



Bald Head Association

Island Report

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Love BHI? Volunteer to Help!

President's Letter ~ Judy Porter

In addition to the busy and dedicated staff, much of the work of the Bald Head Association is done by volunteer members. In January, at the time of the Annual Meeting, the terms of many of these committee members will expire. I ask that you consider how you can make a contribution to the Association by serving on the BHA committee of your choice.

We have five standing committees — Architectural Review Committee (ARC); Finance Committee; Resource Conservation and Beautification Committee (RCB); Socialization, Education and Recreation Committee (SER); and Strategic Planning and Long Range Projects Committee (SPLRP). Information on the standing bylaw charges and the 2018 goals for each of these committees can be found on the Bald Head Association website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

The year 2018 has been a year of unusual change and growth as we completed our first year as a merged organization. All of our committees enjoyed some new members this year but could easily welcome more. We have a particularly serious need for



applicants who are willing to serve on either the Finance Committee or the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

The Finance Committee helps monitor the finances of the BHA and works with staff to prepare budgets. This committee also reviews and updates the BHA financial policy and is currently developing a 5-year budget outlook.

ARC meets once a month to review plans for new construction, renovations and landscapes. They are charged with seeing that all changes to members' properties adhere to the BHA's Design Guidelines,

in order to preserve the charm and beauty of Bald Head Island.

Serving on a committee is a great way to know your fellow islanders better. You will find volunteer application forms on the BHA website (www.BaldHeadAssociation.com) or can easily pick one up in the BHA office at 111 Lighthouse Wynd, which is open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Carrie at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com or me at rporters@bellsouth.net.



Vision 2025 Framework for the Future — Goal 5

By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island

The final set of recommendations from **Vision 2025** address an issue that has at times been delicate and difficult.

Simply put, it's "Who runs this place?" In less succinct terms, Goal 5 of **Vision 2025** follows.

"With the maturation of the Village as a municipality, revisit Village governance standards and organizational structure, Village responsibilities versus other Island entities, and develop a strategic plan for operational growth that accommodates a growing population."

Understanding how Island governance evolved may help clarify this issue and this goal.

In the mid-1970s, over 100 property owners who were either

homeowners or in the process of building agreed that a property owners' association was needed to create and uphold restrictions

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BHA Supports Movement to Reduce and Eliminate Plastic Items on BHI

BHI Village's Environmental Task Force (ETF) is leading a movement on Bald Head Island to eliminate plastic bags and reduce the number of single-use plastic containers (such as plastic to-go containers, bottled water and drinking straws) by 2020.

This is a coordinated effort with BHA's Resource Conservation and Beautification Committee (RCB). RCB is working to expand this reduction list to include any Styrofoam items. One of RCB's intentions is to lead, not follow, for Bald Head Island and for the state of North Carolina.

"Promotion of environmental stewardship" is one of Bald Head Association's (BHA) guiding principles, and this effort is strongly encouraged by BHA.

Alternatives exist for these types of plastic, which are harmful to sea creatures, create litter and can take up to 450 years to biodegrade. Start now and spread the word. Use refillable drink containers and reusable grocery bags. Ask for non-plastic to-go

containers and use recyclable chipboard to-go containers instead. When enough requests for recyclable materials are made, businesses listen.

Delphina's and Maritime Market offer recyclable to-go containers. Plastic drinking straws have already been replaced at Mojo's with stainless steel straws for purchase, and the BHI Club now uses paper straws.

It takes a unified effort among all BHI entities, businesses, contractors and property owners. And communication is key. If you rent your home, if you have family and friends visit, inform everyone about the effort to reduce single-use plastics.

Join this effort to help preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come. And help with litter prevention efforts — participate in Island Litter Sweeps, pick up litter that you see, prevent litter by securing items on carts, at the beach and on your property. Ensure that all contractors and their employees have a plan to prevent littering. 

New to BHA? BHA's Annual Meeting and Voting Process

On the last Saturday morning of each January, Bald Head Association members gather to elect a new board, consider any Board-recommended changes to governing documents and learn about the Association's challenges and successes for the previous year. Not only is it an opportunity for members to learn more about BHA, it's also a chance to learn more about the inner workings of the entire Island. In addition to BHA representatives, members also traditionally hear from other BHI entities, including the developer BHI Limited, the Village of BHI, the BHI Club, Old Baldy, the Chapel, Middle Island's POA, the Public Safety Auxiliary and the BHI Conservancy. All that information is packed into less than two hours! Numerous long-time property owners have expressed that they learned more about Bald Head Island at the Annual Meeting than they had from any other source.

