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Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

Want to Join the BHA Board of Directors?

Anyone interested in getting involved with BHA at its Board level can submit her/his resume to Board member and Nominating Committee Chair Steve Smalley at steve.smalley@ogletree.com by August 2, 2024, for consideration for the 2025 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 26, 2024. Of course, that date is the final deadline, and submissions can be sent any time prior to the deadline. Note that all Board candidates are required to complete a biography/questionnaire and send a photo for publication in BHA's Annual Report and on BHA's website to help inform members of candidates' credentials. With a tight print deadline, all biography/questionnaires and photos must be received by 4:00pm November 27, 2024.

The Nominating Committee consists of a chairperson, who is a member of the Board of Directors, and four members of the Association who are not currently members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors. Stay tuned for the 2024 committee members.

All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Volunteer for BHA's Nominating Committee

BHA Board member and Nominating Committee Chair Steve Smalley is seeking volunteers to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. This committee has the crucial job of identifying qualified candidates to run for future BHA Board positions and continue the tradition of strong leadership for BHA. Use the accompanying QR code for the committee volunteer application. The deadline is June 14, 2024. Please be a part of these efforts. This is your Association and your Island!



BHI Native Plant Feature of the Month *Dune Prickly-pear*

Dune Prickly-pear (*Opuntia drummondii*) is a succulent cacti that is native to the North Carolina coastal regions including the barrier islands. It is resistant to insects and diseases, heat and drought tolerant and found among sand dunes and along riverbanks away from water.

Dune Prickly-pear requires full sun to thrive (six or more hours of direct sunlight daily). It grows in sandy soil and has cylindrical, green leaf pads with prickly spines and irritating hairs. Caution is recommended when walking near this plant because the spines can be painful if stepped on and are hard to remove from skin, clothing and shoes.

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Ask ARC before any work begins!

- Planning a renovation project or new construction?
- Wanting to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
- Thinking about cutting/trimming trees or vegetation?
- Considering any landscape changes?

ARC office — open by appointment only.

Email Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, at Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Contact Chris Howard, ARC Administrative Assistant, at Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 23.

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



Managing Expectations During the ARC Process

Most homeowner associations have some type of architectural review process, and BHA is no exception. When contemplating a new home, renovation or even a minor change to the exterior of your home, it's a good idea to understand the Design Guidelines and the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) process so you know what to expect.

The Design Guidelines are in place to establish minimum criteria for bringing balance between the man-made and natural environment on the Island, and they are updated each year. The Design Guidelines outline the expectations that promote a harmonious community aesthetic, a conservation consciousness and a process that creates a fair, consistent and objective review of applications and plans. The Design Guidelines themselves can't cover every design scenario, so the ARC has leeway to work in the best interests of the Island.

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Got Weeds?

If you've been reading the *Island Report*, you'll know that BHA encourages native plants for your landscape plan. We've been running a native plant series monthly since July 2023. Did you know that there are 80 BHI-native plants listed in the Design Guidelines? While a natural landscape is desirable, there are places where you may not want Mother Nature to be in control of the design. For example,

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Did you know that having the correct owner of record on ARC applications is essential for processing submittals? Though your name may be Jane Smith, the owner of record could be a business name such as Smith Enterprises LLC, for example. Or perhaps the property has been sold at some point in the process. ARC needs the current owner of record at the time of submittal. When in doubt, you can always contact ARC for clarification.

Please note that the mailing address of the property owner submitted on the ARC application is where ARC decision reviews are sent. For mailing addresses on Bald Head Island, ARC needs the PO Box because mail on BHI is not delivered to street addresses.

Does this help you? Do you have a suggestion for a future "QUICK BYTES" topic? Let us know! Email Chris Howard at Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



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BHA President's Letter

By Christine Osborne, BHA President

June marks the start of summer on Bald Head Island and so begins the start of our "busy season." Many will visit our special Island. Along with our neighbors, friends and family, we will see many first-time visitors. These particular individuals are easy to spot. You only need to look at their faces, full of awe and wonderment. It comes as no surprise that many families choose to return year after year and sometimes make that big decision to purchase a little slice of our beautiful Island paradise. A few of these individuals take an even larger leap and decide to call Bald Head Island their permanent residence.

As I sit here today, still shaken by the fire that destroyed a house on May 3rd, I am further concerned that on May 7th, Public Safety answered another call for (thankfully) a small fire.

