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# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## Appearances Matter on Bald Head Island

When asked what initially drew them to Bald Head Island, many property owners describe the natural forest vegetation, the unspoiled ocean and beaches, BHI's trees specifically, the unique wildness of a remote and not over-developed barrier island, the estuarial creek/marsh, BHI's wildlife, the "small town" cozy feeling and much more. Most answers to that question typically cite one aspect or another of BHI's environment. Indeed, many *Island Report* articles have focused on helping educate property owners about BHA's role in environmental stewardship and helping preserve the natural landscape. How about the architectural style on BHI?

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 BHA Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines set basic requirements that support the aims of the Covenants. The Design Guidelines promote a harmonious community aesthetic and a conservation consciousness and, more practically, a uniform review process for obtaining approval of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

If these Design Guidelines are adhered to in a specific set of construction, remodeling or landscape plans, a harmonious



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community aesthetic will be captured, even though individual tastes, lifestyle needs and the specific needs/traits encouraged by the Bald Head Island environment prevail in other elements of the plans. This document also strives to promote clear expectations and comprehension of the design requirements for members entering the building process, as well as greater opportunities for objectivity and consistency (therefore fairness) on the part of fellow members who have agreed to review building plans.

The ARC has the crucial charge of reviewing home plans and administering the Design Guidelines, with hundreds of reviews handled each year for home plans, landscaping and renovation-related submittals.

Let's take a deeper dive into Bald Head Island architecture, which is covered beginning on page 63 of the Design Guidelines (visit online at [BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines](https://BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines)). The key words that describe BHI's architectural style are "coastal vernacular." Read on. And if you're planning on working with an architect and/or builder, please share this with them, as well.

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



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## ARC Monthly Quiz

### Are you an ARC Pro?

- When facing an external home project that is a change from what exists, what do you do **FIRST**?
  - Order project materials.
  - Schedule the contractor.
  - Check the online ARC schedule for submittal deadlines and meeting dates, submit the pertinent application with material/manufacturer samples (if any) and get an approval from the ARC.
  - Stock the ice bucket with beer, wine and vodka.
- What are some examples of external home projects that require review and approval of ARC prior to beginning the project?
  - Changing a light fixture on a porch.
  - Adding light fixtures along the driveway.
  - Adding pavers to make a small, informal gathering area in the corner of the lot.
  - Adding/changing plants, trees and mulch.
  - Painting the front door the same color.
  - Adding a house name sign above the front porch.
  - Replacing the roof with the same materials and color.
  - Adding shutters to windows.
  - Freshening up existing mulch beds with the same mulch previously used.
  - Changing driveway material, shape or size.

#### Answers

- C (though D sounds appealing). ARC appreciates the  
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## Much Ado about Mulch

Spring is here, and it's the perfect time to freshen up your landscape and planting beds. Back on the mainland, bags and truckloads of mulch are being delivered to keep weeds at bay and give yards a nice, neat, manicured appearance. BHI, however, strives to maintain a naturalized landscape that reflects specific ecological environments — the creek/marsh, the ocean/dunes or the maritime forest. Mulch on the Island is only appropriate in limited quantities and limited applications.

For new construction projects on BHI, mulch may be used as general ground cover as a way to help mitigate the impact of the building process until the vegetation is restored. Wind and rain wreak havoc along the dunes, so a layer of mulch can help protect new plants and prevent erosion. An ARC-approved landscape plan may include defined planting beds that use mulch to protect new trees or shrubs by retaining the moisture they need to thrive while helping keep the indigenous vines at bay.

Once a new construction project is completed, the restoration of natural vegetation should be allowed to proceed unhindered. Mulch may only be replenished in existing, preapproved, defined bed areas. Mulch driveways are subject to wear and tear, and may require refreshing every six months to meet BHA's Community Wide Standards (CWS) of keeping driveways in good condition. Keep in mind that this replenishment of a mulch driveway may end up costing more in the long run than other, more permanent solutions.

The BHI Village's Mulch Site, located off of North Bald Head Wynd, is a great source of locally produced mulch. Homeowners are entitled to 20 cubic yards free of charge if they pick it up themselves. Delivery can be arranged for a \$285 fee, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm, by calling Wayne Krahn at 910-443-3123.





## BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

You probably woke up today wondering when and from where did we get Community Wide Standards for our homes. Well, today is your lucky day, as I am going to tell you.

