keep their property clean, neat, slightly and attractive.

#### II. Lots


Lots are also to be maintained "clean, neat, slightly and attractive." On unimproved lots the natural environment shall be left intact. On improved lots the landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy condition and consistent with the approved landscaping plan. In addition, the natural understorey of the property shall be maintained as natural as possible at all times.

**In performing this necessary maintenance, it is essential to remember that while regular maintenance and upkeep are necessary and required, no changes to the structures or the landscaping from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approved drawings are permitted in this process except as specifically permitted by the current ARC Design Guidelines.**

#### D. The Duty to Remove Trash and Refuse from the Homes

All homeowners shall provide for the removal of all trash or refuse from their homes. The Village of BHI provides for the regular pickup of trash or refuse. Alternatively, or additionally, the homeowners can take trash or refuse to the Village of BHI Public Works facility themselves. Either or both of the above are fine.

#### E. Covenants Violations Procedure

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) of the Bald Head Association oversaw the design and construction of all homes on BHI consistent with the Community Wide Standards of BHI. In the event a homeowner violates the above-stated Community Wide Standards and the Bald Head Association becomes aware of the violation, the existing written Bald Head Association procedures for Covenant violations will be followed. In accordance with those written procedures, the matter will be referred to the ARC for inspection, review, vote and action as appropriate. 

### Do you know where your property lines are?

Don't have a survey? Contact BHA at 910-457-4676, and staff can help you identify the approximate location of your property lines.

## Call 911 — Feeding, Fishing, Harassing Alligators/Wildlife Anywhere on BHI, Including All Lagoons/Ponds and Wildlife Overlook

If you see anyone feeding or harassing an alligator/wildlife anywhere on BHI or if you see anyone fishing in a lagoon/pond anywhere on BHI, **call 911** to report it (tell the 911 operator that you are on Bald Head Island). These actions create a potentially hazardous situation for everyone on BHI and are unlawful. Spread the word! If everyone helps to prevent these situations, we lessen the chance of teaching aggressive behavior to alligators and wildlife — which impacts everyone on BHI, including the alligators and wildlife.

Though we have been trained to only call 911 for a medical emergency or fire, BHI is unique. You are urged to **call 911** to report anyone feeding or harassing an alligator/wildlife anywhere on BHI as well as to report anyone fishing in a lagoon/pond anywhere on BHI. Calling 911 creates a log and report, from which Public Safety can track, gain better understanding of call types/frequencies/timing and use for training.

Previous incidents of calling 911 and confusion on the part of the 911 dispatch operators has been addressed. BHA staff met with Public Safety Director Carl Pearson in July to voice this concern of property owners. Pearson immediately worked with Brunswick County to solve this issue.

When property owners have concerns or problems, it's helpful for them to share those with BHA. Knowing about an issue that is important to property owners creates an opportunity for BHA to address concerns with various BHI entities. With property owners' feedback regarding recent confusion in calling 911, BHA worked in partnership with Public Safety to address and correct the issue.

BHA and The Villas have authorized Public Safety to ticket anyone violating the No Fishing/No Feeding/No Boating/No Swimming policy in the lagoons/ponds with a trespassing citation. Public Safety is focused on educating violators, with a possible citation and/or arrest, if warranted.

BHA understands that some people are not pleased with the recently installed fencing at the Wildlife Overlook observation deck on Stede Bonnet Wynd. While not ideal, this action is necessary at this time to lessen the risk of a dangerous human/wildlife interaction at that location. For some time, several BHI entities have collaborated on efforts to discourage people from feeding alligators and from fishing in any lagoon/pond anywhere on BHI — especially at the Wildlife Overlook observation deck on Stede Bonnet Wynd — without success.

A recent site visit by NC WRC (Wildlife Resources Commission) showed alligators approaching the observation deck, a learned behavior from humans feeding them. The Bald Head Association board of directors recognized the severity of the situation and examined several options to lessen the risk to people and animals. Options included adding/revising signage, installing a camera security system, providing human monitors, installing fencing and even removal of the alligators. At the recommendation of NC WRC and BHI Public Safety, the board ultimately unanimously voted to install protective fencing, which was installed on June 6, 2018.

It is the belief of Bald Head Association that, while not ideal, this action is necessary at this time to lessen the risk of a dangerous human/wildlife interaction at that location.

