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Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## 4<sup>th</sup> in a Series — Welcome New Property Owners!

As you read in our previous installment of this series, Bald Head Association (BHA) has seen a dramatic turnover in Bald Head Island property owners in the last few years. In fact, 45% of properties have turned over from 2018 through May 31, 2022.

Here's a brief recap. First, BHA would like to welcome its new members. You become a BHA member once you close on a house or lot. We work for you, and BHA's Board of Directors (six members) and volunteers (currently a total of 54) of seven committees are your neighbors. BHA

is Bald Head Island's largest property owners' association, representing approximately 2,000 members. The original vision of "living in harmony with nature" is still BHA's point of reference, with BHA's Covenants guiding that principle, utilizing the Design Guidelines.

The first article in this series covered BHA and its environmental stewardship of Bald Head Island. The second installment covered what BHA does for its members on an everyday basis, including BHA's overall role of helping protect the value and aesthetics of property on Bald Head

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## The Process of Joining the BHA Board of Directors and BHA's 2023 Board Candidates

BHA's Board of Directors believes it functions most effectively if it has diversity among its members. This includes, but is not limited to, sex, gender, sexual or gender preference, national origin, religion, race, age, educational background, employment experience, prior HOA experience, prior BHA committee experience and any and all of the other differentiating characteristics that makes each of its members special and unique.

The overall expectations of a BHA Board member are to:


- Serve a three-year term
- Serve as a Board liaison to one of BHA's committees
- Attend meetings in person and/or remotely

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 29, 2022.** All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at [carrie@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:carrie@baldheadassociation.com).

### Nominating Committee's BHA Board Candidates for 2023

At this year's September Board meeting, Nominating Committee Chair John Kinney informed the Board of the committee's selections of candidates, who were: Tiffany Williams (second term), Nathan McBrayer and Bob Keiger. Additional information will be shared with the membership in the 2022 Annual Report, mailed in early December. 

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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

Sharon Beasley, ARC Associate, at [sharon@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:sharon@baldheadassociation.com) or

for urgent ARC matters, call 910-477-7246.

For all questions about trees and vegetation, email [trees@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:trees@baldheadassociation.com).



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## Video Recap — Learn about BHA's Design Guidelines Revisions



BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) staff held an informational meeting with contractors and architects who work on BHI to review the recently approved revisions in the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of BHA's Design Guidelines. By helping inform, our goal is to help reduce/eliminate the number of submittals that don't make it through the ARC process successfully. Therefore, ARC can help service providers save their clients — **YOU, the property owner** — valuable time and money.

Ask your builder/architect if they've seen the video and share this QR code video link with them.

Watch the recorded meeting yourself to understand the "why" behind the Design Guidelines and learn how BHA uses this document in order to be a good steward to this very special barrier island for generations to come.



## What's the Difference Between a "Tree Request" and a "Plant Material Change Application"?

Here are some tips to understand the difference between submitting a "tree request" and a "Plant Material Change Application," to help prevent additional response time. Tree requests are for property owners seeking tree trimming and/or cutting of trees in compliance with the Design Guidelines. Simply email [trees@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:trees@baldheadassociation.com) to begin the process. Include an explanation of the tree request description and photos. Please identify the trees to be considered for removal/trimming by marking with high-visibility flagging tape/ribbon. Our goal is to provide a decision to property owners in approximately one week.

Utilize a Plant Material Change Application for vegetation changes on existing homes or changes made during construction. A landscape plan and plant list are required with this application. The online fillable form is available at [www.baldheadassociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines](http://www.baldheadassociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines) and should be submitted to [arc1@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:arc1@baldheadassociation.com).

Note that for adding or changing hardscape (decking, pavers, gravel, lighting, etc.) in addition to softscape (plants, trees, shrubs, etc.), please complete a "Minor Change Application."



## Being Thankful and Grateful

*By Carrie Moffett, Executive Director, Bald Head Association*

As I prepared to write this article, I began to think about the difference between being thankful and being grateful. While most of us use the two words interchangeably, good ol' Merriam-Webster claims there to be a difference — "thankful" is "conscious of benefit received," while "grateful" is "appreciative of benefits received."

That settles it ... I'm more than thankful. I'm grateful.

Grateful for the amazing BHA staff, Board members and committee volunteers who give their precious time and spectacular talents to make BHA run. Some work behind the

scenes and others are right out front, but they collectively share the mission of serving our members ethically and transparently.

Grateful for the relationship that I continue to enjoy with my colleagues across the Island. Each of them — Chris McCall, Chris Shank, Chris Webb, Pattie Caban, David Sawyer and Chad Paul — bring different skills to the Island and are dedicated professionals who, like me, want nothing but success for Bald Head Island.

