



# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## Insurance Roundtable Discussion Update

BHA organized and led an insurance roundtable discussion on behalf of BHI property owners on May 13, 2019. Invited guests were NC Department of Insurance (NCDOI) Commissioner Mike Causey, NCDOI Commissioner's Special Assistant Roger Blackwell and NCDOI Regional Director — Coastal Southeast Marcia Kelly.

For a collaborative approach in looking at various insurance impacts on Bald Head Island, BHA invited representatives from the Village of BHI, Department of Public Safety, BHI Limited, BHI Club, BHI Conservancy and BHI commercial business owners.

With BHI property owners paying a premium based on home value into the insurance system, BHA is working on behalf of property owners to ensure they receive appropriate insurance coverage on the back end specifically for Bald Head Island, which poses its own unique situations. As an example, the current process specifies that insurance adjusters use zip code 28461 to calculate repair and replacement costs. That zip code covers not only Bald Head Island, but Southport and nearby areas, as well, not taking into consideration additional costs such as the barge, ferry and parking for BHI. This breakdown between coverage and claims for BHI, as well as additional issues, was discussed and shared with Commissioner Mike Causey.

Here is a statement from Commissioner Causey's office. "Commissioner Causey appreciates the invitation that was



At left: Carl Pearson, Commissioner Mike Causey, Roger Blackwell and John Fisher. Below: Commissioner Mike Causey at the BHI Public Safety Complex.

extended from Bald Head Island. He came away with a greater understanding about the Bald Head Island issues and promises to continue working with the Chief Deputy on finding solutions to your concerns. In addition, the NC Department of Insurance is

working diligently on finding new ways to better prepare for storm readiness. Thank you again for your time and attention sharing Bald Head Island concerns."

Stay tuned to future *Island Reports* for updates from NCDOI on this and other issues relating to insurance.

Do you need assistance with **anything** related to insurance — including homeowners, disaster and recovery, life, auto, health or Medicare? Call the **NCDOI Consumer Division** at **855-408-1212**.



## Do Your Part to Protect Sea Turtles on BHI — Hazards Include Holes/Mounds in the Sand, Dogs on the Loose and White Lights

Turtle Season is here! Every year, Turtle Season is May 1 through November 15. This is the time when loggerhead sea turtles visit Bald Head Island beaches (and if we're lucky, perhaps a Ridley's kemp or leatherback sea turtle). Do you know how you can best help nesting turtles and their hatchlings?

### Flat Beaches

BHI beaches are great for building sand sculptures. But did you know that those holes kids love to dig and any structural mounds can impede the path of a nesting sea turtle? **DO NOT**

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**DO NOT** cut or trim trees and vegetation — ask ARC first!  
 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. 2019 ARC Meeting Schedules are on the website at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

## Handy to know!

### Search Functions, Preventing Litter, Design Guidelines Update in Progress and Operation Re-Forest — We Forest

All contractors doing ANY work on the exterior of a home or ANY landscaping on BHA member properties must comply with BHA's Design Guidelines. The property owner is the responsible party — this means you. So, if the guidelines are

not adhered to and any fines and remediation costs occur, **YOU** (as the property owner) are held responsible. This is an important clarification, especially if you hire any contractors who are new to working on BHI. And though contractors who already do work on BHI should know and follow the Design Guidelines, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure proper adherence — **DO NOT ASSUME** your contractor knows and will follow the Design Guidelines. Again, the property owner pays the price of non-compliance.

Property owners must also understand and stay within their lot lines. Any work beyond your lot lines could mean trespassing on someone else's property and/or on Bald Head Association's Common Area (which requires pre-approval from the BHA Board of Directors). There are additional repercussions if trespassing and/or Common Area violations occur.

Design Guidelines are available on the home page of BHA's website — [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com). Once you open up the document, you can use **CTRL+F** to bring up the search function to find a specific topic. Type in your search word and use the down arrow button to search for the next instance of the word. All ARC (Architectural Review Committee) questions should be directed to Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

#### Prevent Litter on BHI — YOU Can Help!

The beauty of Bald Head Island is everyone's responsibility — **even YOURS!** The more litter that is visible on BHI, the more likely a psychological acceptance will be triggered that litter is acceptable (which is never the case), creating an opportunity for even more litter.

Property owners are encouraged to ensure that **ALL** of their contractors contain and dispose of debris properly and take necessary precautions against debris scattering in the wind. Ask them about their plan for containment before, during and after a job — **do not assume**. If you see a worksite on BHI that is not containing its debris properly, especially if it's flying in the wind, contact Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

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**Want to search BHA's Design Guidelines online for a key word? Use "CTRL+F" to search the entire document at: [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)**



## Use Your Voice — Voting and the Village of BHI Council

### A Note About Voting...

Ever wonder where your vote would carry the most weight? Say, for example, you are fortunate to split your time between Bald Head Island and Charlotte, NC. What difference would your vote make in an election in Charlotte, where the voting population is over 700,000? What about on Bald Head Island, where there are approximately 200 registered voters, and **just one vote** has defeated a proposed bond or candidate?

If you're interested in changing your registration to BHI, property owners who lived in Brunswick County for 30 days prior to an election can register and vote on the same day, as long as they meet several other criteria. Visit [www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov/elections](http://www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov/elections) for details. For specific questions regarding your situation and whether you qualify to vote in Brunswick County, contact the Brunswick County Board of Elections at 910-253-2620 or [elections@brunswickcountync.gov](mailto:elections@brunswickcountync.gov).

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### Design Guidelines Update — Now in Progress

ARC is currently in the process of updating the Design Guidelines. Do you have input that you would like the ARC to consider? ARC members do not know unless they hear from you. Contact Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

### "Operation Re-Forest — We Forest!"


In response to the large tree loss on Bald Head Island from Hurricane Florence and the January 2018 ice storm, BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has developed a simplified tree planting approval process, which includes waiving approval fees and streamlining logistics. You simply need to email Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, with the number and types of trees you want to plant in the fall ([Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com)). **Reminder: You can only plant trees on lots that you own, so ensure that you know where your lot lines are.**

This is a **ONE-TIME process for planting trees**. In the future, any landscape changes must first be reviewed by the ARC.

