

# **Board of Directors Elections**

If you are interested in serving on the Colington Harbour Association Board of Directors, elections are upcoming this Spring. The Association's governing documents require you to do the following:



Between the first and fifteenth day of April, any member in good standing may file with the Secretary of the Association a statement of candidacy for election as a Director of the Association for the term beginning immediately following the annual meeting of the Association, together with endorsements of candidacy signed by ten (10) members in good standing and a brief statement of not more than one hundred (100) words limited to biographical background to be included in the notice of such annual meeting.

# Front Gate Security System Update

The new barcode and stoplight system at the front gate is now fully up-and-running, and working properly. Since its installation, it has provided the following benefits:

- No vehicle backup on Colington Road with the lane open 24/7
- No waiting in line by residents, while a visitor is processed by security
- Improved gate security monitored and recorded by closed circuit security cameras

As a reminder to Harbour owners and residents, all resident vehicles are required to display a current Colington Harbour bar code sticker at all times, while all visitors are required to display a gate pass when in our community.

With the new system in place, the Association intends to step up enforcement of these requirements by all means available including – but not limited to – violation notices mailed to resident violators, and forwarding complaints to the Sheriff's Department for non-resident violators. Repeat offenders will be subject to a formal Hearing before the Association Board of Directors, and other potential punitive damages.

With Spring approaching and the number of visitors and use of weekly rental houses increasing, cooperation and compliance with the Harbour's security measures is greatly appreciated.



#### 2012/13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Manager's Report ACAPE



#### Calling All Homeowners

Most meetings of the Colington Harbour Association Board of Directors

are open to members. Residents are encouraged to observe meetings, and read approved minutes. Residents who wish to address the Board are encouraged to do so during the homeowner forum conducted at the beginning and end of each Board meeting. Meetings are at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month (except December).

#### Here are few tips for participating:

• Put it in writing. You will get the best response if you put your question or opinions in writing prior to the meeting. This isn't mandatory, but it helps you and the Board. Some issues may require a little research by the Property Manager. Also, the Board can serve you better if members have time to consider your concern.

• Call ahead. As a courtesy, the Association asks that you phone and let the Manager know about an issue you wish to address the Board. This will also allow us to notify you if a meeting is cancelled for any reason.

• Plan your remarks to last no longer than three minutes. Board members enjoy hearing from residents. However, the meeting agenda is normally full, and the threeminute limit ensures that all business gets conducted. This doesn't mean big issues can't be presented. If your concern requires more time, please summarize it in three minutes, and the Board will add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

• Don't expect an immediate response. Board members don't act independently. All issues require discussion and sometimes a vote. Sometimes an immediate answer is possible, but it's just as likely that you won't get a response until after the meeting.

· If you need information, call the Property Manager. Board meetings provide owners and residents an opportunity to share opinions and concerns with the Board. Residents seeking general information (like a status report on a project or the Board's position on an issue) can get a more immediate answer from the Manager (252-441-4886).

Hope to see you at the next Board meeting!

- Cape Management





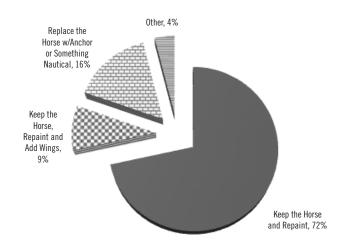
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## Horse at Colington Harbour Gate

The Colington Harbour Association Board of Directors has received a number of complaints recently about the decorative horse at the Harbour gate entrance/exit. Some residents have suggested that we either repaint the horse, or replace the horse with something more representative of our maritime community. From a historical perspective, prior to the current horse, we had a large anchor that eventually rusted and because unsightly.



The following chart illustrates feedback from Colington residents about the horse:



In response to questions about the Horse, the Board requested feedback from owners and residents on our website blog (www. colingtonharbour.net), and over 100 folks responded. Here's what we learned:

• In 2003, to commemorate the Celebration of Flight Centennial of the Wright Brothers historic flight, 99 life-size fiberglass horses were built and decorated by various artists. Some had wings, others did not, but all were unique.

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- The horse adorning the entrance to Colington Harbour's name is "Skye", and she originally had wings, but they were later removed.
- Her paint design was intended to convey the classic painting "Starry Night" by Van Gogh.
- Perhaps a third of the original horses were auctioned off, but most still remain along the OBX, and remain very popular with tourists, residents, businesses, organizations and subdivisions.

Based on your feedback, the Board has directed Association staff to approach the original artist and potentially other artists within our community to gather quotes on repainting the horse. Harbour resident George Kendall has offered his services to reattach the wings, as well. Lastly, staff will examine the irrigation system to hopefully rectify the rust stains on the horse in the future.

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# **Please Clean Up After Your Pets!**

Over the past few years, beaches across the country have had to institute swimming bans due to high levels of bacteria, including our own sound side park beach. Dog waste contains extremely high levels of fecal coliform bacteria which can cause intestinal illness and distress, not to mention it can contain parasites (hookworms, roundworms, tapeworms, etc.).