I know that you all will join me in giving our Public Safety team a huge shout-out, along with the many volunteers who give assistance. There are currently 22 volunteers for the Public Safety Department, led by Captain Diane Mesaris. Their duties include taking vital signs and doing general health assessments of firefighters on the scene; tagging fire hydrants; supplying firefighters with cool towels, water and snacks; acting as gophers as needed; and more. The Public Service Auxiliary (PSA) is a volunteer organization tirelessly led by Cam MacIntyre. The PSA aids Public Safety with fundraising as well as incident assistance such as supplying additional water, snacks and sandwiches for firefighters; traffic control; blocking roads as

needed; acting as runners; and more.

I would like to take this opportunity to further expand on our Public Safety Department. We find ourselves in the unique position of having officers, led by Chief Joshua Gibson, that are all cross-trained and certified in law enforcement, firefighting and as an EMT or paramedic. In addition, they must be trained in water rescue. Oh, and let's not forget animal control, which I learned first-hand while trying to corral my sweet Island Bear!

It tires me simply writing that. I can't even imagine the infinite hours that our Public Safety officers have put into training to ensure that we are all safe!

In closing, let me tie this all together by stating that we all — meaning any person who takes a boat trip to BHI — should be vigilant in its safekeeping. Let's all come up with our own individual way to make sure that our Island is safe.

In the meantime, if you need their help, Public Safety officers are prepared and ready for all kinds of emergencies. Just call 911.

Tell the dispatcher that you are on Bald Head Island. Public Safety asks that you also call 911 even for non-emergency calls when you require an officer to be dispatched, (for example, if you see someone fishing in a lagoon or harassing a wild animal). Public Safety relies on data from dispatch records for staffing, response time and other identifiers.

We all have an obligation to keep our beautiful Island safe, so let's do our part. It takes a village.



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Letters to the Editor and articles written by property owners about BHI issues and experiences are encouraged, subject to the Content Approval

guideline as well as the following space guidelines:

(1) The maximum length of a letter for publication in the *Island Report* will be 250 words. This limit will be strictly enforced. If the article or letter exceeds that length, the contributor may be granted more space by the Communications Associate or Executive Director, if appropriate. (2) Any individual will be limited to one letter every six months. BHA reserves the right to edit letters in the interests of accuracy and civility or to publish a letter as written, followed by a correction by the editor. In the interest of covering diverse topics and opinions, BHA reserves the right to select among submissions for publication. Deadlines are the 1st of the month for the following month's issue.



Hurricane Season Is Here. Make Sure You are Ready!

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st to November 30th each year. For North Carolina, the worst storms seem to come later in the season, but *now* is the time to prepare.

Colorado State University's Tropical Weather & Climate Research Division, which has a well-respected research team, anticipates that the 2024 Atlantic basin hurricane season will be "extremely active," with 11 hurricanes and 23 named storms predicted.

Village officials have already begun preparations including reviewing the Village's Emergency Management Plan (EMP), ensuring contact information is up-to-date, equipment is in working condition and that the off-Island Emergency Operations Center (EOC) contract is renewed for this year.

Here are some steps YOU can take to prepare:

Sign up for the Code Red Notification System. The Village of Bald Head Island utilizes an emergency notification system known as Code Red. Village of Bald Head Island citizens can register to receive emergency messaging and updates about specific events (i.e., hurricanes and/or tropical storms). This system will be used in addition to the Village's Voice to send important messages via email and text. Registrants can choose

which methods of contact they prefer. Messages can be targeted to areas of the Island, so be sure to use your physical address on the Island when you sign up. The Village also uses this service to send messages about utility outages. You can sign up online from the Village's home page at www.villagebhi.org. Scroll down to "Safety" and click on "Subscribe" under "Notifications."

Find the Village on Social Media. During the last few storms, the Village has used its social media accounts to distribute information and photos. Please follow or like us on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram channels. You can find all the links to those on our Linktree at www.linktr.ee/villagebhi.

Create an Emergency Communication Plan with your family, friends and neighbors. This plan spells out how everyone will contact each other.

Create an Emergency Preparation Plan for Your Property to include emptying refrigerators/freezers, securing outdoor furniture, clearing loose and clogged rain gutters/downspouts and unplugging or relocating golf carts if needed.

If you have a "house check" service with a property manager, building contractor or other trusted source, reach out to them to establish communications before, during and after the event passes.

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Island Bear

By Pam Henson, BHA Communications Manager

Many years from now, perhaps this true tale will be remembered and shared, to illustrate a special island community full of good-hearted folks coming together for a common cause.

