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Bald Head Association's Logo

A look back in BHA's history, as BHA celebrates its 40th anniversary

*H*ave 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

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Share Your Knowledge and Skills — Volunteer!

BHA has eight volunteer committees. Volunteers are your BHI neighbors who give their valuable time to help BHA, fellow property owners and Bald Head Island. The 2022 committee rosters are on the website, and you can read more about each committee as well as each committee's Bylaws charges and 2022 goals at BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees. Here are the committees:

- Architectural Review Committee (ARC) — Section A and Section B
- Community Wide Standards (CWS) Committee
- Education and Recreation (ER) Committee
- Resource Conservation and Beautification (RCB) Committee
- Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominating Committee

We currently have 49 volunteers in addition to our six Board member volunteers. And we're still looking for several volunteers for all committees, with the exception of the ER and LRP committees. If you would like to volunteer, fill out the volunteer application at www.baldheadassociation.com/volunteering-opportunities and email it to Interim Executive Director Carol Collins at carolc@baldheadassociation.com. A big thank you goes out to all of our hard-working volunteers!

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 www.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. And thanks for reading!

If you're not ready to sign up just yet, consider this. Right now is a crucial time of expansion for Bald Head Island. Approximately 35 new homes are built each year; 2020 was a record year for real estate closings, bringing many new property owners to BHI; and research by the BHI Club shows many new owners are of a younger demographic with families who are looking for ways to enjoy BHI. Do you have the desire to help continue the long legacy of sustaining what is unique about Bald Head Island while also finding ways to meld a new generation of owners into the fold? If so, we need you!

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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?

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Sharon Beasley, ARC Associate, at sharon@baldheadassociation.com or for urgent ARC matters, call 910-477-7246.

For all questions about trees and vegetation, email trees@baldheadassociation.com.



Before you order your spring mulch...

In the interest of public safety and reducing fire hazard concerns, the Village of BHI has requested that BHA eliminate pine straw as an acceptable mulch. BHA therefore discourages pine straw orders by members, landscapers and other contractors as we make this transition in ARC's Design Guidelines. The best mulch is natural material that breaks down cleanly into the soil, without mold. We recommend you talk to your landscaping professional for the best choices.

BHI's Natural Landscape — No Clear-cutting Understory and Mulching Whole Lots

There has been an increase in property owners clear-cutting BHI's beneficial understory and mulching whole lots, which is not permitted. Remember, any changes require ARC approval before any work begins. If you are proposing a unique landscape design or changing the existing landscape and mulch is part of the plan, it needs to be included with a landscape plan submittal to the ARC. Change applications can be found online at www.baldheadassociation.com under "About BHA," then "Architectural Review."

The Design Guidelines state, "The use of mulch must be limited to defined beds. Utilizing mulch as general ground cover is not allowed. Existing homes should **maintain the surrounding landscaping in a naturalized manner that reflects their specific BHI ecological environment** — the creek side marsh, the open dunes or the Maritime Evergreen Forest." This means that homeowners may not clear/remove ground vegetation or understory to lay mulch across their entire lots.

There is no ARC approval needed for freshening up current mulch beds. Mulch benefits include reducing water needs for plants, controlling erosion, cooling soil temperatures and reducing weeds.

Weed-eaters

BHA recognizes that there are a few historical properties or special circumstances for using mowers and/or weed-eaters. However, with the goal of retaining a natural landscape, using these tools throughout an entire lot and/or for indiscriminately trimming all vegetative growth are counter to the intent of BHA's landscape guidelines. ARC manages the trimming and removal of vegetation (including understory) with a required approval process before any work begins. For questions, email trees@baldheadassociation.com.

