



September – October 2013

# HARBOUR HEADLINES



**Jack Leonard Passes** On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Colington Harbour lost a good friend, Jack Leonard. Jack and his wife Mary Lou moved to Colington in the early 90's. He was everyone's friend. He was always the man behind the scenes and Volunteer of the Year many times. You would see him planting and weeding the Harbour entrance, folding letters for the Association & Yacht Club, cooking and serving at numerous dinners. He set up targets at the turkey shoots, as well as spent many hours at the pool repairing tables, chairs or whatever was needed. Jack was elected to the Board of Directors of CHY&RC. He was President of the CHY&RC for three years and resigned when he felt he couldn't give his usual all due to health issues. Jack loved fishing and was a long time member of the Colington Harbour fishing team. His passing is a great loss to all who knew and loved him. He will be missed.

## New Property Inspection Policy

With direction from the Board of Directors, Colington Harbour is beginning a new property inspection program. Starting September 1, 2013, every property in the association will be inspected for covenant violations.



Over time, several of our Restrictive Covenants have not been enforced strictly and as a result, the association will take action to protect the appearance of our community. Parking in the right of way, unregistered boats, trailers, and vehicles, unkempt and/or unsightly properties, sheds, fences or other construction violating the setback easements or Architectural Standards, and violations of any of our ordinances found in our Restrictive Covenants will be addressed.

The inspections will start in sections Y, Z and K and will progress through the entire community. A projected schedule and listing of sections to be inspected will be available at the Association office.

A letter will be sent to property owners if violations are found, and the Association Board will review each offense

30 days after notification to determine any further course of action should the situation not be resolved.

This program is designed to maintain the appearance of our community and will be on a revolving schedule. The Association appreciates your cooperation in our efforts to keep our community looking good.

## Non-Conforming Apartments in Colington Harbour

In July of this year, Dare County implemented an increase in occupancy tax effective January 2014. Although the occupancy tax doesn't apply to most of our property owners, it does bring to light another problem in our community: non-conforming or illegal apartments.

- Illegal apartments violate R-4 zoning regulations and create additional population in our community, which in turn stresses the infrastructure of our community. The increased stress on the infrastructure translates into more money spent maintaining our community and other problems.
- Starting January 1, 2014, the Association will enforce R-4 zoning through our Restrictive Covenants and report non-conforming apartments to the proper agencies. Advance notice is being given so as not to create hardships for those renting said apartments. Your cooperation and compliance are appreciated.

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## Manager's Report Reaching Others When Disasters Strike

The first thing many of us do during or immediately following a natural disaster is to call family and friends. Unfortunately, in the minutes and hours after a disaster, overloaded cell phone networks can make it difficult—if not impossible—to reach others. While there is no guarantee, the following tips can increase your chances of getting through when it matters most.

- If you have a traditional landline, keep a corded phone in your home. It will work even if you lose power.
- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers in your cell phone and near your home phone.
- Prepare a family contact sheet with at least one out-of-town person who can serve as your family's emergency contact. Often it's easier to make long distance rather than local calls during an emergency.
- Have charged batteries and car phone chargers for back-up power.
- Subscribe to text alert services from local or state governments and schools to receive emergency alerts.
- Use text messaging, e-mail or social networks such as Facebook, Twitter and Linked In instead of making calls on your cell phone. Texts and e-mails are less likely to experience network congestion. You can use social media to let family and friends know you're okay.
- Keep phone calls brief to avoid tying up voice networks.
- Conserve your cell phone battery by reducing screen brightness and closing apps you are not using.
- Limit streaming videos, downloading music or playing video games on cell phones after a disaster to help emergency calls get through to 911.
- Call 911 only if you have a life-threatening emergency.



## COLINGTON HARBOUR ASSOCIATION - GARDEN OF THE MONTH AWARD -



What would you do if you had a beautiful house on the sound with a huge concrete driveway out front? If you were an artist and avid gardener like Ms. Lina Ward, you would do a faux painting of tile lining the driveway to soften the hard scape. Ms Ward's yard at 907 Harbor View has been selected for the July Yard of the Month in Colington Harbour.

Her yard is beautifully landscaped with well-mulched raised beds containing transplanted trees and flowers from Florida, multiple varieties of palms, mango, papaya and plumeria trees and an unusual plant from China called Tartar which resembles a small elephant ear. Her secret to success is prune, prune, prune! She also gives credit to shopping the local Lowe's store for some real bargains.

