



November – December 2012

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New Recycling Center Now Open!

WANTED: Board Members

The Colington Harbour Association relies on volunteer Board members to manage your community. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, contact Property Manager, Deke Bolte, today at (252) 441-5886. Elections are just around the corner.

Holiday Boat Parade

In celebration of the holiday season, the Colington Yacht Club will lead a Boat Parade in the Harbour starting at 5:00 PM, Saturday, December 15, 2012 until 6:00 PM.



Decorated boats are to proceed to the Harbour at 5:00PM and circle counter-clockwise past the main docks. A \$50.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant will be given to the best decorated boat. Santa Claus is expected (weather permitting) to make an appearance at the main dock. The parade will not go down the canals. Individual boat operators are responsible for their boat and safety of others.

There will be hot chocolate at the main dock. Come to the Harbour and enjoy!

Happy Holidays, Colington Yacht Club

Front Entrance Security

With the barcode scanner system at the front entrance operating smoothly, residents are advised that Dare County law enforcement and Harbour staff will begin strictly enforcing entry beginning November 1st.



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Cape Manager's Report:

The Results Are In: **HOA Residents Are Happy**

We're confident that most residents are happy living in the Harbour community — and we certainly hope you are among them. But how do the more than 62 million Americans who live in homeowners associations and condominium communities feel about their own associations? Are they happy with their elected boards? How do they feel about the rules? What about their association assessments?

The Foundation for Community Association Research, an affiliate of Community Associations Institute (CAI), sponsored a recent national public opinion survey to answer these and other questions. Here are some of the key findings:

70 percent of residents in common-interest communities say they are satisfied with their community association experience, while 8 percent express dissatisfaction and 22 percent are neutral on the question

88 percent of residents believe their association board members strive to serve the best interests of the community, while 12 percent disagree or aren't sure

73 percent say their professional managers provide value to their communities, while 21 percent say their managers

aren't an asset to the association and 6 percent say they aren't sure

76 percent believe their own community association rules "protect and enhance" property values. Only 3 percent say the rules harm property values, while the rest see no difference

81 percent of residents say they get a "good" or "great" return for their association assessments, while 18 percent say the return is "not so good or bad." The rest were unsure

We'd like to think that we can do even better than the national averages, so please tell us what you think we can do to make our community a better place to live. We encourage you to get involved, so let us know how you can help. There is no substitute for active and constructive involvement and no better way to build a true sense of community.

If you're especially pleased about our community, share that too! It's always good to know we're on the right track.

More national survey results, which include comparative data from similar surveys in 2005, 2007 and 2009, are available under "Research Projects" at www.cairf.org.

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Outer Banks Seafood Festival Big Success By All Accounts

Date Set For 2013.



The inaugural Outer Banks Seafood Festival was held on Saturday, October 20, 2012 under clear blue skies, 70 degree temperatures and ideal conditions for a Soundfront festival. Estimates for attendance have ranged from 8,000 to 10,000 people at the height of the afternoon. Anyone there will tell you that the site was jamming with people, activity, great musical groups, cooking demonstrations, old fishing boats, great arts and crafts vendors, excellent Outer Banks seafood, local non-profits, and even a Corolla Wild Horse.

Under the stewardship of four local organizations, the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau, Outer Banks Catch and the Outer Banks Restaurant Association this first time event took more than 18 months to plan. Lee Nettles, director of the Visitors Bureau stated "The Outer Banks is quickly growing a reputation for great year-round events, both big and small. The Outer Banks Seafood Festival is a natural fit because it celebrates the uniqueness of the area: our working watermen, the incredible local restaurants and fresh local seafood. We're thrilled to see it immediately become a signature event." With a volunteer organizing committee of more than 25 people all with different areas of expertise and experience, the event surpassed all expectations for success. Presenting sponsor, TowneBank, was ecstatic with the crowds and the local participation.

Warren Judge, Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners and chairman of the Outer Banks Catch executive committee commented that "The Seafood Festival was a wonderful opportunity for people to gain insight into our local fishing industry and discover its heritage, culture, and history. We heard many positive comments about the Outer Banks Catch tent where people met Working Watermen and learned first-hand about the important work they do putting local seafood on American tables." That sentiment was echoed throughout the day as the crowd was mesmerized by fishing tales, cooking demos and food

samples. In addition, the Outer Banks Catch tent had many in attendance who make their living on the water.

The Festival was quarterbacked by Niels Moore, an active member of the Outer Banks Chamber and a

long time fisherman who had been pushing for a seafood festival since moving to the Outer Banks five years ago. "I had no idea when I started this that it would become a full time 'job' which it literally became in the last month before the event" Moore stated. "Everyone on our management team and committees worked very hard, and all generously volunteered literally thousands of collective hours. It was a tremendous group effort that made me proud to be part of the Outer Banks community." His board also contained, Susie Walters, representing the town of Nags Head, Brent Tomlinson with the Chamber and Ben Sproul, president of the Outer Banks Restaurant Association.

