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# Island Report

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## Spotlight — The Public Safety Department on Bald Head Island

The Village of BHI is the municipality on Bald Head Island. Its public service departments include Public Safety, Public Utilities (water and sewer), Public Works (Island infrastructure and maintenance, recycling, trash, debris and large item pickup and removal), the US Post Office and Island Package Center as well as other services.

The spotlight this month is on the Public Safety Department on BHI. The Public Safety Complex is located at 273 Edward Teach Extension and is staffed 24/7/365 with fully trained responders



who can handle medical, fire, police and water rescue emergencies. The department has a full fleet of emergency vehicles on Bald Head Island — fire trucks, ambulances, public safety vehicles and jet skis — outfitting



personnel with the necessary tools for responding to emergencies in real time. For medical cases needing transport to a hospital, depending on the situation, BHI has the capability of transporting patients via the ferry or a network of helicopters.

The Public Safety Department is assisted by Public Safety volunteers and the Public Safety Auxiliary (PSA). Volunteers train regularly in conjunction with staff, assist

in various ways on emergency calls, drive equipment, handle basic transports of patients to the mainland, set up rehab areas to support staff with tents and water and more. PSA volunteers raise money for Public Safety items that are not included in the budget and offer additional assistance during emergencies such as setting up a food station for emergency personnel who are handling a lengthy emergency such as a fire.

If you would like to support your local Public Safety Department and donate funds to PSA, contact Cam McIntyre at [cammacnc@gmail.com](mailto:cammacnc@gmail.com).

New volunteers are always welcome. No training is necessary, but general knowledge is preferable to help facilitate the learning process. If you are interested in volunteering, call Gloria or Captain Paul Swanson at the Public Safety Department at 910-457-5252.

BHA hopes you join us in gratitude for everything Public Safety personnel and their volunteers do to help save lives on BHI.

### Walk-in medical clinic is open during the summer at the Public Safety Complex

Every year between the day after Memorial Day and the end of August (except July 4), the Doshier Medical-BHI walk-in clinic is open 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday and is staffed with Nurse

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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).

**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!**

## *Handy to know!*

# Planting new, native trees for mitigation of lost trees following Hurricane Florence and newly revised Dead Redbay Tree Removal Procedure

## Tree Mitigation

The year 2018 was a tough one for trees. The January 2018 ice storm felled many trees across Bald Head Island. And Hurricane Florence's September 2018 visit downed an additional estimated median of 5,000 trees, not including the Maritime Forest Preserve.

With an important directive to promote a conservation consciousness on BHI, one of the tools that BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has to replace trees lost due to construction or Mother Nature is mitigation.

Following Hurricane Florence, Karen Mosteller, BHA's ARC Coordinator, has been working with property owners to replace trees on their lots with native species. Since November 2018 to date, up to 70 trees will be planted by property owners to help mitigate tree loss on BHI.

## "Operation Re-Forest — We Forest!"

In response to the large tree loss on Bald Head Island in 2018, the ARC has developed a simplified tree planting approval process, which includes waiving approval fees and streamlining logistics. You simply need to email Karen Mosteller, BHA's 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.**

Note that 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 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.

## Newly Revised ARC Policy on Dead Redbay Tree Removal Procedure

With the Village of BHI's recent change in now accepting dead redbay trees at the Timbercreek Mulch Site off North Bald Head Wynd, the ARC has revised its policy. Property owners are no longer required to leave or chip dead redbay trees on the premises. Dead redbay trees can now be taken to the Timbercreek Mulch Site, in accordance with the Village's size restrictions (maximum 6" diameter).

For any questions contact Karen Mosteller, BHA's ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



## Design Guidelines Update

*We want your input!*

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is currently in the process of updating the Design Guidelines for 2020. 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, BHA's ARC Coordinator, at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



# The BHI Beat

John Fisher, BHA Board President

## Busting Myths about Calling 911 on BHI — Inform Yourself, Your Guests and Renters

Seconds count in an emergency. When emergencies happen on the mainland, hopefully, everyone knows to call 911. When emergencies happen on Bald Head Island, not everyone understands that they should call 911. Tell the dispatcher that you are on Bald Head Island. **And on BHI, even for non-emergency calls that require the dispatch of emergency responders, you should also call 911.** Read on to understand more about calling 911 when you're on BHI and inform your guests and renters.

The issue of calling 911 came up recently when someone needed emergency medical responders. Instead of calling 911, someone accompanying a person in need drove to the Public Safety Complex to ask for assistance. By the time Public Safety officers arrived back at the house of the person in need, minutes had already been wasted. Luckily, the Public Safety Complex was open, which is not always the case.

