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In Case You Missed It...

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



BHI Native Plant Feature of the Month

Silver Sea-oxeye

Silver Sea-oxeye (*Borrichia frutescens*) is also commonly known as Sea-oxeye Daisy, Sea Marigold, Beach Carnation and Bushy Seaside Oxeye. It is a medium-sized, bushy perennial in the Aster or daisy family. This plant is native to the coastal wetlands of the eastern and southeastern United States and is often found in mangrove swamps, beach dunes, salt marshes and tidal flats.

This attractive shrub typically grows between two to four feet high and is much broader than it is tall. It has silvery-green oval leaves and attractive, yellow, daisy-like blooms that contain 15 to 30 yellow ray florets surrounding multiple stiff, yellow-orange disk florets with black anthers (the part of a stamen that produces

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ARC Corner
Architectural Review Committee

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*.



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ARC submittal deadline dates serve to allow staff and committee members adequate time to review the technical aspects of submittals. All Preliminary and Final New Construction submittals are **due by 12:00 noon, three (3) weeks prior** to the meeting date. Drafts and all other submittals are **due by 12:00 noon, two (2) weeks prior** to the meeting date.

Because of the large number of submittals, ARC must adhere to these deadlines. Applications received after the deadline will be placed on the next month's meeting agenda. Incomplete applications must be fully completed prior to the deadline in order to be added to the meeting agenda. *(TIP: review the checklist at the top of each online application to ensure everything is complete.)*

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

Section A meeting schedule

Section B meeting schedule

Hurricane Season — What Does It Mean for BHI, ARC and Trees?

Though June marks the beginning of hurricane season, statistically, September is the height of hurricane season in southeastern North Carolina. And Bald Head Island has seen its fair share of hurricanes. How many of you were here in 2018 when Florence came to visit? What about Isaias or Ian? And let's not forget those tropical storms and the damage they have done. In other words, being prepared for the worst is the best course of action during hurricane season.

To start, do you have a hurricane action plan? Check out Brunswick County's emergency information site (*www.brunswickcountync.gov/e-alerts*) for details on how to get notifications, prepare an emergency kit and create an evacuation plan. North Carolina's "ReadyNC" website has additional resources (*www.readync.gov*). And don't forget to sign up for the Village of BHI's emergency notification system, Code Red (visit www.villagebhi.org and scroll down to "Safety" and click on "Subscribe" under "Notifications").

Job Sites on BHI

Preplanning also extends to any construction projects you have going on before the storm strikes. You and your contractors should make a habit of keeping your jobsite clean and securing loose materials at the end of every workday. Flying debris can wreak havoc not only on your property but your neighbors, as well.

