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Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

Alligators on BHI and PFAS Chemicals — Yes, You Read That Correctly!

*H*ave you ever heard about PFAS chemicals? These are toxic chemicals that also have many valuable uses. Fire-retardant foam is one example. They are also beneficially used in food processing, food packaging and for the lubrication of hydraulics and pneumatics. PFAS chemicals are everywhere. They never go away. There are thousands of them, and they do not break down. Humans make these chemicals; they are not made naturally.

Essentially, the human body does not know or have the capability of dealing with PFAS chemicals. In the human body, these chemicals trick the body into reacting to it as a fatty acid. They affect liver and kidney functions and increase cholesterol levels. They alter the body's immune response, and they create a poor response to vaccines. The main exposure source is drinking water. Most water purification systems do not remove PFAS chemicals, but reverse osmosis (RO) — which is the process of BHI-sourced water — is the only water treatment currently known that can remove

PFAS chemicals from the water. This remains under study.

PFAS chemicals are found in some food packaging (such as popcorn and pizza). Scientists are beginning to learn and understand what the cost of beneficial gadgets and packaging such as non-stick and stain/water-repellent pose. Firefighters,



military personnel and emergency responders risk occupational exposure with the use of fire-retardant materials.

As part of a larger study to learn the effects of PFAS chemicals on alligators on Bald Head Island, several BHI entities are collaborating with NC State University researchers — BHI Conservancy, Bald Head Association and the BHI Club. On May 1, 2019, a team of researchers and scientists visited Bald Head Island, working in conjunction with the BHI Conservancy. This is part of an ongoing study to learn more about PFAS chemicals, their effects, their levels in water and their levels in wildlife. The accompanying photo shows the team measuring one alligator, taking other important statistics and tagging for future purposes.

Dr. Scott Belcher, from NC State University, is leading this research and is working in conjunction with Chris Shank, BHI Conservancy Executive Director. Madi Polera, Assistant Project Manager for Cape Fear River Watch, is also working with the BHI Conservancy on this project. Theresa Guillette and Matt Guillette are part of the team, assisting with the humane and safe alligator sampling and tagging process. BHI Conservancy intern Angie Quiroga and BHI Conservancy Senior Scientist Beth

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Proposed Village Transportation Ordinance

By Kit Adcock, Mayor Pro Tempore

The Village Council formed a Transportation Committee three years ago to address several issues with Island road safety, traffic and vehicles. One of the committee's foremost original charges was to study the arbitrary permitting process and parking rules for internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles.

After significant research, several community forums with the Island's wide array of businesses and lengthy discussion with the Public Safety Director, it became clear that the existing Transportation Ordinance was extremely outdated. In August

2018, Council added a charge to the Committee to review and rewrite, if necessary, the entirety of the Chapter 28, Traffic and Vehicles ordinance. A wide range of topics that the committee discussed and for which recommendations had already been submitted to Council were incorporated into the proposed new document.

With Island growth and population increases road safety continues to be paramount. Recent international travel articles

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ARC is your resource for all work pre-approvals and can help you comply with BHA's Design Guidelines. 2019 ARC Meeting Schedules are on the website at www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. Contact ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

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!

NEW! Tree Request Procedures Made Easy — 1, 2, 3 & 4

Do you have trees that need trimming or need to be removed? The Design Guidelines state:

"ARC review and approval is required before the removal of trees 3 inches in diameter measured 48 inches along the trunk from ground level, tree limbs of 3 inches or more in diameter; clustered growth vegetation 2 square feet or more at ground level, regardless of branching habits or diameter of the branches. Within the understory, ARC approval is also required to remove vegetation 1 inch or greater in diameter measured 48 inches along the trunk from ground level."

To be safe, ARC asks property owners to seek **PRIOR APPROVAL** for all tree requests. Here is the simple process outlined, to help you understand the process and the timeline:

1. Tag trees so that they are readily identifiable.
2. Email your tree request to Karen Mosteller, BHA's ARC Coordinator, at Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.
3. Site visit is conducted by ARC and an ARC Committee member (property owner does not need to be onsite). ***There will be NO site visit if the trees are not tagged.***
4. A site review response will be emailed from ARC.

NOTE: A response can take somewhere between a few days, up to 14 days, depending on workload and schedules.

In response to concerns raised at BHA's Annual Meeting in January 2019, BHA has worked with the Village of BHI to streamline the tree approval process. This newly modified approval process regarding tree removal and trimming eliminates confusion and simplifies the process.

Property owners can start the process with one simple phone call or email to Karen Mosteller, BHA's ARC Coordinator (910-457-4676, ext. 22 or Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

The previous approval process required property owners

to contact both Karen Mosteller and Stephen Boyett, Village of BHI Development Services Director, for separate approvals. Though there are still approval processes for both organizations traveling parallel, the change is that to start the approval process, property owners need only to contact Karen.

This approval process is for all properties **EXCEPT** those located in the Harbour or Middle Island.

"Operation Re-Forest — We Forest!"

In response to the large tree loss on Bald Head Island from Hurricane Florence and the January 2018 ice storm, BHA's Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has developed a simplified tree planting approval process, which includes waiving approval fees and streamlining logistics. You simply need to email Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, with the number and types of trees you want to plant in the fall (Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com). **Reminder: You can only plant trees on lots that you own, so ensure that you know where your lot lines are.**

Property owners can arrange to purchase trees through their landscaping service provider, or BHA is working with Island Hardware to serve as a central ordering and distribution point for new trees. BHA is also working with the Village of BHI and BHI Club, both committed to participating in this reforestation operation.

If you want to order trees through Island Hardware, email Pete Fullam (bhihardware@ihandm.com) with the number and types of trees you want by **Monday, September 2, 2019**. Pete will order all trees in September, for October and November delivery. He has been given BHA's native plant list for various BHI ecologies, which BHA encourages utilizing for planting. Though some tree species may be harder to locate, Pete will contact local nurseries to

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Tree Violations on Property Owner Lots:
\$3,400 fines levied by BHA Board
for unauthorized tree removal

You Heard it Here — Know Your Lot Lines

By Carrie Moffett, BHA Executive Director

For the past several months, BHA has continued to encourage property owners to be clear about the deeded boundaries of their properties. "Know your lot lines" has been BHA's mantra since even before the hurricane. We've provided graphics showing how BHA common area serves as a buffer between individual properties and the golf course. We've asked owners to be aware if an adjacent lot is owned by the Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) to help protect the natural makeup of those parcels in perpetuity. We've even stated that individual property owners should not remove/trim trees or other vegetation from behind their homes without being absolutely certain of where their lot lines are located (and receiving ARC approval, of course).