### How emergencies and non-emergencies are handled on BHI

As Carl Pearson, Director of Public Safety, says, "I'd rather be there and not be needed than be needed and not be there." If you need an emergency responder dispatched to a scene, call 911. This includes emergencies (medical, fire, police and water rescue). This **ALSO** includes specific situations on BHI such as:

- If you see anyone harassing **ANY** wildlife, call 911. This includes alligators, deer, coyotes, foxes and all wildlife on BHI. These actions create a potentially hazardous situation for everyone on BHI and are unlawful. It's important to prevent this from occurring with education as well as reacting properly if it occurs. If one bad actor teaches aggressive behavior to alligators and wildlife, that impacts every person on BHI, as well as the alligators and other wildlife. Violating this Village Ordinance carries up to a \$500 fine.
- Sea Turtles frequent the shores of Bald Head Island and are a federally protected species. It is unlawful to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect

sea turtle hatchlings, eggs or adult turtles or their remains. Violating the law regarding this federally protected species can include up to a \$100,000 fine and/or up to one (1) year in jail.

- If you see anyone fishing in **ANY** lagoon/pond on BHI, call 911. If you put **ANYTHING** in a freshwater pond (including a fishing lure), it will be perceived by alligators as food — so, no feeding the fish or turtles either. Wildlife such as alligators may mistake you, your children or pets for food. Violating this Village Ordinance carries up to a \$500 fine.
- If you see anyone feeding wildlife, call 911. Violating this Village Ordinance carries up to a \$500 fine.
- If you see an underaged person driving a golf cart, note the golf cart number and call 911. Violating this Village Ordinance carries a \$250 fine.

Keep in mind that outside the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm, there is no staff at the front desk and the Public Safety Complex is locked.

Even if you don't agree that 911 should be called in a non-emergency situation, the reality is that BHI's Public Safety Department specifically asks for owners, guests and renters to do so.

### Why call 911 for emergencies as well as non-emergencies on BHI?

Here are some reasons why it's important to call 911 and have the call logged into the 911 system:

1. Dispatchers immediately notify the appropriate emergency responders and direct them to the scene.
2. There is a record of the event.
3. The Public Safety Department can track and learn from response times.
4. The Public Safety Department can learn and track how each situation was resolved.

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## Sunshine Laws

By Daralyn Spivey, Village Clerk

Sunshine laws are designed to allow for governmental transparencies. Among a host of other issues, the Sunshine Laws allow for the notification to those who specifically request to be informed of the local government pending actions or meeting. Since there could be many actions taken, meetings called,

Village notices such as office closings or impending weather, getting these notifications could benefit you as a citizen.

Most of the Public Notices the Village uses are for Special/Emergency Meetings that may need to be called, office closures for holidays or foul weather, Ordinance creation or amendments or for Public Hearings for a vast number of purposes.

By North Carolina Statutes, publication of these notices is very specific in issues such as timing and who the recipient is of those notices. For example, Ordinance changes must be posted no less than 10 days prior to the meeting at which the public hearing has been set for. When the Clerk posts those notices, there is a very specific set of rules about where and for how



is on the Bald Head Association website on the "News" page ([BaldHeadAssociation.com/news](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/news)), along with the summary of changes and list of transportation fines.

One modification occurred in the morning Village Council Work Session meeting. It was decided to use one draft of the proposed changes, not two. The text was the same in both drafts, with one draft using the term "golf carts" and another draft using the term "electric vehicles." When Mayor Andy Sayre asked for one draft moving forward, council members voted to use the draft with the term "electric vehicles." With the exception of Kit

**The Hurricane Florence Task Force final report was presented to Village Council at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and is now on the Village website at [www.VillageBHI.org](http://www.VillageBHI.org).**

long. In addition to what is required, the Village posts those notices in key areas around the Village.

Sunshine Laws also allow for those who wish to be notified of these types of notices. The Clerk keeps that list in the office and sends via email those notices when created. Statute is very clear that the individual must notify the Clerk of his/her desire to be on the list. There is no charge for these notices, and once you are on the list, you stay until asked to be removed.

If you would like notification of Public Notices that are issued on behalf of the Village/Council through the office of the Village Clerk, please reach out to Daralyn Spivey at Village Hall by calling 910-457-9700, ext. 1001 or emailing her at [dspivey@villagebhi.org](mailto:dspivey@villagebhi.org), to be added.

