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Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

Wildlife Overlook Update

The Wildlife Overlook construction project is on the verge of moving forward quickly now that the pilings and heavy-duty brackets are in place (see photos). The wooden alligator and bird viewing platforms and the walkway connecting them are being built; the barrier screens are being fabricated in anticipation of installation in early May. Most of the trees and other vegetation planted to replace that lost during construction have been planted. Additional vegetation will be planted later in the year after Duke Energy completes the replacement of electrical equipment at that location.



Staff is working with the BHI Conservancy and the Village of BHI to develop the educational signage that will be installed at the Overlook closer to completion.

A special thank you to the Village of BHI for waiving the tap fee for the temporary irrigation that will help the new plantings get established.

Information on the Wildlife Overlook can be found at BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-overlook.



BHA Special Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 ~ 10:00-11:00am

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. The registration link and meeting notice with attendee tips is at BaldHeadAssociation.com.

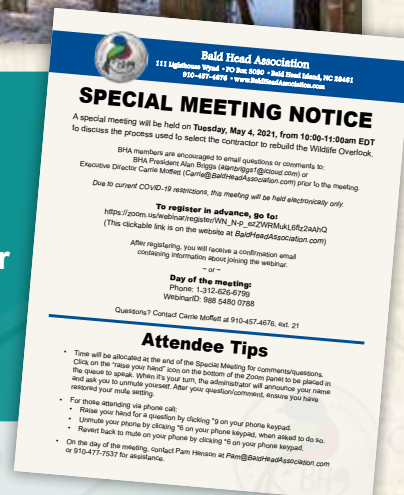
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Ask ARC before any work begins!

- 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 or call Carol Collins, ARC Associate, at 910-477-7246.

How an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Application Is Processed

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has the crucial charge of reviewing home plans and administering the Design Guidelines, with numerous reviews handled each year for home plans, landscaping and renovation-related submittals. There are two sections — A and B — and meetings are held once per month for each section. Here is the process flow once a property owner submits an ARC application.

1. For a submittal to be placed on the next meeting's agenda, the complete submittal must be received two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date. If the property is part of a sub-association, approval of the proposed project by the sub-association is required. The sub-association approval notification must be included with the submittal for it to be considered complete. Only complete submittals received two (2) weeks prior to the meeting will be reviewed.

2. When the submittal is received, the ARC staff begins the review process. The ARC Coordinator and/or ARC Associate verifies the submittal is complete with application, review fee, drawings and/or paint chips as applicable, etc. This may involve calling the applicant or their contractor representative to request additional clarification/additional information. The complete submittal is then placed on the appropriate meeting agenda.

3. The ARC Coordinator then prepares the submittals for the committee review meeting. This technical review preparation includes cross-referencing the BHA Covenants, Secondary Covenants for specific properties and the Design

Guidelines for compliance. A site visit may be conducted, if needed.

4. During a regularly scheduled meeting, the ARC Coordinator presents the complete submittals along with findings from the technical reviews to the Architectural Review Committee (a volunteer group of property owners), a professional architect consultant and the BHA Board liaison. ARC Section A and Section B meetings are held once a month and recently have had 20-30 submittals per meeting. Homeowners and/or their contractor representatives may notify the ARC Coordinator in advance (at the time of submittal) if they would like to join the meeting virtually to present the project. Presentations are limited to five minutes. Submittal reviews are considered confidential, and those who join the meeting may only do so during the ARC's review of their application. Property owners and/or their representatives should verify that the ARC office has the appropriate contact information.

5. The minutes from the meeting are compiled by the ARC Associate, edited by the ARC Coordinator and sent to the ARC section chair and BHA Board liaison for preliminary approval. Once preliminary approval of the minutes is received, the ARC Associate then composes review letters to property owners to explain the ARC's decision(s). The ARC Coordinator, ARC section chair and BHA Board liaison review the letters. This step-by-step process helps to ensure accurate review information is recorded in the meeting minutes and relayed to the property owner and identified contractor representatives.