Property owners can arrange to purchase trees through their landscaping service provider, or BHA is working with Island


### Three Village of BHI Council Seats Open This Year

There are three Village of BHI Council members whose terms expire this year — Kit Adcock (Mayor Pro Tempore), John Pitera (Councilor) and John May (Councilor). If you are interested in running for a council seat, the registration period is July 5-19. Visit [www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov/elections](http://www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov/elections) for more information.

According to Village Ordinance, "As approved by the ordinance in 2018, at the regular municipal election in 2019, the two councilmember candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected for four-year terms, while the one councilmember candidate who receives the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a two-year term. Beginning with the municipal election in 2021, the mayor and two councilmembers shall be elected to serve four-year terms. Beginning with the 2023 municipal election, two councilmembers shall be elected to serve four-year terms." 

Hardware to serve as a central ordering and distribution point for new trees. BHA is also working with the Village of BHI and BHI Club, both committed to participating in this reforestation operation.

If you want to order trees through Island Hardware, email Pete Fullam ([bhihardware@ihandm.com](mailto:bhihardware@ihandm.com)) with the number and types of trees you want by **Monday, September 2, 2019**. Pete will order all trees in September, for October and November delivery. He has been given BHA's native plant list for various BHI ecologies, which BHA encourages utilizing for planting. Though some tree species may be harder to locate, Pete will contact local nurseries to accommodate orders as best as he can. He's also been advised by BHA regarding preferred tree sizes.

This operation's tree planting will occur in the fall, which is the best time to help establish healthy and robust root growth, which is the foundation of a healthy plant. **BHA encourages property owners to plant trees that are native to Bald Head Island.** A list is provided in the Design Guidelines, starting on page 150. Visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). These trees will help Bald Head Island control flooding as they mature by soaking up vast amounts of rainwater over their lifetimes. 



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## Driving Golf Carts on BHI — Limited Learner’s Permit

As stated by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, Chapter 20 NC motor vehicle laws:

**Limited learner’s Permit:** A person at least age 15 and under age 18 may obtain a limited learner’s permit if the person has passed a driver education course and a written test administered by the DMV.

20-11 (c) **Level 1 Restrictions:** A limited learner’s permit authorizes the permit holder to drive a specified type or class of motor vehicle only under the following conditions:

- (1) The permit holder must be in possession of the permit.
- (2) A supervising driver must be seated beside the permit holder in the front seat of the vehicle when it is in motion. No person other than the supervising driver can be in the front seat.

**NOTE: Supervising Driver:** A supervising driver shall be a parent, grandparent or guardian of the permit holder or license holder or a responsible person approved by the parent or guardian or the Division. A supervising driver shall be a license driver who has been licensed to drive for at least **five years**. At least one supervising driver shall sign the application for the permit or license.

- (3) For the first six months after issuance, the permit holder may drive only between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- (4) After the first six months after issuance, the permit holder may drive at any time.
- (5) Every person occupying the vehicle being driven by the permit holder must have a safety belt properly fastened about his or her body, or be restrained by a child passenger



restraint system as provided in 20-137.1(a) when the vehicle is in motion.

(6) The permit holder shall not use a mobile telephone or other additional technology associated with a mobile telephone while operating the motor vehicle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area.

**NOTE:** A learners permit from another state is valid in North Carolina, but only if the driver is age 16 or older and follows the North Carolina 20-11 (c).

As stated by the Village of BHI, Ordinance Sec. 28-91.

**Operation of electric carts by unlicensed drivers:**

- (a) Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any unlicensed driver to operate an electric cart on the streets of the village. It shall further be unlawful for any person, entity or corporation who is the owner of an electric cart to permit an unlicensed driver to operate an electric cart on the streets of the village. It shall be lawful for an individual privileged to operate a motor vehicle on the streets or highways of the state pursuant to G.S. 20-11(b) - (e) to operate an electric cart on the streets of the village, so long as they comply with the requirements and restrictions set forth in G.S. 20-11.
- (b) Penalties. Any person who shall violate this section shall be required to pay a penalty in the amount of \$250.00 pursuant to G.S. 160A-175. Any individual cited for violation of this section shall pay the civil penalty at the office of the village clerk within 48 hours following receipt of the citation.

Share this important information with your guests and renters!

## Village of BHI — Hurricane Florence Task Force Update

By Rex Cowdry,  
Task Force Chair

The Village’s Hurricane Florence Task Force sent its Interim Report to Council on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The interim report focused on recommendations with implications for the 2019/20 Village budget and can be found on the Village website ([www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org)) under the heading “Committee Reports.” A final report covering a broader range of issues and the full set of recommendations will be presented to the Village in July.

The Interim Report covers:

1. two vital planning studies
  - the next phases of stormwater management studies, including studies now underway of the topography of the Island using LIDAR data, leading to a revised Stormwater Management and Emergency Pumping Plan

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*Bald Head Association*

Working for property owners and working to preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come.

### 2019 TALLY Since January 2019

BHA-owned Common Area Tree Violations:

**162.75 inches of trees**  
**\$4,250 fines & remediation costs**

Tree Violations on Property Owner Lots:

**\$3,400 fines levied by BHA Board**  
**for unauthorized tree removal**

Community Wide Standards Violations: **0**

## The BHI Beat *John Fisher, BHA Board President*

### Bald Head Island's Unique Culture

Bald Head Island is truly unique. The original property owners of BHI, named the "Generator Society," knew that, as well. They loved BHI so much, they were motivated to protect it not just for themselves, but for generations to come. So, they developed Bald Head Association's (BHA) Articles of Incorporation.

The Bald Head Association Covenants were drafted and adopted by the property owners of Bald Head Island. Within these Covenants, the property owners created the Design Guidelines and the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to support their goal of "enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Bald Head Island properties and maintaining the environment in which they exist." The Design Guidelines contain basic requirements that support the intention of the Covenants to promote a harmonious community aesthetic and a conservation consciousness, helping to protect BHI's environment.