When did we first have Community Wide Standards? The answer to that is simple. We had them from the beginning. The term "Community Wide Standard" is in our Covenants.

BHA has the responsibility for the **maintenance** of the exterior of our homes, and this originated in 1982 from BHA's Articles of Incorporation that state the purposes for which BHA was formed:

*And the specific purposes for which it is formed are to provide for beautification, **maintenance**, preservation and architectural control of the exterior of the single-family homes, multifamily units and non-residential areas. ...*

So, from the beginning, BHA has been responsible to see that homeowners maintain the exterior of their homes.

In addition to the Articles of Incorporation, Article 11 of the Covenants specifies the maintenance responsibilities of BHA and of owners. In short, BHA is responsible for maintaining Common Area, and homeowners are responsible for maintaining their homes:

### 11.2 Responsibility of Owner.

*Each Unit Owner will maintain and preserve the grounds of the Unit, Living Unit, and all structures located thereon **in a clean, neat, slightly and attractive condition**; and will provide for the removal of all trash or refuse from the Unit. This removal will be consistent with the **Community Wide Standard** and all applicable covenants, unless*

### Memories By Alan Briggs

do you remember the Peli also known as the Peli-Deli what a wonderful memory

I remember it most for ice cream I used to take the kids and grandkids there after dinner and we would get ice cream

I would always get two scoops of vanilla with oreo sprinkles it was to die for

the Peli had soft ice cream Trenton, my first grandson, he got vanilla with rainbow sprinkles

a hot summer night ice cream at the Deli always a delight

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*such maintenance responsibility is otherwise assumed by or assigned to the Association pursuant to this Declaration.*

So, since 1982 it has been the duty of homeowners to maintain the exterior of their homes in a "clean, neat, slightly and attractive condition." And even in 1982, it was recognized there was a "Community Wide Standard."

While the specifics of the Community Wide Standard were not stated in 1982, in 2018 BHA did get specific. In doing so, the Board used the same language that was used in 1982 — homes should be maintained in a "clean, neat, slightly and attractive" condition.

This is the guiding principle for BHA's Community Wide Standards:

*It is the intent and purpose of the Association to ensure development and maintenance of the Bald Head Island complex as an exclusive residential community of the highest quality and at the same time to endeavor to retain the natural, unspoiled beauty of the Island.*

*To that end, all structures shall be cared for, maintained and repaired in a*

*manner such that the external appearance of each structure remains consistent with the other well-maintained structures in the community and consistent with the general tone and nature of the community. All property owners shall maintain and preserve their lots and all structures located on their lots in a "clean, neat, slightly and attractive" condition and provide for the removal of all trash or refuse from their homes. Maintenance will include, but not be limited to, repair and replacement as needed.*

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## Village of BHI Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

### Annual Village Council Retreat

The Village Council conducted its annual retreat February 7 - February 8, 2023.

A range of topics was presented and discussed, including:

- Shoreline Management
- Update from Greenburg Taurig (Village's Government Law & Policy Practice Advocate)
- Update from Duke Energy on the future of energy in NC and its Grid Improvement Project
- BHI Conservancy Environmental Contract Overview
- BHI Comprehensive Long-Range Planning
- Island Managers Forum
- Village Department Head Presentations (Public Services, Finance, Public Safety, Human Resources, Public Information, Information Technology and Development Services)
- FY24 Prioritization Discussion

A written recap of the retreat can be viewed on the Village's website (<https://villagebhi.org>). Go to Village Government, Council Members and click the "2023 Annual Retreat Recap" button on the right. The retreat was broadcast via Zoom and recorded. The broadcast can be viewed on the Village's YouTube channel and is broken down by topic. Use the accompanying QR codes for web pages.



Some of these topics will be revisited as the Council works on the FY24 budget. The first workshop will take place on April 25, 2023, and other workshops could be scheduled later, if necessary.

The workshops will be open to the public, and a notice will be posted at Village Hall, on the Village's public hearings webpage and sent to the sunshine list.

### Knox Box Guidance

Knox Boxes are small, steel boxes that are attached to the address bollards and homes on Bald Head Island. The box

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holds a key and an information sheet and can only be opened by the Public Safety Department with a secure key. Knox Boxes give first responders access to your home or business in an emergency. First responders will be able to access your property when it matters most. Removing barriers to entry reduces injuries to responders and minimizes property damage.

