



Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

What Is a QR Code?

With BHI Transportation's recent shift from bar-coded tickets to QR-coded ones for their new electronic ticketing and reservation system, some Islanders voiced being new to QR codes. If you're unfamiliar with QR codes, which stands for "quick response," read on. As explained in Wikipedia, it is "a type of two-dimensional matrix barcode, invented in 1994, by Japanese company Denso Wave for labeling automobile parts. A barcode is a machine-readable optical image that contains information specific to the labeled item."

QR codes have been plentiful throughout the past year in the *Island Report*, which allows a reader to more easily maneuver from a printed vehicle to an online one for, say, a lengthy web address to view additional information. What do you do with a QR code? With a smartphone, open your camera app and point the viewfinder at the QR code. You may need to adjust the size of the QR code by zooming in/out. Once identified by the camera lens, the web address is highlighted in yellow-orange, and you select it by touching on the highlighted area. That opens the website in your phone's web browser (typically, Safari for iPhone and Chrome for Android). There are plenty of QR codes in this issue. Try them all.



A QR code is especially handy when a web address is lengthy, rather than having to type in all those characters manually and correctly. Practice on this QR code here, which takes you to a video titled Palmetto Island, NC, 1916 on YouTube (courtesy of New Hanover Public Library). Palmetto Island was a former name for Bald

Head Island, in 1916 when Thomas Franklin Boyd owned the Island. The video description explains the footage of BHI and nearby areas. Enjoy some early 20th century history via 21st century technology!



BHI Native Plant Feature of the Month

Purple Muhly Grass

We're starting a new monthly feature to help members learn about BHI native plants. This month's feature is purple muhly grass. It's popular on Bald

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Want to Join the BHA Board of Directors?

Anyone interested in getting involved with BHA at its Board level can submit her/his resume to Board member and Nominating Committee Chair Joe Brawner at joebrawner1144@gmail.com by July 31, 2023, for consideration for the 2024 Board of Directors.

There are two ways to be considered for Board service. First, the Nominating Committee is charged with selecting at least one candidate for each vacancy and recommending them directly to BHA's membership for consideration at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee informs the Board of candidates' names at its September Board meeting.

Second, if someone wants to be considered by the membership for Board service and is not identified through the Nominating

Committee process, BHA's Bylaws identify an alternative path: "A petition signed by a minimum of fifteen (15) individual property owners, advocating a nominee for election to the Board of Directors, may be submitted to the Association office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting and this candidate or candidates shall be added to the final ballot which will be mailed to the membership no less than thirty (30) days in advance of the annual meeting."

The 60-day deadline for petitions this year is November 27, 2023. Of course, that date is the final deadline, and submissions can be sent any time prior to the deadline. Note that all Board candidates are required to complete a biography/questionnaire

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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 or Chris Howard, ARC Administrative Assistant, at Chris@BaldHeadAssociation.com or for urgent ARC matters, call 910-477-7246.

For all questions about trees and vegetation, email Trees@BaldHeadAssociation.com.



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Dark Skies, Turtles and You!

Bright lights and big cities have their attractions, but visitors come to Bald Head Island to get away from them all. During the day, you enjoy the sunshine, beaches and hiking trails. But did you know that nighttime is the right time for turtles as well as stars?

While there is a safety issue involved, excessive artificial lighting results in light pollution and poses a threat to wildlife and your enjoyment of night skies. Fortunately, most BHI homeowners and renters understand and appreciate the need to keep our skies

dark. The BHI Conservancy has seen an increase in average turtle nests and hatchlings over the past couple of years. The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina lists the Brunswick Islands as a great place for stargazing, including BHI!

White lights (including porch lights, string lights and interior lights shining from open windows) detract from the dark skies of BHI. This is why BHA discourages excessive lighting fixtures and recommends closing the shades

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ARC Quiz

What are the three words to describe wildlife-friendly lighting fixtures?

- (A) Low, long and shielded.
- (B) High, short and exposed.
- (C) Red, white and blue.
- (D) Timers, detectors and electrodes.

ANSWER: A — **Low** wattage bulbs mounted low to the ground; **long** wavelength light sources such as amber, orange or red LEDs; **shielded** fixtures so the light source is not directly visible. For more information on wildlife lighting, visit Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at <https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/lighting/criteria>.

