



Bald Head Association

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

President's Letter ~ Judy Porter

## BHA Vision Guides Pathway Towards Fruitful Goals

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

At our annual retreat each February, the BHA Board spends time reviewing the vision and mission statements of the Association. We try to make sure that all of the goals set for the committees, the Board and staff work toward supporting our vision. At the midpoint of this year, all of these goals are in process and many are completed. We are very close to opening the expanded Boat Park and have completed the safety fencing around the Wildlife Overlook. Your Board and staff have been proactive in pursuing violations to the Covenants and Design Guidelines and in preserving our common areas in a fashion that is natural and can be enjoyed by all of our members.



An important part of life on Bald Head is the sense of community. Our community is made up of a relatively few full-time residents, a great many second homeowners and scores of employees who make the trip daily to provide services that make it possible for us to live at, and enjoy, all this wonderful Island provides.

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I hope all of you take a minute to think about this BHA vision and how you can be a supporting member of this wonderful community.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or concerns, feel free to contact Carrie at [Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or me at [rporters@bellsouth.net](mailto:rporters@bellsouth.net).



### Vision 2025: Framework for the Future — Goal 2

By Kit Adcock, Village of Bald Head Island

Personal safety is easily and readily taken for granted on Bald Head Island. We enjoy a unique sense of security living on an isolated barrier island, away from the frenetic pace of life that often exists on the mainland. As the summer season of 2018 gets into full swing, many of the safety-related concerns and frustrations stated in the *Vision 2025* responses become more obvious and prevalent.

"Develop programs that enhance Public Safety" is the second of the five *Vision 2025* goals under the principle of "living in harmony with nature." These recommendations target not just the official Public Safety Department, but also public safety in its broadest context.

Property owners highlighted three categories for public safety attention:

- Improve awareness and enforcement of existing laws, especially those relating to unlicensed drivers, speeding and driving under the influence or with an open container.
- Develop a handout for visitors that provides awareness of existing laws and customs and recommends additional child safety actions — for example, use of car seats for infants and helmets for all children.
- Develop a plan to improve creek access and safety.

Nothing on this list may come as a surprise to readers. The good news is that attention has already been given to each. Relaxing vacations and residential life can be enjoyed to their fullest in a safe environment where worries about personal safety are minimized.

As this article goes to press, Village Council will have voted on a Transportation Committee recommendation to increase fines to deter underage and unlicensed drivers. Another significant change developed by staff and included in the 2018-19 Village budget are funds for an

additional full-time Public Safety Officer on each shift. Having another full-time, fully trained officer will allow for greater Public Safety presence and additional enforcement of all Island laws. The violations that result in the greatest instances of injury to people and property are underage/unlicensed drivers, driving under the influence and speeding.

During the spring of 2017, while the visioning process was underway, the Village Communications Committee developed a list of the primary safety-related things all islanders and visitors should know. This information was condensed to bullet form, sorted by topic and printed on a two-sided panel card. This Village handout, fulfilling the second

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## Landscaping on Bald Head Island

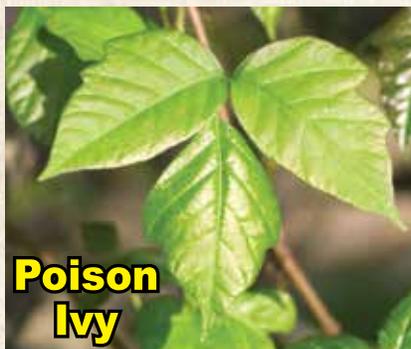
The Bald Head Association Covenants were drafted and adopted by the property owners of Bald Head Island. From these Covenants the Design Guidelines and the Architectural Review Committee were created to support the goal of “enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness” of the Bald Head Island properties and maintaining the environment in which they exist. These Design Guidelines contain basic requirements that support the intention of the Covenants to promote a harmonious community aesthetic and a conservation consciousness.

Here are the *BHA Unified Design Guidelines* — “Landscaping Clearing, Trimming and Maintaining:”

- 1. Lot clearing for sale of property** — Clearing of the entire understory or clearing for the sole purpose of selling a lot is not permitted. However, in order to provide ease of access, a path of 36 inches in width may be cleared as long as no trees, tree limbs or clustered growth, subject to Village or ARC approval, are disturbed. Any violation due to more extensive clearing will be subject to fines and/or mitigation.
- 2. Lot clearing for survey or staking** — Some clearing of understory trees and shrubs may be required to prepare a site for survey or to stake the proposed building site. Permission to clear such understory trees and shrubs shall not be required by the ARC for the purpose of surveying, but clearing shall be limited to vegetation **less than 1 inch in diameter** at 48 inches as measured along the trunk from ground level or any tree limb less than 3 inches in diameter. Any vegetation larger than this, or any vegetation that exists as clustered growth, or having horizontal branching habits must be approved for removal regardless of size of diameter. Exception: It is understood that when surveying to establish the property lines of a lot, vegetation may impede the ability of the surveyor to establish a sight line. Any vegetation directly in the sight line that is **less than 3 inches in diameter** at 48 inches as measured from the base at ground level, may be removed. ARC approval must be granted to remove any vegetation 3 inches or greater in the sight line. Violations of this requirement are subject to mitigation and fines.
- 3. Lot clearing for any construction** — All construction sites must adhere to provisions in other sections of this document. The intent when clearing for construction or renovation projects should be to disturb as small an area as possible. An approved site plan is required prior to any vegetation removal for construction.

**Understory** should be removed only in the designated building area. Building materials or equipment should not be allowed to destroy remaining areas of understory or be placed near trees. All trees should be protected with fencing and this fencing must remain in place for the entire construction process.