## Transportation Ordinance Proposed Changes

Adcock, the mayor and remaining council members voted in favor of using the term "electric vehicles."

There will be a public hearing on the proposed draft at the Village Council's August 16th meeting. BHA encourages property owners to review the draft and provide comments to the Council in advance of the meeting. For questions and comments, contact Daralyn Spivey, Village Clerk, at 910-457-9700, ext. 1001 or [dspivey@villagebhi.org](mailto:dspivey@villagebhi.org).

**Per the Village's Voice 6/26/19 edition: TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REVIEW OF CHAPTER 28, TRAFFIC & VEHICLES, CONTINUES:**

In addition to the Transportation Committee's efforts in review of the annual ICE permitting process dating back to 2017 with the initial charges from Village Council, and most recently

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## BHA Executive Director Letter — Flood Insurance


The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) has undergone nearly a dozen short-term extensions in the past couple of years and is currently set to expire in September. A new bill was unveiled in mid-July that would provide sweeping reforms to NFIP and would reauthorize it until September 2024.

A March 2019 Government Accounting Office report claimed that as of September 2018, the program was \$20.5 billion in debt to the American taxpayers, with Congress having already canceled \$16 billion of debt in late 2017. Debt accumulated when the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had to borrow from the U.S. Treasury to pay out claims resulting from Hurricanes Rita, Katrina, Harvey and Irma, along with Super Storm Sandy. A major challenge that FEMA has faced since then is keeping flood insurance premiums affordable while keeping the program fiscally solvent.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers representing New Jersey and Louisiana have been working to reform NFIP, and as of press time, described the major components of companion bills

that will be introduced in the House and the Senate. Some of the reforms include capping annual premium increases at 9%, down from the current 25% cap; providing oversight for private insurers and capping "Write Your Own" compensation for private insurers at 22.46%; temporarily freezing debt interest payments, which would free up about \$400 million annually for mitigation; and making additional funds available for improved mapping technology. The legislation joins at least two other significant bills making their way through the legislative process.

At the press conference announcing the bill, Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) stated that the NFIP has 5 million flood insurance policies providing \$1.2 trillion in coverage to approximately 23,000 communities, with 56 states and jurisdictions participating. Clearly, the sustainability of NFIP is vital to numerous communities across the country.

BHA will continue to monitor the progress of reauthorizing legislation for NFIP and keep property owners informed of progress. 

## BHI Ferry Transportation Authority (BHIFTA)

As the BHIFTA concludes its first full fiscal year, the Authority provided its financial report as of July 11, 2019, at its July meeting. Here is a summary of the report:

Revenue (grants) since inception:	\$200,000.00
Expenditures total:	\$163,405.95
<i>(Note: ferry terminals and environmental assessments totaled \$81,500.00)</i>	

Revenues over expenses at 6/30/19:	\$36,594.05
Total receivables:	\$0.00
Estimated payables through 6/30/19:	\$6,693.50
Projected revenue over expenditures on 6/30/19:	\$29,900.55
Costs anticipated to be paid from bond proceeds:	\$343,100.00
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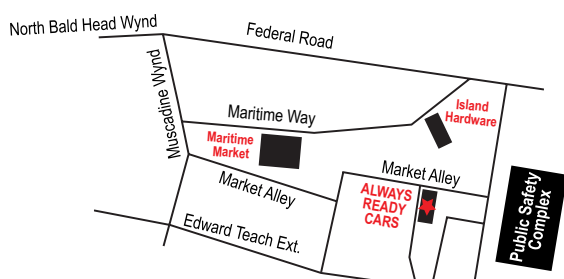
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## Old Baldy Lighthouse

By Travis Gilbert, Old Baldy Foundation Programs Coordinator

Rather than destroying the Old Baldy Lighthouse, the American Civil War saved Old Baldy from destruction. Prior to the Civil War, few mariners applauded Old Baldy's performance as a navigational aid. The 1852 annual report from the

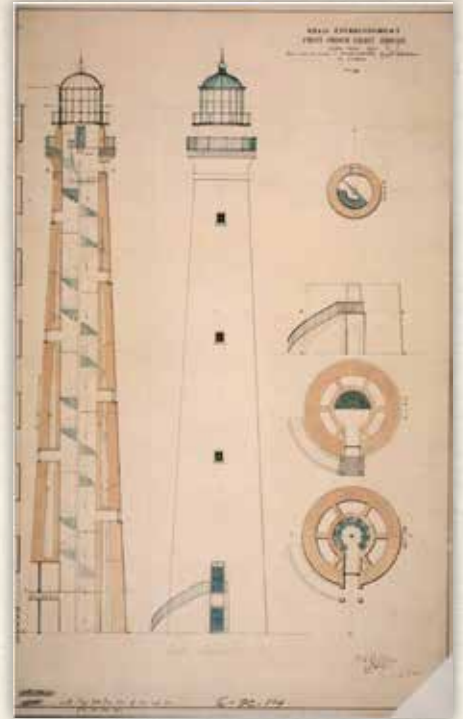
U.S. Lighthouse Bureau listed Old Baldy's inadequacies as being too short to guide mariners into the Cape Fear River and too far away from Frying Pan Shoals to warn sailors of danger.