Light pollution includes all EXCEPT:

- (A) Light trespass — light falling where it is not intended.
- (B) Over-illumination — lighting area beyond necessary for a specific task.
- (C) Skyglow — brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas.
- (D) Litter — discarding lightbulbs in inappropriate places.

ANSWER: D — Litter is not light pollution but please dispose of lightbulbs in appropriate places.

Got Weeds?

If you've been reading the *Island Report* for awhile, you'll know that BHA encourages native plants for your landscape plan. To be exact, there are 81 BHI-native plants listed in the Design Guidelines! And while a natural landscape is desirable, there are places where you may not want Mother Nature to be in control of the design. For example, you've probably spent good money on a driveway and walkways utilizing wood decking, stone or pavers, and that's the last place you want to see nature taking over. That's the point where native plants become WEEDS!

A quick online search will show that there are lots of weed killers on the market. There are also recipes for simple, homemade sprays which do an effective job of killing and controlling weeds. A BHI resident found a safe and effective method for controlling weeds that threatened to take over her driveway. A simple solution of vinegar, salt and dish detergent sprayed on the surface of the offending weed should take care of the problem in a couple of days. Because you spray it only on the weed, it's safe for pets, bees and other plants in the area. The recipe can be found with this QR code link. Thank you for sharing, Claire!



Natural Weed Spray. Photo by Claire Tuttle.

BHA President's Letter ~ Alan Briggs

One of the most interesting statistics I heard recently from Carrie Moffett, our Executive Director, is since 2018, our BHA membership has turned over by 52%. That is huge. That means that as many as over half of our BHA members are new property owners on Bald Head Island.

I believe that puts a special responsibility on all of us.

For those who are not new, we have a responsibility to welcome the new property owners and help them get to know our little paradise. You all remember when you first settled on BHI. For each of us, it was a different experience. Think back to that time and recall what you liked about getting to know and becoming part of BHI. Was it a neighbor just stopping over and introducing themselves? Was it a basket of fruit? Was it someone simply introducing themselves to you, saying "Hello" and just making you feel welcome?

It really does not take much effort to introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Just say "Hello" and "Welcome to Bald Head Island." Try to remember their names. Early on in my life on BHI, back in 2001, I made a contact memo for my phone, and I named it "Bald Head Folks." Thereafter, shortly after I met someone new on the beach or wherever on BHI, I typed in their names and a few lines of facts about them to help me remember.

I still have that Bald Head Folks memo, and while I don't have everyone I have met on BHI listed, I have over a hundred good folks listed and a little information about each. My memory for names is terrible, and I find I often refer to this memo. Each of you likely has your own way of meeting people and seeking to remember their names and relevant facts about them.

The important thing now is to make a real effort to introduce yourself to folks on BHI that you don't know. The likelihood is 50/50 they are relatively new to BHI and would welcome your

friendship and help. Inquire how you can help them get to know and navigate BHI. In short, be a good neighbor.

For those who are new to BHI, I urge you to do the same as I spelled out above. Don't be shy. Introduce yourself to those you don't know. Ask for help when you need it. Offer help when others need it. Get to know us — the 48% who've been around on the Island. Half of our friends have moved off the Island. We need and want new friends. We love BHI, and we want you to love it, too.

In addition, I urge you to get to know Bald Head Association (BHA). We are your property owners' association (POA), and we are here to help you. We have a staff of ten, full- and part-time employees, six Board officers and directors and seven committee chairs. We are all here to assist you and help make your life on BHI better.

Specifically, let me suggest you take these steps to get to know us.

First, read all the emails you receive from BHA. If you are not receiving *BHA's Compass* email bulletin, the monthly *Island Report* and other mailings from us, be sure your correct email and mailing addresses are on file with us. Call Diane Mesaris (910-457-4676, extension 21), who is the Administrative Assistant, and be certain she has your correct email address, mailing address and phone number.

Second, carefully review the BHA website (www.BaldHeadAssociation.com). There is a virtual ton of information there, all designed to inform and help you. Take advantage of this outstanding website. At the very bottom, left on the homepage, you will see "New Property Owners." Click on this link. You will find a world of useful information for new property owners.

Use the handy keyword search bar at the top, right for specific topics. Then spend some time navigating through our website.