ARC worksite guidelines go beyond keeping Bald Head Island

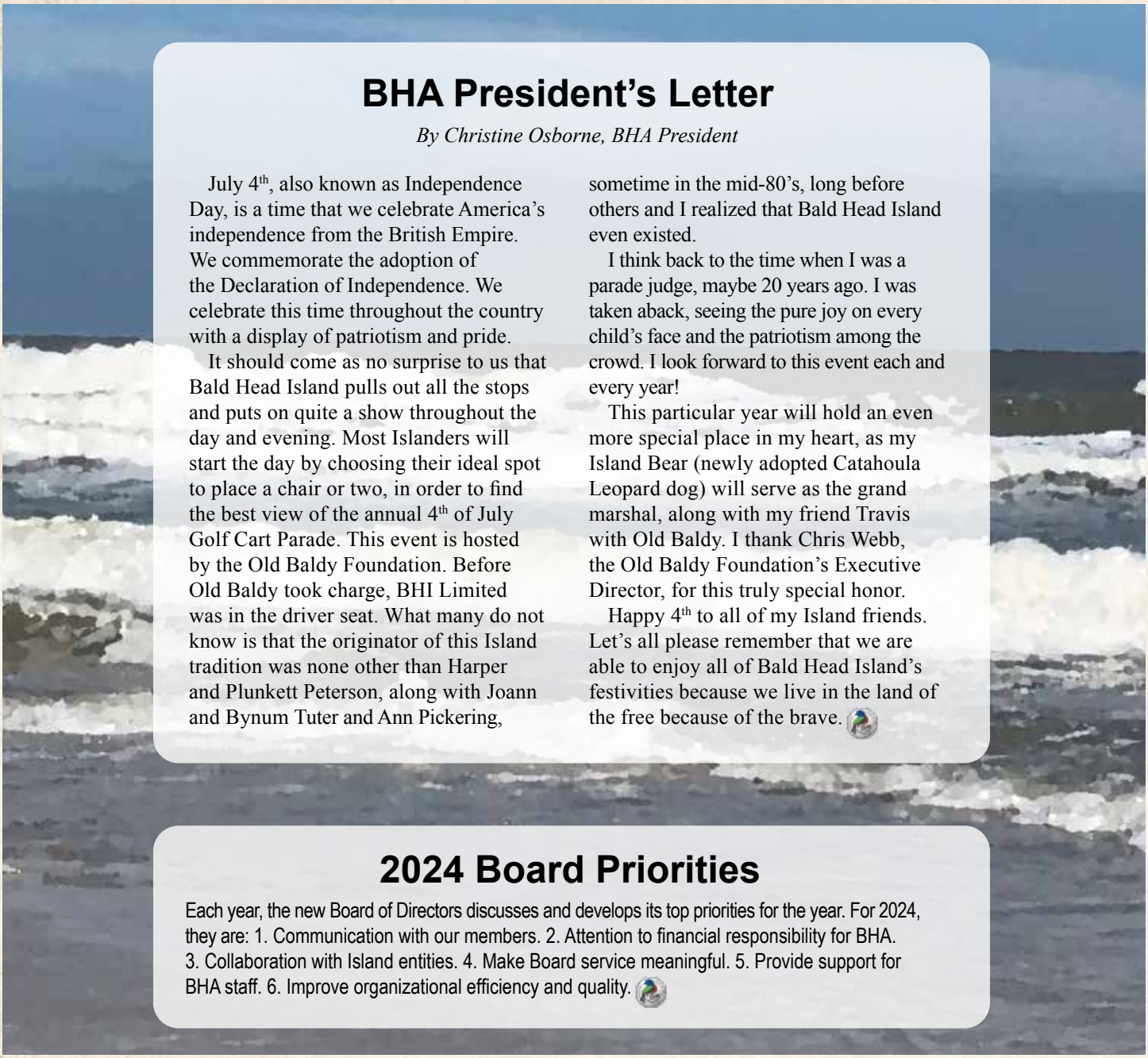
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BHA President's Letter

By Christine Osborne, BHA President

July 4th, also known as Independence Day, is a time that we celebrate America's independence from the British Empire. We commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. We celebrate this time throughout the country with a display of patriotism and pride.

It should come as no surprise to us that Bald Head Island pulls out all the stops and puts on quite a show throughout the day and evening. Most Islanders will start the day by choosing their ideal spot to place a chair or two, in order to find the best view of the annual 4th of July Golf Cart Parade. This event is hosted by the Old Baldy Foundation. Before Old Baldy took charge, BHI Limited was in the driver seat. What many do not know is that the originator of this Island tradition was none other than Harper and Plunkett Peterson, along with Joann and Bynum Tuter and Ann Pickering, sometime in the mid-80's, long before others and I realized that Bald Head Island even existed.

I think back to the time when I was a parade judge, maybe 20 years ago. I was taken aback, seeing the pure joy on every child's face and the patriotism among the crowd. I look forward to this event each and every year!

This particular year will hold an even more special place in my heart, as my Island Bear (newly adopted Catahoula Leopard dog) will serve as the grand marshal, along with my friend Travis with Old Baldy. I thank Chris Webb, the Old Baldy Foundation's Executive Director, for this truly special honor.

Happy 4th to all of my Island friends. Let's all please remember that we are able to enjoy all of Bald Head Island's festivities because we live in the land of the free because of the brave.

2024 Board Priorities

Each year, the new Board of Directors discusses and develops its top priorities for the year. For 2024, they are: 1. Communication with our members. 2. Attention to financial responsibility for BHA. 3. Collaboration with Island entities. 4. Make Board service meaningful. 5. Provide support for BHA staff. 6. Improve organizational efficiency and quality.

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Mosquito Control — YOU Can Help!

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer



Please help the Village control the mosquito population on the Island by taking preventive measures to remove potential breeding areas. This includes emptying pots or other rain-collecting containers, filling in low spots and making sure that you are inspecting tarps and boats after heavy rains to make sure that any water collected is taken care of as soon as possible. If you have a vessel at the Creek Access, please make sure that it is stored on its side or hull-side up to prevent rainwater collection.

The Village has a structured Mosquito Control Program that includes surveillance, monitoring and control methods. The Public Services Department has several employees who hold the proper licenses to purchase and apply a variety of restricted-use pesticides. No method controls the mosquito population 100%.

For more information about the Village's Mosquito Control Program, visit *https://villagebhi.org/departments-services/public-works/mosquito-control* or use the accompanying QR code.

