



Bald Head Association

Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

President's Letter: *As Your New President...*

~Kit Adcock

A lot of time has passed since I first set foot on Bald Head Island. Like many island owners, it was love at first sight. After our first visit, we returned two weeks later with the intent of buying. Within two months we were islanders! Since 1990, no matter where else I've traveled, this island has become the standard by which I measure the rest of this entire earth. To this day Bald Head Island always wins.

It is almost as hard to imagine Bald Head Island twenty plus years ago, as it is to imagine life without cell phones or computers. Harder still is to imagine that until late 1990, there was no telephone service on the island – to communicate with one another islanders used CB radios. Talk about party lines! Today I gripe regularly about the snail's pace of internet access at my house while I contemplate eliminating my land line. A far cry from when I moved in!

I realize that I have some mighty big shoes to fill as I serve the Bald Head Association as president. Fortunately, many of the challenges of this growing island community were anticipated by very wise women and men. Committed and talented volunteers together with exceptionally competent staff manage day-to-day functions. BHA has a solid financial footing; its strong covenants have withstood both the test of time and legal challenges; architectural review procedures improve each year; and communication practices become more relevant and timely, and change as technology changes. The well-maintained Association Center is perfectly situated. It is a

wonderfully flexible place for islanders and visitors to gather, to build friendships and to mark life's most memorable events.

The foundation of a sound homeowners association has been firmly laid. Are there opportunities to serve the Stage One property owners better? Always. It is

my hope that BHA will continue to provide value, useful services, and timely communication to strengthen the fabric of our small community.

But staying current does not mean staying the same. With online services such as GoToMeeting and Dropbox, our members can participate in Association and committee meetings from wherever they

are located, allowing even those who are unable to get here as often as they might like to play a role in decision making. Your input and participation in BHA events and your service on any of BHA's five committees will enable the association to move forward to meet the needs successfully of both today's and future owners. Please consider joining us!

I look forward to working with you to ensure that Bald Head Island continues to win my heart as well as yours.

Kit Adcock

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BHA Members Approve Covenants Changes

At Bald Head Association's annual meeting held in late January, property owners approved two changes to the organization's Covenants. 94% of voting members approved the removal of language restricting timeshares and with 91% voting yes, the Covenants and Design Guidelines will contain consistent instructions on the timeframe for BHA to inform property owners of Architectural Review Committee (ARC) decisions. From this point forward, notification will be delivered to property owners within 45 days of the meeting during which their submission was considered. Although the additional time was approved, BHA's intention is to provide notification as soon after the meeting as possible to keep construction on the Island moving forward. Contact Architectural Review Coordinator Karen Mosteller at karen@baldheadassociation.com or 910-457-4676 x22 with questions about the process.



Reminder: Villas Bridge Closures to Begin in February

Work will begin soon to rebuild the center bridge within the Villa complex and to convert the west bridge, which is located along the entrance to the BHI Club, to a pedestrian only walkway closing the Villa complex to throughway vehicular traffic. The above map depicts the areas of construction. Work is expected to begin in mid-February and conclude by early April. Contact Linda Reiff, president of the Villas Association, at linda@reiff.com for details.

BHA Seeks Pool of Individuals to Oversee Association Center During After-Hours Events

Bald Head Association is developing a pool of individuals who will provide on-site assistance to parties renting the Association Center. Individuals will be available for questions or problems and help manage risk to the building by ensuring that someone with an interest in the property is on-hand at all times. If you have a few hours in the late afternoon/evening once or twice a month that you'd be willing to spend at the Association Center, please contact Diane Mesaris at diane@baldheadassociation.com or 910-457-4676 x21. A flat fee of \$75 will be paid for each event.

BHA/Stage II Association Continue Architectural Review Partnership

Bald Head Association and the Stage II Association have renewed their contract for BHA to provide architectural review services through 2014. Architectural Review Coordinator Karen Mosteller will work with both organizations' architectural review committees to shepherd submittals through the appropriate process and then coordinate decisions with property owners, contractors and architects. She is also available to help property owners in Stage I, Stage II and Middle Island understand requirements contained in the organizations' Covenants and Design Guidelines. Contact Karen at karen@baldheadassociation.com or 910-457-4676 x22.

Village of BHI Plans Information Workshops on the Terminal Groin Project

~ Peter A. Ravella Consulting, LLC

The Village of Bald Head Island is entering the final stages for the design and permitting of the Terminal Groin Project to be located at the west end of South Beach and construction could begin by the end of this year. To make sure property owners are aware of the project, the Village has retained PAR Consulting, LLC to host a series of workshops to address key questions on this important project. These and other questions will be addressed in the workshops:

- What is the project schedule for permitting, design, bidding and construction?
- How much will the project cost?
- How will the project be paid for?
- How will the project affect the shoreline on South Beach and West Beach?
- Does the Village have to continue sand placement after the terminal groin is built?

The Terminal Groin Project is a significant step forward in the Village's strategy to respond to shoreline erosion. It is also a substantial investment, estimated to cost about \$16 million. Assuming the federal and state permitting processes proceed smoothly — and right now, everything appears to be on track — the project may be under construction by the end of this year.

Our goal is to work with the community to specifically address the project costs and how best to pay for the construction. We need your help and your input.

