



# Island Report

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## BHA's Volunteer Committees

**B**HA has six volunteer committees. Volunteers are your BHI neighbors who give their valuable time to help BHA, fellow property owners and Bald Head Island. The 2021 committee rosters are on the website, and you can read more about each committee as well as each committee's Bylaws charges and 2021 goals at [BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees). Here are the committees:

- Architectural Review Committee (ARC) — Section A and Section B
- Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee
- Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee
- Strategic Planning and Long Range Projects (SPLRP) Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee

We currently have 45 volunteers in addition to our six Board member volunteers. And we're still looking for one person to serve on the ARC. If you would like to volunteer, fill out the volunteer application at [BaldHeadAssociation.com/volunteering](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/volunteering)

and email it to Executive Director Carrie Moffett at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com). A big thank you goes out to all of our hard-working volunteers!

By the beginning of April, the ARC's Section A and Section B members will have each met three times. The remaining committees have had their first or more meetings and have started planning their agendas for the year. Board President Alan Briggs, Board Vice President John Kinney and Executive Director Carrie Moffett have met with each of the committee chairs to discuss priorities on which the Board would like them to focus. The BHA Board of Directors has asked committee chairs to report to the Board quarterly at their Board meetings and to submit those updates for *Island Report* articles.

We look forward to sharing committee information and updates with our members, so stay tuned. Remember, the online *Island Report* is typically published by the first of each month at [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com). Some members love their printed copy, and others prefer to read issues electronically. You can choose your preference; just let us know. If you wish to change your *Island Report* print copy status, email Diane Mesaris at [Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com). And thanks for reading!

## The Process of Joining the BHA Board of Directors

Anyone who is interested in getting involved with BHA at its Board level can submit their resume to Board member Tiffany Williams at [Tiffany@TiffanysRentals.com](mailto:Tiffany@TiffanysRentals.com) by May 31, 2021, for consideration for the 2022 Board of Directors.

There are two ways to be considered for Board service. First, the Nominating Committee is charged with selecting at least one candidate for each vacancy and recommending them directly to BHA's membership for consideration at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee informs the Board of candidates' names at its September Board meeting.

Second, if someone wants to be considered by the membership for Board service and is not identified through the Nominating

Committee process, BHA's Bylaws identify an alternative path: "A petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) individual property owners, advocating a nominee for election to the Board of Directors, may be submitted to the Association office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and this candidate or candidates shall be added to the final ballot which will be mailed to the membership no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting." The 60-day deadline for petitions this year is November 30, 2021. All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

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**Ask ARC before any work begins!**

- Planning a renovation project or new construction?
- Wanting to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
- Thinking about cutting/trimming trees or vegetation?
- Considering any landscape changes?

**ARC office — open by appointment only**

Email Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, at [Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or call Carol Collins, ARC Associate, at 910-477-7246.

**ARC and the Early Bird**

*By Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator*

Build extra time into planning and scheduling your next project as summer approaches and we move toward a new level of post-COVID construction activity. Be certain your approved ARC submittals aren't about to expire, just as you're getting ready to line up your workers. It's been a long year of delays, combined with the popularity of Bald Head Island real estate and expansions.

Just a friendly reminder, ARC meeting schedules, fillable forms and the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the Design Guidelines are posted on [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com). You'll note the deadlines for all materials are two weeks prior to the meeting dates, and we encourage members to use contractors who do regular work on Bald Head Island to set you up for success, since they are already familiar with the Design Guidelines and the ARC approval process. They'll require plenty of lead time, so call early.



**Tree Keepers Needed**

*By Kay Menk, RCB (Resource Conservation and Beautification) Committee Chair*

If you have been on the Island this winter, hopefully you have noticed the trees with the bright pink tags. These are the latest additions from BHA's Operation Re-Forest — We Forest. Over 125 new trees and shrubs were added to your Island's canopy in 2020, replacing vegetation lost in recent major storms. Eighty-one of these new plants are live oaks, those slow-growing, yet majestic giants that are the anchor trees on our Island.

These new trees need our attention to get through the hot days of summer, especially as they get established during their first year. The Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee is looking for Island residents to adopt a tree or grouping of trees. These "Tree Keepers" are asked to monitor certain trees and water them as requested from April through November. Monitoring means watching newly planted trees for damage (either from wildlife such as bucks rubbing their antlers

or human interaction) and reporting any damage to either Kay Menk ([kgmenk@gmail.com](mailto:kgmenk@gmail.com)) or Tiffany Williams ([Tiffany@TiffanysRentals.com](http://TiffanysRentals.com)). Tree Keepers are also asked to water their trees twice weekly when rainfall is not sufficient with at least 3-5 gallons per watering.