Grateful for those with whom we may not be on a first-name basis but also play a huge part in making this Island run. You know

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## BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

This month, I would like to talk a little about our staff and the changes in our staff in the last two years. During that time, we have had three staff changes that I feel are very significant. They track three of our most important functions.

**First, let me discuss the ARC and the changes in our ARC staff.** In mid-2021, Karen Mosteller, our ARC Coordinator for many years, retired from BHA. Fran Pagliaro was hired to replace her at the end of 2020 to allow for on-the-job training. As all of you who have worked with the BHA Design Guidelines and the ARC know, this is not a job you learn overnight.

The ARC Coordinator is responsible for receiving, reviewing and managing committee approvals/denials for all ARC applications for new home construction, remodeling and landscaping changes. In addition, the ARC Coordinator is responsible for leading and overseeing both sections of the ARC.

Fran has worked day and night throughout 2021-2022 to learn and implement the Design Guidelines. In addition, Fran very quickly gained the respect of all 17 members of the ARC who rely on her and her work so they can do their work. But, the ARC Coordinator needs several staff members to assist her in serving the members to get the work done.

This year, we have been fortunate to have two superior additions to Fran's ARC team. First, Sharon Beasley joined BHA as the ARC Associate and works closely with and supports Fran in all ARC work for Section A and Section B. Sharon hit the ground running and has continued to take on more and more of the ARC responsibility.

In addition, Kimberly Bandera was hired as BHA's ARC Specialist. In this role, she serves as Agent for the Harbour Association's Architectural Review Board and the Middle Island POA's Architectural Review Committee. To perform this work, Kimberly, has to know each of those organizations' respective Design Guidelines and Covenants, as well as the Harbour's Urban Code. She also spends a good amount of time conducting the field work necessary for the ARC's success, such as final inspections for new construction. Kimberly has taken well to this considerable responsibility and works closely with Fran and Sharon. This ARC team led by Fran is doing a stellar job for all of us.

**Second, let me discuss the change of our bookkeeper.** One of the most important duties we have is to manage your dues and other BHA income responsibly and pay all BHA bills timely. We are fiduciaries for you, our members, and we take this duty seriously.

For just over three years, we have had an outstanding full-charge bookkeeper in Denise Eidal. With Robert Drumheller as our Treasurer and with Denise as our full-charge bookkeeper, we knew we were handling your money properly.

But, this spring, Denise told us she was retiring in the fall. Thankfully, she gave us plenty of time to find and train a new bookkeeper.

We are delighted to have found a very experienced replacement for Denise — Leigh Ann Fink. Leigh Ann has spent over 30 years

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### Landscapes By Alan Briggs

have you ever just looked  
at the morning sky over bald head island  
I did this morning  
September 25, 2022 at 7:19am  
the sun was just rising in the east  
I sat on my second story porch  
overlooking south beach  
listening to the roar of the ocean  
feeling the breeze of the morning  
looking at the sun rising in the east  
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of the long clouds made them  
appear like battleships, destroyers, cruisers  
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going west to battle in World War II  
some PT boats  
I could almost see JFK  
getting ready to disembark  
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## Village of BHI Updates

### Golf Cart Registration

It is almost time to get your golf cart registered for 2023. Online and in-person registrations begin on

**Thursday, December 1, 2022.**

**Annual Renewals:** To complete your online registration, you will need your insurance policy and a credit card. Please inspect your cart registration sticker before applying for a yearly renewal sticker. If your registration sticker is torn, faded, peeling or damaged in any way, please choose the option to pick up your annual registration at the Public Safety Building. When you arrive at the Public Safety Building, you will need to request a new cart sticker (you will be assigned a new registration number). The online registration can be completed here: <https://villagebhi.org/residents-owners/submit-a/golf-cart-electric-vehicle-registration>.

If you select the option to pick up the new sticker at the Public Safety Department (versus having it mailed), please allow at least 48 working hours for processing by administrative staff before pick up. Note that the 48-hour processing does not apply on weekends and/or holidays.



**First Time Registrations:** The initial registration of a golf cart (first time on Island, initial application) must be completed at the Public Safety Building with staff. Your cart will be inspected. Please bring a copy of your insurance policy; proof of liability coverage is required at the time of registration. The coverage must meet the standards set by the NC Department of Motor Vehicles. After the cart passes inspection and is given a registration sticker, the owner will need to go online and apply and pay for the annual registration here: <https://villagebhi.org/residents-owners/submit-a/golf-cart-electric-vehicle-registration>.

You must register each cart individually. As a reminder, trailers that are as long as golf carts must also be registered with the Village. Please try not to put this off until the last minute. If you have any specific questions about the annual registration

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

process, please contact Elizabeth Gray, Administrative Assistant, at 910-457-5252 or [psadmin@villagebhi.org](mailto:psadmin@villagebhi.org).