In mid-April 2024, Islanders began noticing a loose dog on Bald Head Island. Specifically, he appeared to stay in a small, 1-mile radius in the area of the BHI Club, the Villas and nearby dunes. He was temporarily nicknamed “Houdini” for his clever evading techniques, not being able to be safely captured for a few days. He gained a following on Facebook’s “Positively Bald Head Island” page when sightings occurred. Everyone wondered, “Where does he belong?” “Who owns him?” When someone tried to catch him, he’d run away and then kept disappearing. His swims in the lagoons had everyone on edge, since those are favorite haunts of BHI alligators. Not to worry — spoiler alert — there is a happy ending to this tale.

On the night of a big storm, the dog was taking refuge under the Valentines’ house, and they were able to corral him. They called Christine Osborne, who picked him up and took him to her house. She explained, “I named him Island Bear for our Island family. We immediately took a shower together. I worked to get off all of the ticks and burrs and mess that he’d collected on his adventure.”

It turns out, Island Bear is a Catahoula Leopard dog, and he’s young. Public Safety officers checked him for an identification chip, which he did not have. (Yes, Public Safety has a chip reader.) Christine was advised that she had to take him to Brunswick County’s Animal Protective Services in Supply, NC, for a quarantine of six business days, to check his disposition around people and other animals (which turned out to be “all good”). This quarantine is also intended to allow time for an owner to claim a

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Christine Osborne and Island Bear. Photo by Brunswick County Animal Control.



Island Bear Meet and Greet in Marina Park on May 11, 2024. Photo by Nuno Valentine.

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Get Ready for World Sea Turtle Week

By Morgan Greene, BHI Conservancy Marketing Associate

The best week of the summer is almost here — World Sea Turtle Week! Every year, World Sea Turtle Week provides engaging opportunities for us to appreciate the importance of sea turtles, gain awareness of how our sea turtles are being threatened and learn new ways to protect these magnificent animals.

The festivities begin Saturday, June 8, as the BHI Conservancy (BHIC) kicks off the week with our World Ocean Day cleanup. Starting Sunday, June 9, sea turtle specimens and activities will be available for you to enjoy all week long in the Fleming Environmental Education Center (700 Federal Road). Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages (@bhiconservancy) throughout the week to learn some fun facts about sea turtles and keep up to date with each day's on-campus activities.

The Conservancy's World Sea Turtle Day celebration takes place on Friday, June 14, on the BHIC campus. Come by anytime from 10:00am-3:00pm to enjoy all kinds of fun sea turtle themed activities. You can take part in our sea turtle virtual reality experience, learn how to be a sea turtle biologist, meet our ambassador box turtles Gloria and Brownie Bite and so much more!

You don't have to wait for World Sea Turtle Week to help our sea turtles. There are many ways for you to start protecting sea turtles today, such as only using red lights on the beach and turning off house lights and using room-darkening shades at night on houses that face the beach. One of the best ways to help nesting sea turtles and sea turtle hatchlings is to leave the beach the way you found it — pick up trash, take back everything you brought with you, knock down your sandcastles and fill in holes in the sand before you leave.

Do you enjoy learning about sea turtles but can't make it to Sea Turtle Week this year? Sign up for a Conservancy Program instead. We have sea turtle themed activities and excursions all summer long, including Sea Turtle Ride Alongs, Totally Turtles and for BHIC members, Turtle Walks. Check out our program calendar to plan ahead at bhic.org/calendar. You can learn more about the conservation work we do for sea turtles on Bald Head Island at bhic.org/conservation/sea-turtle-protection-program/.

This conservation work for protected sea turtles on Bald Head Island is authorized by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (ES Permit 24ST14).



Top row, left to right: Summer 2023 intern Sarah Riedlin showing her Sea Turtle Week spirit. Visitors enjoy making sea turtle crafts in the BHI Conservancy's Fleming Environmental Education Center. Bottom row, left to right: Visitors learn how the BHI Conservancy Sea Turtle Protection Team scans sea turtles for Passive Integrated Transponders (PIT) tags to identify the turtles that visit BHI in the summer. Visitors enjoy making sea turtle crafts and turtle-themed activities at the BHI Conservancy campus. Photos by BHI Conservancy.

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Porch Island Treasures Saturday, June 15, 9:00am - 1:00pm

The annual Island-wide, only yard sale on BHI, known as Island Treasures, returns with a twist for a second year on Saturday, June 15, 9:00am-1:00pm. Renamed last year as "Porch Island Treasures," homeowners will have their items for sale or to give away on their porches. All information can be found online, using the accompanying QR code.



Sign up to be a participant by June 4. If you are not going to be on the Island but have some items to sell or give away, consider giving them to a neighbor or friend to sell or give away for you. The same goes if you live in a neighborhood that prohibits porch sales. For a list of sub-association contacts, visit the event web page and view page 5 of the document link.