As required by BHA's Covenants, members will receive in

late December 2018 a packet of information with materials for the 2019 Annual Meeting. The packet contains BHA's 2018 Annual Report and a proxy that members can fill out and return to BHA prior to the deadline if they're not planning to attend the meeting. Proxies must be received by BHA by January 24, 2019. Specific voting instructions can be found on the proxy. Members planning to attend the meeting don't need to return their proxy and can simply vote via ballots provided on the day of the meeting.

Make plans now to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019, beginning at 9:00am. The meeting will be held at BHA's Association Center, located at 111 Light-house Wynd.

Contact Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com or 910-457-4676, ext. 26 with questions. 

Smith Island Social Canceled for 2019

Hurricane Florence's lingering effects continue to be felt on Bald Head Island, causing the cancellation of the January 2019 Smith Island Social.

Held annually at the BHI Club, BHA's Smith Island Social draws hundreds of property owners to the Island for an evening of socializing and enjoyment. The damage sustained to the BHI Club by Hurricane Florence means there is no other alternative location to host a gathering of this size.

This event started in 1974 and was originally held in early October, featuring recreation activities such as tennis, fishing, croquet and golf. A report from BHA's Recreation and Education Committee dated October 17, 1986, stated that 120 property

owners attended. On Friday night, "a barbecue following the cocktail party was held in the parking area near the Pelicatessen. The Saturday night cocktail party and dinner-dance was held around the swimming pool, which makes an ideal setting for a large party."

Here is an update from BHI Club on the status of the Ocean Room. "This room is currently in the demolition phase and will be taken down to the studs. Our ad hoc Facilities Committee is currently working through the redesign for this room in hopes of creating an elegant, yet versatile venue for the variety of functions that take place in this room throughout the year. The expected completion date is January-February 2019." 

BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Update

With the timing of the November 21st meeting occurring at the deadline for the December *Island Report*, an update will be printed in the January *Island Report*.

BHA Common Area

An update of the Common Area policy (Appendix F in the Design Guidelines) was approved by BHA's Board of Directors on November 9, 2018. The document draft is available at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

The updated policy explains in more detail how Common Area can be used, as well as the process for work requests.

BHA Common Areas typically are the buffer areas between units and golf course property and units and the beach, between neighborhood properties and, sometimes, between units. No clearing, landscaping or improvements of any type may occur on these properties without the permission of Bald Head Association.

Association Common Area is defined in the Covenants in Article 1.8 as all real property and facilities owned by the Association for the common use and enjoyment of all members of BHA, including greenways, recreational areas, dunes, beaches and roadways. It is intended that the Common Area will include all of the subject property except platted lots, multi-family sites, and other non-residential areas, the golf course, clubhouse sites and sites established for utility purposes.

There are three classes of Common Area:

1. Fairway — those tracts adjoining the golf course property.
2. Forest — those tracts located in the forest of Bald Head Association that do not adjoin the golf course.
3. Dune/Beach — those tracts in Bald Head Association that are located outside of the forested area and that do not adjoin the golf course, including waterfront properties.



Don't Learn the Hard Way

Here are some tips to prevent property owners from learning the hard way about tampering with Common Areas on BHI, as well as helping to preserve BHI's unique and delicate ecosystem. Fines and/or mitigation are typically required for removing vegetation and trees from Common Area.

1. Know your property lines.
2. Supervise all contractor work — the property owner is the responsible party.
3. Common Areas are overseen by the BHA Board of Directors.
4. No change can be made to BHA Common Area without the consideration and prior approval of the BHA Board of Directors.
5. A new construction deposit may be used to restore any damage to Common Area.

"Drip-Edge" Communities

Note to the "drip-edge" communities of Keeper's Landing, Summer's Crescent and Sufman's Walk — homeowners **DO NOT** own the land around their homes (beyond the home's "drip-edge"). BHA owns and manages the land surrounding the homes in these communities, including all trimming, planting and tree removal. Homeowners or other landscapers may **NOT** trim trees, bushes, vines, grasses, etc. around their homes.

