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# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## NC House Bill 496


The NC House Bill 496 passed its second reading on May 11, 2021, and could have very important implications for Bald Head Island. The bill would strip local governments' power to regulate tree removal. As of this print deadline, the City of Southport's Board of Aldermen passed a resolution opposing it on May 13, 2021. Oak Island Town Council voted June 8, 2021, to oppose this bill. And the Village of BHI Council passed a resolution opposing this bill on June 18, 2021.

Trees are essential to the ecosystem on Bald Head Island, and live oaks are especially treasured. The maritime forest's deep roots and windbreaking tree canopy of interlocking branches provides additional stabilization of the island system. Trees are one of the main reasons that many property owners purchased property on BHI.

Trees are just one piece of a barrier island's three interdependent ecosystems — dunes, creek/marsh and maritime forest. The Island's naturally evolved reactions to harsh ocean winds and salt spray can be seen in its protective tree canopy. The forest attracts and sustains many beneficial insects which, in turn, attract birds and small mammals. These creatures contribute, and so on goes the cycle of life. There are many pieces of this geological, ecological and biological puzzle that

are separately important but collectively essential. Every piece is interconnected and helps sustain this barrier island that we all love.

Per BHA's Covenants, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is charged in its oversight responsibilities to maximize the conservation of trees and natural vegetation. To the end, the Design Guidelines state, "The Bald Head Association Covenants were drafted and adopted by the property owners of Bald Head Island. Within these Covenants the property owners created the Design Guidelines and the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) to support their goal of 'enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness' of the Bald Head Island properties and maintaining the environment in which they exist. These Design Guidelines contain basic requirements that support the intention of the Covenants to promote a harmonious community aesthetic and a conservation consciousness."

To view House Bill 496, visit [www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/h496](http://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2021/h496). BHA encourages property owners to reach out to their respective NC General Assembly representatives by phone or email to express their opinion on the bill. To identify legislators by home address, visit <https://ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators>. 

## Helping Clean Up Bald Head Island

### BHA's Recreation, Conservation, Beautification (RCB) Committee Update

By Kay Menk, RCB Committee Chair

A heartfelt thanks to all those Island folks who came out for BHA's first Island Litter Sweep in over a year! An enthusiastic group of 25 volunteers joined the RCB Committee's volunteers and came together on June 5 to scour BHI for those bits and pieces of trash that escape our carts or fly from the trash bin. The Village's Public Works Department does an excellent job of

keeping our wynds tidy, but if each of us took the time to pick up that random piece of trash, think how pristine our little Island could be! Be a good steward! Set an example! Do more than expected!



The "Youngest Participant" prize went to Ben Owings, who is four years old. Sam Cory won the "Weirdest Trash" prize by finding a golf club head and ladies' hairbrush, plus making a

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## 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](mailto:Fran@BaldHeadAssociation.com) or call Carol Collins, ARC Associate, at 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?

The BHA Design Guidelines regarding lighting states:

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

For the full Design Guidelines, visit [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com). To search for key words in the Design Guidelines document, click on "CTRL + F" to open a search bar.



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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](http://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](mailto: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.

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## ARC By the Numbers YTD 2021 vs. 2020

	2021	2020
Tree trimming or removal requests:	39	12
Paint and roof color requests:	41	20
Scan/elevation/plan requests:	32	3
ARC submittals:	165	62

## BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

In 2016, I first became actively involved with a homeowners' association on Bald Head Island, serving as the President of the Bald Head Island Stage II Homeowners Association for two years. In January 2018, Stage II merged with Bald Head Association, and I served three years as a BHA Board member. Now, I am in my second term on the BHA Board and currently serve as President.

Over these last five and a half years, I have learned a lot about BHA Stage II and BHA. During 47 years of practicing law, I formed and represented several HOAs. So, I thought I knew something about these organizations.

I was wrong.

The HOA complexities Bald Head Island has on our little island present a challenging HOA world for us.

Carrie Moffett, our outstanding Executive Director for Bald Head Association, has educated me on the multiple, smaller HOA worlds we have in our little world, and her efforts over the last ten years have made our relationship with each of these HOAs helpful for all and smoothly coordinated.

There are three master associations on the Island — BHA, the Harbour and Middle Island. There are several sub-associations on the Island — Timbercreek, Lighthouse Landing, Sabal Palm Cottages, the Hammocks, the Villas, Ibis Roost, Royal James and Floras Bluff/Killegray Ridge.