The online map and house map/list of participating addresses will be available on the web page a few days before the event. Feel free to download and print the map/list yourself. Buyers can

drive from home to home to purchase items of interest. Sellers will have from 9:00am-1:00pm to sell or give away items, or sellers may close earlier if all items are sold or given away.

Thank you to BHA's Education and Recreation (ER) Committee for sponsoring this event.

There will not be any items for sale at BHA's Association Center this year. **Note that all items not sold or given away should be removed from porches at 1:00pm on the day of the event.** If you'd like to donate leftover items, the Village's Public Works trailer for donations is labeled #2, and staff can assist you. Public Works is located at 271 Edward Teach Extension and is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-2:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 7:00am-2:00pm. Learn more about Public Works at <https://villagebhi.org>.

Seeking Volunteers for BHA's Education and Recreation (ER) Committee!

BHA is looking for volunteers for its Education and Recreation (ER) Committee. Want to join us? We're looking for energetic volunteers to help plan and run events on Bald Head Island. Learn more about the committee at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees. Ready to volunteer? Complete the easy, online application at the top of the committee web page.

BHI Conservancy Annual Picnic and Auction www.bhic.org/july4 for details



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Homeowners Insurance Good News

Thank you to Bob Keiger for bringing this news to our attention. In late April, the NC Joint Underwriting Association (NCJUA) approved a \$250,000 increase in wind coverage for homes, bringing the maximum coverage up to \$1,000,000. For homeowners who previously carried excess wind coverage, this may mean there are additional options for your policy and perhaps cost savings. Insurance policies are tailored to individual needs, so contact your agent and ask about this recent NCJUA change.

Local insurance agents know the ins and outs of specific insurance needs for coastal living, particularly on Bald Head Island. June 1 marks the start of the Atlantic hurricane season, which lasts through November 30. Though you may have an insurance agent in another area for another property, you may want to check with a local agent to ensure adequate coverage at the best cost. They can best steer you in the right direction when it comes to wind versus wind-driven rain, etc. It's a good idea to evaluate your coverage with your insurance agent periodically, especially when any life changes occur.



Thank You!

BHA's Association Center (AC) is a lovely community gathering space on Bald Head Island. It underwent renovations after a flooding incident late last fall, recently reopening on April 9. Repairs were focused on Generator Society Hall and the kitchen area. The AC is typically packed with events, both large and small, to accommodate member community activities. BHA's own Education and Recreation (ER) Committee sponsors numerous activities in the AC throughout the year.

While our AC was being renovated, the events that had already been scheduled had to move somewhere. And guess who stepped up to help out their Island neighbor? Lots of BHI organizations! We would like to extend a hearty **THANK YOU** to all who were able to help BHA when we needed, so that community activities could continue. They include:

- The Village of BHI for hosting BHA's Candidate Forum in December 2023 and our Annual Meeting in January 2024.
- Marsh Harbour Inn for hosting BHA's December 2023 Community Potluck Dinner. Specifically, thank you to Kris Riley and Debi Byrd.
- Harper Peterson for hosting the January 2024 Community Potluck Dinner and Flower Arranging Class at Delphina's (now Boathouse BHI).
- Jordyn Matthews for hosting January's yoga classes at BHI Bottle Shop.
- Chris McCall for hosting the February 2024 Community Potluck Dinner at the Public Safety Building.
- Chris Shank for hosting the March and April 2024 Community Potluck Dinners at the BHI Conservancy.
- BHI Limited for the use of the Chandler Building's conference room for BHA meetings.
- BHI Club for hosting BHA meetings.

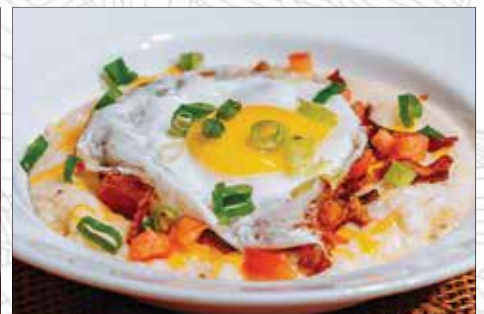
Join your BHI neighbors at an upcoming event. It's a great chance to make new friends! Check out BHA's online calendar that lists not only BHA activities but also Island-wide events at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/calendar-bha.



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All in a Name — Part 1

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

Recently, I led some of the hard-working staff from the Bald Head Association on an Island-wide history tour. The weather was not awful, and no one fell asleep, so I'll chalk that up as a win. Anyway, during our tour, we discussed some of the names intertwined with the Island. Afterwards, someone suggested an article delineating the origins of the names, so here we are!

