



Bald Head Association

Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

#2 in a Series — Welcome New Property Owners!

*A*s you read in our first installment of this series last month, 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.

Let's briefly review some points from the first installment of this series. 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.

Last month's article began with an overall view of Bald Head Association and focused on its environmental stewardship. This month, let's

take a deeper dive into what BHA does for its members on an everyday basis. BHA is tasked with:

- Managing the Architectural Review process for Bald Head Association. (BHA also manages the Architectural Review process for the Harbour Association and Middle Island Property Owners' Association on a contract basis.)
- Ensuring that homes are maintained according to the Community Wide Standards (CWS).
- Maintaining Common Area, including the Wildlife



Overlook and Master Walkway.

- Owning and managing the Association Center, Bald Head Island's only community center.
- Communication to and among property owner members.
- Managing over \$3 million in community and neighborhood assets.
- Managing all aspects of the neighborhoods of Keeper's Landing, Surfman's Walk and Sumner's Crescent.
- Enforcing 37 unique sets of Secondary Covenants on the East End of Bald Head Island.

Let's focus this month on BHA's overall role of helping protect the value and aesthetics of property on Bald Head Island.

Bald Head Island is a unique and special barrier island where human development is joined in harmony with natural beauty — a balance that has drawn many property owners, renters and guests to the Island. Bald Head Association's vision for the Island is to promote "A community working

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Save the Date!

Join your Bald Head Island neighbors at a special Community Potluck Dinner to commemorate BHA's 40th anniversary on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 6:00pm in the Generator Society Hall of BHA's Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd).

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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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Top 3 Reasons ARC Applications Are Denied

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) understands that every project involves time, money and deadlines. Committee volunteers are your Bald Head Island neighbors, many of whom have experienced the ARC process themselves. ARC staff are here to help, but sometimes, there are issues out of their control. So, let's look at the top three reasons an ARC application is denied, in an effort to help reduce/prevent this from happening to you. If your project includes a service provider, ARC encourages you to share this entire article with them.

#1. Most ARC applications are denied due to being incomplete. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed because ARC volunteers do not have enough information and/or information is lacking for them to make an informed decision.

Communication Is Key

As the property owner, you are the responsible party. Make sure your service provider understands that approved materials cannot be changed mid-project without a Change Application first being submitted to the ARC for review.

Currently, with supply chain disruptions, a service provider may need to make a change due to extended lead times of materials and/or rapidly increasing costs. Different driveway materials may be appealing because they're on sale, for example. Or, perhaps the preferred decking or gutter material availability may have changed and is either no longer available or just added an additional six months' lead time. We understand that these conditions change almost daily.

Don't increase time, money and frustration at the end of the project when ARC does its inspection and discovers that the driveway or deck or gutter, for example, has not been constructed with the materials originally submitted to the ARC. Make sure you, the property owner, and your service provider don't have a disconnect — stay in communication with each other and with ARC.

Here are some examples:

- Material samples are missing (manufacturer paint chips, roof material sample, decking material sample, paver material sample).
- The review fee amount is incorrect or hasn't been submitted. Review fees can be found on BHA's website at www.baldheadassociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines.
- The application is missing a current survey. As-built surveys are often required for renovations and must be dated no older than two years.
- Submittal lacks product specification details. Adding or changing material of any exterior features such as driveways, gutters, patios and decks, for example, require information sheets detailing product specifications, including composition, color, etc. Material product specifications should be available online and included with the application.
- Contact information is missing. No action will be taken for applications without contact information. Without contact details, ARC may not be able to reach the property owner to rectify the omission. Occasionally, BHA's secure, internal database can assist ARC in contacting the property owner, but many property owners have not yet signed up for BHA's owner portal, called TOPS. (To sign up for the owner portal, email Leigh Ann Fink at Leighann@BaldHeadAssociation.com.)

#2. Applications are not compliant with the Design Guidelines. Here are some examples.

- With many new property owners on Bald Head Island, there are also many new architects and builders who may be unfamiliar with BHI's Coastal Vernacular style. Just added into the Design Guidelines is a glossary definition of Coastal Vernacular as "Shingle-style and coastal cottage elements encouraging good massing to present a well-proportioned composition of building forms and to discourage any home from having a box design."