**New Property Owners:** Check around your front entry and the address bollard to see if you have a Knox Box. If you have one, you will need to make sure that a copy of your current key and contact information are placed inside the box. You will need to fill out our Knox Box form from the Department of Public Safety's website and return it to the department with a copy of your current key. You can do this between 9:00am and 3:30pm Monday through Friday. The Public Safety building is located at 273 Edward Teach Extension.

If you do not have a Knox Box or you cannot locate one, please contact Public Safety (PS) to see if one has been purchased for your address. You can do that by calling 910-457-5252 or emailing the PS administrative assistant at [psadmin@villagebhi.org](mailto:psadmin@villagebhi.org). If there is not a box for your home, you will need to order one from Knox Company. Then you will need to complete the Knox Box form and bring a copy of the current key to the Department of Public Safety. To order



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From the Design Guidelines:

*Home designs built on Bald Head Island are intended to promote a homogeneous impression, an architectural appearance of each individual home "fitting" within the surrounding homes and neighboring environment. Bald Head Island Coastal Vernacular designs are a blend of the "shingle-style" and the "coastal cottage" style of architecture. Often the construction incorporates many of the "shingle-style" features and accentuates them with common elements of the "coastal cottage" design.*

*"Shingle-style" has been described as the "architecture of the American summer." This architectural style is notably free in form and size and embraces the organic and natural island landscape, blending with the coastal environment and utilizing materials that display a natural appearance. Although "shingle-style" home designs may honor individual tastes, they share an appearance of rustic informality, minimal detailing, high gables, large vertical windows and inviting porches.*

... "Architecture of the American summer" ... embracing the organic and natural island landscape ... blending with the coastal environment ... rustic informality, inviting porches and more.

*Other characteristics of this coastal architecture include steep roofs, cedar shakes, dormers, open rafter tails, large overhangs, minimal ornamentation and variation in overall shape and massing. Bald Head Island Coastal Vernacular may differ from the Coastal Vernacular of other places. Natural materials are strongly encouraged. Many homes feature expanses of decking and glass.*

*Climate tempering is achieved with wrap-around porches to shade the summer sun, operable shutters to provide shade and admit breezes, lattice work and sunscreens to provide sun control on porch areas.*

*These Design Guidelines were created to aid architects/designers and property owners in developing home designs that merge individual tastes with the "shingle-style" and "coastal cottage" elements of Bald Head Island Coastal Vernacular architecture. These Design Guidelines also were created to encourage "good massing" — as exemplified by an orderly, well-proportioned composition of building forms and to discourage any home from having a box design. Designs*

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## Second Annual Johnston Coastal Sustainability Symposium

*By Jenny Marty, Marketing Associate, BHI Conservancy*

On April 4, 2023, the Johnston Center for Coastal Sustainability will be holding its second annual Coastal Sustainability Symposium. Experts in coastal sustainability will gather on Bald Head Island to share knowledge about the coastal environment and climate science with the public.

This annual symposium is a key facet of the Johnston Center for Coastal Sustainability, which was established by the Bald Head Island Conservancy to serve as a research partnership and education hub for sustainability related initiatives on Bald Head Island. The mission statement of the center is "To promote the conservation and preservation of coastal resources for future generations in response to climate and other anthropogenic change in a manner that balances environmental, economic and social factors." The Coastal Sustainability Symposium creates a space to network with sustainability experts and learn about topics that relate to our local sustainability initiatives and goals.

The schedule for the day will include two sessions. The first session will be from 9:00am-12:00pm at Bald Head Association's Generator Society Hall (111 Lighthouse Wynd). This session will include presentations by experts in a variety of coastal and sustainability fields including shoreline processes, ocean energy, marsh ecology and restoration, community engagement, coastal engineering and sociopolitical communications. Additionally, there will be a Q&A Panel on topics of public concern, so bring your questions! Our invited speakers hail from UNCW,

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Photo by Sean Brunson.

## Do You Love Kayaking and Turtles? Participate in the Terrapin Tally!

*By Beth Darrow, Chief Scientist, BHI Conservancy*

This spring, the Bald Head Island Conservancy (BHIC) will be hosting the **Terrapin Tally** for the third year, in partnership with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and NC Coastal Reserve. The Terrapin Tally is a survey of our marsh creek habitat, searching for and counting these elusive brackish water turtles. Volunteer groups of two people share the duties in a tandem kayak, with one person steering through a predetermined route and the other person recording on a smartphone where they find terrapins. It's a lot of fun and a great way to enjoy the outdoors while assisting with wildlife conservation!