At first glance, Bald Head Island seems like a silly name; however, upon

deeper inspection, it might not be as silly as it originally seemed. Let us grab that middle word "head." We see "head" in a couple of names here in the Carolinas; most notably, Hilton Head and Nags Head. I've personally gone to Nags Head quite a few times and never really thought twice about the name. It always seemed like a pretty typical name to me.

It really makes you think twice when you put the word "bald" in front of "head." Well, "head" is simply short for "headland," which is a high point of land visible from the sea. In lieu of GPS and electronic navigation, mariners would map out heads and use them for wayfinding. Although it's called Nags Head, mariners were referencing what we know as Jockey's Ridge.¹ Perhaps the head on our Island was not quite as large as Jockey's Ridge; however, it was distinct enough for mariners to reference it. It is likely the head has since been overtaken by the ocean or river. Thus, the "head" part of the name is easy to trace. The

"bald" part, on the contrary, has a little murkier origin.

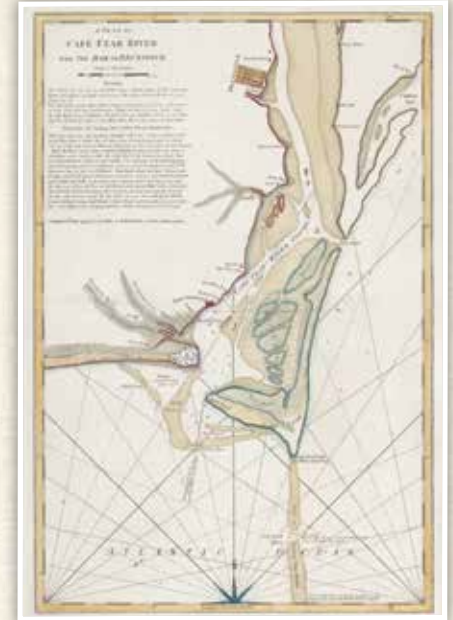
The most-accepted answer among historians concerning the origins of the "bald" part of our name goes back to a group from Massachusetts who came here in 1662 or 1663. The "Committee for Cape ffaire," also known as the "Adventurers about Cape Fayre," were a small group of settlers who attempted to make Bald Head Island their home.² Maybe they were drawn to the Island by the beaches, the palmettos or the bountiful fishing that brought them here. After a couple of months, however, they decided they "disliked the harbor and the soil" and left the Island.³

Also of note, the "Lords Proprietors" back in London abandoned the Massachusettsans' claim for settlement and instead

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Map showing one of the earliest depictions of the Cape Fear River and Bald Head Island. Map courtesy of the North Carolina Collection at UNC Chapel Hill.



Map showing an early use of the name Bald Head. Map courtesy of the North Carolina Collection at UNC Chapel Hill.

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What To Do If You Receive a Community Wide Standards (CWS) Violation

Have you received a CWS violation letter? First, don't panic. BHA wants members to understand that a CWS violation is a neighbor looking out for you and other neighbors' properties, along with accompanying property values across Bald Head Island. It is not intended to shame or judge. As many homes are not an owner's primary residence, CWS is a tool to help owners keep an eye on these beautiful properties. So, if you've received a CWS letter, what should you do?

1. **Look over the photos and read the checklist.** While the letter is important and informs you what is happening, the checklist and photos will help you understand quickly and easily why there is a letter in the first place.
 - a. **Use the resources sent.** Along with a letter, photos and a checklist, the materials for your home that are on record with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) are also included.
 - b. **Here are some examples.** If you need to repaint, you will find a scanned copy of your last ARC-approved paint application with all the color information for your home. If you need to repair your driveway, you will receive a copy of your property's latest site plan that has the driveway material highlighted for you.
2. **Form a plan.** BHA and the CWS Committee ask that you first send a plan to get the repairs completed. This does not need to be in a fancy format or form. It can be a simple email or letter stating that you plan to repaint your home around a certain date and that you plan to use a certain contractor. This is the first step, and BHA asks that you respond with this plan within a maximum of 60 days from the date of the notification.
3. **Open communication.** BHA asks that the tasks identified in your plan be completed within 150 days of receipt of the letter. At times throughout that period, you will receive emails from Dora Richey, Covenants Compliance Associate, asking for updates.
4. **Ask questions.** BHA is here to help you. If you have any questions or concerns during the process or need assistance figuring out your plan of action, contact Dora Richey at Dora@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 31. 