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BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

The Other Half

In prior President's Letters, I have recognized several leaders on our Island paradise who have made our lives on Bald Head Island better. Considerably better.

This month I would like to recognize a person without whom none of us would be experiencing a Bald Head Island Life — **Cynthia Woods Mitchell**. To be sure, we all know of George Mitchell's incredible contribution to Bald Head Island. But today, for this moment, I want to focus on the other half of the marital combination — Cynthia.

Cynthia was born September 22, 1922, in New York City. When she was eight, Cynthia and her identical twin, Pamela, and their mother moved to Illinois. Cynthia and Pamela graduated from high school when they were sixteen, and during the Great Depression they moved to Houston, Texas, with their mother.

Cynthia and Pamela then worked during the day to support the family and attended night school at the University of Houston. One night after a football game on the train home, she met a young man called "Mitch."

Mitch showed her the engraved gold watch he had received as valedictorian of his class of engineers at Texas A&M.

Not too long thereafter at the height of World War II in 1943, Cynthia married Army Captain George Mitchell in a double wedding with her sister Pamela. When the war ended, they went about creating a family, and George went about forming and building Mitchell Energy and Development Corporation.

By 1963 they had ten children, and Mitchell Energy and Development company was well on its way to becoming a Fortune 500 Company. In the 1980s and 1990s, the company developed the method to extract natural gas from shale, and this innovation propelled George and Cynthia to become one of the 10 wealthiest families in the United States.

Cynthia found her life greatly expanding beyond rearing ten children to add developing her philanthropic interests, which had been growing in the sustainability area.

Cynthia clearly impressed upon George the need to establish a more sustainable future for the human impact on Earth. Her initial efforts were focused on downtown Galveston and Houston. Cynthia had a real interest in coastal history and sustainability.

Thereafter, the two of them, Cynthia and George, contributed most of their great wealth to the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, where they have distributed more than \$400 million to science, environmental sustainability and science-related fields.

To the good fortune of all of us in the early 1980s when the BHI developing efforts of James Harrington and Walter Davis were floundering for economic help, they gave George Mitchell a call. George and Cynthia sent their two sons, Kent and Mark, to



A photo of the Mitchell Family dated 1983-1985. From left to right: Mark D. Mitchell, Cynthia Woods Mitchell, George P. Mitchell, M. Kent Mitchell. Courtesy of the Mitchell Family archives.

A Whisper By Alan Briggs

Once upon a time a long long time ago
on a magical island somewhere in
the Atlantic
Cynthia whispered to George
"build it and they will come"
and so the Mitchell Family acquired
an island
and built an island paradise
and we all came and all were happy
and thereafter Christine stood on one
lot on the island
and whispered to Alan
"build it and they will come"
and they built their home
and the kids came
and the grandkids came
and they splash in the pools
and they dance in the waves
and they wait for the loggerhead turtles
and they gaze at the Milky Way
and all is good
and all are happy
all because Cynthia
whispered to George.

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Village of BHI Updates

New Beach Forecast Webpage

The Village has created a new webpage that will be just the start of its plans to help better communicate to Islanders and their families, friends, visitors and guests about rip current risks.

In light of several drowning deaths at nearby beaches this year, this information is critical to the safety of all who decide to swim in the ocean. The webpage can be found by going to www.villagebhi.org/beach-forecast (or by selecting the link that appears when aiming your smartphone camera on the QR code in the “Know Before You Go” graphic). The webpage includes a snapshot of the National Weather Service’s (NWS) “Beach Forecast Webpage,” its rip current risk map, links to the NWS surf forecast webpage and the BHI Conservancy’s weather station data.

The Village often shares the NWS Wilmington social media posts regarding rip current risks on its Facebook and Twitter channels. We also have “Break the Grip of the Rip” brochures available to the public at Village Hall and the Department of Public Safety. The Village’s beach forecast webpage links to the Village’s “beach safety tips” webpage, which includes a link to the rip current safety brochure and several informational videos on rip current safety.

The Village will be adding the “Know Before You Go” QR code to written materials and to beach access signage. There

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer



are plans to also expand the “today’s fire danger” sign near the marina to also include “today’s rip current risk.”