Save the Understory

And here is a reminder about the importance of keeping the understory (the "scrubby stuff") in property owners' landscapes. "Manicured" lots may suit home standards in mainland neighborhoods but not on a barrier island where all of the ecological pieces help sustain the others and the entire Island. When you clear out around your home and reduce the understory vegetation, you take out good-quality soils, which weakens your trees' ability to protect your home and removes vital wind protection. Plus, understory serves additional benefits to water absorption, soil nutrient composition, insects and wildlife. Therefore, a natural landscape should be maintained.



BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

A conversation between a Grandfather and a Grandchild on a back porch late one night at Bald Head Island

By Alan Briggs

Oh just look up do you see it
that big cloud up there
it's the Milky Way
Wow

I've never seen the real Milky Way before
I just thought it was a candy bar
no it's real that is it
does it live on Bald Head Island
no but you can see it from here
what is it
it's our galaxy — a cluster of stars
how many stars are in it
about 100-400 billion
how much is a billion
a lot
does God live on Bald Head Island
yes, yes God lives here
can I have my ice cream now?

On February 22, 2022, we held our yearly retreat, which was at the BHI Club this year. We started at 8:00am and ended at 4:30pm. In the morning we had several educational sessions, and in the afternoon, we had two guests and then spent time finalizing our discussions of priorities for this year.

Let me start with priorities:

Priorities. We talked about priorities — what are we going to focus our attention on this year.

First, I would like to thank those of you who sent in suggested priorities for us to consider. In my last President's Letter, I asked you to send in your suggestions and you did. We, the Board, read your suggestions. Your suggestions were outstanding, and I appreciate you sending them to us in a timely manner.

Second, each BHA staff member sent in their suggestions, and each Board member sent in their suggestions.

Finally, in advance of the Retreat, each Board member read and considered all the suggestions, and we collectively discussed and considered them at the Retreat.

These are our conclusions for seven priorities for the year:

1. **Cooperation** — work together with the Village and the other organizations on BHI to make Island life better for our members.
2. **The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)** — Make the ARC process easier for our members, staff and volunteers by simplifying procedures and providing better technology support to help reach this goal.
3. **Violations** — Educate members more, fine members less, focus on helping our members avoid violations.
4. **Communications and Transparency** — maintain and improve our excellent multimedia communications and transparency to our members.
5. **Welcome, Inform and Integrate Our New Homeowners and**

Members — the last two years brought many new homeowners to the Island. Enhance our program to help them and all new property owners hereafter to become part of BHA.

To accomplish this goal, new owner contact will be continued by mailing Welcome Packages following notice of the property transfer. The primary focus will be to welcome the new owner to the family of BHI residential property owners and to the responsibilities thereof.

Emphasis will, of course, be on helping the new owner mold their new property to their dreams and wishes in a manner fully compliant and complementary with established and supported BHI Covenants, Design Guidelines and both ARC and CWS standards for the benefit of all BHI homeowners.

6. **Staff** — make work life better, more organized, systematized and technologically supported.

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Village of BHI Updates

Annual Village Council Retreat Recap

The Bald Head Island Village Council conducted its annual retreat on Friday, February 16, 2022. A range of topics was presented and discussed, including:

- Shoreline Management
- Update from Greenburg Traurig (Government Law & Policy Practice Advocate)
- Update from Duke Energy on its Grid Improvement Project
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Update
- Public Services
- BHI Conservancy Environmental Contract Overview
- Old Baldy Museum Campus Design Effort
- Planning Initiatives for FY23
- Human Resources
- Public Safety
- Finance

Below is a recap of a few of the items that were presented and discussed.

Shoreline Management – Erik Olsen, P.E., from the Village's coastal engineering firm gave a presentation on the Village's shoreline management efforts. He provided a history of the Village's shoreline management activities which go back to the 1990s. He described the Village's shore stabilization strategy as a "three-legged stool" which is comprised of beach disposal through the Wilmington Harbor Sand Management Plan, renourishment events that are initiated by the Village and structures (like the terminal groin, the sand tube groin field and the jetties and breakwaters at the marina entrance). He discussed beach fill options for the erosion near the Shoals Club, including the sand source options and other future considerations for the Village's shoreline management strategy.