BHA received a report of damage in July to the newly installed fence surrounding the Wildlife Overlook observation deck. The damage will be repaired as soon as possible. If you see anyone damaging the fence at the Wildlife Overlook observation deck, **call 911** to report it.



## BHA Common Area

BHA Common Areas typically are the buffer areas between lots and golf course property and lots and the beach, between neighborhood properties and, sometimes, between lots. No clearing, landscaping or improvements of any type may occur on these properties without the permission of Bald Head Association.

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

There are three classes of Common Area:

1. Fairway — those tracts adjoining the golf course property.
2. Forest — those tracts located in the forest of Bald Head Association that do not adjoin the golf course.
3. Dune/Beach — those tracts in Bald Head Association that are

located outside of the forested area and that do not adjoin the golf course, including waterfront properties.

Within each Common Area class, there are four potential uses:

1. Natural — left essentially in a natural state.

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## Emergency Management Plan

By Daralyn Spivey, BHI Village Clerk

The Emergency Management Plan (EMP) is a document that has existed for over a decade and lays out the basic framework in identifying roles and responsibilities of the Mayor and Council, Village Manager, Public Safety Director and various departments in both preparing for an event and responding after the event, such as a tropical storm or hurricane, but can be used for any weather-related emergency.

Several years ago, there were modifications to the plan implemented, primarily with regards to the process of reentry of Island property owners (with homes) and the annual issuance of reentry cards prior to each hurricane season that no longer occurs, and the Village needed to inform homeowners about this process, in the unlikely event a hurricane or other weather-related events of significance warranting a State of Emergency required a phased reentry.

Following a storm for which a State of Emergency has been issued, the Village will follow a three-phased process for reentry to the Island. Please know that the primary reason for this process is to ensure the Island is safe and to give Village officials — including the Emergency Operations Team and Public Safety personnel, Public Safety Volunteers and members of the Damage Assessment Team — an opportunity to determine that there are no safety hazards or risks to life found anywhere on the Island prior to letting the general public reenter. Once it has been determined by Village officials that the Island is safe, the phased reentry process for Island property owners, businesses and all others to return will commence. Following is the three-phased process for reentry to the Island.

Phase One (A) — This initial first phase will include reentry for the Damage Assessment Team, Emergency Operations Team/EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Personnel and Public Safety Volunteers to access the Island. All of these personnel have been issued a red-color “Phase I” reentry card. Village EOC personnel specifically will have their Village ID cards that specify “reentry” and “EOC.”

Phase One (B) — This sub-phase will allow for Island business owners to reenter the Island once the first “safety sweep” has been completed by the Damage Assessment Team reporting no hazards to Island businesses. In theory, this will allow those

businesses who can assist with response efforts in providing critically needed supplies, whether it be food, water, equipment and such to reenter. A blue-color “Business Card” will be issued to business owners prior to each hurricane season (before June 1<sup>st</sup>) and allow for two designated persons per business to reenter. Again, blue cards will be allowed after the first “safety sweep” has determined that there are no hazards to the Island businesses.


Phase Two — Upon determination of no safety hazards or risks to be found for the Island and public, the Mayor will amend the State of Emergency so that registered, improved property owners (those who have a house on the property) may reenter. This will allow the property owner to assess damage, both external and internal, to his/her property to begin the process of notifying his/her respective insurance company. If you are unable to make it to the Island and would like a “house check,” you can request one on the Emergency Management link on the Village’s website. This will allow for homeowners to send a request for their home to be checked for external damage from a storm or event as soon as it is safe and feasible. Your home will be checked, and you will receive a return email with the pertinent information about your home. This email capability is only enabled during a storm event for the house check post-storm.

Should you decide you want to reenter the Island during this phase, you must **first register online**. In the spirit of cooperation, the Village is requiring that only one (1) person per property register and that it be the owner of the property. When Phase Two is initiated, the property owner would arrive at Deep Point Marina and show a photo ID to either a Village Public Safety Officer or Brunswick County Deputy. Once that has been verified, you will proceed on the ferry.

Phase Three — Following the determination of no safety risks and the restoration of ALL municipal services, the State of Emergency will be lifted by the Mayor. At this time, the Village will return to normal operating conditions, and the Island will be opened for the general public.

The following is the Village Emergency Management link where you can both register for the house check service (when activated) and the post-storm reentry registration:

[http://villagebhi.org/new\\_wordpress/index.php/emergency-management/](http://villagebhi.org/new_wordpress/index.php/emergency-management/)

If you have any questions or need clarity on this information, please feel free to contact the Public Safety Department at 910-457-9700, ext 1020. 