6. The ARC Associate prints, copies and scans the letters and sends them out by email and US Postal Service. A copy of the letter is added to the individual property archive.

Typically, the review process takes a minimum of four weeks and could take longer due to the number of submittals, the questions/clarifications needed, the date received and the completeness of the submittal. **It's important to note that BHA's Covenants allow 45 days after a submittal is reviewed by the ARC to notify property owners of the decision.** The ARC office strives to get results out as soon as possible, ordinarily within 7-14 business days.

ARC By the Numbers YTD 2021

- Tree trimming or removal requests from 27 homeowners + 2 for multi-family communities.
- ARC Section A has reviewed 62 applications.
- ARC Section B has reviewed 75 applications.
- ARC has completed 15 interim reviews.

President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

Issues

Sometimes we get asked about controversial questions by folks on Bald Head Island, "What is Bald Head Association's opinion or position on this issue?" There are a variety of times I have heard this question asked. It is important to understand how BHA approaches these situations.

First, we want to be sure some issue that arises is "our business." Generally, we are concerned with the homes, common property, social activities and the maintenance and beautification of Bald Head Island. But there are other issues with which we are concerned and serve as the voice of our members. Our Articles of Incorporation authorize us to take action which is to "promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents" of Bald Head Island.

So, yes, initially we consider whether or not any particular issue is our business or is "within our sandbox" or our scope of responsibility. If it is, we look further.

Second, we recognize BHA is the Association for **all** of the lot owners and homeowners on Bald Head Island (with the exception of Middle Island, though they are beneficiaries of BHA's collective voice). We don't speak for some; we speak for all. So, we want to be sure we know the general pulse and feelings of our members on the issue at that time.

Third, most of our homeowners and lot owners do not reside on Bald Head Island permanently. The ones who do are the lucky ones. But the ones who only get here sometimes are still full members of BHA and need to have the facts and information so they can be aware of the issues and form their own opinions regarding what is right for them.

Sometimes, when there is a local issue on the ballot in Brunswick County and because most of our members are not registered to vote in Brunswick County, their voices will not be heard. The outcome of some local issues can affect the real estate taxes our members will have to pay. So, sometimes we have to speak for our members on these issues so their voices will be heard.

For most all issues that arise, we see our role as a neutral one, with our responsibility to get out the facts relating to that issue to our members as quickly as we can. We want all of our members to have the facts and information to permit them to reach an informed opinion for themselves.

For some issues, we see our role as an educational role. Two years ago, an issue of significance was coyotes on Bald Head Island. BHA held an informational session to educate our members on this important issue. It was recorded and is on our YouTube channel.

For some issues, however, we do more than take a neutral or educational role — we advocate for one position or the other.


For what type of issues has the BHA taken an advocacy position or role in the past? We supported the Village on deer culling; we opposed a proposed windmill farm; we opposed a mega port in Wilmington; we opposed offshore drilling of oil wells; we supported broadband on BHI. We took a position in a ferry rate increase case; we opposed limitations on baggage in a rate case. We presented our survey results to the BHI Village Council on a proposed ordinance for electric carts versus golf carts.

The common thread that runs through these cases is that these are issues of moment that affect us all, BHA has by survey or otherwise determined the pulse of the members and we can then, with confidence, speak for the vast majority of our members when we believe there is a need for us to do this.

Rest assured, when the BHA Board becomes aware of issues that concern our members, we give them our best attention and action.

Poems

One other point I would like to address briefly is my addition of a poem with my President's Letter each month. Most all of the issues I have dealt with in my five-plus years of HOA work on BHI are problem solving or dispute resolving. Not all issues fall in this category, but most have for me. But problems and disputes are not why all of us came to Bald Head Island. Rather, we came, at least in part, to get away from those problems and disputes. A poem is an opportunity to let your mind wander for a moment away from those problems and disputes. So, I ask you to indulge me in this and let your mind wander.

Thank you. 

