



Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

Though we live among and see trees every day, the multitude of services they render can be undervalued. Trees play a very important role in our environment, impacting our very own health, our way of life and more.

Do you like the air you breathe to be fresh and free from pollutants? Thank a tree. Through their leaves and bark trees filter harmful pollutants and release clean oxygen. You may know about their power to absorb nitrogen oxide, ozone and carbon monoxide, but they even sweep up particles such as dust and smoke.

How do you prefer your water? If you prefer clean water, do you remember from biology class how their root systems act as another type of filter, not only removing pollutants from reaching the aquifer but also slowing down the water's absorption into the ground? Their root systems also help prevent erosion and help reduce the risk from a flood. According to the Food and Agriculture Association of the United Nations, a mature evergreen tree can intercept over 15,000 litres of water every year.

Our ecosystem is dependent upon everything in it. Affect one piece of our ecosystem puzzle, and it has an effect on something else. One tree can host hundreds of species of insects, moss,

fungi, mammals and plants. Wildlife depend on trees for their habitat.

Trees provide shade, which is definitely appreciated during hot summer days. Shade also helps in our efforts to shield our skin from harmful UV-A and UV-B rays. Not only that, by absorbing greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide into their trunks, branches and leaves, replacing it with oxygen, trees can reduce overall temperatures by up to eight degrees Celsius.

Here's something you may not know about a benefit from trees. One study states, "Hospital

patients with rooms overlooking trees recover faster than those without the same view." Most of us know how trees help reduce stress and anxiety. Interacting with nature and its many benefits is a large part of why people live and visit Bald Head Island.

These are all reasons why BHA is focused on spreading the word about tree protection.

When faced with property owners who cut down and/or trim trees on their own property or on BHA's Common Area without approval (eight property owners have cut without authorization nearly 200 inches of trees on Common Area in 2018 alone), keep in mind that BHA

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Why Protect TREES

BHI Property Owner Survey Question 4: Most important factor influencing your decision to purchase property on BHI?

YOU said:

"The community, the forest."

"The beauty, peacefulness and incredible environment of the island."

"Few homes and environmentally correct approach to development."

"Natural environment, loved trees."

What can I do about trees? & What can BHA do about trees?

Stay tuned for Trees "Part 2" in the March 2019 Island Report.

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Planning a renovation project or new construction?
 Want to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
 Thinking about any landscape changes?

Ask ARC before any work begins!

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

Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22
 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Temporary, Portable Storage Containers (TPSC) on BHI Following Hurricane Florence

In the wake of Hurricane Florence, many property owners dealing with storm-related home damages needed the use of a temporary storage facility during cleanup and repairs. Temporary, portable storage containers (brand names such as PODS, PACK-RAT and U-PACK) were approved for use on Bald Head Island by both the Bald Head Association (BHA) Board of Directors and the Village of BHI, with some parameters. Allowing TPSCs on Bald Head Island was only in response to storm-related issues following Hurricane Florence and is not a permanent policy on using TPSCs.

One of the parameters included a maximum time limit of 90 days. If necessary, an extension for up to 90 additional days may be requested. Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Money Collected from BHA-owned Common Area Fines and Remediation

Fines and remediation costs are incurred when trees and/or limbs are removed on BHA-owned Common Area without BHA Board permission. Those funds are maintained in a reserve account for Common Area, to be used for Common Area expenses, such as tree planting and maintenance.

TALLY TO DATE BHA-owned Common Area Tree Violations

Since mid-2018

170 inches of trees

**\$21,650 fines &
 remediation costs**

Tree Approvals Back to Normal ARC Process

It has now been five months since Hurricane Florence hit Bald Head Island, and the temporary emergency approval process for tree cutting has ceased. Property owners must follow the correct prior approval procedures for handling tree and/or limb cutting on their property. Failure to receive pre-approvals will likely result in fines and/or remediation.

As a reminder, property owners in "Drip-Edge" communities do not own and cannot maintain the area beyond their "drip-edge." That area is owned and managed by BHA. For any questions and for maintenance requests, contact Ann VerMeulen at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

No Turf Grass Allowed on BHI

No turf grass is allowed in residential areas on Bald Head Island because it is a foreign species. Native plants are highly encouraged in landscaping on BHI. For details, refer to BHA's Design Guidelines on our website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Native plants are listed in BHA's Design Guidelines, starting on page 149.

Note that "Drip-Edge" property owners do not own anything beyond their drip-edge, which is owned and managed by BHA. For any landscaping requests, call BHA.

2019 ARC Meeting Schedules

Meeting schedules for ARC-A and ARC-B are available on our website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on the "About BHA" menu at the top, then select the "Architectural Review" bullet item.

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represents all property owners when we enforce our Covenants and Design Guidelines. One of our guiding principles is “promotion of environmental stewardship.”