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## Fresnel Invents the Lens — Part 2 of 3

By Jake Grossman, Educator and Collections Coordinator

Augustin-Jean Fresnel started to research how to improve lighthouse effectiveness in June 1819 when he was temporarily relieved from “his work on the Paris roads.”<sup>1</sup> Fresnel quickly realized that in the reflection process,

half the amount of light is lost; whereas the refraction process could “take all the light emanating from the source and direct it into a beam.”<sup>2</sup>

As soon as August 1819, Fresnel proved that a lens consisting of multiple (dozens or hundreds) of high-quality (need to be pure) glass prisms would achieve the necessary refraction to greatly improve lighthouse brilliance. Handcrafting the glass to the exact measurements and purity, however, proved to be a daunting effort that took French glassmaker François Soleil until 1821 to complete.<sup>3</sup>

The most effective way to test the brilliance of the Fresnel lens was to simply light it near a traditional reflector and see which one was brighter. Thus, on the night of Friday, April 13, 1821, a group of Frenchmen (including

Fresnel, Soleil and the makers of the reflector apparatus, Lenoir and Bordier-Marcet) stood on a hill with their eyes trained four miles away on the Paris Observatory. On one side of the roof was a covered Fresnel lens, on the other was a reflector apparatus. Upon unveiling Fresnel’s lens, it was not even a comparison; it

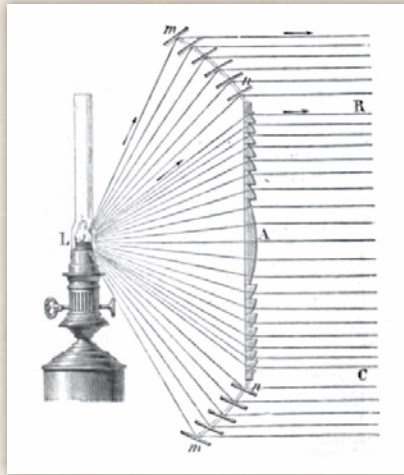
outshone the reflector like a bonfire compared a match. Even Bordier-Marcet admitted that their reflector apparatus “would enter into oblivion.” Perhaps the only person not enchanted by the brilliance was Fresnel himself, who claimed:

*I don't know if it's my state of malaise which renders me almost insensible to the success of my lens; I would think rather that it's that I did not have the pleasure of surprise, having realized in advance, by the measurement of shadows, the effect that it would produce.<sup>4</sup>*

Fresnel provided the beacon that ushered in a new era of globalization.

On July 25, 1823, when Fresnel was only 35 years old, the first Fresnel lens was put

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Side view of the Fresnel lens. This lens bent the light rays from a lamp into a single beam (Wikipedia).



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into use atop the Cordouan lighthouse in France. News spread and soon Dutch, Scottish and even English (with much chagrin) sailors admitted that the lens was the best in the world. The French Academy of Sciences invited Fresnel to join and then awarded him the National Order Legion of Honor, the highest decoration in France, for his achievement.

As Fresnel's success grew, unfortunately, so did his poor health. Nonetheless, Fresnel attacked his research with heightened vigor. He initiated a plan to illuminate the entire French coast with lighthouses, each one with a unique cadence to distinguish itself. Meanwhile, he also wrote multiple essays. According to Levitt, Fresnel "virtually laid the framework for an entire field. He gave complete accounts of double refraction, circular polarization and the prorogation of light through crystals." At age 39, Augustin Fresnel succumbed to tuberculosis and passed away on July 14, 1827. Fresnel, in his manner, claimed, "I could have wished to live longer, perhaps I might have had the happiness of finding the solution to some of these questions."<sup>5</sup> Though his time on Earth was over, the impact of his work on society — and us here on Bald Head Island — was just beginning.

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Louis Becquey to the Commission des phares (Lighthouse Commission) June 21, 1819. Found in Levitt *a Short Bright Flash*, page 53.

<sup>2</sup> (ibid. page 56.)

<sup>3</sup> According to Levitt "Soleil figured out a way (still only sketchily understood today) to heat up the glass pieces and remold them so the defects disappeared." (ibid. page 62).

<sup>4</sup> (ibid. page 66.)

<sup>5</sup> Francois Arago, *Biographies of Distinguished Scientific Men*, W.H Smyth, trans. (Boston: Ticknor and Field, 1859), 278.