Greenburg Traurig Update – Steven Barringer, a representative from the Village's Government Law and Policy Practice advocacy firm introduced his team, presented the history of their work with the Village and updated the Council on the status of several issues that they have engaged in on behalf of the Village through 2021 and into 2022. This includes the firm's work in representing the Village regarding wind energy,

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

the Wilmington Harbor Improvement Project (WHIP) which is being advocated by the NC State Ports Authority and assisting the Village with finding opportunities for federal funding. Of note, it was mentioned that the path of funding for the WHIP is blocked by a backlog of \$90 billion worth of authorized U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects that have never received appropriated funds and likely never will.

Duke Energy Update – Pam Hardy and Scott Jennings from Duke Energy provided the Council an update and overview of the grid improvement project. Key pieces of the work that has been completed to date include replacing and extending the main underground power lines on the Island, upgrading switchgear, adding new switching equipment that can automatically reroute power, installing new smart meters, enhancing approximately 50 overhead poles and installing approximately 30 new poles on the overhead portion of the main line that begins in Smithville and runs submarine to the Island.

Work still remains on the system so that Duke can leverage these upgrades in the future. The remaining work includes adding three automatic switches that are being custom manufactured for the Island, upgrading switches serving the southeast portion of the Island and connecting the existing underground lines to create isolation of outages and the ability to reroute power. This work will likely require some short, isolated, planned outages.

Duke Energy provides updates to the Village, which are included in the *Village's Voice* e-newsletter. Those reports are also archived on the Village's website (Go to www.villagebhi.org and click on "Residents & Owners," then "Learn About...Village Projects.")

BHI Conservancy Environmental Contracts Overview – Beth Darrow, Senior Scientist from the Bald Head Island Conservancy, gave a presentation on the services that the Conservancy provides to support the Village. This included forest vegetation assessment, Bald Head Woods aquifer monitoring, deer management, Bald Head Creek water quality monitoring and bacteria dynamics, aquifer modeling, beach vitex assessment and treatment, predator population assessments and shorebird nesting protection and assessment. Ms. Darrow provided Council with the Conservancy's

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recommendations on which activities to continue under the Village's contract for FY23 — all the activities discussed except aquifer modeling. Immunocontraception for deer management was indicated as an unknown because of the permitting process. The Conservancy can apply for a one-year research permit now for use in spring 2024. The Village intends to work with the Conservancy and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) to apply for a permit which will likely be under the guise of a research permit and is waiting on further guidance from the NCWRC on how to proceed.

Old Baldy Museum Campus Design Effort – Mark Prak and Old Baldy Foundation executive director Chris Webb provided an update on the Old Baldy Museum campus design effort. The land for the museum has been purchased by the Praks. The current plans still require the closure of the end of Lighthouse Wynd, so the request to the Village to close the road remains. Other plans associated with the pedestrian access from the marina to Lighthouse Wynd will determine the orientation of the museum building and sidewalks. Conversations remain to be had with several parties in getting the plans for these areas finalized.

Ms. Webb said that the Foundation is currently looking at a 2-story, 4,000 square foot building which will take them into the future and will enable them to get historical artifacts out of storage and into a more appropriate and protective environment. The design of the building is expected to have a similar look to the keeper's cottage, which is of a coastal vernacular. An open-air pavilion is also part of the plan. The pavilion would eliminate the need for special event tents. There was a discussion about parking along the entire Lighthouse Wynd corridor. The Foundation asked the Village for a formal commitment to close the end of the road. The next step will be to finalize the plans of the marina gateway area and get input from stakeholders.

Planning Initiatives for FY23 – Mayor Quinn reported that commercial design standards are being finalized and that efforts are underway to create commercial district property owner associations to enforce the guidelines, which are not ready to be stood up yet. Until that time, Limited will be enforcing the guidelines. He reported landscape design standards for commercial areas are also underway and the Bald Head Association's Design Guidelines will be used as a model. The Village is also planning on engaging with landscape design professionals to work on the Village-owned properties which will incorporate the commercial landscape design guidelines.