As we mentioned, six public workshops will be held on the project and its financing. The Village will be sending postcards to all property owners before each workshop and we hope you will be able to participate. All workshops will be held at BHA's Association Center at 111 Lighthouse Wynd.

We encourage you to learn more about the project and there are a few ways you can do that:

1. Call or email Peter Ravella at 512-784-3565 and peteravella@mac.com.
2. Download and review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project by visiting the Corps web site at <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram/MajorProjects>
3. Attend the Project Funding Workshops in the table below.
4. Regularly check the Project Funding webpage, launching soon.
5. Attend the public hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Date: February 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.
Place: International Longshoreman's Association Hall (211 West 10th Street, Southport)

Written comments on the DEIS will be received until February 24, 2014.

Please join us as we work with the Bald Head Island property owners to develop the best financing plan for the Terminal Groin Project. We look forward to your participation.

Workshop and Events	Dates	Time
Workshop 1, Kickoff and Funding Concept	Friday, February 14 th	3pm
Workshop 2, Kickoff and Funding Concept	Saturday, February 15 th	2pm
Workshop 3, Preliminary Draft Funding Plan	Wednesday, March 19 th	1:30pm
Workshop 4, Preliminary Draft Funding Plan	Thursday, March 20 th	3pm
Workshop 5, Final Draft Funding Plan	Wednesday, April 30 th	1:30pm
Workshop 6, Final Draft Funding Plan	Thursday, May 1 st	3pm
Council Presentation & Action	Friday, May 2	9:30am & 2:30pm



White-tailed Deer Management Project Launched

~Nicki Dardinger,
Director of Conservation

The first week of Bald Head Island's deer darting and vaccination efforts wrapped up on January 13th with a total of eight does successfully vaccinated and three additional young females radio collared to aid in their capture for vaccination next year. While the project's progress was slower than anticipated and met some unexpected challenges including poor weather and faulty equipment, the BHI Conservancy and partners White Buffalo, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, USDA, and Friends of Deer, learned a great deal about the island's deer population and were able to re-tool, re-strategize, and develop a new plan to maximize the chances of project success.



The BHI Conservancy is currently working with project partners to finalize a plan for a second week of darting and vaccinating deer that will take place from approximately February 28 to March 6, 2014. The island's deer population is concentrated in the maritime forest, and the establishments of bait sites in close proximity to the forest are crucial to drawing out the deer. Over the next month, the BHI Conservancy will establish eight to ten new bait sites across the island that will be selected based on characteristics such as presence of a structure, distance from the maritime forest, distance from other bait sites, and prevailing wind directions. While the second week of darting will focus largely on darting deer at the established bait sites, the team will also continue to drive the island in the early evening and morning hours to locate and dart targets of opportunity.

Bald Head Island's deer management project is the first of its kind in the state, and while there are always challenges associated with trying new methods for managing the size and health of wildlife populations,

the BHI Conservancy is committed to continuing to collaborate with project partners, incorporate lessons learned, and work towards a successful strategy to achieve success in using an immunocontraceptive to control the size of the deer population on the island.

Have you seen one of Bald Head Island's tagged deer? All vaccinated deer are wearing ear tags and radio collars to help BHI Conservancy staff and volunteers track them and successfully locate them

again next year when they will require a booster vaccination. The BHI Conservancy would like YOUR help monitoring the location and behavior of these deer over the next year. If you see a doe with white ear tags and a radio collar, please visit our website

and complete the Deer Sighting Form that will let us know when and where you saw the deer.

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2 Communion 8:30 am Rev. James Craven Episcopal	3 Yoga 11:45 am (AC)	4 Pilates 9 am (AC)	5 Yoga 11:45 am (AC) Card Making Class 2 pm - 5 pm (AC)	6 No Pilates	7 Men's Bible Study 8 am ARC Mtg 9:30 am	8
9 8:30 am Rev. Dr. Timothy Reaves Methodist	10 No Yoga	11 No Pilates Book Club 10:30 am	12 No Yoga	13 No Pilates Chamber of Commerce BOD 11 am (AC)	14 Howl at the Moon 4 pm	15
16 8:30 am Rev. Dr. Robert Ferguson Baptist	17 No Yoga BHI Club BOG 9 am (Club) "3rd Monday" Pot Luck 5 pm (AC)	18 Pilates 9 am (AC)	19 No Yoga	20 Pilates 9 am (AC) Village Council Retreat 9:30 am (Club)	21 Men's Bible Study 8 am Concert 7:30 pm (VC)	22
23 8:30 am Rev. Dr. David Jordan Baptist	24 Yoga 11:45 am (AC)	25 Pilates 9 am (AC)	26 Yoga 11:45 am (AC)	27 Pilates 9 am (AC)	28	Notes:

AC (BHA Association Center)
BHIC (BHI Conservancy)
Club (BHI Club)
VC (Village Chapel)
PSD (Public Safety Operations Building)

Standing Events:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**—Mon & Fri, 12 - 1pm, Association Ctr. Contact John B. at 454-9251 or sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com
- **Knitting**—A group of knitting enthusiasts meets every Wed at the Association Ctr., 9:30 - 11:30am

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