Mosquito Control



Fire Safety Tips

A recent fire that destroyed a single-family home on the Island has brought fire safety to the forefront of Islander's minds. The Village often shares fire safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) on social media, here in the *Island Report* and on the bulletin board at the IPC/PO. There are fact sheets on every fire-related topic you can think of, and a few that may interest Islanders include "Lithium-Ion

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BHI Pirate Invasion August 2-4

By Sandy Kades







Left to right: Don Maitz, Captain Horatio Sinbad, Janny Wurts. Photos courtesy of the pirates.

As we welcome the pirates back to our Island August 2-4, I would like to share some of the backgrounds on a few of the pirates who have participated in our event over the years. Don Maitz is an internationally acclaimed artist who generously allows us to use his work for our posters and t-shirt images each year. Don's sense of adventure, sometimes spiced with humor, adds depth to the careful research and extraordinary attention to detail found in his art. Although Don's artwork can be found on book covers, in art book collections and in magazines, the iconic character he created for Captain Morgan Spiced Rum is probably his most widely recognized work. Most of his art is painted with oil colors in the painting techniques used by the old masters but he does use experimentation and innovations leading to unique applications of traditional media. Don has won many awards throughout his 40-year career, and his many clients include the National Geographic Society, Paramount Pictures and Warner Bros. Entertainment. He has illustrated books by Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury and Stephen King. His original art can be found hanging at various museums and within private collections. One of his original oils titled "Sinbad to Windward" (which we used for our poster a couple of years ago) is currently hanging at the Pentagon.

Janny Wurts is the author of 20 novels and 36 short stories and novellas. Her most recent title in the Wars of Light and Shadow series, *Song of the Mysteries*, culminates more than 50 years of carefully evolved ideas. The cover images on the books, both in the United States and abroad, are her own paintings, depicting her vision of characters and setting. Her lavish use of language invites the mind into a crafted realm of experience, with characters and events woven into a complex tapestry drawn with an intensity to inspire an active fuel for thought. Janny's award-winning paintings have been showcased in exhibitions of imaginative work and displayed at museums. Janny is

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Beach-nesting Birds on Bald Head Island

By Allison Polinski, BHI Conservancy Coastal Scientist

Shorebird nesting season runs from April 1 to August 31, and it is important to "share the shore" during this time. While walking on the beach, you may have noticed signs designating bird-nesting areas. Shorebirds nest directly on the sand, and their eggs are camouflaged well, so it is important to stay out of these areas to give them plenty of space to incubate their eggs. Bald Head Island Conservancy assists state management agencies with the protection of nesting areas for species of conservation concern. This year, we are fortunate to have two species of nesting shorebirds!



Protective signage indicating shorebird nesting area. Photo by the BHI Conservancy.

Least Tern

Least Terns are colonial nesting birds, meaning they typically nest in large groups. They lay one to three eggs that incubate for 19 to 25 days. Least Terns are the smallest of all of the American tern species, but they ferociously defend their nests. When a

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Top left to right: Least Tern sitting on a nest. Can You spot the Least Tern eggs? Bottom left to right: Wilson's Plover over its nest. Wilson's Plover eggs. Photos by the BHI Conservancy.



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threat approaches, the group defends their nests by calling, diving, swooping and defecating to scare away the danger.

Wilson's Plover

Wilson's Plovers nest in isolated pairs or loose colonies of a few pairs. They typically lay three eggs that are incubated for around 25 days. They sometimes exhibit a "broken wing display" to protect their nest and young. When a threat approaches, the parent runs the other way and acts like it has a broken wing to lure predators away from its nest.

Both species face habitat loss and degradation due to beachfront development of their preferred nesting sites. Disturbance from human activity, predation and flooding are also threats to both species' nesting success.

What can you do to help nesting shorebirds?

1. Stay out of the roped areas and give birds plenty of space to nest. If a bird is having a reaction to your presence (calling loudly, diving, running away), then you are too close.
2. Keep dogs on leashes and away from birds.
3. Watch your step — shorebirds nest directly on the sand and may nest outside of designated areas.
4. Call our Wildlife Hotline 910-457-0089, ext. 5 if you find a nest outside of the designated area. Do not pick up any eggs, chicks or birds.

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Battery Safety," "Fire Safety at Your Home Away from Home" and "Grilling Safety."

Of course, most Islanders should know that fireworks are prohibited on Bald Head Island. Please make sure you let your visitors and guests know this!

