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Coexisting with Coyotes

January through March is coyote breeding season. Due to coyotes traveling in search of a mate, they may be more visible to humans since they are moving around more. Pup season is April through August, and coyotes concentrate their activities around dens or burrows. Just like humans, coyote parents may become defensive and territorial to those that may invade their space during this time to protect their pups.

Simply seeing a coyote is not a cause for alarm. Fear often drives public perception but educating yourself is key. What should you do if you see a coyote? Hazing is recommended, meaning to deter them in order to maintain a coyote's fear of humans — yell, wave your arms, stomp your feet or use noisemakers (like a whistle).

The NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) is the "state government agency created by the General Assembly in 1947 to conserve and sustain North Carolina's fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use and public input." The state of North Carolina issues permits to cities, towns and villages, such as the Village of BHI, to manage wildlife in their specific areas.

Watch our Coyote Education Session video and learn more about coexisting with coyotes and other wildlife on BHI at *BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-protection.*

Coyotes are not just on Bald Head Island; they're everywhere. The WRC and other institutions help educate people about coexisting with coyotes and other wildlife such as alligators, also on BHI. With the goal of informing property owners about coexisting with coyotes on Bald Head Island, BHA hosted a Coyote Education Session in December 2019. It was presented by staff from the WRC. To view the recorded session, visit *BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-protection*. Also on that web page are resource sheets about wildlife on BHI and how to coexist with them.

In the education session, Becky Skiba, Coastal Regional Education Specialist, and John Henry Harrelson, Coastal Regional Wildlife Biologist, gave some historical and present-day information about

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Adhering to the Village's Lighting Ordinance Helps Turtles and the Environment

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Please be mindful that the Village has an ordinance regarding exterior lighting to protect nesting sea turtles during nesting season. Lights that shine onto a nesting beach can draw turtle hatchlings away from the ocean and off the beach, where they have a slim chance of survival. Beach lights can also scare away females crawling ashore to nest. Here is the ordinance:

Sec. 10-83. Beaches; new developments; exterior lighting.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any individual to illuminate, by artificial light, any portion of the beach within the confines of the village between the hours of sunset and sunrise from May 1 through October 31 except by such frequencies of red light as do not disturb nesting or hatchling sea turtles.

(b) No new development within the village shall be undertaken except that which includes exterior lighting which shall conform to the requirements set forth in this article.

(c) No exterior lighting of any kind shall be permitted except the following: low profile luminaries and baffled lights, except that pole lights shall be permitted in commercial areas; marinas, lighthouses, fire stations, the public rights-of-way or multi-family areas located more than 100 feet landward of the stable line of natural vegetation. The lighting standard shall be approved by the

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ARC Corner
Architectural Review Committee

Ask ARC before any work begins!

- Planning a renovation project or new construction?
- Wanting to change outdoor lighting or fixtures?
- Thinking about cutting/trimming trees or vegetation?
- Considering any landscape changes?

ARC office — open by appointment only

Email Fran Pagliaro, ARC Coordinator, at *Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com* or for urgent ARC matters, call 910-477-7246.

Interior and Exterior Lights on Ocean-facing Houses — Prevent Disorienting Sea Turtles from May 1 to November 15

Most, if not all, BHI property owners, guests and renters love Bald Head Island for its natural beauty and wildlife. And who doesn't love the sea turtles and hatchlings that touch Bald Head Island's shores? Most people know about the dangers of artificial lighting on the beach during sea turtle season and use only red-light flashlights. But don't forget about the importance of reducing exterior house artificial lighting.

Do you own an ocean-facing home on the seaside of the Dune Ridge? If so, do you, your guests and renters all know that your room-darkening window treatments should be used from dusk to dawn every year from May 1 to November 15 to help protect hatchling and nesting sea turtles? Do you, your guests and renters all know that exterior lighting should be used frugally from May 1 to November 15, also to help protect hatchling and nesting sea turtles?



Ocean-facing homes on BHI's South Beach displaying too much light, right where two turtle nests full of hatchlings were located.

Inform all of your guests and renters about the importance of using interior window shades and being frugal with exterior lighting for ocean-facing homes during sea turtle nesting season May 1 - November 15.

The BHA Design Guidelines regarding lighting state:

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

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Oops! I didn't know...

This column is intended to share some "Oops!" examples in general terms when property owners weren't aware their projects violated Design Guidelines. BHA's goal is to prevent potential violations. Remember, the Bald Head Association and ARC staff are here to help our members. And the Design Guidelines are online at *BaldHeadAssociation.com* and can be accessed 24/7/365 by using a key word search (click "CTRL" + "F" once the document is fully open).

One frequent "Oops!" is work done outside of ARC approval. If you are planning to make a change to the exterior of your home, including landscaping, contact ARC prior to any work. This includes seemingly small projects that you might do yourself, like adding a pathway with decorative pavers. If in doubt, email or call ARC Coordinator Fran Pagliaro at *Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com* or 910-457-4676, ext. 22. Keep in mind that if you're replacing something with "like" material (the same paint color, for example), you do not need ARC approval.

Prevent wasting money! Suppose you're working on an exterior change to your home on BHI. You order materials, possibly some special-ordered items that aren't returnable. You pay labor fees for installation. Your project is done, and you like it. But the most important and first item on your checklist should have been to submit any exterior change plans to the ARC prior to any work being done. So now, with work done outside of ARC approval, you're facing violation fines, additional costs to remove or replace the work you just had done and a big headache. Remember, ANY EXTERIOR CHANGE must be submitted for ARC review prior to any work. The homeowner is always notified of approval or denial in writing. Just because you see something you like in a neighbor's yard, it does not mean automatic approval for your home; other factors may be involved.