### Holiday Schedule for the Island Package Center & Post Office (IPC/PO)

**Thanksgiving Holiday:** The IPC/PO will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, 2022, for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will be open extended hours on Wednesday, November 23, opening at 10:00am and closing at 6:00pm. USPS mail will be put up on Saturday, November 26, 2022. We recommend that if you are having items shipped to the Island for this holiday, place your orders by November 10 or earlier to give sufficient time for your package to make it to the Island.

**Christmas Holiday:** The IPC/PO will be open for extended hours on Thursday, December 22, 2022, opening at 10:00am and closing at 6:00pm. The IPC/PO will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26. USPS mail will be put up on Saturday, December 24, 2022. USPS mail *will not* be put up on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26, 2022. Although the Village offices will remain closed on Tuesday, December 27, the IPC/PO will be fully staffed and open from 10:00am to 3:00pm that day. We recommend that if you are having items shipped to the Island for this holiday, place your orders by December 8 or earlier to give sufficient time to make it to the Island.

### Holiday Mail and Package Tips

With the holidays right around the corner, the Bald Head Island IPC/PO has a few tips and reminders if you are planning to mail and ship items from the Island this season.

#### Reminder: BHI Outgoing Mail and Package Schedule

**US Mail** — US mail leaves the Island Monday through Friday on the 2:30pm passenger ferry. Please have mail in the outbound mailbox no later than 2:15pm. **The exception to this will be when we are closed. For Thanksgiving, that will be November 24 and 25, 2022. For Christmas, that will be December 22, 23 and 26, 2022.** There is no outbound mail delivery on Saturdays.

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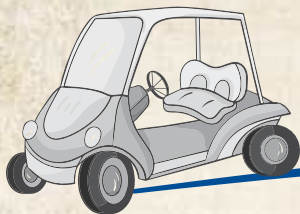


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## Ride Along Series — BHI Ferry Captain

By Patrick Wirth, Guest Author

It's been hundreds of years since privateers made these waters their local haunt. Yet, the maritime spirit of this territory lives on in the privatized network of captains, crew and tram services known as Bald Head Island Transportation (BHIT). The BHI Ferry is a local fixture that runs its 20-minute route from Deep Point Marina to Bald Head Island, rain or shine. Those who live, work and visit the Island already know this system's importance. Without it, life as we know it would not be possible.

I was lucky enough to be the sole passenger headed to the Island on board *Ranger* one Monday evening. I handed in my ticket and climbed to the top deck. For a blissful moment, I took in the expansive, star-filled sky on this calm September night. It is a view I never tire of, especially when combined with the ocean's soothing, salty scent and rhythmic undulation.

The horn sounded at 10:00pm sharp, marking our departure. I laid back to do some serious thinking when, all of a sudden, I felt a pang of guilt. Enjoying this view while others did all the work of ferrying me felt selfish, or at least rude. It was like riding in an Uber alone and not acknowledging the driver. I have always been the type to sit up front and engage the person as much as they want. It is my philosophy that they have something to say that I need to hear. I shared as much with the crew members circulating the boat and asked if I could speak with the captain.

I held a certain reverence walking into the dark cabin. The only available light source was an intermittent flashing of colors from the indiscernible buttons, switches and screens along the console. I could barely make out the face of the man speaking to me. His gaze fixed steadily ahead. His hands confidently grasped



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the wheel as he moved our 77-ton vessel through the glassy sea.

As Captain Tom Goldner ever so modestly admitted, this was not his first experience being interviewed. He was featured in *Marine Logs Magazine* a few years ago after receiving



Captain Tom Goldner. Photo by Patrick Wirth.

recognition as the "New-and-Next Generation of Maritime Professionals." During the past five years working for BHIT, Captain Goldner has successfully piloted thousands of crossings. With a worldly past — captaining boats in the Key West mangrove forests, San Francisco Bay and Alaskan glacial seas — I was curious to know what attracted him to our humble Cape Fear River. He told me he was drawn to this job because, unlike most work in the marine industry, it allows him to go home every night. "And the sunsets," he added. "I've seen some of the best sunsets of my life here."

He doesn't mind driving an empty boat, saying it can break up the busy days. They use the opportunity to practice safety drills in the event of a fire or man-overboard. I was lucky enough to witness these drills at a later date. Captain Goldner was joined by his First Mates, Gary and Chris, who stoically executed these maneuvers with knowledgeable precision. There has never been a fire, nor has anyone gone overboard, but these men are thoroughly prepared for the worst.