Robin Mann, president of the Outer Banks Chamber stated "We (the Chamber) couldn't be more proud to be one of the founding partners. The festival's victory far exceeded our expectations. We as locals are so fortunate to be spoiled with fresh, local seafood and are so pleased that we have the opportunity to educate our visitors on not only how much better it tastes, but how important it is to support our fishing industry and the economy of Dare County. I couldn't be more excited for all of Dare County to honor our heritage."

One of the biggest challenges facing the Festival was getting local restaurants to commit to the time, staff and food needed to put this event on, all in the middle of what for many is an important month for catering weddings. As no firm projections for the expected crowd were known, food quantities were an unknown for everyone. Admittedly for many, runs back to their respective restaurants to get more food were necessary. Darrell's Restaurant owner, Allen Daniels, commented that "there wasn't any seafood left in our restaurant come Monday morning. And we're closed on Sundays!" Ben Sproul, president of the Restaurant Association felt that, "Considering how far beyond our high-side expectations the attendance went, I was extremely proud of how all the restaurants stepped up to take on the challenges of the day! The professionalism and team spirit exhibited by participants is a real credit to our food service industry."

Right in the middle of the two food tents, a stage was built and with host Bill Rea, six different, local musical venues took to the stage to entertain the crowd kicking back while



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Festival Continued

facing both the Sound and the stage and eating seafood. All the entertainment at the Festival was underwritten by the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. At the beginning of the day there were welcoming comments, a military Color Guard and the National Anthem was song by local tenor, Tshombe Selby.

In another corner of the property, a special Kids Zone included performances by the NC Marionette Theatre, roving pirates, a Corolla Wild Horse and local celebrities such as Pamlico Joe, Clean Water Flo, and emcee Magic Mike.



Comments posted on the event's Facebook page have poured in from attendees as well as from volunteers and other participants. The event website received over 12,600 unique visitors since September 1, 2012. Visitors indicated that they came from as far away as California to the West, southern Florida to the South and Canada to the North indicating that a seafood festival can successfully bring visitors to the Outer Banks in the shoulder months. No numbers are yet in on the financial success of the event.

In a wrap up meeting for the advisory committee there was plenty to do to improve in 2013 but the most important decision made was to have a Second Annual Outer Banks Seafood Festival on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Windmill Point in Nags Head.

For more information on next year's event or to volunteer to help, please contact: info@outerbanksseafoodfestival.org or go to www.outerbanksseafoodfestival.org.

The Mission of the Outer Banks Seafood Festival is to provide a fun and educational experience promoting, honoring and celebrating our coastal seafood heritage and community.

Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club News

MEN's POKER is looking for more players. They meet on Tuesday evenings at the club house. If you are interested please contact Doug Shrader 441-8355.

LADIES BRIDGE is looking for more players. If you are interested please contact Betty Bomberger at 480-1713.

Tuesday and Thursday night **YOGA** is looking for more participants. If you are interested in joining please come at 5:30 to the lower level of the club house. Fee schedule is available upon request. Please contact Dolores 441-6620

The **Annual Meeting** was held on Saturday, Oct 13th. Sufficient Proxy's and people in attendance enable the meeting to be held and the new 2012-13 budget to be passed. The 2012-13 Board of Directors are: Jack Leonard, Jane Wirth, Fran Collins, Mary Ann Johnson, Dolores Norton, Jim Horne, and Bill Hentnik. Plans for expanding the pool decking, repairing some deck issues, refurbishing the dining area, as well as the upcoming social events were discussed.

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Nov 15th at 7PM** – this change is due to Thanksgiving conflict with the normal meeting date. Please feel free to attend any and all Board Meetings and share your thoughts and ideas.

Social Events as scheduled for November and December:

Nov 10 – Turkey shoot and dinner

Nov 24 – Trim the Christmas Tree Social

Dec 2 – Children's Christmas party with Santa

Dec 8 – Christmas Dinner

Plans are being made for the **Ladies Christmas Luncheon**.

For all Social events please watch the **Bulletin Board** at the front gate for more information.

Planning your Holiday Party? Please remember that the Club House is a great place to gather with your family and friends. There are still rental dates available for this holiday season. Contact Jane at 441-0329 for availability. Rental applications for members and non-members are located up at the club house.

Water Aerobics was very well attended this year at CHY&RC Pool. In all, over 100 members attended the classes. A pot luck luncheon organized by Gloria Porter was held at the Club House by the Mon, Wed, Fri. attendees thanking the lifeguards and instructors for their time.