Top 2 CWS violations:

1. **Driveways** — does your driveway need a little TLC? We're seeing several driveways that are in need of additional gravel, edging and weed control. For weed control, check out this month's article on page 2 for a simple recipe for weed killer that is safe for pets, bees and surrounding plants.
2. **Paint** — if your house paint is chipping and peeling, it's time to refresh. Remember, any exterior change requires ARC review and approval prior to work beginning. But, if you're painting using the existing color, no ARC review is required. Contact ARC if you need help with your paint color information (Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

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BHI Pirate Invasion August 2-4

By Sandy Kades

The pirates will be back again this summer for a weekend of entertainment and fun for the whole family. Most of the pirates will be arriving on Friday, August 2, but there might be a few sneaking over on Thursday, August 1, via ferry, barge or ship.

The encampment at Marina Park (111 Keelson Row) will open at 10:00am on Saturday, August 3, to demonstrate the history of pirate life. There will also be music, sword-fighting demonstrations, a treasure hunt, games and activities for children. At 5:00pm, the sea battle will be at Beach Access 5, followed by a party at The Wisp and ghost walks at 8:30pm, 9:00pm and 9:30pm. Breakfast with the pirates will be held at Jules' Salty Grub & Island Pub (10 Marina Wynd) from 9:30am-11:30am on Sunday, August 4. For more information and details about ordering tickets, visit www.BaldHeadIslandPirateInvasion.com.

You may not be aware, but the pirates who come to our invasion are professional entertainers who have years of experience and backgrounds in many varied fields. They are authors, historians, artists, composers, musicians, actors, costume designers and ship builders.

One of these is Mark Miller, the leader of his band, Rusty Cutlass. Mark has been performing at the Bald Head Island Pirate Invasion for over 15 years. His pirate persona is "Nasty Nate Cole," which he created based on the names of his two sons, Nate and Cole, who now also play in the band. He has been a performer on Carnival Cruise Lines and worked for over 30 years at Walt Disney World. In addition, he opened at Hollywood Studios in the *Indiana Jones Stunt Show* and at Universal Studios in the *Phantom of the Opera Horror Makeup Show*. He recently played Judge Taylor in *To Kill a Mockingbird* at Theater West End and Herr Schultz in *Cabaret* at Tierra Del Sol, among many others.

There are two pirates, Skip Henderson and Mike Noles, who are no longer able to be with us on the Island because they have "crossed over to the other side" but were part of the pirate world for many years. Some of you might recall them from previous events.

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Left to right: Mark Miller in his fire chief role at Walt Disney World (photo courtesy of Mark Miller). Skip Henderson participating in a pirate event and Mike Noles as a pirate enjoying life at sea (photos courtesy of David Flemming).



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—Robert, BHI Owner



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Why do some property owners find the process frustrating? It comes down to expectations. Many of you may have homes on the mainland with a homeowners' association and may be familiar with their processes. However, Bald Head Island is a unique environment. The weather poses unique challenges to the beach, trees and other homes all around the Island. Sun, wind and rain cause deterioration to garage doors, windows and light fixtures at a greater rate than one might expect. To combat some of this, higher grade materials are required by the ARC, and these tend to cost more. Saving money in the short-term typically results in rusty fixtures, washed-out driveways or other unattractive features that may result in Community Wide Standards (CWS) violations and, ultimately, replacement costs.

"Bigger is better" may be the slogan for homes on the mainland, but not necessarily on BHI. Many of the Design Guidelines are purposefully in place to restrict the size of homes built on the Island — setbacks, impervious coverage, building coverage, disturbed area allowance and the 50% rule are some examples. Protecting as much of the natural environment as possible from overdevelopment is vital to the conservation efforts initiated by BHA's founding members.

Architects and designers who may be unfamiliar with the Island face a learning curve when it comes to understanding the

nuances of the Design Guidelines. Coastal vernacular on BHI is distinct from that seen on the coasts of Maine, California or even Topsail Beach. The ARC works with new designers to explain these distinctions, but it may result in the need for additional reviews that carry additional fees.

ARC review time can often take longer than anticipated. Again, our process is different than on the mainland. While the process for new construction can be completed in three reviews, it often takes three to five months or longer, depending on your architect's familiarity of BHA's Covenants and Design Guidelines. The submittal due date is two to three weeks before a meeting, depending on which type. This is mainly due to the volume of submittals the ARC handles with two section meetings every month.

So, while at first glance the BHA's architectural review process may seem complicated and time-consuming, it helps to understand the purpose of the Design Guidelines, which is to enhance and protect the value, desirability and attractiveness of BHI. The ARC is made up of volunteers — your neighbors — who love the Island, as well as staff and professionals who help interpret the technical and aesthetic requirements. Together, they serve to treat each applicant fairly and review each submittal for compliance with the Design Guidelines to benefit all property owners. 