- 4. Lot clearing for improving the view** — Reasonable trimming for maintenance is assumed and encouraged but all rules about trimming trees and eliminating understory must be adhered to. Typically, maintenance does not entail major trimming of trees, clearing understory 1 inch or larger or removing branches that are not impinging on structures. Approval must be received before any regulated trees, vegetation, understory or clustered growth is removed. The practice of tree topping is not permitted. No vegetation trimming or removal is allowed on unimproved (vacant) lots. Clearing for view is not allowed on Island except in the controlled area



of clearing for fairway lots. Board approval is required for any clearing on BHA Common Area. Prior to any clearing for view please review BHA Common Area Policy for more details and contact the ARC Coordinator for more information.

- 5. Canopy and Understory Trimming** — The cutting of the forest canopy, or the thinning of its understory, may expose remaining vegetation to harmful salt-laden winds, resulting in damage. For this reason, cutting and thinning should be kept to an absolute minimum. In addition to the negative impacts of salt spray, removing vegetation from the understory to “open up” one’s yard or landscape will also create new areas of light in the forest floor that cause vines and other plants that may not be wanted to take hold. This will also eliminate habitat that supports an interesting variety of wildlife. No canopy or understory trimming and no vegetation removal are allowed on unimproved (vacant) lots. The practice of tree topping is not permitted.
- 6. Dune Vegetation** — The removal of vegetation from any dune area is a critical issue. This vegetation (shrubs, grasses or vines) holds the dunes in place preventing erosion and storm damage. Due to the wind and salt environment, most of these plants never grow large enough to be subject to approvals for trees. However, they may be covered by additional ARC approval requirements regarding limbs, clustered growth or understory.
- 7. Owners of homes in “drip-edge” neighborhoods** (Flora’s Bluff/ Killegray Ridge, Keeper’s Landing, Sumner’s Crescent and Surfman’s Walk) do not own the land around their homes. This surrounding land is Association or Sub-Association common property, and all landscaping is done by landscape contractors hired by these organizations. This includes all trimming, planting and tree removal. Owners 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 further details.
- 8. Mulch** — BHI Village ordinance requires that all mulch used must come from the Island mulch site or be from an approved off-Island location to help control pests and plant diseases transferred through other types of mulch not indigenous to the Island. This is to help prevent the importation of the Red Bay Ambrosia beetle, which carries Laurel Wilt disease that has the potential to kill one-third of the BHI Maritime Forest understory.
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- 10. Grass** — Installation of turf grass lawns is not permitted. Use of native grasses that are naturally maintained provides a great addition to landscapes (see Plant Lists).
- 11. Water** — Water requirements for plants should be planned for during the first year while the plants become established.
- 12. Herbicides** — The use of herbicides is inconsistent with living in harmony with nature. Herbicides can damage the root zones of desirable trees and shrubs. The need for and use of herbicides may best be determined by landscape professionals.
- 13. Avoid using bush-hogs** when removing vegetation since it is very easy to scrape and damage desirable trees and shrubs with heavy equipment and to increase undesirable compaction and root system damage.

For the complete *Unified Design Guidelines* document, visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). Click on the link just below the current *Island Report* link on the right side.

## Non-baffled Solar Lights — NOT Allowed

Solar, non-baffled driveway or walkway lights are **NOT** allowed in residential areas of Bald Head Island because they are not baffled and the source of the light can be seen directly.

Here is information on exterior lighting from the Unified Design Guidelines. This is a partial extraction of the guideline. For the full guideline on exterior lighting, visit [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). The Unified Design Guideline link is just below the current *Island Report* on the right. Exterior lighting guidelines start on page 119.

*Light pollution is avoidable. Homes on the island must be extremely frugal with exterior lighting. Homes on the beachfront especially must be careful to prevent distraction of the hatchling and nesting sea turtles during the annual "turtle season" from May 1st to November 15th. This necessary lighting restriction is strictly regulated by Village ordinance and enforced by Village personnel. Nesting female and hatchling loggerhead sea turtles should not be exposed to artificial sources of light while on Bald Head. Ocean-facing homes on the seaside of the Dune Ridge are required to install room darkening window treatments, such as blinds, shades and drapes, on all beach-facing windows. These window treatments should be closed from dusk to dawn during the "turtle season" months to prevent interior house lighting from disturbing the nesting and hatching of the sea turtles. A variance may be requested if natural screening exists.*

### REQUIREMENTS

1. All lighting will be baffled to prevent direct visualization of the light source. The ARC may not approve lighting fixtures that have been modified or altered from the original manufactured design.

5. All pathway low-luminary lighting shall have a baffle-to-light source relationship that creates a maximum spread of light of 120 degrees from the bottom of the baffle. All fixture lenses and bulb covers must maintain the source-to-baffle relationship indicated in the diagrams and examples of the baffle-to-light source relationship calculations below. All pathway lighting shall be no higher than three feet from grade.

7. The use of low voltage mini-eyelid light styles for pathway or stairway lighting must utilize a maximum equivalent of 100 lumens or less. The bulb/light color temperature must be 3000 degrees Kelvin or less, which is warm white in color. The reduced baffling cannot result in direct visualization. This light style must be reviewed and approved by the ARC and must be used sparingly. Placing television sets or other electronic equipment on exterior decks, porches, etc. is not permitted, unless it is possible to shield from horizontal view by neighbors and from the street/alley.

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.

For any questions and for exterior lighting approval, contact ARC at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 (Karen) or ext. 23 (Julie).



## Boat Park Update

By Doug Jenest

To date, lot grading and fencing have been completed at the new Boat Park at the Mulch Site, off of North Bald Head Wynd. Currently, gravel for the roadway is being installed. Following that, there will be additional ground cover installed around the perimeter and posts with numbers installed to define the spaces. Anticipated completion is July 1, 2018.