Gizmos, Gadgets and Whatzamazigs

By Alan Briggs

where do you go on bald head island
when you are just killing time alone
and you want to buy a something

we all have our favorite little store
mine is the Dockmaster it is my spot
hidden away in the Harbour

not very big but it has the best stuff
gizmos, gadgets, whatzamazigs
stuff for the mariners for the fisherman

an Eagle Claw barrel swivel
a Shakespeare fishing pole and reel
an Owner Mutu circle hook size 4

the knot board — can you do
a bowline, a clove hitch, a figure 8
a sheep shank, a double diamond

do you need a new crab line
a 9" Sea Striker filet knife
bullet weights egg sinkers

my pick was always the white t-shirts
with the Bald Head Island Marina logo
and the map of the island on the back

the selling point was the pocket
on the front where I could keep
my peanut M&M's all alone

for seventeen years each time I left
I bought three of these t-shirts
to take home to wear at home

at one point in time I had seventy-eight
all hanging in my closet in McLean
all fresh and washed by my dear wife

it is ok to be a little bit crazy
to have a few parts of you
that just don't make sense

it's sort of bald head island that
somehow gives you permission
to be a little bit crazy.



Village of BHI Updates

Vial of Life Program Re-Launch — A medical emergency may come with little warning and may make it difficult for a person to think clearly or possibly even unable to speak. Emergency

personnel who respond to help the person need to know important information such as the person's name, medications being taken, allergies to medications, current and past medical conditions, hearing and vision difficulties and who to notify about the emergency.

The Department of Public Safety

is re-launching the Vial of Life Program. The Vial of Life is a program that allows individuals to have this medical information ready for emergency personnel to reference during an emergency. The program is simple. A person completes a Bald Head Island Department of Public Safety Vial of Life form that is then folded up and stored in an empty vial or pill bottle in the refrigerator. A Vial of Life bright-red sticker is placed on the refrigerator door to alert the BHI Public Safety emergency



By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

responders that a vial is stored inside.

Islanders can stop by the Department of Public Safety to pick up a vial, a blank Vial of Life form and a sticker for your refrigerator Monday through Friday from 9:00am-2:00pm. If you have already participated in the program, please take a moment to review your Vial of Life form to make sure it is up to date; if it is not, you can update it at the Department of Public Safety or download the form from the Public Safety Department's web page and print it out. Go to www.villagebhi.org, click on "Departments & Services," then "Public Safety." A link for the Vial of Life Program is under "Other Resources." A special thank you to Walgreens located at 5098 Southport Supply Road SE in Southport for generously donating the vials for this program.

Grilling Safety Tips and Village Ordinance Reminder —

Outdoor grilling is one of the best activities of spring and summer, and it's one of the most popular ways to cook food. A grill that is placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Hot grills can also cause burn injuries. Medical and fire emergencies are two things we all want to avoid on Bald Head Island. The Village's Fire Prevention Ordinance (Section 12-53) states:

Cooking fires contained within a commercially available, solid-fuel burning, portable, outdoor cooking appliance, but only to the extent that such portable appliance shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any structure and within twenty-five (25) feet of a permanent water source connected to a hose that is able to reach the location of the appliance, and shall not be located upon any wood or composite deck or balcony attached to such structure or underneath any roofed structure, including any porch, awning, or balcony overhang of a structure.

Following the Village's ordinance will reduce fire emergencies and property damage caused by grills and ensures that islanders can quickly respond to any mishaps that may occur when grilling out. Violating this ordinance could result in a \$500 fine.

Here are a few grilling tips from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA):

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

For more information about grilling safety and other fire safety topics, go to nfpa.org/education. Also, check out the Village of Bald Head Island's YouTube channel for a short grilling safety video.

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BHA Seeking Volunteers for Nominating Committee and BHA Board Candidates — Deadline May 31, 2021

Interested in Joining BHA's Nominating Committee?

BHA's Nominating Committee is charged with selecting at least one candidate for each Board 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. If you are interested in joining the Nominating Committee, which involves a couple of meetings and can be done remotely, email Board

member Tiffany Williams at Tiffany@TiffanysRentals.com by **May 31, 2021**.