With many new property owners on BHI following increased home sales due to Hurricane Florence, it's important to educate newcomers about maintaining Bald Head Island's culture of preserving the Island's delicate environment. One (or a few) tree violation on just one lot may not sound like much, but multiply that by over 2,000 lots. That affects a lot of trees that support the Island.


As "Keepers of the Culture," Bald Head Association has recently updated its Welcome Package. It combines information about BHA with new property owner tips, in an effort to **prevent problems from even occurring**, such as tree cutting without ARC pre-approval. If you'd like to have a Welcome Package, stop

in the BHA office (9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday) at 111 Lighthouse Wynd or request one at [Info@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Info@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

Most who visit BHI treasure her natural majesty, whether it's the first time or the 99th. If you live on BHI year-round or for any length of time, the moment you step onto the ferry at Deep Point Marina, you know you're going home to a very special place. You have a choice to help ensure that BHI is preserved for generations to come — **pay attention, get involved and encourage fellow property owners to get involved.**

Read BHA's *Island Report* every month, sign up for E-blasts and frequent the website ([BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)). Sign up for the *Village's Voice* updates and alerts. Attend Village Council meetings to learn about issues facing BHI and the decisions made by the Council (held the third Friday of every month, 2:30pm, at the Public Safety Complex, 273 Edward Teach Ext.). Attend the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority (BHIFTA) meetings every month (the third Wednesday of every month, 9:15am, at the Southport Community Building) to stay apprised of the future outcome of the ferry ownership and management. BHI entities such as the BHI Conservancy, Old Baldy Foundation and Village Chapel post news on their websites, and you can sign up for email updates. Support your hyper-local economy by shopping and dining at BHI businesses.

Change is permanent. And Bald Head Island is changing.

Your input directed to those in charge can help navigate the future for BHI. 

## Proposed Revised Village Transportation Ordinance

*By Kit Adcock,  
Mayor Pro Tempore*

An article in the June issue of the *Island Report* addressed the background information that led to the proposed revision of the Village Transportation ordinance. This article delineates the goals affecting the changes. The Village Transportation Committee worked for three years to create this comprehensive document. The revised Transportation Ordinance promotes road safety and sharing of Island roadways.

One goal was to clarify allowable vehicles on Bald Head Island's roads. Recent technological advances allow for previously unimaginable amenities to basic golf carts. The

evolution of electric vehicles, particularly smaller ones that suit Island roads need consideration. Consequently, the committee recommended two versions of Chapter 28. One version uses the term "electric golf cart," while the other employs "electric vehicle." In all other regards, the two versions are identical.

Many islanders have expressed concern over the proliferation of internal combustion engine (I.C.E.) vehicles, notably the number of trucks on the Island. Sharing roads with these vehicles is difficult for pedestrians and for golf cart users. The

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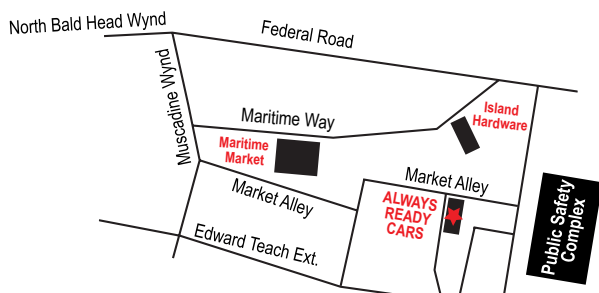
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**ASSUME** that the water from high tide will level the sand back to “normal.” **YOU** must fill those holes back in and level any mounds back to flat. Help the sea turtles! Even if you didn’t create the hole or mound of sand and pass one on the beach, do your part for the sea turtles and level the sand back to normal.

Practice the backpacker’s philosophy of “pack it in, pack it out” at all BHI beaches. All beach gear, including litter, should be removed from the beach when you leave. Anything remaining could potentially tangle up a sea turtle.

**Dogs**

Per Village ordinance, all dogs must be “physically restrained by a leash” from sunset to sunrise during turtle nesting and hatching season. But when you’re on the beach, pay attention and keep all dogs under control. Dogs should never be allowed near a protected sea turtle nest. If they dig a hole in the sand, fill it back in to prevent hindering a sea turtle’s path to and from the water. **DO NOT** be added to the “distracted dog owner” list. While you’re taking a photo, is your dog pooping on the beach behind you?

**“Lights Affect Us”**

Nesting sea turtles and their babies need darkness so that they are not distracted from their path to the water. No white flashlights should be used on the beach at night during Turtle Season. Use a flashlight with a red filter, which gives you viewing ability without affecting the turtles. **NEVER** disturb sea turtles in any way. This includes flash photography and shining cell phone lights on them. It is illegal to touch or disturb sea turtles. And harassing a threatened species, which is a federal crime (U.S. Endangered Species Act), can carry a fine of \$10,500 and possible jail time.

It is critical that homes facing the ocean are frugal in using exterior lighting, to prevent disturbing nesting female and hatchling loggerhead sea turtles. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to light only what is needed when it is needed outdoors, especially on the ocean side. And these homes must use room-darkening window treatments to block interior lighting in the evenings.

If you see a nesting sea turtle, call the BHI Conservancy at 910-457-0089, ext. 5. For more information about sea turtles on Bald Head Island or to be a part of the BHI Conservancy’s Sea Turtle Protection Program, visit their website at [BHIC.org](http://BHIC.org).

**Share this important information with your guests and renters — do not assume they know this important information. And help educate everyone you know.**



**Stay off of the dunes!**

Dunes, with the help of sea oats, are a resilient barrier to the destructive forces of wind and water.

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Spread it around — tell your guests and renters.