Left: Map of France showing all of the lighthouses (Bibliothèque de Nationale de France). Right: Image of Cordouan lighthouse (Wikipedia). Search online for additional images of Fresnel's lens and the lighthouses that used them.





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*should avoid the appearance of three-story structures. Homes with a higher first floor elevation that utilize grade level screening should not include details that give the appearance of grade level heated space. The final home design should correspond with the unique features of the lot and preserve the existing trees and vegetation.*



Image courtesy of Bald Head Island Limited.

#### Additional Considerations and Thank You's

Consider this. BHI was developed with specific intentions. Prior generations had the foresight 30-40 years ago to envision the BHI that property owners enjoy today. The choices and decisions made today will affect the next generation 30-40 years from now. Any changes to architectural guidelines made now will affect how BHI looks in the future.

Here's an example of the time and consideration about how appearances matter on BHI from former BHA Board President Kit Adcock. Her words are as true today as they were when she wrote them a decade ago:

*Considerable time, financial resources and volunteer effort have for decades gone into architectural design guidelines review and oversight. This is because on Bald Head Island, appearances matter. It is easy to take for granted that the visual harmony that makes Bald Head Island so appealing is the result of much deliberation and serious commitment on the part of your Island neighbors.*

*The attention to detail includes not just buildings but also signs and anything man-made and potentially permanent. Consider, as an example, real estate signs, or actually the uniformity and minimization of them. ... I can personally assure you untold hours have gone into real estate signs as well as house signs and, in fact, all signage in the HOA's.*

Many volunteers have served to stand up organizations such as Bald Head Association and to serve on committees such as ARC and others. BHA thanks everyone in the past who has helped develop the Design Guidelines, shared their input and generously devoted their time in deliberations to help preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come.



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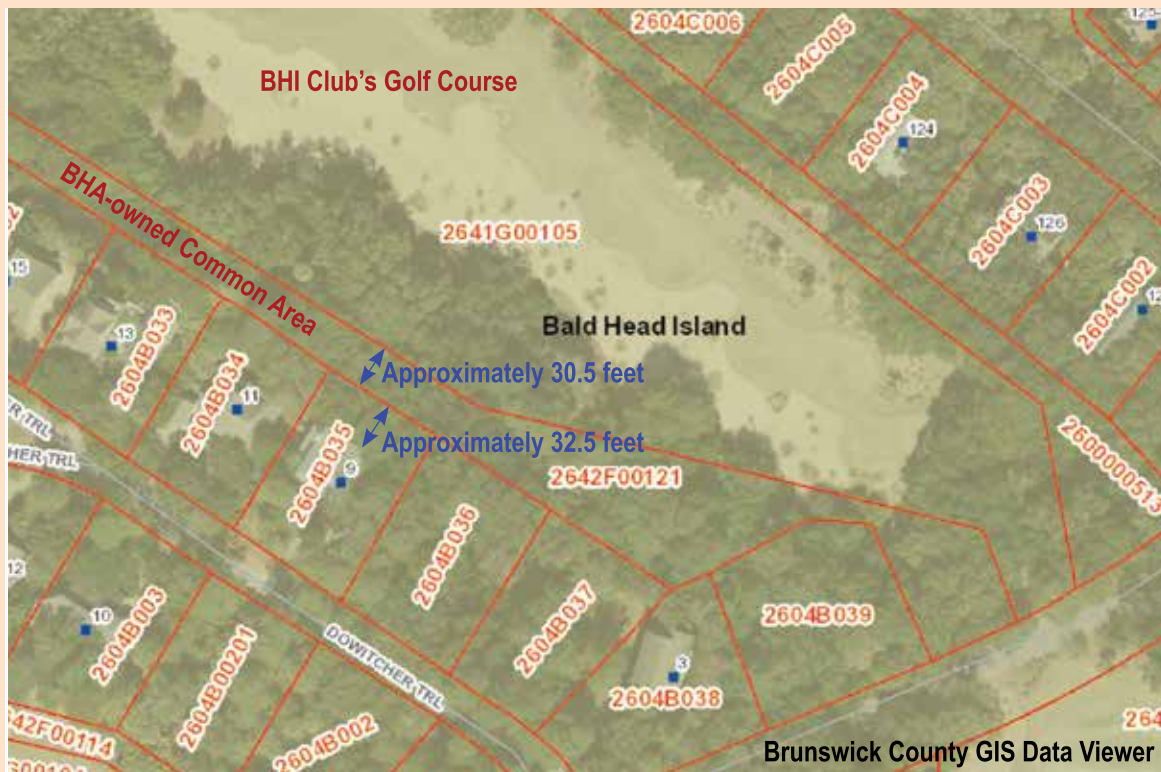


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## New to BHA? Know Your Lot Lines



BHA encourages property owners to be clear about the deeded boundaries of their properties. Your property may be bordered by BHA Common Area, a lot owned by the Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) or another property owner's lot/house.