Interested in 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 by **May 31, 2021**, for consideration for the 2022 Board of Directors. 

Community Wide Standards Committee

Much discussion has been had about BHA's Community Wide Standards (CWS) and the evaluations that will be conducted to identify homes that may be out of compliance with the CWS. The Board's initial plan was for staff to conduct the evaluations and to work with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to assist property owners in becoming compliant. But, with the increase in architectural review submittals and the proportional amount of work required both by staff and ARC volunteers, the Board recognized a need for a new committee of property owner volunteers to work on a parallel basis with the ARC to assist

with compliance.

Similar to BHA's other committees, staff will support the CWS Committee by serving as a liaison between the property owners and the committee. Debra Drumheller was appointed by the Board to serve as the CWS Committee's first chair, and several additional owners have volunteered to join the committee, as well. There are a few remaining spots on the committee, so property owners interested in serving on it should complete an application on BHA's website at BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees and email it to Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Since this is a new committee, add that you're interested in serving on the CWS Committee on the form. More details about the committee's work will be available in the coming weeks. 

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The visibility of your address bollard could mean the difference of essential seconds in emergency response time. Public Safety personnel, tram drivers and renters cannot find your home if the address bollard:

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- is not visible day or night because

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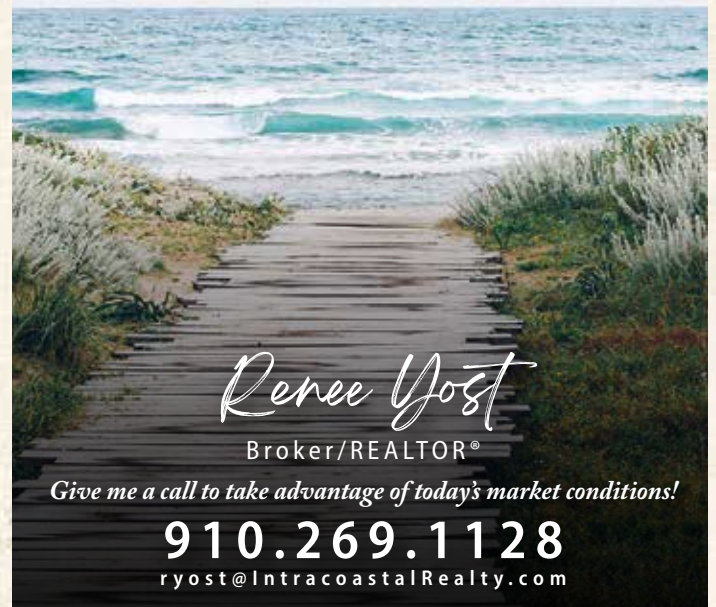


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Are We There Yet?

By Carrie Moffett, BHA Executive Director

Mid-April was the first time in over a year when life felt normal. My middle school daughter is finally back in school five days a week, and I was able to work full-time in the office rather than working partially remotely from home. (Any band parent can relate to the challenge of trying to think while listening to a budding flutist practice her scales.) As I sat at my desk, hearing the male cardinal who's obviously taken possession of the trees between BHA and the Chapel call for a mate, it occurred to me that normal is just around the bend — watching our vendor's hard-working employees stain the decks of the Association Center, seeing the relief of property owners and employees who realized it didn't matter that they were #101 in line for the ferry now that ferries capacity restrictions have been lifted and hugging a property owner who was finally able to return to the Island after receiving her COVID-19 shots. It is wonderful to see the signs of spring, knowing that the end of this nearly indescribable pandemic is almost in sight.

With the record number of real estate closings last year, BHA recognizes there are many new property owners who may not have experienced their first summer on the Island. It's difficult to describe the hustle and bustle that accompanies "turtle time," and one needs only to experience it to understand. Here are a few tips that might help:

1. Try not to travel or ride the ferry on Thursdays or midday on Saturdays. Thursday is "turnover day" for owners of the fractional Hammocks homes, and Saturday is turnover day for most of the other homes that are rented. Hundreds of vacationers leave the Island each Saturday morning; an equal number are trying to get to the Island — along with hundreds of employees. If you have to travel on Saturday, do it early.