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## BHA Boat Park — Only a Few Spaces Left


Hurry! If you want a space in BHA’s Boat Park (located on Timbercreek Mulch Site Road, off of North Bald Heady Wynd), call or email for your space now, before they’re all taken. Eligible boats must meet the Village’s Ordinance of being a maximum of 16 feet in length, with a maximum 25hp motor. For any questions and to reserve your space, contact Pam Rainey at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or [PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

Water has recently been installed at the Boat Park, with a hose and sprayer. It’s just to the right at the parking entrance.

All boats are given assigned spaces by Pam Rainey at BHA. Once completed paperwork and payment is returned to Pam, she places the sticker on the boat trailer, which is valid through

December 31. Space renewal letters are mailed in December of each year and are due by January 1. Any spaces for boat owners who begin their lease at other times throughout the year are prorated.

Boats **CANNOT** be moved to another space in the Boat Park without pre-approval from Pam. An empty space in the Boat Park does not necessarily mean that it hasn’t already been assigned. If your contact information changes, send updates to Pam Rainey.

**NOTE:** If you have a boat at your home, it must be concealed (not just with a camouflaged tarp) from the golf course fairway and a public road. 


## 2019 Hurricane Season

It’s hurricane season, which extends from June 1 to November 30 every year. El Niño and warmer-than-average Atlantic Ocean help shape the 2019 season’s intensity.

For 2019, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) “predicts a likely range of 9 to 15 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 4 to 8 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 2 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. An average hurricane season produces 12 named storms, of which 6 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

“This outlook reflects competing climate factors. The ongoing

El Niño is expected to persist and suppress the intensity of the hurricane season. Countering El Niño is the expected combination of warmer-than-average sea-surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, and an enhanced west African monsoon, both of which favor increased hurricane activity.”

Wikipedia describes El Niño as “the warm phase of the El Niño–Southern Oscillation and is associated with a band of warm ocean water that develops in the central and east-central equatorial Pacific, including the area off the Pacific coast of South America.” The dictionary adds, “It is characterized by the appearance of unusually warm, nutrient-poor water off northern Peru and Ecuador, typically in late December.” 





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# Old Baldy — National Lighthouse Day Festival

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Foundation Development and Communications Coordinator

National Lighthouse Day is fast approaching, and The Old Baldy Foundation has an entire weekend planned to celebrate with activities from August 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>! There is something for the foodie, children, historian and even athlete of your family.

National Lighthouse Day. The festival will also include a Civil War encampment by the 30<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry Regiment, along with living historians from the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport.

To top off the festival, starting at 6:00pm, our annual Run for the Light 5k, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run will kick off. All race participants receive a signature finisher's medal, race shirt,

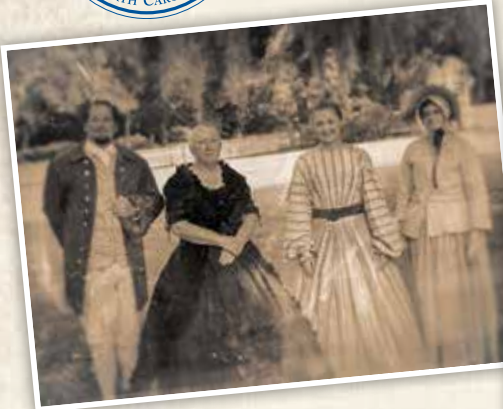
headlamp, reusable bag, snacks and a free beer or wine card. This race is a highlight, as it attracts around 200 racers who enjoy the picturesque race course and bring their whole family to enjoy.

We are thrilled to announce an additional festivity for National Lighthouse Weekend on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>! Join us on the lawn of Old Baldy for an exclusive concert with Craig

Woolard, lead singer of iconic beach music band "The Embers," and Friends from 6:00-9:00pm. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening with great music and friends. There will be a few VIP

tables available, so keep a look out to reserve one for your crew. Bring your own snacks. Beer, wine, soda and water will be available for purchase. This promises to be a highlight of the summer!

For information, prices and tickets for the entire weekend, head to [OldBaldy.org](http://OldBaldy.org) or call 910-457-7481.



Top and bottom photos (historical reenactors and Run for the Light) by Thatcher Photography LLC. Festival on Old Baldy grounds photo by Old Baldy Foundation.



On Friday, August 2, join us on the Old Baldy Grounds for a Historic Happy Hour under the stars at 6:00pm. We will be toasting the roaring 20's on Bald Head Island when flappers and prohibitionists enjoyed the Island's first beach resort developed by Thomas Franklin Boyd. Celebrate this watershed moment in Bald Head Island history by enjoying cocktails with costumed historians and period music, and there will be a black-and-white, silent film of Bald Head Island from the era.

On Saturday, August 3, our annual Duck Race will be held. Stop at Old Baldy or head to [OldBaldy.org](http://OldBaldy.org) to adopt a duck for only \$10. The owner of the first-place duck will win \$500! You do not need to be present to win.

Sunday, August 4, will feature a festival on the Old Baldy grounds for your whole family to enjoy, beginning at 4:30pm. There will be BBQ, snacks, sno cones and beverages for all ages. Climbs of Old Baldy will be free starting this day, as we honor



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# Record-Setting Sea Turtle Nesting on Bald Head Island

By Amber Walters, BHI Conservancy Marketing & Communications Manager

A total of 22 sea turtle nests have been laid on Bald Head Island (BHI) as of May 31, 2019, and the nesting season has just begun. With the first nest being laid on May 15, the BHI



Conservancy team has been quite busy tagging the sea turtle moms and protecting their nests.

With over 30 years of sea turtle nesting data, the Conservancy confirms that this is the most nests laid on BHI during the month of May since at least 2002, when there were just 15 nests by this time.

With the past two years being lower nesting years on BHI, the Conservancy hopes this is a sign that the turtles are set to break their 2016 record high of 102 total nests for the season.

There have also been 32 false crawls (the mom will crawl up the beach to nest but turn back around before laying her eggs), and the Conservancy team has been able to identify 20 of the nesting mothers. So far, all nests have been laid by Loggerhead sea turtles. BHI sees mostly Loggerhead turtles nesting, with the occasional Green turtle and Leatherback turtle (the largest of the sea turtle species).

