



# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## Appearances Matter on Bald Head Island

When asked what initially drew them to Bald Head Island, many property owners describe the natural forest vegetation, the unspoiled ocean and beaches, BHI's trees specifically, the unique wildness of a remote and not over-developed barrier island, the estuarial creek/marsh, BHI's wildlife, the "small town" cozy feeling and much more. Most answers to that question typically cite one aspect or another of BHI's environment. Indeed, many *Island Report* articles have focused on helping educate property owners about BHA's role in environmental stewardship and helping preserve the natural landscape. But what about the architectural style on BHI?

The original vision of "living in harmony with nature" is still BHA's point of reference, with BHA's Covenants guiding that principle, utilizing the BHA Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines set basic requirements that support the aims of the Covenants. The Design Guidelines promote a harmonious community aesthetic and a conservation consciousness and, more practically, a uniform review process for obtaining approval of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC).

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Photo courtesy of Bald Head Island Limited.



### BHI Native Plant Feature of the Month *Narrowleaf Whitetop Sedge/Starrush*

Narrowleaf Whitetop Sedge/Starrush (*Rhynchospora colorata*) is also commonly known as Starrush Whitetop, Star Sedge, White Beak-Sedge, White-Topped Sedge and Whitetop Sedge. It is a beautiful, ornamental, perennial grasslike plant native to southeastern US coastal regions. It is found in low, wet areas such as dunes, roadsides and ditches.

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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?

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For all questions about trees and vegetation, email [Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



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### Help Sea Turtles

If you own an ocean-facing home, don't forget to remind all guests and renters the importance of pulling down room-darkening shades at night and using exterior lighting frugally to prevent disorienting sea turtles and their hatchlings.

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### Living and Working in Harmony with Nature

Spring on the Island is a beautiful time of year, with plants blooming and leaves turning green. It's also a busy time for contactors, as they try to finish projects in time for summer. With an increase of people visiting, such as renters, day-trippers and homeowners, BHI can feel quite full. With so much going on, it's easy to forget a few basics for living and working in harmony with nature and each other. The following suggestions may help:



- At the end of each workday, construction sites should be clear of debris and materials neatly arranged. This is especially important when it's windy and when foul weather threatens.
- When nature calls, remember that construction portable toilets are not for use by the general public and are not trash receptacles for dog waste bags.
- Roads should always be kept clear — Public Safety personnel need clear roadway access (this applies to pertinent beach accesses, as well) in case of an emergency. This includes recreational as well as construction vehicles and materials.
- Be courteous and drive safely. Without many sidewalks or bike paths, roadways can become congested with mixed traffic and potentially dangerous for those admiring the greenery instead of watching for traffic. Squirrels, deer and alligators

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## BHA President's Letter

*By Christine Osborne, BHA President*


May is the most beautiful month, in my opinion. All of our glorious flowers are in bloom and are certainly best viewed at the Pollinator Garden in Marina Park.

When visiting this stunning garden, you are sure to see an array of butterflies, moths and bees fluttering and zipping about. All of these pollinators have an important job while dazzling us with their own unique beauty.

The Pollinator Garden reminds me how wonderful it is when different entities come together to

achieve a common goal. In this case, BHA, the Village and the Garden Club joined forces to create this living masterpiece.

One goal that your Board has tasked itself with this year is to make a point of engaging other Island entities on a more regular basis, keeping in mind that there is no such thing as a worthless conversation.

I would like to wish all of our members a happy Memorial Day. To all who have served and to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, thank you. 

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# Grilling Safety Tips & Village Ordinance Reminder

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Outdoor grilling is one of the best activities of spring and summer, and it's one of the most popular ways to cook food. A grill that is placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Hot grills can also cause burn injuries. Medical and fire emergencies are two things we all want to avoid on Bald Head Island.

The Village's Fire Prevention Ordinance (Section 12-53) states that the following fires are allowed:

*Cooking fires contained within a commercially available, solid-fuel burning, portable, outdoor cooking appliance, but only to the extent that such portable appliance shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any structure and within twenty-five (25) feet of a permanent water source connected to a hose that is able to reach the location of the appliance, and shall not be located upon any wood or composite deck or balcony attached to such structure or underneath any roofed structure, including any porch, awning, or balcony overhang of a structure.*

Following the Village's ordinance will reduce fire emergencies and property damage caused by grills and ensures that islanders can



quickly respond to any mishaps that may occur when grilling out. Violating this ordinance could result in a \$500 fine.

