



July - August 2013

HARBOUR HEADLINES

Colington Harbour Tidbits



In the area of Inlet Court and Harbour View Drive marbles are being shot at animals and have also damaged property. The Association is looking for information concerning these ongoing incidents. It is believed the marbles are being shot with a slingshot. If anyone in your household owns a slingshot please question its use. **If you have any information on the person or persons doing this please call the office at 252-441-5886. Thanks!**

New trailer stickers for years 13/14 are available at the office.



Before starting on any construction on water or land, **contact the office** to see if an Architectural Control Committee application needs to be filed.

The Harbour will begin the final stages of enforcing the entrance gate shortly. **Please make sure your guests know to come in through the entrance in the left hand lane.** The right lane is for barcode vehicles ONLY. Barcode decals are free to our residents and only require a vehicle registration and quick visit to the office.



Parents please **reinforce proper road etiquette and safety** to your family members. There are far too many instances of pedestrians walking three abreast in the street creating unsafe conditions. One inattentive driver could spell disaster.



Finally, there is a leash law in Colington Harbour. **Dogs are not allowed to run free.**



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Manager's Report – Kids at Play

Summer is in full swing, and for many of our youngest residents that means they have the freedom to play outside to their heart's content (or at least until mom or dad call them back inside). While we encourage kids to enjoy summer to the fullest, we also want everyone to stay safe. Here are a few guidelines to make sure these school-free months go smoothly:

- Make sure your children are proactive about their safety. Whether they're playing at a park, swimming at a pool or riding their bikes around the neighborhood, it's important that kids understand what types of injuries could occur during these activities and how they can best avoid them. If an injury does occur, your kids need to know what actions to take such as alerting a trusted adult or, in the case of a true emergency, calling 911.
- Supervise your kids at the pool. While it's always a good idea to keep an eye on your kids, it's particularly important to make sure your children have adult supervision while they're in the water. It only takes a second for even good swimmers to find themselves in a dangerous situation, so it's vital that kids are supervised by someone who knows the signs of a distressed swimmer. To learn about how you can keep your family safe at the pool, visit www.poolsafety.gov.
- Slow down while driving through the Harbour neighborhood. All residents should take note of this rule. With children out and about in full-force during the summer, you're more likely than ever to see a distracted kid chasing after a run-away baseball or skateboarding on the streets. So slow down, be extra aware of what's going on around you, and be prepared to stop suddenly if a child runs out into the road. Parents should remind kids that they have a responsibility to be aware of oncoming cars as well, and to be extra careful when they are on the street.
- Remind older kids to check in with you when they're playing without adult supervision. When kids are out on their own, it's easy for them to forget to let their parents know they're okay. So establish a set of rules, such as checking in every few hours or whenever they change locations, and be firm about enforcing them. If your child has a hard time remembering to give you a call every so often, it might be helpful to have them set an alarm on their cell phone or watch so they don't forget. It's a great way for kids to build a sense of independence and for you to know they're safe even when they're not within sight.

While the summer can present many hazards, there's no reason your kids can't come out of it unscathed (notwithstanding a few minor scrapes, bruises and bug bites, of course). To learn more about how you can keep your kids from getting hurt this summer, visit www.cdc.gov/features/KidsSafety/ for a list of great articles. Stay safe and enjoy this wonderful season.



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How Are We Doing?

As board member volunteers, we work hard to make sure our residents feel at home and our community thrives. To be more effective, we feel it's important to seek out other perspectives to learn about our perceived strengths and weaknesses. So to help us better serve you and our association, we want to know how we're doing.

Do you feel that the board is successfully handling issues pertaining to the community, or are there some important matters we're neglecting? Has the board been transparent with residents about the actions we take, and have residents been given a fair opportunity to weigh in on these decisions? Does the board listen to what you have to say when you disagree with the association or when you have suggestions to better the community? These are just some of the important questions we're eager to have answered, and we hope you'll share your thoughts with us on these and other issues.

Your opinions can help shape our community, so please don't hesitate to give us honest feedback. Get in touch with us today to let us know what areas the board can improve on, as well as any other suggestions that would benefit our community (252-441-5886 / www.colingtonharbour.net). Thank you in advance for helping us make Colington Harbour a place we're all proud to call home.

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Colington Harbour Yacht & Raquet Club News

Thank you to all our members for their continued support, and welcome to all our new members this year. Thanks to the many volunteers, the Club had a very smooth opening day with our annual pig picking and membership drive.

We recently had our second very successful visiting chef dinner on June 22nd done by Avenue Waterfront Grille of Manteo. We are looking to continue this program, so if you know of a chef that would be interested please contact Jane Wirth.

On July 20th, we are having a wine tasting presented by Sanctuary Vineyard. Please mark your calendar and bring a side dish to share. The Club will be providing the cheese and crackers.

Interested in hosting a Saturday social? Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Club House.

The pool hours of operation this year are as follows:

- Monday through Thursday 11 AM to 7 PM
- Friday 11 AM to 8 PM
- Saturday 11 AM to 7 PM
- Sunday Noon to 7 PM.
- Water Aerobics are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM and Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 PM to 8 PM.
- Yoga classes are Tuesday and Thursdays evenings.