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A New Hotel for Transients

By Alan Briggs

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Village of BHI Updates

By Carin Faulkner, Village Public Information Officer

Dosher Medical Clinic Is Not Open This Season

During the summer season, Doshier Memorial Hospital typically operates a medical clinic between Memorial Day and Labor Day each year at the Public Safety Building. However, due to staffing shortages, the clinic is not open for the 2023 season. **PLEASE CALL 911 if you are experiencing a medical emergency.**

Before staying on the Island, visitors are encouraged to check with their medical and/or health insurance providers to see if telehealth options are available. Galloway Sands Pharmacy in Southport delivers to the Island. Visitors and residents of Bald Head Island may also seek medical care at the on-island medical provider, Island Time Medical and Wellness.

Patients may also call the Urgent Care in Southport at 910-454-4732 for minor illnesses Monday-Friday, 8:00am-6:30pm, and for more serious emergencies, the Emergency Department at Doshier Memorial Hospital is a five-minute drive from the Bald Head Island ferry terminal in Southport.

On BHI Call 911, Even If It's Not an emergency!

Many of us grew up learning to call 911 for emergencies only. While that may be the case to this day, calling 911 during a non-emergency situation on Bald Head Island is an okay thing to do; in fact, it's encouraged!

Bald Head Island's 911 calls go to the Brunswick County 911 Call Center. In the past, there was a non-emergency number that could be used to reach the call center; this number is no longer being publicized. This is because the non-emergency line is answered by the same dispatchers who receive 911 calls. The first question the dispatchers ask is, "Is this call an emergency?" Then the call is prioritized and dispatched based on the caller's answer to that question. If

the call center is receiving many calls at once, a non-emergency caller may be placed on hold until the lines are freed up to

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NOTICE

Due to staffing shortages, the Doshier Clinic on BHI will not be seeing patients during the 2023 season.

PLEASE CALL 911 FOR ALL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

handle the non-emergency situation.

Using the 911 number allows the calls to be tracked, and the call log information is very important to the Village. "Being able to track the types of calls that are coming in is valuable to our organization. It helps us determine where to put our resources; it can drive our training, our equipment and even our staffing and scheduling throughout the peak and non-peak seasons. It also gives an accurate record of our department's response rates." The calls are recorded and transcribed, so if there are any discrepancies, i.e., time of call, directions, statements, etc., there is an accurate record to be used if the incident results in further investigation.

Examples of non-emergency situations in which you would call 911 on Bald Head Island:

- Lost or stolen property
- Found property that cannot be taken to the Department of Public Safety
- Missing pets
- Report of a minor ordinance violation (litter, vandalism, walking on dunes/jetties, leash laws, beach equipment, parking/ICE)
- Any time that you need an officer to come to you

One question folks may have is what to do if you are not on Bald Head Island but you know of an emergency happening there? For example, you are notified by your alarm company or security camera that there is an intruder in your home on Bald

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Not Like the Others

By Carrie Moffett, BHA Executive Director

Most of the time, developers establish homeowners' associations once they've completed construction within a neighborhood, with the intention of preserving their investment. But, as you've already probably discovered, we do things a little bit differently here on Bald Head Island. In the early 1970s, about 100 property owners who wanted to preserve the specialness of the Island from the potential changes planned by a prior developer created their own homeowners' association focused on preserving the members' needs, not just the financial investment. This group was the precursor to today's Bald Head Association (BHA), which was established in 1982 and is the oldest organization on Bald Head Island.

Sometimes new BHI property owners come to the Island with preconceived notions about how their BHI homeowner's association is run. The recent GEICO television ad depicting the president cutting down flowers with clippers while stating, "Violation. Violation. Violation" comes to mind. The ad makes

us chuckle but, in truth, that's not how BHA works. Self-management allows BHA's employees and Board of Directors to adhere to national best practice standards while working closely with its property owners, rather than hiring a management company to outsource responsibilities like financials and violations. The bottom line shouldn't always be the primary driver. By getting to know the organization's professional staff, property owners and their representatives can work together to come up with solutions and resolve issues before they become problems.

So, whether you're a seasoned BHI property owner or new to the Island, we invite you to stop by the office at 111 Lighthouse Wynd to say "Hi." Use our professional staff as a resource and let us know how we can help you!



BHA Accepts Master Walkway Easement Near East Beach

Recently, BHA accepted an easement from Bald Head Island Limited for members to access an existing walkway between Portsmouth Way and Station House Way. The easement was recorded on May 24, 2023, and the walkway has been added to BHA's list of master walkways for ongoing maintenance and reserves funding. BHA looks forward to continuing to provide exceptional amenities for our members and would like to express its gratitude to BHI Limited for its cooperation and support in this process.