Our most successful Tree Keepers often share their commitments with friends or neighbors so that their trees are never without watchful eyes. It is very gratifying to know you are contributing to sustaining our beautiful Island for generations to come. You will enjoy watching your trees grow and adapt to this challenging environment. This is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to ensure Bald Head Island remains a beautiful haven for both wildlife and Island residents and visitors. Please contact Kay Menk for more information and to get your tree assignments.

**4,500**

Did you know that there were over 4,500 words in the March *Island Report*? It was an interesting exercise to understand how much information can be packed into this monthly newsletter, knowing how much time and work is invested in helping our members and Bald Head Island in just this one communication vehicle. And in this April issue, we've added four more pages and lots more information.

Just for fun in the month that contains April Fools' Day, let's look at other measurements of 4,500. A domestic, healthy cat weighs about 4,500 grams. A Chihuahua weighs half that amount, and a dachshund weighs about twice that.

A rhinoceros weighs about 4,500 pounds, while the tongue of a Blue Whale weighs 1.3 times that amount, tipping the scales at

about 6,000 pounds.

In leagues, the length of Earth's diameter is just about half that number, while the length of the Amazon River is just over a quarter of that amount.

In inches, the Great Pyramid of Giza is about 1.1 times that amount, and the Statue of Liberty is just over 0.8 times that amount.

If you missed the March *Island Report*, you can visit BHA's archives on the "News" page of the website ([BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)). Select "Archived Island Reports." Hovering over an issue on the shelf shows the date in its title. You can enlarge to a full-screen view and read it online or select the print icon to print on paper or save as a PDF. In other words, don't miss an issue!

## President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

I would like to share some details with you about the recent Board Retreat, which was held on February 19. I really appreciated the opportunity to work closely with our Executive Director, Carrie Moffett, to plan and host the retreat. Before I share some of the substance from the day, let me review a few of the logistics:

- **Who attended?** This year all six directors and the Executive Director attended live, in person and masked. In addition, most of the eight staff members attended in person or virtually for at least some portion of the day.
- **Where was it held?** At BHA's Association Center on Bald Head Island in the all-purpose Generator Society Hall.
- **What is the purpose of the retreat?** This is a chance to bring the whole Board together to develop and agree on a plan for the upcoming year and divide up the responsibilities among the board members, committees and staff. We also try to discuss any particularly troubling issues that need attention from the Board.

The retreat ran from 8:00am to 4:00pm, and we divided the agenda into three main sections: (1) reviewing the purposes of the BHA and duties of the board, (2) identifying and discussing key priorities for the year and (3) charging the committees and related topics. Below is a brief summary of the discussion in each section.

### (1) Reviewing the Purposes of the BHA and the Duties of the Directors

This time was dedicated to reviewing some foundational information about the BHA. We read aloud and discussed the provision of the Articles of Incorporation for BHA filed in 1982 which states: "Provide for beautification, maintenance, preservation, and architectural control of the exterior of the single-family homes, multi-family units and non-residential areas, the residence lots, assessable properties and the common areas within those certain tracts ... and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents within the above-described property and any additions thereto that hereafter may be brought within the jurisdiction of this Association for this purpose."

It really is quite short. The reason for doing this was to ensure

that we all have a clear understanding of what BHA is legally authorized by law to do. We are required to keep our work within the metes and bounds of the stated purposes. There are quite a few other entities on the island, and we each have our defined areas of responsibility.

We then reviewed the role and responsibilities of the directors. These are found in the Covenants and Bylaws. This again was to be sure we all were on the same page regarding the specific duties we were elected to carry out.

### (2) Identifying the Key Priorities for BHI This Year

Our next agenda item was to begin the process of identifying and discussing the key priorities for the year. In advance of the retreat, we asked each director and each staff member to list their top five priorities for BHA this year. With that we had a substantial list but, of course, there was considerable overlap. After a thorough discussion, we refined the list to include the following seven priorities:

- **Wildlife Overlook:** Finish construction, complete landscaping replanting and open the Wildlife Overlook to the public.
- **Transparency and engagement:** Do all we can to keep our members advised of the work we are doing and extend to our members every opportunity to volunteer and become involved in the activities of the BHA. This includes but is not limited to a meeting for the members every

quarter (Annual Meeting and three others), surveys of our

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### Red Right Returning 33°52'33.7"N 78°00'04.7"W

*By Alan Briggs*

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spend a weekend at the Inn at Bald Head Island enjoy pizza and Bingo at the WILL O' THE WISP or just sit on the beach and quietly watch the birds and enjoy the peace

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## Village of BHI Updates

### Beach Bonfire Application Now Online

Beach bonfire permits are issued by the Department of Public Safety. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 3:00pm (except Village holidays). Applications are now available online on the Village’s beach bonfire webpage (<https://villagebhi.org/departments-services/public-safety/beach-bonfire-permits>) and can be emailed or delivered in person to the administrative assistant at the Public Safety Building ([psadmin@villagebhi.org](mailto:psadmin@villagebhi.org) or 273 Edward Teach Extension). **Applications must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to your requested burn-time.** Permits are issued on a first-come-first-serve basis. Only one permit shall be issued per beach access per day.