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## BHI Conservancy's First-Ever BioBlitz Invites Community Scientists To Discover the Butterflies and Biodiversity of Bald Head Island

By Morgan Hooks, Environmental Content Creator, BHI Conservancy

From September 23-25, 2022, the Bald Head Island Conservancy hosted its first ever Pollinator Party, a weekend dedicated to some of the smallest but most important members of our Bald Head Island communities. Guests enjoyed pollinator-themed exhibits in Fleming Environmental Education Center throughout the event, viewing close-ups of butterfly wings and wildflowers upon arrival, using the Conservancy's DinoLite handheld microscopes. The Conservancy displayed a "visiting" ambassador animal enclosure of their growing Painted Lady caterpillars; guests were able to watch their metamorphosis as they entered chrysalis and then hatched. The Conservancy released the Painted Ladies following Hurricane Ian, and they could be seen fluttering and pollinating around campus for the next week.

Guests discovered and learned about the important roles that butterflies play in nature and some of the threats that they face, along with how we can help provide for and protect our pollinators. They also discovered why BHI Conservancy is called a North Carolina Wildlife Federation *Certified Wildlife Habitat*, an honor bestowed to the campus because of the Conservancy's commitment to providing safe spaces for wildlife, especially pollinators. Back inside Fleming building, there were educational coloring pages featuring our migratory butterflies — Monarch, Gulf Fritillary and Cloudless Sulphur — a seashell butterfly craft, a time-lapse video of hummingbirds (another familiar pollinator) feeding on nectar and fun for all.

The Conservancy's main event was their first ever BioBlitz. A BioBlitz is a community science project hosted on the iNaturalist app which invites community members of all ages to experience the biodiversity in their area. Participants were encouraged to discover nature spaces such as the North Carolina Reserve Bald Head Woods, the Commons at Cape Fear Station and the Kent Mitchell Trail. While the BioBlitz was centered on identifying butterflies, it also encouraged participants to discover our beautiful biodiversity on Bald Head Island, garnering dozens of observations of flora and fauna alike throughout the event. The Conservancy ended the

festivities with a guided nature walk, where participants were able to try their hands at ethical butterfly netting and see Cloudless Sulphurs and Gulf Fritillaries up-close.

Over 260 guests attended the first-ever Pollinator Party, and over 20 people assisted the Conservancy in collecting valuable data about our pollinator populations on Bald Head Island. The Conservancy hopes to offer this event annually as well as continue monitoring our migratory butterfly populations and providing pollinator spaces for them, especially the endangered Monarch, who utilizes Bald Head Island as a resting spot mid-migration.

You can continue identifying butterflies all season with the iNaturalist app, which is available for free on the App Store. iNaturalist identifications aid scientists with research and conservation efforts at the Conservancy and around the globe.



Painted Lady butterfly (left) and Gulf fritillary (right). Photos by Morgan Hooks.

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what they do ... they clean the houses, fix the golf carts, install the drywall, take care of the landscaping, load and unload the ferry dollies, stock the groceries, pick up the garbage and cook and serve the food. Their jobs are thankless but crucial to the Island's sustainability.

Grateful for finding Bald Head Island. This extraordinary place gives all who visit, work and live an experience like no other.

Grateful for life itself ... something I won't take for granted again.

Here's hoping you and your families have a terrific Thanksgiving holiday full of thankfulness and gratitude.



## Barrier Island Botanists

By Jenny Marty, Marketing Associate, BHI Conservancy

Throughout the fall, the Bald Head Island Conservancy held its annual Barrier Island Botanists (BIB) program, with field trips in coordination with Brunswick County Public schools. Just under 1,000 sixth graders from six schools throughout the county visited Bald Head Island throughout the month of October, with one school scheduled to attend in the spring. The BHI Conservancy (BHIC) ran the program in 2018 and 2019 with a Duke Energy grant, paused the program in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic and brought it back in 2022. BIB was brought back thanks to a donation by Jim, Devon and Sinclair Brown. With the current donation, BHIC will be able to run the program for two more years with funding covering ferry tickets, supplies for the day and updating educational supplies.

"We are thrilled to see the Barrier Island Botanist program return this year. The opportunity to visit Bald Head Island and experience our unique environment in-person will be such an impactful — and fun — way to complement classroom curriculum about ecology, climate change, conservation and more. We hope



Coastal Educator Tim Chisholm teaches South Brunswick Middle School students about the salt marsh surrounding Old Baldy. Photo by Morgan Hooks.

that the memories made on BHI will resonate with these students and inspire a new generation to advance the Conservancy's mission, both here and beyond," said Devon Brown.