Unfortunately, one homeowner has not taken heed of this advice and his (for the sake of protecting the owner's identity, I will identify the owner as "he") landscaper removed not only a number of trees on *his* property without BHA's permission but also removed six, good-sized trees from *his neighbor's* vacant lot — **without** the neighbor's permission. If I had to guess, I'd say that the landscaper had no idea there even was a property line in the area and just removed the trees as he saw fit.

So now, we have both neighbors and BHA backed into a

difficult and unnecessary position. The homeowner who had the work done will likely be fined by BHA for removing trees without permission. The vacant lot owner (who is obviously not happy that his trees were removed) has already been fined by BHA for removing trees from a vacant lot. (BHA's Covenants specifically state that no clearing may occur on vacant lots and, unfortunately, the property owner is always responsible for what happens on his/her property.) I'm not sure whether this will turn into a civil matter between neighbors, but the situation certainly doesn't lend itself to an invitation to play a few rounds of golf together in the future.

If only the homeowner would have known where his lot lines were AND provided that information to his landscaper, the entire situation would have easily been avoided.

Please, let me repeat again — **know your lot lines**. If you did not order a survey during the closing of your property, please consider getting one (a list of surveyors can be found on our web site at BaldHeadAssociation.com/surveyors). Short of that, contact BHA, and we can show you how to use Brunswick County's GIS system to identify the general location of your property's boundaries within a few feet. Even that would help. 

Oil and Gas Exploration in the Atlantic Still in Play

Environmentalists and many others along the East Coast from Maine to Florida have been watching diligently in anticipation of a new five-year plan for leasing offshore areas of the U.S. for oil and gas exploration. Just before the end of his second term, President Obama released the current 2017-2022 National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program which outlines the areas and timing the federal government

releases offshore areas for exploration and drilling. That program removed the Atlantic Ocean and other parts of federal waters from leasing, in part because of the opposition among coastal leaders, businesses and citizens. Shortly after taking office, however, President Trump signed an executive order declaring that a new leasing program for 2019-2024 should be drafted to

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BHI Ferry Transportation Authority (BHIFTA) May Monthly Meeting

The members of the BHI Ferry Transportation Authority held their regular monthly meeting on May 15th. The meeting opened with Chair Susan Rabon noting that there was essentially no change to the financials since the prior month and asked Vice President Brad Smith to confirm that subsequent to the April meeting, it was decided that the Authority would not pursue a request for proposals for operation of the ferry system at this

time. The Authority then went into closed session and emerged into public session an hour-and-a-half later with no substantive comment or record of decisions made.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19th at 9:15am at the Southport Community Building (223 E. Bay Street, Southport). Property owners are encouraged to attend. 



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Village of Bald Head Island Updates

By Daralyn Spivey, Village Clerk

The Village has opened 16 boat trailer parking spaces at the Creek Access on North Bald Head Wynd. This will allow for more daytime-hours-only parking of trailers while boaters are out enjoying the beautiful creeks and waterways around the Island. When parking, please back your trailers into the available spaces.

Save the Date! June 27th is the Annual Public Safety Day

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celebration beginning at 10:00am at the Marina Park on Keelson Row. Public Safety staff and their apparatuses will be onsite, along with members of the US Coast Guard, Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, NC Wildlife Resources and NC Marine Fisheries. There will also be activities for the kids along with hot dogs and hamburgers.



Village of BHI's Hurricane Florence Task Force

The Hurricane Florence Task Force held public meetings in March and April. According to Rex Cowdry, Task Force Chair, the Task Force:

- is working closely with the Village on a variety of issues, including infrastructure and communications
- will be sending the Village an interim report, with cost

estimates for stormwater and aquifer studies and for infrastructure and website improvements that the Task Force anticipates will need to be funded in the next two budgets

- is on schedule to send a final report with recommendations in early June.



Ferry Negative Fuel Surcharge To Be Terminated — Previously Approved Ferry Ticket Fares Now in Effect

In early May, Bald Head Island Transportation (BHIT) received approval by the NC Utilities Commission (NCUC) to eliminate the negative fuel surcharge that was approved by the NCUC in 2016. The termination of the negative fuel surcharge became effective May 20, 2019. Here are the fare charges now in effect:

Class I General	\$23.00
Class II Bulk 40	\$17.50
Class III Bulk 80	\$15.00
Class IV No Frills	\$14.00
Class V Contractor	\$14.00
Class VI Employee	\$14.00
Class VII Children 3012 years	\$12.00
Class VIII Annual Pass	\$1,850.00
Class IXa Baggage Oversized	\$23.00
Class IXb Baggage Excess	\$5.00
Class X One-Way	\$11.50

In 2008, the NCUC issued an order allowing ferry operators the ability to implement a temporary fuel surcharge. The order required operators to compute the surcharge using a specified formula and to file quarterly reports. In December 2008, the NCUC approved a request from BHIT to institute a fuel surcharge. BHIT has requested and received approval for modifications to the surcharge in varying amounts over the years.

A steady and consistent decrease in fuel costs over time allowed for the overcollection of funds via the fuel surcharge that were placed into a deferred account to offset fuel cost variations. In 2016, the NCUC approved a request by BHIT for a “negative fuel surcharge” that reduced the cost of ferry tickets by \$1 per ticket (i.e., general fare ticket price was reduced from \$23 to \$22) to reflect more accurately current fuel costs and to reduce the deferred account’s balance.