Help us prevent improper tree removal, trimming and cutting, which includes topping trees — a harmful, costly, outdated practice that has serious consequences to the integrity and life of the tree. Keep these important points in mind before you consider any landscaping work:

- **Here is what must be pre-approved by ARC before any work begins:** the removal of any tree larger than 3 inches in diameter measured 4 feet along the trunk, limbs of 3 inches in diameter, clustered growth vegetation 2 sq. feet or more at ground level and anything 1 inch or greater of understory.
- **KNOW** your lot lines. You cannot make any changes to areas that abut your lot lines — including neighbors’ lots, undeveloped lots, SILT (Smith Island Land Trust) lots and Common Area. If you don’t know your lot lines, BHA can help you approximate your lot lines using the Brunswick County GIS data viewer on their website.
- **BHA owns Common Area**, and you cannot make any changes to it. Think of us as your adjacent neighbor; you wouldn’t venture into your neighbor’s yard and cut or trim a tree, right? Consideration of any change is handled by the BHA Board of Directors. Call BHA if you have a request or a concern.
- Regular maintenance is expected, and homeowners would be well served to review annual landscaping needs with a professional.
- The property owner is the responsible party for any fines and/or mitigation costs for unauthorized removal of trees and vegetation. **DO NOT ASSUME** that the landscaping

Do you have questions about insurance specific to BHI?

BHA presents:

Insurance Q&A
Saturday, February 16

10:00am-12:00pm

Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd)

Email your questions by 2/13/19 to:
Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com

Live streamed & recorded

contractor you hired will properly adhere to BHA’s Design Guidelines. Some property owners have encountered fines and mitigation costs due to their landscaping contractor’s improper actions.

The overwhelming majority of property owners care about protecting trees and protecting Bald Head Island’s delicate ecosystem, which is why they purchased property in the first place. **Stay tuned for Trees “Part 2” in March 2019** for something you can do about trees on BHI.



Who Do I Call? BHA Assessments

For 2019, BHA assessments for most property owners will include a Basic Assessment and a Special Assessment. The Basic Assessment for an improved property (with a home) is \$390 and for an unimproved property is \$130 (increased from \$345 and \$115 respectively). There is also a Special Assessment for the Battery 4 purchase, which is the final assessment (see article on page 9 for more information on the purchase). It is \$161 for an improved property and \$54 for an unimproved property. **Don’t forget to change the payment amount if you**

use an automatic bank draft.

East End properties in former Stage II that are managed by BHA are subject to additional supplemental dues. Also, there are some communities that may be subject to separate, additional sub-association dues. BHA can help with additional contact information. Visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com, click on “About BHA,” then “BHA Dues.”

Contact BHA for any questions. Call 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or email Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

New to BHA? BHA Key Holding Program

If you are a part-time Island resident, you may need to have people service your home when you are away. BHA can help by checking out your key to your pre-approved vendors. There is no charge for this service. For information contact Diane Mesaris at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

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Village of Bald Head Island Updates

Creek Access

The Creek Access permitting process has started for 2019. There was minimal damage to that area as a result of Hurricane Florence. All of the canoes and kayaks that were stored there have been accounted for. If you would like to store your canoe, kayak or small boat (without a trailer), or if you have not received your renewal paperwork in the mail, contact Daralyn Spivey at 910-457-9700, ext. 1001 or dspivey@villagebhi.org. The permitting fee is \$150 per permit and will carry you through calendar year 2019.



Marinex Staging Area on South Beach.
Photo courtesy Village of BHI.

Annual Village Council Retreat

This year the annual Council Retreat will be held February 22, 2019, at the Public Safety multipurpose room (the same location as regular Council Meetings). This year looks to be a one-day event covering a multitude of subjects relevant to the Village and the upcoming budgetary process. The times for the meeting have not been set, so if you are interested in that information, contact Daralyn Spivey at 910-457-9700, ext. 1001 or dspivey@villagebhi.org.

2019 Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project

The Village awarded the 2019 Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project to Marinex Construction. Although the Village has not used Marinex in the past, they come highly recommended and are well respected in the marine construction

industry. Marinex began mobilizing the end of December 2018, with plans to place sand on South Beach by January 11, 2019. Visitors to the Island have likely noticed work boats, pipe and the dredge in the Cape Fear River as they ferried over to the Island. The project will start at the terminus of South Beach nearest to the terminal groin. The project will take several months to complete.

In addition to the sand fill project, the Village will be replacing 10 of the geotextile tubes within the beach fill area. This leg of the project was awarded to McPherson Construction. Each of the geotextile tubes were specially designed and constructed for Bald Head Island. South Beach will host a variety of contractor activity. **Please look for and follow warning signs posted within the construction areas.** As work progresses, the Village will update stakeholders on impacted locations. 

BHI's \$10 Million Electrical Grid Upgrade by Duke Energy

Duke Energy's \$10 million upgrade to BHI's electrical grid includes improving the lines, making them more resilient; replacing about five miles of main transmission lines; and adding other features such as rerouting power during outages to ensure service reliability.