A typical day of the BIB program consists of 60 students traveling to Bald Head Island and joining BHIC education staff in activities around the Island. It is focused on botany in order to align with North Carolina's educational standards for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There is plenty to learn about plants on the Island, including their role

in maintaining dune structures, how

marsh grasses survive in brackish water and the impact of live oak trees in stabilizing the interior of the Island.

The program takes place near the marina with three different stations — Beach Access #5, where the students see a complete dune structure; the overlook to Middle Island and the marsh; and Fort Holmes near the Bald Head Association office.

This field trip is a unique and special opportunity for these students for many reasons. Prior to the program, Senior Educator Jennifer Wiggen shared some insight on the importance of

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~Vincent, BHI Owner



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## Rebecca Long

By Jake Grossman, Educator and Collections Coordinator,  
Old Baldy Foundation

Joseph Swain set out hunting on Bald Head Island midday in 1806. As he slithered his way through the dense shoreline estuary, he heard rustling in the bushes. He trained his musket on the shrub and shot, triggering a chain of events that nearly led to the first official *female* lighthouse keeper in US history.

Behind that bush was his father-in-law and keeper of the 1795 Bald Head Island lighthouse, Henry Long. Long died shortly thereafter from the gunshot wound. Although the light of life for Long was extinguished, the lighthouse on Bald Head Island remained lit. Who kept the light until his replacement arrived? None other than Rebecca Long, the wife of late Henry Long.

Rebecca Long was easily the most qualified to pick up the wick. Not only did she live on the premises, she was familiar with the lighthouse and was at the very least familiar (if not proficient) with a lighthouse keeper's duties. Perhaps Rebecca kept the light on when Henry had been away. Indeed, often a wife, daughter or mother helped keep a light on while the official lighthouse keeper was away. Two examples were Hannah Thomas, when her lighthouse keeper husband went to Canada to fight in the American Revolution, or Ida Lewis, after her father had a stroke in 1857.

Lighthouse keepers were never paid a ton of money, and many needed second jobs. Subsequently, a female figure in the life of the keeper generally helped share the burden. Thus, it is unsurprising that Rebecca Long sought to be officially appointed as the replacement for her late husband. Timothy Bloodworth, the collector of customs for Wilmington, seemed to have approved of the appointment and nominated Long

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Bald Head Island lighthouse; July 24, 1806.  
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Letter from Thomas Jefferson to Secretary of Treasury, Albert Gallatin. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress Manuscripts Division.

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Island. Last month's article covered communication — our various media vehicles used to welcome and provide our members with timely, credible information in a professional manner.

This month, let's focus on the people behind the scenes at Bald Head Association and their functions. We'll cover BHA's Board of Directors, BHA's staff and the many volunteers (currently 54) involved with BHA's seven committees.

### BHA's Board of Directors

BHA's Board of Directors has six members with three-year terms. Board members include Alan Briggs, President; John Kinney, Vice President; Robert Drumheller, Secretary/Treasurer; Jennifer Lucas, Tiffany Williams and Joe Brawner.

BHA's membership votes on Board nominees presented in the Annual Report (mailed the beginning of December) at the Annual Meeting, which is required by the Covenants to be held on the final Saturday in January. Next year, the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 9:00am.

The Board of Directors receives its responsibilities from a number of governing documents, namely the Articles of Incorporation, Covenants and Bylaws. Additionally, as a non-profit corporation, North Carolina law also provides direction, responsibilities and rights assigned to the Board on behalf of the organization. Here is a summary highlight of some of the Board of Directors' duties that are found in the organization's Bylaws.

To read BHA's Bylaws in full, refer to Article VII on page 5 ([www.baldheadassociation.com/about-bha](http://www.baldheadassociation.com/about-bha) and select "Bylaws").

- Keep a complete record of all of its acts and corporate affairs and to present a statement thereof to the members at the annual meeting of the members.
- Supervise all officers, agents and employees of this Association.
- Establish and levy General, Supplemental and Special Assessments against each lot and unit with directed written notice, and enforcing liens as defined.
- Procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance on property owned or managed by the Association
- Cause the Common Area, Limited Common Areas and Amenities to be maintained.
- Designate depositories for Association funds.
- Appoint such committees as are provided for in these Bylaws, and such other committees as shall be appropriate or necessary for the proper administration and performance of the Association.
- Exercise their powers in good faith and do and perform such other matters and things not expressly prohibited by law, the Declaration, or these Bylaws as are necessary and appropriate to the proper administration, operation and maintenance of the Association and the Properties.

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## Village Chapel Update

By Kevin Arata, Village Chapel Board of Trustees

### Worship service time changes on

**November 27.** Chapel worship services will switch back to 10:00am beginning on Sunday, November 27, until Easter 2023.