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Share the Shore — Nesting Season on Bald Head Island

By Katie Knotek, Conservation Technician, BHI Conservancy

Did you know that sea turtles aren't the only species who nest on Bald Head Island beaches during the summer? Shorebird nesting season runs from April 1 to August 31. During this time, many shorebird species also use our beaches, nesting directly on the ground in an effort to camouflage their eggs in the sand.

You may have noticed more than usual bird-nesting caution signs on BHI beaches. These are designated shorebird nesting areas. You might see these nesting birds sitting in the sand or acting territorial if you get too close. To provide protection for these vulnerable birds, the Conservancy's Conservation Team ropes off these designated shorebird nesting areas around nesting activity, as well as monitors species of special concern. Here are three species that you might see around the Island:

Wilson's Plover

Breeding adults are identified by their thick, black beak; black band around their necks; and small, black cap on their heads. They inhabit sandy beaches and lay their eggs on sand flats. Males make a scrape, where females lay two to four eggs. Pairs nest in isolation, so it is not expected to see multiple pairs together. Wilson's Plovers mainly eat fiddler crabs and other marine invertebrates. They can be found along the coast from March through October. Wilson's Plovers appear to be declining over much of their range. The loss and degradation of nesting and foraging habitats have been severe in the case of this species that favors habitats that also attract beach-going tourists and beachfront development. People or dogs trespassing into protected reserves during the nesting season is a frequent cause of nesting failure. We were fortunate to have a Wilson's Plover nest on BHI again this year!

American Oystercatcher

We were very excited to have a pair of American Oystercatchers on BHI this year. One of the oystercatchers is banded ("CY1"), which means researchers previously caught the individual and put an identifying marker on his leg. Oystercatchers stand out with their bright-orange bills and eyes, black heads and large bodies. They nest in dunes or on sand flats, foraging for mollusks on tidal flats. They can be found easily by their high-pitched squeaks and whistles.

They can be found along the coast in all seasons. The American Oystercatcher is listed as a "species of special concern" in North Carolina. The main threats to the Oystercatcher include its low population (totaling only 11,000 birds on the East Coast), loss of beach habitat, recreational disturbance, beach stabilization and predators that thrive in the presence of people. Audubon has identified the American Oystercatcher as a climate-threatened bird.



A scrape made by the Oystercatcher pair. Nesting birds can make several scrapes before deciding where to lay their eggs. Photo by Beth Darrow.



At top: A camouflaged Wilson's Plover nest with three eggs. Photo by Paul Hillbrand. At bottom: Wilson's Plover checking on its eggs. Photo by Morgan Hooks.



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America's Independence

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

Happy Independence month! Personally, July is my favorite month of the year. Scorching weather, hot dogs, family and friends are just a few of my favorite things. Plus, my birthday falls on the fourth of the month. Yankee Doodle Dandy baby, indeed. Thus, to commemorate the holiday, let us look at Bald Head Island from 1775 to 1776.

On April 19, 1775, disgruntled militiamen fired upon British soldiers outside of Boston and began the American War for Independence. Although the "shot heard around the world" was not heard in the Lower Cape Fear Region, the impact of the action was felt. The onset of war thrust peripheral areas into strategic locations. For instance, uninhabited Bald Head Island gained importance due to its location at the mouth of the only viable shipping river in North Carolina — the Cape Fear River. Within a year of the events outside Boston, the royal-appointed Governor of NC, Josiah Martin, had already fled from Wilmington to aboard the *Cruzier*, moored off Battery Island. Martin promised the Crown that with proper arms and ammunition, he could arm NC loyalists to stomp out Patriotism. King George III, intrigued by the prospect of saving Redcoats, agreed to this plan. Thus, an armada of over 50 ships, led by Commodore Sir Peter Parker, prepared to sail to NC.

As the British war machine trickled into motion, a force of 1,500

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“The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival... It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.” ~ John Adams



Peter Parker Attack (public domain). After the British fleet left the Cape Fear River, they went to South Carolina and lost at Sullivans Island.

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poorly armed Loyalists marched from Cross Creek (modern-day Fayetteville) to link up with the armada sailing to the Lower Cape Fear River. The Loyalists got as far as Moore's Creek, where they were trounced by well-armed Patriots in a five-minute-long fight on February 27, 1776. The Battle of Moore's Creek shattered any chance for the Loyalists to meet up with the soon-to-arrive British Armada.