Master associations are located in planned communities and are generally intended to cover the interests of the entire community. Oftentimes, they collect dues for things like roads, entrances, clubhouses, communications tools, management contracts and amenities available to the entire community, as well as maintenance of the common areas. The sub-associations do the same thing but on a smaller scale and only collect dues and maintain the amenities specific to those individual neighborhoods.

BHA currently has some interaction with BHI sub-associations, most often when there is a violation that is found both in the sub-association's governing documents and in BHA's.

We also interact with them through ARC, our Architectural Review Committee. When a home in a sub-association wants to make changes to their homes (the properties in those neighborhoods are already built), approval must first come from the sub-association and then it goes to the ARC.


The ARC also interacts with the board of the sub-association whenever the sub-association wants to do something on its own limited common area (which is the common area specific to that sub-association). The sub-association board acts as the property owner in those instances and must go to the ARC for approval of things like tree removal or a major change to the homes in that sub-association.

Other than the above formal interactions, Carrie typically only interacts with the sub-associations if something major comes along of which they should be aware. The merger with Stage II was an example of that. That was big, and Carrie sent them a note telling them it was coming.

Most, if not all, of these other HOAs on Bald Head Island have officers and directors who are responsible for their HOAs. If you add up all the HOAs on Bald Head Island and add up all the volunteers who are serving their respective HOA, it totals a lot of volunteers. And these officers and directors periodically change.

So, most all of us at one time or another have had the opportunity to serve in some capacity on an HOA board. We need all these HOAs working and running smoothly in order for all to work seamlessly on Bald Head Island.

My thanks go out to all of you who contribute your time and energy to make it all work. If there is anything I can do to improve our interactions with any or all of these HOAs, please feel free to call on me anytime.

Thanks. 

### Why Do People Come To Bald Head Island

*By Alan Briggs*

to walk the beach  
to feel the sand between their toes  
to hear the sound of the ocean  
to feel the ocean breeze

to be with their kids and grandkids  
to get away from their kids and grandkids  
to have family time  
to have private time

to let the dogs run on the beach  
to watch the dogs play in the waves  
to air out their minds  
to air out their souls

to get some work done  
to get away from work  
to surf the waves  
to walk in the forest

to await the arrival of and  
to see the loggerhead turtles  
to see the little ones hatch  
to watch the pilgrimage

to play the 16<sup>th</sup> hole  
to listen for the splash or not  
to wear their whites  
to walk the greenswards

to wait for low tide  
to go to the Point  
to walk out on the sandbar  
to be with God

to watch for porpoise  
to watch out for shark  
to watch the sunset  
to watch the sunrise

to be  
to exist  
to breathe  
to love.





## Village of BHI Updates

### Dosher Medical Clinic on BHI is Open

The Dosher Medical Clinic on Bald Head Island is open to see patients with minor illnesses and injuries. The clinic is in the Public Safety Building at 273 Edward Teach Extension and is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00am until 2:30pm. Due to the existence of COVID-19 in the community, on-island staff will consist of a medical assistant or nurse who will have a telehealth connection to a doctor on the mainland.

Patients in need of treatment should call 910-457-5252 for initial phone screening and to set an appointment. **Anyone in need of immediate medical care should call 911** (tell the operator you are on Bald Head Island).



Do not come to the Public Safety Building if you are sick and without an appointment; if you need immediate care, please call first.

### 2021 Candidate Filing for Municipal Elections

Candidate filing for the next municipal election for the Village of Bald Head Island begins at 12:00pm on Friday, July 2, 2021, and runs through 12:00pm on Friday, July 16, 2021. The deadline to withdraw notice of candidacy is Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 5:00pm. There will be three vacancies on the Village



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*By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer*

Council — mayor (currently held by Andy Sayre) and two council members (currently held by Scott Gardner and Emily Hill). More information about filing for the 2021 municipal election can be found at the Brunswick County Board of Elections website at [www.brunswickcountync.gov/elections/candidates](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/elections/candidates).

### Help the Village Protect BHI's Dunes

Dunes act as a barrier from storm surge during severe storms and hurricanes. They act as a storage reservoir for sand that only gets taken away when there is an infrequent but severe storm or hurricane. The larger the dune, the more time it takes to erode and the more protection it provides to landward properties and infrastructure. The sand stored by the dunes also reduces wave heights compared to areas that have little or no dunes.