Mayor Quinn announced that the Village is planning to evaluate beach access parking over the summer to determine parking needs and to prepare for future growth. Public restroom needs will also be evaluated. He said he is hoping to get some assistance from the community to help with this study.

Village Manager Chris McCall indicated that there has been discussion about adding a residential sprinkler system requirement to the Village's building code. This code may only apply to specific areas of the Island, such as those who are close under the tree canopy. The fire code is an area of the building code that the Village can make stricter than the state's building

code. Stephen Boyett, Development Services Director, indicated that the residential requirements are not as costly as commercial requirements and provide cost savings on insurance. He added that these requirements may end up being in the state code in the future, so the Village would be ahead of that.

Mayor Quinn discussed the potential for the Village to add a restriction on the use of pine straw on the Island because it is a fire hazard. The Village is working with the Bald Head Association and has approached the BHI Club about this, since it is the largest user of this material on the Island, and the Club was receptive to phasing out the use of it over time.

As previously reported, bids for the construction of Village Hall came in too high. The Village is hoping to re-bid the project as material costs and labor shortages ease up. In the meantime, the Village will be looking to replace the old furnishings and redesign some areas of the existing Village Hall. The new furnishings will then be used in the new building when it is completed.

Mr. McCall reported that the Village continues to work on the list of Hurricane Florence Task Force recommendations. He said its main focus is stormwater management improvements, in particular the bypass lagoon to the creek outfall.

Mayor Quinn said that he would like the Village to have a building maintenance program — a formalized approach to budgeting for the maintenance, improvements and expansion of Village buildings. He mentioned that there is also a group of

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Interim Executive Director's Letter

By Carol Collins, BHA Interim Executive Director

In the last *Island Report* issue, BHA Board President Alan Briggs announced that Carrie Moffett, BHA's Executive Director, was on medical leave and that I was stepping in as Interim Executive Director. These are some big shoes to fill! I am hopeful that Carrie will be back soon (perhaps by the time this issue is published).

In the meantime, I want everyone to know that BHA is open and continues to operate as normal. Carrie has an incredible and

talented team in place here at BHA who have carried on their individual duties as well as helped me in so many ways. Your Board of Directors has also been extremely helpful and answered hundreds of questions for me. I could never have temporarily substituted for Carrie without the help of everyone. Thank you for your patience as well as for all the cards, emails and well-wishes sent to Carrie.



The Process of Joining the BHA Board of Directors

Anyone interested in getting involved with BHA at its Board level can submit their resume to Board member and Nominating Committee Chair John Kinney at kinney.aj@gmail.com by June 30, 2022, for consideration for the 2023 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 29, 2022. All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at carrie@baldheadassociation.com.



John Kinney is seeking additional volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. Send an email expressing your interest by May 31, 2022. Consider sharing your knowledge, skills and time by serving on this and/or any Association committee. The committees' general goals are defined online at www.baldheadassociation.com/committees. Please be a part of these efforts. This is your Association and your Island!

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Every Bird Counts — Community Assists BHI Conservancy in Tracking Bird Populations

By Morgan Hooks, Development and Marketing Assistant, BHI Conservancy

On February 19, 2022, the Bald Head Island Conservancy (BHIC) invited aspiring birder-watchers and seasoned birders alike to join its education team in participating in the 25th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Over a dozen participants joined BHIC staff in counting throughout the Island, from Middle Island to search for egrets and herons, to the beach to search for shorebirds. BHIC education intern Adelle Schubarg revealed that the group identified approximately 16 different species of birds on Bald Head Island.