According to Chris McCall, "The project is set to get underway by mid-January 2019. Duke Energy personnel have been on BHI and meeting with Village Utilities personnel to review water and sewer infrastructure locations in the Marina-Harbor area, where they will get started first as they make their way to the intersection of West and North Bald Head Wynd, working down NBHW.

"The project, as it was briefed to the Village by Duke Energy representatives back in mid-November, will be a phased project through 2020. They will install new switch gear mechanisms/ junction boxes and lines that will provide essentially an 'island-wide loop' system. This effort will, in effect, provide more options for Duke field technicians to isolate areas affected by a power outage situation to reduce the size of area impacted and overall outage down time at any particular area. The project will also look to replace primary power lines where known 'splices' are impacting service.

"The phased project will ensure that work is done prior to the start of the season, so as not to impact service during the most populated times of the year." 



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

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

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Know Your Property Lot Lines

Do you know where your lot lines are? If you're looking for an approximate area and do not have your property survey, Brunswick County has a GIS data viewer on their website.

In the example image here, the distance from the rear of the house to the end of the lot line and beginning of Common Area is approximately 32.5 feet. The Common Area distance is 30.5 feet.

Visit www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov. From the "Department" menu, select "GIS." Then select "GIS Data Viewer." From there, you can zoom in to your property and use the "Measurement" tool across the bottom. This serves as an approximation only. For specific lot measurements, always refer to your property survey.

For assistance, contact Carrie Moffett in the BHA Office, at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 26.



BHA Boat Park Update

BHA has spaces available in its newly expanded Boat Park, on Timbercreek Mulch Site Road off of North Bald Head Wynd. Eligible boats must be a maximum of 16 feet in length, with a maximum 25hp motor. Spaces are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$750 per year, and you will be issued an assigned space. For information contact Ann VerMeulen at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or Ann@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Join BHA's Socialization, Education & Recreation (SER) Committee

Do you want to get more involved on Bald Head Island? Do you love to help plan events? BHA's SER Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan activities for families, children and adults. A brand new event for 2019 will be a sand sculpting contest, and we always welcome new event ideas.

BHA's SER Committee is looking for fun people to join the

committee. Committee volunteer forms are at the BHA office (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm) and on the website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on "About BHA" and then "Committees."

For any questions and to send your form, contact Carrie Moffett at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



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Old Baldy Light Keepers

By Travis Gilbert, Old Baldy Foundation Programs Coordinator

As Hurricane Florence neared landfall on Bald Head Island in September 2018, the staff at the Old Baldy Foundation went right to work putting the organization's disaster plan in place to protect Smith Island Museum of History's collections. In the following weeks, the Island was inaccessible as hurricane recovery efforts were made. Once the Island was deemed safe for employees to return, the staff was relieved to find minimal damage to the collections.

The only item in the collections to incur storm damage was a lighthouse keeper's uniform. Unfortunately, mildew grew on the wool fabric during the facilities' three-week loss of climate control. In the process of conserving this important part of our collection, staff unraveled the forgotten story of the lighthouse keeper's uniform. The Old Baldy Foundation program coordinator, Travis Gilbert, discovered the history of the uniform and the keeper who wore it. The following tale explains the importance of the keeper's uniform to the history of Bald Head Island and the unique story of the individual who wore this uniform every day.

In the late 19th century, keepers at Old Baldy Lighthouse began wearing uniforms. When photography first visited Old Baldy in 1893, keeper Sonny Doshier stood proudly at attention wearing his uniform for a picture. To interpret this part of a keeper's daily life, the Old Baldy Foundation maintains a keeper's uniform as an integral piece of the organization's permanent collection. The uniform consists of a navy-blue, double-breasted frock coat and trousers featuring brass buttons imprinted with "USLHE" for United States Light House Establishment. Clinton Creasman donated the uniform to the Old Baldy Foundation in 2000. Currently, the uniform is undergoing a major conservation project directed by Lynn Gorges, a textiles conservator in New Bern, North Carolina.

Examination of the uniform as part of the damage conservation resulting from Hurricane Florence revealed a tag pinned to the trousers bearing the name James Ginty, the uniform's owner. With research it was discovered that Ginty emigrated from Ireland to America in May 1850, during the height of Ireland's great potato famine. When Ginty arrived in New York Harbor, he was already in his forties and likely married to Mary Ann, who records her birth in Ireland. By 1858,

James and Mary Ann settled in Racine, Wisconsin, just north of Chicago along Lake Michigan. Two years later, the Gintys recorded two teenage sons in the U.S. Census. These sons, Henry and John, had an elder brother named George Clay Ginty, who was born in 1840 and clearly lived on his own by 1860. James Ginty supported his family as a tailor in the budding town of Racine before the Civil War broke out in 1861.