Dog waste doesn't have to be on the beach to affect the water. Runoff from storm water carries the bacteria to other bodies of water, including our canals and the sound. In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency declared dog waste a "nonpoint source of pollution" in the same category as toxic chemicals.

If water quality isn't a concern, then please think about your yard. Dog waste is toxic for your grass, leaving spots everywhere it remains. It may also leave behind parasite eggs. Anyone coming in contact with contaminated soil – such as children playing or walking barefoot – is subject to parasite infestation.

Bottom line: The Harbour has a large population of dogs in our community, many of whom are walked along our streets. If everyone would please clean up after their pets, our water quality will improve, and our walkers, joggers and children won't have to worry about a surprise on the bottom of their shoe.



Please be considerate of your neighbors.



## **Colington Community Watch: Know Your Neighbors**

Community watch starts with you knowing your neighbors, and them knowing about you. Participating in community watch does not mean that you are involving yourself in another's business. It means that you are observant by knowing what is usual. It is then easy to tell what is not usual. As an example, you know that a house in your area is a rental and that it is usually empty this time of the year.

#### What would you do if you see activity there late one night?

Answer: Call the Dare County Sheriff's Office to investigate.

#### What would you do if you see a couple with several teenage children and a boat arrive at the house this summer?

Answer: Create an opportunity to say 'Hi,' let them know you know the neighborhood, and wish them a happy and safe vacation! Sometimes just that brief contact will deter a crime, if not call the Dare County Sheriff's Office to investigate.

## A good neighbor checklist:

- Your neighbor's emergency contact numbers.
- Who is normally in the house mother, father and two children, others? What are their ages?
- What is their daily routine?
- What cars do they drive?
- When is the house vacant like during working hours or vacations?
- Who just moved into the neighborhood? Are they owners, renters, or vacationers? Have you said 'Hi?'

Remember that the goal of Community Watch is to give potential criminals the feeling that everyone in the community is watching for suspicious activity in their neighborhood and that such activity will be reported to law enforcement.

*Can you correctly answer the following Colington Trivia Question:* How many Community Watch signs have been installed in our community?

The correct number wins an "Emergency Beacon' light bulb that flashes when turned on and off twice. Up to five (5) winners will be selected.

This is great for signaling first responders in an emergency.

Send your answer to Doug Miller, Chairman, Community Watch, Colington Harbour at <u>crimewatch@</u> <u>colingtonharbour.net</u>.

Winners will be announced in the next issue of Harbour Headlines!



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## Community Watch Crime Report: February, 2012

- Several reports received of cars driving careless and reckless on Colington Drive and Harbor View.
- Single car (UNLOCKED) B&E on the 100 block of Colington Drive.
- There were 7 or 8 cars (UNLOCKED) B&E's on Colingwood Drive in early February
- There have been numerous car (UNLOCKED) B&E's in Avon this past weekend.
- Mailbox damaged on the 300 block of Harbor View
- Some mail was tampered with on Huron Court. Young juveniles were identified and the problem was taken care of.
- Report of juveniles ringing doorbells and running away on Sir Richard. Reports of suspicious persons were reported. One was a Dominion employee and the other had permission to be on the property. All was OK. (The Sheriff's Department appreciates these calls and prefer to check out suspicious activity rather than taking a larceny report later!)



#### **Community Watch Activities**

- Community Watch Signs have been received and are being installed
- Attended Crime Line board meeting representing Colington Harbour Community Watch
- No Community Watch Patrols this period

#### 2012 Calendar:

- Integrate Community Watch materials into Colington Harbour Community activities
- Develop synergy with Crime Line to increase Community Watch awareness and activities
- Bi-monthly article in the 'Harbour Headlines'
- Some type of community 'appreciation' and 'support' activities for our 'first responders'
- An activity for 'National Night Out' in October during Crime Prevention Month

Springtime and warmer weather is not far off. People will be out and moving around later in the evening.

- Lock your cars and keep an eye out for suspicious activity
- Report suspicious activity to the Dare County Sheriff's Department (252 473-3444)



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## **Colington Fire Department Update: Road Rules and Open Burning**

#### Glenn Rainey, Deputy Chief, Colington Fire Department

Recently, in a local newspaper, a motorist posed a question in a Letter to the Editor regarding what to do when an emergency vehicle approaches you. Flashing lights and sirens may confuse drivers occasionally, so the Colington firefighters wanted to take the opportunity to give drivers a few reminders.

• Your fire department responds to a wide variety of emergencies, including EMS, vehicle crashes, fires and other hazardous situations. In 2011, the CVFD responded to almost 500 incidents, meaning we are on the road often.

• North Carolina law requires drivers to pull over to the right hand curb immediately and stop upon the approach of any emergency vehicle giving warning by both light and siren.

Given our unique terrain throughout Colington, pulling to the right is not always safe or possible. In these instances we suggest that if we approach from the rear you keep driving until you find a suitable place to pull over. If you are in the opposite lane and cannot pull over completely, at least give us as much room as safely possible, and then stop.