Another lighthouse just north of Bald Head Island at Cape Lookout, North Carolina, plagued mariners with similar insufficiencies. In 1859, a promising, young engineer named William Henry Chase Whiting formulated plans to replace the short, weak Cape Lookout Lighthouse with a new 163-foot tower. The new lighthouse is the Cape Lookout Lighthouse we know today, with its iconic black-and-white diamond pattern. After Cape Lookout, Whiting sought to replace Old Baldy with a more effective tower. On June 20, 1860, Congress appropriated funds to replace Old Baldy, and in December, Whiting drafted plans for the new tower. Bald Head Island's new lighthouse would stand 150 feet tall and be composed of double-brick walls to ensure its stability. A wrought-iron staircase ascended to the

lantern and an open-air balcony atop the lighthouse.

Plans for Bald Head Island's new lighthouse unraveled when the Civil War broke out four months later. When North Carolina left the Union, the state took control of its lighthouses from the federal government. Whiting, "the engineer," became Whiting, "the Major General," and given command of the Confederacy's Lower Cape Fear defenses, including Bald Head

Island. In the end, Old Baldy was destined to outlive Whiting, since the general received two wounds during the Second Battle of Fort Fisher and died as a prisoner of war in New York.



## "Carolina in My Mind"

BHA's Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee held a new event in June, dubbed "Carolina in My Mind." Highlighting the life and music of James Taylor, lecturer Fred Kiger shed a little light on the stories behind the songs.

One interesting tidbit that the audience learned was about the original recording of the song "Carolina in My Mind" by Apple Records. The song's lyric "holy host of others standing around me" makes reference to the Beatles, who were recording the album *The Beatles* in the same studio. And there is a credited appearance by Paul McCartney on bass guitar and an uncredited one by George Harrison on backing vocals.

Thank you to all of the hardworking SER Committee members for making this event a huge success! If you are interested in volunteering for the SER

Committee or any of BHA's committees, email Carrie Moffett at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



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5. The Public Safety Department can determine current and future staffing needs required, based on call history.



### Mythbusters

Misperceptions, rumors and myths still abound regarding the proper protocol for emergencies and non-emergencies that require the immediate dispatch of officers on BHI. Not only may renters and guests (such as family and friends of property owners) be misinformed, but some property owners are, as well. If you are a property owner, it is essential that you inform yourself with the facts and share this important information with all of your guests and renters (and other property owners).

Because perception is reality and many myths still persist, there are some myths about calling 911 for emergencies and non-emergencies on Bald Head Island. Let's bust some of those myths with facts.

**MYTH:** *Emergency responders have to come from Southport to respond to BHI emergencies.*

**TRUTH:** Your Public Safety Department on BHI is located at 273 Edward Teach Extension on Bald Head Island and is staffed 24/7/365 with fully trained responders that can handle medical, fire, police and water rescue emergencies. The department has fire trucks, ambulances, public safety vehicles and jet skis — all on BHI — allowing personnel to be able to respond to emergencies in real time. Their response time averages 3-4 minutes.

**MYTH:** *I have someone with an emergency. I'll just drive (or drive the injured person) to the Public Safety Complex and ask someone there for help.*

**TRUTH:** Seconds count in an emergency. When you call 911 and tell the dispatcher that you are on Bald Head Island, on-Island emergency responders can reach you within minutes and address any situation. By not following the emergency protocol of calling 911, you have lost precious time with driving, emergency staff may be at other locations, the building may be locked (if it's after hours) and the call is not logged (which can help the Public Safety Department track, improve and learn from, making them even better).

**MYTH:** *911 calls are handled by someone on Bald Head Island.*

**TRUTH:** The 911 system is managed by Brunswick County Emergency Services. Bald Head Island is in Brunswick County, and dispatchers are familiar with the Island's complexities.