We currently have 30 boat spaces and will expand to approximately 64 spaces. Eligible boats are a maximum of 16' in length, with no more than a 25-horsepower motor. For information call Bald Head Association at 910-457-4676, ext. 21.



## Who Do I Call? No Fishing in BHI Lagoons

There is **no fishing allowed in ANY lagoon on BHI**. If you see anyone illegally fishing in a lagoon on BHI, call 911 (tell them you are on Bald Head Island) or Public Safety (910-457-5252) immediately. Feeding (this includes fishing) and harassing alligators or other wildlife is illegal in North Carolina and has serious consequences to the safety of all people on BHI as well as wildlife.

Please share this information with visiting family members. For homeowners who rent, please share this information with all guests.



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## Village of BHI Update

By Daralyn Spivey, BHI Village Clerk

- Village offices will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- On May 8, 2018, registered voters approved a \$6M bond referendum for the Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Project, slated to get underway this winter. The project has been put out to bid, with a bid opening date on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Bald Head Creek Ditch Stabilization project (as part of the Village Hurricane Floodwater Management System) is moving forward with the placement of riprap along the ditch flowing from the outfall of the bypass lagoon to Bald Head Creek. For the duration of the project (30 days +/-), with work having to be coordinated around the tide schedule, the east end of Lighthouse Wynd will remain closed as a staging area for the project. Accessibility to the Fort Holmes Battery Trail system will remain open for the general public to walk on and view.
- Doshier Memorial Clinic at BHI is open in the new Public Safety Building located at 273 Edward Teach Wynd Extension (910-457-5252), with hours of operation on Monday through Friday from 9:00am to



4:00pm. The Clinic will not be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> or over the weekends. The Clinic will remain open through August 31, 2018.

- The Public Safety Building is completed and operational. Please look for an announcement soon for the grand opening to occur sometime in July, with the date to be determined and communicated in a future Village Voice.
- The FY 2018-2019 annual budget highlights the following:
  - Increase of .02 to the Debt portion of the Base Rate, .01 increase to the MSD Zone A and increase of .005 to the MSD Zone B for the purposes of funding the winter 2018 dredging project.
  - Overall decrease in employer health insurance premium costs of 5.8% with change in health care provider, zero cost H.S.A. fees and change in vision and dental carriers.
  - Continued savings with decrease in employee ferry travel and in-house training within Public Safety, utilizing current certified PSO staff.
  - Includes the addition of four new PSOs, with one PSO per shift, resulting in reduced costs attributed to elimination of one Captain position and the “seasonal” employee salary and wages. The intent is to provide more PSO presence in peak times at various locations (i.e. Marina/Harbor and Bald Head Creek for No-Wake enforcement).
  - Utilities Enterprise Fund with a 2% increase to water and sewer rates, based on the Rate Study prepared in 2012.
- Funding included for Deer Herd Management to include costs for a potential renewal of the immuno-contraception program permit through WRC (Wildlife Resources Commission) to continue with the annual darting project and, if required, a winter cull, depending on survey data from this summer and winter.



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## Wildlife Overlook Fencing

For some time, several BHI entities have collaborated on efforts to discourage people from feeding alligators anywhere on the Island — especially at the Wildlife Overlook observation deck on Stede Bonnet Wynd — without success.

A recent site visit by NC WRC (Wildlife Resources Commission) showed alligators approaching the observation deck, a learned behavior from humans feeding them. The Bald Head Association board of directors recognized the severity of the situation and examined several options to lessen the risk to people and animals. Options included adding/revising signage, installing a camera security system, providing human monitors, installing fencing and even removal of the alligators. At the recommendation of NC WRC and BHI Public Safety, the board ultimately unanimously voted to install protective fencing, which was installed on June 6, 2018.

It is the belief of Bald Head Association that, while not ideal, this action is necessary at this time to lessen the risk of a dangerous human/wildlife interaction at that location.





### Is Your Address Bollard Visible?

Bald Head Association and the Village of BHI would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring that your home's address bollard is visible from the road — day or night. This time of year, vegetation grows up and covers the numbers, which are often already faded by the sun. Remember that tram drivers, visitors and even Public Safety Officers may not readily know your house number. Seconds count, not only in the case of a medical or fire emergency, but also when getting to the ferry on time. Trim vegetation away from the bollard and make sure the numbers are bright white and easily seen.



### BHI Litter Sweep

Wednesday, July 11, 11am-1pm  
Public Safety Complex  
273 Edward Teach Extension

Join us! Gloves, grabbers and litter bags are provided. All participants receive a reusable shopping bag.



Prizes are awarded to the oldest, youngest and most unusual litter found. Kids receive school community service credit.



## Golf Cart Parking on BHI

By Chris McCall, BHI Village Manager

When it comes to parking at any one of the Village's public beach access locations, ensuring that your golf cart is completely off of the road (off of the edge of paved surface) is the most important thing you can do when it comes to safety and minimizing the likelihood of receiving a parking citation. Last year during the season, there were many occurrences where golf carts were not parked completely off the road that resulted in a citation being issued, and in many of these cases, the golf cart was blocking emergency access and impeding public safety responders in trying to get to an emergency situation, either on the beach or at a home in the vicinity. This is the primary reason we ask that **ALL vehicles** (both electric & internal combustion engine) **to park off of the paved road.**

Over the last two seasons, the Village, in recognizing the need for additional beach access parking, has worked to install approximately 44 additional spaces at numerous beach access locations around the Island.