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Dosher Clinic on BHI

During the summer season, Doshier Hospital operates a medical clinic on Bald Head Island to see patients with minor illnesses/injuries at the Public Safety Building (273 Edward Teach Extension). For the 2024 season, the clinic plans to be open from May 30 through August 29 on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The clinic will provide telehealth services with a medical assistant or nurse on the Island to support the patient and telemedicine cart.

Call 911 if you are experiencing a medical emergency. Tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island.

Before staying on the Island, visitors are encouraged to check with their medical and/or health insurance providers to see if telehealth options are available in case a medical issue arises when the Doshier Clinic is closed. Galloway Sands Pharmacy in Southport (www.GallowaySandsPharmacy.com) delivers medical prescriptions to the Island-side ferry landing.

Visitors and residents of Bald Head Island may also seek medical care at the on-Island medical provider, Island Time Wellness and Medical (www.IslandTimeMedical.com).

Patients can call the Doshier Wellness Center in Southport at 910-454-4732 for minor illnesses. Walk-in care is available Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 6:30pm. The Emergency Department at Doshier Memorial Hospital is a five-minute drive from the Bald Head Island ferry terminal in Southport.

Small Electrics and Road Safety

The use of electric scooters, electric skateboards, hoverboards, Segways or similar apparatus on Village streets is limited to individuals holding valid drivers' licenses. Operators are required to wear helmets.

Everyone is encouraged to practice good safety on BHI roads. Roads are shared with pedestrians, bicycles, golf carts and gas-powered vehicles, and they can get congested during peak season. The Island-wide speed limit is 18 MPH for all vehicles unless posted otherwise. The rules of the road for the State of North Carolina apply to the roads on Bald Head Island, regardless of the type of vehicle. This includes only licensed drivers operating golf carts, no open alcohol containers and no driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Remember that pedestrians face oncoming traffic and everyone else (bicycles, small electrics, golf carts and vehicles) flows with traffic. And please watch out for wildlife on the edges of roads, including squirrels, snakes, turtles, birds, deer and more. It's their Island, too!

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Build an Emergency Kit. Keep it ready at home, at work and in your golf cart. The [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) website has some ideas on what to include in your kit.

Check your Insurance Coverage. Damage caused by heavy winds, wind-driven rain and flooding may not be covered by homeowner's insurance policies. Buy flood insurance. Buy golf cart insurance (considered much like an automobile policy). The North Carolina Department of Insurance has "A Consumer's Guide to Disaster Preparedness" document online that can help guide you further.

Have an Evacuation Plan. Know the evacuation routes ahead of time. For permanent residents on the Island, it is critical to have a plan for alternative living arrangements (including medications), which could extend into several weeks in the case of major damage to the Island.


Download an Emergency Weather App on your phone and

purchase a weather radio.

Keep all Important Documents in a Waterproof Container to take with you if you evacuate.

Identify the Safest Place in Your Home in case of a tornado and/or flooding. For a tornado, this would be a small, interior, windowless room or hallway on the lowest floor.

There are many online resources that provide additional helpful tips to prepare for hurricanes. Many of them are listed on the Village's emergency preparedness webpage at www.villagebhi.org/departments-services/public-safety/emergency-preparedness/.


If you are new to the Island and have not experienced one yet, reach out to your neighbors. They can be very helpful in providing information on how they prepared for the last few storms and what they learned they need to do for the next one. If you have any tips you would like to share that could be used in future Village communications, please send them to public.information@villagebhi.org. 

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lost pet. After finally being brought together, "It broke my heart," Christine explained, when she had to drop him off.

During our interview, Christine praised Animal Control staff, among others. "The staff took great care of Island Bear. Not only did they bring him up to date on his shots and neuter him, they


discovered that he has heartworms, which he's now being treated for." Looking back over his quarantine time, she said, "I was so upset, but I had patience, and everything worked out." Christine adopted Island Bear when she picked him back up. She added, "He's home now, and he's happy."

She noted that Carrie and Mary Anne at Bald Head Association were busy doting on Island Bear and giving him treats so that we could talk. "Everyone loves him," she said. To help share him with Bald Head Islanders, Christine started Island Bear's own Facebook page, titled "Island Bear." 

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Skip Henderson was an American musician who played melodeon, guitar and concertina with his band, Skip Henderson and Starboard Watch. Skip and his band performed in many venues, entertaining crowds with sea shanties and pirate ditties. He was also a composer. Anyone who has seen the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* will be familiar with his song, "Two Hornpipes," that Disney bought for use in the movie. As one good friend and fellow musician put it when Skip died, "The maritime music world lost a legend today."