Here are a few more tips:

- Have a monitored alarm system and do not let your monitoring contract lapse (Village ordinance requires monitored smoke detection systems). Every minute counts when responding to a fire, so please make sure you have a working system so the Department of Public Safety is alerted as quickly as possible.
- Have your sprinkler systems inspected annually.
- Make sure your address bollard is not blocked by vegetation and that address numbers are not faded. Address numbers should be clearly visible, both day and night.
- Purchase a Knox Box or examine existing Knox Boxes for rust or corrosion.

The Village has a few articles and the NFPA tip sheet information on its website. You can find it at *https://villagebhi.org/departments-services/public-safety/fire-safety* or use the accompanying QR code.

Fire Safety Website



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Contact Information

You may have noticed both BHA's campaign "Let's Connect" and the Village of BHI's campaign "Community Connect" to gather property owner contact information. Due to confidentiality requirements, both BHA and the Village cannot share personal information of BHI owners, which is the reason why both organizations need to collect data for themselves. It's important that both organizations have your contact information. Why? Keep reading.

BHA

BHA needs member contact information for general mailings, special notices, Annual Report, violation notices, billing/ statements and collection notices. There are additional programs that BHA would need your contact information for, such as BHA's key holding program.

Here is one example of why BHA needs your correct and complete contact information, including email address and phone number. Recently, a resident reported water coming from their neighbor's home when no one was at the house. This kindly neighbor correctly notified the Public Safety Department. Public Safety personnel were dispatched to the house and unfortunately discovered that the home did not have a Knox Box, so they were unable to access the home to assess the situation. Public Safety personnel then contacted BHA to see if the property owner had a "Key Holding" agreement, which was not the case. Fortunately, BHA had the correct email address and phone number for the property owners and was able to reach them. In this instance, the water leakage was due to a faulty hot water heater, and the situation was resolved.

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Making a Difference

By Pat Miller

As I go through my photos of 35 years on the Island, what stands out is the beauty of what drew us to Bald Head Island in those early years — dogwood trees in the forest, gravel road (one lane) to East Beach, no thoughts of beach renourishment (the shipping channel had not been deepened), the "Generator Society" making sure we kept what was most important as our primary goal (our natural resources) and a community focused on "keeping Bald Head Island a place for future generations to enjoy what we were enjoying." The sunrises and sunsets are just as beautiful. The moonrises and moonsets still give a sense of awe. The forest trees and animals still depend on us to protect them.

Ask yourself what you can do so "future generations" can be blessed the way we are blessed. Leave only footprints on the beach, turn off lights that are not needed at night, work with the BHI Conservancy to protect our marsh and forest and, most of all, make sure you enjoy this beautiful barrier island by making memories. What will your answer be to the question, "Did you make a difference?"

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Dale Giera, owner and master craftsman, created Trinity Design Build on Bald Head Island after building custom, award-winning homes in the Triangle area for more than 30 years. Being an island property owner who has completed many new construction and remodeling projects on the island, Dale is well versed on the details of building on Bald Head Island.

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All in a Name — Part 2

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

Welcome back to our series exploring the origins of names intertwined with Bald Head Island. I ended last month's article mentioning how the name Bald Head Island is a little silly, yet for a reason not often realized. Where I find silliness is that Bald Head wasn't the official name of this Island until the 1970s through the 1980s. Prior to that, Bald Head was a well-known nickname but not the official name. The actual name of the Island from 1713 until the recent development was Smith Island, named after Thomas Smith II. Who was Thomas Smith II? And what was the name prior to 1713? Let us take a deep dive yet again, into the origins of our Island's names.



Map of North Carolina circa 1714 highlighting how the Cape Fear River was considered the boundary between the Carolinas. Map courtesy of the Talbot County Free Library.



Portrait of Landgrave Thomas Smith circa 1691. Photo courtesy of Wikimedia.



Portrait of Governor Benjamin Smith. Image courtesy of the State Archives of North Carolina.

The first-known name for this Island was neither Bald Head nor Smith, it was Cape Island[1]. Indeed, it was Cape Island until May 18, 1713, when the Island was granted to Thomas Smith II as Landgrave (or governor) of South Carolina. Smith and South Carolinians were required to pay taxes on all trade with American Indians or Native Americans within SC. If that trade happened elsewhere (such as on Bald Head), then Smith could avoid paying those lofty SC taxes. Note, the border between North Carolina and South Carolina was murky until British Royal authorities demarcated it in 1735. Prior to 1735, many people thought the Cape Fear River marked the northernmost point of South Carolina. Thus, it is commonly accepted that Smith petitioned for, and was granted, the land in order to avoid paying taxes.[2]

Nonetheless, for whatever reason, Smith ended up acquiring the Island and keeping it until the 1820s when his heir, Benjamin

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Map of North Carolina circa 1800 showing Smith Island and Smithville. Map courtesy of the American Antiquarian Society.