2. BHA has published a guide for property owners, visitors and guests called *BHI Basics*. This handy resource is chock full of helpful information to help keep everyone safe while having fun. Every homeowner, renter and visitor to the Island should read it. You can find *BHI Basics* on BHA's website (BaldHeadAssociation.com). Multiple copies are available at BHA by emailing Info@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

3. There is a wealth of information on BHA's website, particularly for new property owners. Visit the "Life on BHI" section of the website and don't forget to subscribe to BHA's newly updated email bulletin — BHA's Compass — for tips and

other helpful information to navigate BHI.

4. The Village of BHI, which is the Island's municipality, also has a great website that contains helpful information for property owners. Visit www.villagebhi.org to learn about services provided by the Village.

5. One last thing. Make sure you become familiar with BHA's guidelines regarding tree trimming/removal, landscaping and changes to your home. Remember, any change to the exterior of your home — including landscaping — needs prior approval by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Our ARC staff works hard to provide the most professional customer service possible. Use them as a resource. Contact the office at 910-457-4676, ext. 23. And ARC application forms are available on our website.

As the BHI community continues to recover from the COVID pandemic, we look forward to the return of those activities that are typically held at the Association Center. It hasn't been the same here without you. 

News and updates on the
BHI Transportation Authority
(BHITA) are posted at:
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Sea Turtles on BHI

By Paul Hillbrand, Sea Turtle Program Coordinator

This is a time to celebrate on Bald Head Island, as our unique summer residents are completing their migration home. That's right, the nesting loggerhead sea turtles are returning, and nesting season has begun. It lasts from May 1st through November 15th each year.

As we embark on the 2021 nesting season, the BHI Conservancy wanted to remind everyone to be respectful of the beach and its natural inhabitants during the summer months. Please remember:

- Only **RED** light is permitted on the beach at night
- Stop by Turtle Central to get red light filters for your phone and flashlight
- Completely fill in **ALL** holes dug on the beach
- Remove **ALL** beach furniture
- If you see a nesting or injured sea turtle, call 910-457-0089, ext. 5

The Conservancy's Sea Turtle Protection Team looks forward to seeing everyone on the beach this summer. Thank you for doing your part to make Bald Head Island a safe haven for sea turtles. 

NC Sea Turtle Week

By Melissa Blackmon, Director of Development

The Bald Head Island Conservancy is excited to celebrate the island's favorite animal, with a North Carolina Sea Turtle Week celebration June 13-19th. The Conservancy is excited to bring back this popular event, with a mix of safe, in-person events and virtual activities, throughout the week. The celebration is scheduled around World Sea Turtle Day, June 16th, which is the birthday of Dr. Archie Carr, otherwise known as "the father of sea turtle biology."

The Conservancy will host a wide variety of activities to educate children and adults all about sea turtles. Whether you are on the island or at home, we will have something for everyone to join in on the fun.

- Sunday, June 13th: An island-wide scavenger hunt of painted sea turtle rocks. Be one of the lucky 10 to locate a rock hidden around some of the most popular locations on the island. Turn one in at Turtle Central for a prize.
- Monday, June 14th: Join the Conservancy for a trash pickup to help keep our island clean, use some of your unique finds to create an upcycled art project of a sea turtle and enter our contest for a chance to win a prize.
- Tuesday, June 15th: Turtle Tuesdays at Turtle Central — head over for fun, discounts, giveaways and more!
- Wednesday, June 16th: Join us for a special Turtle Themed Turtle Trot — create a sea turtle costume or wear any Bald Head Island Conservancy-related gear for our Turtle Trot 5K. There will be prizes for the most creative costume.
- Thursday, June 17th: Join us live for a Q&A with our Sea Turtle Protection Team as they head out to patrol our beaches for the evening.
- Friday, June 18th: Hop online and join us virtually for Sea Turtle Conservancy Connections via Zoom with the Education Team.
- Saturday, June 19th: We will wrap up the week with announcing the winners of our art contest.