A newly frequent "Oops!" is adding decorative string lights to outside porches or in tree branches. String lights

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BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

Your Opinions Are Requested

Another BHA year is underway. We held the Annual Meeting. New BHA Board members were elected. The first Board meeting was held, and new officers were elected.

Next, the BHA Board will hold its Annual Retreat on February 22, 2022. One key purpose for that retreat is to establish Board priorities for the year. In advance of that meeting, I solicit from Board members, our Executive Director and all staff members their suggested priorities for the year.

At the retreat, the Board members discuss each suggestion. We then seek consensus on the key priorities on which we want to focus our attention for the next 12 months. There is no set number of key objectives we seek to establish; each year stands on its own.

We then assign Board member(s) responsibility to observe how we are doing on each priority and to focus and point us in the right direction to achieve that priority.

For example, last year we established seven priorities. The priorities and the Board members assigned to each were as follows:

1. Wildlife Overlook completion — **John Fisher**
2. Transparency with and inclusion of Association members — **Tiffany Williams**
3. BHA space — short- and long-term space needs for BHA — **Carrie Moffett**
4. Financial issues of importance — **Robert Drumheller**
5. Architectural Review Committee (ARC) — **John Kinney**
6. Community Wide Standards (CWS) — **Alan Briggs**
7. Staff growth and development — **Jennifer Lucas**

At each Board meeting throughout the year, the respective Board members reported to the Board on how we were doing on achieving that objective. Overall, that process worked well. Each Board member stayed focused on their specific issue. In addition, each Board member had specific committee liaison responsibilities and other ad hoc assignments throughout the year.

As you all know, another issue surfaced which dominated our attention and responsibility — the ferry, barge and tram potential sale to the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority or the BHI Village. This issue was and remains very important.

I anticipate we will continue with this procedure of identifying the key priorities for the BHA for the year and focusing our attention on them throughout the year.

One change we would like to make is we would like your opinions now, prior to our retreat on February 22, 2022, on what you feel our priorities should be this year. Please send an email to Carrie Moffett, our Executive Director, at *Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com w*ith your suggestions as what you would like our priorities to be this year. Please add "2022 BHA Priorities" in the subject line.

You can make just one suggestion, or you can make as many suggestions as you want. You can provide as little or as much detail as you want on each suggestion. Carrie will then distribute the suggestions she receives to Board members in advance of the retreat so each member will have an opportunity to consider your thoughts in advance of the meeting.

You are, of course, encouraged to submit to us your suggestions and ideas throughout the year whenever you want. However, for our retreat, we would appreciate it if you send to us now any and all suggestions you have.

I encourage you to contact Carrie or any Board member any time with any ideas and suggestions you have. We appreciate all comments and suggestions as to how we can better serve you.

Goodbye

By Alan Briggs

we all walked down to South Beach
I carried the shovel
Dianne carried the bag of ashes
Aimee, Steve, Meredith, Tessa and Laney
stood by us
our friends surrounded us
Scout and Auggie played near us
Steve dug the hole
not too deep but deep enough
just as she would have wanted it
I had written an ode
and started reading it
but the tears came
I handed the ode to Steve
Steve read it
all or almost all shed tears
Dianne had brought a small red
plastic 1/2 cup measure
with a smiley face on it
for us to use
we each deposited some of her ashes
in the hole and each said goodbye
Steve filled the hole with sand
we all held hands and tearfully said
goodbye to Maddux
the best dog ever.



Village of BHI Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

CodeRED System Test Taking Place This Month

The Village will be testing the CodeRED notification system on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 7:00pm to validate the information in the notification database. Here's what you need to know:

- **There is no need to take action if you receive the call.** Emergency personnel are merely testing the system to ensure it is operational as needed and to encourage additional residents to enroll to receive future notifications.
- **This process helps us continually improve the system.** Testing increases the efficiency of the system and speed at which notifications will be delivered during an actual emergency.
- **Visit our website to update contact information.** If your phone number is not in the database, you will not receive a call when we do launch an important notification.



Residents, property owners and businesses are encouraged to visit the Village's CodeRED website prior to the system test to update their contact information. Those individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number within the past year and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number should make sure the system is updated. The more residents who actively add or update their contact information in the emergency database, the better the Village is able to protect people and property.

To find the Village's CodeRED website, go to the Village website at *villagebhi.org*. Once you are on the homepage, scroll down to the "Safety" section where there is a "Notifications" box. Click "Subscribe." The upper right corner of the Village's CodeRED web page reads, "Already have an account?" You will click "Login" to login to your account and update your information. Questions regarding this system test and CodeRED should be directed to Carin Faulkner, Public Information Officer, at 910-457-9700, ext. 1025 or *public.information@villagebhi.org*.

For those who may be unfamiliar, CodeRED is the community notification system that will send alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information impacting Bald Head Island via phone calls, text messages and emails.

The Village encourages all Bald Head Island stakeholders to actively participate in emergency preparedness by remaining informed. Safety is a two-way street, so if you haven't, please be sure to register today to receive the information you need, when it matters, regarding events such as:

- EVACUATION NOTICES
- NATURAL DISASTERS
- BOIL WATER ADVISORIES
- SEWER/WATER DISRUPTIONS
- INCLEMENT WEATHER WARNINGS

Caller ID — When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us or CodeRED. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back. Please be sure to add these numbers to your telephone's contacts for easy identification.