Through the years, the Village of Bald Head Island has gone to great expense and effort stabilizing and protecting the dune system along East, West and South beaches. In addition to shoreline restoration projects, the Village has planted vegetation and installed rope fencing to help build up sand on the dune line. The Village also routinely monitors the beaches and dunes to see if any weak areas exist that could be vulnerable to storm surge.

Please help the Village by reminding your visitors and guests to stay off the dunes and to use the public beach accesses (<https://villagebhi.org/visitors/public-beach-accesses>) or designated private beach accesses near your home. People who walk across the dunes are in violation of Village ordinance and could be subject to a civil fine of \$500. The ordinance applies to East, West and South beaches.

If you are interested in learning more information about dunes, erosion, and how the beach works, NC Sea Grant has published a booklet titled *The Dune Book*. It is an excellent resource and can be found online at [https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/ncseagrant\\_docs/products/2000s/dune\\_book.pdf](https://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/ncseagrant_docs/products/2000s/dune_book.pdf).

### IPC/Post Office Reminders

With vacation season in full effect, the Village would like to make sure Island Package Center and Post Office customers are aware of the following tips to make your experience the best it can be and to assist with the safety of our employees during this busy time of the year.

**Please Pick Up Your Packages Promptly** — Due to limited space in our warehouse on-island, please pick up your packages promptly after you have been notified that they have arrived. After contacting a recipient multiple times, packages may be returned to the sender. If your package arrives and you are not on the island, please keep in mind that you can always arrange for a neighbor, property manager or other trusted individual to pick up your package for you.

**Meal Kits & Items Requiring Refrigeration** — If you are

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## BHA 2021 Assessment Dues — Lien Process Has Started on Properties with Outstanding Balances

Thank you to all property owners who have paid their annual BHA 2021 assessment dues, which were originally due by February 15, 2021.

For property owners who have not yet paid, final statements were mailed in May 2021. And the lien process will start in August 2021 on properties with outstanding balances.

Payments can be made easily and securely on the website at [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com). On the top menu, click on “Make A Payment.” If you are signed up for Owner Access and log in under “Property Owner,” the amount due is shown. If you are

not signed up for Owner Access and log in under “Other,” the amount due is not shown, and you must enter the amount from your statement.

**Website payments can be made using a checking account (ACH) or credit card, with accompanying fees. If you prefer to mail a check, send it to Bald Head Association, PO Box 3030, Bald Head Island, NC 28461. Please note your BHI street address in the check’s memo line and include your account number. For any questions, contact Denise Eidal at [Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Denise@BaldHeadAssociation.com). Thank you!** 

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### 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](http://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 photo on page 2 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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## Harbour Association's Architectural Review Coordination Transitions to BHA

The Harbour Association has had coordination of its architectural review work done by BHI Limited since 1987. The Harbour Association's governing documents require that when BHI Limited's proportional lot ownership falls below 10%, it must transition architectural review control to the Harbour Association's Board of Directors.


To prepare for that ultimate transition in 2018, the Harbour Association had discussions with BHA seeking to have BHA take over this coordination function when this transition takes place. In 2018, agreement was generally reached for that transition to BHA to take place when it was needed by the Harbour Association. Earlier this year, that threshold was met, and the Harbour Association requested that BHA coordinate the new responsibilities that are now within the Harbour's jurisdiction.

This is not a new process for BHA. In recent years, BHA has also helped both the former Stage II Association and the Middle Island Property Owners Association transition their architectural review control. The Stage II Association/BHA merger eliminated

the need for a separate architectural review contract for East End properties; the MIPOA/BHA contract for ARC services remains in place today.

Since the sale of the triggering property recently occurred, BHI Limited transferred its ARC coordination responsibilities of Harbour properties as of May 31, 2021. With the help of former ARC Coordinator Karen Mosteller, BHA began providing that service in conjunction with the Harbour Association's Architectural Review Board on June 2, 2021. Harbour owners, vendors and contractors should contact Karen at [harb@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:harb@baldheadassociation.com) or 910-477-7193 with construction-related questions or to submit applications for review.