Mike Noles was a distinguished artist and sculptor who received a Fine Arts Degree from the Department of Sculpture at Ringling College of Art & Design. As Senior Art Director/Designer/Sculptor/Consultant/Theme Park Specialist for Walt Disney World and Universal, he was involved with many projects. Some include directing and sculpting the air and water show at EPCOT, the planning and development of Universal Studios' theme park, the rock work for the Battery Park area, sculpting the full-sized shark, Jaws, and the rehab on the *Back to the Future* ride that transformed it into the new *Simpsons* ride.

Next month, we will share the impressive backgrounds of some of the other pirates involved in our event. 



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This cactus has single, gold/yellow, funnel-shaped flowers that contain seven to 20 petals. The flowers are one to three inches in diameter and bloom in the spring, from April to June. These plants also produce edible red/burgundy fruit in the fall that display from August to October. The fruits are a natural wildlife food source for songbirds and small mammals. 


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you've probably spent good money on a driveway and walkways utilizing wood decking, stone or pavers, and that's the last place you want to see nature taking over. That's the point where native plants become WEEDS.

A quick online search will show that there are lots of weed killers on the market. There are also recipes for simple, homemade sprays which do an effective job of killing and controlling weeds. A BHI resident found a safe and effective method for controlling weeds that threatened to take over her driveway. A simple solution of vinegar, salt and dish detergent sprayed on the surface of the offending weed should take care of the problem in a couple of days. Because you spray it only on the weed, it's safe for pets, bees and other plants in the area. The recipe can be found with the QR code link on page 2. Thank you for sharing, Claire! 

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gave the land over to a group of Barbadians who at that time made the settlement illegal. Nonetheless, they left behind pigs and cattle on the Island, hoping to eventually reclaim them. Slowly but surely, the transplanted livestock ate the vegetation from that headland for years until the head was left bald. Hence the name, Bald Head Island.

So, perhaps the name is not as silly as it originally seemed. I do find it a little silly, however, for a couple of other reasons, which we will discuss next month. 

¹ Aka the "Dunes," according to my Dad. If visiting the Dunes, it is a Grossman family tradition to go on the hottest day in August and stop for pancakes first. Shoes are recommended, but if you really want the experience, you've got to go barefoot. Jake Grossman.

² "The Story of Cape Fear and Bald Head Island" by Kevin Duffus.

³ Ibid.

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



June 2024:

ARC-A Meeting	6/7/2024	9:30am
Flag Day	6/14/2024	
Porch Island Treasures	6/15/2024	9am
Father's Day	6/16/2024	
Juneteenth Holiday	6/19/2024	
BHA Office Closed	6/19/2024	
BHI Conservancy Golf Cart Raffle Begins	6/19/2024	
Summer Solstice	6/20/2024	4:50pm
ARC-B Meeting	6/21/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	6/21/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Strawberry Moon"	6/21/2024	7:30pm
BHI Conservancy Online Auction Begins	6/26/2024	9am
Public Safety Day	6/28/2024	8am
BHA Board Meeting	6/28/2024	10am

Save the Date in July:

BHI Conservancy Picnic and Live Auction	7/1/2024	4pm
BHI Conservancy Online Auction Closes	7/3/2024	9pm
4 th of July Holiday	7/4/2024	
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2024	
BHI Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2024	10am
BHI Conservancy Golf Cart Raffle Drawing	7/4/2024	6pm
ARC-A Meeting	7/5/2024	9:30am
BHI Artisan's Show and Sale	7/6/2024	10am
Calligraphy Class	7/9, 7/17, 7/25/2024	7pm
ER Committee Art Show	7/12/2024-7/13/2024	10am
Smith Island Art League Show and Sale	7/13/2024-7/14/2024	10am
ARC-B Meeting	7/19/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	7/19/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Buck Moon"	7/21/2024	7:30pm
BHA Board Meeting	7/26/2024	10am

Around the Corner in 2024:

BHI Pirate Invasion	8/2/2024-8/4/2024	
ARC-A Meeting	8/2/2024	9:30am
National Lighthouse Weekend — Old Baldy	8/3/2024	10am
ARC-B Meeting	8/16/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	8/16/2024	10am
BHA Board Meeting	8/23/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Sturgeon Moon"	8/19/2024	6:30pm
BHI Island Artisans Show and Sale	8/31/2024	10am

Ongoing:

AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #85999065097, P/C: 570863, Email: sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com)		
Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Pilates Classes (Select Thursdays 6/6, 6/20; 7/18, 7/25):		10:30am
Men's Group:	Every Other Monday	8:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Year Round	8:30am
	Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day	10:00am
Yoga Classes:	Mondays & Wednesdays	11:45am



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