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BHA's 2022 assessment coupons were mailed in January, and payments are due by February 15, 2022. To pay via BHA's online secure portal if you've already registered, visit *BaldHeadAssociation.com/make-a-payment* and select "Property Owner" to log into your account for payment details. If you haven't yet registered for BHA's online portal and for any questions, contact Denise Eidal at 910-457-4676, ext. 27 or *Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com*.

Checks can be written to "Bald Head Association" and mailed with coupons to our lockbox address (included on the coupon) at PO Box 98087, Raleigh, NC 27624. Note that late and interest fees will be assessed starting March 15, 2022.

Village Chapel of BHI Update

By Chip Berry, Trustee, Chapel Buildings and Grounds Committee

Chapel Floor and Pew Refinishing

On January 31st, the Village Chapel will undergo a major project that has been in the works for a number of years. As a matter of fact, no one can even remember the last time this has been done. After the January 30th Chapel service, Bibles, hymnals and praise books will be packed. The organ and piano will be sealed. And the Chapel will be closed, with doors locked, for two weeks, as the floors and pews will be refinished. (This includes the Chapel office, as our office managers will work remotely while the work is being done.) D the Floor Man, Inc. will be completing the work. This time of year was chosen for the project because attendance at services tends to be smaller.



While the Chapel is closed, services will still be held in BHA's Association Center, next door to the Chapel (111 Lighthouse Wynd), at 10:00am on Sunday, February 6th and February 13th. Barring unforeseen circumstances, we expect to fully open the Chapel on February 14th. Thank you in advance for your patience and thanks to so many of you who made this long-overdue renovation possible!

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Privacy — Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

Location — When you sign up, please make sure the correct location of your Bald Head Island property is shown on the map. The Village often uses a mapping feature to only contact an area impacted by certain events such as utility outages.

Join Our Database — To make sure you receive notifications, please register at *villagebhi.org* or simply text BHI to 99411.

Don't wait! Start receiving notifications that could save your life. Sign up today!

Cook Smart — Do Not Let "FOG" Clog the Drains

When byproducts of cooking such as residual fats, used cooking oils and grease (FOG) are disposed of improperly, it can cause sewer equipment failures or line blockages that often result in a sewer spill. These are costly events to clean up, are dangerous for public health and can degrade the water quality in our public waters.

When FOG makes it down the drain, it solidifies, reducing and preventing water flow in drains and sewer pipes. This does not happen all at once; it happens gradually as the particles accumulate to form a large mass. Sewer systems are not designed nor equipped to treat the FOG that builds up inside of sewer system pipes.

There are steps that residents and guests can take to avoid the



build-up of FOG in the utility system. Cooled cooking grease or fat can be poured into a milk carton, frozen juice container or other non-recyclable container and placed in the refrigerator to harden. Once hardened, the container can be disposed of in the household trash. Cooking oil may not harden in the refrigerator; an alternative is soaking up the oil with disposable towels, newspapers or cat litter before disposing in the trash. Excess oil and grease should be wiped from dirty dishes, pans and utensils with a disposable towel before washing. Greasy towels can be safely disposed in the trash.

Please do your part to help prevent unnecessary equipment failures, blockages and sewer spills.

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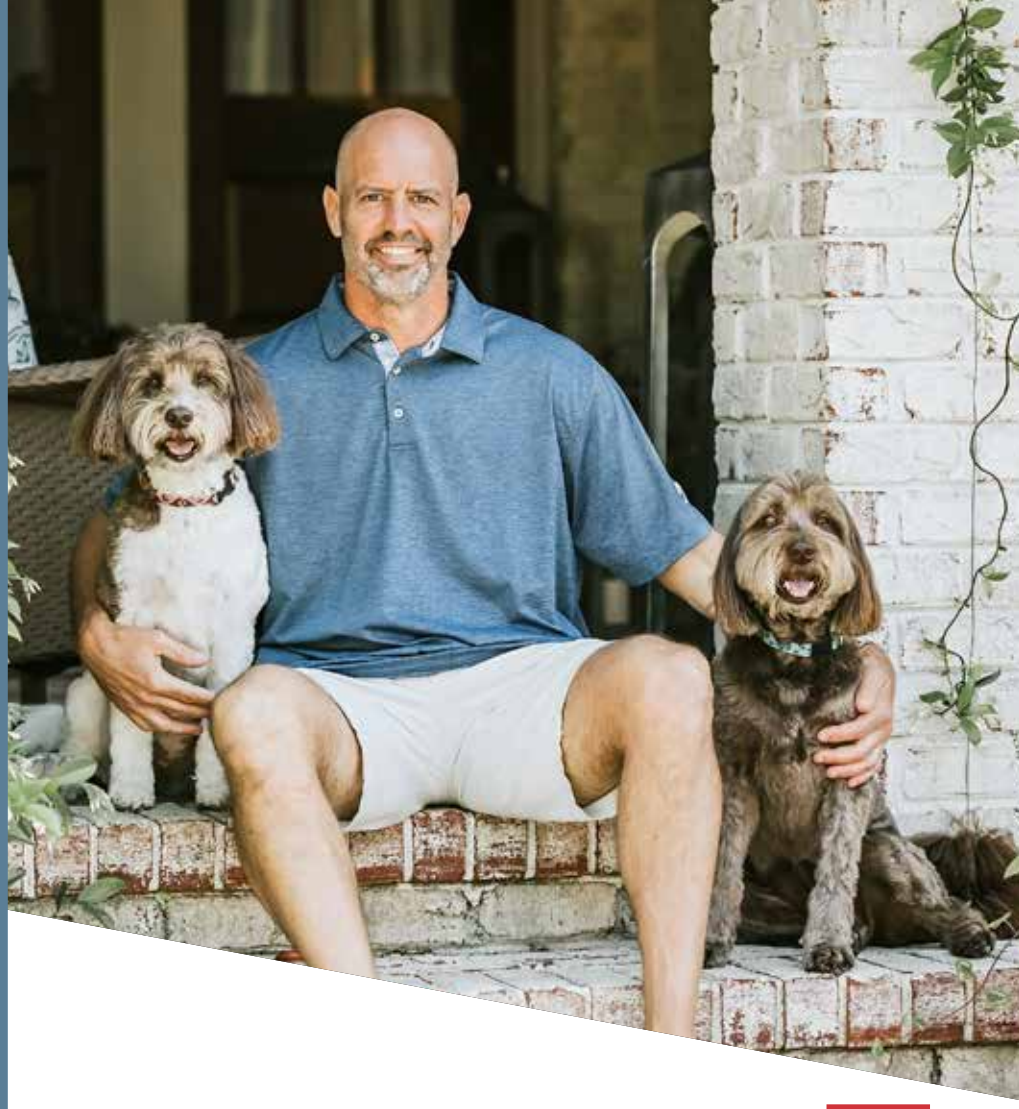
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BHI CONSERVANCY