Questions about violations, enforcement of the Harbour's Covenants or other Harbour-related issues should be sent to Bob McKoy of Network Real Estate at 910-798-3120 or [bobmckoy@networkwilmington.com](mailto:bobmckoy@networkwilmington.com).

BHA looks forward to a long, successful relationship with the Harbour Association on behalf of our shared members. 



## The Wildlife Overlook

Construction on the Wildlife Overlook is progressing well. While it appears from the road that the project is nearly complete, there are still a number of important items that need to be installed — including signage, retaining walls, steel panels, vegetation and parking — before the Wildlife Overlook can be opened to members, their guests and the public. **It is crucial to remember that this is an active construction site and only authorized individuals should be on the grounds.** Updates will be posted at

[BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-overlook](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com/wildlife-overlook). 



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## Welcome to the Island!

By Emily Eldridge, Marketing & Communications Specialist

We love our sea turtles and all forms of wildlife on Bald Head Island. Want to help us keep the magic in BHI? Follow these tips when discovering, learning and exploring around the Island:



- **Observe wildlife safely from a distance** — animals can change their behavior when feeling threatened.
- Call the **BHI Conservancy Wildlife Emergency Hotline** and leave a voicemail to report injured/displaced wildlife or nesting sea turtles: **910-457-0089, ext. 5**
- **Keep dogs leashed** to avoid disturbing nesting and resting shorebirds, nesting sea turtles and other wildlife.
- **Keep human food away from wildlife**, including alligators, birds and turtles.
- **Take your trash with you**, including beach gear, pet waste, cigarette butts and “compostable” food items.



- **Choose reusable items when possible** to reduce your waste, such as reusable shopping bags, water bottles and coffee mugs. Find an assortment of eco-friendly products at **Turtle Central Gift Shop**.
- **Be a sea turtle steward!** Use red light only on the beaches at night during sea turtle nesting season. Fill in all holes and knock down sandcastles on the beach when you're done for the day.

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## Old Baldy and the Lighthouse of Many Colors

By McAllie Givens and Hunter Ingram

In May, historic communities around the country celebrated National Preservation Month by turning their lens inward and looking at how their own historic stories have been preserved for the future. At the Old Baldy

Lighthouse, staff did a month-long video series, which is available to view on Facebook, looking at the preservation efforts done to everything from its copper roof to its sturdy stairs. However, one of its most beloved preservation stories is also the origin of, perhaps, the question most often asked by guests — why is the lighthouse that patchwork color?

Unknown to many, Old Baldy's familiar exterior changed appearances throughout its tenure within the U.S. Lighthouse Service. Over its 204-year history, the exterior of the tower changed from black to white and finally to the mottled tones one sees today.

Old Baldy's initial black design was necessary because it was not the only lighthouse built between 1816 and 1817 in the Cape Fear Region. The first of three Federal Point Lighthouses were also being constructed just nine miles north of Old Baldy, where the remains of Fort Fisher stand today. While Old Baldy guided ships at sea into the Cape Fear River through Old Inlet, the Federal Point Lighthouses helped mariners to locate New Inlet, an alternate route into the Port of Wilmington that allowed southbound ships to avoid the dangerous Frying Pan Shoals.

With the construction of several lighthouses in the region, it was critical to distinguish each lighthouse from another. Surprisingly, the U.S. Lighthouse Service's proposal to build Old Baldy did not specify Old Baldy be painted a specific color but denotes the outside should have a rough plaster. However, the proposal did mention that the keeper's dwelling be whitewashed. The earliest suggestion of painting Old Baldy is found in 1818 correspondence written by members of the U.S. Lighthouse Service discussing if Old Baldy needed to be painted. By 1822, the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the *American Coast Pilot* reported that Old Baldy was painted black "in order to distinguish it from the light-house on Federal Point," which was painted white.

By 1880, the Army Corps of Engineers closed New Inlet and rendered the third Federal Point Lighthouse useless. The same year, the U.S. Lighthouse Service reactivated Old Baldy. Not needing to distinguish anymore between Old Baldy and the Federal Point Lighthouses, the U.S. Lighthouse Service once again discussed painting Old Baldy. A notice in multiple newspapers in 1880 reported Old Baldy's exterior was white. In the years to follow, the U.S. Lighthouse Service whitewashed Old Baldy regularly. In 1935, when the U.S. Lighthouse Service permanently decommissioned Old Baldy, she was left to her own fate as time and the elements faded her color.