Towns like Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach, Oak Island, Ocean Isle Beach and others, while all different in their own way, struggle with the same challenge in providing adequate beach access parking.

Some of these beach communities have gone so far as to charge with metered parking hourly rates. While I do not see that as being a need for BHI, it should not go unnoticed that BHI is working hard to ensure that there is parking available at these locations to the maximum extent practicable and specific to each location.



Parked incorrectly — on the paved road.



Parked correctly — off of the paved road.



Parked incorrectly — at a "No Parking" sign and on the paved road.



Parked incorrectly — blocking a 911 Emergency Vehicular Beach Access.

Be mindful of certain areas designated "No Parking" that are adjacent to a beach access parking area. Encroachment of a golf cart in the turn of the road at Beach Access #23, for example, has impeded emergency vehicular access in the past.

With increased parking at beach access locations, including Beach Access #23, folks need to take advantage of the expanded parking area and additional spaces made available, particularly if there is no parking left directly at the access ramp.

There are four 911 Emergency Vehicular Beach Access locations where Public Safety can gain vehicular access to the beach. **It is imperative that these locations are NEVER blocked.** These emergency beach access locations are critical to Public Safety in responding to 911 emergency calls on the beach, including water rescues requiring the use of the Public Safety jet ski. One of the Village's 911 Emergency Vehicular Beach Access locations is at Beach Access #24B on Peppervine Trail.

**Note:** The other three 911 Emergency Beach Accesses are strategically

located with one at the west end of South Beach at Beach Access #11 (Sandpiper Trail), another at the far east end of South Beach at Beach Access #35 and at Beach Access #42 on East Beach. If a golf cart is parked in a manner that it is blocking these critical access points for Public Safety, it will be issued a citation.



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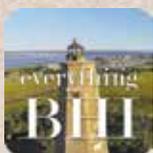


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## Asian Tiger Mosquitoes

'Tis the season for the Asian tiger mosquito, named for its black-and-white stripes on its legs and body and a single white stripe down its head and back. Originally brought to the US during the 1980s in used truck tires shipped from Japan, all they need is a small amount of standing water to lay their eggs, form into larva and pupa, then hatch. One female mosquito can lay up to 500 eggs in its lifetime.



It prefers to bite in the daytime, mostly in the early morning or late afternoon. One tiger mosquito may bite up to 10 times trying to complete its hunt for a blood meal. Protect yourself by applying DEET-containing insect repellent (always read label directions) and by wearing light-colored garments that cover your arms and legs, especially when you're out between dusk and dawn.

The best control strategy is to "**TIP and TOSS**" all containers holding water around the house. Even in a small container, there can be hundreds of larvae. With a flight range of 100-300 yards, if everyone is diligent, YOU may have a positive impact on decreasing the Asian tiger mosquito population on Bald Head Island.

Asian tiger mosquitoes can be found from May through October, with the peak season July and August. Overseas, the Asian tiger mosquito spreads disease, and it may spread diseases such as West Nile virus and Eastern Equine encephalitis in the US. (Source: Brunswick County, NC)

### Village Prohibits Individual Beach Bonfires During Turtle Season — May 1 to November 15

Significant debris, impact on sea turtles, smoke and injury to beach walkers have all been examined in relation to the enjoyment of nighttime bonfires. In 2017, businesses, individuals and Bald Head Association weighed in with varying opinions. The Council voted at its regular June 2017 meeting to prohibit permits for beach bonfires for individuals during "turtle season" (between May 1 and November 15) but will allow up to two commercial entities to obtain burn permits per day year-round. In addition, no more than four permits per day may be issued during non-turtle season.

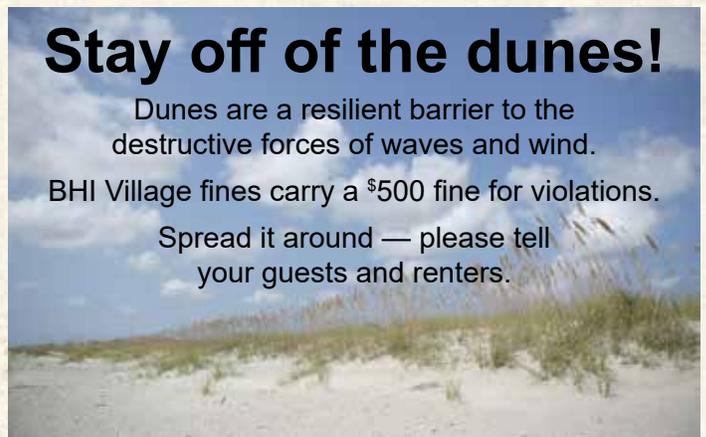
Violation of the ordinance is subject to a civil fine of \$500 per offense. Contact the Public Safety Department with questions at 910-457-5252.

## Stay off of the dunes!

Dunes are a resilient barrier to the destructive forces of waves and wind.

BHI Village fines carry a \$500 fine for violations.

Spread it around — please tell your guests and renters.





## Snakes — Helping BHI’s Ecology

By Mariah Cox, BHI Conservancy  
Communications Intern

### Venomous vs. Non-venomous — How to Handle Encountering Snakes

Bald Head Island is home to many creatures — large and small, avian to aquatic — who share and benefit from its diverse ecosystem. The Island’s mantra, “living in harmony with nature,” embodies the overall mission to respect wildlife and maintain its natural beauty. Snakes often get a bad reputation for being dangerous or venomous, but they serve an important role in the ecosystem.

Snakes are a form of natural pest control and help to regulate an overpopulation of rodents and insects. They also serve as prey to much larger animals such as bald eagles, herons and carnivorous mammals.