Artificial Light & Sea Turtles

By Paul Hillbrand, Sea Turtle Program Coordinator

On the morning of August 13, 2021, the Bald Head Island Conservancy's Sea Turtle Protection Team came across an unsettling sight. A loggerhead sea turtle nest on South Beach had boiled overnight, and every hatchling track led to the dunes, instead of the ocean. The team was unable to recover any live hatchlings after following each individual hatchling crawl to its end.

The hatchlings exhibited a behavior known as mis-orientation, meaning the hatchlings' sea-finding abilities were impaired by bright, white, artificial light coming from houses along the dune line. When hatchlings emerge from beneath the sand at night, they instinctively orient themselves towards the brightest horizon, historically seaward. The moon and stars reflect off of the ocean's surface, creating a brighter horizon than the dark silhouette of the dunes, guiding the hatchlings to the ocean. Present-day artificial lighting can reverse this, making the historically dark dunes the brightest horizon.

As hatchlings are instinctively attracted to the brightest horizon, the artificial light mis-orients and attracts them toward the dunes. The hatchlings will continue to crawl towards the artificial light until they succumb to a predator, exhaustion or heat, or if the light is turned off.

Dark beaches are not only important for hatchlings, but they are also important for nesting female sea turtles. Research has shown that beaches with less light pollution have higher nesting activity than those with significant light pollution. Sea turtles' eyes are less disturbed by long wavelengths of light such as amber and red. This is why the Bald Head Island Conservancy asks nighttime beachgoers to use a red flashlight.



Island residents can play a significant role in the protection and conservation of our sea turtles by:

- Reducing the usage of outdoor lights and utilizing fixtures that direct the light down. ***(BHA Note: any exterior change such as light fixtures and light bulbs must be preapproved by the ARC.)***
- Turning off outdoor and indoor lights visible to the beach when not being used.
- Using amber to red outdoor lighting. (***BHA Note: any exterior change such as light fixtures and light bulbs must be preapproved by the ARC.)***
- Covering windows facing the beach with tint, opaque curtains or blinds. ***(BHA Note: per the Design Guidelines, "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 [May 1 to November 15] to prevent interior house lighting from disturbing the nesting and hatching of the sea turtles." 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.")***
- Using a red flashlight when walking the beach at night.

If you happen upon mis-oriented hatchlings or nesting females on the beaches of BHI, please call the Bald Head Island Conservancy's Wildlife Response Hotline at 910-457-0089, ext. 5. Sea turtle nesting season on Bald Head Island is May 1 - November 15.









Dale Giera, owner and master craftsman, created Trinity Design Build on Bald Head Island after building custom, award-winning homes in the Triangle area for more than 30 years. Being an island property and business owner with a keen eye for design, Dale aims to complete projects with proficiency, integrity and exceptional skill. Stop in to discuss your construction needs at Dale's office on the island at Station 32 Edward Teach Extension.



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BUILDING AND RENOVATING FINE HOMES ON BALD HEAD ISLAND

The Crashing of the Blockade Runner *Ella*

By Travis Gilbert, Former Educator and Collections Coordinator

In the dead of night on Wednesday, December 2, 1864, a messenger frantically barged into Confederate Colonel John J. Hedrick's headquarters announcing that a blockade runner crashed aground on Bald Head Island. The colonel and his quartermaster, Captain Charles Bahnson, dressed as cannon fire disrupted the camp's slumber. On the beach, flares silhouetted the blockade runner *Ella* aground just a few thousand yards offshore. All thoughts turned to one objective — salvaging the *Ella's* cargo before federal sailors reached the vessel at daybreak.



Salvaging the *Ella's* cargo fell to Captain Bahnson, the quartermaster of Confederate troops serving at Fort Holmes on Bald Head Island. Bahnson rounded up a volunteer crew to salvage the precious war materials aboard the floundered *Ella*. The *Ella* and her sister blockade runners delivered war materials from abroad into the Confederacy, which lacked the infrastructure to produce the tools of war at home. Since the war's beginning, the Federal Navy patrolled off the southern coastline in hopes of intercepting and capturing the blockade runners. By December 1864, when the *Ella* reached the Cape Fear River, only the Port of Wilmington remained open to blockade runners. Wilmington remained the Confederacy's only link with the outside world.