Save Trees on BHI

In one year alone, eight property owners have improperly cut nearly 200 inches of trees on Common Area that were not authorized by the BHA Board of Directors. This results in fines for the property owner and mitigation, plus the loss of trees that are important to BHI's delicate ecosystem. **DO NOT** assume. Ask BHA first!

BHI Village Post-Hurricane Florence Task Force

BHI Village Council has formed a Post-Hurricane Florence Task Force. The *Village's Voice* states, "At its October 19th council meeting, Village Council agreed to the formation of a task force to identify opportunities for improvement as it relates to 'lessons learned' with the Village's response to Hurricane Florence."

Out of 31 applications requested, 25 were submitted to Village Council by the deadline of November 15. Seven members were appointed at the November 16th Council work session. Task force members were selected by ballot vote. Those with the highest number of votes were appointed.

Task force members include Joe Brawner, Rex Cowdry, Keith Earnshaw, Pete Fullam, Scott Gardner, Peter Menk and Conn Sharp. John May is the Council liaison. Chris May, Cape Fear Council of Governments, will act as the facilitator.

Council has encouraged those who are on the lead committee to work with the remaining volunteers.

Stay tuned for updates. For questions, contact Daralyn Spivey at 910-457-9700, ext. 1001 or dspivey@villagebhi.org.

Join us!

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Monday, December 3, 2018 / 5:30pm

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(Next one is Monday, January 21, 2019.)

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In the Wake of Hurricane Florence

Responding to property owner needs in the wake of Hurricane Florence, BHA has developed interim solutions for streamlining and expediting damage-related requests pertaining to trees and landscape, as well as exterior structure repairs.

Trees and Landscape

All Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Design Guidelines, including guidelines for trees, limbs and understory, remain in place. However, BHA understands the need for a more immediate response to public safety issues. There are some levels of dealing with post-storm trees and landscape issues.

When appropriate, owners of forest lots are encouraged to give much needed support to the fragile BHI eco-system by allowing felled and broken trees to remain. These trees provide essential habitat for the island's insects, birds and wildlife.

SPECIAL ARC REVIEW — Damaged trees that are located in areas not safety critical require ARC review and approval prior to removal, and ARC will deal with storm-related issues in an expedited manner. During October and November, ARC will facilitate interim reviews to address certain storm-related changes concerning trees and landscape, where it would cause hardship to wait for the regularly scheduled ARC meeting. Call the ARC office at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 (Karen) or ext. 23 (Julie).

REGULAR ARC REVIEW — All other BHA Design Guidelines regarding trees and landscaping must be followed, including rules pertaining to vacant lots. Use the regular ARC submittal process for this level of trees and landscape issues.

Do NOT assume you own the land behind your home. A majority of homes abut Common Area, which is managed by BHA (except for the Harbour area). In 2018 alone, numerous

ARC Corner



Planning a renovation project or new construction?
Want to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
Thinking about any landscape changes?

Ask ARC before any work begins!

ARC is your resource for all work pre-approvals
and to help you comply with BHA's Design Guidelines.

Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 901-457-4676, ext. 22
or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

property owners have incurred major fines and mitigation fees for executing unauthorized tree work on BHA Common Area. One property owner cut down 20 large trees for a golf course view without first consulting BHA and now faces significant remediation costs.

BHA-managed Multi-family/"Drip-Edge" Communities (located in former Stage II)

Homeowners of Keeper's Landing, Sumner's Crescent and Surfman's Walk **DO NOT** own the land around their homes (beyond the home's "drip-edge"). This surrounding land is owned and managed by BHA, and all landscaping is done by landscape contractors hired by BHA. This includes all trimming, planting and tree removal. **Owners or other landscapers may not trim trees, bushes, vines, grasses, etc. around their homes.** If an owner feels that any vegetation needs to be trimmed or removed, contact the Bald Head Association for details.

Repairing and/or Rebuilding with "Like-Kind" Versus New Materials — ARC Process

Keep in mind that an ARC Review submittal is not required to repair and/or rebuild previously approved items (existing) that have been damaged with like-kind materials and details.