Our sea turtle team tracks these sea turtles through flipper tags, shell measurements and scanning for PIT tags (essentially a microchip and similar to those for household pets). Identifying

these turtles helps create a data set, where the turtles and their nesting history are able to be tracked throughout their long lifetime.

Originally started over 30 years ago by volunteers, the BHI Conservancy's sea turtle protection team (now comprised of our Sea Turtle Program Coordinator, Paul Hillbrand, and six sea turtle interns) patrols the beaches nightly from 9pm-6am on UTVs to track, measure and tag the sea turtles, protect their nests with plastic cages and relocate the nests, if necessary (usually, if they are laid too close to the high tideline). The sea turtles sure have kept this team busy. In one night alone, the team had nine sea turtle events, with seven of those taking place in the three-hour time span of 12:30-3:30am.



Photos by BHI Conservancy.

If you'd like to learn more about the BHI Conservancy's sea turtle protection program, visit [bhic.org/sea-turtle-protection-program](http://bhic.org/sea-turtle-protection-program). For more information about the BHI Conservancy, visit us online at [BHIC.org](http://BHIC.org) or call us at 910-457-0089.

## CAUTION: Riptides — Share with Your Guests and Renters

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.

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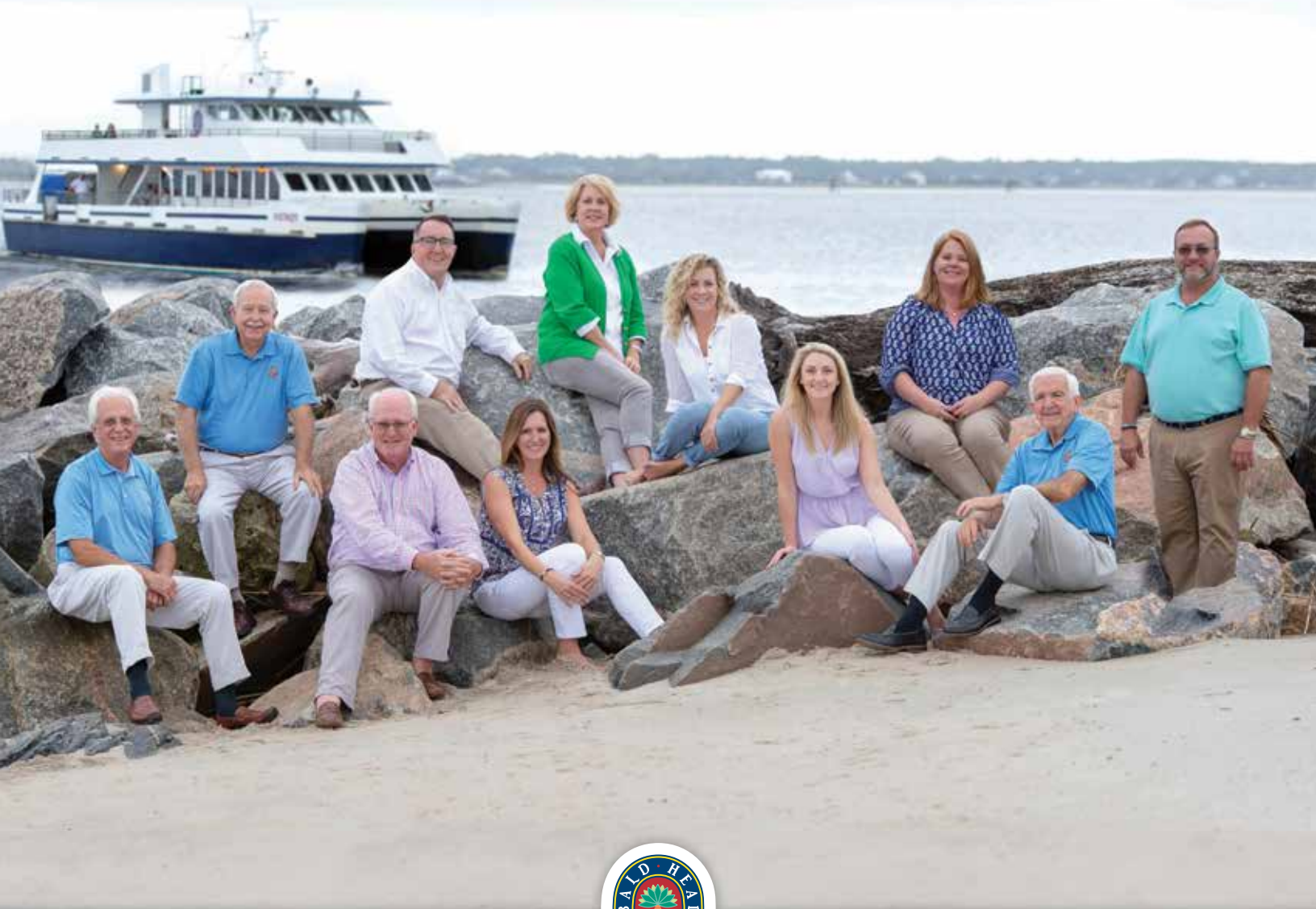
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(Noun) a small and particularly interesting item of information.

## Love Basketball? Play on BHI!

Anyone who loves to play basketball now has a place on Bald Head Island. This basketball play area is available any time to anyone.



The basketball net is located on the side driveway of the Public Safety Complex (273 Edward Teach Ext.). There is a basketball available, and it's kept on the stand.

After play, replace the basketball

on the stand where you found it for others to enjoy.

Just remember not to impede any emergency vehicles leaving or coming in. Do not park golf carts or leave any personal items on the driveway, which could block entry or exit — this driveway is used by emergency personnel. Park only in the designated parking area in the front of the complex or park correctly in the surrounding area (all four tires off of the road surface).

## BHI Artisan Show & Sale Saturday, July 6, 10am-5pm

Come out to the BHA Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd), where numerous handcrafted items created by Island artisans will be on display and for sale. You can find handcrafted jewelry; handmade pottery; photos of BHI, including drone photos; quilts; bird home replicas of BHI buildings; and more. Open to the public. For information, contact Sally Klippel at 404-692-8652 or [SallyKlippel@bellsouth.net](mailto:SallyKlippel@bellsouth.net).