All except three properties bordering the golf course have BHA Common Area that serves as a buffer between individual properties and the golf course. All service requests for work on Common Area (including trimming and tree removal) must be approved by the BHA Board of Directors. Email service requests to Pam Rainey, Customer Relations Associate, at [PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

It's important for owners to be aware if an adjacent lot is owned by the SILT to help protect the natural makeup of those parcels in perpetuity. And it's essential that individual property owners should not remove/trim trees or other vegetation around their homes without being absolutely certain of where their lot lines are located (and receiving ARC prior approval, of course).

A couple of years ago, one homeowner (for the sake of protecting the owner's identity, this owner will be referred to as "he") had his landscaper remove not only a number of trees on *his* property without BHA's permission but also removed six, good-sized trees from *his neighbor's* vacant lot — **without** the neighbor's permission. This presented both neighbors and BHA with a difficult and unnecessary position. The homeowner who had the work done was fined by BHA for removing trees without permission. The vacant

lot owner (who was obviously not happy that his trees were removed) was fined by BHA for removing trees from a vacant lot. (BHA's Covenants specifically state that no clearing may occur on vacant lots and, unfortunately, the property owner is always responsible for what happens on his/her property.)

**If only the homeowner would have known where his lot lines were AND provided that information to his landscaper, this situation could have easily been avoided.**

It's worthy to repeat — **know your lot lines**. If you did not order a survey during the closing of your property, please consider getting one (a list of surveyors can be found on our website at [BaldHeadAssociation.com/surveyors](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/surveyors)).

For approximate dimensions, property owners can visit the Brunswick County website to view their GIS Data Viewer. Visit [www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov](http://www.BrunswickCountyNC.gov). From the “Department” menu, select “GIS.” Then select “GIS Data Viewer.” From there, you can zoom in to your property and use the “Measurement” tool across the bottom. In the example image that accompanies this article, the distance from the rear of the house to the lot line and beginning of Common Area is approximately 32.5 feet. The Common Area distance is 30.5 feet. Remember, this serves as an approximation only. For specific lot measurements, always refer to your property survey.

If you need assistance, contact BHA, and we can show you how to use Brunswick County's GIS system to identify the general location of your property's boundaries within a few feet. Email Carrie Moffett at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



## The Gift of Darkness | By Pat Miller

Heavenly shades of night are falling; it's twilight time, the time between day and night. It's a time when we can decide if we will be proactive in keeping light pollution at bay on our Island.

Light pollution affects human health, wildlife behavior and our ability to observe stars and other celestial objects. Light pollution is also considered a global issue. I wonder what the reaction would be if we informed someone that their light is trespassing our property (in a friendly way, of course).

Did you know that light accounts for at least a quarter of all electricity consumption worldwide? We can be part of the solution because light washes out our ability to see stars in the night sky, interferes with astronomical research, disrupts ecosystems, has adverse health effects and wastes energy. It also affects human physiology in a profound way, such as sleep and growth.

But, on Bald Head Island, we have the power to change all of that. Two simple suggestions this month — check your outdoor lights to see if they are the lowest wattage possible. And when not using your lights, please turn them off. Now we are ready to grab a chair, go sit on the beach and watch the majesty of the night sky turn into an unbelievable display of grandeur. 🌌



Jupiter, Venus and waxing Moon.  
Photo by Steve Henson

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While the Community Wide Standards document goes on to provide more specific detail, the key guiding principle to remember is that you must keep the exterior of your home and lot clean, neat, sightly and attractive.

The purpose for this is simple. We want to maintain the property values of our homes in our beautiful community. In a new community, it is not difficult. We are no longer a "new" community. We are 40 years old. We owe it to each other to maintain our property.