Advice for the Parents of Latchkey Kids

With a new school year underway, many parents and caregivers fret about latchkey children who spend time on their own before or after school. According to some estimates, more than three million kids under 12 are home alone at least part of the day. That's inevitable given the number of single-parent households and families in which both parents work.

We all want our kids to be safe and secure, so we did a little research. Here are some basic tips to help make sure your kids know how to handle being home alone:

- Have your kids check in with you or a responsible adult as soon as they come home. They can call your office phone or your cell phone. If you are unavailable, they should leave a message.
- Set up guidelines for answering the telephone. Let calls go to the answering machine, if available, unless caller ID indicates that a family member or friend is calling.
- Establish clear rules for keeping doors locked and answering the door. In most cases, young children should not open the door unless it's a family member or a well-known and trusted neighbor or friend.
- If Internet access is allowed, establish standards and clear restrictions, such as setting up parental guidelines for websites and chats. Also remind children that talking to strangers is just as bad an idea online as it is in public.
- Make sure your child knows how and when to call 911— an important reminder for all of us. If you see anything suspicious or threatening in our community, call the police immediately.
- You can get various perspectives on this topic by typing "latchkey kids" into a search engine such as Google, Bing or Yahoo.

Finally, don't worry that your children will suffer emotional or psychological damage by fending for themselves a few hours a week. According to one news story, a report cited by the American Psychological Association found that the success of latchkey kids depends more on what kids are doing with their time after school, rather than the fact that you're not with them 24-7.



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Colington Harbour Safety over the Holidays

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips can help you be more careful, prepared, and aware during the holiday season.

At Home

- Put new batteries in your smoke detector
- Be extra cautious about locking your doors and windows.
- Don't display gifts or other valuables where they can easily be seen from a window or doorway. After opening gifts make sure to breakdown cardboard boxes of expensive electronic and fancy stores, put them in plastic bags to hide the fact that you have valuable items in your home.
- If you go out in the evening, turn on your house lights, radio, or television so the house looks occupied.
- Beware of package deliveries couriers have the "wrong" address where. Write down the tag numbers of a suspicious delivery attempt and call the Dare County Sheriff's Department immediately.
- If you are traveling for the holidays, get an automatic timer for your lights. Ask a neighbor or trusted friend to watch your house, pick up your mail, newspapers, and park their car in your driveway from time to time.
- Make sure that your holiday lights, decorations and other electrical products have the UL Mark

Shopping

- Thefts and robberies normally increase during the holiday season, while more people are out shopping.
- Protect your credit card numbers and other personal information.
- Store your packages in the trunk or cover them up. Visible packages in your car invite a break-in
- Have keys in hand when approaching your car.
- Do not carry so many packages to the car that you have to put your packages down to open your car.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Use common sense and secure your purse or wallet, stay in well-lighted areas, and avoid less-traveled areas late at night.
- Don't drink and drive. More traffic accidents occur during the holiday season. Stay safe by taking public transportation, designating a sober driver or taking a taxi service
- Carry a cell phone. If someone is acting in a suspicious manner or you are a victim or witness to a crime, call 911 immediately.

Shopping Online

- Always use a secure website where your credit card number and other information are encrypted. Anyone can make sure a website is secure by a lock or a key icon in the web browser.
- Use a separate credit card for on line purchases only

Update your Home Inventory

- The holidays are a good time to update or create – your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file. Don't forget things like TVs, VCRs, Stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, GPS, sports equipment, etc.

Turkey Fryer

- Keep fryer in FULL VIEW while burner is on.
- Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences, or other structures.
- Never use a fryer IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or any structure that can catch fire.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food.
- Check the oil temperature frequently.
- If oil begins to smoke, the oil is OVERHEATED... immediately turn gas supply OFF.

Take the Holiday Safety Quiz at http://crime.about.com/od/quiz/a/quiz_holiday.htm

Doug Miller - crimewatch@colingtonharbour.net
Chairman, Community Watch, Colington Harbour
Have a safe and happy holiday season!



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- Discharge of firearms
- Serious injuries

Sheriff's Office - Non-Emergency - Anytime - 252-473-3444

The Sheriff's department would rather check out suspicious activity than take a larceny report later!