## BHI Village Council Meeting Updates | By Chris McCall, Village Manager

Here are a few important updates on items Village Council discussed at the June 27 Council meeting. In addition to actions taken on several proposed text amendments, the main order of business included a public hearing and adoption of the proposed annual 2018-2019 fiscal budget, which is required to be adopted by the governing board annually by June 30. For those who might not be familiar with the budget process in North Carolina, it is a pretty extensive process that does not happen within a matter of weeks. In fact, it takes months to prepare, and I appreciate the efforts of all involved to include staff and Village Council. With a few revisions from last month’s presentation to Council held on May 18, the second public hearing was held with the proposed budget subsequently adopted by Council.

### FY18-19 Approved Budget

Below are highlights of the approved budget:

- Tax Rate includes an increase in the Debt Portion of the Tax Rate, MSD Zone A and MSD Zone B to fund the Winter 2018 Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project (i.e., Beach Nourishment).
- Fund Balance Appropriation to fund Deer Herd Management with the immuno-contraception program and associated Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) permit requirements, an annual deer cull if required and other projects (i.e., temporary parking on Village parcel on Lighthouse Wynd), as approved by Council at the May 18 Council meeting.

## Revised Flood Insurance Preliminary Map — Effective August 28, 2018


The revised flood insurance preliminary map has been approved by the Village of Bald Head Island and Brunswick County. The new flood map is effective August 28, 2018, so check with your insurance agent to update your homeowners' insurance policy. With updated technology, many property owners on BHI should see reduced insurance rates.

For information and to view the current and preliminary flood maps for BHI, contact Stephen Boyett at the Village of BHI, 106 Lighthouse Wynd, Bald Head Island. Contact him at 910-457-6255 or [sboyett@villagebhi.org](mailto:sboyett@villagebhi.org).

To view the current and preliminary flood maps for BHI online, visit the Flood Risk Information System (FRIS) through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at [fris.nc.gov](http://fris.nc.gov). Click on the map of North Carolina or select

North Carolina in the drop-down box. Click "OK" in the pop-up information box. Select Brunswick County on the map or in the drop-down box.


1. Click on "Effective" link in upper right hand corner and drop down to "Preliminary."
2. Click on "Search" magnifying tool in upper left hand corner. Drop down menu will appear.
3. Click in "Address" box and type in street address. (Be sure to include Bald Head Island, NC.)
4. Browse through Flood Information, Risk Information, Financial Vulnerability, etc.

This link is on the BHA website ([www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com)) "News" page. 

## BHA Annual Dues — Have You Paid Yours?

Thank you to all property owners who have paid their annual assessment dues. BHA annual dues were due by March 15, 2018. If you have not paid your dues by September 1, the BHA Board will begin the lien process. If you have any questions regarding dues, call BHA at 910-457-4676. Payments can be made easily and securely on the website at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com), at the top right menu "Make A Payment." The "Account

Number" is the invoice number listed on your statement. In the "Amount Due" section, it will show \$0, so you must enter the assessment amount due — please refer to your invoice.

If you would prefer to mail a check, send it to Bald Head Association, PO Box 3030, Bald Head Island, NC 28461. Please note your BHI street address in the check's memo line and include your invoice coupon. Thank you! 

## Wildlife Protection

There is an abundance of wildlife on the Island, ranging from small insects to red and gray fox up to large alligators and deer. Wildlife should be observed from a distance and not approached or handled. Even the tamest-appearing animal can become hostile when it perceives a threat.

Bald Head Island is home to the American Alligator. These animals should never be approached, as they are wild animals. These predatory animals can become desensitized to humans, which will result in closer contact with humans and possible attacks. They may mistake you, your children or pets for food. It is illegal in North Carolina to feed or harass alligators, deer, raccoon, opossums, foxes or otters. A \$500 fine will be issued to anyone feeding or harassing wildlife.

**NEVER feed alligators, foxes or other wildlife! If you put ANYTHING in a freshwater pond, it will be perceived as food — so, no feeding the fish or turtles either. NO FISHING**

**in ANY freshwater lagoons/ponds on Bald Head Island. Report any such activity to 911.**

Alligators can jump six feet into the air from a state of rest, despite having large bodies and short limbs. They demonstrate quick bursts of speed to chase down prey that initially seems too fast and unattainable; therefore, observers are advised to stay at least 20 feet in distance from alligators.