To assist all of us in seeing that this is accomplished, in 2021 BHA formed a Community Wide Standards Committee. Debra Drumheller chairs the committee, and its members include Bob Keiger, Jeff Kenney, Sandy Riegert, Elisa Roels and Holly White. Joe Brawner has been the Board liaison for the committee from the beginning. Debra, Joe and our committee members are doing a great job of making this work well for all of us. When you see them, thank them. 🌐



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There are lots of things happening on Bald Head Island. Make sure you don't miss out on timely information sent directly to your email. *BHA's Compass* covers general items of importance, BHA news, the *Island Report* online links, Island-wide events, handy links to everything BHA and Bald Head Island, plus much more.

Sign up at [BaldHeadAssociation.com](https://BaldHeadAssociation.com) (fifth item just below the *Island Report* current issue) or use this QR code. Help spread the word with your family and friends! 

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Georgia Tech, ECU, Coastal Studies Institute, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, NC Coastal Federation and Village of BHI. There is no cost to attend this morning session, but please register by emailing BHI Conservancy Executive Director Dr. Chris Shank ([shank@bhic.org](mailto:shank@bhic.org)). Spaces are limited!

The second session will be from 5:15-8:00pm at the BHI Club. This session will be a dinner lecture held at the BHI Club and will include a presentation from Dr. Craig Landry from the University of Georgia entitled "The Economics of Barrier Island Habitation." There will be a cash bar starting at 5:15pm, lecture starting at 6:00pm and buffet dinner starting at 7:00pm.

Reservations for this session must be made separately through

the BHI Club. Cost is \$49 per person. BHI Club members can use their ClubNow app for reservations. Non-members and members may also email [diningres@bhiclub.net](mailto:diningres@bhiclub.net) or call 910-477-5010 to make reservations. Reservation deadline is March 31, 2023.

We are very grateful to Dick & Pat Johnston for sponsoring the Bald Head Island Conservancy's Coastal Sustainability Center Initiative. We're looking forward to gathering on April 4, and we hope to see you there!

For more information about the Johnston Center for Coastal Sustainability and the Annual Johnston Coastal Sustainability Symposium, visit [bhic.org/conservation/coastal-sustainability](https://bhic.org/conservation/coastal-sustainability). 

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logistics of navigating a contractor's schedule and material availability timing. We encourage property owners to plan ahead with your contractor, knowing the deadline for submittals is two weeks prior to the meeting. And each section of the ARC (divided into sections A & B) meets one time per month (with the exception of no section B meeting in December and no section A meeting in January). Prevent a frustrating circumstance of scheduling a contractor, only to find out that the next deadline and/or meeting is not held

before that date. And definitely wait to purchase materials until after ARC approval, so you're not stuck with the expense if they're not approved.

2. ARC approval is needed for: A, B, C, D, F, H and J. If your external project is a CHANGE, then ARC review prior to starting is required. If your external project is using the same color and/or materials, it is NOT A CHANGE, and you can proceed without seeking an approval. 

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a Knox Box, go to the company website at [knoxbox.com](https://knoxbox.com) (see accompanying QR code). The correct box for BHI will be the only option and, once purchased, will be delivered to the Department of Public Safety.



**Homes Near the Beach:** The Village is finding that Knox Boxes that are located near the ocean are corroding over time.


Please check your Knox Box to see if it looks corroded. If you are not sure or if you need Public Safety to check it for you, you must submit a request so that we can obtain access to your property. You can have yours checked by emailing Chip Sudderth at [csudderth@villagebhi.org](mailto:csudderth@villagebhi.org).


If your Knox Box needs to be replaced, you will need to order a new one from the company and provide the Department


of Public Safety with a copy of your current house key and the completed form.

**All Property Owners:** For the Knox Box program to be successful, we need your help in making sure the keys and contact information in the box are up to date and that your Knox Box is not rusted or corroded so that it can be accessed if it is ever needed.

**PLEASE NOTE: Public Safety will not use the Knox Box for any other reason. Public Safety cannot unlock your door to allow homeowners, relatives, guests or renters into the home if they are locked out.**

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# Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 1:00pm  
Village Common Park at Cape Fear Station



Come one, come all! BHA's Education and Recreation (ER) Committee is sponsoring a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 1:00pm in the Village Common Park at Cape Fear Station (201 SE Beach Drive).

We understand that the Easter Bunny will be making a special appearance.

There will be three sections — one for each age group: 5 and under, 6-9 and 10+. Bring your baskets and cameras for this hoppy event! For more information, contact Millicent O'Connor at mmm5j@virginia.edu.



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# Island Litter Sweep

Join us and  
volunteer to  
pick up litter  
on BHI!