The first ship of Parker's storm-scattered fleet arrived on April 18, 1776. The British left, hoping to "be joined by any considerable number of well-disposed persons, so as to accomplish the restoration of Government."¹ Instead, they arrived to hear about the defeat at Moore's Creek. Subsequently, the British were forced to wait for the rest of the fleet to arrive. An upset Sir Henry Clinton recounted, "There I continued for above a Month, sometimes on Board, sometimes times on shore, casting an anxious Eye every day towards the Cape."² On May 7, the 15th and 28th British regiments camped "on a Peninsula at the Mouth of the River."³ Perhaps this was modern-day Oak Island. On May 12, 900 British soldiers snuck up the river with muffled oars to raid Robert Howe's and the Orton's plantations. On May 15, troops from the 15th, 28th, 33rd, 37th and 54th Regiments "encamped near a demolished post opposite to our shipping," according to one American occupying Fort Johnston. That may have been Battery Island.⁴ Sometime around that time, the British erected a small fort on Bald Head Island, named Ft. George. Eventually, the British decided Charleston was more vulnerable than Wilmington and set sail for South Carolina on May 29. Patriots then retook Ft. Johnston and kept a close eye throughout the summer on the three British ships and small garrison of troops at Ft. George, who were left behind. The dog days of summer passed quietly, but as the leaves began to change, the action heated up again.

In the middle of the night on September 6, 1776, 150 Continental Army soldiers landed in Buzzards Bay, north of Bald Head Island. British marines at Ft. George caught wind of the approaching Patriots and opened fire. Alerted by the gunfire, two British ships cruised up South Beach, blasting cannonades into the woods at the attacking Continentals. The Patriots realized that without the element of surprise the attack was untenable and retreated back to Ft. Johnston, with the British on their heels. One Patriot was killed and another wounded in the unsuccessful "Battle" of Ft. George. On October 8, the remaining British ships left and abandoned Ft. George.

Quietly, 1776 came to a close here in the Lower Cape Fear River. In closing this article, I must paraphrase Abraham Lincoln. Speaking about the Declaration of Independence, Lincoln suggested that no matter who you parents were or where you were born, if you feel all men (people) are born equal and you live your life based on that value, then you are just as much flesh of the flesh, blood of the blood, of our founding revolutionaries. We are all connected by an electric cord of liberty that unites freedom-loving people across this globe.⁵



Bristol dismantled (public domain). The *HMS Bristol* was Parker's flagship when he came to the Cape Fear River. This image is from 1780.

¹ Michael Cecere, *March to Independence*.


² Robert M. Dunkerly, *Redcoats on the Cape Fear: The Revolutionary War in Southeastern North Carolina*.

³ David Lee Russell, *Victory on Sullivan's Island — The British Cape Fear/ Charles Town Expedition of 1776*.

⁴ *Ibid*.

⁵ "Electric Cord" Speech (1858) in *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, 1953.

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Village Chapel Update | *By Kevin Arata, Village Chapel Board of Trustees*

Calling for Board Candidates

The Village Chapel of Bald Head Island will have several openings for its Board of Trustees as of January 2024. Nominations from property owners for these openings will be accepted for consideration by the Nominating Committee until August 1, 2023. Individuals interested in serving a three-year term should submit a letter of interest or resume to the Nominating Committee at admin@villagechapelofbhi.org. Trustees attend four Board meetings each year; full-time residency on the Island is not a requirement. Questions may be directed to Mary Mears at marymears@bellsouth.net.

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Head Island, but you are at your off-island residence. This is one of the rare times that it is okay to use the non-emergency phone number of 910-253-7490 to contact the Brunswick County 911 Call Center. When you call, explain to the operator that you are calling from out of state but that you own property on Bald Head Island and are reporting potential criminal activity. This will be the quickest way for Public Safety to be dispatched.

Certainly, there will be some instances in which Islanders will need to contact the Department of Public Safety, and calls should not be dispatched through the 911 Call Center. Here is an example of some calls that should be made during office hours (Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 3:30pm):

- Questions about golf cart registrations, ICE permits,

beach bonfire permits, Knox boxes, ordinances specific to BHI, vial of life/file of life program, Doshier Clinic (closed for the 2023 season), Public Service Auxiliary and citation payments.