The National Audubon Society and The Cornell Lab of Ornithology began the GBBC in 1998 as an online community science project to “collect data on wild birds and to display results in near real time,” according to its website. Bird Canada joined the project in 2009, expanding the GBBC’s data collection into Canada. In 2013, the GBBC began entering data into eBird, the world’s most widespread biodiversity-centered community science project, and the GBBC soon grew into a global effort. For four days each February, through the GBBC, the “world comes together for the love of birds.” Data collected by communities throughout the globe assists the project in tracking the changes in bird populations prior to their migrations each year.

BHIC education intern Judith Broussard reminisced on some of the sights that participants saw while joining the count on Bald Head Island. “We had a brown pelican dive in the marsh for us, a great blue heron [fly by] real close, and [we saw] a red-tailed hawk as we were leaving Middle Island.” Later, at Access 42 on East Beach, the group saw “a mosh pit of at least 100 birds way off the coast — a mix of pelicans and cormorants [probably] hunting for lunch.” Birding milestones for the participants included seeing the brown pelican and the great blue heron, Schubarg added.

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The BHI Conservancy thanks its volunteer community scientists.

Bottom photo (left to right): Adelle Schubarg, Desiree Bridge and Judith Broussard).

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-Chad H.





What could have been — The 1963 Rader Plan

By Old Baldy Historians

Charlotte businessman Frank O. Sherrill purchased Smith Island in 1938. With the exception of experimental farming, nothing much was done on the island during the 1940s and 1950s. In 1963, Sherrill hired a Florida architectural and engineering firm, Rader & Associates, to create and publish an analysis of the marketing potential for developing Smith Island. The plan was based on a 20-year period. Here are some highlights:

- 60,000 full-time residents; 15,000 visitors annually.
- Private airport on present-day Battery Island (a major seabird rookery).
- Uniform elevation of the entire island of 8' above sea level by leveling sand dunes and filling in the wetlands and marsh.
- 125 miles of man-made canals with major bulkheading and seawalls.
- North Carolina state highway from Fort Fisher to the island, as well as a state ferry to Striking Island, with a bridge access to Smith Island.
- 10 small public beaches and one large public beach with beachside motels. Thirteen miles of beach would be private property.
- Two yacht clubs, two golf courses, a riding club, a gun club, several marinas and a large amusement park.
- Land allocated for 13 public schools, one private school and future higher education center.

After it became clear that the state of North Carolina was going to block any major development of Smith Island that required highways, bridges and massive dredging of the wetlands, Sherrill eventually sold the island to Charles E. Fraser, whose vision was more in line with Bald Head Island today.



Oops! I didn't know...

This column is intended to share some "Oops!" examples in general terms when property owners weren't aware their projects violated Design Guidelines. BHA's goal is to prevent potential violations. Remember, the Bald Head Association and ARC staff are here to help our members.

YTD Total Violations: 6

Work done without ARC approval: 3

Lighting violation: 1

Clear-cutting and tree violation: 2

And the Design Guidelines are online at www.baldheadassociation.com and can be accessed 24/7/365, with handy key-word search capability (click "CTRL" + "F").

One frequent "Oops!" is work done outside of ARC approval. If you are planning to make a change to the exterior of your home, including landscaping, contact ARC prior to any work. This includes seemingly small projects

that you might do yourself, like adding a pathway with decorative pavers. When in doubt, contact ARC Coordinator Fran Pagliaro at fran@baldheadassociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 22. Keep in mind that if you're replacing something with "like" material (the same paint color, for example), you do not need ARC approval.

Another "Oops!" is adding decorative string lights to outside porches or in tree branches. String lights use bare bulbs, which are which are not allowed, per the Design Guidelines and Village ordinance.



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The six-member BHA Board of Directors is elected by the membership for 3-year terms. They are your neighbors on Bald Head Island and welcome member input to better serve you. The Board meets monthly for executive and public sessions, and a full-day retreat is held annually in February. The BHA website (www.baldheadassociation.com) has a list of 2022 Board meeting dates, typically held the second Friday each month at 11:00am. Members can attend the public meetings via Zoom.