April 22 is  
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Saturday, April 22, 2023  
10:00am – 12:00pm

In front of Room Service

4 Maritime Way, Bald Head Island

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For information contact Barbara Giera at barbara.giera@gmail.com.



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••• Continued from page 6 (*Do You Love Kayaking and Turtles? Participate in the Terrapin Tally!*)

The diamondback terrapin is a turtle species of special concern that lives in creeks and estuaries along the U.S. East Coast. Bald Head Island has been designated as a Diamondback Terrapin Management Area due to terrapins being spotted in the area. We do not know where in our creeks terrapins are located or how many terrapins we have on the Island, so these tallies will provide us with baseline information about our local terrapin population.

You MUST attend a training in order to participate in the tally. The dates for the trainings are:

- Virtual — **April 11**, 6:00-7:30pm
- In-person — **April 13**, 6:00-7:30pm at UNCW Center for Marine Science, Wilmington
- In-person — **April 15**, 10:00-11:30am at Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium

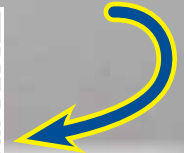
Terrapin Tally Dates (you can sign up for one or many!):

- **May 4-7**
  - » Thursday 8:00-10am,
  - Friday 9:00-11:00am,
  - Saturday 9:30-11:30am,
  - Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm
- **May 18-21**
  - » Thursday 8:00-10am,
  - Friday 9:00-11:00am,
  - Saturday 9:30-11:30am,
  - Sunday 10:00am-12:00pm
- **June 1-4**
  - » Thursday 7:00-9:00am,
  - Friday 7:30-9:30am,
  - Saturday 8:30-10:30am,
  - Sunday 9:00-11:00am

BHI volunteers must provide their own transportation to Bald Head Island and to the tally site. BHIC can provide kayaks, or volunteers may use their own. Paddle times above do not include transportation and setup time.

There are other Terrapin Tally sites throughout southeastern North Carolina. If you are off-island and want to find a site near you, just reach out and we can make a recommendation. If interested in signing up for a training session or if you have any questions, please email BHI Conservancy at [conservation@bhic.org](mailto:conservation@bhic.org).

Scan this QR code with your phone camera for full details on BHA's events calendar!



## April 2023:

Village Chapel Palm Sunday Service	4/2/2022	8:30am
BHIC's Johnston Coastal Sustainability Symposium	4/4/2023	
ARC-A Meeting	4/6/2023	9:30am
Village Chapel Maundy Thursday Service	4/6/2022	5pm
BHA Office Closed for Good Friday	4/7/2023	
Easter Egg Hunt	4/8/2023	1pm
BHI Artisans Show & Sale	4/8/2023	10am
Old Baldy's Bring Home the Light Meet & Greet	4/8/2023	1pm
Easter	4/9/2023	
Village Chapel Easter Services	4/9/2023	6:45am, 8:30am & 10am
Community Potluck Dinner	4/10/2023	6pm
Lyrid Meteor Shower	4/15/2023-4/29/2023	
Eta Aquarid Meteor Shower	4/15/2023-5/27/2023	
BHI Transportation Authority Meeting (Southport)	4/19/2023	9:15am
CPR Class	4/19/2023	TBD
ARC-B Meeting	4/21/2023	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	4/21/2023	10am
Pollinator Garden Groundbreaking	4/22/2023	9am
Island Litter Sweep	4/22/2023	10am
Earth Day	4/22/2023	
BHA Board Meeting	4/28/2023	11am

## Save the Date in May:

ARC-A Meeting	5/5/2023	9:30am
Howl at the Moon	5/5/2023	6pm
Community Potluck Dinner	5/8/2023	6pm
Editing Your Phone Pictures Class	5/9/2023	1pm
Mother's Day	5/14/2023	
ARC-B Meeting	5/19/2023	9:30am
BHA Board Meeting	5/23/2023	11am
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	5/27/2023 & 5/28/2023	10am
Memorial Day	5/29/2023	

## Around the Corner in 2023:

Howl at the Moon	6/3/2023	6pm
Old Baldy's North Carolina Treasures	6/9/2023-6/11/2023	
Father's Day	6/18/2023	
Juneteenth Holiday	6/19/2023	
BHA Office Closed	6/19/2023	

## Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays	8:30am
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
Women's Fellowship:	1st & 3rd Mondays	10am
Men's Group:	Every Other Monday	8:30am





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