Native non-venomous snakes on Bald Head Island often get mistaken for venomous snakes. There are roughly 12 species of snakes on Bald Head Island, **none of which are venomous**. There have been no reports of live venomous snakes on the Island; however, there are venomous snakes in Brunswick County, and they can swim. There are some look-alikes on the Island that may appear to be a copperhead or a cottonmouth but are actually corn snakes or banded watersnakes that have similar markings.

Here are some general tips to tell venomous vs. non-venomous snakes apart on Bald Head Island (*Note: These rules do not apply to other parts of the country/world.*)

1. Venomous snakes have a diamond/triangle shaped head. Non-venomous snakes have an oval-shaped head. However,

(Above) Banded watersnake — non-poisonous.



(Right) Cottonmouth snake — poisonous and looks similar to the banded watersnake.



(Left) Corn snake — non-poisonous.



non-venomous snakes can flatten their head to appear triangular as a defense against predators. If you see a calm snake with a round head, it is not venomous on Bald Head Island.

(Left) Copperhead snake — poisonous and looks similar to the corn snake.



2. Venomous snakes have slit pupils while non-venomous snakes have oval pupils. The only exception to this rule is the coral snake, which is venomous and has oval pupils.
3. Copperhead snakes are very stocky and have complete rings around their body, while corn snakes are thinner and don’t have complete rings.

If you ever encounter a snake and are unsure if it’s venomous, **please do not kill or try to move it. The best thing to do is to leave it alone.** When in doubt, call the Bald Head Island Conservancy at 910-457-0089 to safely remove it. 

## Dosher Medical-BHI walk-in clinic



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## BHA Board Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates

Bald Head Association's Nominating Committee is looking for candidates to serve on BHA's Board of Directors beginning in January 2019. There are two vacancies on next year's board, each with the obligation of a three-year term.

Following are a few of the attributes needed for service:

- Demonstrated commitment to volunteerism by being active on a BHI community committee;
- Commitment to attend monthly board meetings;
- Commitment to work actively as a board liaison to one of BHA's standing committees; and,
- Demonstrated commitment to provide ethical, transparent leadership on behalf of BHA's members.

If you are interested, send your name, contact information and a description of your previous BHI-related activities to F. A. McLeod at [faatbeach@aol.com](mailto:faatbeach@aol.com). Nominations must be received by August 6<sup>th</sup>. 

## Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is here — from June 1 to November 30, 2018.

Hurricanes are the most violent storms on Earth, according to NASA. Hurricanes are fueled by merely two ingredients — heat and water.

Ten to 16 named storms — including five to nine hurricanes and one to four major hurricanes with Category 3 strength or higher — are predicted for the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season. Below-average sea-surface temperatures are expected to influence hurricane season.

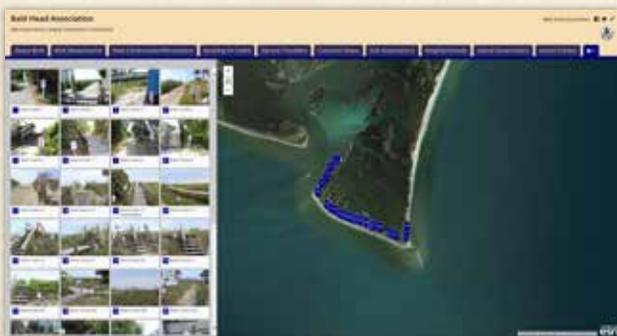
Hurricane wind speed categories are:

- Category 1: 74 to 95 mph
- Category 2: 96 to 110 mph
- Category 3: 111 to 129 mph
- Category 4: 130 to 156 mph
- Category 5: 157 mph or higher

On Bald Head Island, the Village is your source for emergency information. On their website, [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org), click on "Emergencies" in the top, right of the home page. Register for "Emergency Management System" information to receive emergency messaging and updates about specific emergency events. You can also register for "2018 Hurricane Season Phased Reentry."

Learn more about making an emergency plan for you, family members and pets by visiting [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes). 

## Do you know where all 34 beach accesses on BHI are located?



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## BHI Book Club

Did you know that Bald Head Island has a Book Club? It has become so popular, the group needed additional space, and BHA welcomes the club to its Association Center. The BHI Book Club is open to everyone and meets at 10:00am in Generator Society Hall at the Association Center, 111 Lighthouse Wynd. The 2018-2019 book schedule is:

- July 9, 2018 *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*  
By Gail Honeyman
- August 13, 2018 *Lilac Girls*  
By Martha Hall Kelly
- September 10, 2018 *The Great Alone*  
By Kristin Hannah
- October 8, 2018 *Everything I Never Told You*  
By Celeste Ng
- November 5, 2018 *All My Puny Sorrows*  
By Miriam Toews
- December 10, 2018 *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*  
By Anna Quindlen
- January 14, 2019 *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*  
By J. D. Vance
- February 11, 2019 *Pachinko*  
By Min Jin Lee
- March 11, 2019 *Weight of Ink*  
By Rachel Kadish
- April 8, 2019 *Last Hope Island*  
By Lynne Olson
- May 13, 2019 *Love and Ruin*  
By Paula McLain

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## Old Baldy Foundation Receives Historic Preservation Award

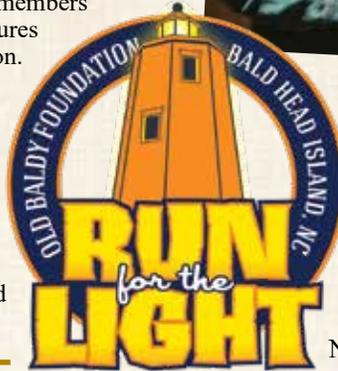


The Historic Wilmington Foundation honored the preservation work of The Old Baldy Foundation. In partnership with National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Historic Wilmington Foundation celebrates National Preservation Month by honoring, promoting and celebrating the work of local preservationists. Included in National Preservation Month was the preservation awards ceremony in which the Historic Wilmington Foundation recognized community members who work tirelessly to preserve structures that tell the story of the Cape Fear Region.