For example, replacing a damaged window with the same type of window does not require an ARC Review. However, if you want to replace windows with a different style or design, then an application must be submitted to the ARC for review at a regularly scheduled meeting. This is consistent with the Bald Head Association Design Guidelines.

Requirements of the ARC Submittal Process

1. Complete application submittals must be received by 4:00pm, 14 days before the regularly scheduled ARC meeting.
2. Application submittals received after this specified deadline will be included on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled ARC meeting.
3. Incomplete application submittals will not be included on the ARC agenda.



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Coyotes on Bald Head Island

By Elizabeth S. Darrow, PhD,
Senior Scientist BHI Conservancy

Coyotes' ranges are expanding in North Carolina, and they are present and active on Bald Head Island. BHI Conservancy has documented a few family groups of coyotes throughout the past few years.

They are most visible in the dunes at night and were often seen by BHIC's sea turtle team on their summer night patrols. Coyotes most commonly scavenge opportunistically or prey on small mammals such as rodents, but they could also be important predators of young deer.

Micah Walker, BHIC's white-tailed deer technician, conducted a study this summer using fawn decoys to determine if coyotes are interested in fawns. We caught a few coyotes on camera, and three of the six fawn decoys were attacked. We hope to follow up on this with a more in-depth study to determine how coyotes may help control deer population numbers on Bald Head Island.

Coyotes were present on the Island during Hurricane Florence. Two of the remaining eight sea turtle nests left during evacuation were dug up by coyotes, but we don't know if the nests had hatched prior to being scavenged. If you have an idea where a coyote den might be, please let the Conservancy know. This information could help us set up a population survey in the future.

As with all Island wildlife, be mindful that coyotes are present, especially if you have pets or small children. Give coyotes their space, and they will most likely leave you alone.



Top: Photo from BHIC trail camera. Bottom: Photo by Jerry Waits of a coyote on West Bald Head Wynd.



Hurricane-Related Tree Losses on BHI

By Elizabeth S. Darrow, PhD, Senior Scientist BHI Conservancy

Bald Head Island Conservancy was approached by the Village of BHI to help with estimates of numbers of trees lost or damaged by Hurricane Florence. This will aid in a state-wide application for federal funds to assist with debris removal and tree replanting in residential and commercial areas of the Island.

BHIC interns conducted surveys of a few residential areas throughout the Island that were bounded by roads, including Currituck, Maritime, Bay Tree and Dowitcher, ranging in area from 3-10 acres. An area of Middle Island was also surveyed. The marsh, golf courses and the Bald Head Woods Coastal Reserve were not included. Counts were made in each area of all recently uprooted or downed trees (counted as dead) and all trees that had major damage such as limbs down or flooding damage (counted as impacted).

The median number of trees lost across the four areas on BHI proper was 7.3 trees per acre, with the number of trees with crown damage was an additional 6.8 trees per acre. On Middle Island, 6.2 trees per acre were dead, and 11.3 trees per acre were otherwise damaged.

Depending on the amount of cleanup that had already occurred at each site, which made it difficult to estimate recent mortality, the mortality number could range from 3 to 27 trees per acre. Scaled-up total loss of trees was a median of 4,000 trees lost for Bald Head Island proper, not including the Coastal Reserve, with an additional 1,000 trees lost on Middle Island. Mortality estimates ranged from 2,000 to 16,000 trees, depending on the site. A further 4,000 trees had non-mortality impacts on BHI (5,000 when including Middle Island).



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Saving Sabal Palmetto Trees on BHI

By Pam Henson, BHA Communications Associate

Every once in a while, a perfect storm occurs, converging meteorological events that can cause harm. When was the last time you heard about a perfect storm with mutual benefit — of good intentions, the right timing and the key parties communicating? Read on. Here is a BHI perfect storm that created positive benefits for all parties.

I sat down with Adam Bachmeier, Golf Course Superintendent of BHI Club, and Bryan Griswold, Horticulturist of BHI Club, to learn about this story.



In late August, Jim and Theresa Bourdon, property owners on BHI, were working with their builder, John Liles, of REVEL Design + Build, to develop their lot on Currituck Way. They identified some sabal palmetto trees that would need to be removed for building. John, who serves as chair on the Greens Committee, mentioned to Adam about the trees, and rather than just destroy these sabal palmetto trees, the discussion of transplanting them for use at the BHI Club began.