Captain Bahnson reached the *Ella* before daybreak and found the expected cases of boots, steel and iron. Bahnson also discovered an immense quantity of liquor and wine within the *Ella's* cargo. When Bahnson and his volunteers returned ashore with their discovery, Fort Holmes erupted into a Christmas party of legendary proportions. "Men seemed perfectly crazy, and officers high in command were beastly drunk," remembered Private William Calder. Only "blasphemous oaths, in a perfect babble of eager voices" was heard over the "plunder and traffic," according to Calder. One of Calder's comrades remarked that "for a month afterwards nearly the whole garrison was on 'a tight.'" The Confederate recalled that "the general demoralization produced by 'London Dock' and 'Hollands' seemed even to affect that holy man, the chaplain, who said some very queer graces at the headquarters mess-table."

The Federal Navy interrupted Fort Holmes' drunken stupor on Christmas Eve 1864, with an attack on Confederate Fort Fisher. Within days, Fort Holmes and Bald Head Island would fall to the Union Navy. Captain Bahnson and his comrades faced the sobering realization that the Civil War had reached its end.



New to BHA? New to BHA? Meet the BHA Staff

Bald Head Association is the largest property owners' association on Bald Head Island, with 1,907 member properties. BHA has a six-member Board of Directors and is managed by Executive Director Carrie Moffett, with nine staff members. Here is a list of BHA staff members and their responsibilities, with their phone extensions and email addresses for easy contact.

Carrie Moffett, Executive Director
Oversee all aspects of the organization and manage the day-to-day operations of BHA; provide leadership in developing sound program, organizational and financial plans with the Board of Directors, committees and staff; carry out plans and policies authorized by the Board; act as the Board's representative for enforcing the Covenants; serve as a resource for property owner members.
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Architectural Review Committee (ARC) activities and BHA's Design Guidelines — new construction, renovation and repair, all exterior structure changes including paint color, lighting, roofing, landscaping and tree and understory trimming/removal/additions.
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BHI Questions? Your Municipality — The Village of BHI

Incorporated as a municipality in 1985, the Village of BHI has all the powers, duties, rights and privileges granted and imposed upon municipalities by the general law of the State of North Carolina.

Village municipal services include: enforcement of ordinances; building permits; public safety (fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement and water rescue); animal control; licensing and registration (including golf cart registration); road maintenance; utilities (water and sewer); tax collection; garbage, recycling and yard debris collection and disposal; US Post Office and Island Package Center (IPC); contractor services; Village parks (The Commons and Whale Head Park in Cape Fear Station, Marina Park in the harbour, the Creek Access on North Bald Head Wynd and the Dog Park); shoreline stabilization; flood protection; emergency preparedness; and more.

For information, visit the Village website at *VillageBHI.org*. The Village's main office phone number is 910-457-9700.

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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.

For the full Design Guidelines, visit *BaldHeadAssociation.com*. To search for key words in the Design Guidelines document, click on "CTRL + F" to open a search bar.

Village of BHI Artificial Light Ordinance

The Chapter 10, Article III ordinance states:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any individual to illuminate, by artificial light, any portion of the beach within the confines of the village between the hours of sunset and sunrise from May 1 through October 31 except by such frequencies of red light as do not disturb nesting or hatchling sea turtles.

c) No exterior lighting of any kind shall be permitted except the following: low profile luminaries and baffled lights, except that pole lights shall be permitted in commercial areas; marinas, lighthouses, fire stations, the public rights-of-way or multi-family areas located more than 100 feet landward of the stable line of natural vegetation. The lighting standard shall be approved by the village council. In addition, low voltage up-lights are permitted in commercial areas, lighthouses, fire stations, the public right-of-way and multi-family areas located more than 600 feet landward of the stable line of vegetation along beach and turtle habitats. Such lights are also permitted in the marina area if located more than 150 feet landward of the stable line of vegetation. These low-voltage up-lights shall be rated at a maximum of 50 watt/850 CP (candle power) and shall be oriented such that the thrown light is reflected against the natural vegetation. Non-reflected light is not allowed.

According to the Sec. 10-86 "Penalty for violation of article:"