No longer under the auspices of the federal government, Old Baldy was not cared for in the decades to follow. Since the exterior of Old Baldy was always painted — black or white — when used by the federal government, the color of the stucco did not matter when it was being repaired. Lacking regular exterior

painting and general upkeep, weathering caused patches of stucco to become visible. No records have been found regarding work done on the exterior of the lighthouse between 1935 and when the Old Baldy Foundation repaired the exterior of the lighthouse in 1990. The 1990 exterior repairs were completed by Contractor Specialties based out of Mantua, Ohio. While the original plan was

to match the new stucco with the existing stucco, the sample stucco was not given enough time to cure and dry in order to reveal its final color. This caused the exterior to have a more mottled, rather than uniform, appearance. Between 2016 and 2017, International Chimney Corporation based out of Buffalo, NY, repaired any unsound stucco in

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## BHI Questions? States of Emergency

As the municipality on Bald Head Island, the Village of BHI is the prevailing authority during states of emergency. The Mayor, Village Councilors and Village staff coordinate efforts with officials from Brunswick County, North Carolina, and federal agencies as needed. Village officials also coordinate efforts with the owner of BHI Transportation. The ferry and tram systems are privately owned by BHI Limited and regulated by the NC Utilities Commission.


The Village of BHI handles all issues regarding public safety, including emergency response. The Public Safety Department is equipped to handle medical, fire, water rescue and police emergencies. The department also handles golf cart and ICE (internal combustion engine) permits and enforces Village ordinances. For general questions, call the Public Safety Department office Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm at 910-457-5252.

- **When you are physically on BHI, for emergencies and non-emergencies: call 911.**
- **When you are not physically on BHI, for emergencies and non-emergencies: call the Brunswick County dispatch station at 910-253-7490, which uses the same dispatch protocol as 911.** This is due to 911 phone tracking purposes.

The Village's Public Services Department handles water, sewer, trash pickup and recycling services for BHI. For questions visit [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org).

The Village Post Office/Island Package Center handles mail and package services for BHI. For frequently asked questions about mailing services, visit [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org).

**CodeRED** is Brunswick County's emergency alert notification service. Sign up at [www.brunswickcountync.gov/codered](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/codered). Keep in mind that hurricane season is June 1 - November 30, so be prepared with necessary alert notifications.

**Register for BHI property owner re-entry list.** If an evacuation of the Island occurs, the re-entry procedure will be determined on several factors, including guidance from the Emergency Operations Team, Mayor and the Public Safety Director. Property owners (with structures on their property) can register with the Village to be allowed back on the Island to check their properties after a storm. There will be a registration form available online at [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org) when there is an active emergency event. 


## New to BHA? Yard Sales Not Allowed on BHI

Yard sales are not allowed on Bald Head Island. This includes any signage and for-sale item placement in yards or driveways. Donated or give-away single items that are offered on social media may be placed discreetly and yet not visible from the road.

For bulk pickup requests, visit the Village of BHI's website at [www.villagebhi.org](http://www.villagebhi.org), hover on "Departments & Services" and select "Public Services."

If you have items to sell, consider participating in the July 24<sup>th</sup> Island Treasures event, BHI's only community yard sale, at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd).

Sponsored and held by BHA's Socialization, Education and Recreation (SER) Committee, tables cost \$5 (checks only, payable to Bald Head Association). Set up is at 1:00pm on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Items not sold will be picked up by Public Services and donated to charities off Island. For more information and to reserve a table, contact Sally Klippel at [sallyklippel@gmail.com](mailto:sallyklippel@gmail.com).


If you're looking to browse at Island Treasures, it's open 9:00am-1:00pm on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. BHA requests all those who are not vaccinated to wear a hands-free face mask indoors. 

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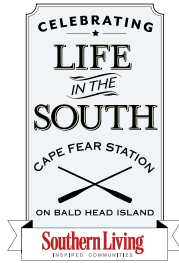
having items requiring refrigeration sent to the island, please call us in advance (910-457-9700, ext. 1013) to ensure that there is space for your package, as space is limited. You can also arrange for someone to pick up your package as soon as it arrives.