The timing was spot-on, with BHI Club wanting to add some sabal palmetto trees around the playground area at that time. Bryan visited the property



Photos by Bryan Griswold.

owners' lot and tagged nine mature trees that met the necessary maximum 12-foot height to remain protected by the dunes in the transplanted area. Once the root ball was dug out, it was wrapped to protect the roots from air and keep moist. Five wrapped trees were left for the property owners to replant in the future, and Bryan transported and planted nine trees around the BHI Club playground. Each tree weighed approximately 1,200-1,500 pounds.

This opportunity met the needs of all parties, for mutual benefit. Adam says, "We were happy to help, in the spirit of Bald Head Island and conserving plant life."



Who Do I Call? Debris Pickup

If you miss the final post-Hurricane Florence debris pickup deadline by December 3, property owners are responsible for taking white goods to Public Works and vegetative debris (within Village size standards) to the Timbercreek Mulch Site.

Any C&D (construction and demolition) items must be taken off BHI by the contractor performing the work, who will charge the cost to that property owner.

For any questions, contact Jeff Griffin, Assistant Village Manager, at 910-457-9700, ext. 1003 or jgriffin@villagebhi.org.



Village Island Package Center

It's holiday time! That means many packages will both be sent and received at BHI Village IPC (Island Package Center). If there is a waiting line, please practice patience.

According to the BHI Village, its IPC is projected to receive an estimated **29,500** inbound packages throughout its 2018-2019 fiscal year. This is a continued 16.6% projected increase through FY 2015-2016 to present and includes UPS, FedEx and USPS packages.



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Debris Management Update Post Hurricane Florence

As of November 9, 2018

Approximate debris removed from right-of-way (ROW):

- 19,205 cubic yards of vegetative debris
 - 3,763 cubic yards of C&D
(construction and demolition) debris
 - 40 white goods items



Porch and Outdoor Lighting — This Means You

Light bulbs go out. Porch and driveway light fixtures get damaged. That's natural. Before you change that lightbulb or light fixture, check the lighting specifications in BHA's Design Guidelines. All outdoor lighting must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). BHI is a barrier Island with unique ecological environments that BHA has been entrusted to protect, according to its covenants.

Did you know that lighting is #3 of the top five issues that BHA deals with on a recurring basis? Here are some important highlights about exterior lighting:

- Outdoor, non-baffled, solar lights for walkways or driveways are not allowed.
- All outdoor lighting, including fixtures and bulb brightness, must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) **PRIOR** to installation. This includes new and replacement fixtures and bulbs.
- Homes on BHI must be extremely frugal with exterior lighting. All lighting must be baffled to prevent direct visualization of the light source.
- Beachfront and ocean-facing homes on the seaside of the Dune Ridge are required to prevent distraction of the hatchling and nesting sea turtles (May 1 through October 31 every year). This is a BHI Village ordinance and enforced by Village personnel. Installing room-darkening window treatments (blinds, shades and drapes) are methods listed in BHA's Design Guidelines.



Holiday lighting rules in the Design Guidelines state: "Holiday lighting is permitted from November 15 to January 15 only. Moderation is recommended. No holiday or string lighting is to be used for exterior decoration any other time during the year, including clear or white lights, nor is it permitted to be used to illuminate any exterior steps, porches, arbors, structures, etc., any other time of year.

"Homeowners are strongly encouraged to light only what they need, when they need it. A lost view of the stars extinguishes a connection with the natural world and blinds us to one of the most splendid wonders in the universe."

To read the exterior lighting section in the Unified Design Guidelines, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. It starts on page 120.

Re-CYCLE Update

By Gayle Sanders and Anne Rex

For the first time since around Easter this year, BHI Chapel's Re-CYCLE project has an empty bike container as of November 1, 2018.

With the November 1st load being delivered to Bicycle Man Community Outreach Project, between 760-770 bikes and parts were shipped from Bald Head Island to Fayetteville. All bicycles and parts will be refurbished for needy children.

Re-CYCLE helpers for the loading effort consisted of Steven and Sharon McCoy, Karen Mortimer, Brad and Shaun Smith, Troy and Olisha. Additionally, SAP's Alan Davies and Lance came with Jim Postum and their demo team. Assured Cleaning & Restoration provided Bryan and seven of their workers to make light work with many hands. It is amazing to continue having so much help with this BHI Chapel Mission Project. A giant thank you to everyone!