Do Not Let “FOG” Clog the Drains

When byproducts of cooking such as residual fats, used cooking oils and grease (FOG) are disposed of improperly, it can cause sewer equipment failures or line blockages that often result in a sewer spill. These are costly events to clean up, are dangerous for public health and can degrade the water quality in our public waters.

Many of the problems caused by Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) in the sewer system originate from food waste poured down

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From BHA's Executive Director, Carrie Moffett BHA's Wildlife Overlook

Last week, I was reminded of an article former BHA President Joe Hawkins wrote several years ago about getting a fresh look at the ferry ride through the eyes of a little boy. It was the little boy's first trip on the ferry, and he squealed with delight with each new discovery. Joe reminded us that while the ferry can be less than optimal at times, it really is an extraordinary experience that takes to us an even more extraordinary place.

What triggered my memory of Joe's article was a visit to the Wildlife Overlook on Stede Bonnet Wynd. I watched all of the visitors — young and the not-so-young — that evening following the path of the hundreds of birds flocking in for their night's roost. Right on cue, an alligator came out of the branches, seemingly taking the last lap around the Wildlife Overlook before turning in for the evening.

The Wildlife Overlook has been several years in the making and there was, of course, a community conversation about its size and cost. I'm grateful this Bald Head Island jewel is (nearly) complete and provides a great, safe platform for all visitors to this magical site. Seeing their faces firsthand definitely made it all worthwhile.



Please remember that the Wildlife Overlook should be enjoyed quietly to respect the wildlife who live there. Hours are dawn to dusk.



BHA's Finance Committee

On July 15, 2022, BHA's Finance Committee met to discuss the first draft of the 2023 budget. The key assumptions that the budget is based on were discussed. The committee met again August 15th to review the budget line-by-line and will provide a draft for the Board to review in October, with the final version to be considered for approval by the Board at the November regular meeting on November 10, 2022.

There are several new members on this year's committee. BHA staff thanks the committee members for their input in the somewhat daunting budget process.



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Our Board = Our Unsung Heroes

By Dr. Chris Shank, BHI Conservancy Executive Director

It has been a great summer so far for the Conservancy. Our redesigned Fleming Education Center has entertained and educated more than 5,000 visitors since opening Memorial Day weekend, day camps are filled with kids who are exploring and learning about the island's ecosystem, we just began a new water quality technology research project with NC State, Turtle Central is brimming with shoppers and Turtle Trots are back to normal with a single start time and fun celebratory atmosphere at the finish line.

We have also had a very busy sea turtle season with 124 nests and still three weeks remaining in prime nesting season! The staff and interns, who are very recognizable in their forest green t-shirts and sweatshirts, are incredibly dedicated to our mission and love sharing our collective passion for Bald Head Island and its vibrant habitats and species.

What most people don't realize is just how critical our Board of Directors is to the Conservancy's success. This incredible group of volunteers helps us with many important functions including fundraising, financial planning, providing human resource advice, professional networking and key governance oversight, not to mention their financial generosity and opening up their homes for staff overnight stays. Our current Board is led by President Katie Chatas, and what an amazing job she has done the past couple of years! Her consistently positive can-do spirit has energized the entire Board, and we are so grateful for her leadership. Below is the list of our current Board

members. You may not recognize them since they don't wear forest green Board t-shirts, but if you do know a Board member or just happen to speak with one around the Island, please give them a special thanks! They are the Unsung Heroes of our organization, and we are so lucky for everything they selflessly provide to the Bald Head Island Conservancy!



Executive Director Chris Shank, Board President Katie Chatas and Board Member Ginger Aydogdu during Turtle Central's annual Simply Southern Day.

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Field Guide: Flutterbys from the Front Porch

By Morgan Hooks, Environmental Content Creator

In North Carolina, there are an estimated 2,000 to 2,500 species of moth, soaring over the 174 observed species of butterfly in the state, according to North Carolina Parks. Of these, 99 are classified as species of concern by the North Carolina Heritage Program; primarily those in the mountains, sandhills and here on the coast. The diverse landscapes of Bald

Head Island, consisting of the maritime forest, dunes and salt marsh, provide refuge for a range of insects including migratory moths. In turn, the moths provide pollination for our native plants and eventual food sources for many of our neighboring frogs, fish and birds.