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also a musician who has won many awards as a bagpiper. Some of you might have heard her haunting melody as the music for one of the scary skits during our ghost walk a few years ago. She is also an accomplished offshore sailor and equestrian, and currently rides as a volunteer on the mounted team for Peace River K9 Search and Rescue Association.

Captain Horatio Sinbad has been sailing to our Island for the Pirate Invasion for many years on his ship named *Meka II*. Captain Sinbad, a real merchant adventurer built *Meka II* in his backyard in Detroit, Michigan, when he was 19. He launched her in 1967 and spent his summers cruising the Great Lakes. In 1970, he was turned loose on the high seas, escaping the Great Lakes via the St. Lawrence Seaway and has pursued one seagoing adventure after another, managing to raise four children along the way. In addition to building his own ship, he has also built other boats and has been a draftsman, restaurant owner, charter boat captain, commercial boat operator and pirate merchant. Recently, he has used his sword less and his pen more and has published his first book. He has lived aboard his ship continuously for over five decades, making Beaufort, North Carolina, his homeport.

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Smith,[3] passes away with unpaid debts. In order to mitigate some of that debt, the county foreclosed on and then acquired Smith Island. Although no longer owned by a Smith, the name stuck. You actually see the name Smith around here even more than Bald Head.

Before current Southport was given that name, it was actually named Smithville, in his honor. The city was renamed Southport in the 1880s, when it was thought that the city would grow to become the largest port in the south. The prior name is still used today for the name of our township, Smithville Township.

Granted, as we discovered last month, the nickname Bald Head Island was widely known and used throughout history. In addition, the "Bald Head" part is now correct; however, the Island part is generally no longer correct. Why? Check back next month to figure out why!

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[1] Sometimes Bald Head Island was also referred to as Cedar Island.
[2] *The Story of Cape Fear and Bald Head Island* by Kevin Duffus.
[3] Benjamin Smith was a large enslaver (enslaving over 200 people) who went on to be an aide-de-camp for George Washington during the Revolutionary War and a prominent NC politician, rising to be the 16th governor of the state.

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beautiful; they are designed to help you and your contractors avoid potential devastation through providing preventive measures. Clean worksites are always essential. Make sure your contractor keeps the job site clean and free of litter, especially materials that can be blown by wind. Construction fencing should be installed and maintained.

As the property owner, you — not your builder — are ultimately responsible for compliance with all relevant BHA Covenants, Design Guidelines and Community Wide Standards (CWS). All of these documents are on BHA's website (*www.BaldHeadAssociation.com*). For those who have contractors working on your property, make sure they have a hurricane preparation plan in place.

It is crucial to have in writing the person who is responsible for various preparation tasks such as securing loose materials, which otherwise could become lethal flying objects. By delegating specific assignments in advance, a contractor's employees can avoid confusion and act quickly. Some tasks include:

- Secure trash containers and other debris. Dumpsters should never overflow, and contents must be secured from wind.
- Remove equipment and tools.
- Secure or remove portable bathrooms.
- Remove fence screens and any signage.
- If possible, take measures to protect utility systems.

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Monthly ARC Quiz

1. To prepare for hurricane season I should:
   A. Cut any tree limbs hanging over my house so they don't fall on my house.
   B. Make sure any construction materials on my property, including trash, is secured at the end of each workday.
   C. Visit the Ready North Carolina and Brunswick County emergency websites for tips on hurricane preparations.
   (*Answer: B and C*)
2. In the event of a hurricane damaging a tree on my property, I should:
   A. Address any tree issues that pose immediate danger to humans or property and send before and after photos to *Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com*.
   B. Cut down any tree that is damaged, whether it poses immediate danger or not.
   C. Gather all the fallen limbs and build a bonfire on the beach.
   D. Follow BHA's Design Guidelines for tree trimming that can be done without needing ARC prior approval.
   (*Answer: A and D*)



Handling Yard Debris — Help Mitigate Fire Hazards



As you travel around Bald Head Island, you may have noticed landscape debris piles on the roadside that have been there for an extended time period. Some debris piles have even been dumped on empty lots. Temporary debris piles left on your own lot for the Village to pick up — as long as you notify them accordingly — are allowed. Let's cover handling yard debris if you're a homeowner or a contractor. Handling debris piles in the correct manner can help mitigate fire hazards.