**Thanksgiving worship service.** The Village Chapel will host a Thanksgiving worship service on Thursday, November 24, at 9:30am. All are welcome. Masks are optional.

**Christmas worship services.** Worship service times are still being worked out and, once finalized, will be announced via the Chapel's Facebook page and website, as well as BHI's Maritime Market email bulletin.

### Ministers for November:

**November 6 — Rev. Luke Powery;** Duke University Chapel; Durham, NC.

**November 13 — Rev. Shane Benjamin;** Union Chapel United Methodist Church; Kittrell, NC.

**November 20 — Dr. Bert Young;** First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro; North Wilkesboro, NC.

**November 24 — Rev. Timothy Dols;** St. Philips Episcopal Church, Retired Holly Ridge, NC. (*Thanksgiving 9:30am service*)

**November 27 — Rev. Timothy Dols;** St. Philips Episcopal Church, Retired; Holly Ridge, NC. (*New time: 10:00am service*)

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for the appointment. Perhaps Bloodworth mentioned Long was the widow of the keeper or that she was a respected woman in Wilmington society who was included in the "official list of mourners" upon George Washington's death. Perhaps, had this appointment been 50 or even 20 years later, Long would have been the obvious choice.

According to the fifth auditor of the Treasury Department, Stephen Pleasanton, responsible for the lighthouse service from 1820 to 1852 and who in 1851 recommended "on the

death of a keeper, that his widow, if steady and respectable, should be appointed to succeed him, and in this way 30 widows have been appointed." Unfortunately, Thomas Jefferson was not as open minded at that moment and gave the appointment to Revolutionary War veteran Sedgwick Springs. Jefferson responded, "The appointment of a woman to office is an innovation for which the public is not prepared, nor am I." Unofficial or official, Rebecca Long is memorialized as one of the first lighthouse keepers in North Carolina.



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## Smith Island Land Trust (SILT)


By Lynn Barnard, SILT Board Vice-President,  
and Marianna Fitz-Hugh, SILT Board President

Founded in 1996, the Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) works to preserve the historically and ecologically significant lands of the Smith Island Complex (Bald Head, Middle and Bluff Islands) for the benefit of current and future generations. SILT serves as the land preservation arm of the Bald Head Island Conservancy (BHIC); however, the entities are separate 501(c)(3) organizations with separate Board of Directors and bylaws. Through the kindness and generosity of many donors, over 100 acres of land have been preserved by SILT, representing over 10% of the developable land across Bald Head Island and Middle Island. Over 55 lots have been donated to the Smith Island Land Trust.

Every preserved lot makes a significant difference to the future of the Island. SILT lots provide natural corridors for the Island's many animal species, and a balanced ecosystem that encourages species diversity. Forests throughout the Smith Island Complex are used by more than 200 bird species as feeding and nesting grounds, or as stopovers during seasonal migrations. Undeveloped lots along the salt marsh provide food and protection for coastal marine fish, reptiles, shellfish and birds. The ecosystem thrives in these natural areas and protects the incredible beauty of Bald Head Island for our future generations.


All donations to the Smith Island Land Trust are tax deductible, and there are substantial benefits to donating land. Protected

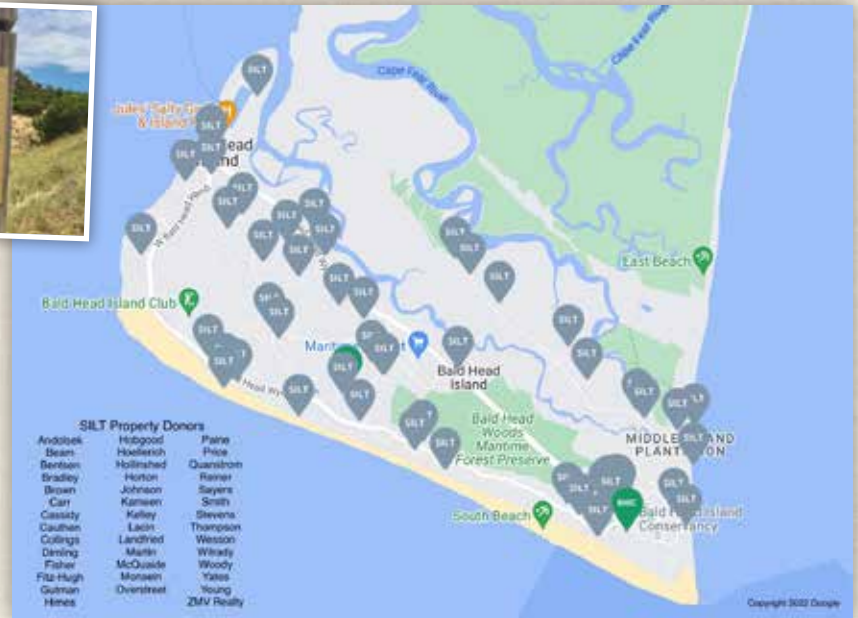
parcels in the maritime forest help ensure high-quality groundwater for the Island's drinking water supply. Natural lots along the salt marsh attenuate erosional currents and augment creek water quality. A healthy forest canopy provides a buffer against hurricane winds for Island infrastructure and its wildlife inhabitants. In more practical terms, a lot donated to the Smith Island Land Trust may also provide the donor with increased privacy, a protected view and a natural storm barrier for their own home. Donors can reduce or eliminate property taxes, lower estate taxes and potentially find savings on itemized income tax returns.