Stay tuned for when the Village gives clearance to allow folks to deliver their discarded, storm-damaged



bikes to the container site, which should be soon.

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Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) Lots

Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) is a subsidiary of Bald Head Island Conservancy (BHIC) and operates as a 501(c)(3). Unwanted lots on Bald Head Island are donated in perpetuity to SILT, and bollard signs identify these lots around the Island.

Once a lot is designated as a SILT lot, BHIC manages it. These properties are deemed to remain as is, with no cutting or clearing of any kind allowed. If a tree falls on one of these properties, it remains where it lies to decompose naturally. These lots are subject to BHA covenants regarding their natural state.

A SILT lot was recently observed to have several cut trees and vegetative debris cleared, piled up at

the roadside. **This is not allowed.**

Tips to property owners: **KNOW** your lot lines. **KNOW** the Design Guidelines and ask ARC for approval before **ANY** work is done. Homeowners are responsible for all work by contractors.



TIDBITS

(Noun) a small and particularly interesting item of information.

Community Wide Standards Approved

The new Community Wide Standards policy was approved and adopted by BHA's Board of Directors on October 26, 2018. To view the document, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/news.

Golf Cart 2019 Registration

The 2019 registration deadline for golf carts is December 31, 2018. Visit www.VillageBHI.org to pay your bill. If it's a golf cart needing first-time registration, you must register in person at Public Safety (273 Edward Teach Ext.).

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Contact Information Updates

Have you moved? Sold your home? Update BHA and BHI Village with any contact information changes. Contact Diane at BHA at 910-457-4676, ext. 21 or Diane@BaldHeadAssociation.com. Call BHI Village at 910-457-9700.

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Did You Miss?

Did you miss the article titled "Looking Out for Homeowners — Golf Cart Accidents and Owner's Liability" from the March 2018 *Island Report*? Check it out.

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for the preservation, maintenance and thoughtful development of the Island. Several years later, Bald Head Association was incorporated in 1982 and Covenants were created so that services and control of the Island's destiny could be transferred from the developer to property owners. The Mitchell Family purchased Bald Head Island in 1983, and Bald Head Island Limited became the new developer. The Village Council was chartered in 1985, with property owners joining the Council on a nominee basis from the Association. Later, the Village's charter was revised so the Council was elected by resident property owner vote. The formation of the municipality diminished the need for BHA to maintain typically government-provided services.

As you can imagine, this resulted in three entities that in many ways shared roles in governance. For instance, Limited, as the primary landholder, would pave roads in its newly opened subdivisions, and the Village would piggyback on those improvements. Even today, road paving is coordinated with Limited. There also remains some overlap between the Village and BHA for things like tree removal. Both have boat parks. BHA allows the Village to use its Common Area for the Village Dog Park. There are many examples of residual issues from single-developer ownership to homeowner control. It has been appropriate to defer to Limited's experience, expertise, longevity and generosity to Bald Head Island since 1983. It is always appropriate to collaborate.

It is now clear that Bald Head Island Limited is reducing its footprint on Bald Head Island. It is time for the Village to take responsibility for all the reins of government. Goal 5 of *Vision 2025* addresses this important change in Island dynamics.

Goal 5 of *Vision 2025* articulates five areas.

1. Explore strategies to encourage compliance with or enforcement of existing ordinances.

For many years, those who purchased on Bald Head Island embraced the restrictive elements of design and landscaping that are required. This resulted in only limited need for enforcement of ordinances, usually through reports of violations by other islanders. With an increasing number of improved properties, standards are not always maintained. This occurs primarily with existing homes' upgrades and with resales when new owners choose to change lighting and landscaping. Many new owners are unaware of the guidelines and make changes, not knowing that approvals are required. Maintaining the ambiance that makes our Island unique requires intention.

2. Continue efforts at cooperative, transparent and collaborative planning among all Island entities.

Cooperative and collaborative planning is fortunately something that our Island is doing well now. Formalizing and maintaining a network and schedule of gatherings of key Island entities is crucial for the Island's future.