More details to come. To learn more, email melissa@bhic.org or visit www.bhic.org. 



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Bald Head Island's 1917 Big Screen Debut

By Hunter Ingram, Educator

For the movie-goers nestled in their seats of Wilmington's Royal Theater on January 20, 1917, the footage splashed on the big screen must have felt a world away.

Unspooled in a time before movies had sound, the 22-minute film shown that afternoon depicted what was almost certainly the general public's first glimpse at the largely untamed wilderness of the newly renamed Palmetto Island. For centuries, it had been known as Smith Island, and today we know it as Bald Head Island. But for those treated to this promotional video commissioned by the Island's owner Thomas Franklin Boyd, it was probably hard to imagine this almost tropical sea of palm trees and wildlife was in their backyard. Even in the 20th century, the Island was virtually unknown to the larger community. Only those stationed or forced into labor at Fort Holmes during the Civil War, along with government employees and their families, had ever spent significant time on Bald Head Island.

Boyd had purchased the island in 1916 for \$45,000 and wasted little time dreaming up a future for it. To introduce his vision for the natural oasis at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, he commissioned a newsreel-style film through the New Jersey-based Pathe Company to capture the Island's natural beauty and — more importantly for his purposes — its potential for development.

Readers of the *Wilmington Morning Star's* piece on his first invite-only screening on January 20 quickly got an impression of the kind of buzz Boyd hoped to drum up with the film. "There is a possibility that at some time in the near future this may be one of the greatest winter resorts in the Carolinas," the article read.

Today, only eight minutes and 15 seconds of the footage has survived in the

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To watch the video, visit the Smith Island Museum at Old Baldy. It's also at BaldHeadAssociation.com/life-on-bhi.

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BHI Questions? How Can I Help Sea Turtles on BHI?

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). There are many ways property owners and visitors can help sea turtles, including preventing hazards.

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 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. Pet owners are encouraged to keep dogs under control at all times. Dogs should never be allowed near a

protected sea turtle nest. Don't be a distracted dog owner who isn't aware of what your dog is doing behind you.

"Lights Affect Us"

Nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings 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 (the BHI Conservancy has these). **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 females and hatchling sea turtles. And these homes must install room-darkening window treatments to block interior lighting in the evenings, per BHA's Design Guidelines. **Share this important information with your guests and renters.**

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 BHIC.org. 

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Employees of the Year — Last year was wrought with unexpected challenges and change. Village employees experienced adjustments in their work schedules, work environments and home lives. It was difficult to pick just one employee who stood out and went above and beyond in 2020, so Village Manager Chris McCall decided to select not just one, but four employees for recognition for employees of the year — Paul Homick, Nick Hughes, Lloyd Jackson and Mishanda Mohundro.

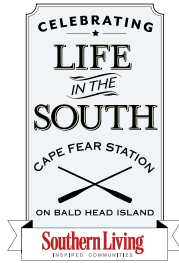


Paul Homick is a Public Safety Officer and started working for the Village in September 2016. Paul's peers say that he is one of the hardest working, honest and integral individuals they have the pleasure of working with and that he displays incredible drive to accomplish goals, takes on extra assignments and pushes the team in a positive way.

Lloyd Jackson has worked for Public Services (Utilities) since April 2011. Lloyd's peers say that he is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done and that he is a true team player.

Nick Hughes has worked for Public Services (Public Works) since August 2017. Nick's peers say that Nick is full of politeness and humility and that everything he does, he does for others and always considers their feelings and comfort first.

Mishanda Mohundro started working for the Village in 2014 in the Island Package Center and Post Office. She was promoted to Administration (Finance) and then took over payroll duties and works in Human Resources. She was nominated by eight of her coworkers. Mishanda's peers say that she is always helpful, knowledgeable, professional provides exemplary service, goes above and beyond all year long, stays longer to help answer questions, is a great person to work with, always has a good attitude, friendly, patient and delivers great quality of work. 