• Watch for more than one emergency vehicle. We often have more than one piece of equipment responding to emergencies. If you yield for an emergency vehicle, always check to see if another is coming before resuming travel to avoid a collision. Also, you may not follow an emergency vehicle responding with lights and siren closer than 400 feet, and you may not park within 400 feet of an incident.



• Our fire

department is comprised mostly of Volunteers, however right of way laws may not apply to their personal vehicles. The department appreciates any courtesy offered by other drivers allowing us a quick response, as we may be responding to help a friend or family member of yours.

• On roads with dedicated turning lanes, such as the bypass, NEVER pull to the left into the turning lane to let emergency vehicles pass. This is one of the most dangerous moves we have seen some drivers make. Again, the law requires motorists to pull to the right and stop. *Continued on page 8* 



#### **Colington Fire Department Update Continued**

• At an intersection, if you are already stopped, don't move. We are trained to negotiate situations like that safely. Continue after the emergency vehicle has passed through the intersection.

• When our units are on scene, we have the authority to direct traffic and often do. Please be understanding when we have to stop traffic at incidents. Sometimes it is necessary for the safety of our crews or patients. 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 is of course safety as well as moving traffic again.

#### **Open Burning**

The laws covering open burning are very strict. Permits are required for all open burning, even in barrels, and can be obtained by calling the Colington Fire Station at 441-6234. Permits will be issued the day the burning is planned, and are only good for a total of 4 days. A site visit may be required to ensure proper safety precautions are taken. You must have a water hose connected to a supply and yard tools such as rakes and shovels to assist if the fire begins to spread. Burning must take place between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Only limbs (less than 6 inches in diameter), yard clippings and small piles of brush may be burned. No construction debris, lumber, household trash or stumps may be burned. A small camp fire or burn barrel is allowed for social gatherings and similar purposes but also requires a permit. Those types

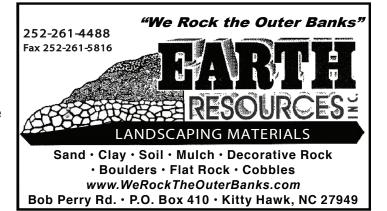
of fires may not be subject to the time restrictions. The permit issuer will let you know at the time the permit is written. All fires must be attended until completely out. Also, be a good neighbor and try to pick days when the wind helps keep smoke away from others. All open burning may be denied or permits revoked due to weather conditions or if the burning is unsafe. Open burning regulations may not apply when the container is designed for burning or cooking and has a chimney or smoke stack.



#### And, as always....

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has openings for volunteer firefighters and support personnel. Call or stop by the station for more information. And remember, the department hosts Bingo every Wednesday evening. Doors open at 5 P.M. and play begins at 6:30 P.M. Come enjoy an evening with your neighbors and support the department at the same time! As a matter of fact, our Support Group is always in need of new members. No firefighting required, just the desire to help your fire department be the best it can be.











During March and April the following events are being planned:

On **March 16** a youth activity is being organized – no specifics are available as of this printing but more information on this event is to follow. Watch at the Front Gate for announcements for time, location, etc.

**March 22** and **April 26** will be the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors of CHY&RC. These meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7PM in the upper level of the Club House. We encourage you to attend the meetings and share your thoughts and ideas with the board, as well as see what is being planned for the Club and community.

**March 24** and **April 21** are the dates of the monthly club dinners. Please watch the bulletin board at the front gate for more information. Please encourage your family and neighbors to attend along with you! At 6PM is the beginning of a BYOB social with dinner being served at approximately 7PM.

Come on out and join your neighbors in sharing conversation and good food.

If you would like to host a dinner during the year or a Saturday Social Hour please contact Jane Wirth at 441-0329.

**Yoga is going strong.** Yoga meets twice a week in the lower level of the Club house on Tuesdays and Thursday starting at 5:30PM. We maintain 10 week sessions with fees calculated to coincide with the ending date and number of sessions still remaining. This new 10 week session includes Tuesday nights which will be consisting of Deep Stretching Yoga movements and Thursday nights which will be consisting of Hatha Yoga movements. You can come to both or either one. The 10 week payment schedule is as follows per person rate:

- 10 Tuesdays at \$50, 10 Thursdays at \$50 dollars
- Any 10 classes (either Tues or Thurs) during these 10 weeks session period at \$60
- Come to any individual class at \$7 per class.

(a prorated amount for the remaining classes will be calculated for individuals starting in mid session).

The newest 10 week session will have started on Feb 21 and ends April 26. Please call Dolores @ 441-6620 for information. At this time classes are limited to 12 students due to space restrictions.

As committed at our October Annual meeting, the new Bylaws as approved by the members will be posted on the Web site for your easy access along with a new membership application. These documents have been finalized and are in the process of being uploaded. You should be able to find them at www.chyrc.org soon.

Are you having a family reunion or party this year? How about a Wedding or Rehearsal Dinner? Do you need more space for your guests? Then consider the Club House rental for your event. Rates are available for CHY&RC members and non-member residents and property owners of Colington Harbour. CHY&RC Member applications and Non-member applications for rental are available up at the Club House or online at www.chyrc.org.



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