- Complaints, concerns and praise from citizens regarding the performance of Public Safety employees.

Calls to the Department of Public Safety’s main number 910-457-5252 are answered by staff during business hours. After-hours, Islanders can leave a message, and that call will be returned by the following business day.

Please also note that if you encounter injured wildlife on Bald Head Island, you should call the BHI Conservancy’s 24/7 hotline at 910-457-0089, ext. 5. Wildlife can transmit diseases, so please do not touch the wildlife.



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and send a photo for publication in BHA’s Annual Report and on BHA’s website to help inform members of candidates’ credentials. With a tight print deadline, all biography/questionnaires and photos must be received by 4:00pm November 28, 2023.

The Nominating Committee consists of a chairperson, who is a member of the Board of Directors, and four members of the Association who are not currently members of the Board of

Directors. The Nominating Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors. The 2023 committee members approved at the Board’s June regular meeting are: Rick Nelson, Robbie Nixon, Claude Pope and Kirby Ward. Mike Scibienski is the alternate, and Joe Brawner is the Board Liaison.

All who are interested in submitting a petition can email BHA Executive Director Carrie Moffett at Carrie@BaldHeadAssociation.com.

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Killdeer

These birds love nesting in gravel near people’s houses and other buildings. This year, a pair decided to nest in front of the BHI Club! Killdeer are dark brown with two, black bands and short bills. Parents are known to draw predators away from their nests by faking injuries and flying away. Despite declines in some urbanized areas, Killdeer are still widespread and abundant.

What can you do to help?

1. Don’t cross any ropes indicating bird nesting areas.
2. Keep your dogs away from nesting areas — on a leash as much as possible.
3. Watch your step — there could be bird nests outside of the roped-off area.
4. Call the BHI Conservancy Wildlife Emergency hotline **910-457-0089, ext. 5** if you have a concern about an injured or misplaced bird or nest.



At left: Killdeer incubating its nest at the BHI Club. Photo by Allison Polinski.



At right: A Killdeer nest laid in the gravel next to the road at the BHI Club, with protective signage surrounding it. Photo by Katie Knotek.

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Elections for municipal offices will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The filing dates are Friday, July 7, at 12:00pm through Friday, July 21, at 12:00pm. The candidate withdrawal deadline is Tuesday, July 18, at 5:00pm. Use the QR code to learn more about the Brunswick County municipal election, including what seats are up for election, filing details and important dates. Two Village Councilor terms expire in 2023 — Ginnie White and Jerry Maggio.

The NC State Board of Elections has announced that beginning in 2023, voters will be asked to show photo ID when voting in North Carolina. Per their website, “Voters will be asked to show photo ID when voting in North Carolina. For most voters, they will simply show their driver’s license. But there are many other acceptable photo IDs. If a voter does not have an acceptable photo ID, they can get one for free from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV). Soon, voters will also be able to get free ID from their county board of elections. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID. If a voter cannot show photo ID when voting in person, they can still vote by filling out an ID Exception Form. For absentee-by-mail voters, if they are unable to include a copy of their photo ID in their ballot return envelope, they can also fill out an ID Exception Form with their ballot.” To learn more, use the QR code to visit the Brunswick County Board of Elections website, with a link to the NC State Board of Elections web page.



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Head Island, and many people like its feathery appearance.

Its botanical name is *Muhlenbergia capillaris*, and this plant is easily sourced locally. It is a BHI native, perennial grass and is best planted in the dune and edges of dune, maritime forest or marsh areas. Muhly grasses are happiest in full sun but will survive in partially shaded locations, as long as the soil isn’t too moist. *Wikipedia* describes it here:

The plant includes a double layer; green, leaf-like structures surround the understory, and purple-pink flowers outgrow

them from the bottom up. The plant is a warm-season grass, meaning that leaves begin growth in the summer. During the summer, the leaves stay green, but they morph during the fall to produce a more copper color. The seasonal changes also include the flowers, as they grow out during the fall and stay healthy till the end of autumn. The flowers are very feathery and add a cloudlike appearance to the top of the grass. It was voted 2012 plant of the year by the Garden Club of America.

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Honey Recipes

By Desiree Bridge

In May, BHA’s Education and Recreation (ER) Committee sponsored an event titled “Honey, I’m in the Kitchen,” with Chef Desiree Bridge. This successful event was a fundraiser for the new Pollinator Garden in Marina Park. Here are some tidbits and recipes to share from the event.