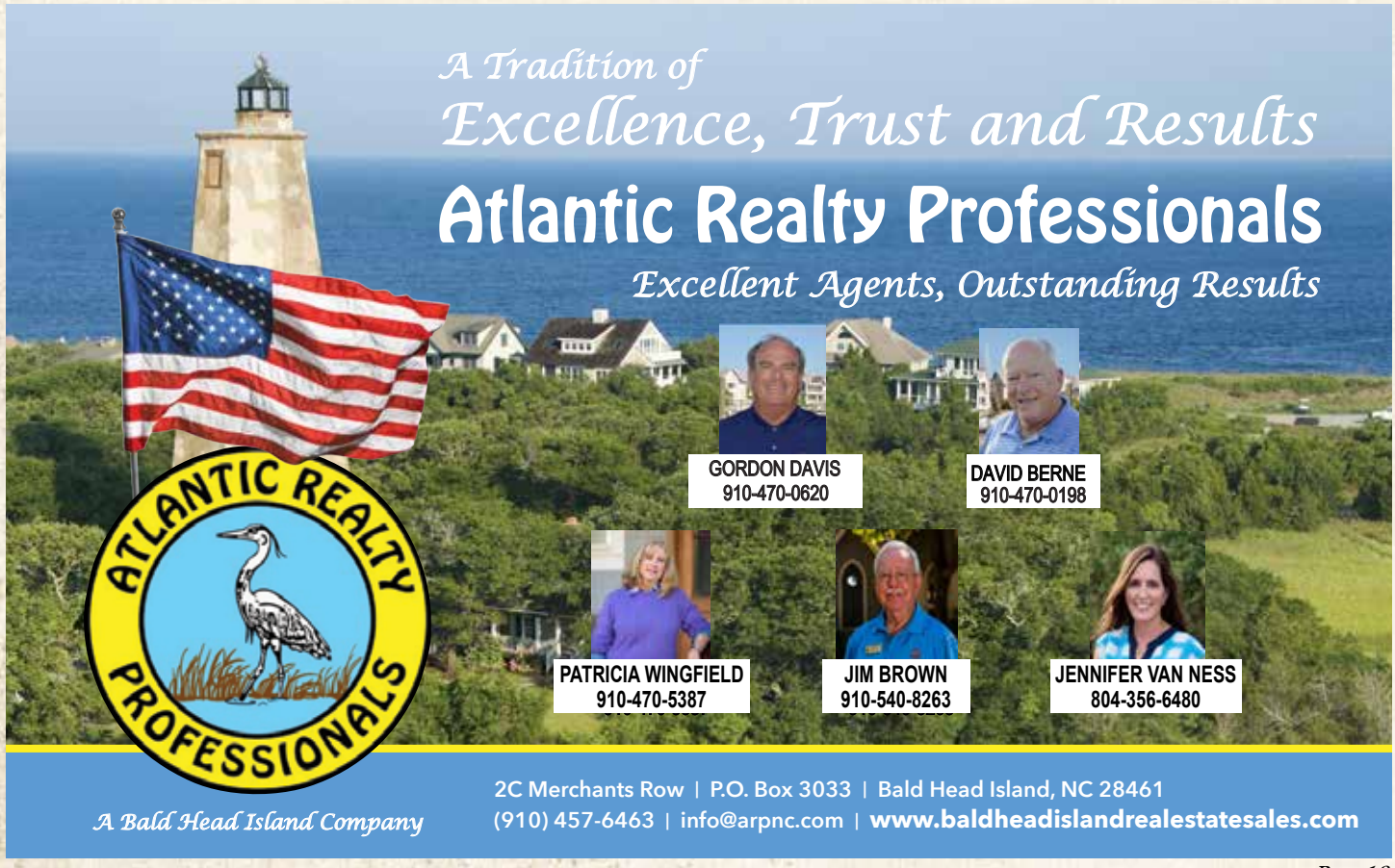
A violation of this article shall subject the offender to a civil fine in the amount of $100.00 per offense. Subsequent to the initial civil fine, the offender shall be provided with 30 days to correct the violation. Each additional day following the 30 day period, during or on which the violation is not corrected, shall be deemed a separate violation. Following the initial 30 day period for correction, a continuing offender shall not be afforded an additional 30 day period to correct the violation. Nothing contained in this article shall prevent the Village from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

For the full Village ordinance, visit *www.VillageBHI.org*, hover your cursor over "Governance," then "Village Government" and click on "Village Ordinances."

Be a Responsible BHI Property Owner!

Inform all of your guests and renters about this important Village ordinance and BHA Design Guideline. Post important articles such as this one on refrigerators and in guest books to help reinforce the message.

The accompanying photo was taken of ocean-facing homes on South Beach in August 2019, right where two turtle nests full of hatchlings were located. Let's spread the word and ensure compliance with artificial lighting restrictions — *for the good of the sea turtles!*



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These lighting regulations also help curtail light pollution, reduce skyglow and improve the nighttime environment for viewing and enjoying the night sky, protect the viewshed of historic Old Baldy, minimize adverse off-site impacts of lighting such as light trespass and obtrusive light and conserve energy and resources.

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use bare bulbs, which are which are not allowed, per the Design Guidelines (and Village ordinances).

Exterior flood lights, regardless of being motion-detected, are also not acceptable, and they're in contrast to BHI's dark, natural environment. For full details, refer to "Lighting" section of the Design Guidelines, which reads, *"Light pollution is avoidable. Homes on the island must be extremely frugal with exterior lighting. All exterior lighting fixtures, regardless of design, are subject to ARC approval. All lighting will be baffled to prevent direct visualization of the light source. No holiday or string lighting is to be used for exterior decoration any other time during the year, including clear or white lights, nor is it permitted to be used to illuminate any exterior steps, porches, arbors, structures, etc., any other time of year."*

Property owners should not affix anything to trees, which can be damaging, so prevent that "Oops!"

Freshening up your mulched areas? Prevent an "Oops!" which can negatively affect your water drainage, among other things. Mulch may only be used in defined bed areas. Per the Design Guidelines, *"The use of mulch must be limited to defined beds. The definition of a defined bed is the manipulation or disturbance of the native ground plane in order to create a spatial relationship within a defined area for non-native and/or indigenous plantings. Utilizing mulch as general ground cover is not allowed except on new construction projects temporarily until the damaged vegetation is restored. Existing homes should maintain the surrounding landscaping in a naturalized manner that reflects their specific BHI ecological environment — the creek side marsh, the open dunes or the Maritime Evergreen Forest."*

Another frequent "Oops!" is cutting down a dead tree on your property that was not immediately endangering life or property and done without ARC approval. Though a tree may be dead, it still serves an ecological purpose, which BHA encourages preserving. According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, "Biodiversity plays a crucial role in ecosystem function and processes not only because of its importance in production of food, fiber and fuel, but also because of its roles in ground water replenishment, flooding controls, prevention of soil erosion and ecological invasion, influences on restoration succession and so on."