Sea Turtles frequent the shores of Bald Head Island and are a federally protected species. It is unlawful to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect sea turtle hatchlings, eggs or adult turtles or their remains. Violating the law regarding this federally protected species can include up to a \$100,000 fine and/or up to one (1) year in jail.

Please visit the BHI Conservancy for guided tours to view Bald Head Island wildlife. This is the safest and most preferred

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## Pet of the Month — Marley McKeithan | *By Florence McKeithan*

Marley was brought home to us by our daughter, Mary Florence, 2½ weeks before she left for college. She has been a favorite pet to our friends, family and anyone she meets. We live in Nashville on a dead-end street with four other homes. Every home has a tale to tell about Marley — from walking straight into the front door of their home for a visit to sitting around another neighbor’s pool. She patrols the perimeter of our home, checking for pesky critters.



Marley allows me to dress her up in festive holiday fare, for two to three minutes for a quick photo op. She never meets a stranger. She comes up to a new person, sniffs and then rolls over to entice the person to pet her. She is somewhat “dog-like” in that respect. Napping is one of her favorite hobbies. Another hobby is playing

fetch — well, sort of. She loves vacationing on Bald Head Island, where she teaches all of us the true meaning of relaxing — all of the time!

She is a joy, a great companion and all-round character.



## BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Update

A few administrative items were discussed at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The majority of the meeting was held in closed session. The next meeting will take place Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at

9:15 am at the Southport Community Building. Property owners are encouraged to attend.

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## Identify This Creature on BHI

This creature was photographed on June 19, 2018, on Bald Head Island. Do you know what it is?



It is a female Spiny Backed Orb Weaver. Males are considerably smaller and lack the spines. There are a variety of species in this genus, and colors vary. It creates a circular web with few or no spirals at its center. Each night, a new web is spun to catch small insects. The spider stands upside-down on the web. The female lays eggs late in the year that will grow during the winter and hatch in spring.

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).

## NC Wildlife Helpline

Do you have questions about wildlife behavior or co-existing with wildlife? The Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) can help. Staff can be reached at 866-318-2401 and are available Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. They can also be reached via email at [wildlifehelpline@ncwildlife.org](mailto:wildlifehelpline@ncwildlife.org). These contacts are available for questions and information only regarding wildlife behavior, damage, injury and co-existing. True emergencies should be directed to 911. Visit [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org) for information.

## Bald Head Island Entities — Who Does What?

New property owners have trouble understanding the complexity of organizations on Bald Head Island. Here is a list of entities and their roles on BHI.

### Bald Head Association (BHA)

Established in 1982, BHA is the largest property owners' association on Bald Head Island. BHA member services include:

- Architectural Review and enforcement of BHA Covenants
- Common Area protection (buffer zone between homes and golf course, Wildlife Overlook observation deck and other areas, for example)
- Advocacy on behalf of all property owners and especially those not eligible to vote
- Provide recreational services/facilities for members
- BHA boat storage and community garden
- Communications: *Island Report* monthly newsletter in print and online, website, mobile app, E-blasts and posters on BHI
- Meeting space rental and management: Generator Society Hall, Berne Conference Room and Association Center deck
- Committees — Architectural Review Committee (ARC); Strategic Planning and Long Range Projects (SPLRP) Committee; Resource Conservation and Beautification Committee (RCB); Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee; Finance Committee; Nominating Committee

Visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com) for more information.

### Village of Bald Head Island

The Village of Bald Head Island's vision is to provide quality public service through mutual respect, trust, communication

and enhancement of community values. Incorporated as a municipality in 1985, the Village has all the powers, duties, rights and privileges granted and imposed upon municipalities by the general law of the State of NC. Village municipal services include:

- Enforcement of ordinances
- Building permits
- Public safety (fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement and water rescue)
- Animal control
- Licensing and registration (including golf cart registration)
- Road maintenance
- Utilities (water and sewer)
- Tax collection
- Garbage, recycling and yard debris collection and disposal
- US post office
- Island Package Center (IPC) — Packages and Shipping
- Dog park
- Shoreline stabilization

The Village of Bald Head Island's government officials are: J. Andrew Sayre, Mayor; Kit Adcock, Mayor Pro Tempore; John Pitera, Councilor; John May, Councilor; and Betsi Stephen, Councilor. For more information, visit [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org).