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May welcomed these migratory moths to the Island, found fluttering through the bushes or resting their wings on the Conservancy campus porch, with a colorful selection of caterpillars crawling across the wooden stairs soon after. Sitting outside on our campus each afternoon inspired my curiosity about moths and their caterpillars, particularly how their process of chrysalis and metamorphosis occurs. Most of the moths that I observed have a spring to early-summer seasonality on Bald Head Island, but a few can also be seen further into the fall. These moths may be using the Island to reproduce, metamorphosize or rest their wings mid-migration. Our porch offered a front-row seat to observe the next generation bloom with the spring.



Unlike their cousin, Agreeable Tiger Moths possess a "bib" of orange, which you can see partially peeking through the white fur in my identification photograph.



You can distinguish male Polyphemus Moth (left) from female (right) from the size of their antennae, with the male's being big and bushy compared to the female's thin ones.

At the beginning of May, I observed several species of adult moths amongst the tree canopy on our campus, resting along the windowpanes or on our deck chairs. I used the iNaturalist app to document the moths that I observed and to research their taxonomy, seasonality, range and distinctions. I initially noticed the Polyphemus Moth (*Antheraea polyphemus*), a member of the silk moth family. As a name, Polyphemus is derived from the Greek myth of the Cyclops Polyphemus, whom these moths are akin to because of the eyespots seen on their hind wings. I identified both a male and female Polyphemus Moth, both at rest.

I next identified an Agreeable Tiger Moth (*Spilosoma congrua*) camouflaged against the white stairs. One of three species in the White Tiger Moth family, these moths are similar to their cousin the Virginia Tiger Moth, both noticeable for their fluff of fur surrounding their head, white speckled abdomen and their tented wings when at rest.

As we approached mid-May, I began to observe one to five caterpillars at a time on our campus,

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Lt. Will Barker Cushing — Part 2 of 3

By Jake Grossman, Educator and Collections Coordinator

We last left Lt. Will Barker Cushing (WBC) onboard the *Monticello* with his prisoner, Patrick Kelly, in late February 1863. WBC may as well be nicknamed the “Forest Gump of the Lower Cape Fear” because he seems to always be in the center of the action.

His next appearance, however, was one WBC probably did not want to be a part of and one that everyone who has been to beach access #39 should be familiar with — the accidental collision between the USS *Monticello* and USS *Peterhoff*. WBC, now captain of the *Monticello*, was bringing the ship up to Beaufort for coaling when he mistakenly took the *Peterhoff* for a blockade runner. WBC rammed the *Peterhoff* and sunk it before he realized the mistake. Although the *Monticello* was within the blockade area at night, against the rules, WBC was let off the hook while the ensign in charge of the deck was given the blame. WBC soon found redemption, however, when he was ordered to seek and destroy the notorious CSS ironclad, the *Albemarle*.

The CSS *Albemarle* was an ironclad warship that terrorized the Union navy in North Carolina during the spring and summer of 1863. Charlie Fusser was in charge of the USS *Miami* when it went to battle against the *Albemarle* on April 19, 1863, on the Roanoke River outside Plymouth, NC. During the peak of the battle with the combatants within 20 feet of each other, it was “all hands on deck,” and Fusser manned a cannon. Fusser fired three times, yet all of the balls bounced right off the iron armor of the *Albemarle*. The first two ricocheted harmlessly away; the last one, however,

came back onto the *Miami*, where it exploded and killed Charlie Fusser. The Union soon realized the ironclad must be dealt with and had one person in mind for the job — former classmate and good friend of Fusser, WBC.



“Sinking of the U.S.S. *Peterhoff* in collision with the U.S.S. *Monticello*, March 6, 1864, artist's impression,” House Divided: The Civil War Research Engine at Dickinson College, <https://hd.housedivided.dickinson.edu/node/41770>.



CSS *Albemarle* at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Virginia, after salvage, circa 1865. From americancivilwar.com public domain archives.