**Individuals:** Individuals must apply for and receive a permit to have a bonfire on the beach. Permits for individuals are **only issued between November 16<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.** Locations for bonfires by individuals are limited to four beach access sites: Access #5, Access #24, Access #35, Access #39 (one bonfire per beach access site at the same time). Bonfires must be located within two-hundred linear feet of the access.

**Commercial Entities:** A commercial entity can apply for and receive a permit to have a bonfire on the beach on a year-round basis. Commercial entities may apply in advance but must obtain approval and pick up the permit on the date of the fire. Locations for bonfires by a commercial entity are limited to two beach accesses, Access #5 and Access #39. Bonfires must be located

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

within two-hundred linear feet of the access.

All permittees must adhere to the following rules:

- All fires must be extinguished by 11:59pm.
- All materials burned must be natural, untreated wood and vegetation with a diameter no greater than 30 inches.
- No gasoline, diesel or other fuels can be used for the burn.
- All fires must be extinguished if winds exceed 10 mph.
- Burning materials must stay clear of dunes and vegetation.
- There must be a means of extinguishment at the burn site sufficient to readily extinguish the fire; some examples include a buck or pail of water, a shovel to cover the fire with sand or dirt, an ABC-type fire extinguisher.
- The burned materials must be completely extinguished and properly disposed of after the expiration time of the burn permit. No debris shall be left on the beach or other public spaces.
- The permit must be on hand at the burn site and available for viewing by any Village of Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety personnel (*being able to show an electronic copy on your device is sufficient*).
- The burning material must be immediately extinguished if directed to do so by any Village of Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety personnel.
- The person requesting to conduct the burn shall be responsible for any and all damages caused by or related to the open burning.

As noted above, the burning material must be immediately extinguished if you are directed to do so by any Village of Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety personnel. The Department of Public Safety monitors wind speed and will advise extinguishment if wind speed excess of 10 MPH or other safety risks or violations of Village ordinances exist.

The Village’s beach bonfire webpage (<https://villagebhi.org/departments-services/public-safety/beach-bonfire-permits>) includes a link to a website that measures wind speed on Bald Head Island. The Village recommends that you check this website before your permitted bonfire time to make sure that conditions are favorable for burning.

### A Reminder About Bulk Item Pick-Up Changes

Since it is the time of year that folks are doing their spring cleaning and preparation for peak season, the Public Works Department would like to remind you that bulk item pick-ups are now limited to two items. This change went into effect in December 2020. Items must also be left outside for pick-up. If you need more than two items hauled away or assistance moving items out of your home, please contact a **local mover**. The BHA has a list of local movers on their website under “Life on BHI” and “Island Service Providers.”

When the Village originally started providing this service there were far fewer folks on the Island and some of the residents were elderly and unable to move the items themselves. The recent increase in home sales and service impacts related to COVID-19 demand has surpassed the Village’s currently available resources.

If you need to schedule a pick-up call the Village’s Customer

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## Bald Head Association's Logo

Have you ever wondered about the BHA logo — why it's a painted bunting, who created it and when, the thoughts behind the design? Curious minds can find interesting answers. Taking a deep dive into BHA's archives with Diane Mesaris' help, as well as with her extensive memory, here's the story behind BHA's logo.

In November 2003, Smith Island Art League members were asked to submit logo designs for consideration by the end of December 2003 to Association Manager Joey Hill. The BHA Board voted and approved the new logo at its January 30, 2004, meeting. And BHA Board President Dick Johnston announced the winner in his President's Report to the Association at the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, January 31, 2004, "After realizing that the Association logo being used belonged to BHI Limited, our artistic community was asked to submit designs for consideration. A new logo for the Bald Head Association was submitted by Ann Cary Hevener and approved yesterday by the Board."



Ms. Hevener's logo submissions included additional information about her designs, including the one chosen.

"People here often refer to Bald Head as "Paradise." This generic bird could represent our "birds of paradise," as Bald Head is the home of many kinds of birds.

The Bald Head Association is concerned with homes, families and our future on the island. Consequently, this bird is depicted at home in its nest (note how the top of the "A" in the abbreviation forms an egg). Beyond forming the image of a bird, the sinuous lines that [compose] this logo recall seashell shapes and waves. This logo also lends itself to a full-color rendition for certain applications. The colors

shown here are those of the [painted] bunting we see on the island. Their eggs are a very pale blue shade and could easily be depicted as white or as a screened blue in order to reduce the number of colors if and when this logo appears in color."