In April 2019, BHIT filed with the NCUC a request to eliminate the negative fuel surcharge stating that with anticipated passenger volumes and lower fuel costs, the balance of the overcollection deferred account will likely reach \$0 in May or June 2019. BHIT further stated in its request that if the negative fuel surcharge weren’t eliminated, the result would be an undercollection. BHIT requested the elimination of the negative surcharge when the account reaches a \$0 balance. When that occurs, **ferry ticket rates will revert to those previously approved by the NCUC in March 2016 — this is NOT a rate increase.**

Since the balance changes with each passenger riding the ferry and the cost of a tank of fuel, it is impossible to determine the exact date the balance will reach \$0. BHIT will provide a public notice no less than seven (7) days in advance of the elimination of the negative surcharge.



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The BHI Beat

John Fisher, BHA Board President

A Snapshot in Time

As we enter high season on beautiful Bald Head Island, those who have not yet been here since Hurricane Florence hit in September 2018 will see some changes. There are still many homes under repair, some with blue tarps covering the roofs until repairs can be finished. New homes are under construction. BHI Club's renovations and upgrades are being finalized. You will see extra contractors on the ferries and more ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles on the roads and at job sites.

There are approximately 1,200 rooftops currently on Bald Head Island. Here is a snapshot of current statistics:

- Approximately 150 homes are lived in full-time
- About one-third of BHI homes are rented
- Approximately two-thirds of BHI property owners are second homeowners
- There are 24 new homes currently under construction, which is an average annual pace
- 80% of BHA survey respondents (from February 2019) who rent their homes estimated the homes would be available for the 2019 rental season

Like sand being washed clean by high tide

The best indicator of the future is the past. From 2000 to 2015, there was a tremendous growth in the number of homes. In the former Stage I area, the number of homes increased by 35% in that time period. If the number of homes increases even by 30% over the coming 15 years, there would be over 1,500 homes on BHI.

What happens to Bald Head Island when the equilibrium shifts slightly — when there are more rooftops; when more homes are rented; and when there are more people, dogs and golf carts on BHI — living full-time, part-time or just visiting? What about the culture shift from its tight-knit Generator Society beginnings to today and beyond? Right now there is an uptick of contractor work from Hurricane Florence effects, which could last through next year. And even before Memorial Day, more prime-time ferries are reaching passenger capacity, with extra people having to wait for the next ferry.

Another aspect to consider when thinking about growth is available restaurants. What is the current restaurant capacity, and how does an increase of people, especially on the busiest week

of the year — July 4th — affect commercial growth, which is limited by available space?

More importantly, who is asking these questions, and who is seeking solutions, both short-term and longer-term — for the benefit of cultivating a unique quality of life and preserving the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come?

Managed growth is crucial

BHA's Strategic Planning Committee is looking at several components that are changing on BHI. They're looking longer-term, out a generation, how those changes will affect BHA and its vision and mission. They're discussing how BHA responds to those changes, in maintaining its vision and mission. They're looking at how the changing demographics, attitudes and increased development play out across BHI and how that affects BHA moving forward. And they're discussing potential effects from the reduced role of the Mitchell family.

In order for Bald Head Island to maintain what is essentially loved about being an ecologically diverse barrier island, property owners — both new ones and ones who have owned property for any length of time — must know and follow guidelines that were originally established and periodically updated to preserve BHI's many unique charms. BHA's Design Guidelines are only as good as the property owners who ensure that they and all of their contractors follow those established guidelines.

In an effort to prevent problems that have multiplier effects across the Island, BHA has created preventive communications pieces for new property owners in its recently launched Welcome Package and continually educates all property owners through vehicles such as this *Island Report* you are now reading and the website (BaldHeadAssociation.com). BHA is also creating an Owner's Guide for new property owners and resource tools to help inform renters of property owners who manage their own rentals. But again, this information is only as good as the weakest link in the chain — the property owner who doesn't read or ensure their contractors follow the Design Guidelines. Please help BHA help you — the invested property owner — by keeping updated with information from BHA, by sharing BHA's

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Village of BHI — Public Utilities Essential Water and Sewer Tips for an Island

By Ken Bowling, Village of BHI Public Utilities Director

Prevent Wasting Water

As warmer weather brings additional water usage on Bald Head Island, now is a good time to check your irrigation systems for optimal operation and to prevent wasting water. Fix any visible water leaks and check for weathering and wear/tear on all water seals and piping. All property owners are encouraged to conserve water year-round (and to inform your guests and renters) and to winterize your home to prevent water loss.

Property owners are asked to ensure that spray heads are intact and that any timers are functional and set properly. Public Utilities also suggests checking the water service meter before and after any irrigating, to know how much water is being utilized. For any questions, call Public Utilities at 910-457-7350.

According to Village Ordinance Sec. 30-48:

"The Village shall not be responsible for any leaks which may develop or occur on the premises of consumers. Although in water leak instances, the Village Manager or Director of Public Utilities may consider, in their sole discretion, an adjustment up to 50% of billed water deliveries for such water loss if the consumer requests an adjustment and submits a suitable repair invoice from a licensed plumber. Residential sewer adjustments shall not apply, due to flat rate charges for service (because the sewer charge is not based on water consumption). Non-

Residential sewer service cost is based on water consumption and reductions (as above) may be considered where it can be demonstrated that water lost did not enter the sanitary sewer system. Only one (1) adjustment can be considered within a twenty-four (24) month period."

The Village of BHI's Utilities Department has recommendations to preclude water loss/damage, which is posted on BaldHeadAssociation.com (click on "Life on BHI," then "VBHI Recommendations to Preclude Water Loss/Damage").

Do Not Use Your Toilet as a Trash Can

Public Utilities asks property owners and renters to help prevent damaging and costly sewer backups by being careful of what items are flushed. Even though a product may be labeled disposable or biodegradable, it does not mean that it is designed to be flushed down the toilet.

These items should be placed in the trash — **NOT** flushed down the toilet:

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2. Gum
3. Cigarette butts
4. All feminine sanitary products

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4th of July Golf Cart Parade

By Abby Sachs, Old Baldy Development and Special Event Coordinator

The Old Baldy Foundation is excited for the annual 4th of July Golf Cart Parade! This event is a highlight of the summer, and we love seeing the many creative golf carts that join in on the fun. This year the themes will be Patriotic, Anything BHI and Tacky Tourist. Register your cart by July 3 at 2:30pm online at OldBaldy.org for \$20, which benefits the Old Baldy Foundation. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00am. The lineup of



golf carts starts at 9:00am at Marina Park on Keelson Row.