The officers and staff of the Smith Island Land Trust will be happy to answer any questions you may have and help you through the process of land donation. Visit [SmithIslandLandTrust.org](http://SmithIslandLandTrust.org) for more information. 

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Barrier Island Botanists. "This will be a really unique field trip for a lot of these kids; for some, it will be the first time they will be on a boat. They'll get to experience all three ecosystems of BHI within a 1-mile radius. To go from a healthy dune system to saltmarsh and then to maritime forest all within walking distance is just so awesome to be able to share with them."

When asked what she was looking forward to about the program, Jennifer responded, "I'm looking forward to their excitement. I find it inspiring to work with kids because their curiosity is infectious, and I'm looking forward to discovering the Island with them." 





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Captain Goldner is one of three ship captains (plus one for the contractor ferry). They work on a rotating schedule — three days, three nights, then three full days off. Such a schedule requires adaptability to a fluctuating sleep schedule and near-constant vigilance when on duty. It's hard to fully understand the toll

this unorthodox schedule can have on a person. Waking up at 5:00am one day and clocking out at 1:00am the next is exhausting to imagine, much less accomplish, especially when the career in question carries an enormous burden of responsibility.

I asked Captain Tom if there was anything he wished to say to the passengers who ride his ferry. He earnestly responded, "We're doing the best we can. Many people come down on the ferry for not being on time and not always running. It's important to understand equipment and weather conditions can be unpredictable. We keep our schedule as consistent as possible without sacrificing safety standards. It may not always be on time, but we will always get you here safely."

We've all had that moment, getting to the ferry just as it's pulling away from the dock. We think, "Can't they wait just a few more minutes?" Alas, no. The ferry's commitment is not to any singular passenger but to the entire community of Bald Head Island. People like Captain Tom, Chris and Gary are performing their duty to the utmost of their ability, and we are eternally grateful for it. The BHI Transportation System is in the process of being sold to a new owner, though it's been reported that this won't affect the day-to-day operations. It is very much business as usual for all the skilled, dedicated workers who ensure passage to and from the Island. They will continue to do so with a reassuring smile, treat for your dog and an impeccable safety record (knock on galvanized steel and welded aluminum).



The *Patriot*, docked in Bald Head Island Marina (left). Inside the Captain's Cabin (right). Photos by Patrick Wirth.



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in accounting and programming and is perfect for the job. She trained for a month with Denise and now is flying solo under the leadership of Carrie Moffett, our Executive Director, and the guidance of Robert Drumheller. We all sleep at night knowing your money is being handled by us as it should be.

**Third, let me discuss the changes in the leadership of our staff.** Carrie Moffett is our Executive Director and our leader and has been for over 10 years. We are fortunate to have her, and her work is outstanding. But, even our leader needs help.

Last year, we, the Board, concluded Carrie had to work too hard and too long to get her work done. While she was doing it, it was clear to us we were asking too much of her. So, we put in the budget for this year a Deputy Director.

After extensive advertising for the position, we concluded we had the best candidate already working with us — Mary Anne Steele. Mary Anne joined us in 2021 and has worked in a variety of positions with us since then. She has helped the Community Wide Standards (CWS) Committee do its work and has worked closely with Fran with ARC duties. In that year and a half, it became apparent to us that Mary Anne was a leader.

We were all delighted when Mary Anne accepted our offer as our first Deputy Director. Mary Anne is just getting started with her new duties and is working closely with Carrie to learn the ropes.

In conclusion, our staff is strong. Carrie has led the path to recruit and hire these staff members. Thanks to Carrie, all is good. 

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- Establish and publish Rules and Regulations as more fully referenced in the Declaration.
- Enforce the Rules and Regulations.
- Enforce the Declaration, the Articles, Bylaws, Design Guidelines and Use Guidelines and Restrictions.