Here are a few grilling tips from the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA):

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

See the accompanying QR code to check out the Village of Bald Head Island's YouTube channel for a short grilling safety video.

### Knox Box Guidance

Knox Boxes are small, steel boxes that are attached to the address bollards and homes on Bald Head Island. The box holds a key and an information sheet, and can only be opened by the Public Safety Department with a secure key. Knox Boxes give first responders access to your home or business in an emergency. First responders will be able to access your property when it matters most. Removing barriers to entry reduces

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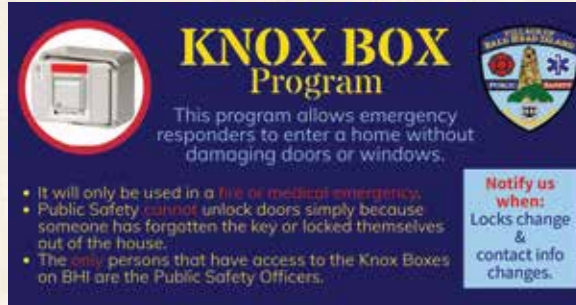


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injuries to responders and minimizes property damage.

**New Property Owners:** Check around your front entry and the address bollard to see if you have a Knox Box. If you have one, you will need to make sure that a copy of your current key and contact information are placed inside the box. You will need to fill out our Knox Box form from the Department of Public Safety's website and return it to the Public Safety Department with a copy of your current key. You can do this between 9:00am and 3:30pm Monday through Friday. The Public Safety building is located at 273 Edward Teach Extension. If you do not have a Knox Box or you cannot locate one, please contact Public Safety to see if one has been purchased for your address. You can do that by calling the Public Safety administrative assistant at 910-457-5252 or emailing [psadmin@villagebhi.org](mailto:psadmin@villagebhi.org). If there is not a box for your home, you will need to order one from the company (their website is [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com)). Then you will need to complete the Knox Box form and bring a copy of the current key to the Department of Public Safety. The correct box for BHI will be the only option and, once purchased, will be delivered to the Department of Public Safety for installation.



**Homes Near the Beach:** The Village is finding that Knox Boxes located near the ocean are corroding over time. Please check your Knox Box to see if it looks corroded. If you are not sure or if you need Public Safety to check it for you, you must submit a request so that we can obtain access to your property. You can have yours checked by emailing Chip Sudderth at [csudderth@villagebhi.org](mailto:csudderth@villagebhi.org).

If your Knox Box needs to be replaced, you will need to order a new one from the company and provide the Department of Public Safety with a copy of your current house key and the completed Knox Box form.

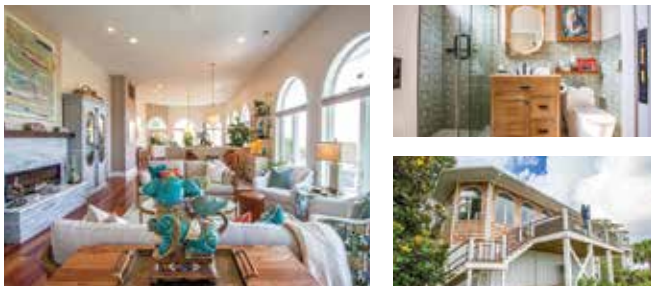
**All Property Owners:** For the Knox Box program to be successful, we need your help in making sure the keys and contact information in the

box are up to date and that your Knox Box is not rusted or corroded so that it can be accessed if it is ever needed.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Public Safety will not use the Knox Box for any other reason. Public Safety cannot unlock your door to allow homeowners, relatives, guests or renters into the home if they are locked out.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 910-457-5252 or [psadmin@villagebhi.org](mailto:psadmin@villagebhi.org).