All of the Ginty men served in the Civil War. James Ginty, in his fifties, enlisted as a private in Company D of the 17th Wisconsin Infantry, known as the Irish Regiment due to its high proportion of immigrants. With the 17th Wisconsin, Ginty served during the Sieges of Corinth and Vicksburg. At home during this time, Mary Ann gave birth to a little girl named Lily, who unfortunately died during childbirth or shortly afterwards. James came home to Mary Ann and enlisted two years later as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company H of the 47th Wisconsin Infantry. This regiment protected railroads throughout middle Tennessee until September 1865, when Ginty mustered out with the regiment as a 1st Lieutenant.

While Ginty served in the Union Armies, Racine (Wisconsin) embarked on major improvements to its harbor that promised increased trade and maritime traffic. Consequentially, the federal government commissioned a new lighthouse for Racine's harbor. It was James Ginty who received the commission to serve as the lighthouse's first keeper. On September 10, 1866, Ginty illuminated the lighthouse's fifth-order Fresnel lens for the first time, beginning a sixteen-year career in the United States Lighthouse Service. He and Mary Ann lived in a yellow-brick, one-and-a-half story cottage constructed at the base of the lighthouse on a pier in Racine's harbor. Between his duties as lighthouse keeper, Ginty became an active member in the Grand Army of the Republic and served in various capacities in Racine's municipal government.

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Seeking Volunteers for BHA Committees *Thank you!*

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee (RCB)

Socialization, Education & Recreation Committee (SER)

Strategic Planning & Long Range Projects Committee (SPLRP)

Finance Committee

Committee descriptions and volunteer forms are available at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees.

Contact Carrie Moffett for information at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Have you experienced price gouging after Hurricane Florence?

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

Go to their website at:

[NCdoj.gov/Consumer/Disasters-\(1\)/Price-Gouging.aspx](http://NCdoj.gov/Consumer/Disasters-(1)/Price-Gouging.aspx)

TIDBITS:

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

Coyotes on BHI

Though coyotes are nocturnal, you may catch a glimpse of one as they move within their territory in search of prey. They typically hunt small mammals such as mice or voles. Their breeding season is January to February, so as they move around to find mates, there may be an increase in their perceived movements. It is important to keep pet food indoors and trash secured. Always maintain a safe distance from wildlife. Remember that Bald Head Island has coyotes and to keep your cats and dogs safe.

Smell Gas? Check It Out!

Do you smell natural gas outside your home? Don't forget to have your service provider check the regulator on your gas tank. If it has been flooded, the excess water can cause the rubber gaskets to deteriorate, creating a "flutter" effect which leaks gas from its vent. Since it's not visible on a quick glance, ask your service provider to check it and replace all parts that show any damage.

There are several possibilities as to why you might smell gas outside your home. Don't ignore it; check it out. If you have any questions, contact BHI Village Public Safety at 910-457-5252.

SBA Disaster Recovery Loan

Though the deadline for submitting an application for an SBA Loan has passed, the U.S. Small Business Administration encourages property owners to submit late applications as soon as possible, with an explanation of why they were not able to apply before the December 19, 2018 deadline. Apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov> or call 1-800-659-2955.

If a home is a primary residence, the homeowner can apply as a "homeowner." If it's a second home, the homeowner is eligible to apply for a business loan for physical damages or lost revenue if they rent out the home as a business for all or part of the year.

Businesses and nonprofits that need working capital to cover revenue lost as a result of Hurricane Florence should submit an application for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan before June 14, 2019. SBA can lend up to \$2 million at a fixed interest rate as low as 3.675% with payment deferred for 11 months.

There is a Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Wilmington, NC, located in the Old Independence Mall (previous Sears store location) at 3500 Oleander Drive. Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm.

For questions email Elizabeth Dwyer, U.S. Small Business Administration Public Affairs Specialist, at elizabeth.dwyer@sba.gov.

Dosher Medical-BHI Walk-in Clinic Returns May 28

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

Moving Bulky Items to BHI?

If you need to move bulky items such as furniture to Bald Head Island and you are a member of BHI Club, you can utilize the BHI Club warehouse. Call 910-457-7360 to arrange logistics.

You must be a BHI Club member to be able to use this service. And delivery on BHI is to the curb, not inside your home, so make necessary arrangements.

Remember to Change Batteries in Your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Don't forget to change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This should be done twice every year. If your alarm is hard-wired electrically, you must first shut off electric power at the breaker box. Always follow necessary safety precautions to prevent injury and/or death.

Recycling on BHI

You can recycle: empty, clean plastic bottles and containers with lids/caps on or off; empty aluminum, steel or tin cans; empty aerosol cans; flattened cardboard (separate bin); mixed papers, magazines, newspapers and junk mail; and clean glass jars and bottles (without food residue). Anything with food waste, such as pizza boxes, should go in the trash. For information visit recyclemorenc.org.

Update Your Contact Information

Have you moved? Have you sold your home? It's important to update both BHA and the Village of BHI with any contact information changes. Contact Diane at BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Call the Village of BHI at 910-457-9700.