“I have often thought, if a man would eat a mess of parched corn and swallow two or three spoonfuls of honey, then take a good draught of cold water, he could pass longer without suffering than any other diet he could use.” (*Autobiography of a Revolutionary War Solider by James Potter Collins*)

From *How to Make Mead; The Art of Cookery Made Plain & Easy*, 1796: “Take ten gallons of water, and two gallons of honey, a handful of rased ginger; then take two lemons, cut them in pieces, and put them in it. Boil it very well, keep it skimming; let it stand all night in the same vessel you boil it in, the next morning barrel it up, with two or three spoonfuls of good yeast. About three weeks or a month after, you may bottle it.”

From *To Make Metheglin; Booke of Cookery, Pre-1715*, by Martha Washington: “Take a quart of honey and 6 quarts of water, let boyle the third part away, and boyle it 3 rases of ginger, when it is cold, put it in a pot which hath a spicket, & put yeast into it & let stand 3 days, then bottle it up and put into the bottles a little leamon & a stick of cinnamon & a few raysons for the sun & let it be a fortnight before you drink it.”



Photo by Betsi Stephen.

Lemon Balm Shortbread; A Modern Recipe

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| ½ cup butter at room temperature | ½ cup chopped fresh or dry lemon balm |
| ⅓ cup powder sugar | 1 cup all-purpose flour (unsifted) |
| ¼ teaspoon lemon zest | |

Preheat oven to 325°. Cream the butter until light. Cream in the powdered sugar, then the zest and lemon balm. Now work in the flour until you have a soft dough. Knead the dough lightly on a wooden board until nice and smooth. Spray a shallow, 8-inch pan or shortbread pan with olive oil spray and firmly press the dough into the pan. Prick the entire surface with a fork. Bake 30-35 minutes or until a light golden brown. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan (you may need to loosen the sides with a sharp knife) and flip the bread onto a wooden board. Cut into desired sizes. Serve warm with honeycomb or cool with ice cream drizzled with honey.

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

Hand Lettering + Oyster Lettering Class

This special class will be held on Thursday, July 6, from 7:00 to 8:30pm at BHA's Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd).



Cost is \$45 per person. All materials are provided. Maximum 50 participants.

Use the QR code to pre-register. Contact Jennifer Lucas at demandeacs@icloud.com for additional information.

BHI Artisans Show & Sale

The BHI Artisans Show & Sale will take place at BHA's Association Center from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, July 22. The show is free and open to the public. The show features jewelry, wildlife wood carvings, charcuterie boards, photos, drone photography of BHI, handmade quilts and a book of poetry.

Pirate Weekend August 4-6 By Sandy Kades

Pirates will invade Bald Head Island on Friday, August 4. Captains Sinbad and Cannon (aka Blackbeard) will be sailing into the harbor, and pirate crews will be setting up camp at Marina Park (111 Keelson Row). Bands of pirates will be roaming the Island throughout the afternoon and evening, occasionally breaking out in song or brandishing swords. Be on the lookout!

On Saturday, August 5, beginning at 10:00am, there will be an all-day family friendly event to celebrate pirate history through living history demonstrations, sword fighting, music, following the clues to search for treasure and more. At 11:00am, head to Beach Access #5 for a sea battle with pirate ships in the water and pirates on shore. On Saturday night, you can party with the pirates at The Wisp (98 Keelson Row) beginning at 7:00pm. If you are up for a scare, sign up for one of the ghost walks beginning at 8:30pm. On Sunday morning, August 6, head to Jules' Salty Grub & Island Pub (10 Marina Wynd) to enjoy a pancake breakfast with pirates from 9:30-11:30am. For more details, visit our website at <http://baldheadislandpirateinvasion.com>.

If you would like to have a couple of pirates stay at your house for the weekend or would like to volunteer with any of the events, contact Sandy Kades (sekades@aol.com) or Christine Osborne (christine.osborne8@gmail.com). If you would like to make a donation to offset the cost of bringing the pirates to the Island, please contact Sandy Kades. BHI Pirate Invasion is a non-profit 501c3 organization.



Graphic by Don Maitz.

GOOD TO KNOW!

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 guidelines 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.

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.