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# The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Karlee Szympruch, Sea Turtle Technician, BHI Conservancy

It's that time of year! The weather is warmer, the days are longer and Bald Head Island is flourishing with life. As stewards of BHI, we welcome all Island visitors with open arms, but one local needs a warmer welcome than most — our resident loggerhead sea turtles. These majestic creatures are making their way back home to nest on the beautiful beaches of Bald Head Island from May 1 to November 15. As the 2024 nesting season begins, the Bald Head Island Conservancy (BHIC) would like to remind everyone to be mindful of the beach and its natural inhabitants during these months. Please remember:

- Do not disturb nesting sea turtles or hatchlings.
  - **NO** light is allowed when viewing sea turtles, unless permitted by the state.
  - If you observe either a nesting sea turtle or hatchling on the beaches this summer, please turn off all lights (even **RED**), keep quiet and watch at a respectable distance to not alter their natural behavior.
- Only **RED** light is allowed on BHI beaches at night.
  - **BHI Village Ordinance, Article 3, Section 10-81.**
  - Stop by Turtle Central to purchase a **RED** flashlight or headlamp.
- BHIC asks that all outdoor and indoor lights projecting onto the beach be turned off.
  - Sea turtles rely on the darkness of the beach and the relative brightness of the ocean to nest and find their way to the sea. Artificial light can confuse and disorient both nesting females and hatchlings.
- If you see an injured/dead/nesting sea turtle, hatchlings or eggs, please call **BHIC's Wildlife Response Hotline at 910-457-0089, ext. 5.**
- Completely fill in **ALL** holes and flatten sand structures on the beach.
- Remove **ALL** property from the beach.
  - **BHI Village Ordinance, Article VI, Section 10-165.**
- Dogs **MUST** be on a leash from sunset to sunrise.

BHI residents and visitors play a vital role in the conservation of our sea turtles! BHIC's Sea Turtle Protection Team (STPT)



looks forward to seeing everyone on the beach this summer. Thank you for doing your part to make Bald Head Island a safe haven for sea turtles and more. To learn more about the sea turtles that call Bald Head Island home, please visit the BHI Conservancy's Fleming Environmental Education Center or attend one of our education programs.

To stay up to date with the STPT and other events happening at the Conservancy, follow our social media accounts [@bhiconservancy](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

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# The Night Sky of Bald Head Island

By Pat Miller

There is a night each month that creates an ethereal experience — the magic of the full moon rising out of the ocean on East Beach. Island residents, friends and visitors have been gathering and enjoying “Howl at the Moon” events since January 20, 2011. This is followed by a beautiful glow that covers the whole Island as we are bathed in moonlight.

One of the reasons it has been so fabulous is because there have been dark skies, and the wonder of the moonlight is not diminished by man-made light. The accompanying photo is of the March “Worm” Moon. However, there is no way a camera can capture the true beauty.

Our night sky is one of the many wonders of Bald Head Island. Please lower your outside light by using the lowest wattage available and making sure the lights are positioned downward. Do you really need bright lights on your stairs? (Please make sure all exterior light fixtures and lighting are in compliance with BHA’s Design Guidelines.) We have beautiful homes, but unless you are having a gathering, would you consider not having the whole house lit up? Consider your neighbors, who love to sit outside at night and bask in the glow of the stars and moonlight. What would it be like if everyone made the effort to gift each other the courtesy to share the night sky wonders? 🌙



The March “Worm” Moon. Photo by Pat Miller.

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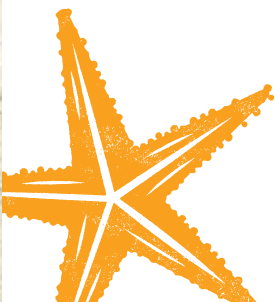
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## Help Your Public Safety Department — Prevent False/Faulty Alarms

Power fluctuations and lightning strikes can affect home fire and security alarms, sometimes causing false and faulty alarms. All false and faulty alarms are responded to by BHI’s Public Safety Department. Did you know that in 2023, Public Safety personnel responded to 198 false alarms and 19 faulty alarms? If you’re thinking that’s a lot, you’re right. What can you do to help reduce those statistics?

BHA encourages property owners to check their fire alarms to ensure they are working properly and, most importantly, that a monitoring service is used (which is required by Village Ordinance). Without a fire alarm system being monitored, there is no notification to Public Safety to respond with assistance. Fires on BHI are especially dangerous, being a barrier Island with ocean winds and surrounded by nearby properties. BHA encourages all homeowners to have adequate power surge protection and battery backup for their fire alarm system in order to prevent danger from fire.