The March 2004 *Island Report* announced and first used BHA's new logo, and Ms. Hevener's original painted bunting design is still used today. In 2012, a circular emblem was added around the logo to commemorate BHA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since 2013, BHA's logo has kept the added circular emblem and featured "Bald Head Association" and "est 1982" to highlight its origination date.

### BHA's Owner Portal

BHA encourages all of its members to register for our TOPS owner access portal. Many have already signed up and are using it, and BHA thanks you.

With additional email addresses gathered from the Annual Meeting's voting and online meeting attendee lists, BHA's bookkeeper Denise Eidal will be emailing an invitation to those not already signed up for TOPS. If you receive an invitation, go ahead and sign up and cross it off your to-do list. (Note that BHA keeps all member information private and does not share it with anyone. The only exception is the upcoming BHI Community Directory, in which members have given written permission to publish their contact information.)

If you haven't yet signed up for our owner portal and would like to do so, or if you have any questions, email Denise Eidal at [Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

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members, publicizing all opportunities to volunteer and be involved, increased frequency of E-blast updates and increased website information.

• **BHA Space needs:** Evaluate and address BHA's short- and long-term space requirements to meet members' needs. For the short-term (2-5 years), we plan to remain in the current space, but we need to do some remodeling and other work to make the space better meet the needs of members and staff. We concluded that the Strategic Planning and Long Range Projects Committee should assume responsibility for evaluating long-term space needs for members and making recommendations to the Board.

• **Financial Issues:** Direct the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Board to work together on plans to address pressing financial issues related to lagoons, reserves, road turnover, alley turnover and the future of Battery 4.

• **ARC:** Facilitate a smooth leadership transition from Karen Mosteller to Fran Pagliaro and address several pressing needs, including:

- Coordinate with ARC/BHA regarding review procedures for Common Areas.
- Coordinate with the Harbour Association regarding ARC work.
- Discuss a subcommittee for Section A for smaller, less-complicated matters to ease the load and allow more time for larger projects.
- Anticipate transitions of chairs of Sections A and B and develop a succession plan.

• **Community Wide Standards (CWS):** Initiate a program to address homes whose exteriors clearly and unequivocally fall below the CWS. Consider engaging members to play a significant role in executing work of evaluations. Consider developing a CWS Committee.

• **Supporting and Improving BHA Operations:** Explore engaging an outside consultant with HOA expertise to evaluate BHA and make recommendations on a range of operational issues including our staffing and compensation, organizational structure, committees, etc. Invest in support for staff, such as professional development, office support and a thoughtful plan for returning to on-island work when it is safe to do so. Develop plan for replacing or refurbishing our golf cart.

### (3) Additional Topics

For the remainder of the meeting, we heard several helpful presentations and had discussions:


- Tiffany Williams guided us on the procedures that will be followed by the Nominating Committee this year.
- Robert Drumheller, our Treasurer, gave us a tutorial on "Key Financial Issues for Board Oversight."
- John Fisher, our past President, spoke to us on the role of BHA as an advocate and criteria we should apply in properly executing our advocacy responsibilities to all our members.
- John Kinney led the discussion on the procedures to follow for charging our committees for the volunteer work for the year.

- Carrie Moffett talked with us about organizational needs for the BHA.
- Pam Henson, our Communications Associate, advised us on the actions we need to take to bring our member communications into the 21st century.

We also addressed the following issues:

- Agreed on the specific charges for each committee.
- Established a special ad hoc committee for the Wildlife Overlook completion. John Fisher will serve as chair, and John Kinney and Carrie Moffett will be members.
- Discussed how we can and should improve our communications to and for our members.

### Conclusion


I believe, and I think my fellow Board members agree, that the retreat served its purpose well and helped us get off to a good start for the year. We were particularly pleased to have Jennifer Lucas, our newest Board member, join us and actively participate. Jennifer brings skills and insights that complement those of our other members, which makes our collective even better equipped to serve and support our members. 

## BHA Special Meeting Notice

**Tuesday, May 4, 10:00-11:00am**

Details at [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com)

A special meeting of BHA's membership will be held via Zoom webinar on the process used to select the contractor to rebuild the Wildlife Overlook.



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# Join the BHI Conservancy for the Statewide Star Party on April 16th!

By Marissa Blackburn, Senior Educator

The Bald Head Island Conservancy is so excited to be an official host organization of the 2021 North Carolina Statewide Star Party. The Bald Head Island Star Party will take place on Friday, April 16th, from 7:30-10:00pm at Public Beach Access 39, which is a phenomenal location to stargaze due to there being virtually no light pollution. Join BHI Conservancy staff and volunteers to learn more about our solar system, with a focus on the Moon and Mars.