First, before you or a contractor start trimming or cutting, make sure you comply with the Design Guidelines (visit *www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines*).

Debris piles with no pickup notification to the Village are not allowed; plus, they could present a possible fire hazard, especially if left for a long time. If you've hired a landscape contractor, they are responsible for handling the debris correctly. As the homeowner, please ensure that your contractor complies.



The Village of BHI has scheduled pickups of yard debris year-round for residents who do their own yard work and who occupy a home on the property. The Village notes that it is not a lot-clearing service and that the house must be occupied to use this pickup service. The schedule for April through October is twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday. For November through March, pickup is once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.

The Village will not accept limbs larger than six inches in diameter at the largest point. Piles should be left on the roadside but ensure they are not placed on water meters or other utility infrastructure. To request a pickup, call 910-457-9700, ext. 1000 or place a service request online (*www.villagebhi.org* and select "Service Request" just below the photo, on the right). The request must be made no later than 2:00pm on the day before the scheduled pickup. Requests made after this time will be scheduled for the next pickup day. **You must call in or place an online work order, or it will not be picked up.**

If you are able to transport your landscaping debris, you may take it to the Timbercreek Mulch Site on North Bald Head Wynd.



BHI Questions? Yard Sales

Yard sales are not allowed on Bald Head Island. This includes any signage and sale/giveaway item placement in yards or driveways. Single items for sale or giveaway that are offered on social media may be placed discreetly, such as on a porch, and yet not be visible from the road. It's all about how it affects your neighbors.

For bulk pickup requests, visit the Village of BHI's website at *www.villagebhi.org*, hover on "Departments & Services" and select "Public Works."

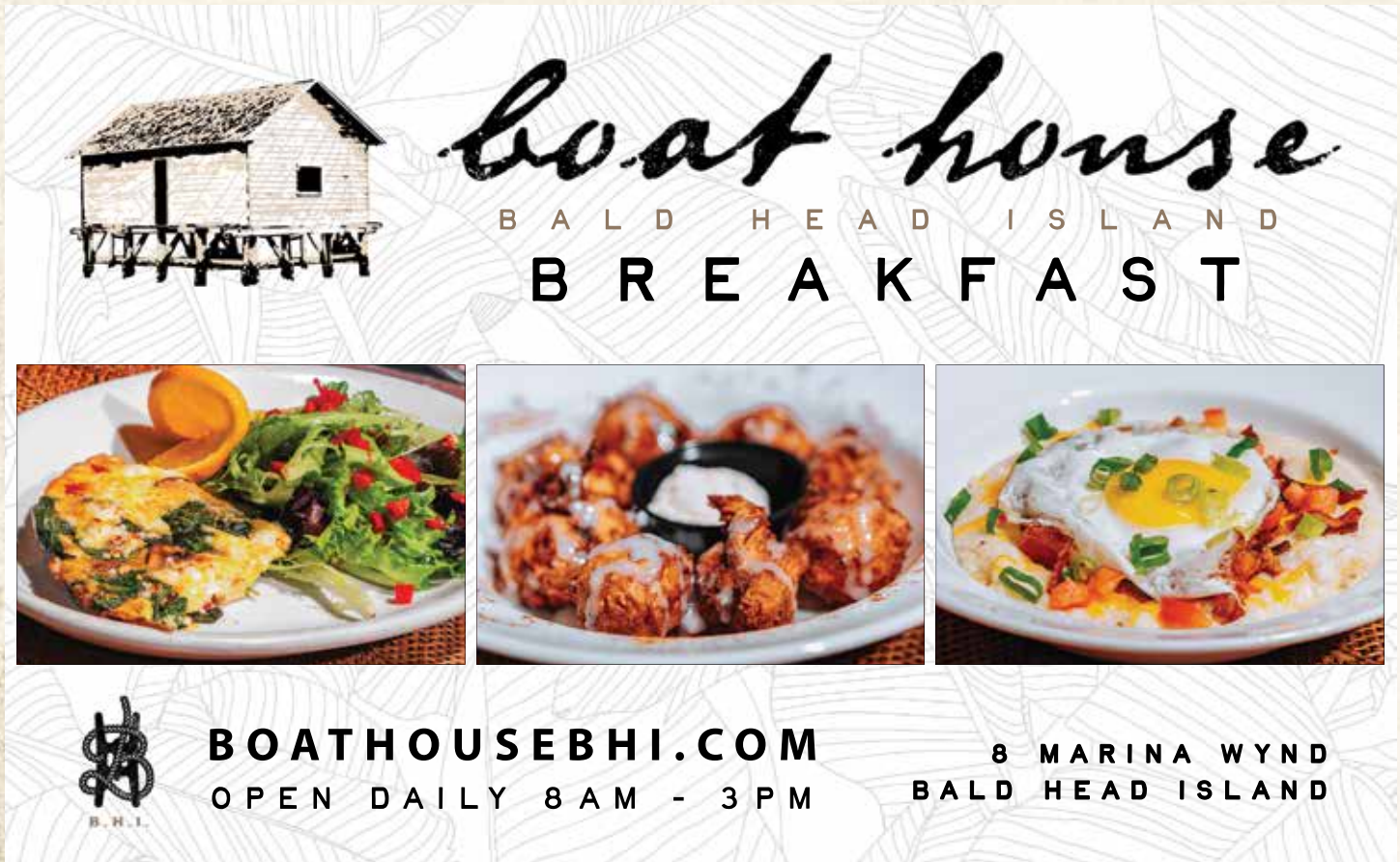
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Property owners and contractors should monitor the weather regularly to help ensure adequate time for preparation. Although it may look like a normal day today, a storm could be nearby.