As a homeowner on BHI, you can choose to have your fire alarm monitored by a land line, an Internet phone connection or by cellular network (GSM — Global System Mobile communicator). Whichever method you choose, if that system

goes down for any reason, your system is not being monitored. There may be a benefit of choosing to have your fire alarm system monitored via a cellular network, simply because historical data shows less system downtime compared with other connections. But note, nothing is guaranteed 100%. There are pros and cons to each option, so discuss details with your security provider and insurance carrier.

The Village ordinance that requires monitored smoke detectors was established in 1994 and had an amendment in 2008. Per the Village of BHI: Village Ordinance Section 6-163 includes requirements for **monitored** smoke detection systems in residential structures that are over 500 square feet in size. Monitored means a **working** system. Many crofters on Bald Head Island are over 500 square feet and are required to be on a monitored smoke detection system. Even if a crofter or garage is not over 500 square feet, if it is used for permanent or temporary storage of any electrically powered vehicle, it is required to be on a monitored system. Property owners should take action as soon as possible to make sure their monitored smoke detection systems are functioning and that their crofters are currently included on the home’s monitored alarm system. 



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# The Four-legged “Old Baldy” — Part 3 The Final Chapter

By Jake Grossman, Educator and Collections Coordinator, Old Baldy Foundation

The next action for “Old Baldy” and (now) Major General George Meade came at the Battle of Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862.<sup>1</sup> Just south of the city, they padded through a swampy spit of underbrush before traversing over an unfinished railroad embankment to exploit a weakness in the Confederate line. The surprised and unarmed Confederates originally surrendered; yet, within moments reinforcements arrived and fighting broke

out. When ammunition ran low, soldiers stooped to hand-to-hand fighting using rifles as clubs and even throwing them like javelins. Yet, our duo’s efforts were in vain and, ultimately, the battle became one of the worst Union defeats in the war. Consequently, Baldy and Meade retreated towards Washington, D.C. to regroup and recover over the winter.

As the weather warmed up, Baldy was back in action, this time at Chancellorsville in early May. The Battle of Chancellorsville was a Union loss; however, the toll was high for the Confederacy. Not only did they suffer heavy casualties, but Stonewall Jackson was also mortally

wounded by friendly fire. Nonetheless, the Confederates capitalized on the momentum and charged into the north until they were eventually repulsed by Meade and Baldy at Gettysburg.

The Battle of Gettysburg is widely known as one of  
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General Meade and Old Baldy at the Battle of Gettysburg. Drawing courtesy of the Library of Congress.



Old Baldy’s final wound at Cemetery Ridge during the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Drawing courtesy of the Library of Congress.



Statue of General Meade and Old Baldy in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, where they were last seen together after the war. Drawing courtesy of the Contributor Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, McLean Library.

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# BHI Questions? How Can I Help Sea Turtles on BHI?

Turtle Season is here! Every year, Turtle Season is May 1 through November 15. This is the time when loggerhead sea turtles visit Bald Head Island beaches (and if we're lucky, perhaps a Ridley's kemp or leatherback sea turtle). There are many ways property owners and visitors can help sea turtles, including preventing hazards.

## Flat Beaches

BHI beaches are great for building sand sculptures. But did you know that those holes kids love to dig and any structural mounds can impede the path of a nesting sea turtle? Do not assume that the water from high tide will level the sand back to "normal." You must fill those holes back in and level any mounds back to flat. Help the sea turtles! Even if you didn't create the hole or mound of sand and pass one on the beach, do your part for the sea turtles and level the sand back to normal.

Practice the backpacker's philosophy of "pack it in, pack it out" at all BHI beaches. All beach gear, including litter, should be removed from the beach when you leave. Anything remaining could potentially tangle up a sea turtle or other sea creature.

## Dogs

Per Village ordinance, all dogs must be "physically restrained by a leash" from sunset to sunrise during turtle nesting and hatching season. Pet owners are encouraged to keep dogs under control at all times. Dogs should never be allowed near a protected sea turtle nest. Please don't be a distracted dog owner who isn't aware of what your dog is doing behind you.

## "Lights Affect Us"

Nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings need darkness so that they are not distracted from their path to the water, which unfortunately occurred on BHI two summers ago from beach-facing houses' interior lights not being shielded with darkening shades. (In case you didn't know, BHA's Design Guidelines require the use of room-darkening shades on beach-facing homes.) It is critical that homes facing the ocean are frugal in using exterior lighting, to prevent disturbing nesting females and hatchling sea turtles. These homes must install **AND USE** room-darkening window treatments to block interior lighting in the evenings. Though you as the homeowner may know this, it is essential information to share with all of your guests and renters.