May 31, 2019, on Bald Head Island. The meeting was intended to coordinate an introduction from the Bicycle Man's CEO, Ann Mathis, to Brunswick County Social Services. Cathy Lytch, Director of Brunswick County Social Services, and Rich Ohmer, Brunswick County Social Work Program Manager

## Re-CYCLE — Village Chapel Volunteers' Efforts May Grow to Help Children in Brunswick County

The Village Chapel's Re-CYCLED program coordinators and volunteers met with Brunswick County Social Services representatives on

were invited to Bald Head Island to learn about the Bicycle Man Community Outreach Project and how Bald Head Island's successful, ongoing bicycle drive had created the potential to add Brunswick County's children as bicycle recipients.

In April 2019, the Village Chapel celebrated its one-year anniversary of the outreach program Re-CYCLE. To date, **967.5 bicycles** have been donated to Bicycle Man Community Outreach Projects to be refurbished for children in need. The goal is to have over 1,000 bicycles donated to this cause.

The bicycles refurbished by the Bicycle Man Community Outreach Project are given to children just before Christmas every year. The

## NEW BHA Website Feature Key Word Search

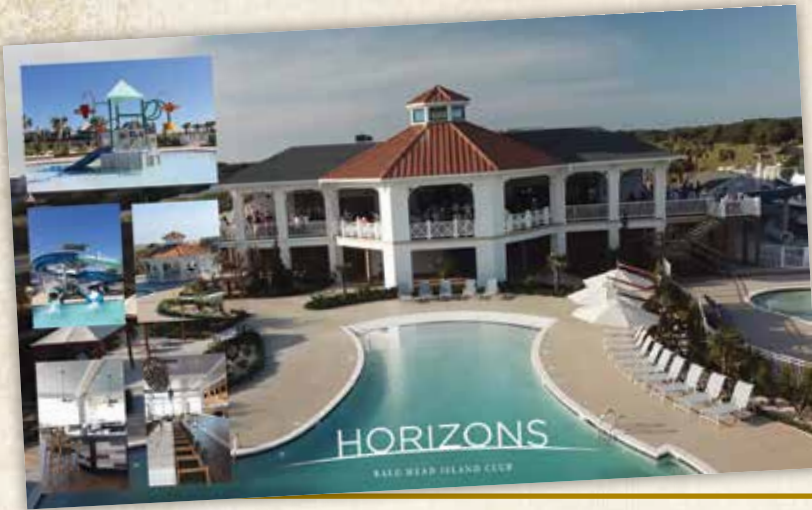
Looking for something specific on the BHA website? Check out the **NEW** key word search function. Go to [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com) on your PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. In the top right area is the magnifying glass icon. Click on the icon, and the search bar appears. Type in your key word, such as "trees," "Design Guidelines," "native plant," "electrician," "knox box" or others. A list of search results will appear. Simply click on the link that most closely resembles what you are looking for.



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## BHI Club Update

By Dawn Jackson, BHI Club Communications/IT Manager



Horizons is the Club's highly anticipated, Caribbean-style, poolside dining venue where lunch and dinner are served daily overlooking an awe-inspiring resort-style pool complex with sweeping views of the Atlantic. The menu features land and seafood favorites as well as appetizers the whole family can share and house-made desserts to delight the palette. Seating includes stylishly appointed inside and outside dining areas with two luxury bars. Come experience the Island's most exciting and panoramic locale featuring the finest coastal cuisine, contemporary nautical ambience and views for miles! Dress code is casual — cover ups and shoes are required. Club Membership or Guest Membership is required.

Visit [bhiclub.net/horizons](http://bhiclub.net/horizons) for details on Horizons, Aquatics Complex and the poolside Cabana Bar.



## BHI Village Chapel Has Children's Sunday Program through August 11

By Debra Lyons

The Chapel is sponsoring a Children's Sunday program at the 10:00am service, now through August 11, for children ages four to ten. It will be held in the Chapel courtyard (105 Lighthouse Wynd) and the BHA Association Center deck, with Bible lessons, music, arts and crafts and lots of fun! Sign-up takes place in the Chapel courtyard before the **10:00am** service. The children will attend the first part of the service

with their family and be dismissed after the Children's Message.

Volunteers are needed (kids 11 years or older and parents) to help with the little ones. For questions, contact Elizabeth Kinney at 919-272-7242 or Karen Mortimer at 410-241-2930.



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# Tweens and Mommy & Me Handmade Card classes in July.

Email [BetsiStephen@gmail.com](mailto:BetsiStephen@gmail.com) to sign up today!

### Mommy & Me (ages 5-8) Handmade Card Class



**Friday, July 19, 2019**  
10:00-11:30am  
Generator Society Hall at the Bald Head Association Center  
111 Lighthouse Wynd

Join Pattie Caban for this fun card-making class!  
\$20 Fee / Pre-registration required at [BetsiStephen@gmail.com](mailto:BetsiStephen@gmail.com)  
Class size is limited (ages 5-8) / Guardian must attend class with child or children  
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### Tweens (ages 9-11) Handmade Card Class



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2:00-4:30pm  
Generator Society Hall at the Bald Head Association Center  
111 Lighthouse Wynd

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children go into the warehouse full of refurbished bicycles in Fayetteville, NC, to pick out their own bicycle without any adult interference. Children from Cumberland County and two neighboring counties bus the children selected by their corresponding Social Services departments to Fayetteville. Upon leaving, the children are provided an appropriate bicycle helmet and a bag of items such as shoes, a coat and food.

Introducing Brunswick County Social Services representatives to Ann Mathis paved the way for the first-ever county to be potentially added to the list of counties, adding eligible children of Brunswick County to the list to visit Fayetteville to select their own bicycles.

Village Chapel organizers and volunteers at the meeting included Gayle Sanders, Mary Jo Walker, Cindy Early, Elizabeth Kinney, Emily Hill and Barbara McQuaide.