The 4th of July Golf Cart Parade starts at Marina Park on Keelson Row, traveling over Timber Bridge and turning onto Lighthouse Wynd. The parade will pause in front of the judging table at Old Baldy. At the end of Lighthouse Wynd, carts travel along North Bald Head Wynd, turning right onto Stede Bonnet Wynd and then right again onto South Bald Head Wynd. All carts finish at Old Baldy.

The entire parade route takes approximately one hour. Please note that any travel plans along the parade route may be affected and to plan accordingly.



"The Sea Shall Not Have Them"

The North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport's new exhibit, "The Sea Shall Not Have Them," features artifacts from the Old Baldy Foundation's collections. This exhibit narrates the efforts of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, U.S. Life-Saving Service and U.S. Coast Guard to protect mariners in the lower Cape Fear. Within the exhibit are the wreck logs from the Cape Fear Life-Saving Station and a section of the Cape Fear Light Station's staircase, on loan to the State of North Carolina by the Old Baldy Foundation.

After the Coast Guard destroyed the Cape Fear Light Station in 1958, a section of the staircase debris was buried and eventually uncovered by Dana Quanstrom on Scoter Court. Quanstrom donated the staircase to the Old Baldy Foundation in 2013. Recently, the Foundation preserved the staircase through the generosity of RR Powder Coating, who sandblasted the piece to remove rust and powder-coated the cleaned piece. Additionally, the Cape Fear Life-Saving Station Wreck Log is on display in the exhibit. Each time the life-saving servicemen responded to a vessel in distress, the officer in charge completed a questionnaire

By Travis Gilbert, Old Baldy Foundation Programs Coordinator

detailing the rescue. These completed forms were bound together in a wreck log that the Old Baldy Foundation acquired in 2006 through the generosity of Tom Bowmer in memory of his wife Jane Dixon Bowmer.

Loaning collection pieces to other institutions is commonplace within the museum profession. With space limitations at the Smith Island Museum, this loan is an ideal way to display collections pieces that would otherwise remain in storage. The loan also furthers our mission of educating our community about Bald Head Island's historical significance. Admission to the Maritime Museum is free. The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm and is located at 204 E. Moore Street in downtown Southport, NC.



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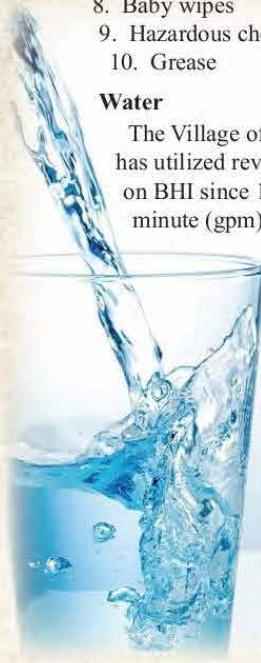
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- 5. Bandages
- 6. Paper towels
- 7. Disposable diapers
- 8. Baby wipes
- 9. Hazardous chemicals
- 10. Grease

Water

The Village of BHI's Public Utilities Department has utilized reverse osmosis (RO) for water treatment on BHI since 1997. At full operation, 80 gallons per minute (gpm) of potable water (drinking water) is produced, multiplied by three units, for a total of 240 gpm or 345,000 gallons per day (gpd). Customer usage (demand) or RO repairs and maintenance "down time" determines the amount of water purchased from Brunswick County Utilities.

Water rates are currently based on two tiers. Tier 1 is for water use of up to 3,000 gallons per month, for a rate of \$5.78 per thousand. Tier 2 is for water use of 3,000+ gallons per month, for a rate of \$9.48 per thousand. There is a base monthly rate



for all BHI property owners throughout the year, regardless of usage. The schedule of water and sewer rates states, "If water and/or sewer service is disconnected and service is reconnected within nine (9) months, the base charges and surcharge for all months disconnected will be due and payable." If property owners want to shut off water and/or sewer, call Public Utilities at 910-457-7350 for complete information about service and reconnection charges.

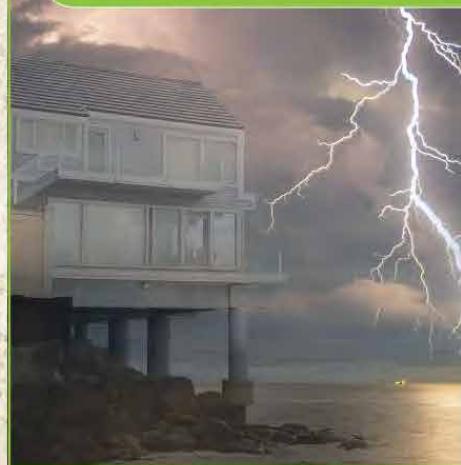
Sewage

Currently with nearly 1,200 homes on BHI (50% of BHI buildout), Public Utilities has the capacity to process 300,000 gallons of waste every day. For future buildout, the total estimate is 2,462 REUs (Residential Equivalent Units) for non-residential and residential. Additional treatment capacity is anticipated in the somewhat near future of 5 to 10 years.

The Public Utilities Department is already looking into a study proposal from engineering to be introduced to the 2019–2020 Village of BHI budget. This study will determine where utilities are currently within the 80-90% rule (North Carolina requires that the "planning stage" occur at 80% of capacity and the "construction stage" occur at 90% of capacity), future capacity required (600,000 gpd–650,000 gpd), when will the additional treatment capacity will be required and how to proceed in construction (phases or straight to buildout capacity). For more information visit www.VillageBHI.org or call 910-457-7350.