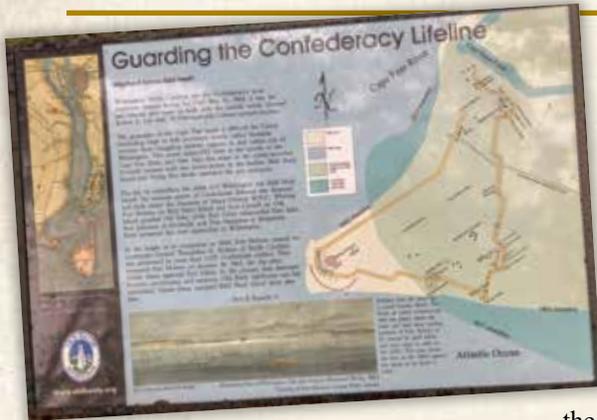
Whole House Surge Protection

As many homeowners on Bald Head Island know, especially after last year's effects from lightning strikes, surge protection can help ensure that your electronics devices, including your appliances, don't become rendered useless from a power surge. Though you may have your computer or laptop plugged into a surge protector cord, what about your appliances — refrigerator, microwave, stove and washer/dryer?

There is another option to protect the valuables in your home — whole house surge protection. There are various solutions available, so do some research and determine what fits your needs best. Ask your electrical service provider for advice. Duke Energy offers this service for a monthly fee.

Make sure you discuss a three-stage protection system that catches all surges, both large and small. If you have a smart home system, ask about getting a notification for experiencing unfavorable power conditions. Whole-house surge protection devices typically mount directly to your breaker panel, and it is recommended to mount the device outside of the panel, to easily see the LED status lights.

For safety reasons, a professional electrician should install any surge arrester. Because of the high voltages involved with installation, there can be severe consequences and damages to your home or injuries and even death to yourself.



2019 Battery 4 Special Assessment

Included in the 2019 dues for Bald Head Association members is a special assessment for the last installment of the loan to purchase

the Battery 4 property located adjacent to the Association Center. With the addition of over 500 properties due to the merger with the Stage II Association, the amount of the last installment has dropped notably to \$161 for a home and \$54 for a vacant lot (down from \$225 and \$75, respectively).

The property was purchased in 2016 after BHA membership approval to allow for the future expansion of the Association Center as the Island pushes closer to build-out. The purchase

also provided preservation of what is one of the last undisturbed portions of Fort Holmes, which had a small role in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Bald Head Island Limited provided the loan of \$650,700 under generous terms with three installments to be paid annually. The first installment was made by members prior to the merger with the Stage II Association. The second was made using proceeds from the sale of common area to Bald Head Island Limited a year later. BHA's Board attempted to identify outside funds for the final installment but none were found. As a result, the special assessment has been levied for 2019. The Board has charged the Strategic Planning and Long Range Projects Committee with the task of identifying short- and long-term uses for the property. Future updates on progress toward that goal will be given to the membership once more information is known.



Re-CYCLE Update

By Gayle Sanders

The grand total of bicycles collected for the BHI Chapel Re-CYCLE project in merely six months is 765, a truly amazing feat. Thank you to all for helping load bicycles in December 2018 — real troopers to come out in the rain to work. They included Karen and Bruce Mortimer, Cindy and Darryl Early, Elizabeth Kinney, Terry (BHI Transportation), Troy and

Elizabeth (BHI Club), Anne Rex and Gayle Sanders.

10th Annual Boy Scout Breakfast

Wednesday, March 20 / 9:00am

Generator Society Hall / Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd)

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Knox Box — Access in an Emergency

What happens when first responders need access to your home in an emergency? A Knox Box allows first responders, such as firefighters,

with immediate access into secure residences and commercial properties when it matters most. Removing barriers to entry reduces injuries to responders and minimizes property damage to homeowners.

There are two sets of forms to complete — one for BHI Village Department of Public Safety and one for Knox. The form for BHI Public Safety is located on www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. At the bottom of the page, click on “New Property Owners.” Click on the third item listed, “Knox Box information.” At the bottom of the paragraph, click on the link “HERE” in the sentence “Click

HERE for the VBHI Public Safety Knox Box Information Sheet.” That takes you directly to the form. Print the form, fill it out, and take it to Bald Head Island Public Safety.

For security purposes, you must contact Knox directly for the form and the Knox Box itself. It’s a simple process and provides peace of mind.

IMPORTANT NOTES: If you have changed the lock on your door and have new house keys, contact Public Safety to change the house key contained in the Knox Box. If you are a new homeowner, make sure the correct house key is in your Knox Box.

Also, if you’ve had a Knox Box for some time and want to check the condition of your keys in the box, contact Public Safety to open the Knox Box. If your house key is rusted or unusable, replace it with a new key.

For any questions, contact Public Safety at 910-457-5252. 