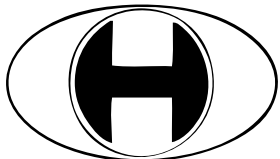
**MYTH:** *The 911 call boxes around BHI (at the post office, in the front of the Public Safety Complex, certain beach accesses, etc.) have a red strip cord that locks the box and doesn't let me open it.*

**TRUTH:** These 911 call boxes are meant to be used for emergencies. The lock-out seal (a plastic, red cord) can easily be pulled to pop open the box cover. Inside the box, there are instructions to flip the power switch to ON, wait 10 seconds, then push the black call button for 2 seconds. A call to the 911 dispatcher is immediately placed, giving that call box location.

### Be a BHI know-it-all

If what you're reading is brand new to you, now is a good time to remind you to read the monthly newsletter produced by your Bald Head Association — the *Island Report*. Mailed to those who request it and posted on the home page of the website [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com) (as well as archived issues under the "News" tab), this newsletter is written for property owners and covers timely and informative issues about living on BHI. Do you have a question you would like covered in an upcoming *Island Report*? Email [Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com). 

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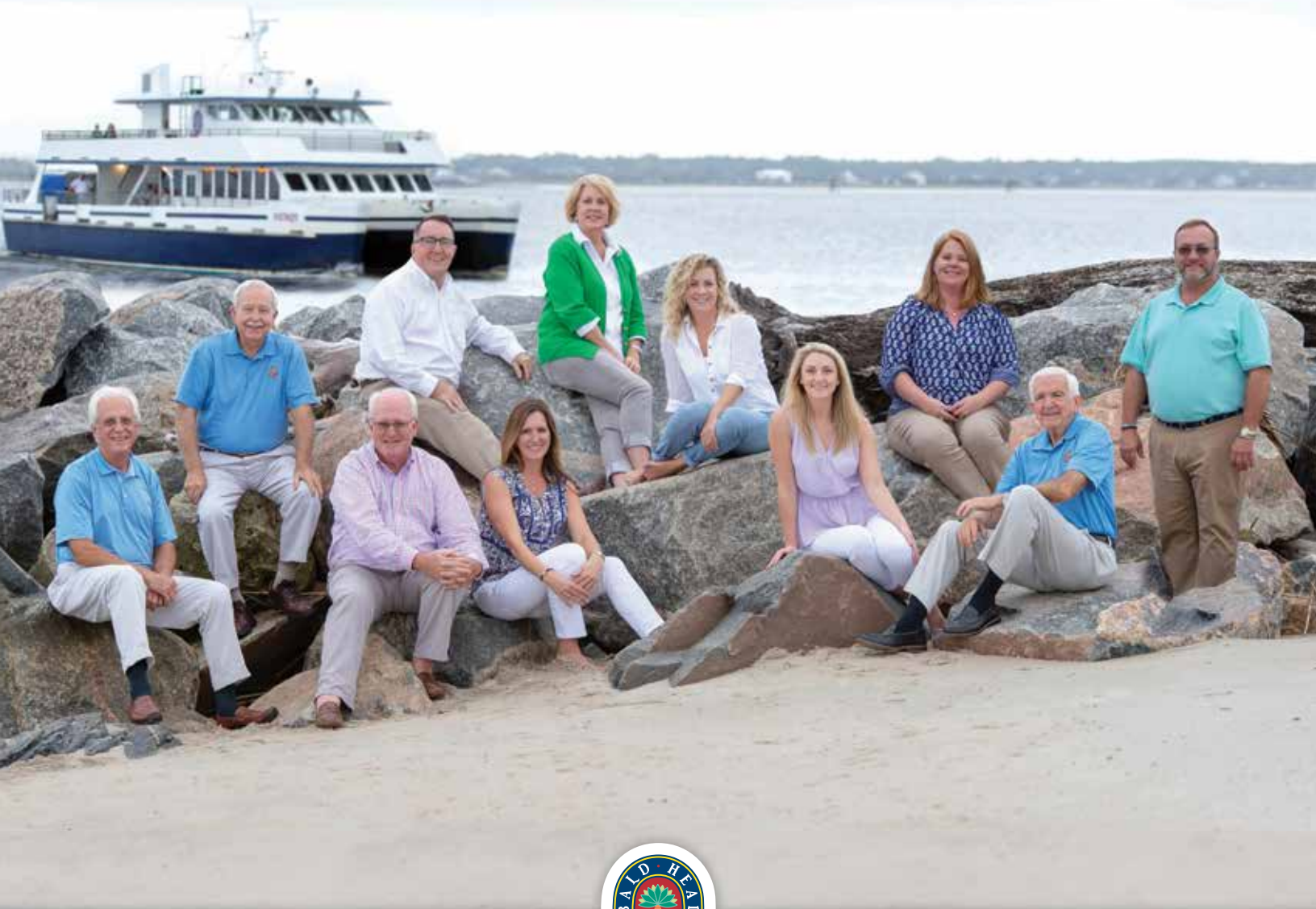
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# TIDBITS:

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

## Lost & Found on BHI

Have you lost something on Bald Head Island? Or, have you found something? To help in finding the right owner of items, there is one official lost & found repository on Bald Head Island — the Public Safety Complex, located at 273 Edward Teach Extension. For information call 910-457-5252.

## Top 10 Public Safety Issues

1. People not calling 911 for emergencies as well as non-emergencies such as feeding or harassing wildlife, fishing in **ANY** lagoon/pond on BHI and not following the "No Wake Zone" in the BHI Creek. For **ALL** emergencies, call 911. For non-emergencies on BHI when you need a responder to be dispatched to the scene, you also call 911.
2. When an emergency vehicle with its lights and siren on is behind you on the road, **PULL OFF THE ROAD** as fast as possible and as safety dictates to let them pass. This includes golf carts, bicycles and pedestrians.
3. Driving while intoxicated, endangering themselves and others.
4. Underage drivers.
5. Not properly stopping at stop signs.
6. Driving with a child on your lap. Would you do this in a car? Of course not! Your child is not your airbag.
7. Illegally fishing in a lagoon/pond.
8. Driving with an open container of alcohol.
9. Not respecting private property.
10. Practice patience and plan ahead. During peak season ferry boarding, passengers may get bumped to the next ferry due to reaching a maximum capacity. With a combination of high heat and stressed nerves, people have been taking their frustrations out on others. To keep the peace, Public Safety officers have been routinely stationed at the ferry landing.

## National Honey Bee Day — Saturday, August 17

Honey bees, though small in size, are giants when it comes to helping our food supply. Did you know that 130 fruits and vegetables depend upon the humble honey bee to pollinate their flowers? Pollination, the act of transferring grains of pollen from the flower's male anther to the female stigma, occurs when wind, water, birds, butterflies, bees, insects and other animals transfer pollen from plant to plant.



On one trip, a honey bee can visit 50 to 1,000 flowers. An average worker bee can produce just 1/12 teaspoon in its lifetime. For a single pound of honey, a hive of bees must fly 55,000 miles and visit 2 million flowers. Honey is literally liquid gold, so don't waste a drop!

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), "The number of honey bee hives in this country has decreased from 6 million in the 1940s to about 2.5 million today. Since 2006, an estimated 30% of bee hives have collapsed as a result of disease, parasites, poor nutrition and pesticide exposure."

How can you help the honey bees? Here are some tips from the Earth Day Network.

- Help reduce the amount of pesticides that kill honey bees and other pollinators.
- Find local beekeepers online and support them by buying their honey at local shops, farmers markets and their websites.
- Create a pollinator habitat with bee-friendly plants where you can (home, business or school).

More information is available online. Be a honey bee champion and spread the word about how people can help!

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## Who Do I Call? For Emergencies and When You Need an Emergency Responder on the Scene on BHI — Call 911

If you need an emergency responder on the scene on BHI, call 911. This includes some unique situations on BHI that might be considered non-emergencies, but because of their effects, you call 911 if you're on BHI. If you see anyone feeding or harassing an alligator, sea turtles or any wildlife **ANYWHERE on BHI, call 911**. If you see someone fishing in a lagoon/pond **ANYWHERE on BHI, call 911**. Tell the 911 operator that you are on Bald Head Island and if the situation is an emergency or a non-emergency.

Fishing in lagoons/ponds and feeding or harassing wildlife are all actions that create a potentially hazardous situation for everyone on BHI, not to mention that they are unlawful. Harassing an alligator or other wildlife carries a \$500 fine. Actions such as illegally fishing and harassing teach aggressive behavior to alligators. Spread the word! If everyone helps to prevent these situations, that impacts everyone on BHI, including humans, alligators and wildlife.

Though many of us have been trained to only call 911 for medical, fire and police emergencies, BHI is unique. You are urged to call 911 to report anyone feeding or harassing an alligator/wildlife anywhere on BHI as well as to report anyone fishing in a lagoon/pond anywhere on BHI and if you see an underaged person driving a golf cart (get the cart

number). Calling 911 creates a logged call with a report, from which Public Safety can track and gain a better understanding of call types/frequencies/timing as well as use for training.