WBC and 15 seamen glided along the Roanoke River en route to the *Albemarle* on the night of October 26, 1863. The plan was to take two small boats, locate and sneak onto the ironclad, overthrow the crew, then steam the captured vessel back to Union lines. Theory is always easier than practice. Indeed, Confederate sympathizers destroyed one of the boats destined for the operation before it even reached North Carolina. Additionally, Confederate spies caught wind of the plan and posted sentries as well as a chain of logs encircling the *Albemarle* to protect against explosives. WBC, undeterred by these obstacles, proceeded with the operation. Miraculously, the crew snuck within a couple hundred yards of the *Albemarle* before they were finally discovered. Their cover blown, WBC decided they will resort to plan B — blow up the *Albemarle*.

WBC planned on using a “torpedo” to sink the *Albemarle*. “Torpedoes” during the Civil War were gigantic metal balls filled with gunpowder floating above or just below the

surface. One could place or aim the mine by pushing it with a pole or spar. They were, to say the least, unpredictable.

WBC went full speed ahead into the wooden barrier, hoping to blast through it. Although they did not blast through, they got enough over the obstacle to drop the torpedo within the circle. At this point every Confederate was firing upon them while the crew of the *Albemarle* were trying to aim their cannon. Just as the cannon roars, throwing iron inches over the head of WBC, the torpedo falls into place and explodes. Suddenly, there was water and smoke everywhere. “Save yourself, men!” cries WBC through the darkness as he jumps into the river.

Does he survive? Did he drown? Did the torpedo work? You will have to check back next month for the final article!



If you missed part 1 of this series about Lt. Will Barker Cushing, you can find it online in the August *Island Report* issue. Use this QR code for the direct link.



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BUILDING AND RENOVATING FINE HOMES ON BALD HEAD ISLAND

Night Sky News | *By Pat Miller*

Celebrating the full moon with excellence and exuberance, thanks to Claude Pope's introduction of "Howl at the Moon" each month, is one of the highlights of being on Bald Head Island. Watching the moon come out of the ocean at East Beach is a major experience. But that's not ALL. There are many new to the Island who come from places where you have never sat in wonder as you watched a million stars come out at night when there isn't a moon.

For many of us who came in the 1970s and 1980s, that was one of the fabulous things about BHI. When we walked around the Island on a New Moon night, our breath was taken away at the majesty of the sky. At certain times there was "Glowing Sand," and you could see sparkles as you walked/stomped at the edge of the surf. To experience the wonder of the sky, the adventure of a sea turtle laying eggs or hatching, hearing the surf sing and feeling the kiss of the wind on our faces is what we want you to experience.

Our lighted houses may be mansions or bungalows, but the sky at night, the Island sounds and the magic that happens in nature are our real treasures. Make sure you do your part — turn lights off when not needed, especially exterior lights. Ocean-facing homes should use their room-darkening shades during sea turtle nesting season (May 1-November 15) to prevent misdirection of hatchlings and nesting sea turtle moms. Use red cover on your lights on the beach. Be aware that many want to hear the sound of the waves, the birds singing and the leaves rustling in the forest. Take pictures, share, educate yourself about Island magic. Then join us in celebrating getting to be on or live in paradise. 



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

Beginning September 11, 2022, the Village Chapel will revert to its fall operating hours with only one worship service at 8:30am. As a reminder, there is plenty of outdoor seating now available in the Chapel courtyard, thanks to the Sachtleben family's generous donation.

Minister Schedule

September 4 – Rev. Dr. Steven Hein; Presbyterian Church, Retired; Wilmington, NC (8:30am and 10:00am this weekend).

September 11 – Rev. Thomas Whartenby; Galax Presbyterian; Galax, VA.

September 18 – Rev. Sid Batts; First Presbyterian Church, Retired; Southport, NC.


September 25 – Rev. William McLeane; Edenton Street United Methodist Church; Raleigh, NC.

October 2 – Rev. Dr. Scott Suskovic; Christ Lutheran Church; Charlotte, NC.


October 9 – Rev. Alex Kennedy; Carmel Baptist Church; Matthews, NC.

October 16 – Rev. Laura Fine Ledford; Apex United Methodist Church; Apex, NC.

October 23 – Rev. Adam Snell; St. Paul's United Methodist Church; Kensington, MD.

October 30 – Rev. Laura Mitchell; Wrightsville Trinity United Methodist Church; Wrightsville Beach, NC. 