Telescopes will be set up and binoculars will be available to look for celestial objects in the night sky. Activity stations will also be spread around the beach where you can build a cardboard rover, make a paper mars helicopter, explore star maps and learn about moon phases and the universe. Spend the evening playing games, making crafts and participating in an astronomy-themed storytime. Feel free to bring your own blankets and chairs to the event to hang out on the beach. Please also remember to bring a face covering with you, as there will be designated areas where face coverings are required. It is sure to be safe, socially distanced fun for the whole family!

The NC Science Festival's annual Statewide Star Party is made possible through the generous support of the NC Space Grant.



# Share the Shore with Beach-nesting Birds

By Lauren Schaale, Coastal Scientist

It's that time of year again! Beach-nesting birds will be arriving to look for suitable nesting habitats on Bald Head Island. Bald Head Island beaches are popular nesting areas for Wilson's Plovers, Least Terns and Killdeer. Wilson's Plover and Least Terns are both North Carolina species of special concern. These shorebird species will start arriving at their nesting grounds in the beginning of April. Once mates have been established, the male will start making nest scrapes (small indentations) in the sand. The female will decide which scrape is the best, and she will lay her eggs directly in the sand (usually 2-4 eggs, depending on the species). The pair will take turns incubating the nest until it hatches. Breeding birds will defend their nests. Defensive strategies include running away from the nest, making lots of noise and acting in distress to lure the perceived predator away from the nest.

We encourage all Island visitors to #ShareTheShore with nesting shorebirds. These birds are particularly sensitive to human and pet disturbance. At the beginning of April, the Bald Head Island Conservancy will be setting up protective postings and signage at Beach Access 1, Beach Accesses 9 and 11 and wherever there is beach-nesting activity. These postings provide a protective barrier to give the birds a large and quiet space to nest and raise their young. We urge people and pets to respect these postings and keep out of those areas when possible. Be a friend to shorebirds and #ShareTheShore with them!

BHI Conservancy staff will be conducting weekly surveys to search for nests and to monitor breeding activity. If you have any questions or concerns about the postings or to report disturbances of nesting activity, please contact the BHI Conservancy's Conservation Department at 910-338-0942.




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## The Crashing of the Blockade Runner *Ella*

By Travis Gilbert, former Educator and Collections Coordinator

In the dead of night on Wednesday, December 2, 1864, a messenger frantically barged into Confederate Colonel John J. Hedrick’s headquarters announcing that a blockade runner crashed aground on Bald Head Island. The colonel and his quartermaster, Captain Charles Bahnson, dressed as cannon fire disrupted the camp’s slumber. On the beach, flares silhouetted the blockade runner *Ella* aground just a few thousand yards offshore. All thoughts turned to one objective — salvaging the *Ella*’s cargo before Federal sailors reached the vessel at daybreak.

Salvaging the *Ella*’s cargo fell to Captain Bahnson, the quartermaster of Confederate troops serving at Fort Holmes on Bald Head Island. Bahnson rounded up a volunteer crew to salvage the precious war materials aboard the floundered *Ella*. The *Ella* and her sister blockade runners delivered war materials from abroad into the Confederacy, which lacked the infrastructure to produce the tools of war at home. Since the war’s beginning, the Federal Navy patrolled off the southern coastline in hopes of intercepting and capturing the blockade runners. By December 1864 when the *Ella* reached the Cape Fear River, only the Port of Wilmington remained open to blockade runners. Wilmington remained the Confederacy’s only link with the outside world.

Captain Bahnson reached the *Ella* before daybreak and found

the expected cases of boots, steel and iron. Bahnson also discovered an immense quantity of liquor and wine within the *Ella*’s cargo. When Bahnson and his volunteers returned ashore with their discovery, Fort Holmes erupted into a Christmas party of legendary proportions.

“Men seemed perfectly crazy, and officers high in command were beastly drunk,” remembered Private William Calder. Only “blasphemous oaths, in a perfect babble of eager voices” was heard over the “plunder and traffic,” according to Calder. One of Calder’s comrades remarked that “for a month afterwards nearly the whole garrison was on ‘a tight.’” The Confederate recalled that “the general demoralization produced by ‘London Dock’ and ‘Hollands’ seemed even to affect that holy man, the chaplain, who said some very queer graces at the headquarters mess-table.”

The Federal Navy interrupted Fort Holmes’ drunken stupor on Christmas Eve 1864, with an attack on Confederate Fort Fisher. Within days, Fort Holmes and Bald Head Island would fall to the Union Navy. Captain Bahnson and his comrades faced the sobering realization that the Civil War had reached its end.



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## BHI Questions? What If I See Someone Fishing in a BHI Lagoon/Pond? Call 911!

The “No Fishing” and “No Feeding” signs at BHI lagoons/ponds are there for a reason. With alligators, turtles and fish populating these fresh-water lagoons, fishing does two things — endangers wildlife from leftover fishing gear and is perceived by alligators as a source of food (they don’t know the difference between a lure and an alluring tasty bite).