**Oversized Items** — Oversized items that are not shipped by FedEx or UPS, such as sofas or sectionals, are usually shipped via a common carrier like DHL or others. The IPC does not accept these items. These items will need to be shipped to the Bald Head Island Warehouse at Deep Point Marina, barged over to the island and then trucked to its Island destination. Please contact Bald Head Island Warehouse at 910-457-5007 to arrange the shipping and delivery of these items. If you have any questions, call the Island Package Center & Post Office at

910-457-9700, ext. 2.

**Inbound Package Timing** — Sometimes recipients will receive a notification from UPS or FedEx that their packages have arrived in Southport. This notification does not mean that your package has arrived on the Island, nor is it available for pick up. The schedule varies by carrier. For a guide about when you should expect your package to arrive, as well as additional information and videos about how packages are received, visit [villagebhi.org](http://villagebhi.org), hover your cursor on "Departments and Services," and select "Island Package Center & Post Office." Note that delays may occur when the barge does not run due to weather conditions, maintenance situations or heavy volume on the barge. 





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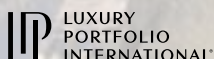
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A newly frequent "Oops!" is adding decorative string lights to outside porches or in tree branches. String lights use bare bulbs, which are not acceptable in the Design Guidelines.

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 pages 129-130 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 and pine straw may only be used in defined bed areas. Per the Design Guidelines, "The use of mulch or pine straw 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 and pine straw 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 for 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 property owners 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. (Note that some projects require manufacturer samples to be submitted with the application or that notarized signatures are required.) For tips to assist with the Architectural Review process, read the ARC article in the June *Island Report* on page 2. (For all archived *Island Report* issues, go to [BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com), click on "News," then "Archived Island Reports" and select the issue.) 

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preparation for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Old Baldy.

The mottled tone exterior of Old Baldy today is a 20<sup>th</sup>-century snapshot. Preservation efforts of the Old Baldy Foundation solidified the external state as it was in 1990. This trademark appearance captures a point in time after Old Baldy was left to the forces of mother nature for over 60 years. The next time you are standing in front of Old Baldy, close your eyes and imagine it being painted black or white. It could offer a whole new perspective on history.

You can learn more about Old Baldy's preservation efforts by watching the staff's "Preservation Month" video series at [www.facebook.com/oldbaldybybhi](http://www.facebook.com/oldbaldybybhi). 



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# TIDBITS:

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

## Rip Currents

Rip currents are strong, narrow currents that flow away from the beach. Known as “rivers of the sea” that can sweep you off your feet in ankle-deep water, these localized currents can carry unsuspecting swimmers farther out to sea, at rates of 1-2 feet per second and up to 8 feet per second (the speed of an Olympic freestyle swimmer) and are generally no more than 80 feet wide.

If you get pulled farther from shore, **DO NOT PANIC**. Though your instinct will want you to swim back toward shore, DO NOT do this — that action puts you at risk of drowning because of fatigue. Experts recommend not to fight it and to swim parallel to shore until you are out of the channel of current. Then swim back to land at an angle. Conserve energy when necessary — float on your back or tread water. The important thing to remember is to **RELAX** until you are ready to swim parallel to shore.

Check the Facebook pages for BHI Public Safety and the Village of BHI for timely alerts, reminders and information, including weather and surf zone cautions.

## Fireworks and Sparklers Are Illegal, and Individual Burn Permits Are Not Allowed

Any firework that explodes or leaves the ground is not legal in North Carolina. These include firecrackers, spinners, roman candles, bottle rockets and aerial fireworks. Sparklers, defined in the dictionary as “handheld fireworks that emit brilliant sparks on burning,” are considered pyrotechnics.

Any fire on this Island we love could be devastating for people, property and wildlife. The Village of BHI Ordinance “Sec. 16-81. Pyrotechnics restricted” reads:

“The possession and/or use within the confines of the village of pyrotechnics by any individual except by special permit of the county is declared unlawful. Violation of this section shall be a civil violation punishable by a civil fine of \$100.00. Any individual cited for violation of this section shall pay the civil penalty at the office of the village clerk within 48 hours of the issuance of the citation. In addition, violation of this section shall constitute a class 3 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or imprisonment pursuant to G.S. 14-4. Nothing in this section shall prevent the village from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.”