3. Continue to refine disaster plans and provide education and communication to all who may be affected.

Hurricane Florence's recent visit adds emphasis to the need for

refining disaster plans. The existence of plans is only one piece. Education and communication are also critical. The formation of a task force to look at all facets of the Island response to Florence is under way. This should provide a framework for future storms. However, hurricanes are not the only disaster to which our Island is vulnerable. Plans for immediate evacuation of the Island under a range of conditions, such as fire or an accident in the river channel or at the Brunswick Plant, should be prepared, documented and shared.

4. Develop long-term environmental plans to include impacts from potential sea level rise, alternatives to paving to prevent flooding, improved recycling and rights-of-way maintenance policies.

Recycling initiatives are being addressed by the Environmental Task Force, described in #5 below.

As Hurricane Florence demonstrated, weather systems seem to be more intense. Ponding has occurred in new and unusual places. King Tide studies show the vulnerability of some Island roads to water intrusion from the creeks. If sea level is indeed rising, many Island roads, homes and Island infrastructure may be vulnerable. Studies should be pursued to determine what the risks are, what areas are vulnerable, and what infrastructure improvements would help to mitigate risks and damage.

5. Establish a Village Parks and Recreation Committee, an Economic Development Committee (separate from the Chamber of Commerce), and a committee for the Environment.

Three separate committees are sought to guide the direction and focus of Bald Head Island's growth. An Environmental Task Force has been formed to look at recycling and other means of minimizing Island waste. (Reducing use of straws and plastic bags has been underway.) An Economic Development Committee or task force, separate from the Chamber of Commerce, is needed to identify services integral to Island life. There is very limited commercial land available on Bald Head Island, so businesses and services that can be successful in this remote location should be carefully considered and prioritized. Finally, a formal Parks and Recreation Committee is desirable as a way to bring people together to enjoy activities not otherwise offered through the Island's clubs, the Conservancy or BHA. The Island's two beautiful parks provide a landscape for a wide range of programs, including many for which outside funding might be available.

In order to accomplish the five sub-elements, the overall goal of looking at the Village's operation must first be addressed. What are its strengths and weaknesses? What functions previously performed by Limited should the Village undertake? What services offered by other, more mature community governments should the Village consider providing? What functions performed by the Village are necessitated by the Island's remote location? With oversight and control of roads, what should the Village's role with on-Island transportation be? How will the Island's growth affect the Public Safety function? Are there different models that should be explored? What opportunities exist for greater collaboration with other governmental agencies? How can our tax dollars, especially to the county, be returned to our community?

These more global considerations must be examined to determine which resources should be allocated to the supplemental goals and how to do that.

**The average rainfall for zip code
28461 is 56 inches per year.
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Chimney Inspections Prevent Fires

Evening temperatures are starting to dip, and some of these windy days on Bald Head Island make the temperatures feel even cooler. Fireplaces are wonderful ways to warm up, especially with a good book and a mug of your favorite hot drink.

According to recent statistics, there are over 25,000 chimney fires per year in the US. In addition to the human toll of injury, death and displacement, these fires account for over \$125 million in property damage. On BHI, a barrier island with ocean winds, any fire is of great concern.

Before you use your chimney this fall and winter, have your chimney inspected. The flue and chimney structure, as well as the connections, should be checked for proper working order. A technician should also check that there are no obstructions or combustible deposits. For fireplace maintenance service providers, visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/heating-and-air.



Identify This Creature on BHI

This appears to be a Walnut Sphinx moth (*Amorpha juglandis*). Having a wide range in deciduous woodlands throughout the US, Walnut Sphinx caterpillars feed on leaves of walnut, butternut, hickory, alder, beech, hazelnut and hop-hornbeam trees. Adults do not feed. In the warmer south, they produce two broods; whereas, in the cooler north, they produce a single brood.



As a potential defensive mechanism to startle potential predators, caterpillars make a squeaking sound when disturbed or threatened.

Do you have an interesting creature you have

photographed on Bald Head

Island that you would like help identifying? Email Pam@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



Seeking Volunteers for BHA Committees

Thank you!

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Resource Conservation & Beautification Committee (RCB)

Socialization, Education & Recreation Committee (SER)

Strategic Planning & Long Range Projects Committee (SPLRP)

Finance Committee

Committee descriptions and volunteer forms are available at

www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/committees.