To learn how you can volunteer or donate bicycles, contact Gayle Sanders at [GayleSanders@mail.com](mailto:GayleSanders@mail.com) or Anne Rex at [anne.e.rex@hotmail.com](mailto:anne.e.rex@hotmail.com). Continued thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors.

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# BHI Ferry Transportation Authority (BHIFTA) June Monthly Meeting

The BHI Ferry Transportation Authority (BHIFTA) met on June 19, 2019, in the Southport Community Building. The meeting was called to order by chairperson Susan Rabin. The initial financial budget for year 2020 was reviewed and will be voted on by a special-call meeting on June 28, 2019. The Authority then went into closed session.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2019, and is open to the public. It is held at 9:15am in the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay Street, Southport). Property owners are encouraged to attend.



*Continued from page 5 (Proposed Revised Village Transportation Ordinance)*

Transportation Committee recommends a “carrot and stick” approach to reduce the numbers of trucks. The Committee recommends progressively higher annual permit fees for those I.C.E. vehicles that “live” on Island (versus those delivery vehicles that come and go on the same day). A reasonable conversion period is part of these fee changes.

The carrot is for those businesses that convert to narrower commercially designed electric golf carts or electric vehicles have greater flexibility to use Island roads. Currently, I.C.E. vehicle limitations exist only for construction vehicles on holidays and weekends. The intent of the original ordinance precluded any I.C.E. vehicles — except emergency vehicles and trams — from using Island roads on holidays and weekends. Under the revised ordinance, businesses that convert (over time) to carts or small electrics with clearly defined specifications may use Island roads with greater flexibility. Handouts describing the changes to each annual I.C.E. permit applicant explain the plan and the timeline for conversion.

The committee performed a comprehensive review of penalties assessed for each type of violation. With new computerized software to report and track infractions, Public Safety officers can record drivers and/or vehicles associated with violations. Many, but not all, civil violations begin with a warning. Costly fines follow for repeat offenders. Towing and impoundment or even removal of the vehicle from Bald Head Island is the ultimate penalty.

In its effort to create a comprehensive document to accommodate increased growth and increases in numbers of

Island vehicles, proposed Chapter 28 limits use of some smaller electric devices. Among these are Segways, electric scooters and electric skateboards. The existing ordinance already includes restrictions for some of these.

The Village Transportation Committee encourages input to the proposal. For the upcoming 2020 fiscal year, Village Council approved a cost-of-living change daily I.C.E. fee, with 2000 as the base year. The document is a draft, subject to revision. In April, Council agreed to public hearings on the changes in July and August of 2019. Please submit your opinions to staff or Council, or attend either or both of the summer afternoon Council meetings to share concerns you may have about the host of recommended changes to Bald Head Island’s road rules, road use and your safety.



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# New to BHA? Fireworks and Sparklers Are Illegal, and Individual Burn Permits Are Not Allowed

Any firework that explodes or leaves the ground is not legal in North Carolina. These include firecrackers, spinners, roman candles, bottle rockets and aerial fireworks. Sparklers, defined in the dictionary as “handheld fireworks that emit brilliant sparks on burning,” are considered pyrotechnics.

### The Village of BHI Ordinance “Sec. 16-81. Pyrotechnics restricted” reads:

“The possession and/or use within the confines of the village of pyrotechnics by any individual except by special permit of the county is declared unlawful. Violation of this section shall be a civil violation punishable by a civil fine of \$100.00. Any individual cited for violation of this

section shall pay the civil penalty at the office of the village clerk within 48 hours of the issuance of the citation. In addition, violation of this section shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or imprisonment pursuant to G.S. 14-4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the village from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.”

### The Village of BHI Ordinance Sec. 12-55 regarding individual burn permits reads:

“Ordinance Sec. 12-55: Between May 1 and November 15 of any year, the director of public safety shall not issue any burn permits to individuals.”



## BHI’s Premiere “Fun in the Sun” Sand Sculpture Contest

It was perfect weather on East Beach

After the contest, participants and volunteers ensured that all beach areas were returned to smooth, flat areas, in order to not impede or endanger nesting sea turtles.

This event was organized and managed by Bald Head Association’s Socialization, Education & Recreation (SER) Committee. BHA extends a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted in the event and for these creative, artistic participants!



for the premiere sand sculpture contest, held on May 26, 2019. Five teams competed, creatively sculpting a shark coming out of the sand, a sea turtle and even SpongeBob SquarePants.

First place went to Team Maddux, second place went to Team Jaws and third place went to Team Burch.



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- studies of the Island aquifer to understand more fully the interactions between the aquifer and areas of poor drainage and stormwater accumulation
- a variety of stormwater management projects to improve and control the flow of stormwater through the lagoon system to pumping stations and to the gravity outfall at the creek, and to improve emergency stormwater removal from other locations on the Island including areas east of Muscadine that have not previously been a focus of stormwater studies
- several projects to improve communications
- a brief review of stormwater management fees in use in 88 North Carolina municipalities 

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## Reminders

### 1. Walkers/joggers/runners & bicyclists:

- Walk/jog/run **FACING** traffic and wear brightly colored clothing
- Bike single-file, **WITH** traffic and wear helmets

### 2. Wildlife (call 911 to report violators):

- **NO** fishing allowed in **ANY** BHI lagoon/pond
- **NO** feeding or harassing of any wildlife on BHI

### 3. Golf carts:

- Must be a licensed driver to drive golf carts on BHI
- Obey all traffic laws. Golf carts are not toys; drive safely.
- Allow trams, gas-powered vehicles and faster carts to pass (when safe)
  - Follow posted speed limits (18mph unless otherwise posted), including the 5mph speed limit on Timber Bridge and Maritime Way
- Park correctly to avoid receiving a citation (**ALL** 4 tires off of pavement).
  - **NEVER** block 911 Emergency Vehicular Beach Accesses.