#### BHA's Staff

BHA has a staff of 10 personnel and conducts the everyday business of the Association. BHA's office is located at 111 Lighthouse Wynd, beside the Village Chapel. Hours

are Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm, with major holidays observed. Note that ARC is open by appointment only to best accommodate members. BHA's staff include:

- Carrie Moffett, Executive Director
- Mary Anne Steele, Deputy Director
- Diane Mesaris, Administrative Assistant
- Pam Henson, Communications Associate
- Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator
- Sharon Beasley, ARC Administrative Associate
- Kimberly Bandera, ARC Specialist (Agent for the Harbour Association Architectural Review Board and Middle Island POA Architectural Review Committee)
- Dora Richey, Covenants Compliance Associate
- Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate
- Leigh Ann Fink, Bookkeeper

#### BHA's Committees

BHA has seven committees (currently totaling 54 volunteers) to assist in its duties and functions. One Board member serves as Board liaison and at least one BHA staff member has been assigned to help meet the needs of each committee.

Committees include:

- Architectural Review Committee (ARC), with two sections to split BHI's coverage area — Sections A and B
- Community Wide Standards (CWS) Committee
- Education and Recreation (ER) Committee
- Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee
- Finance Committee
- Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee
- Nominating Committee

BHA thanks all of its hard-working volunteers. New volunteers are always welcome (we invite YOU to volunteer!) and are typically installed in January of each year, as committee members' terms expire. If you would like more information or to submit a volunteer application, visit

[www.baldheadassociation.com/committees](http://www.baldheadassociation.com/committees). 



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**UPS** — All UPS packages (prepaid and drop-offs) originating at IPC depart the Island via the Bald Head Island Limited warehouse truck on the barge. The exact timing of departure depends entirely on the warehouse truck schedule and barge schedule. These packages must be transported via the barge and cannot be transported on the passenger ferry. Every effort is made to have these packages sent off the Island as quickly as possible. Once the packages arrive at the Deep Point warehouse, they will be picked up by the next UPS delivery truck, which is generally the next business day.

**FedEx** — The IPC does not offer FedEx shipping services; however, they do accept prepaid FedEx drop-offs. All pre-paid FedEx drop-off packages depart the Island via the Bald Head Island Limited warehouse truck and then the barge. The exact timing of departure depends entirely on the warehouse truck schedule and barge schedule. These packages must be transported via the barge and cannot be transported on the passenger ferry. Every effort is made to have these packages sent off the Island as quickly as possible. Once the packages arrive at the Deep Point warehouse, they will be picked up by the next FedEx delivery truck, which is generally the next business day.

#### Tips:

- Send your items as soon as possible and give everything an extra day or two when you are sending from the Island.
- If you are ordering food to be delivered to the Island for the holidays, give it a few extra days for delivery time.
- Select a durable box to protect contents.
- Properly address packages — include both “to” and “from” information and only one side of the box.
- Print addresses clearly — add all address elements including apartment numbers and directional information.
- Never guess a zip code — you can look up a zip code easily at [usps.com](https://usps.com). No zip code is better than a wrong zip.
- Place a card inside with the delivery and return address in case the label becomes damaged or falls off. 

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



## November 2022:

ARC-A Meeting	11/4/2022	9:30am
Daylight Saving Time Ends	11/6/2022	
Howl at the Moon	11/8/2022	4pm
BHA Board Meeting	11/10/2022	11am
Veterans Day	11/11/2022	
BHA Office Closed	11/11/2022	
Community Potluck Dinner	11/14/2022	6pm
Leonids Meteor Shower Peak	11/17/2022	
ARC-B Meeting	11/18/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	11/18/2022	10am
Thanksgiving	11/24/2022	
BHA Office Closed	11/24/2022-11/25/2022	
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	11/25/2022-11/26/2022	10am

## Save the Date in December:

ARC-A Meeting	12/2/2022	9:30am
Howl at the Moon	12/8/2022	4pm
BHA Board Meeting	12/9/2022	11am
Community Potluck Dinner	12/12/2022	6pm
Geminids Meteor Shower	12/14/2022-12/15/2022	
Village Council Meeting	12/16/2022	10am
Hanukkah	12/18/2022-12/26/2022	
Christmas	12/25/2022	
BHA Office Closed	12/23/2022 & 12/26/2022	
Kwanzaa	12/26/2022-1/1/2023	

## Around the Corner in 2023:

New Year's Day	1/1/2023	
BHA Office Closed	1/2/2023	
ARC-B Meeting	1/20/2023	9:30am
BHA Board Meeting	1/27/2023	11am
BHA Annual Meeting	1/28/2023	9am

## Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays through 11/20/2022	8:30am
	Sundays 11/22/2022-4/2/2023	10am
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #85999065097, P/C: 570863, Email: <a href="mailto:sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com">sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com</a> )		
Yoga Classes:	Mondays & Wednesdays	11:45am





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