### Bald Head Island Limited

Established in 1983, BHI Limited services include:

- Transportation — Tram and Ferry
- Barge Transportation

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## BHI Litter Prevention — Thank You, Litter Sweepers! | *By Kay Menk*

The Resource Conservation and Beautification Committee thanks all those Island residents and visitors for their efforts to keep our little Island litter-free and beautiful. It can be difficult to keep small items from flying out of our golf carts, and it is not always convenient to stop

and pick up those items that accidentally go flying away. But if each of us make a concerted effort to be mindful of our own litter, all of us will reap the benefits.

A special thanks to all who helped with the Island Litter Sweep held on July 11. Even though it was a very hot day, many Island residents and visitors spent part of their day tidying up the Island. A special thank you to Augie Riggle and Irelyn Bell (both age 8) for their help, as well as Chelse Sorrels, Allison



Altman and Leah Altman. These ladies joined up with Nana Smith and really made a difference, cleaning in the Harbor.



We know that many Island residents pick up trash daily as they walk the beaches and the wynds.

Please know that you are appreciated, not just for the litter you remove, but for the example you set for our visitors. Tammy Ross, Susan and Katie Richardson, along with Rugby, the helper dog, were convinced to stop long enough for a picture as they cleaned around the Maritime shopping area. Let's all follow their example and do our part to keep Bald Head Island beautiful!



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- Marina
- Shoals Club

For more information, visit [www.baldheadisland.com](http://www.baldheadisland.com).

BHI Limited and BHI Transportation are currently in the process of transitioning the ferry system to the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority.

### BHI Conservancy

Barrier island education, conservation and preservation. Established in 1983. For more information, visit [www.bhic.org](http://www.bhic.org).

### Old Baldy Foundation

Preserves Old Baldy and promotes the history of the Island through the Smith Island Museum. Established in 1985. For more information, visit [www.oldbaldy.org](http://www.oldbaldy.org).



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### Village Chapel

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### BHI Club

Opened in 1991. Visit [www.bhiclub.net](http://www.bhiclub.net). Services include: golf, tennis, swimming, croquet, fine and casual dining, fitness room, events and weddings and receptions.

### Shoals Club

Opened in 2004 and run by BHI Limited. Visit [www.shoalsclub.com](http://www.shoalsclub.com). Services include: swimming, fine and casual dining, beach access, fitness room, events and weddings and receptions.

There are two additional master property owners' associations on BHI — Harbour Village Association and Middle Island Property Owners' Association (visit [www.middleislandpoa.com](http://www.middleislandpoa.com)).

## BHI Book Club

The BHI Book Club is open to everyone and meets at 10:00am in Generator Society Hall at the Association Center, 111 Lighthouse Wynd. The books selected for August and September are:

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|--------------------|---|
| August 13, 2018    | <i>Wives of War</i><br>By Soraya Lane       |
| September 10, 2018 | <i>The Great Alone</i><br>By Kristin Hannah |





## Volunteers Assist Old Baldy Foundation Archives

By Travis Gilbert, Old Baldy Foundation Programs Coordinator

Since April, volunteers from the Bald Head Association's Socialization, Education and Recreation Committee have catalogued material for the Old Baldy Foundation's archival collections. The material ranged from newspaper clippings, brochures and correspondence collected over the years by the Old Baldy Foundation. Much of the material was donated by past employees, Island officials and loyal supporters.

Volunteers read the documents and determined an appropriate subject for each piece of material. Next, volunteers either placed the documents in the appropriate existing subject file or created a new file for additional material. During the process, volunteers made precautions to preserve the material, such as removing metal staples and clips that could rust and storing the material in acid-free folders. Many volunteers commented on how much they learned about Bald Head Island's history from being exposed to the archival material. The cataloguing reinforced important skills such as critical thinking and organization for the younger volunteers.



Once completed, the Old Baldy Foundation hopes to make these subject files and other archival material accessible to the public. If interested in volunteering, please contact the Old Baldy Foundation's programs coordinator, Travis Gilbert, at 910-448-1472 or [travis@oldbaldy.org](mailto:travis@oldbaldy.org).

### History Happy Hour

Enjoy beer and wine on the Old Baldy grounds while having an intimate curator tour of The Smith Island Museum of History. History Happy Hour will take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month from 5:30-7:00pm. Each month will explore a different topic of Bald Head Island history. The cost is \$15, which includes your admission into the museum, along with beer and wine.