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BHA's Compass Email Bulletin

BHA has been using email bulletins for more than a decade to help inform members of timely updates and provide resources. Originally titled "E-blasts," this valuable communication vehicle has seen a recent refreshing, with a new name, tagline and masthead photo. It's now called *BHA's Compass*, and its tagline is "Helping property owners navigate Bald Head Island, NC."

BHA's Compass is used for timely information such as updates on the BHI Transportation Authority, as well as newly posted *Island Reports* and other Island-wide news. Once you sign up, it comes directly to your email inbox. Don't miss out! Anyone can sign up today at BaldHeadAssociation.com. If your email address or any contact information changes, email Diane Mesaris at Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



BHA Office Efficiency

If you visit the ARC office this summer, you might be surprised to find a new look. ARC staff members facilitate the review of anywhere between 30-60 submittals monthly for the Architectural Review Committee and (in a non-COVID world) host numerous visits daily from property owners, contractors and architects wanting to discuss their current and future submittals. With the increased traffic in and out of the confined space, we find it necessary to make some changes to make the office more efficient and user-friendly for visitors.


Converting the upstairs Berne Room from a conference room to office space will be the first step. The redesigned space will house newly part-time staff member Karen Mosteller and an intern who is being hired to help purge ARC files this summer. Once the intern's work is complete, the front section will be utilized as a small conference area for staff to meet with property owners and contractors visiting the ARC office. Adding a "lay-down area" to review construction plans is long-overdue. The expenses for the remodel were included in the 2021 budget approved by the Board last year. Plans to remodel Fran Pagliaro's office to create a more productive space for the technical reviews she's required to complete as part of the ARC approval process will be drawn after the purge is complete, and costs will be included in the 2022 budget.

Thanks to Peter Quinn for his help making the most out of the current space.

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- of surrounding vegetation
- is missing some or all of the address numbers

Bollard construction and installation must comply with BHA Design Guidelines, so choose a service provider who complies with these guidelines (visit BaldHeadAssociation.com, click on "Life on BHI," then "Island Service Providers").



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TIDBITS:

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

Spaces Available in BHA's Community Garden and Boat Park

Community Garden

If you love gardening, there are a few garden plots still available in BHA's Community Garden. It's located beside the Dog Park on North Bald Head Wynd. Contact Diane Mesaris for details and fees at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Current garden plot renters will receive the gate lock's combination. Water is available in several areas around the garden, and you provide your own hose.

Boat Park

BHA has spaces available to lease in its Boat Park, located on Mulch Site Road, off of North Bald Head Wynd near Timbercreek. A water hose is located just inside the park entrance for lessees.



Per the Village of BHI ordinance, eligible boats must be a maximum of 16 feet in length, with a maximum 25hp motor. Spaces are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, and the annual fee is prorated. Spaces are assigned by Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate. Annual stickers are placed on boat trailers, and all boats must be kept in their assigned spaces. For more information, contact Pam Rainey at PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Owners of small watercraft such as kayaks, canoes and skiffs without trailers can rent space at the Creek Access on North Bald Head Wynd. This property is owned and managed by the Village of BHI. Call 910-457-9700 for more information.



Smith Island Art League (SIAL) Memorial Day Art Show and Sale

By Sherry Becker

The Smith Island Art League (SIAL) of Bald Head Island will hold its annual Memorial Day Art Show and Sale on Saturday, May 29, and Sunday, May 30, 2021, at the BHA's Association Center, located at 111 Lighthouse Wynd (beside the Chapel). The show is open to the public with free admission from 10:00am to 5:00pm each day.

For more information, contact Prudy Weaver at 704-907-4287 or pweaver2@carolina.rr.com. The Art League members show a variety of styles and mediums such as ceramics, oil and watercolor paintings, cards, prints, jewelry, fabric art, clay works, photography and more. Learn about the League and the artists at www.smithislandartleague.com.