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and turning off outside lights after dark. Red or amber lights, however, create enough lights for humans, but most nocturnal animals don't notice them and are therefore not drawn towards those light sources. If you plan on walking the beach, you can stop by BHI Conservancy's Turtle Central to purchase a red flashlight or join them on their nightly Turtle Walks during which your family group will receive one for free. These red lights help your eyes stay dark-adapted, allowing better visibility of even those faint stars.

The summer months offer so much more than sunny days in the ocean. The Milky Way is most visible during late April through July, which just so happens to coincide with turtle nesting season, which runs May 1 through November 15. Turn off the lights and enjoy the sights of BHI after dark.

Per the Design Guidelines:

Owners are responsible for their renters and guests. Homes on the island must be extremely frugal with exterior lighting. Owners and renters should avoid open window coverings coupled with overuse of interior lighting, especially near or on the beach. 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 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.

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You will learn a lot, and it will help you find answers.


Third, attend an event you read about in *BHA's Compass*. You will see many upcoming events listed. Attend any event that appeals to you. Just attend. You don't have to do anything else to get started. Just get started.

And welcome to Bald Head Island! 

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It is listed as endangered in Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, and New Jersey, as presumed extirpated in Ohio, and as extirpated in Pennsylvania.


Jean-Baptiste Lamarck described this species in 1791 as Stipa capillaris before it gained its current name from Carl Bernhard von Trinius in 1824.

Want to learn more about BHI native plants? The plant list in the Design Guidelines starts on page 150 identifies by category of native to BHI, native to NC, non-native and invasive. The list includes the botanical names of plants, which are easily sourced locally and best areas to plant on BHI (dune; edges of dune, maritime forest or marsh; and maritime forest). It's also divided in order of trees, shrubs, vines and annuals/perennials/ferns and grasses/sedges/rushes. Visit www.BaldHeadAssociation.com/architectural-review-and-design-guidelines and select the Design Guidelines link. 

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Honey Cake; American Cookery 1796

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| 4 cups all-purpose flour | or dry will do |
| 1/3 cup sugar | 1/3 teaspoon pearlsh |
| 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon | dissolved in a little |
| 1/4 teaspoon ginger | milk or just use |
| 1/4 teaspoon orange peel, | baking soda |
| meaning zest, fresh | 1/2 cup honey |

Whisk together all the dry ingredients, then add the honey. Moisten with enough milk (about 1/2 cup) until the dough is of a good consistency to roll and cut. Place on parchment paper and bake at 350° for 6-8 minutes. 

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



July 2023:

Howl at the Moon	7/3/2023	7:30pm
Independence Day	7/4/2023	
BHA Office Closed	7/4/2023	
Old Baldy's 4 th of July Golf Cart Parade	7/4/2023	10am
Calligraphy Class	7/6/2023	7pm
ARC-A Meeting	7/7/2023	9:30am
Smith Island Art League Show & Sale	7/8/2023 & 7/9/2023	10am
BHA Board Meeting	7/14/2023	11am
Perseid Meteor Shower	7/14/2023-9/1/2023	
ARC-B Meeting	7/21/2023	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	7/21/2023	10am
BHI Artisan's Show and Sale	7/22/2023	10am

Save the Date in August:

Howl at the Moon	8/1/2023	7pm
ARC-A Meeting	8/4/2023	9:30am
Pirate's Weekend	8/4/2023-8/6/2023	
National Lighthouse Day Weekend	8/4/2023-8/6/2023	
BHA Board Meeting	8/11/2023	11am
Editing Your Phone Pictures Class	8/15/2023	6:15pm
ARC-B Meeting	8/18/2023	9:30am
Village Council Meeting	8/18/2023	10am
Howl at the Moon	8/30/2023	6:30pm

Around the Corner in 2023:

Orionid Meteor Shower	9/26/2023-11/22/2023	
Labor Day	9/4/2023	
BHA Office Closed	9/4/2023	
Grandparents Day	9/10/2023	
Patriot Day	9/11/2023	
Daylight Saving Time Ends	11/5/2023	
Howl at the Moon	9/29/2023	6pm
Howl at the Moon	10/28/2023	5pm

Ongoing:

Knitting Group:	Wednesdays	9:30am
Village Chapel Services:	Sundays through 9/3/2023	8:30am/10am
AA Virtual Meetings:	Mondays & Thursdays	8am
(Zoom Group: #85999065097, P/C: 570863, Email: sober.1day.at.a.time@gmail.com)		
Yoga Classes:	Mondays & Wednesdays	11:45am
Men's Group:	Every Other Monday	8:30am



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