The alligator in this accompanying photo would not have been able to eat without human assistance, due to discarded fishing gear getting trapped in its mouth. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is the agency licensed to handle a situation such as this. WRC’s John Henry Harrelson, along with the BHI Conservancy, helped rescue this alligator.

Fishing is viewed by an alligator as feeding, no matter what lure is used. Feeding any wildlife, including the turtles, is unlawful in North Carolina. Remember, just because you think you can toss bread to the turtles, alligators don’t understand that the bread isn’t meant for them. Here’s the kicker. If alligators perceive humans as a source of food, this increases the chance of teaching negative behavior. WRC’s Coexist with Alligators fact sheet (available at [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com). Click on “Life on BHI,” then “Wildlife.”) states, “Alligators can become a safety issue if they are habituated to being fed by humans. It is unlawful in NC for anyone to intentionally feed an alligator. To ensure alligators keep their secretive and shy behavior, **DO NOT** feed them, no matter where they are seen.”

Too many people ignore these postings, which affects everyone on BHI. You, your guests or renters may only be on BHI for a short stay, but these alligators are on BHI 24/7/365. Think one person ignoring the signs and not obeying the laws doesn’t matter? Multiply one person thinking that the rules

don’t apply to them times one hundred — just in one season in one year. For the good of Bald Head Island, property owners are strongly encouraged to educate their guests and renters about NC law and Village ordinances regarding no fishing and no feeding in any lagoons/ponds on BHI.

Now that you understand the importance, here’s what to do if you see anyone fishing in a BHI lagoon/pond — **call 911**. Tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island. They will alert BHI’s Public Safety Department. Keep in mind, if the Public Safety Department has personnel handling other emergency calls, your call will be prioritized as required. Calling 911 creates a log and report, from which Public Safety can track, gain better understanding of call types/frequencies/timing and use for training. Do not approach the person who is fishing. Public Safety responders are trained to deal with the situation; you are not.


**All lagoons/ponds are located on private property. If you’re fishing, you’re trespassing.** BHA, The Villas and the BHI Club have authorized Public Safety to ticket anyone violating the No Fishing/No Feeding/No Boating/No Swimming policy in the lagoons/ponds with a trespassing citation. Public Safety is focused on educating violators, with a possible citation and/or arrest, if warranted. 



Photo by John Henry Harrelson, Coastal Regional Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).


## Do you love kayaking? Participate in the Terrapin Tally!

By: *Tasneem Ahsanullah, Conservation Intern, BHI Conservancy*

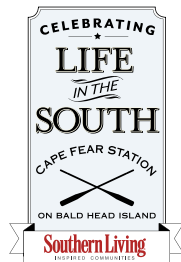
This spring the Bald Head Island Conservancy will be hosting Terrapin Tallies. Terrapin Tallies are diamondback terrapin surveys that involve groups of two people, with one person kayaking through a predetermined route and the other person recording where they find terrapins. Diamondback terrapins are a turtle species of special concern that live in creeks/estuaries along the U.S. east coast, and Bald Head Island has been designated as a Diamondback Terrapin Management Area. We do not know where in our creeks terrapins are located or how many terrapins we have on the Island, so these tallies will provide us with baseline information about our local terrapin populations.

**You MUST attend a virtual training in order to participate in the tally.** The dates for the trainings are: **April 8, 6:00-7:30pm or April 10, 10:00-11:30am**. For more information and to register online for a training, go to: [bit.ly/TerrapinTallyBHI](http://bit.ly/TerrapinTallyBHI).

### Terrapin Tally Dates:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| April 28 — Morning              | May 12 — Morning  |
| April 29 — Morning              | May 13 — Morning  |
| April 30 — Morning              | May 14 — Morning  |
| May 1 — Morning/Mid-day         | May 15 — Morning/Mid-day  |
| May 2 — Mid-day/Early Afternoon | May 16 — Mid-day/Early Afternoon  |





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## New to BHA? Let's Clarify Single-family Utilization

Annually, BHA reminds property owners about the provision in the Covenants that prevents property owners from renting their crofters while staying in their homes and vice versa. This provision has been in place for many years and was designed to help protect adjacent neighbors from excess noise and traffic. One other aspect of Article 10.5(a) is

that no home or other structure can be utilized for commercial purposes except for home offices, and even those have certain parameters in which to operate. BHA has been consistent with its position since at least 2005 that properties cannot be used for commercial purposes other than as vacation or recreational rentals. 

## Midway Coffee and Jailhouse Provision Opening Soon on BHI!

Property owners and visitors will soon have some new food and fun options on Bald Head Island. Owners Plunkett Dodge and Harper Peterson have been working on two venues — Midway Coffee and Jailhouse Provision — in the former Village Police Station at 251 Edward Teach Extension. They hope to be open by Easter but definitely by May 1, 2021.