Left to right: Abby Sachs, Chris Webb and Travis Gilbert.

The Old Baldy Foundation was honored for the extensive renovation to Old Baldy that took place in the Spring of 2017. This was a massive renovation with nearly \$350,000 of work. The renovation included covering exposed brick with stucco and sealing the sandstone cap at the lantern room with copper. Additional work was done to prevent water infiltration which included new glass, all new bronze framing for the glass curtain wall and refurbishing the vent ball.



## Celebrate National Lighthouse Day with Old Baldy

National Lighthouse Day is fast approaching, and The Old Baldy Foundation has an entire weekend planned to celebrate on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

There is something for the foodie, children, historian and even athlete of your family.

On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, join us at the Bald Head Island Club for a fun night of creative cuisine, beer and spirits from Mother Earth Brewery and Spirits, with some surprise characters to keep you entertained all evening. Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> will feature a festival on the Old Baldy grounds for your whole family to enjoy, beginning at 4:00pm. There will be BBQ, snacks, scones and beverages for all ages. Climb Old Baldy, take part in craft stations and games and listen to stories from classic historical characters about the history of Old Baldy. Starting at 7:00pm (registration begins at 6:00pm), our annual 5k, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run will kick off. All race participants receive a signature finishers' medal, race shirt, headlamp, reusable bag, snacks and a free beer or wine card.

For information, prices and tickets for the entire weekend, head to [www.oldbaldy.org](http://www.oldbaldy.org) or call 910-457-7481.



## Re-CYCLE BHI

By Sharon McCoy

Re-CYCLE BHI efforts continue to roll along, with another truckload of donated bicycles ready to head to Fayetteville. The bikes are delivered to the Bicycle Man Project, which refurbishes old bikes for distribution to underprivileged children. Re-CYCLE BHI is the 2018 mission project of the Village Chapel.

Over the summer, Re-CYCLE is focusing on cash donations which are to be used to purchase helmets and winter outerwear for the recipients, as well as bicycle parts used in the refurbishments. Volunteers will be accepting donations every Sunday in front of the Maritime Market from 4:00- 6:30pm. Look for them, as your contribution of just \$7 will purchase a helmet to go with a bike!

The Chapel is looking for volunteers to work the donation table. If you are here for the summer or just a week now and then, this is your chance to pitch in. Please contact Anne Rex ([anne.e.rex@hotmail.com](mailto:anne.e.rex@hotmail.com)) or Gayle Sanders ([gaylesanders@mail.com](mailto:gaylesanders@mail.com)) if you can spare a couple of hours.

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## Road Safety on BHI — Share the Road

BHI roadways can get congested in the summer. Everyone — first-time visitors or long-time residents — can always use a refresher course to keep safe and practice road courtesy. That way, Bald Head Island can be truly enjoyed by everyone. Pass it along — share this information with visiting family and friends as well as guests renting your homes.

### Bicycle Safety

Bicycling across the Island can be a wonderful experience. But please remember that the roadways are shared with golf carts, cars, small trucks and large shipping trucks. Please wear your helmet to help protect your head and brain from injury in the event you have an accident.

Ride bicycles with the flow of traffic. Bicyclists are subject to the same rules of the road as other vehicles — stay to the right. You should wear brightly colored clothing for higher visibility, both day and night. **Ride single-file if there is more than just one bicyclist.**

Pull over to the right side of the road to allow carts, trams, Public Safety QRVs (Quick Response Vehicles) and commercial vehicles to pass.

Local laws and ordinances require anyone under the age of 16 to wear a helmet while on a bicycle, scooter (motorized or non-motorized), roller blades or similar means of transportation. Front and rear lights must be in working order while riding at night.

### Wear a Helmet for a Chance to Earn Free Ice Cream

When your child wears a helmet while riding his/her bike, he/she has a chance to earn a free ice cream cone. If a Public Safety officer sees a child wearing his/her helmet while bicycling, they give him/her a "Doin' It Right" card, good for a free ice cream cone from Sandpiper on Bald Head Island.

### Walking/Jogging Safety

Walk/jog against the direction of traffic and walk/jog single-file when a passing vehicle or golf cart approaches. Wear brightly colored clothing, day or night, to make yourself more visible to oncoming traffic.

### Golf Cart Safety

**Golf carts are not toys.** Serious accidents can be prevented. Even a "joking" swerve can throw someone from a golf cart and cause head trauma and other serious injuries. Just ask the young lady whose boyfriend did just that a couple of years ago. She still has years left in rehabilitation to learn how to walk again.

Allow emergency QRVs (Quick Response Vehicles), trams and commercial vehicles to pass when possible and safe — pull to the right side of the road. As a courtesy, slower golf carts should drive on the right side of the road, allowing faster golf carts to pass when safe. Please do not follow golf carts too closely. Drivers should allow sufficient space, giving them time to react if the cart in front of them suddenly slows down, stops or turns.

This point cannot be emphasized enough, with too many accidents that have occurred on BHI — **children are NOT allowed to be in the lap of the driver**, as they can impede the driver's ability to maneuver the golf cart. Children are most secure in a car seat appropriately installed in golf carts. Whenever possible, use hand signals when turning or stopping. This will aid others in knowing your intentions.