Old Baldy — Sip On Soup

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Development and Special Event Coordinator

Island Hardware hosted a “Sip on Soup” cookoff on Friday, December 28, 2018, to benefit The Old Baldy Foundation. Talented professional and amateur chefs alike joined in the friendly competition to see who would come out victorious. John Munroe and Larry Caringer of the BHI Guys podcast were the esteemed judges and live streamed the judging. Taking home the honors for the evening were the Shoals Club in the professional division with Smoked Brisket Chili, Debi Byrd in the amateur division with White Chicken Chili and Maritime Market in the popular choice division with their Normandy French Onion Soup.

Over 100 islanders came out to enjoy the community and comradery of family and friends to end the year on a festive note. Due to the success of the cookoff, it is sure to become an annual event so the chefs can square off once again. 



Bald Head Island Ferry Transportation Authority Update

At its January 2019 monthly meeting, trustees of the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority received updates in open session about progress on several fronts. A wealth of information is expected to be received by the Authority by January 31, 2019, including vessel surveys, real estate appraisals, a capital expenditure plan, an operations plan and the first draft of a financial modeling plan.

BHA will continue to update property owners with this important, public information provided by the Authority about the transition process. Property owners are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Authority, which will be held on February 20, 2019, at the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay Street, Southport) beginning at 9:15am. 

BHI Club News

By Dawn Jackson, Communications/IT Manager

The BHI Club is pleased to announce that after years of discussions with Bald Head Island Limited, LLC, member input that informed its long-range strategic plan and months of negotiations, the Bald Head Island Club acquired the Shoals Club and secured a lease with option to buy the 5.4-acre Swan’s Quarters and Salt Meadow property adjacent to the Club. Both the acquisition of the Shoals Club and the real estate lease options closed on December 31, 2018.

BHI Club members stated in the 2014 Member Survey that they wanted improved aquatics and pool side dining. Many mentioned specifically acquiring the Shoals Club. Based on the Club’s strategy to offer a first class and family friendly experience, adding the Shoals Club is an important component to providing a great island experience for our members. The memberships will remain separate, and both clubs will continue to operate as separate legal entities at this time. The Board of Governors will be studying the concept of a joint membership

and other potential membership options at the appropriate time.

Both clubs are fortunate to have two very qualified leaders in Robert Norton at the BHI Club and Woody Walls at the Shoals Club. While both clubs will operate independently, Robert will provide the overall management of both clubs. The BHI Club also entered into a lease with option to purchase the Swan’s Quarters and Salt Meadow tracts, 5.4 acres adjacent to the current main campus on South Beach. The acquisition of these multi-acre tracts in such close proximity to existing facilities allows for additional club amenities such as multipurpose fields, additional tennis courts, parking and more.

Along with the development of the long-range facilities plan, including the completion of the new aquatics facilities and Horizons, the new ocean view restaurant this spring, these acquisitions have set the stage for the Club’s future on Bald Head Island. Please contact Robert Norton at 910-457-7300 or rnorton@bhiclub.net with questions. 

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Do You Need Help Negotiating Your Hurricane Florence Insurance Claim? A Public Adjuster Is Your Advocate

Have you encountered issues with your insurance carrier over Hurricane Florence claims? Do you want to make sure you receive all that you're due? Is your insurance carrier trying to get you to repair versus replace damaged items? Have you already received your insurance payment but are wondering if you received everything you're due? Are you being bounced around by responses such as "that's not covered by wind" or "that's not covered by flood"?

It may be time to call in a professional who advocates for you to get you what you deserve — a public adjuster. Defined in Wikipedia as "a professional claims handler/claims adjuster who advocates for the policyholder in appraising and negotiating a claimant's insurance claim."

Even if you've already received payment, you can still call in a public adjuster. And you have two years from the date of loss to file a claim.

Many times a public adjuster is considered as a last resort, but you can begin working with one at any time. Their goal is to get everything that was damaged replaced, not repaired, because that is typically what is stated in the insurance policy. Their fees are typically a percentage of the final claim amount.

Good photos are essential, so make sure you document all

damage and have a backup copy. There can be additional issues with a home that do not show up immediately following a disaster, such as a new leak or mold. Keep that in mind when working with your insurance carrier.

BHA's Design Guidelines and Community Wide Standards can be helpful in discussions with your insurance carrier. Required specifications on replacing damaged, previously ARC-approved architectural items with the same material and bans on obvious "patch" work solutions can help prevent insurance companies from dictating how the repair should be done.