Ms. Dodge explained, “We have a forward-thinking approach to sustaining your perfect beach day! Start with a coffee and toast...and close with a well-crafted cocktail and delicious meal in our casual, new warehouse vibe.”

Why the name “Midway”? “We call the center of the island ‘downtown,’” laughs Ms. Dodge. “And it’s accessible from all over the island, including East Beach.” For the name “Jailhouse Provision,” Ms. Dodge explains, “We wanted the name to be related to its previous use as a police station. Though there was never a jail in here, there was a locked evidence room.” The space has been opened up, with most interior walls removed.


Right at the entry will be a refrigerated, filtered water bottle filling station. It’s free, and anyone can use it. “We searched everywhere and wanted to help reduce waste and the use of plastics on Bald Head Island,” Ms. Dodge continued. She hopes more organizations and islanders will help in reducing the use of plastics and increase recycling efforts.

Midway Coffee will offer coffee; open-faced toast breakfast options; and ice cream in cups with sundae bar, including fresh, seasonal toppings like strawberries and peaches. The white sourdough homemade bread is organic, milled from North Carolina wheat and made by a Wilmington baker. “These are grownup, savory toasts, and you can add an egg or bacon to them,” explains Ms. Dodge. There will be daily specials and baked items such as tarts, assorted pastries, blondie brownies and cookies. They will also offer an acai “bowl of the day,” with fresh fruit, nut butters and protein add-ons. They will even have homemade granola and will offer a menu of healthy smoothies, including green smoothies.

At Jailhouse Provision, you will order your food upon entry and be handed your beverage. Waitstaff will deliver your food and check back with you. “The menu is small-ish and delicious,” explained Ms. Dodge. They will offer shrimp fritters; lobster rolls; buffalo-sauced shrimp, calamari and chicken wing baskets; burgers; onion rings; salads; crudité; homemade chips; and more. All sauces and salad dressings will be homemade. No dishes will be

used, preferring to use only biodegradable baskets and food trays.

“It’ll be a fun, lively place to hang out for anyone, including young folks. We’ll even have a virtual jukebox that uses your smartphone.” There will be family board and trivia games, plus outdoor games. Jailhouse Provision seats about 40 people inside, with a long bar. There are two outdoor decks and two screen porches, as well.

Ms. Dodge expects that Midway Coffee will be open 8:30am-10:00pm, with an earlier opening seasonally. Jailhouse Provision, housed in the same building, will offer food service from 11:00am-10:00pm, with the bar open until 11:00pm. Hours may be subject to change. Ms. Dodge adds, “We want islanders to have fun but also be responsible.” 

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# TIDBITS:

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



## Wildlife Overlook Begins to Take Shape

The new viewing platforms and walkway at the Wildlife Overlook are beginning to take shape. With the majority of the pilings installed, the wood foundation for the bird-viewing platform should be installed the week of March 22. Most of the trees and other vegetation that will be planted are onsite and will be set in place when the bird viewing area is finished.

BHA and BHI Conservancy staff met in March via Zoom to collaborate on the educational signage that will be installed once construction is completed. Photos of the progress are available on the Wildlife Overlook page located on BHA's website: [BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-overlook](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-overlook).

## BHA Looking for Summer Intern

Bald Head Association (BHA) is looking for a part-time intern with stipend. Duties include:

- Organizing, scanning and saving blueprints and other Architectural Review Committee (ARC) documents for online archiving.
- Contacting service providers through email/phone and documenting revisions.

Skills needed:

- Prefer working knowledge of Acrobat Pro, Sharepoint, Outlook and Excel
- Computer savvy
- Fast learner
- Organized
- Detail-oriented

ARC duties will be performed at the Association Center. Remote work is possible for the provider list revision duties. Submit resumes to: [info@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:info@BaldHeadAssociation.com) with "Intern" in the subject line by April 19, 2021. Potential candidates will be interviewed via Zoom. All COVID safety protocols must be followed. BHA is an equal opportunity employer.

## Golf Cart Registration — Don't Get Caught with an Outdated Cart Registration!

The 2021 registration deadline for golf carts on Bald Head Island was January 1, 2021. For golf cart registration renewals, visit [www.VillageBHI.org](http://www.VillageBHI.org). For golf carts being registered for the first time, you must register in person at the Public Safety Complex, located at 273 Edward Teach Extension.

If your cart registration sticker is damaged, you can visit the Public Safety Complex for a new cart sticker. Golf carts are registered individually. For any questions, call the Public Safety Department at 910-457-5252.

## The NC Wildlife Resources Commission

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission is asking taxpayers to help conserve the state's most vulnerable wildlife populations by donating all or a portion of their tax refund directly to the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. The Fund supports research, conservation and management of nongame animals and endangered wildlife species.