Keep in mind that there is a process to trim or remove trees on your property if they pose an imminent danger to life or property; contact ARC Coordinator Fran Pagliaro for more information. It is essential for you to ensure that any tree you'd like ARC to review is on your property. Check your survey or use Brunswick County's GIS to approximate your lot lines, with ARC's assistance. Your property may border a neighbor's lot, a Smith Island Land Trust (SILT) lot, BHA Common Area (a buffer between lots and the golf course) or other.

Just as Benjamin Franklin's often-quoted axiom "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," when it comes to changing the exterior of your home or landscaping, contact the ARC before a project has begun, even if you think it may be something minor.

Again, BHA is here to help. Convenient, fillable forms are available online to help speed up the application submittal process *(BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines)*.



TIDBITS:

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



BHI Creek — No Wake Zone

The entire BHI Creek is a **"No Wake Zone"** by law. Not only are there safety issues for kayakers and paddle boarders, the creek is a nursery for estuarine species.

The No Wake Zone is meant to minimize creek bank erosion. More wake means more energy directed onto the shoreline, which means more loss of shoreline.

Please respect those who live and play on the creek. And remember to inform your guests and renters.



BHI's Lending Library

Are you looking for a good book to read on Bald Head Island? Do you have current (not old) books to donate? Visit the BHI Lending Library! It's located in the harbor — on the waterfront between the Dockmaster and the barge landing. Open 24/7/365, this little library is managed by volunteers. Here are accepted items: current (not old) hardback and paperback books in good condition. Their policy is "take one, leave one."

Please do not bring old books or books in poor condition. And please donate your electronic media such as DVDs and CDs to Brunswick County libraries. The BHI Lending Library does not accept any electronic media. Keep in mind that Brunswick County libraries do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias or VHS.

Address Bollard Visibility Is Not Just for Looks — It's Essential

Can you see the house address in this photo? Here is a true story to illustrate the importance of clearly visible address bollard and numbers. A couple years ago, a tram driver noticed smoke coming from a house on BHI.

Thankfully, because the address bollard was clearly visible, the tram driver called 911 with the house's address, and Public Safety personnel responded immediately. The exterior fire was caught early and extinguished by Public Safety personnel. Fast response time helped prevent severe damage to the home.

Now consider that same situation if the address bollard had not been clearly visible.

The visibility of your address bollard could mean the difference of essential seconds in emergency response time. Public Safety personnel need to be able to see your address bollard — both day and night — in order to respond to an emergency.

Tram drivers also need to be able to see your address bollard both day and night to be able to deliver passengers correctly. And don't forget that renters and house guests rely on address bollards to find the correct house.

Public Safety personnel, tram drivers, renters and house guests cannot find your home 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 or decorations
- is missing some or all of the address numbers

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").



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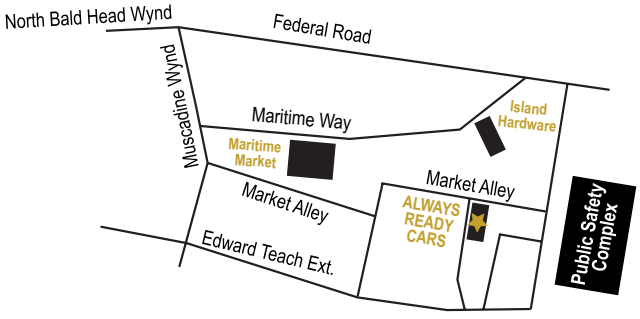
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the species — their migration and movement, their behavior and characteristics, their habitat, their ecological role and more. They shared helpful information for how people can modify their own behavior in order to coexist with them. For all property owners on Bald Head Island, BHA encourages everyone to view the recorded video and share this information with guests and renters.