**Drive Safely!**  
 Golf carts are not toys and can cause harm to you, others and property.



## July 2019

Independence Day	7/4/2019	
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2019	
Old Baldy's 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2019	10am
BHI Conservancy Annual Picnic (BHI Club)	7/4/2019	4pm
Artisans Show & Sale	7/6/2019	10am
ARC-A Meeting	7/8/2019	9am
Brunswick County Nuclear Siren Test	7/10/2019	10am
Tweens Card Class (ages 9-11)	7/11/2019	2pm
Village Transportation Committee Mtg.	7/12/2019	10am
BHA Board Meeting	7/12/2019	2pm
Howl at the Moon ("Thunder Moon")	7/16/2019	7pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	7/17/2019	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	7/19/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	7/19/2019	9:30am
Mommy & Me Card Class (ages 5-8)	7/19/2019	10am
Village Council Meeting	7/19/2019	2:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Events Fundraiser	7/25/2019	

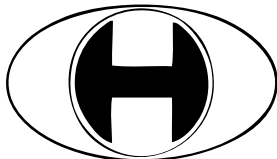
## SAVE THE DATE in August:

ARC-A Meeting	8/2/2019	9am
Card Class	8/7/2019	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	8/9/2019	2pm
Howl at the Moon ("Sturgeon Moon")	8/15/2019	7pm
ARC-B Meeting	8/16/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	8/16/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	8/16/2019	2:30pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	8/21/2019	9:15am
Artisans Show & Sale	8/31/2019	10am

## Around the corner in 2019

Labor Day	9/2/2019
Grandparents' Day	9/8/2019
Patriot Day	9/11/2019
Daylight Saving	11/3/2019

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## Who Do I Call? Power Goes Out on Bald Head Island


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Lightning is the giant “spark” between negative- and positive-charged particles within a cloud. Though there are approximately 5-10 times as many cloud-to-cloud lightning strikes to cloud-to-ground strikes, the lightning that does hit the ground can have many effects, such as knocking out the power that fuels your home.

If your power is out, Duke Energy is your source of information, not the Village of BHI. Call 1-800-769-3766. Duke Energy has additional resources online at [www.duke-energy.com/outages](http://www.duke-energy.com/outages). You can view current outages to see how

widespread the area is, and you can report an outage yourself. Reporting an outage helps give Duke Energy additional information for addressing the situation. In order to report an outage online or on their app, Duke Energy requires your location and the phone number for your account. Once you’re signed in, Duke Energy gives you the option of receiving text messages for progress updates and when power is restored.

Be prepared in case power is out for any length of time. Stock your home with emergency candles, water, fully charged portable chargers for electronics and other necessary items. The BHA website ([BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)) has additional resources for preparing for a disaster. Click on “Life on BHI,” then select “Emergency Weather Information” and “Hurricane Resources.”

If you’re a fan of nature, explore the fascinating sport/hobby of weather-watching, including watching and learning about various types of clouds as they form and change. It is truly fascinating! 

## Address Bollards — Is Yours in Compliance? Seconds Count in an Emergency!

Your address bollard is something you see every time you pull into and out of your driveway, but have you taken a moment to assess its current visibility, especially through the eyes of someone who doesn’t know the area like you do?

**The visibility of your address bollard could mean the difference of essential seconds in emergency response time. If the address is not easily visible, Public Safety personnel cannot find you.**




**Can you see this address bollard?**

Visibility is also important for tram drivers, guests and renters to be able to find the correct home. BHA’s Design Guidelines specify everything pertaining to size, position and colors for a correct address bollard. Is yours in compliance? It’s not, if your address bollard:

- is missing
- is not visible at night because of faded, reflective paint
- is not visible due to YES/NO trash pickup sign obstruction
- is not visible day or night because of surrounding vegetation

If you want a handy information sheet on address bollards, including the correct position for the trash YES/NO tag and the Knox Box, contact Teagan Hall at 910-457-4676, ext. 23 or [Teagan@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Teagan@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

Bollard construction and installation must comply with BHA Design Guidelines, so choose a service provider who complies with these guidelines (visit [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com), click on “Life on BHI,” then “Island Service Providers”). A company in Southport that has made bollards for BHI according to Design Guidelines is A Sign of Distinction. Contact Smitty at 910-457-5303 or [asodsmitty@aol.com](mailto:asodsmitty@aol.com).

Please note that Cape Fear Station has additional guidelines for address bollards. For any questions, contact Teagan Hall at 910-457-4676, ext. 23 or [Teagan@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Teagan@BaldHeadAssociation.com). 

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# July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>2</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>3</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>4</b> Old Baldy's 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade 10am (MP) BHI Conservancy Annual Picnic 4pm (Club) <b>Independence Day</b> BHA Office Closed	<b>5</b> ARC — B Submission Deadline	<b>6</b> Artisans Show & Sale 10am (AC)
<b>7</b> 8:30am /10am Rev. Sid Batts Presbyterian (VC) 10am Children's Program	<b>8</b> ARC — A Meeting 9am (AC/B) Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>9</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>10</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC) Brunswick County Nuclear Siren Test 10am	<b>11</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC) Tweens Card Class (ages 9-11) 2pm (AC)	<b>12</b> Village Transportation Committee 10am (PSC) BHA Board Mtg. 2pm (AC/B)	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 8:30am /10am Rev. Dr. MacHenry Schafer II Presbyterian (VC) 10am Children's Program	<b>22</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>23</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>24</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>25</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC) 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pink Events Fundraiser (Club)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:30am /10am Rev. Curtis Campbell Methodist (VC) 10am Children's Program	<b>29</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC)	<b>30</b> Pilates 10:45am (AC)	<b>31</b> Yoga 11:45am (AC)			



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 MMFP (Maritime Market Forest Pavilion)  
 MP (Marina Park, Keelson Row)  
 OB (Old Baldy)  
 PSC (Public Safety Complex)  
 RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)  
 VC (Village Chapel)

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- Knitting & Needlepoint Work — A group of knitting and other needlepoint enthusiasts meets every Wednesday in the Association Center, 9:30-11:30am.

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