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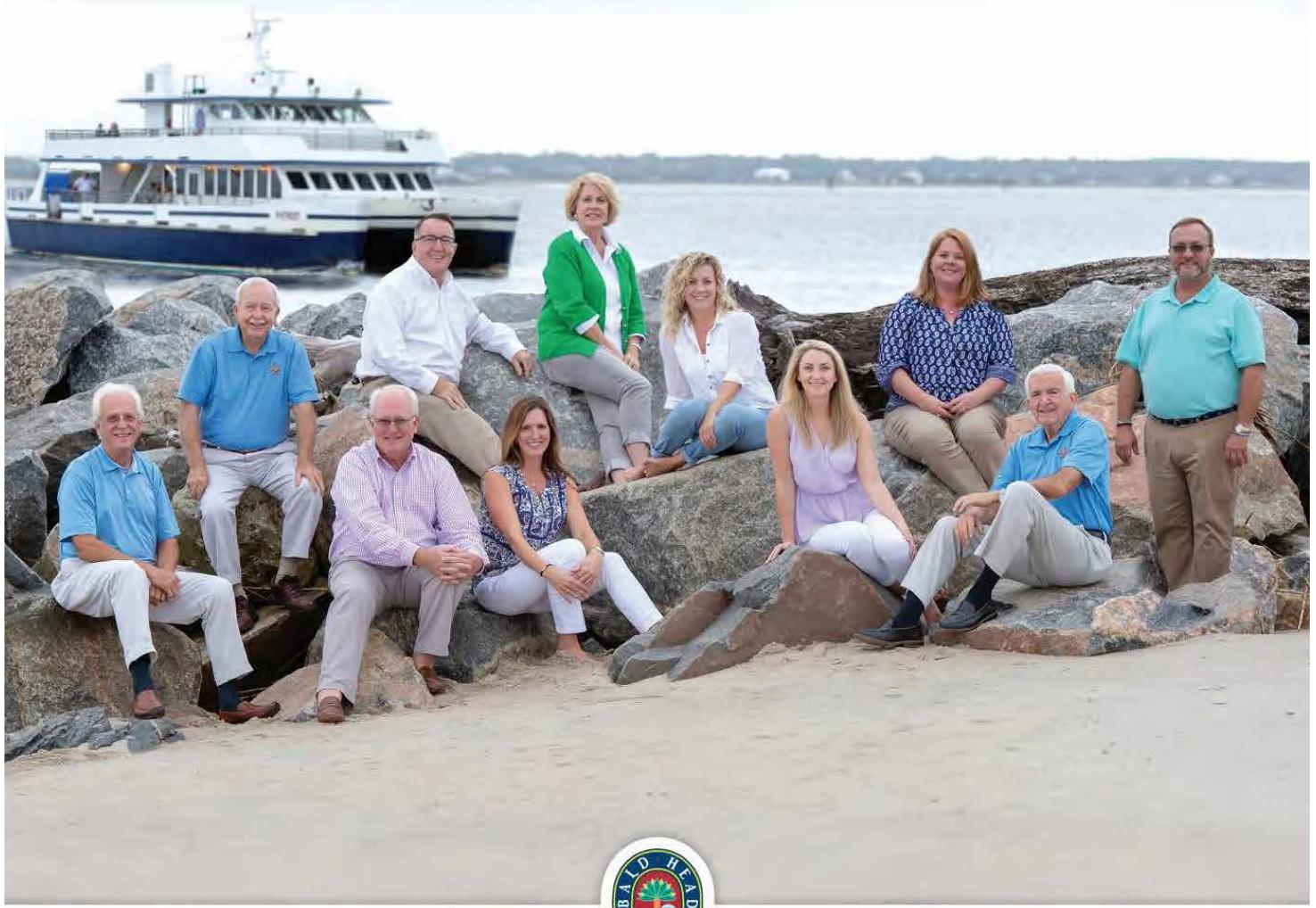
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(Noun) a small and particularly interesting item of information.

Medical Services on BHI and in the Area

For all emergencies on BHI, call 911. The Village of BHI's Public Safety Department provides medical, police, fire and water rescue services. Paramedic-level service is available 24/7/365. Transport to an appropriate medical facility is available by ferry or helicopter. A water rescue boat is onsite. And a big-wheel beach chair is available for special needs individuals to use.

The Dosher Medical-BHI walk-in clinic is now open on Bald Head Island through August 30, 2019. Hours are 9:00am-4:00pm, and the clinic will be closed on July 4, 2019. For Dosher Medical-BHI information, call 910-457-5252.

For medical and pharmacy services on BHI and in the area, visit BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on "Life on BHI," then "Medical Information." Emergency, medical and pharmacy services and information is listed, including prescription delivery to BHI. For prescription delivery to BHI, call Galloway-Sands Pharmacy in Southport at 910-454-9090.

Address Bollards

The visibility of your address bollard could mean the difference of essential seconds in emergency response time. Public Safety personnel cannot find you, tram drivers cannot find you and renters cannot find you if the address bollard:

- is missing
- is not visible at night because of faded, reflective paint
- is not visible due to YES/NO trash pickup sign obstruction
- is not visible day or night because of surrounding vegetation

Bollard construction and installation must comply with BHA Design Guidelines, so choose a service provider who complies with these guidelines (visit BaldHeadAssociation.com, click on "Life on BHI," then "Island Service Providers"). A company in Southport that has made bollards for BHI according to Design Guidelines is A Sign of Distinction. Contact Smitty at 910-457-5303 or asodsmitty@aol.com.

ICE Vehicle Parking

Increasingly, contractors are parking their ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles at the barge landing instead of parking them in the designated area in or near the contractor lot. Please ask your contractors to park in designated areas only. The increasing number of full-sized vehicles that are parking on the private property at the barge landing has quickly become a safety hazard to those entering the intersection of North Bald Head Wynd and the entrance to the barge landing.

Debris and "Special Pickups"

YARD DEBRIS

For BHI property owners who do their own yard work, call Public Works to request a yard debris pickup at 910-457-5422. Debris will **NOT** be picked up without a request call. Maximum limb diameter allowed is 6" at its largest point. Calls made by 2:00pm the day before pickup will be included in next-day pickup.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, yard debris pickup is twice a month on the first and third Wednesday. If a contractor/landscaper does yard work, they are responsible for debris removal.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Public Works does not take **ANY** construction debris. Contractors must remove all construction debris from the island. Property owners doing their own construction projects (remember, **ALL** exterior changes to homes, lighting and landscaping must submit and receive prior approval from ARC) can call Joe Walker at 910-367-1167 for a 4'x8' wooden dumpster or Island Contracting at 910-457-5816 for a 20-yard dumpster.