New Homeowners — Update Your Knox Box

If you have recently bought or sold your home on Bald Head Island, don't forget to update your Knox Box paperwork and, if necessary, replace any inoperative keys. A Knox Box allows emergency responders access to your home. In an emergency, every second counts. Contact Public Safety at 910-457-5252. 



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BHI Questions? States of Emergency

As the municipality on Bald Head Island, the Village of BHI is the prevailing authority during states of emergency. The Mayor, Village Councilors and Village staff coordinate efforts with officials from Brunswick County, North Carolina, and federal agencies as needed. Village officials also coordinate efforts with the owner of BHI Transportation. The ferry and tram systems are privately owned by BHI Limited and regulated by the NC Utilities Commission.

The Village of BHI handles all issues regarding public safety, including emergency response. The Public Safety Department is equipped to handle medical, fire, water rescue and police emergencies. The department also handles golf cart and ICE (internal combustion engine) permits and enforces Village ordinances. For general questions, call the Public Safety Department office Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm at 910-457-5252.

When you are physically on BHI, for emergencies and non-emergencies: call 911.


When you are not physically on BHI, for emergencies and non-emergencies: call the Brunswick County dispatch

station at 910-253-7490, which uses the same dispatch protocol as 911. This is due to 911 phone tracking purposes.

The Village's Public Services Department handles water, sewer, trash pickup and recycling services for BHI. For questions visit www.villagebhi.org.

The Village Post Office/Island Package Center handles mail and package services for BHI. For frequently asked questions about mailing services, visit www.villagebhi.org.

CodeRED is Brunswick County's emergency alert notification service. Sign up at www.brunswickcountync.gov/codered. Keep in mind that hurricane season is June 1 - November 30, so be prepared with necessary alert notifications.

Register for BHI property owner re-entry list. If an evacuation of the Island occurs, the re-entry procedure will be determined on several factors, including guidance from the Emergency Operations Team, Mayor and the Public Safety Director. Property owners (with structures on their property) can register with the Village to be allowed back on the Island to check their properties after a storm. There will be a registration form available online at www.villagebhi.org when there is an active emergency event. 

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drains in homes. Although the wastewater collection system is owned, managed and maintained by the Village of Bald Head Island, all residents and visitors benefit from it being used responsibly. Through education and by adopting certain habits, it is easy to minimize FOG sources at home.

Grease Myths

It's okay to pour grease down the drain as long as...

... I use the garbage disposal.

MYTH! The garbage disposal only grinds up items before passing them into your sewer pipes.

... I run hot water.

MYTH! Hot water only gives the illusion of dissolving grease. The grease will eventually cool and build up in the pipes.

... it is a liquid oil at room temperature.

MYTH! Liquid cooking oils, like canola oil and olive oil, float on wastewater and easily adhere to sewer pipes.

The Do's and Don'ts of FOG

Do!


- Place cooled oil and grease into trash bins or covered collection containers.
- Be aware of the "hidden oils" such as salad dressings, cheese, cookies, pastries, sauces and gravies.
- Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash bins.
- Manually wipe off all visible fats, oils, grease and food residue from dishes and cookware into trash bins.
- Use a strainer in the sink to collect excess food particles.



- Clean up grease spills with absorbent material and place into trash bins.
- Encourage neighbors to help keep fats, oils and grease out of the sewer system.

Don't!

- Don't pour oil or grease down the drain.
- Don't scrape food scraps down the drain.
- Don't pour liquid foods (syrops, batters, gravy, etc.) down the drain.
- Don't run hot water over greasy dishes, pans or fryers — it will prevent FOG from sticking to the inside of the pipes.
- Don't use chemicals to remove grease clogs; they can damage the piping system.
- Don't rely on a garbage disposal to get rid of grease.

Please do your part to help prevent unnecessary equipment failures, blockages and sewer spills. 

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Bald Head Island to take a look around.

Bald Head Island was an environmental dream for them. The virgin maritime forest was unique and covered with beautiful trees — cedar, pine, oak, palmetto, dogwood — to name just a few. And the ecology of Bald Head Island was perfect. It was a habitat with an amazing abundance of plant and animal life. From a sustainability point of view, the Mitchells could not have found a better environment to sustain. And for Cynthia's coastal history and sustainability, it was perfect.