You can read more about BHA's 2022 BHA Board of Directors at www.baldheadassociation.com/board-roster. Here is the roster:

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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 turtles, is unlawful in North Carolina. Just because someone thinks they 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 www.baldheadassociation.com; click on “Life on BHI,” then “Wildlife on BHI”) states, “Alligators can become a safety issue if they are habituated to being fed by humans. It is unlawful in North Carolina 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 Bald Head Island. 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.**



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

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

someone who is fishing illegally yourself. Public Safety responders are trained to deal with the situation; you are not.

And by the way, **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. **Note that the no swimming policy includes dogs, who should NEVER be allowed in the lagoons.** Let’s all keep our fur babies safe!






Village Chapel Update | By Kevin Arata, Village Chapel Board of Trustees

The Village Chapel will host Easter services on Easter Sunday, April 17, which also coincides with the 35th Anniversary of the opening of the Chapel. For 35 years the Chapel has supported interdenominational worship services on Bald Head Island, generously supported by its worshippers.

Easter services, officiated by Rev. Anne Rex of Bald Head Island, will be held at the following times:


- Sunrise worship services will be held at the base of the Old Baldy Lighthouse at 6:45am. Sunrise is at 6:39am, for those wishing to catch the exact moment of sunrise! Those attending should bring their own chairs.
- Worship services will be held at the Village Chapel at 8:30am and 10:00am. Audio from the service will also be broadcast to the Chapel Courtyard.
- Those attending the Sunrise Service or sitting outside in the Chapel courtyard should consider bringing bug spray.
- More details, to include any possible COVID-related needs, will be provided as we get closer to Easter weekend via the Chapel's Facebook page and the Maritime Market's email. 



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folks who are working to communicate to the Council the best ways to ensure that non-voter property owners on the Island have a voice. The group is developing a questionnaire to get input from property owners and will be letting the Council know what they recommend.

A recording of the retreat been uploaded to YouTube as a playlist. The first video in the playlist is the full-length video; the following videos are the presentations by subject in the

order they appeared on the agenda. Go to www.youtube.com and search Village of Bald Head Island to find the Village's YouTube channel. The full written recap can be found at www.villagebhi.org/village-government/council/council-members/. Some of the topics will be revisited as the Council works on the FY23 budget. The first budget workshop will take place on April 29, 2022, and other workshops could be scheduled later, if necessary. 



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Sneak Peek — The Old Baldy Foundation presents the 5th Annual North Carolina Treasures Weekend June 3-5

The Old Baldy Foundation has hired Jake Grossman, a historian from Philadelphia, as its new educator. Jake went to Temple University for an undergraduate in history and later an MA in Public History. His main focus is the American Revolution but is passionate to talk and learn about any history. Outside of history, he is interested in any sport you can think of. We are thrilled for Jake to join our team and become involved with the Bald Head Island community. Stop by Old Baldy to say hello and book a historic tour with him!

Savor a weekend of North Carolina food, art, spirits and history with farm-to-table cuisine, craft cocktails, live music and more! Be a part of the legacy of Old Baldy by honoring the history that the iconic structure represents.

On Friday, June 3rd, the Old Baldy Foundation will present an evening highlighting North Carolina ingredients for a gourmet dining experience. While enjoying the inspired dishes and spirited beverages, take a step back in history with Old Baldy historians who will explore the watershed moments in the history of the Old Baldy Foundation. How did our beloved lighthouse go from a derelict and unsafe structure to today's beloved icon? With the Old Baldy Foundation at the onset of further growth, join us for an evening to celebrate how far we have come and toast to Old Baldy. More information about this evening will be announced in the coming weeks.

Join Old Baldy again on Sunday, June 5th, for a North

Carolina Marketplace on the Old Baldy grounds. This artisan marketplace will feature local arts, decor, food purveyors and more. Stop by to shop for the freshest local ingredients to whip up dinner in your coastal kitchen or look for the perfect new piece of artwork to go in your home. This will be a celebration of the talented vendors who represent North Carolina's rich history and landscape with their work.