"SPECIAL PICKUPS"

For large or numerous items that property owners can't take to the Recycle Center, call Public Works at 910-457-5422 to schedule a Special Pickup. This does **NOT** include construction or yard debris. A Special Pickup is \$50 per truck load.

MATTRESS DISPOSAL PROCEDURE — CALL FOR A "SPECIAL PICKUP"

In an effort to help property owners and prevent random disposal, the Village of BHI has a new procedure for mattress disposal. This is for individual property owners who have mattresses that need to be disposed of, **NOT** for commercial properties. Call Public Works (910-457-5422) to arrange for a Special Pickup. There is a \$50 fee which must be paid prior to scheduling a pickup date, payable to the Village of BHI. Once payment is received, Village staff will coordinate with property owners and make arrangements to pick up the mattresses.

NOTE: BHA's Community Wide Standards are in place. Policy violators will receive a warning letter and must comply within 30 days.

No Overnight Parking

Reminder: No overnight parking is allowed in the circle beside the Chandler Building at the BHI ferry landing (in front of Sandpiper). The circle and adjacent property is private property that is owned by BHI Limited, who has allowed property owners to park their carts at that location during daylight hours for many years. Please do not take advantage of Limited's generosity by parking carts during prohibited hours.

BHI Litter Sweep Wrap-up | By Kay Menk, RCB Committee Chair (Resource Conservation and Beautification)

A heartfelt shout-out to all those folks who supported the recent BHI Litter Sweep. We had enthusiastic pickers in practically every neighborhood, and we swept most of our beaches as well. There were youngsters learning the value of public service, teenagers earning public service credits and oldsters setting the example for every resident.

A special thank you to islanders who consistently give generously of their time supporting community activities such the BHI Litter Sweep. Diane Mesaris, Elizabeth Kinney and Bob and Kathy Ketels frequently "sweep" and are always out for various community efforts. Bill Garvey worked for two days cleaning South Bald Head Wynd. Anne Boozell, Mayor Andy Sayre and Barbara McQuaide also joined forces to make our Earth Day Litter Sweep a success.

If you have never participated in one of our BHI Litter Sweeps, these folks will tell that you are missing a good time. Keep an eye out for the next Litter Sweep and join your friends and neighbors for a morning of productive fun!

Photos at right, clockwise from top left: Sandra Hall and Keith Gosnell, "Most Unusual Find on the Beach." The Ritchie family — Kristine, David, Madison, Mackenzie and Mia. Olivia Hopkins and Jessica Freeman (ages 11 and 12). Jenny Young, "Most Enthusiastic." Bill Garvey, "Most Handsome."



Chris Webb gets ready to give blood.

5th Annual BHI Community Blood Drive Your Gifts Will Impact As Many As 81 Lives

It was another successful BHI Community Blood Drive! On April 24, 2019, the American Red Cross collected a total of 27 units of blood on Bald Head Island. The units collected are able to be separated into three components — red cells, platelets and plasma. As a result, those 27 units will impact as many as 81 lives.

"That is an amazing gift to our organization and to our blood recipients," said Tanya Tilley-Hall, Donor Recruitment Representative. "We are extremely grateful to Chris Webb for initiating the blood drive, the generous blood donors for giving the 'gift of life' and the many supporters who made this blood drive possible. Bald Head Island is a uniquely close and generous community, and we enjoy being a part of this annual event."

A big thank you goes to Chris Webb for working with the American Red Cross for five years now, to make this event happen, which she does in honor of her late husband, Ray Webb. What a beautiful tribute.



American Red Cross personnel pause from the blood drive on BHI to pose for the camera with Chris Webb. From left to right: Kat Troyer, Ashley Bass, Chris Webb, Lindsley Sullivan, Stacie Dziak and Samantha Price.

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Welcome...



Teagan Perry Hall

ARC Associate/Covenants Compliance Agent

Teagan works with Karen Mosteller, ARC Coordinator, facilitating the ARC process. She also handles all BHA violations. She can be reached at 910-457-4676, ext. 23 or Teagan@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



Pam Rainey

Customer Relations Associate

Pam manages all BHA Common Area, including the Boat Park and the Wildlife Overlook on Stede Bonnet. She also manages all aspects of the three drip-line communities of Keeper's Landing, Sumner's Crescent and Surfman's Walk. She can be reached at 910-457-4676, ext. 24 or PamR@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Thank you and best wishes to Ann VerMeulen and Julie Starcher in their retirements!

Village Chapel News

By Debra Lyons

There are many exciting things happening at the Village Chapel of Bald Head Island. Here are some of our upcoming events. For more information, please visit our website at www.BaldHeadChapel.org.

The Chapel recently published its first-ever quarterly newsletter, the *BEACON*. Didn't receive a copy of the *BEACON*? Contact the Chapel at chapelbhi@bellsouth.net to sign up for the newsletter.

We are Excited! The Bald Head Island Chapel Children's Sunday school begins on June 23 and continues Sundays until August 11. There will be Bible lessons, music, arts and crafts and lots of fun. Held during the 10:00am service in the BHI Chapel courtyard and BHA Association Center and deck. This is for children from 4 years old (potty trained) to 10 years old. As you arrive at church, please sign your children up in the courtyard. The children will attend the first part of the service

with their families and be dismissed after the children's message. For questions contact Elizabeth Kinney at 919-272-7242 or Karen Mortimer at 410-241-2930. We are also looking for volunteers. Kids 11 years old and older and parents are welcome to join us to help with the little ones.

The Chapel participates in many on-island and off-island outreach programs throughout the year. Please check the quarterly newsletter, the *BEACON*, to learn of upcoming events that you would like to participate in. Or, check the Chapel's website at www.BaldHeadChapel.org and click on "Calendar" to find upcoming events and details. On-island outreach is available for anyone needing support. Meals, transportation and/or help from willing volunteers is just an email away. Contact F.A. McLeod at faatbeach@aol.com for more information.



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BHI Loves Dogs, But ...

BHI is a wonderland for dogs. But please keep these rules in mind and inform your renters, especially as a courtesy to others.

Per Village Ordinance, Dogs must be “physically restrained by a leash” during turtle nesting and hatching season (May 1 through November 15) from sunset to sunrise.

Dogs must be leashed or restrained by voice command on all areas of BHI. Dog poop must be picked up **EVERYWHERE**.