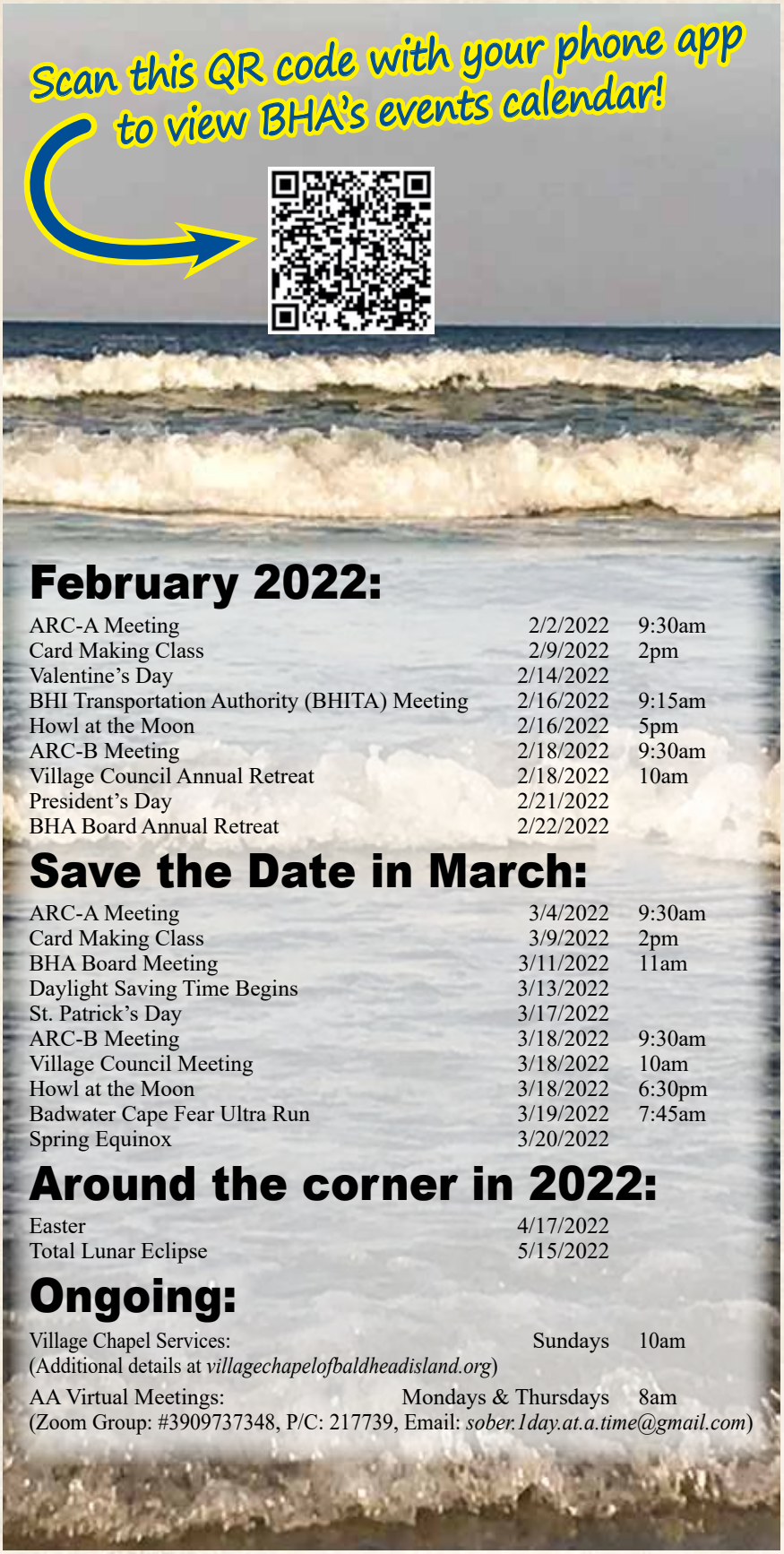
Here is a sampling of what property owners can learn from the recorded video. Coyotes are "generalists," meaning that they can live in any habitat, as long as they have access to shelter, food and water. If food is available, they'll stay around. Coyotes are omnivores. Though they can eat a variety of items including small rodents, cats and deer, the bulk of their diet is typically "soft mass," such as fruits and bird seed. They are "opportunistic" eaters, so they'll also eat insects and garbage. Most human-coyote interactions are associated with unsecured food — such as with pets/domestic animals, pet food, bird seed and garbage.

John Henry explained that coyotes are typically in residential areas because food is available and/or the habitat is conducive. An area that provides good hunting grounds or ample places for denning is appealing to coyotes.

Here are steps that all BHI property owners can do to help:

1. Educate yourself (and guests and renters) — learn about coyotes and their behavior.
2. Modify your behavior.
3. Remove the attractant (secure bird seed/feeders, clean areas below bird feeders, avoid feeding pets outdoors and ensure garbage is only disposed of in enclosed trash receptacles — educate renters not to place trash beside roadways).
4. Don't leave small children outdoors unattended.
5. **Leash dogs at all times and keep them near you.**
6. **Keep cats indoors.**
7. Modify potential habitat areas around your home and/or lot. Potential den sources include structures with open access, so close off any open areas around your home or garage. ***(Note: All exterior changes are subject to ARC pre-approval.)*** And clear any brush piles, which may provide cover.

If a coyote fails to exhibit fear of humans or acts aggressively, the animal should be reported as soon as possible to the appropriate officials by calling 911. Tell the dispatch operator that you are on Bald Head Island. For any questions or concerns about coyotes, contact the Village of BHI's Public Information Officer Carin Faulkner at *cfaulkner@villagebhi.org*.



February 2022:

ARC-A Meeting	2/2/2022	9:30am
Card Making Class	2/9/2022	2pm
Valentine's Day	2/14/2022	
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	2/16/2022	9:15am
Howl at the Moon	2/16/2022	5pm
ARC-B Meeting	2/18/2022	9:30am
Village Council Annual Retreat	2/18/2022	10am
President's Day	2/21/2022	
BHA Board Annual Retreat	2/22/2022	

Save the Date in March:

ARC-A Meeting	3/4/2022	9:30am
Card Making Class	3/9/2022	2pm
BHA Board Meeting	3/11/2022	11am
Daylight Saving Time Begins	3/13/2022	
St. Patrick's Day	3/17/2022	
ARC-B Meeting	3/18/2022	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	3/18/2022	10am
Howl at the Moon	3/18/2022	6:30pm
Badwater Cape Fear Ultra Run	3/19/2022	7:45am
Spring Equinox	3/20/2022	

Around the corner in 2022:

Easter	4/17/2022	
Total Lunar Eclipse	5/15/2022	

Ongoing:

Village Chapel Services: Sundays 10am
(Additional details at *villagechapelofbaldheadisland.org*)

AA Virtual Meetings: Mondays & Thursdays 8am
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