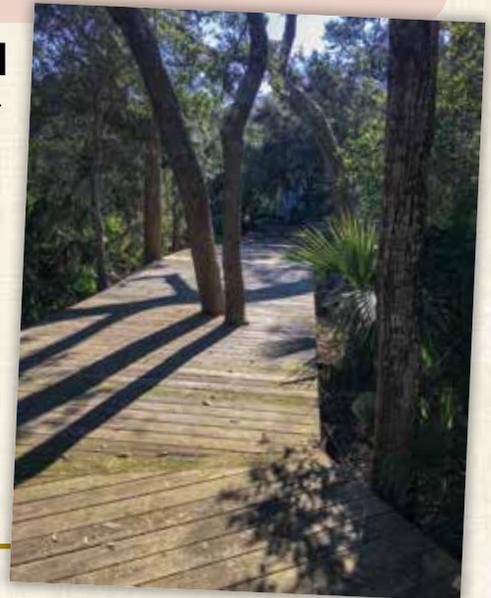
It's essential to purchase a good insurance policy from the beginning, asking the right questions up front, so you're prepared for the back end if a disaster occurs. This is especially true for owning a home on a barrier island, which poses unique issues. BHA is holding an **Insurance Q&A on Saturday, February 16, 2019, from 10:00am-12:00pm** at the Association Center, 111 Lighthouse Wynd. Plan to attend or view it via live stream or recorded. We ask everyone to send us questions before the event to help as many property owners as possible. Email your questions to Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com by **Wednesday, February 13.**

BHA Common Area in a Private Neighborhood

BHA is navigating an interesting situation that is years in the making. It regards the master walkway in Keeper's Landing. BHA manages this master walkway in Keeper's Landing, which is Common Area and open to the public. It runs parallel with the creek in the rear of some of the homes. However, the pier and dock that extend into the creek are private property, though the pier is currently undergoing repair work due to damage from Hurricane Florence. There is no trespassing on the pier and dock at any time. Any trespassers on this private pier may result in a citation.

Keeper's Landing roads are private roads, and non-resident parking is not allowed inside the neighborhood because it is also private property. Parking is allowed along the road before the Keeper's Landing sign and fences. Always park safely, meaning all four tires are off of the road so as not to impede Public Safety vehicles.

We ask for your help. Stay off the private pier, dock and roads. If you are not a Keeper's Landing property owner or renter, you may be stopped by BHI Village Public Safety. We are attempting to identify ways to resolve this unique situation in the interest of both BHA members and Keeper's Landing property owners.



Ticks and Lyme Disease

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Lyme disease infected 42,743 people in 2017, a 19% increase from 2016. "The true number of cases is probably 10 times that," said Dr. John Aucott, director of the Johns Hopkins Lyme Disease Research Center and chair of the federal Tick-Borne Disease Working Group. "It's clear that ticks are infecting more people as the bugs themselves spread," Aucott said. "It's also clear that much more work is needed to keep track of these infections and to help people suffering from them."

SER's Shag Dance Classes

Wednesdays, February 27 to March 20 / 6:00pm
Generator Society Hall / Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd)
\$75/person & \$150/couple.

To register contact Debra Lyons at DebraLyons16@gmail.com.

The most common tick-borne disease in North America, its incidence has risen sharply in the last decade. According to Carnegie Mellon University, "Since its progression depends on environmental factors, increases in daily temperatures, a manifestation of climate change, might be contributing to a rise in the number of ticks as well as a greater availability of hosts."

"A new study by Carnegie Mellon University and the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science looked at the relationship between climatic variables and the occurrence of Lyme disease in 15 U.S. states. The study found that rising temperatures are expected to boost the number of cases of Lyme disease by more than 20% by mid-century."

Lyme disease, caused by the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is transmitted to humans through a bite from an infected black-legged or deer tick. Not all deer ticks are infected with the

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It was the last year of James Ginty’s career that Washington, D.C. instituted uniform regulations for lighthouse keepers. Ginty ordered his uniform from the New York-based Brooks Uniform Company, a subsidiary of Brooks Brothers. His uniform contradicts regulations, such as the coat’s pleats and length. Additionally, keeper’s uniforms were navy blue, but Ginty’s uniform is a lighter hue of blue. Perhaps Ginty used his pre-war tailoring skills to personalize his ready-made uniform. Lighthouse keepers wore whatever they pleased prior to the 1883 standardization of uniforms, so Ginty may have ordered his keeper’s uniform prior to the regulations. The combination of Racine Harbor Lighthouse’s urban location and Ginty’s civic-mindedness assured a public eye on Ginty, unlike the remote life of Old Baldy’s keepers. This public presence likely heightened Ginty’s awareness of appearances and influenced his dress.

On July 11, 1883, Racine’s *Journal Times* announced the resignation of James Ginty as keeper of the harbor lighthouse. “He has made a good and faithful keeper,” the newspaper reported, concluding that “old vessel captains will regret to learn of his action.” Ginty spent the last four years of his life enjoying Racine and visiting his sons in California. He died at home, just blocks from the lighthouse, on June 30, 1887, survived by his wife Mary Ann and their three sons. “He was a quiet and honored citizen,” his obituary reads.

The Old Baldy Foundation is excited to undertake the conservation of Mr. Ginty’s uniform so his story and the stories of his fellow keepers may be remembered and celebrated. We would like to thank Adrienne Burney from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for her consultation on his project. Check back in a few months to hear updates about the uniform’s progress. 