No white flashlights should be used on the beach at night during Turtle Season. Use a flashlight with a red filter, which gives you viewing ability without affecting the turtles (the BHI Conservancy has these). **NEVER** disturb sea turtles in any way. This includes flash photography and shining cell phone lights on them. It is illegal to touch or disturb sea turtles. And harassing a threatened species, which is a federal crime (U.S. Endangered Species Act), can carry a fine of \$10,500 and possible jail time.

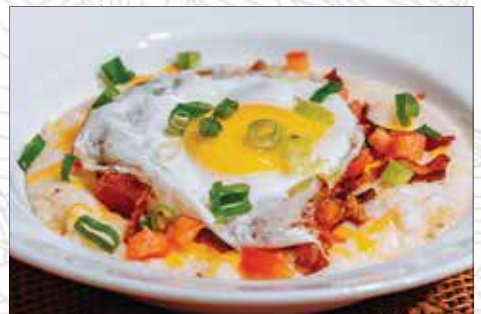
If you see a nesting sea turtle, call the BHI Conservancy (BHIC) at 910-457-0089, ext. 5 and leave a message — this is the BHIC's emergency wildlife hotline. For more information about sea turtles on Bald Head Island or to be a part of the BHI Conservancy's Sea Turtle Protection Program, visit [bhic.org](http://bhic.org).



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If these Design Guidelines are adhered to in a specific set of construction, remodeling or landscape plans, a harmonious community aesthetic will be captured, even though individual tastes, lifestyle needs and the specific needs/traits encouraged by the Bald Head Island environment prevail in other elements of the plans. This document also strives to promote clear expectations and comprehension of the design requirements for members entering the building process, as well as greater opportunities for objectivity and consistency (therefore fairness) on the part of fellow members who have agreed to review building plans.

The ARC has the crucial charge of reviewing home plans and administering the Design Guidelines, with hundreds of reviews handled each year for home plans, landscaping and renovation-related submittals.

Let's take a deeper dive into Bald Head Island architecture, which is covered beginning on page 30 of the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Design Guidelines (visit online at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines](http://www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines)). The key words that describe BHI's architectural style are "coastal vernacular." And if you're planning on working with an architect and/or builder, please share this with them, as well. From the Design Guidelines:

"Architecture of the American summer" ... embracing the organic and natural island landscape ... blending with the coastal environment ... rustic informality, inviting porches and more.

Home designs built on Bald Head Island are intended to promote a homogeneous impression, an architectural appearance of each individual home "fitting" within the surrounding homes and neighboring environment. Bald Head Island Coastal Vernacular designs are a blend of the "shingle-style" and the "coastal cottage" style of architecture. Often the construction incorporates many of the "shingle-style" features and accentuates them with common elements of the "coastal cottage" design.

"Shingle-style" has been described as the "architecture of the American summer." This architectural style is notably free in form and size and embraces the organic and natural island landscape, blending with the coastal environment and utilizing "shingle-style" home designs may honor individual tastes, they share an appearance of rustic informality, minimal detailing, high gables, large vertical windows and inviting porches.

Other characteristics of this coastal architecture include steep roofs, cedar shakes, dormers, open rafter tails, large overhangs, minimal ornamentation and variation in overall

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BHI is a wonderful place for dogs. And dog owners are encouraged to be responsible as well as courteous to others. Please keep the following 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 "Service Request" just below the home page photo.

**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 and close to you at all times for safety. Note that coyotes are especially visible during breeding season (January through March) and pup season (April through August).

## Single-family Residence

The benefits of a single-family residence are plentiful, especially on Bald Head Island. Space around your home, hugged by nature, is definitely something to appreciate. 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 crofters independent of renting their homes
- simultaneously occupying their homes while renting their crofters or vice versa
- renting individual bedrooms to multiple guests in one home

Want to know more? These restrictions are specified in Article 10.5(a) of BHA's Covenants, which can be found on BHA's website 24/7/365 at [www.BaldHeadAssociation.com](http://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](mailto:Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com).



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also use the roads. Speed limits are clearly marked and do not exceed 18 mph anywhere on the Island.