- Vehicles or persons in your neighborhood that you do not know
- Suspicion or evidence of entering of automobiles or boats and breaking and entering of homes
- Suspicion of criminal activity like drug use/sales, theft of construction supplies, domestic abuse, vandalism, loud parties, abusive or threatening actions or language
- Unlicensed (16 or younger) drivers operating automobiles, trucks or motorcycles including unlicensed off-road vehicles like ATVs, go-carts, dirt bikes, or golf carts operating on our roads

CrimeLine: 252-473-3111 or 800-745-2746

- An anonymous, safe way to report suspected crimes and by financially rewarding those tips that lead to an actual arrest

SPCA: 252-475-5620

- Dogs or cats without a collar, no license, or no rabies tags
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Colington Volunteer Fire Department Update

By Glenn Rainey, *Deputy Fire Chief*



Volunteers Still Needed

Your fire department still has a great need for able bodied folks to become volunteer firefighters. All training and equipment is provided at no cost, and all skill levels are welcome. Firefighting is strenuous and physically demanding, but there is no better feeling than being a part of a team that helped save someone's life or property. Stop by the station and talk with our staff about volunteer opportunities. ***Help us help you!***

No Parking In Front Of or Beside Fire Hydrants

Occasionally we receive phone calls from the community, or firefighters come across vehicles and boats that are parked too close to fire hydrants. This presents a serious safety risk to both folks that are experiencing a fire and those of us that are fighting the fire. Blocked hydrants cause delays and even force us to use hydrants that may be a thousand feet or more from where we need our apparatus. NC law requires 15 feet of clearance in front of a fire hydrant, and on either side. Fences may not be placed within 3 feet of a hydrant, as it greatly interferes with firefighter access to hydrants. Vegetation that obstructs hydrants must be removed as well. If you are not able to clear obstructions, or if it appears your hydrant is damaged or otherwise needs attention, please call the Dare County Water Department or us so that action can be taken to restore the hydrant to full use before it is needed and found to be unusable. ***Continued next page...***



Colington Volunteer Fire Department Update Continued

Move To The Right For Siren And Light

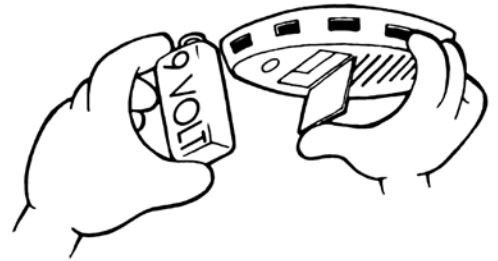
We can't stress enough how important it is to yield to emergency vehicles. It's the law, and it allows Fire, Police and EMS to safely and quickly respond to emergencies. Whether we approach from the rear or from the opposite direction, pull to the right shoulder as soon as you can do so safely. This is very important on the narrow roads throughout Colington. On divided lane highways, such as Croatan Highway, when we approach from the rear, pull to the right shoulder as soon as you can do so safely. Never pull into the left turn lane. That is one of the most unsafe moves you can make. If you are stopped at a red light, stay put. Don't try to move out of the way. We are trained to safely navigate around stopped cars. And remember, "Move to the right for siren and light"!



And as most of our residents know, we are largely volunteer and rely on their response to fires and crashes. Even though a firefighter's personally owned vehicle isn't an emergency vehicle, we certainly appreciate any courtesy you may allow so our folks can get to the station promptly to answer emergencies.

Test Those Detectors

October 7 – 13 was National Fire Prevention Week, and firefighters across the country visited schools, held open houses and related activities to share life safety education with everyone. One major problem that affects households everywhere, including right here in Dare County is non-working smoke detectors. Did you know that a working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire in your home? Most fatal fires occur in residences late at night or very early in the morning, when nearly everyone are asleep. Smoke only deepens a person's sleep, making a simple smoke detector a true life saving device when installed and maintained according to manufacturers standards. Test your detector at least once a month, and if has a 9 volt battery, replace it annually, even if it is just a backup battery for an electric smoke detector. Clean and vacuum your detectors often, to prevent false alarms and allow for better sensitivity to smoke. Replace smoke detectors that are older than ten years as they will lose their efficiency after that period. Call us for more information at (252) 441-6234.



Annual Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled for November 10th.

The annual Spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 10th. Come enjoy a fine meal of home-made spaghetti, salad, fresh bread and desserts. Dinner is served from 5 p.m. until 8, or while it lasts. Take out also available. Proceeds benefit our ongoing equipment purchases.

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Weekend Getaways

Summer vacations have come to an end, but that doesn't mean all work and no play. With cooler weather, beautiful scenery and an array of local festivals, fall is the perfect time of year for weekend getaways close to home. For travel ideas, activity suggestions and trip planning, visit www.Recreation.gov. A partnership of 12 federal agencies, including the Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Archives, Recreation.gov offers advance reservations at 2,500 federal areas for more than 60,000 facilities and activities.

The website's interactive maps and searchable database make it easy to discover parks, forests, lakes, museums and other recreation opportunities close to home. The website also features volunteer opportunities, contests and lotteries for special events, such as the White House Easter Egg Roll and the National Christmas Tree Lighting.

Get inspired to get outdoors and explore your local attractions. From day hikes to car camping, historical exhibits to fishing, Recreation.gov has lots of ideas for sparking your spirit of adventure.



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