Slow down when driving around blind curves. There could potentially be walkers/joggers, bicyclers or an animal in the road ahead. There could also potentially be a tree limb blocking the road. Slow down when passing pedestrians and bicyclists — they may have to move around an object in the road (water puddle, tree limb or animal), so you may need to give them additional space when passing.

Park completely off of roadways. This Village ordinance is being enforced, with ticketing of non-compliant golf carts, in order to prevent Public Safety vehicles from being unable to maneuver roads to reach emergency sites. Register all golf carts with BHI Village. Visit [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org) for information. 



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## Village Transportation Committee Updates

By Kit Adcock

For two years the Village's Transportation Committee has worked on the charges issued to it by Village Council. Foremost among the tasks has been to minimize the subjectivity of the internal combustion engine, or "ICE" vehicle permit process. The essence of this goal is twofold — to promote the use of electric vehicles and to reduce the overall number and size of ICE vehicles on Bald Head Island.

The roads and wynds on Bald Head Island are an essential part of the Island's attraction. Streets that weave through forested roads and around dunes create a milieu that differentiates Bald Head from other barrier islands and beach communities. In mainland America, roadways are widened to accommodate higher traffic volume. That solution will not work on BHI. Even for beach access parking, increased paving cannot be the sole answer. Creative solutions to sharing our roads have to be devised. Pedestrians, joggers, cyclists, golf carts and trucks must somehow safely co-exist on Village roadways.

Bald Head Island's roads are narrow, so vehicle size matters. Motor vehicles that function effectively on mainland roads built to state or federal standards are often too wide, too tall and even too heavy for Island wynds. For some functions, only traditional internal combustion engine vehicles exist. Examples include fire and garbage trucks, backhoes and similar earth moving and grading equipment. For many other uses, narrower trucks or 21<sup>st</sup> century golf carts with customized features, or even golf carts with trailers, could provide the same functionality as much wider trucks. Too many exceptions to golf cart-focused transit have been permitted as the Island has grown. As a community designed and built for "living in harmony with nature" and promoted for more than thirty years as a golf cart community, ICE standards and criteria must be revisited and redefined.

The Transportation Committee invited all contractors and ICE permit holders to two open meetings and several small group meetings in

2016 and early 2017 to discuss ICE vehicle versus electric vehicle use. These meetings were well attended. The lack of charging stations was the primary reason stated for the increase of ICE vehicles. Upon learning this, Bald Head Island Limited immediately added outlets in its overnight cart parking lot. Plans for the Contractor Services lot include many more combined charging and parking spaces.

At its June 2018 meeting, Council will vote on a Transportation Committee resolution to promote the use of electric vehicles for all Island uses. In the future, the burden of proving why an electric vehicle will not suffice will be the responsibility of the ICE permit applicant. The question is no longer "Why do you need an ICE vehicle?" but, rather, "Why can't an electric vehicle be used?" In 2017, 269 annual permits were issued to gas-powered vehicles. Currently, fuel is not sold to unpermitted ICE vehicles. Size restrictions for permitted trucks and vans have been defined and will be incorporated into the new Village transportation ordinance. Converting ICE vehicles to narrower electric vehicles will take time. Additional charging stations with parking must be created to accommodate the change. Annual permit fees for trucks must be reviewed and revised to encourage electric use.

A new, more comprehensive application form has been created for ICE vehicle permitting for the 2018-2019 Village fiscal year. A survey has been developed to help the Transportation Committee and the Island's permit officer set future standards and identify legitimate exceptions to transitioning to electric transport. Together, these documents will assist the committee in rewriting the Island's transportation ordinances and devising new ICE fee schedules. A handout will be provided to all permit applicants that provides a summary of the history of electric vehicle use on this Island and why these changes are being sought. The goal for implementation of these changes is July 1, 2019.

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## BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Update

The BHI Ferry Transportation Authority continues to plow through its long list of administrative tasks in order to meet its legislative goals of acquiring the BHI ferry system. At its regular June meeting, the FTA adopted its FY 2018 and FY 2019 budgets, with no comments from the public. Treasurer David Jessen reported that the Authority’s Directors and Officers insurance is now effective, and the application for the mandatory performance bond for the part-time finance director is nearly complete. At Mr. Jessen’s recommendation, the FTA members voted unanimously to hire Dixon Hughes Goodman to serve as auditors.

The bulk of the meeting was spent on a report by Ted Cole of Davenport & Company. He discussed forward movement with the Local Government Commission, possible funding by the US Department of Agriculture and the identification of a feasibility and operations consultant to do a broad evaluation of the current ferry system and help the FTA understand the logistics of operating a ferry system. During the evaluation, HMS Consulting rose to the top

of a group of seven companies because of its prior experience and capacity for operating a system. Based on the recommendation of Mr. Cole and others, the members voted unanimously to engage HMS. Davenport & Company also reported on its work to identify funding sources to purchase the bonds to acquire the ferry system.

Chairman Susan Rabon reported that she has been reappointed by Senator Richard Burr and sworn in for a new three-year term. David Jessen and Vice President Brad Smith have also been reappointed by the legislature, and a bill is pending to make those appointments official. Landon Zimmer stated that he has been nominated at-large member of the NC Board of Transportation representing State Ports and Aviation and may have a conflict with serving as an officer.

The next meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building. Election of officers for the new fiscal year will be held at that meeting. Property owners are encouraged to attend.

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of Goal Two’s initiatives, will be updated annually and distributed throughout the Island and at Deep Point Marina. Visit [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org) and click on “The Front Porch” to view the information.

Planning for creek access and safety began in 2016 with the Village’s acquisition of the former tent site at the marina (now named Marina Park). This purchase included the dock and two of the dock’s boat slips. Islanders were surveyed in early 2017 to determine preferences for how the park might be used and, thus, what infrastructure, if any, should be considered. Council decided at the time of purchase that no improvements would be made until the loan was paid in full.