- The median strips allow for natural areas to provide shelter for small animals and protect the streets from water erosion. They have designated paved breaks to allow for crossing the road or making U-turns and should not be used as parking spaces or cut-throughs.
- Golf carts can only be driven by licensed drivers. Seatbelts should be worn, when available, and small children should not be held by the driver. Falling out of a golf cart can result in serious injury and death.
- Living in harmony with wildlife does not include inviting it to dinner. Feeding any wildlife is strictly prohibited, and no fishing is allowed in the lagoons.

Basic courtesy goes a long way in promoting a harmonious environment. Introducing yourself to contractors, neighbors or visitors creates a feeling of community. If you see someone doing something wrong, you can call 911 to report the incident. The BHI Public Safety Department uses 911 for non-emergency situations in addition to emergency calls, to maintain a record of calls for service, and they are happy to respond. 



### ARC Quiz

If you see a golf cart parked in the median strip on West Bald Head Wynd, you should:

- A. Take a picture of it and post it on social media.
- B. Complain about the destruction of the natural buffers over drinks at the Club.
- C. Call 911 and let Public Safety personnel handle the situation.

(Answer: C — 911 handles emergency and non-emergency calls on Bald Head Island.)



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Whitetop Sedge grows in a variety of soils, including clay and sand, with or without good drainage. It is also sometimes found growing in submerged shallow waters. This plant can grow from 12-24” tall when it is in full bloom and requires full sun to partial shade. It has one-to-three-inch, star-shaped flowers that contain four to six white, pointed, drooping petals with distinctive green tips. The daisy-like flowers bloom from May to September.

On Bald Head Island, Narrowleaf Whitetop Sedge can be found in the wet dune scrub along several trails and courts off West Bald Head Wynd and South Bald Head Wynd, and on the right side of Black Skimmer Trail. This showy, grasslike plant is beneficial in coastal pollinator gardens because of its aesthetic appeal and because the fragrant flowers attract bees, butterflies, small mammals and songbirds. 

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*shape and massing. Bald Head Island Coastal Vernacular may differ from the Coastal Vernacular of other places. Natural materials are strongly encouraged. Many homes feature expanses of decking and glass. Climate tempering is achieved with wrap-around porches to shade the summer sun, operable shutters to provide shade and admit breezes, lattice work and sunscreens to provide sun control on porch areas.*

*These Design Guidelines were created to aid architects/designers and property owners in developing home designs that merge individual tastes with the “shingle-style” and “coastal cottage” elements of Bald Head Island Coastal Vernacular architecture. These Design Guidelines also were*

*created to encourage “good massing” — as exemplified by an orderly, well-proportioned composition of building forms and to discourage any home from having a box design. Designs should avoid the appearance of three-story structures. Homes with a higher first floor elevation that utilize grade level screening should not include details that give the appearance of grade level heated space. The final home design should correspond with the unique features of the lot and preserve the existing trees and vegetation.*


**Additional Considerations and Thank You’s**

Consider this. BHI was developed with specific intentions. Prior generations had the foresight 30-40 years ago to envision the BHI that property owners enjoy today. The choices and decisions made today will affect the next generation 30-40 years from now. Any changes to architectural guidelines made now will affect how BHI looks in the future.

Here’s an example of the time and consideration about how appearances matter on BHI from former BHA Board President Kit Adcock. Her words are as true today as they were when she wrote them a decade ago:

*Considerable time, financial resources and volunteer effort have for decades gone into architectural design guidelines review and oversight. This is because on Bald Head Island, appearances matter. It is easy to take for granted that the visual harmony that makes Bald Head Island so appealing is the result of much deliberation and serious commitment on the part of your Island neighbors.*

*The attention to detail includes not just buildings but also signs and anything man-made and potentially permanent. Consider, as an example, real estate signs, or actually the uniformity and minimization of them. ... I can personally assure you untold hours have gone into real estate signs as well as house signs and, in fact, all signage in the HOA.*

Many volunteers have served to stand up organizations such as Bald Head Association and to serve on committees such as ARC and others. BHA thanks everyone in the past who has helped develop the Design Guidelines, shared their input and generously devoted their time in deliberations to help preserve the ageless appeal of Bald Head Island for generations to come. 

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the most impactful battles in the history of the United States. It is lesser known as the final battle for the seasoned veteran, Old Baldy. The armies met less than 10 miles north of the Pennsylvania and Maryland borders in one of the bloodiest battles of the war.<sup>2</sup> Prior to the battle, Meade was given command of the entire army, consisting of over 100,000 soldiers.