So, when Kent and Mark returned home and reported to Mom and Dad, all had to be excited. It was not long thereafter when on June 14, 1983, the Mitchells bought the whole Island and a new day began for Bald Head Island.

The modern-day development of Bald Head Island began that day. Great wealth, vision, planning and commitment were behind all that happened thereafter.


While Cynthia passed away December 27, 2009, and George passed away July 26, 2013, their vision lives on. The 10

children and their corporations have continued to support their vision and stated:

After four decades of stewardship, the Mitchell Family remains committed to its original vision: ***To create a viable premier island community where people may live in harmony with nature and each other.***

We who now live on Bald Head Island have been lucky. The great generosity of the Mitchell Family has built and sustained this paradise in which we now live. Cynthia Mitchell planted the seed for us. The family watered, fertilized, cultivated it and caused it to grow and blossom.

When Cynthia passed, Mary Munroe, a long-time Bald Head Island resident said, "*We are so blessed that Cynthia wanted to buy this island, we are so lucky to be here on January 1, 2010 to enjoy the development the Mitchells planned. Our condolences to the family from the Munroes.*"

And we remain lucky in 2022. 

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often crawling across the steps of our porch or the posts of the awning. I observed two species of Tussock Moth caterpillars, characterized by their tufts of irritant hairs. During their larval state, these moths range from 1-1.5 inches. Tussock Moths also possess noticeable verrucae, or wart-like structures, along the mid-section of their bodies, which vary in color.

I first observed a Fir Tussock Moth (*Orgyia detrita*) caterpillar, which can have both a dark, gray form or a light, pale yellow form. Both forms showcase a gray-toned verrucae.

I observed only one Definite Tussock Moth (*Orgyia definita*), which I followed on its travels from the front of Barrier Island Study Center to behind Turtle Central. Definite Tussock Moth caterpillars are a pale-yellow similar to the Fir but, rather, possess vibrant yellow verrucae.

Lastly, I observed an Arge Moth caterpillar (*Apantesis arge*), which I initially mistook for a Woolly Bear Moth. While the Arge Moth has a similar wooliness throughout, its yellow and black striping is what distinguished it as an Arge Moth, a member of the Erebid family.

By the end of May, caterpillars made their way to the porch awning, beginning to cocoon and complete chrysalis. Although I did not see which species cocooned themselves, the silk-ish appearance of the cocoons favor those of Tussock Moths, along with the chosen location, as Tussock Moth cocoons are often spotted under the soffits of buildings. Moths can cocoon from a window of five to 21 days, and around the tail-end of the window in early June, I noticed that the cocoons had hatched.

I did not observe adult counterparts of any of the species I had previously observed; however, I did discover a new species in the same week that the cocoons hatched, whether the moth was a recent hatchling or a passerby. Nestled into the screen of one of our lab windows was a Large Maple Spanworm Moth (*Prochoerodes lineola*).

We are fortunate that these moths chose our campus to carry out the creation of the next generation of moths and, in turn, that we were able to witness the three different stages of their lives — from reproduction, to the larval stage of the caterpillars, to this new generation emerging from their cocoons and soaring into the skies.



One distinguishing characteristic of Tussock Moths is the antennae (composed of black hair-like setae) on both their head and backside.



Adult male Definite Tussock Moths display an approximately 30 mm wingspan, whereas the adult female moths are wingless.



Both larval and adult Large Maple Spanworm Moths are able to camouflage from bats and birds, with the caterpillar disguised as a twig and the moths as a leaf.



Arge Moths migrate from as far north as Quebec to as south as Florida and are on-wing throughout most of the summer and into early fall.



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A Huge Thank You

By Sandy Kades

A huge THANK YOU to Bald Head Island residents and businesses for supporting this year's Pirate Invasion in August. Although Braze and I are the organizers, we could not have done it without the support of the many volunteers and supporters — Island residents who welcomed pirates into their homes, those who loaned us golf carts to use, folks who staffed the various activities, many who made financial contributions and all who attended the festival.