SAFETY REMINDER: BHI has coyotes and alligators that roam freely.



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replace the current leasing program and that it should include the consideration of all federal-owned waters for leasing.

During a recent interview with a reporter from the *Wall Street Journal*, the newly confirmed U.S. Department of Interior Secretary David Bernhardt indicated that the department was indefinitely suspending the development of a new leasing program because of a decision by an Alaskan judge who ruled that Mr. Trump exceeded his authority by negating the previous leasing program by executive order. Great news for those opposed to exploration and drilling along the coast.

However, since that April interview while testifying before Congress, Mr. Bernhardt testified the Interior Department is in fact continuing with the development of a new leasing program, though it is not known when it will be completed and released for public comment. BHA will continue to monitor developments as information about the new leasing program is released.



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resources with neighbors who are not aware of available information and by ensuring your contractors follow BHA and Village procedures (and don’t litter).

BHA will announce the launch of the new Owner’s Guide, so stay tuned. These will be mailed to new property owners, and current property owners can visit the BHA office at 111 Lighthouse Wynd to pick up a copy.

BHI property owners experienced an additional unique situation following Hurricane Florence — available resources. There are limited resources on BHI — contractors who can navigate the additional logistics of working on an island. Because of this, a long backlog of work was created. Practice patience, tolerance and understanding.

There is a role for engaged property owners to help develop the long-term vision for Bald Head Island through your property owners’ association — Bald Head Association. Stay tuned for upcoming surveys through E-blasts to help us guide important strategic decisions as we continue to grow smartly amongst many forces of change — by both humans and nature.



Thank you

to Jack Scroggins of Dry-Built Construction for donating this large wall map of BHI to Bald Head Association. Its new home is in the Berne Conference Room.



Reserve your yard sale table TODAY!

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New to BHA?

BHA Covenants — Single-family Residence and Hurricane Preparedness

BHA Covenants — Single-family Residence

Unless specifically zoned otherwise, all properties in Bald Head Association's service area are for single family residential purposes only. This means that commercial activities are prohibited except for home offices, but even these cannot create traffic, require signage or include retail space, among other things.

BHA's covenants also prohibit property owners from:

- allowing their homes to be occupied by more than one family or one family with guests
- renting their homes independent of renting their homes
- simultaneously occupying their homes while renting their homes or vice versa
- renting individual bedrooms to multiple guests in one home

These guidelines are specified in Article 10.5(a) of BHA's covenants, which can be found on BHA's website at

www.BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Remember, as the property owner, you are responsible for knowing your obligations under the covenants. For any questions, contact Carrie Moffett at 910-457-4676, ext. 26 or Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Hurricane Preparedness — June 1 Starts Hurricane Season

Make sure you are informed and prepared for any and all emergencies. The BHA website has disaster preparedness information. Visit BaldHeadAssociation.com. Click on "Life on BHI," then "Hurricane Resources" and "Insurance Resources."

Also very important is to stay informed for emergency and general updates. Make sure you are signed up for:

1. Bald Head Association's E-blast — BaldHeadAssociation.com.
2. The Village of BHI Village's Voice — www.VillageBHI.org.
3. Brunswick County's "Code Red" — BrunswickCountyNC.org.



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prominently feature Bald Head Island's preference for golf cart use. In our increasingly health-conscious culture, there are more pedestrians and cyclists using Island wynds. Hosts of limitations exist to constructing continuous bike and pedestrian paths.

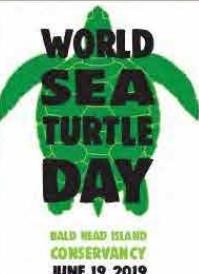
Ultimately, road use is an integral part of the unique Bald Head

Island experience; road sharing is critical for the enjoyment and essential transit of Island owners, businesses and visitors.

The Village Transportation Committee recommendation and the corresponding draft ordinance, fees and fines submitted to Council for consideration at its April meeting are posted at the Village's website under "Agendas."

The Committee included a wide range of new items and significant changes to the existing ordinance, including its overall organization. It forms the basis for community discussion and Council decision making. Because of ICE permitting deadline, Council must set ICE fees before July 1st.

Council tentatively set public hearings for the proposed Chapter 28 Traffic and Vehicles ordinance for July and August. The Island is at slightly less than 60% buildout; it is time to define clear, enforceable rules and standards for the increased volume and composition of traffic on Island roadways. The committee and the Council welcome your questions, input and ideas to ensure representation of the priorities of the entire BHI community. Please participate in the process to perfect the draft for final approval.



HELP US CELEBRATE!

The Bald Head Island Conservancy will host a World Sea Turtle Day celebration and fundraiser on Wednesday, June 19, 2019. The event will help to kick off the summer season as well as spread the word about the Conservancy's mission of fostering community-based barrier island Conservation, Education, and Preservation.

JOIN US ON JUNE 19TH!

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

1:00PM - 6:00PM

BHI Conservancy Campus

Come join the Bald Head Island Conservancy for an island-wide celebration featuring many family-friendly activities:

- Face painting and games
- Fun, interactive booths all about Sea Turtles
- Dress up like a Sea Turtle Biologist and climb into the Conservancy's UTVs
- Sea Turtle crafts, story time on the porch, and practice excavations for kids
- Silent auction of everything sea turtle and items made from recycled materials
- A fashion show at Turtle Central featuring our 2019 Interns
- Wine Tastings and more!



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Darrow joined the team. And BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett and Communications Associate Pam Henson attended, to learn and share about the process with property owners.

With a goal of taking samples and then resampling in a few months, this team hopes to learn about the concentration of PFAS chemicals in the Cape Fear River, with sampling done at three bodies of water — Bald Head Island, Greenfield Lake in Wilmington and Lake Waccamaw (the control group). The team takes samples from sentinel species such as striped bass and alligators, meaning at the top of the food chain. Sentinel species are used “to detect risks to humans by providing advance warning of a danger. The terms primarily apply in the context of environmental hazards rather than those from other sources.” (Wikipedia)

The team is studying striped bass, which live in both salt and fresh water environments and do not migrate. They have no natural reproduction in the Cape Fear River, and researchers and scientists want to learn why. Alligators are a “keystone” predator of the Cape Fear River, having a limited range of 3-5 miles and can live longer, up to approximately 50 years.