Operation Re-Forest — We Forest and Honor Tree Online Map

The map of trees planted for Operation Re-Forest — We Forest, as well as Honor Trees, has been added to BHA's website (BaldHeadAssociation.com). Select "About BHA," then "Operation Re-Forest — We Forest and Honor Trees." The map functions as a Google map, allowing you to zoom in/out and move around. The darker green tree icons represent Honor Trees, and when you click on one, the honoree's name and description pops up on a side panel. The list of honorees by year is below the map. Volunteer "Tree Keepers" are still needed, to help with watering. Email Kay Menk at kgmenk@gmail.com. Watch for more information about this year's 3rd annual event in the fall.



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New Hanover County Library's collection. But the intention is still clear. After shots of Boyd's town of Hamlet, NC, the film transitions to the Island with a focused look at Old Baldy, coincidentally celebrating its 100th birthday that year, though it's unclear if Boyd picked up on the centennial significance. For its big-screen debut, the lighthouse was still a shade of bright white as it served out its last few decades of active service. As it goes on, the film sporadically jumps around the region to present an intriguing vision for what Boyd likely saw as the virtues of investing in his palmetto paradise. Like its history, the film pitches the Island as intertwined with the rest of the region, featuring shots of the railways at Wilmington's Atlantic Coastline Railroad and the sturdy ruins of St. Philips Church at Brunswick Town.

The Cape Fear Lighthouse, which was still in its infancy, is also given screen time, while men from the Cape Fear Life-Saving Station are seen moving equipment out of its second home on South Beach. Elsewhere in the damaged, surviving footage, men hunt for wild hogs, waves crash on the beach and the quiet land looks untouched.

Although the first screening was for Boyd and his guests' amusement, the Bijou Theater in Wilmington began playing the film in a special engagement starting on January 23, 1917.

Boyd would end up losing the Island in foreclosure after he took a big hit during the Great Depression, and subsequent hurricane damage cut him even deeper. Palmetto Island, as he saw it, would never come to pass.

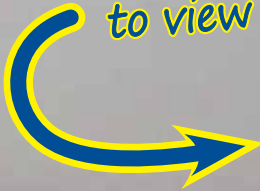
But historians are undoubtedly grateful he coughed up the money for the promotional film because it resulted in rare footage of the Island at a pivotal moment in its history. Ironically, Boyd had sought to be the architect of Bald Head Island's future. But history will always remember his greatest contribution as preserving a glimpse of its past on film forever. 



Total Violations YTD: 17

- Lighting: 7
- Work done outside of ARC: 4
- Unauthorized cutting of trees or clearing: 1
- Other: 5

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May 2021

BHA Special Meeting — Zoom webinar	5/4/2021	10am
National Teacher Day	5/4/2021	
Cinco de Mayo	5/5/2021	
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	5/6/2021	9:15am
National Space Day	5/7/2021	
ARC-A Meeting	5/7/2021	10am
World Migratory Bird Day	5/8/2021	
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
National Endangered Species Day	5/21/2021	
ARC-B Meeting	5/21/2021	10am
Village Council Meeting	5/21/2021	10am
International Day for Biological Diversity	5/22/2021	
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	

Save the Date in June:

ARC-A Meeting	6/4/2021	10am
World Environment Day	6/5/2021	
World Oceans Day	6/8/2021	
BHA Board Meeting	6/11/2021	11am
NC Sea Turtle Week	6/13/2021-6/19/2021	
World Sea Turtle Day	6/16/2021	
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	6/16/2021	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	6/18/2021	10am
Village Council Meeting	6/18/2021	10am
Juneteenth	6/19/2021	
Father's Day	6/20/2021	

Around the corner in 2021:

Independence Day	7/4/2021
SIAL Show & Sale	7/10/2021-7/11/2021

Ongoing:

Village Chapel Services:	Sundays	8:30am
(Additional details at villagechapelofbaldheadisland.org)		
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #3909737348, P/C: 217739, Email: sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com)		

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