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bacteria that cause Lyme disease. Ticks can become infected if they feed on small animals that are infected. Symptoms can occur anywhere from 3 to 30 days after the bite and can be wide-ranging, depending on the stage of the infection. In some cases, symptoms can appear months after the bite.

According to the CDC, the chances you might get Lyme disease from a tick bite depends on the kind of tick, where you were when the bite occurred and how long the tick was attached to you. “Black-legged ticks must be attached to you for 36 to 48 hours to transmit Lyme disease. If you remove the tick or ticks within 48 hours, you aren’t likely to get infected,” says Cleveland Clinic infectious disease specialist Alan Taeye, MD.

Early signs and symptoms include fever, chills, headache, fatigue, muscle/joint pain and swollen lymph nodes — all common flu symptoms. In up to 80% of Lyme infections, a rash is one of the first symptoms, Aucott says.

Ticks can only crawl, and they live in shady, moist areas at ground level. They will cling to tall grass, brush and shrubs, usually no more than 18-24 inches off the ground. They also live at the edges of woods. According to the NY Department of Health, “Deer ticks cannot jump or fly, and they do not drop onto passing people or animals. They get on humans and animals only by direct contact. Once a tick gets on the skin, it generally climbs upward until it reaches a protected area.” Be aware that they can be active on winter days when the ground temperatures are above 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

Arm yourself with good information to prevent any problems, and check yourself and others for ticks in all seasons. 

February 2019

ARC–A Meeting	2/1/2019	9am
Souper Bowl of Caring Donation Drop-off	2/3/2019	
Ladies Bible Study	2/5/2019	1pm
Card Class	2/6/2019	2pm
Men’s Bible Study	2/8/2019	8am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	2/8/2019	10am
Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday	2/12/2019	
Valentine’s Day	2/14/2019	
ARC–B Meeting	2/15/2019	9am
BHA Insurance Q&A	2/16/2019	10am
Community Potluck Dinner	2/18/2019	6pm
Presidents’ Day	2/18/2019	
Ladies Bible Study	2/19/2019	1pm
Howl at the Moon (“Snow Moon”)	2/19/2019	5pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting	2/20/2019	9:15am
Men’s Bible Study	2/22/2019	8am
VBHI — Annual Retreat	2/22/2019	9am
Shag Dance Classes Begin	2/27/2019	6pm

SAVE THE DATE in March:

ARC–A Meeting	3/1/2019	9am
Ladies Bible Study	3/5/2019	1pm
Ash Wednesday Service	3/6/2019	1pm
Card Class	3/6/2019	2pm
Men’s Bible Study	3/8/2019	8am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	3/8/2019	10am
BHA Board Meeting	3/8/2019	2pm
Friends of Music Society Concert	3/8/2019	7:30pm
Timbercreek Annual Meeting	3/9/2019	10am
Daylight Saving Time	3/10/2019	
ARC–B Meeting	3/15/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	3/15/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	3/15/2019	2:30pm
Badwater Cape Fear	3/16/2019	
St. Patrick’s Day	3/17/2019	
Community Potluck Dinner	3/18/2019	6pm
Ladies Bible Study	3/19/2019	1pm
First Day of Spring	3/20/2019	
Boy Scout Breakfast	3/20/2019	9am
Howl at the Moon (“Worm Moon”)	3/20/2019	6:30pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Meeting	3/20/2019	9:15am
Men’s Bible Study	3/22/2019	8am

Around the corner in 2019

Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	4/10/2019	
Easter	4/21/2019	
Earth Day	4/22/2019	
Mother’s Day	5/12/2019	
Friends of Music Society Gala Cruise	5/17/2019	5pm
Memorial Day	5/27/2019	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ARC — A Meeting 9am (AC/B) ARC — B Submission Deadline	2
3 10:00am Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum Presbyterian (VC) Souper Bowl of Caring (VC)	4 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	5 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm (VC)	6 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Card Class 2:00pm (AC)	7 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	8 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) VBHI — Transportation 10:00am (PSC)	9
10 10:00am Rev. Sally Bates Methodist (VC)	11	12 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Valentine's Day	15 ARC — B Meeting 9am (AC/B) ARC — A Submission Deadline	16 BHA Insurance Q&A 10:00am (AC)
17 10:00am Rev. Sarah Swandell Methodist (VC)	18 Community Potluck Dinner 6:00pm (AC) Presidents' Day	19 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm (VC) Howl at the Moon 5:00pm (Access 39)	20	21 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	22 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) VBHI Annual Retreat 9:00am (PSC)	23
24 10:00am Rev. Dr. Philip Smith Baptist (VC)	25 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	26 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	27 Yoga 11:45am (AC) Shag Dance Class (1 st of 4 classes) 6:00pm (AC)	28 Pilates 10:45am (AC)		



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

Standing Events:

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

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