Spots are limited, so reserve your spot at [www.OldBaldy.org](http://www.OldBaldy.org).

### New Public Safety Complex Is Open

The new Public Safety Complex is open and is located at 273 Edward Teach Extension, just around the bend from the previous office and firehouse.

Housed inside the new Public Safety Complex is the Doshier Medical-BHI walk-in clinic. It's open weekdays 9:00am-4:00pm through August 31. For information call 910-457-5252.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Ferry Passenger Traffic

In summertime, ferry passenger traffic to and from Bald Head Island increases, with peak time spanning the weekends before and after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Bald Head Association extends a huge **THANK YOU** to the entire BHI Transportation staff for their professionalism and dedication to managing such a large crowd, especially in the July heat and humidity — outfitters, ferry crews, ticketing agents and parking and marine mechanics. BHA encourages property owners to thank the hard-working staff to let them know they are appreciated.



The highest number of ferry passengers on a single day this year was Saturday, June 30, with 2,411 people. Total ferry passengers from Thursday, June 28, to Sunday, July 8, was 16,613 people, an increase of 1.37% over last year.

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- 3.50% projected increase in Accommodation Taxes.
- Transfer to Beach Fund of \$82,421.92.
- Expenditure decreases in Health Insurance premiums, annual Employee Parking and Ferry expense, Financial Management charges and required Public Safety Continuing Education (CONED) Training.
- Public Safety Department staffing reorganization with minimal financial increase anticipated due to elimination of a Captain slot and need for full-time “seasonal” personnel, also providing for additional reductions in the part-time roster wages and overtime paid to full-time personnel.
- Utilities Lift Station/Potable Well(s) communication upgrades now available with Island-wide fiber project complete that will afford long-term cost savings from the current POTS (Plain Old Telephone Lines) phone charges and provide more efficient service with new and improved broadband capabilities.

**Other Council Items Discussed and Actions Taken**

In a follow-up from the May 18 Council meeting, Council approved the following text amendments:

**Council Approves Increase of Fines for Those Cited with Underage Driving**

Fines associated with underage driving of golf carts (i.e., electrically powered vehicles) by vote of Council were increased from \$50 to \$250. This was due to receiving a recommendation from the Transportation Committee. These changes by Council

are effective immediately.

*Note: As part of the text amendment, unlicensed or underage driving of ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles was repealed from the local ordinance and is subject to state law and issuance of a state citation.*

**Village Council Repeals Ordinance on Island-Wide Ban on Mulch**

Council approved repealing Section 10-32 of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding the ban on mulch and prohibiting its import from an off-Island source, due to the Redbay Ambrosia Beetle and Laurel Wilt Disease. Village Council approved the repeal of the long-standing ordinance, so it is no longer necessary to prohibit mulch from an off-Island source — given that restrictions put in place with the adoption of the ordinance in 2014 and other efforts of the Village, residents and BHI Conservancy, to the extent that Laurel Wilt is present on Island and has been identified with best management practices to mitigate through efforts of the National Forestry Service, Village and BHI Conservancy. This also removes the limitation on the use of firewood from off-Island sources.

**Village Council Approves Text Amendment To Regulate the Use of Fires for Cooking, Heating and Recreational Purposes**

Following June’s public hearing and input received, Council approved text amendments to the open burning ordinance that includes an exemption for portable outdoor wood burning fire pits with screens.

**No-Wake Speed Zone upon the Waters within the Jurisdiction of the Village of BHI**

Staff provided an update on the recent passing of HB 1027 (Session Law 2018-20) this past short session of the General Assembly. The recent passing of legislation is specific to the No-Wake zone and enforcement throughout Bald Head Creek by the Village Public Safety Department. The Village would like to recognize the efforts on the part of the local delegation including Representative Frank Iler, Senator Bill Rabon and their respective staff for getting this local bill passed.

For information on any of these actions, contact the Village Clerk, Daralyn Spivey.

**Riptides**

A riptide, not to be confused with a rip current, is a powerful, narrow channel of fast-moving water as the tide is pulled through an inlet along a barrier beach. Riptides are prevalent along the East, Gulf and West coasts of the United States, as well as along the shores of the Great Lakes.

If you get pulled farther from shore, **DO NOT PANIC**. Though your instinct will want you to swim back toward shore, **DO NOT** do this — that action puts you at risk of drowning because of fatigue. Here’s what you should do — don’t fight it! Swim parallel to shore until you are out of the channel of current. Then swim back to land at an angle.