After a Storm

Once a storm has passed and everyone is safe, you'll want to take a look at your home on BHI. How did it fare with the wind, rain and/or storm surge? First, take care of anything that poses an "immediate danger" to humans or property — don't forget to take before and after photos to submit to the ARC. Then evaluate other damage to your house, garage and trees. A lot of repairs and some clearing can be done without ARC approval (repair or replace "like" with "like" materials; trim small branches according to the Design Guidelines). You may also want to consult our tree guide titled "Hangers and Leaners after a Storm" (from the homepage *www.BaldHeadAssociation.com*, search for "hangers"). Or, if storm damage to a crofter might be the springboard for the renovation project you've been delaying, check the Design Guidelines (under "Architectural Review") to learn more about the ARC process.

We hope this hurricane season will pass without a visit to our Island, but if you do need assistance with the Design Guidelines and how they apply in cases of storm damage, contact Chris Howard at 910-457-4676, ext. 23 or *Chris@BaldHeadAssociation*.com. For any questions about trees, contact Pam Rainey at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or at *Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com*.



BHA 2024 Assessment Dues — Don't Wait for the Lien Process in August

Thank you to all property owners who have paid their annual BHA 2024 assessment dues, which were originally due by February 15, 2024. For property owners who have not yet paid, final statements were mailed in June, and the lien process will start in August on properties with outstanding balances.

Payments can be made easily and securely on the website at *www.BaldHeadAssociation.com*. On the top menu, click on "Make A Payment." If you are signed up for Owner Access and log in under "Property Owner," the amount due is shown. If you are not signed up for Owner Access and log in under "Other," the amount due is not shown, and you must enter the amount from your statement.

Website payments can be made using a checking account (ACH) or credit card, with accompanying fees. If you prefer to mail a check, send it to Bald Head Association, PO Box 3030, Bald Head Island, NC 28461. Please note your BHI street address in the check's memo line and include your account number. For any questions, contact Leigh Ann Fink at *Leighann@BaldHeadAssociation.com* or 910-457-4676, ext. 27. Thank you!

The Return of the BHI Marina Swings

This past March, posts on Facebook's Positively BHI were asking where the porch swings under the covering on Keelson Row in the Harbour had gone. Community members missed them and wanted them back. One person even posted a painting that she had done of her mom sitting in one of the swings.

Good news! The swings are back.

BHA did some digging. BHI Limited owns a portion of the marina, but the area where the swings are located is owned by the BHI Yacht Club. Over the years, the swings had become dilapidated from weather and wear and tear. Due to safety liability, the swings were removed.

So, after folks wondered what had happened and expressed how much they missed them on social media, the BHI Yacht Club responded. They replaced the old swings with two new, synthetic, bench-style porch swings this past spring. According to Ben Traynham, BHI Limited Marina Manager, "The BHI Yacht Club is restoring the BHI culture one swing at a time."

Please Share BHI Roads With Us!

Driving slowly can help reduce the number of wildlife creatures getting hit. The speed limit on BHI is 18 mph unless otherwise posted. Pass it along!





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Fireworks and Sparklers Are Illegal, and Individual Burn Permits Are Not Allowed

Any firework that explodes or leaves the ground is not legal in North Carolina. These include firecrackers, spinners, roman candles, bottle rockets and aerial fireworks. Sparklers, defined in the dictionary as "handheld fireworks that emit brilliant sparks on burning," are considered pyrotechnics and are not allowed.