The Wildlife Commission depends on the tax refund donations as the most significant source of non-federal funding to support projects that benefit sea turtles, freshwater mussels and fish, salamanders, frogs and other wildlife species without a designated hunting and fishing season. However, game species, such as deer, turkey and bear also benefit because these animals live in many of the same habitats.

"Whether it is \$2 or \$200, any amount is greatly appreciated and goes a long way toward helping the Wildlife Commission match federal and other grants," said Sara Schweitzer, the Commission's wildlife diversity program supervisor. "These donations also help pay for outreach activities and programs, such as our partnership with the statewide Box Turtle Connection Study. When we match grants using donations, we increase the dollars that we can spend on programs. For example, if we receive a \$100 tax refund donation, we are granted an additional \$185 for wildlife diversity initiatives."

North Carolinians can participate by checking line 30 on their North Carolina state income tax form, or by telling their tax preparer they would like to donate. If using tax preparation software, e-filers receiving refunds will be directly asked if they would like to contribute to the NC Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund. Corporations can also participate and should consult with their tax preparer about how to best allocate funds.

If you do not expect a refund or want to contribute in other ways, donations are accepted year-round by:

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**Furniture Donations**

Like bulk pick-ups, the collection of furniture suitable for donations was started to serve a smaller population. It was not set-up to facilitate multiple households' entire furniture replacements. This week, the donation Conex box was filled up within a few days. What used to be an occasional haul off-island has become a Village-subsidized effort taking several hours per week to manage when staff could be taking care of routine services like maintaining roads. To keep this service to a manageable level, the Village would like folks to utilize your furniture delivery company to haul away the items being replaced or to call a local mover.

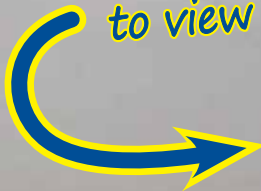
**Drive-Thru Chili Fundraiser a Success**

The Department of Public Safety would like to thank all the volunteers and participants who took part in the Public Safety Auxiliary's annual chili fundraiser. The event was a huge success, with the chili selling out within an hour and a half. The proceeds from this event go to the Department of Public Safety and go to help purchase new equipment for the department. Other than fundraising, the Public Safety Auxiliary (PSA) members assist the Public Safety Department in the event of a major fire. The Public Safety Department has assisted in these events over the years by setting up a command center at the fire station and responding to communications from the fire site for additional oxygen, food, and water, and clothing and supplies for homeowners. The PSA also helps set up hurricane preparedness training and any necessary notifications to homeowners following a hurricane that may have resulted in property damage. The PSA meets approximately four times each year to be trained on such topics as CPR, response procedures in case of fire, and "fire watches" following an event.

**Donations can be sent to:** Public Safety Auxiliary, PO Box 3255, Bald Head Island, NC 28461. For more information contact Cam McIntyre, PSA President, at [cammacnc@gmail.com](mailto:cammacnc@gmail.com).



Scan this QR code with your phone app to view BHA's events calendar!



**April 2021 ~ Keep America Beautiful Month**

April Fool's Day	4/1/2021	
ARC-A Meeting	4/1/2021	10am
Good Friday	4/2/2021	
BHA Office Closed	4/2/2021	
Find A Rainbow Day	4/3/2021	
BHI Artisans Show & Sale	4/3/2021	
Easter Sunday	4/4/2021	
Village Chapel Easter Communion (Drive-through)	4/4/2021	8:30am
BHA Board Meeting	4/9/2021	11am
National Pet Day	4/11/2021	
ARC-B Meeting	4/16/2021	10am
Village Council Meeting	4/16/2021	10am
BHI Star Party	4/16/2021	7:30pm
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	4/21/2021	9:15am
Earth Day	4/22/2021	
Arbor Day	4/30/2021	

**Save the Date in May:**

BHA Special Meeting — Zoom webinar	5/4/2021	10am
Cinco de Mayo	5/5/2021	
Oyster Day	5/6/2021	
ARC-A Meeting	5/7/2021	10am
Mother's Day	5/9/2021	
Frog Jumping Day	5/13/2021	
BHA Board Meeting	5/14/2021	11am
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	5/19/2021	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	5/21/2021	10am
Village Council Meeting	5/21/2021	10am
World Turtle Day	5/23/2021	
SIAL Show & Sale	5/29/2021-5/30/2021	
Memorial Day	5/31/2021	
BHA Office Closed	5/31/2021	

**Around the corner in 2021:**

Juneteenth	6/19/2021
Father's Day	6/20/2021
Independence Day	7/4/2021
SIAL Show & Sale	7/10/2021-7/11/2021

**Ongoing:**

Village Chapel Services (Forest Pavilion/sign-up required): Sundays 8:30am  
 AA Virtual Meetings: Mondays & Thursdays 8am  
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