### Calling 911 Logs the Call for Important Reasons

We've all been taught to call 911 only in an emergency. While that still applies, on Bald Head Island, there are additional situations where a call to 911 is important for a variety of reasons. First, what situations warrant a 911 call on BHI? Here are some examples:

- Underaged driver (a total of 25 citations for underaged driving were issued in 2018)
- Reckless driving
- Illegal fishing in **ANY** lagoon/pond on BHI
- Incessant dog barking, particularly at night
- Not following the "No Wake Zone" in BHI Creek

For situations such as these, you are urged to call 911 — tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island. If it is a non-emergency call such as one the examples above, tell the operator that this is a non-emergency call. The Public Safety Department will be notified and dispatched. It is recommended that you **DO NOT** engage with any subjects yourself. Public Safety officers are professionally trained to

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## New to BHA? BHA Community Potluck Dinners Re-start in September

Communities are like kaleidoscopes. Each piece (or person) represents a beautiful and meaningful addition to the overall image (or culture), and each piece is unique and carries importance in comprising endless varieties of patterns. Where do you fit into the BHI community?

Conversations and story swapping start friendships. Expanding your own circle of friends extends the world you live in. How well do you know your Bald Head Island neighbors? If you're always on the lookout for new friends, a fun, easy-to-meet-your-BHI-neighbors event re-starts monthly in September.

Community Potluck Dinners are organized by BHA's Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee. Held on the third Monday of the month from September to April, dinners are at 6:00pm in the Generator Society Hall at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd). The event is open to everyone. Bring a dish to share and your favorite (non-alcoholic) beverage. Plates and utensils are provided. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Kinney at 910-454-8048 or [eckinney4@gmail.com](mailto:eckinney4@gmail.com).

Make new friends and join old ones at the next Community Potluck Dinner on Monday, September 16!



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recommendations, some of which approved as part of the recent FY20 budget related to the permit fee structure for daily ICE permit fees, a review of draft recommendations to Chapter 28, Traffic & Vehicles, in its entirety was discussed at great length. Council and staff will continue to work with the Transportation Committee and it is expected that a full comprehensive draft of Chapter 28 will be ready for a first reading and setting of the public hearing in August 2019.

Specific topics discussed during the morning work session included recommendations for changes to the current sections of the ordinance dealing with electric vehicles including golf carts, low speed vehicles and other forms of electrically powered devices such as scooters, bicycles, and skateboards. Also discussed were recommended changes in requirements for the use of ICE vehicles including size limitations, number of permits required of businesses to operate, and hours & days of operation.



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handle all situations — you are not.

As a barrier island, Bald Head Island presents unique situations. Calling 911 for urgent but not emergency situations is one of them.

Here are some reasons why it's important to have urgent situation calls logged:

- The Public Safety Department can track and learn from response times.
- There is a record of the event.
- The Public Safety Department can learn and track how each situation was resolved.
- The Public Safety Department can determine current and future staffing needs required, based on call history.

It is important to stress that for urgent and emergency calls, do not call the Public Safety office — call 911. And do not call Village Hall with any emergencies — call 911. 

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### **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: **1**

## **Tree Trivia**

**from the Arbor Day Foundation**

**Q: How old is the oldest tree in the U.S.?**

**A:** Methuselah, a pine tree in California, is 4,800 years old.

**Q: How many people rely on forests for clean drinking water in the U.S.?**

**A:** 180 million people.

**Q: How many trees does the average American use each year in paper, wood and other tree products?**

**A:** 7 trees.

# Hey y'all... Respect the beach!

**Protect sea turtles**

**Fill in holes and flatten sand castles**

**Practice proper dog care**

**Pack in, pack out**

**Keep off the dunes**

**Leave the sea oats alone**

**Pick up litter, even if it's not yours**

**Pass  
it on!**

## **August 2019**

ARC-A Meeting	8/2/2019	9am
National Lighthouse Day Festival	8/2/2019 - 8/4/2019	
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	9:45am
Village Council Meeting	8/16/2019	2:30pm
National Honey Bee Day	8/17/2019	
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	8/21/2019	9:15am
Artisans Show & Sale	8/31/2019	10am

## **SAVE THE DATE in September:**

Labor Day	9/2/2019	
Card Class	9/4/2019	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	9/6/2019	9am
Grandparents' Day	9/8/2019	
Patriot Day	9/11/2019	
BHA Board Meeting	9/13/2019	2pm
Howl at the Moon ("Harvest Moon")	9/13/2019	6:30pm
Island-wide Employee Appreciation Day	9/18/2019	
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	9/18/2019	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	9/20/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	9/20/2019	9:45am
Village Council Meeting	9/20/2019	2:30pm