Although there are far too many to mention by name, I do need to especially thank Betsi Stephen, Christine Osborne

and Kathy McConnell for their efforts in recruiting hosts, volunteers and golf carts, plus Joene Connelly for helping to create and lead the ghost walks. I also want to thank Bald Head Association, Village and Public Safety staff, Claude Pope, Harper Peterson and Julie Showalter (Jules) for supporting this event. I also want to especially thank Choots and Robert for hosting a barbecue/pool party on Friday night for all 40 pirates! The pirates felt very welcomed to the Island and now truly understand the warmth and generosity of what makes our Island such a special place. 


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together to cultivate a unique quality of life and to preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come."

To that end, the BHA is charged with the effective management of Covenants, Design Guidelines and Common Areas. BHA uses tools such as the ARC (Architectural Review Committee), Design Guidelines and Community Wide Standards (CWS) to help protect the value and aesthetics of property on BHI.

BHA's Covenants provide that all property owners maintain and preserve their lots and all structures on them in a clean, neat, slightly and attractive condition and provide for the removal of trash and refuse from their homes, all in conformity with

the Community Wide Standards and all in order to assist in maintaining the aesthetics of the Island and the property values of owners' homes. BHA helps each property owner make an important difference by following the guidelines which will enhance not only their property's aesthetics and value, but those of all property owners on the Island.

Familiarize yourself with BHA's documents, including our Bylaws, Covenants, Design Guidelines, Community Wide Standards and more on our website at www.baldheadassociation.com. For assistance, all of these documents can be searched by keyword by clicking "CTRL + F" to open the keyword search bar. 

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- Minor changes may be missing additional details required in the Design Guidelines. For example, a change incorporating an external tankless hot water heater or adding exterior generator(s) must include required landscape screening.

#3. Applicants must be “in good standing.”

Members who wish to have an ARC application reviewed must be “in good standing.” Outstanding issues include ARC or Community Wide Standards (CWS) violations and current dues and fine payments.

Final Tip


Ensure you’ve reviewed the Design Guidelines and have followed all instructions. Use the handy keyword search in the Design Guidelines document by clicking “CTRL” + F. For any questions, call the ARC staff:

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Moths are often stereotyped as the lesser butterfly; however, moths are important members of each of our four distinct ecosystems on Bald Head Island, including the health and functionality of them. It is a magical thing to be given the opportunity to sit back and study a species as it carries out the metamorphosis of its life, along with how it interacts with and impacts its neighbors, both friend and foe.

For those interested in spreading their wings and discovering entomology, or the study of insects, visit inaturalist.org. Budding bug-watchers can also participate in ecoEXPLORE’s Entomology Season and share their observed insects towards an Entomology Badge. 

Sources include: https://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/urban/medical/tussock_moths.htm, https://files.nc.gov/ncparks/37/MOTH_FUN_FACTS.PDF and www.inaturalist.org.

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



September 2022:

ARC-A Meeting	9/2/2022	9:30am
Bald Head Artisans Show & Sale	9/3/2022	10am
Labor Day	9/5/2022	
BHA Office Closed	9/5/2022	
Card Class	9/7/2022	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	9/9/2022	11am
Howl at the Moon	9/10/2022	6:30pm
Grandparents Day	9/11/2022	
Patriot Day	9/11/2022	
Community Potluck Dinner	9/12/2022	6pm
ARC-B Meeting	9/16/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	9/16/2022	10am

Save the Date in October:

BHA 40 th Anniversary/Community Potluck Dinner	10/1/2022	6pm
Card Class	10/5/2022	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	10/7/2022	9:30am
BHA Board Meeting	10/14/2022	11am
Howl at the Moon	10/9/2022	5:30pm
39 th Annual Thad Wester Fishing School	10/15/2022-10/16/2022	
ARC-B Meeting	10/21/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	10/21/2022	10am

Around the Corner in 2022:

Daylight Saving Time Ends	11/6/2022	
Community Potluck Dinner	11/14/2022	6pm
Veterans Day	11/11/2022	
BHA Office Closed	11/11/2022	
Leonids Meteor Shower Peak	11/17/2022	
Thanksgiving	11/24/2022	
BHA Office Closed	11/24/2022-11/25/2022	
Community Potluck Dinner	12/12/2022	6pm
Geminids Meteor Shower	12/14/2022-12/15/2022	
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	

Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays through 9/4/2022	8:30am/10am
	9/11/2022 through winter	8:30am
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
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- No Hurry owner

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