Conserve energy when necessary — float on your back or tread water. The important thing to remember is to **RELAX** until you are ready to swim parallel to shore.

Share this important information with your family, friends, guests and renters.

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2. Landscaped — subject to some type of maintenance effort.
3. Utilized — altered for member benefit, e.g. Dog Park, Boat Park, Garden Area, Association Center.
4. Easements — granted where specific use or uses of Common Area is allowed for a specific purpose or purposes — e.g. utility easements, golf course easement and beach access.

A map of BHA Common Area is available for viewing in the Association office. For the full definition and classification of BHA Common Area, visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com) for the Unified Design Guidelines and BHA Unified Covenants on the home page, just below the current *Island Report*. 

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

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

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method to view wildlife while learning about their lifestyles and history. More information can be found at [www.bhic.org](http://www.bhic.org).

Sick and injured birds, raccoon, fox, deer and other animals should be avoided. If observed, call BHI Conservancy’s wildlife hotline at 910-457-0089, ext 5 and tell them the approximate location. Please remember that these animals should not be approached or touched. Animals can also carry rabies or other diseases that can cross over to the human population, resulting in sickness and sometimes even death.

**Who to Contact for a Wildlife Emergency**


Call 911 if you perceive danger from a sick or injured animal and alligators. Tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island. After alerting 911, please call BHI Conservancy’s wildlife hotline at 910-457-0089, ext 5.

**Sea Turtle, Marine Mammal and Injured Bird Strandings**

Do not handle any wildlife (dead or alive) on your own. Contact BHI Conservancy staff at 910-457-0089 and press “5.” Please note it is illegal to take any part of a sea turtle — dead or alive — from the beach.

Please have the following information ready to report:

- Exact location and directions to the stranding site
- Number of animals involved
- Condition of animal (alive, dead or injured)
- Identification or description of animal (size, color, etc.)
- Names and telephone numbers of people involved
- Date and time of your observations

For additional resources, visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). Go to the “Life on BHI” tab, then select “Wildlife Protection.” 

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and more internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles arrived and stayed on the Island. The Village Council passed a resolution at its June 2018 monthly meeting to promote the use of electric vehicles/golf carts for commercial purposes. The intent is to decrease the number and size of gas-powered vehicles on Island roads. Beginning in 2019, ICE permit applicants must articulate why they cannot use electric vehicles for their businesses. The transition to fewer ICE vehicles is slowly underway.

Issues with ferries, baggage handling and tram service may take more time to address. The transition of ownership from Bald Head Island Transportation and Bald Head Island Limited to the Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority includes these three currently regulated functions, as well as mainland parking and barge service. There are six Island home owners on the 11-member Authority board. State-level members with a one-year term have all been reappointed, ensuring continuity as due diligence progresses. Accommodating existing and additional passengers to and from the mainland to work and homes, parking on and off Island, peak season demand and barge traffic all require attention. Assessment of future needs is part of the due diligence effort. Community input and ideas are all welcome. While the process moves forward, users' patience is also sought.

As more homes are built and traffic continues to increase on the Island's narrow wynds, alternative transit options should be explored. Parking is increasingly difficult everywhere, especially for special events. Additional paved impervious surfaces will add to flood risks. Traffic at the marina is chaotic during peak season and holiday weekends. Road safety throughout the Island is paramount.

Today's intra-Island transportation currently consists of trams carrying passengers to and from the ferry. Innovative solutions to Island traffic and transit may come with advanced technologies, including improved energy storage. With automotive manufacturers rebranding themselves as "mobility" companies,

it is within the realm of possibility that eco- and Island-friendly options will be available in the not-too-distant future. Software-based options such as Uber and Lyft, along with ride-sharing applications, may offer less costly possibilities. Bike sharing is also gaining popularity worldwide. Collaboration between the Village and the ferry system owners might result in improved Island-wide service and reduced congestion.

**Vision 2025** responses regarding transportation highlighted the need for a closer look at what exists today and what opportunities lie ahead. People invest at Bald Head to get away from mainland traffic-related stress. Bald Head Island has the advantage of its relatively small scale. The Island's talented population is well-suited to create and embrace 21<sup>st</sup> century transit solutions economically and effectively. 