## **Around the corner in 2019:**

BHI Then and Now Homes Tour	10/5/2019
Brunswick County Nuclear Siren Test	10/9/2019
Columbus Day	10/14/2019
Halloween Celebration	10/22/2019
Daylight Saving	11/3/2019
Roast and Toast on the Coast	11/8/2019
Veterans Day	11/11/2019
Brunswick County Nuclear Siren Test (3 min.)	11/13/2019
Thanksgiving Day	11/28/2019



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Practitioners (NPs). The clinic is located just inside the front door of the Public Safety Complex (PSC) at 273 Edward Teach Extension. For more information call 910-457-5252.

#### For Emergencies and Non-emergencies on BHI, Call 911

Always call 911 for emergencies. There is a protocol when you're on Bald Head Island and the situation isn't typically classified as a medical/fire/police/water rescue emergency — **you still call 911**. If you need an emergency responder dispatched to a scene (for example, if you see someone harassing an alligator, sea turtle or any wildlife; fishing in any lagoon/pond on BHI; an underage driver; reckless driving; not following the "No Wake Zone" in the BHI Creek, etc.), calling 911 is the fastest way for an emergency responder to arrive. When you call 911, tell the

dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island and that it is not an emergency.

Keep in mind that when you call 911, Public Safety officers may already be attending to other emergency calls or dispatched to multiple scenes at the same time. Understand that Public Safety officers will arrive as fast as possible through this dispatch protocol.

#### The final takeaway

For all situations that require the dispatch of an emergency responder on Bald Head Island, always call 911. Tell the dispatch operator that you are on BHI. If you have lived on BHI for a long or brief time, share this important information with all of your guests (family and friends) and your renters.



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*(Note: some item costs are to be determined. Davenport planning and financing totals are itemized not to exceed \$175,000.00)*

If you would like a copy of the full financial report, email your request to Michele Windham, who serves as the Authority's Clerk, at [mwindham@cityofsouthport.com](mailto:mwindham@cityofsouthport.com).

#### July Monthly Meeting

At the July BHIFTA public meeting, the June meeting minutes were approved, and the Board re-elected all officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 21, at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay Street, Southport). Property owners are encouraged to attend.



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## August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>2 ARC — A Meeting</b> 9am (AC/B) <b>ARC — B</b> Submission Deadline <b>National Lighthouse Day Festival (OB)</b>	<b>3 National Lighthouse Day Festival (CA)</b>
<b>4</b> 8:30am /10am <b>Rev. Dr. Ronald Shive</b> <i>Presbyterian (VC)</i> 10am <b>Children's Program (VC/AC)</b> <b>National Lighthouse Day Festival (OB)</b>	<b>5 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>6 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>7 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Card Class</b> 2pm (AC)	<b>8 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>9 Village Transportation Committee</b> 10am (PSC) <b>BHA Board Mtg.</b> 2pm (AC/B)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:30am /10am <b>Rev. Timothy Russell</b> <i>Methodist (VC)</i> 10am <b>Children's Program (VC/AC)</b>	<b>12 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>13 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>14 BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.</b> 9:15am (Southport) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>15 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 7pm (Access 39)	<b>16 ARC — B Mtg.</b> 9am (AC/B) <b>ARC — A</b> Submission Deadline <b>VBHI Council Work Session</b> 9:45am (PSC) <b>VBHI Council Mtg.</b> 2:30pm (PSC)	<b>17 National Honey Bee Day</b>
<b>18</b> 8:30am /10am <b>Rev. Andi Woodhouse</b> <i>Methodist (VC)</i> 10am <b>Children's Program (VC/AC)</b>	<b>19 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>20 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>21 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>22 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:30am /10am <b>Rev. Dr. Winston Charles</b> <i>Episcopal (VC)</i> 10am <b>Children's Program (VC/AC)</b>	<b>26 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>27 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>28 Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>29 Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>30</b>	<b>31 BHI Artisans Show &amp; Sale</b> 10am (AC)



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 BHIC (BHI Conservancy)  
 Club (BHI Club)  
 CA (Creek Access)  
 MMFP (Maritime Market Forest Pavilion)  
 MP (Marina Park, Keelson Row)  
 OB (Old Baldy)  
 PSC (Public Safety Complex)  
 RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)  
 VC (Village Chapel)

### Standing Events:

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



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