The Civil War was unique as officers, more so than previous wars, were constantly put in harm's way. Indeed, on the second day of the battle atop Cemetery Ridge on July 2, 1863, Baldy received his final wound of the war. A couple of days later, Meade wrote to his wife:

Old Baldy is still living and apparently doing well; the ball passed within half an inch of my (right) thigh, passed through the saddle and entered Baldy's stomach. I did not think he could live, but the old fellow has such a wonderful tenacity of life that I am in hopes he will.<sup>3</sup>

Indeed, Baldy survived the wound and then retired at 11 years old after sustaining five wounds and participating in 11 major battles.

Baldy retired from service but was still a part of Meade's life. Meade even admitted he was "very much attached to the old brute."<sup>4</sup> After the war the two were reunited and often seen riding around Philadelphia. In November 1872, General George Meade passed away. At his funeral procession on November 11, 1872, Old Baldy, riderless, trotted behind his master one last time. Baldy lived for another 10 years before he died on December 16, 1882, at the age of 30.

Shortly after Baldy was laid to rest, his body was exhumed and parts of it (at least the head and one hoof) were preserved. Indeed, within the Grand Army of the Republic George Meade Lodge #1, the head of Baldy was affixed to a commemorative plaque that remains on display. I admit it is a slightly off-putting memorial to our hero, yet it nonetheless preserved his story and in a roundabout way introduced me to the horse I never knew I needed to know.



<sup>1</sup> Just prior to the Battle of Fredericksburg, Meade was promoted to major general in charge of (typically) 10,000-14,000 soldiers.

<sup>2</sup> Baldy and Meade were at four of the top 10 bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Statista.

<sup>3</sup> *Life & Letters of General Meade Vol. 2*. Charles Scribner's Sons.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

Scan this QR code with your phone camera for full details on BHA's events calendar!



## May 2024:

ARC-A Meeting	5/3/2024	9:30am
Mother's Day	5/12/2024	
Community Potluck Dinner	5/13/2024	6pm
ARC-B Meeting	5/17/2024	10am
Village Council Meeting	5/17/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Flower Moon"	5/23/2024	7:30pm
BHA Board Meeting	5/24/2024	10am
Smith Island Art League Show and Sale	5/25/2024-5/26/2024	10am
Memorial Day	5/27/2024	
BHA Office Closed	5/27/2024	
BHI Conservancy Island Nature Tour	5/28/2024	1pm

## Save the Date in June:

ARC-A Meeting	6/7/2024	9:30am
Flag Day	6/14/2024	
Porch Island Treasures	6/15/2024	9am
Father's Day	6/16/2024	
Juneteenth Holiday	6/19/2024	
BHA Office Closed	6/19/2024	
BHI Conservancy Golf Cart Raffle Begins	6/19/2024	
Summer Solstice	6/20/2024	4:50pm
ARC-B Meeting	6/21/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	6/21/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Strawberry Moon"	6/21/2024	7:30pm
BHI Conservancy Online Auction Begins	6/26/2024	9am
BHA Board Meeting	6/28/2024	10am

## Around the Corner in 2024:

BHI Conservancy Picnic and Live Auction	7/1/2024	4pm
BHI Conservancy Online Auction Closes	7/3/2024	9pm
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	7/4/2024	
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2024	
BHI Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2024	10am
BHI Conservancy Golf Cart Raffle Drawing	7/4/2024	6pm
ARC-A Meeting	7/5/2024	9:30am
BHI Artisan's Show and Sale	7/6/2024	10am
ARC-B Meeting	7/19/2024	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	7/19/2024	10am
Howl at the Moon — "Buck Moon"	7/21/2024	7:30pm
BHA Board Meeting	7/26/2024	10am
BHI Pirate Invasion	8/2/2024-8/4/2024	

## Ongoing:

AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #85999065097, P/C: 570863, Email: <a href="mailto:sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com">sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com</a> )		
Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Pilates Classes (Select Thursdays 5/2, 5/23; 6/6, 6/20; 7/18, 7/25):		10:30am
Men's Group:	Every Other Monday	8:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays through Memorial Day	8:30am
Yoga Classes:	Mondays & Wednesdays	11:45am



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