The survey provided a comprehensive list of uses and ideas for amenities. Many requested additional public creek access for kayaks, paddle boards, fishing, crabbing, bird watching and simple enjoyment of the magnificent creek view. Grant funding exists for some improvements, including restrooms. Identifying and seeking such grants is in process. As the funding picture is clarified, formal planning for any improvements will ensue. By 2025, many of the concepts and wonderful ideas articulated in the survey should become reality.

Creek safety is challenging because of increased use. With the development and affordability of plastic sit-on kayaks in the late 1990s and paddle board prevalence in the last ten years, creek activity has skyrocketed. These conveyances are more vulnerable to collisions with boats and from capsizing when exposed to boats’ wake.

Although Bald Head Creek has had “no wake zone” status since the 1980s, enforcement has been handled by the County Sheriff and others. Village Public Safety Officers were able to only “warn” those violating the no wake zone. The Island’s “Creek Geeks” have passionately pursued this safety issue. The Village passed a resolution in the spring of 2018 seeking authority from the state to enforce the no wake zone in the entirety of Bald Head Creek. Brunswick County State Representative Frank Iler brought the request to Raleigh to attempt to get the necessary legislation passed during the General Assembly’s short session this year. Recent accidents and “close encounters” in other communities between kayakers and motor boats may facilitate the request.

Meanwhile, the Public Safety Department has acquired a small jon boat to park at the creek dock. The presence of this clearly identified Public Safety craft may help reduce those boats producing wake. The building at Marina Park will be used by Public Safety to monitor creek activity, provide quick access to the enforcement boat and to provide additional safety oversight for high-traffic Keelson Row, where pedestrians, pets and golf carts must co-exist safely.

Many of the issues expressed in the *Village 2025* survey were on Village Council and staff radar. Significant progress is already being made on Goal Two’s topics. There is, however, always more work to be done and more room for improvement. An important result is that islanders’ concerns have been heard and are being addressed. Seeing

continued progress should help facilitate communication, foster collaboration and tighten the bonds within our community. Hopefully, the specific measures already undertaken will result in a safer and happier summer for all who spend time on our little paradise.

## July

Apple Training	7/2/2018	9am
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2018	
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2018	10am
BHI Conservancy Picnic (BHI Club)	7/4/2018	4pm
ARC–A Meeting	7/9/2018	9am
Book Club	7/9/2018	10am
Alligator Safety	7/10/2018	2pm
VBHI — Transportation	7/11/2018	10am
Litter Sweep	7/11/2018	11am-1pm
Brunswick Nuclear Plant Siren Test	7/11/2018	10-11am
Card Class	7/11/2018	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	7/13/2018	2pm
Apple Training	7/16/2018	9am
ARC–B Meeting	7/20/2018	9am
Village Council Meeting	7/20/2018	9:30am/2:30pm
Apple Training	7/23/2018	9am
Howl at the Moon (“Sturgeon Moon”)	7/27/2018	7pm
Apple Training	7/30/2018	9am

## SAVE THE DATE in August:

Card Class	8/1/2018	2pm
ARC–A Meeting	8/3/2018	9am
National Lighthouse Day	8/4/2018–8/5/2018	
“Run for the Light” 5k, 10k & 1 mile	8/5/2018	7pm
Apple Training	8/6/2018	9am
VBHI — Transportation Meeting	8/8/2018	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	8/10/2018	2pm
Book Club	8/13/2018	10am
ARC–B Meeting	8/17/2018	9am
VBHI — Work Session	8/17/2018	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	8/17/2018	2:30pm
Apple Training	8/20/2018	9am
Howl at the Moon (“Corn Moon”)	8/26/2018	7pm
Apple Training	8/27/2018	9am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Dr. Brent Melton</b> <i>Episcopal</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Apple Training</b> 9am (AC) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>3</b> <b>Zumba</b> 9am (AC)	<b>4</b> <b>VBHI — Transp.</b> 10am (AC) <b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Golf Cart Parade</b> 10am (MP) <b>BHI Conservancy Picnic</b> 4pm (Club) <b>BHA Office Closed</b> <b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>ARC - B</b> Submission Deadline	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Timothy Russell</b> <i>Methodist</i>	<b>9</b> <b>ARC — A Meeting</b> 9am (AC/B) <b>Book Club</b> 10:00am (AC) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>10</b> <b>Zumba</b> 9am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC) <b>Alligator Safety</b> 2pm (AC)	<b>11</b> <b>Siren Test</b> 10-11am <b>Litter Sweep</b> 11am-1pm (PSC) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC) <b>Card Making Class</b> 2:00pm (AC)	<b>12</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>13</b> <b>BHA Meeting</b> 2pm (AC/B)	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>J. Brent Bill</b> <i>Quaker</i>	<b>16</b> <b>Apple Training</b> 9am (AC) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45am (AC)	<b>17</b> <b>Zumba</b> 9am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>20</b> <b>ARC — B Mtg.</b> 9am (AC/B) <b>ARC - A Submission</b> Deadline <b>VBHI Council Work Session</b> 9:30am (AC) <b>VBHI Council Meeting</b> 2:30pm (AC)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Dr. MacHenry Schafer, II</b> <i>Presbyterian</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Apple Training</b> 9am (AC)	<b>24</b> <b>Zumba</b> 9am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45am (AC)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 7:00pm (Access 39)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30am & 10am <b>Rev. Leigh Preston</b> <i>Episcopal</i>	<b>30</b> <b>Apple Training</b> 9am (AC)	<b>31</b> <b>Zumba</b> 9am (AC)				



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- 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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