Thank you to all of those involved in this important study. Stay tuned for more information as these professionals continue to study and produce their findings. 

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accommodate orders as best as he can. He's also been advised by BHA regarding preferred tree sizes.

This operation's tree planting will occur in the fall, which is the best time to help establish healthy and robust root growth, which is the foundation of a healthy plant. But you can start planning now for trees that you want to plant on your lot(s).

BHA encourages property owners to plant trees that are native to Bald Head Island. A list is provided in the Design Guidelines, starting on page 150. Visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com. These trees will help Bald Head Island control flooding as they mature by soaking up vast amounts of rainwater over their lifetimes. 

**Chris Hutchens**

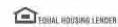
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*Reminders*

Share with
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Walkers/joggers/runners & bicyclists:

- Walk/jog/run facing traffic and wear brightly colored clothing
- Bike single-file, with traffic and wear helmets

Wildlife (call 911 to report violators):

- NO fishing allowed in ANY BHI lagoon/pond
- NO feeding or harassing of any wildlife on BHI

Golf carts:

- Must be a licensed driver to drive golf carts on BHI
- Obey all traffic laws. Golf carts are not toys; drive safely.
- Allow trams, gas-powered vehicles and faster carts to pass (when safe)
 - Follow posted speed limits (18mph unless otherwise posted), including the 5mph speed limit on Timber Bridge and Maritime Way
- Park correctly to avoid receiving a citation (ALL 4 tires off of pavement). And NEVER block 911 Emergency Vehicular Beach Accesses.

June 2019

Card Class	6/5/2019	2pm
ARC-A Meeting	6/7/2019	9am
NC Treasures Weekend Dinner	6/8/2019	6pm
NC Treasures Weekend Market	6/9/2019	12pm
Flag Day	6/14/2019	
BHA Board Meeting	6/14/2019	2pm
Friends of Music Society Concert	6/14/2019	7:30pm
Father's Day	6/16/2019	
Howl at the Moon ("Strawberry Moon")	6/17/2019	7:30pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	6/19/2019	9:15am
World Sea Turtle Day Celebration	6/19/2019	1pm
"Carolina In My Mind" (SOLD OUT)	6/19/2019	7:30pm
ARC-B Meeting	6/21/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	6/21/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	6/21/2019	2:30pm
Island Treasures Community Yard Sale	6/22/2019	9am
Public Safety Day	6/27/2019	10am

SAVE THE DATE in July:

Independence Day	7/4/2019	
Old Baldy's 4 th of July Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2019	10am
BHI Conservancy Annual Picnic (BHI Club)	7/4/2019	4pm
Artisans Show & Sale	7/6/2019	10am
ARC-A Meeting	7/8/2019	9am
Brunswick County Nuclear Siren Test	7/10/2019	10am
Tweens Card Class (ages 9-11)	7/11/2019	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	7/12/2019	2pm
Howl at the Moon ("Thunder Moon")	7/16/2019	7pm
BHI Ferry Transportation Authority Mtg.	7/17/2019	9:15am
Mommy & Me Card Class (ages 5-8)	7/19/2019	10am
ARC-B Meeting	7/19/2019	9am
VBHI — Work Session	7/19/2019	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	7/19/2019	2:30pm

Around the corner in 2019

National Lighthouse Day Weekend 8/2/2019 - 8/4/2019
BHI Artisans Show & Sale 8/31/2019 10am

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Who Do I Call? Trash Pickup

For trash pickup, the Village of BHI Public Works has "back-door service." That means you **DO NOT** have to take trash to the curb. Property owners and renters place trash in the home's secured trash enclosure and turn the YES/NO sign on the address bollard to "Yes," to notify the trash truck to stop for pickup.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, trash pickup is twice a week. Did you know it takes two full days for the trash truck to pick up trash on the entire island? Depending on where your home is located, your trash is picked up either on Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday. If the rental schedule or cleaning service occurs after trash pickup, new renters could have remaining trash in the receptacle, which would be picked up on the next trash pickup day.

If you rent your home, inform all renters to place trash in the secured trash enclosure, **NOT** at curbside. Openly exposed trash bags can attract raccoons and other wildlife, with a detrimental effect not only to wildlife but also to the environment, when contents of open trash are spread by winds and mar the beauty of Bald Head Island.

Remember, if you have trash, turn your YES/NO sign to "Yes," and if you do not, leave it on "No." If the sign is not on "Yes," the garbage truck will not stop. If you lose your YES/NO sign or need a new one, you can pick one up at Public Works, located behind the Public Safety Complex at 273 Edward Teach Extension. If you have questions about

trash pickup, call Public Works at 910-457-5422.

Public trash receptacles are picked up twice a week (Monday and Friday) all year. Public trash receptacles are for people to use when they are coming off the beach or riding around the Island and have trash to dispose of. These receptacles are not to be used for household trash.

BHI Public Works does **NOT** take **ANY** construction materials. If you have a contractor with construction materials to dispose of, they must make arrangements to remove it from the island. If property owners have minor construction projects themselves and need a smaller-sized construction dumpster, there are 4'x8' wooden dumpsters. Contact Joe Walker, Windamere Homes, at 910-367-1167. For a 20-yard dumpster, Island Contracting Inc. is located at 2 Merchants Row, BHI, and can be reached at 910-457-5816.

Remember, **ALL** external modifications to homes in BHA-managed areas (the entirety of BHI except Middle Island and the Harbour) must receive approval from BHA's ARC (Architectural Review Committee) **before any work begins**. Call Karen Mosteller at 910-457-4676, ext. 22 or email Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

Trash pickup is handled by Waste Industries and managed by the Village of BHI. Private equity owners merged Raleigh's Waste Industries with Canadian environmental services company GFL Environmental in the fall of 2018. This \$2.8 billion deal created the largest privately owned environmental services company in North America. Waste Industries acquired Coastal Ladies Carting, Inc. (a.k.a. Pink-Trash based in Wilmington, NC) in March 2019.



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MMFP (Maritime Market Forest Pavilion)
MP (Marina Park, Keelson Row)
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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