Contact Carrie Moffett for information at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

There will be no ARC meetings for Section B in December 2018 and Section A in January 2019.

December

Hanukkah	12/2/2018	
Community Potluck Dinner	12/3/2018	5:30pm
Ladies Bible Study	12/4/2018	1pm
ARC-A Meeting	12/7/2018	9am
BHA Open House	12/7/2018	12pm
Christmas Carol Sing-along	12/9/2018	4pm
Men's Bible Study	12/14/2018	8am
BHA Board Meeting	12/14/2018	2pm
VBHI — Work Session	12/14/2018	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	12/14/2018	2:30pm
Ladies Bible Study	12/18/2018	1pm
First Day of Winter	12/21/2018	
Howl at the Moon ("Cold Moon")	12/22/2018	5:30pm
Christmas Eve Chapel Services	12/24/2018	5pm & 7pm
Christmas	12/25/2018	
BHA Office Closed	12/24/2018 - 12/25/2018	
Men's Bible Study	12/28/2018	8am
New Hope Auction	12/29/2018	5pm
New Year's Eve	12/31/2018	

SAVE THE DATE in January:

New Year's Day	1/1/2019	
BHA Office Closed	1/1/2019	
Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	1/9/2019	10-11am
Card Class	1/9/2019	2pm
Men's Bible Study	1/11/2019	8am
BHA Board Meeting	1/11/2019	2pm
ARC-B Meeting	1/18/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	1/18/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	1/18/2019	2:30pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/21/2019	
BHA Office Closed	1/21/2019	
Community Potluck Dinner	1/21/2019	5:30pm
Howl at the Moon ("Wolf Moon")	1/21/2019	5:30pm
Men's Bible Study	1/25/2019	8am
BHA Annual Meeting	1/26/2019	9am
BHI Conservancy Annual Meeting	1/26/2019	1pm
Village Chapel Board Meeting	1/27/2019	11am

Around the corner in 2019

Daylight Saving Time	3/10/2019
First Day of Spring	3/20/2019
Badwater Cape Fear	3/16/2019
Easter	4/21/2019
Earth Day	4/22/2019

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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00am Rev. Dr. Garrett Albertson <i>Methodist (VC)</i>	3 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	4 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm (VC)	5 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	6 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	7 ARC — A Mtg. 9am (AC/B) BHA Open House 12:00pm (AC)	8
9 10:00am Rev. Dr. Fred Grosse <i>Congregational (VC)</i> 4:00pm Christmas Carol Sing-along (VC)	10 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	11 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Card Class 2:00pm (AC)	12 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	13 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	14 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B) VBHI Council Work Session 9:30am (PSC) BHA Board Mtg. 2pm (AC/B) VBHI Council Mtg 2:30pm (PSC)	15
16 10:00am Rev. Shane Benjamin <i>Methodist (VC)</i>	17 Yoga 11:45am (AC) ARC - A Submission Deadline	18 Pilates 10:45am (AC) Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm (VC)	19 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	20	21 First Day of Winter	22 Howl at the Moon 5:30pm (Access 39)
23 10:00am Rev. Anne Rex <i>Methodist (VC)</i>	24 BHA Office Closed Christmas Eve 5:00pm & 7:00pm Rev. Anne Rex	25 BHA Office Closed Christmas	26 Yoga 11:45am (AC)	27 Pilates 10:45am (AC)	28 Men's Bible Study 8am (AC/B)	29 New Hope Auction 5:00pm (TBD)
30 10:00am Rev. David T. Rittgers <i>Methodist (VC)</i>	31 Yoga 11:45am (AC)					



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AC/B (BHA Association Center — Berne Room)
BHIC (BHI Conservancy)
Club (BHI Club)
Creek Access (CA)
Maritime Market Forest Pavilion (MMFP)
OB (Old Baldy)
PSC (Public Safety Complex)
RAC (Riverside Adventure Courtyard)
VC (Village Chapel)

Standing Events:

- Alcoholics Anonymous — Monday & Friday, 12-1pm, Berne Room at the Association Center. Contact John B. at 336-671-8858 or sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com for more information.
- Knitting & Needlepoint Work — A group of knitting and other needlepoint enthusiasts meets every Wednesday in the Association Center, 9:30-11:30am.

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