The Village of BHI Ordinance Sec. 12-55 regarding individual burn permits reads:

**“Ordinance Sec. 12-55: Between May 1 and November 15 of any year, the director of public safety shall not issue any burn permits to individuals.”**

## Village Council Candidate Filing is July 2-July 16

If you're interested in running for one of the Village Council open seats, July 2-July 16 is the time to file. All new Village Councilors now serve 4-year terms. Three terms expire in 2021, for J. Andrew Sayre, Scott Gardner and Emily Hill. For more information, visit [www.brunswickcountync.gov/elections](http://www.brunswickcountync.gov/elections).

## BHI Loves Dogs, But ...

BHI is a wonderland for dogs. And dog owners are encouraged to be responsible as well as courteous to others. Please keep these rules in mind and inform your guests and 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. If your dog does any digging on BHI beaches, remember to fill in any holes so that nesting sea turtles and hatchlings are not impeded on their journeys.

Dogs must be leashed or restrained by voice command on all areas of BHI. Dog waste must be picked up **EVERYWHERE**. **Thank you** to the responsible dog owners who already do this. Dog waste bags are available at the Dog Park, beach accesses and other areas around Bald Head Island. Use them! If a dog waste dispenser is empty, you can notify the Village of BHI with a simple online request at [www.VillageBHI.org](http://www.VillageBHI.org). Click on “Resident Services,” then “Services,” then “Citizen Service Request.”

**SAFETY REMINDER:** Bald Head Island has wildlife such as coyotes and alligators that roam freely. Keep dog food and dog treats indoors so that wildlife creatures are not attracted to a food source. It is recommended to keep dogs leashed at all times for safety.

## Address Bollard Visibility Is Not Just for Looks — It's ESSENTIAL!

Can you see the house address in this photo? Take a fresh look at your own address bollard to ensure its visibility.

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.

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A blue Club Car golf cart is shown from the front-left side, featuring a tan roof, a black steering wheel, and a "Club Car" badge on the front grille. The background is a blurred beach scene with waves and a blue sky.

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handwritten sign reading “This is the strangest trash of the day!”

Thank you to the long-time and new volunteers who helped — some are brand new homeowners. We appreciate everyone’s support and enthusiasm for keeping our Island in its natural state. Stay tuned for future Island Litter Sweeps and join us next time. 

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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](http://BaldHeadAssociation.com), click on “Life on BHI,” then “Island Service Providers”). 

Scan this QR code with your phone app to view BHA’s events calendar!



## July 2021

ARC–A Meeting	7/1/2021	10am
International Plastic Bag Free Day	7/3/2021	
BHI Artisans Show & Sale	7/3/2021	10am
BHI Conservancy Golf Cart Raffle Ends	7/3/2021	7pm
BHI Conservancy Silent Auction Ends	7/3/2021	8pm
Independence Day	7/4/2021	
Old Baldy’s 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2021	11am
BHA Office Closed	7/5/2021	
National Fried Chicken Day	7/6/2021	
BHA Board Meeting	7/9/2021	11am
SIALL Art Show & Sale	7/10/2021-7/11/2021	10am
National Cheer up the Lonely Day	7/11/2021	
ARC–B Meeting	7/16/2021	10am
Village Council Meeting	7/16/2021	10am
National Ice Cream Day	7/18/2021	
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	7/21/2021	9:15am
National Parent’s Day	7/25/2021	

## Save the Date in August:

ARC–A Meeting	8/6/2021	10am
Old Baldy’s Annual Duck Race	8/7/2021	9am
Run for the Light & National Lighthouse Festival	8/8/2021	5pm
BHA Board Meeting	8/13/2021	11am
BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) Meeting	8/18/2021	9:15am
ARC–B Meeting	8/20/2021	10am
Village Council Meeting	8/20/2021	10am

## Around the corner in 2021:

BHI Artisans Show & Sale	9/4/2021	10am
SIALL Art Show & Sale	9/5/2021-9/6/2021	10am
Labor Day	9/6/2021	
BHA Office Closed	9/6/2021	

## Ongoing:

Village Chapel Services: (Additional details at <a href="http://villagechapelofbaldheadisland.org">villagechapelofbaldheadisland.org</a> )	Sundays	8:30am & 10am
AA Virtual Meetings: (Zoom Group: #3909737348, P/C: 217739, Email: <a href="mailto:sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com">sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com</a> )	Mondays & Thursdays	8am

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