Any fire on this Island we love could be devastating for people, property and wildlife. The Village of BHI Ordinance "Sec. 16-81. Pyrotechnics restricted" reads:

> *The possession and/or use within the confines of the village of pyrotechnics by any individual except by special permit of the county is declared unlawful. Violation of this section shall be a civil violation punishable by a civil fine of $100.00. Any individual cited for violation of this section shall pay the civil penalty at the office of the village clerk within 48 hours of the issuance of the citation. In addition, violation of this section shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.00 and/or imprisonment pursuant to G.S. 14-4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the village from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.*

The Village of BHI Ordinance Sec. 12-55 regarding individual burn permits reads:

> *Ordinance Sec. 12-55: Between May 1 and November 15 of any year, the director of public safety shall not issue any burn permits to individuals.*

Rip Currents

Rip currents are strong, narrow currents that flow away from the beach. Known as "rivers of the sea" that can sweep you off your feet in ankle-deep water, these localized currents can carry unsuspecting swimmers farther out to sea, at rates of 1-2 feet per second and up to 8 feet per second (the speed of an Olympic freestyle swimmer) and are generally no more than 80 feet wide.

If you get pulled farther from shore, **DO NOT PANIC**. Though your instinct will want you to swim back toward shore, DO NOT do this — that action puts you at risk of drowning because of fatigue. Experts recommend not to fight it and to swim parallel to shore until you are out of the channel of current. Then swim back to land at an angle. Conserve energy when necessary — float on your back or tread water. The important thing to remember is to **RELAX** until you are ready to swim parallel to shore.

Check the Facebook pages for BHI Public Safety and the Village of BHI for timely alerts, reminders and information, including weather and surf zone cautions.

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Calling All BHI Business Owners Celebrating 20+ Years

Calling all BHI business owners who are celebrating 20+ years on Bald Head Island! BHA is starting an *Island Report* series featuring businesses who have been on BHI for 20+ years. Help us spread the word. Send us your business name, owner name(s), mobile number, email address, business address and the date you started working on BHI. Email Pam Henson at *Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com* and include "BHI 20+ years" in the subject line.

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and contains pollen) on the tips. The flowers are approximately one inch in diameter. This plant requires full sun to minimal shade and thrives in moist to very dry, well-drained soils.

Silver Sea-oxeye is an ideal plant for decorative landscaping and for coastal environments because it is highly drought and salt tolerant. The bright-yellow flowers bloom year-round, which attract pollinators such as butterflies, and the seeds provide food for birds and other small wildlife.

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Village of BHI

Per the Village, "Bald Head Island's Department of Public Safety is always looking for ways to better serve the citizens of Bald Head Island. For this reason, we are rolling out a new program to protect our residents and their property in the most effective way possible. Community Connect is a free, secure and easy to use platform that allows you to share critical information about your household that will aid first responders and emergency response personnel when responding to your residence. By providing information about your household that you feel is important for us to know about at the time of an emergency, we can ensure you and everything you care about is protected to the best of our ability." To sign up, visit the Village's website at *www.villagebhi.org/departments-services/public-safety*.

If you have a question about Knox Boxes, contact the Village's Public Safety Department at 910-457-5252.

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

July 2024:

BHI Conservancy Picnic and Live Auction	7/1/2024	4pm
BHI Conservancy Online Auction Closes	7/3/2024	9pm
4th of July Holiday	7/4/2024	
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2024	
Old Baldy's 4th of July 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
Paint By Numbers Class	7/9/2024 and 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
Hand Lettering + Oyster Lettering Class	7/17/2024	7pm
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	9:30am

Save the Date in August:

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
Old Baldy Foundation's Run for the Light	8/4/2024	6pm
ARC-B Meeting	8/16/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	8/16/2024	10am
BHA Board Meeting	8/23/2024	9:30am
Howl at the Moon — "Sturgeon Moon"	8/19/2024	6:30pm
BHI Island Artisans Show and Sale	8/31/2024	10am

Around the Corner in 2024:

Labor Day	9/2/2024	
BHA Office Closed	9/2/2024	
ARC-A Meeting	9/6/2024	9:30am
Community Potluck Dinner	9/9/2024	6pm
Project Longevity	9/10/2024 and 9/24/2024	1pm
Howl at the Moon — "Harvest Moon"	9/17/2024	5:30pm
ARC-B Meeting	9/20/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	9/20/2024	10am
BHA Board Meeting	9/27/2024	9:30am

Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Pilates Classes (Tues. & Thurs. July 23, 25; Aug. 1, 6, 13, 15, 22, 27, 29):		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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