## August

Card Class	8/1/2018	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	8/3/2018	9am
National Lighthouse Day	8/4/2018-8/5/2018	
"Run for the Light" 5k, 10k & 1 mile	8/5/2018	7pm
Apple Training	8/6/2018	9am
Bridge Club	8/8/2018	1:30-4pm
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	8/8/2018	10am
BHA Board Meeting	8/10/2018	2pm
Book Club	8/13/2018	10am
Bridge Club	8/15/2018	1:30-4pm
ARC-B Meeting	8/17/2018	9am
VBHI — Work Session	8/17/2018	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	8/17/2018	2:30pm
Apple Training	8/20/2018	9am
Bridge Club	8/22/2018	1:30-4pm
Howl at the Moon ("Corn Moon")	8/26/2018	7pm
Apple Training	8/27/2018	9am
Bridge Club	8/29/2018	1:30-4pm

## SAVE THE DATE in September:


BHI Artisans Show & Sale	9/1/2018	10am
Labor Day	9/3/2018	
BHA Office Closed	9/3/2018	
Card Class	9/5/2018	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	9/7/2018	9am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	9/8/2018	10am
Book Club	9/10/2018	10am
Bridge Club	9/12/2018	1:30-4pm
Men's Bible Study	9/14/2018	8am
BHA Board Meeting	9/14/2018	2pm
Pot Luck Dinner	9/17/2018	6pm
Ladies Bible Study	9/18/2018	10:15am
Employee Appreciation Day	9/19/2018	11am
Bridge Club	9/19/2018	1:30-4pm
ARC-B Meeting	9/21/2018	9am
VBHI — Work Session	9/21/2018	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	9/21/2018	2:30pm
Howl at the Moon ("Harvest Moon")	9/24/2018	7pm
Bridge Club	9/26/2018	1:30-4pm
Men's Bible Study	9/28/2018	8am

## BHA Board Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates

Bald Head Association's Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to serve on BHA's Board of Directors beginning in January 2019. There are two vacancies on next year's board, each with the obligation of a three-year term.

Following are a few of the attributes needed for service:

- Demonstrated commitment to volunteerism by being active on a BHI community committee;
- Commitment to attend monthly board meetings;
- Commitment to work actively as a board liaison to one of BHA's standing committees; and,
- Demonstrated commitment to provide ethical, transparent leadership on behalf of BHA's members.

If you are interested, send your name, contact information and a description of your previous BHI-related activities to F. A. McLeod at [faatbeach@aol.com](mailto:faatbeach@aol.com). Nominations must be received by August 6<sup>th</sup>. 

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Card Making Class 2:00pm (AC)	<b>2</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>3</b> ARC — A Mtg. 9am (AC/B) ARC - B Submission Deadline	<b>4</b> National Lighthouse Day 6pm (Club) Duck Race 3pm (CA)
<b>5</b> 8:30am & 10am Rev. Dr. Ronald Shive Presbyterian National Lighthouse Day 4pm (OB) “Run for the Light” 7pm (OB)	<b>6</b> Apple Training 9am (AC) Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>7</b> Zumba 9am (AC) Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>8</b> VBHI — Transp. 10am (PSC) Yoga 11:45am (AC) Bridge Club 1:30pm (AC)	<b>9</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>10</b> BHA Meeting 2pm (AC/B)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30am & 10am Rev. Andi Woodhouse Methodist	<b>13</b> Book Club 10:00am (AC) Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>14</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>15</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC) Bridge Club 1:30pm (AC)	<b>16</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>17</b> ARC — B Mtg. 9am (AC/B) VBHI Council Work Session 9:30am (PSC) VBHI Council Meeting 2:30pm (PSC)	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30am & 10am Rev. Dr. Fredric Mau Presbyterian	<b>20</b> Apple Training 9am (AC) Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>21</b> Zumba 9am (AC) Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>22</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC) Bridge Club 1:30pm (AC)	<b>23</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>24</b> ARC - A Submission Deadline	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30am & 10am Rev. Dr. Craven Williams Methodist Howl at the Moon 7:00pm (Access 39)	<b>27</b> Apple Training 9am (AC) Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>28</b> Zumba 9am (AC) Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>29</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC) Bridge Club 1:30pm (AC)	<b>30</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> BHI Artisans Show & Sale 10am-5pm (AC)



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Maritime Market Forest Pavilion (MMFP)  
OB (Old Baldy)  
PSC (Public Safety Complex)  
RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)  
VC (Village Chapel)

#### Standing Events:

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

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