Stay tuned to www.oldbaldy.org as further details are released, and tickets become available for sale. Any questions or inquiries can be directed to abby@oldbaldy.org.



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Tree Keepers Needed

If you have been on the Island this winter, hopefully you have noticed the newly planted trees from BHA's 3rd annual "Operation Re-Forest — We Forest" in December 2021. A total of 56 trees were planted, 10 of which were Honor Trees and some for ARC mitigation. Numerous shrubs were planted, as well. This operation was started to help replace vegetation lost in recent major storms. As a barrier island, Bald Head Island's tree canopy and understory play essential parts in its ecological balance. Many trees planted each year are live oaks, those slow-growing, yet majestic giants that are the anchor trees on our Island. We all cherish them.

These newly planted 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. 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.

To volunteer, contact either RCB Committee co-chair Barbara and Dale Giera (barbara.giera@gmail.com and dale.giera@gmail.com) or Board liaison Tiffany Williams (tiffany@tiffanysrentals.com). Thank you to all Operation Re-Forest — We Forest volunteers and Tree Keepers!



The online map and list of Honor Trees can be found on BHA's website at www.baldheadassociation.com/re-forest.

The 2022 BHI Community Directory

BHA began distributing its inaugural 2022 BHI Community Directory on March 14. Each BHA member property is entitled to one free copy of the directory, with additional copies available to purchase. Pickup of free member copies is only at the BHA office (111 Lighthouse Wynd). Anyone can purchase directory copies at the BHA office, accompanied by check made payable to "Bald Head Association." Or, if you are already signed up for BHA's owner portal, you can pay by ACH or credit card at www.baldheadassociation.com/make-a-payment. No cash is accepted.

Copies of the directory will also be available at Turtle Central (700 Federal Road) and Old Baldy (101 Lighthouse Wynd), with proceeds benefiting the respective organization.

If you would like to request a mailed directory, email Diane Mesaris at diane@baldheadassociation.com. Mailings will be done once weekly after full payment is received, with an additional shipping/handling fee of \$3.38 for one copy. Full directory costs are below.

Here is the directory price list, including tax:

- BHA member properties — First copy FREE, with additional copies \$7.47 each. (*Mailed copy \$10.85 total.*)
- Bald Head Island property owners/non-BHA members — \$10.68 each. (*Mailed copy \$14.06 total.*)
- Bald Head Island nonprofit organizations — \$7.47 each. (*Mailed copy \$10.85 total.*)
- Bald Head Island businesses and non-BHI property owners — \$12.81 each. (*Mailed copy \$16.19 total.*)

Directory Available Online in BHA's Owner Portal

The 2022 BHI Community Directory is available online in BHA's secure owner access portal. If you have not already signed up for the owner portal, you're missing out! To sign up for the first time, email Denise at denise@baldheadassociation.com, who will send you an invitation. Denise can also help with any questions about owner portal payments.



BHI Pirate Invasion


After a three-year voyage on the high seas, the pirates are returning to Bald Head Island this summer to repair their ships and replenish their supplies! Please join them August 5-7 for a weekend full of music, sword fights, encampments, living history demonstrations, a ghost walk and a sea battle. Watch for more details.

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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 30th 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. You'll notice that the masthead on this April issue features a graphic to commemorate BHA's 40th anniversary as of April 27, 2022. 

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Participants shared their gratitude for the BHI Conservancy and being able to be a part of the community science project, with commenters on the organization's social media exclaiming that they "learned so much!" The Conservancy thanks everyone who joined our team to participate in the 25th Annual Backyard Bird Count! BHIC staff added, "We enjoyed meeting others who are just as enthusiastic about birds as we are at the Conservancy."