**CHY&RC News** The annual meeting of the Club will be on October 12, 2013 and the following members will be running unopposed for the Board: Frances Collins, Meredith Muir, Sonya Hentnik and Corky Williams.

**This year to date Club membership is 430 families that have made over 13,000 visits to the pool.**

### Planned upcoming events include:

Sept. 28	Pot luck social
Oct 12	Annual Meeting
Oct 19	Club Dinner (Watch for announcement)

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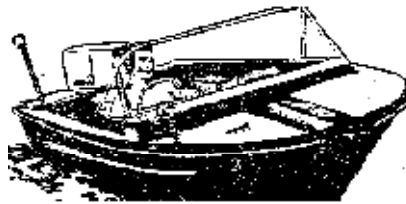
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## Food Safety During a Power Outage

Power failures can be one of the most annoying—and disabling—occurrences in a community. Whether caused by summer storms, power lines crippled by winter ice, equipment failure, an overloaded regional grid or an animal disrupting a power line, electrical outages can be costly, uncomfortable—and without forethought—sometimes even dangerous.


Residents can face many hazards when a power failure occurs—usually without any warning—including losing refrigerated and frozen foods.

### In anticipation of a power failure:

- Have at least one or two coolers on hand, and at least one spare 5-pound bag of ice in the freezer.
- Know where to get bag, block or dry ice quickly when you need it, particularly if you anticipate a long-term outage. According to the Food Safety Branch of The Department of Health, a 50-pound block of dry ice will keep a tightly packed, 18-cubic-foot freezer cool for up to two days.

### When the electricity goes off:

- Avoid opening and closing the refrigerator unless absolutely necessary.
- Cook and use perishable food before using canned food.
- Check the temperature of refrigerated foods if the power is out for more than a few hours. Discard any food item that has been at 40° F or warmer for two or more hours. Exceptions include butter and margarine; hard cheeses like parmesan and Romano; some condiments like mustard, peanut butter, soy sauce, olives and vinegar-based salad dressing; and fresh, uncooked fruits and vegetables.
- Check the temperature of frozen foods as well. While tightly packed freezer foods will stay frozen for many hours, some items that may have thawed can be refrozen if they still retain ice crystals or have remained at a temperature lower than 40°. Fruit and vegetable juices; breads, rolls and pie crusts; flour, cornmeal and nuts; meat and chicken; and prepared foods and casseroles can be refrozen safely if they have not been at 40° F or warmer for more than two hours.



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The reason we are mentioning this is that almost always, a motorist or two will curse our firefighters that are directing traffic. This is totally uncalled for. Just because you don't see any obvious cause for stopping traffic doesn't mean there isn't a valid reason. Remember, the fire department didn't cause the emergency but we are there to take care of whatever happened. As narrow as Colington Road is, our priority, again, is safety as well as moving traffic once more. We work in coordination with law enforcement to get traffic moving as quickly and safely as possible. And as you approach the incident scene, GO SLOW around our folks and keep your eyes on the road!

So please understand that we aren't trying to make you late for work, school or that important function, we are simply trying to take care of the situation. Traffic delays affect everyone, and we are very aware of that. Help us help you!

## Save The Date. Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Save the date for our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. This year's dinner will be on Saturday, November 9th. We're serving a delicious homemade meal of spaghetti, meatballs, fresh bread, salad and yummy desserts from 5 until 8. Eat with us or carry out available.

## CVFD Bingo Needs You

As many of our full time residents know, the Colington Volunteer Fire Department holds Bingo weekly. It is a vital part of our funding during the year. Bingo is run by a small but dedicated group of folks that know that what they are doing makes a big impact on the fire department and on the level of service we are able to provide to the community. While attendance has grown over the years, our staff of volunteer Bingo workers has not. The fire department is in need of several people that want to help out by working Bingo occasionally. Games are held every Wednesday evening. Doors open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6:30. We offer a full concession lineup too. We are looking for folks that are interested in being callers, floor workers, cashiers and kitchen staff. Volunteering to work at Bingo can be a fun opportunity to meet new people, talk to folks you may already know and most importantly, help out the firefighters. You do not have to be a member of the fire department to help with Bingo. There are no emergency activities involved. So, what are you doing next Wednesday? Why not call or stop by the Colington Volunteer Fire Department to get more information on how you can be involved with a great bunch of people, and help us continue to help you! Our phone number is (252) 441-6234.



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