Cornell's Merlin Bird ID application allowed participants to

submit their responses from their favorite birding spots — both on and off the Island — which, also, assisted them in identifying different bird species by both sight and song. The Conservancy additionally thanks participants who joined the count from afar, reminding supporters that "every bird counted counts!"

The Bald Head Island Conservancy aims to offer additional programs/events in the future to further promote community science collaborations with their supporters. 

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- 7. Continue with Our Financial Reserves and Stability Program** — the financial reserves programs we have established over the last two years have stabilized and strengthened our sound financial stewardship. Maintain this program and plan for treasurer succession.

In addition to these overall higher-level priorities, we came away from the suggestions with many short-range projects that will get our attention. Again, thanks to all for your help with the priorities.

We also spent time at the retreat on:

1. Conflicts — discussing proper procedures regarding how to address actual, potential and perceived conflicts;
2. Violations — we reviewed the full process we follow to resolve them early and the enforcement and hearing process; and
3. Developing the charges for each committee for the year.

Further, we were exceptionally pleased to have Chad Paul, the CEO of Bald Head Island Limited, and Mayor Peter Quinn, our new Bald Head Island mayor, visit with us and speak to us for almost two hours.

Mr. Paul spent much time bringing us up to date on the work being done by the Mitchell family to phase out of Bald Head Island but to do it in a way that will work in the best interests of all property owners and commercial entities on the Island.

Mayor Quinn spoke about the work that he and the Village administration are doing to start off this year and to work on and seek to improve the level of involvement of the Bald Head Island non-resident property owners to be heard as to actions impacting the Village. Mayor Quinn also spoke to the long-range plans of the Village for the Island.

It was clear to all of us that Messrs. Paul and Quinn have an exceptionally good working relationship. The BHI Transportation System was discussed, and we remain hopeful there will be a resolution of this issue this year. We were left with a very optimistic belief that all will continue to go well on BHI, the withdrawal of the Mitchell family and its corporate entities will go smoothly and the future for BHI will be outstanding.

Overall, the retreat was quite helpful to us and will point us all in the right direction to be helpful to our members this year.

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



April 2022

ARC-A Meeting	4/1/2022	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Group	4/4/2022 & 4/18/2022	8:30am
Game Night	4/5/2022	7pm
BHA Board Meeting	4/8/2022	11am
Community Potluck Dinner & Speaker	4/11/2022	6pm
Card Making Class	4/13/2022	2pm
Island Picnic	4/13/2022	6pm
ARC-B Meeting	4/14/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	4/14/2022	10am
Sip on Soup Cook-off	4/14/2022	4pm
BHA Office Closed	4/15/2022	
Good Friday	4/15/2022	
Howl at the Moon	4/16/2022	6:30pm
Easter	4/17/2022	
Village Chapel Easter Services	4/17/2022	6:45am 8:30am & 10am
BHI Transportation Authority Meeting	4/20/2022	9:15am
Earth Day	4/22/2022	
Charcuterie Demonstration	4/25/2022	4pm
Arbor Day	4/29/2022	
BHI Artisans Show & Sale	4/30/2022	10am

Save the Date in May:

Men's Bible Study Group	5/2/2022 & 5/16/2022	8:30am
ARC-A Meeting	5/6/2022	9:30am
Mother's Day	5/8/2022	
Community Potluck Dinner	5/9/2022	6pm
Card Making Class	5/11/2022	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	5/13/2022	11am
Howl at the Moon	5/15/2022	6:30pm
BHI Transportation Authority Meeting	5/18/2022	9:15am
ARC-B Meeting	5/20/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	5/20/2022	10am
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	5/28/2022 & 5/29/2022	10am
Memorial Day	5/30/2022	
BHA Office Closed	5/30/2022	

Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays 4/3-4/10	10am
	Sundays 4/24-5/22	8:30am
	Sundays 5/29-9/4	8:30am/10am

AA Virtual Meetings: Mondays & Thursdays 8am
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