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COLINGTON HARBOUR ASSOCIATION - GARDEN OF THE MONTH AWARD -

Debi and Rex Wester who live at 227 Broadbay Drive are the month of June winners for the Colington Yard of the Month. Debi likes the little surprises that she has hidden around every corner like her son's boot. Rex adds that she is very persistent and has a wide mixture of plants. Her most interesting plant this year is her Straw Plant.

We are rejuvenating the Colington



Garden of the Month thru the months of May-Oct. Winners of the month receive a gift certificate from Lowe's and a sign in their yard.

To nominate a future Garden of the Month, please visit the Colington Harbour Association web site, www.colingtonharbour.net, and click on the Garden of the Month icon on the side of the home page.

Good luck and thanks for keeping Colington Harbour clean and green!

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Summer Fire Safety

To keep your cool this summer, keep fire hazards under control wherever you are and whatever you're doing. Whether boating, camping, using a power mower, or just grilling a steak in your own back yard, pay attention to fire and explosion prevention. The last thing needed during our usually long, hot summer is an even higher temperature caused by uncontrolled fire.

Boating Safety

When soaring thermometers send you to the open water, take utmost care, especially when fueling and starting motors. Before these operations get underway, strictly observe the "NO SMOKING" rule and make sure the boat is completely "dead" with all engines, motors, fans, and heating devices shut down. Wipe up any fuel spills at once. Ventilate the craft until all fuel vapor odors are gone before attempting to start the engine, and comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations covering portable fire extinguishers by keeping an appropriate one on board.



Barbecue Safety

Closer to home, even the friendly barbecue can be dangerous. According to the National Fire Protection Association, gas and charcoal grills caused an average of 3,400 structure fires and 4,800 outdoor fires in or on home properties over a four year period, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$75 million.

Serious accidents are likely to happen when the backyard chef "freshens" a fire with one of the liquids sold as an aid for starting a charcoal fire. The back flash when these liquids hit a live coal can instantly envelop the arms and face of anyone nearby in flames. Play it safe by never adding flammable liquid to a fire already underway, and never use gasoline, paint thinner, alcohol or similar liquids as a starter.

Always ignite the charcoal briquettes in a sheltered area, out of the wind, preferably with an electric ignitor, as contrasted with charcoal lighter fluid.



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- Never dispose of used charcoal briquettes on the ground, particularly in flower beds, where they can become a source of ignition for bark dust or similar mulch. Better yet, leave them in the barbecue.
- Barbecuing should be done outdoors. Never barbecue indoors, as an enclosed area can cause asphyxiation, to say nothing of the fire hazard.

ALSO... The Colington Fire Department Support Group has mailed our annual donation request letter to all property owners. Donations make up a large part of our operational budget, and have allowed the department to purchase many items to help our firefighters help the community. We hope you can support us again this year!

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department Needs Your Help

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has a great need for firefighters as well as folks to help out in non-emergency roles. If you are at least 18 years old and willing to serve your fellow citizens as a firefighter, the Colington Volunteer Fire Department is looking for you. From folks new to the community, to life-long Colington area residents, if you've got the time to dedicate to your community we'd love to have you. Previous experience is not necessary. Training and equipment are provided free of charge, and all firefighters are covered by Workers Comp insurance. All firefighters must have a valid NC Drivers License, High School Diploma or G.E.D. or be currently enrolled in school.

Volunteers receive no pay, but you will enjoy the emotion of being a part of a great community organization. And knowing that you contributed to saving a life or protecting a person's home is a priceless feeling. You may be eligible for a \$250 NC tax deduction by volunteering as a firefighter.

Volunteer firefighters also serve another valuable role in the community by being active in training and response, it saves everyone money! If there aren't enough active volunteers, more money would be needed to hire additional career staff. Volunteering directly saves the community money. More information on how you can help is available by contacting the fire station at (252) 441-6234, or drop by for a visit and see first-hand how you can fill a valuable role in this community.



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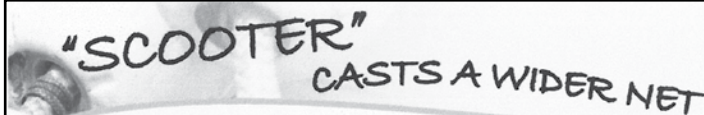


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2013 Youth Sailing Camp

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Our program this year, Youth Sailing Camp, will offer sailing for youth between 8 and 15 years old. Two US Sailing Certified Instructors will provide a sailing program that emphasizes safety, fun, and learning utilizing our Optimist and Sunfish boats.



There is a \$25 registration charge for the program that includes junior membership in the CYC. This is required for all participants whether their parents are members of the CYC or not. No further charges are assessed. If

this nominal cost is an issue, please consult with either of the instructors of the program, we don't want anyone to miss this opportunity to sail because of financial issues.

The program will normally run from 9 AM to 11:30 AM, Monday through Thursday, starting July 8th. The instructional portion of the program ends August 1. We plan to hold a regatta for our sailors on Saturday August 10th, and will provide opportunity for them to practice their skills the week leading up to it. On Saturday, July 6th, there will be an orientation for Parents and sailors at the Youth Sailing Shed in the harbor at 9:30 AM.

Sailors must bring their own personal flotation, take a swim test and wear shoes that cover their feet. The age of 13 is usually



recommended for the Sunfish. Our rule for sailing small boats is that the sailor must be able to right the boat if capsized. Parents are encouraged to assist in the program and take part in the special activities.

All volunteers will receive orientation about the daily and overall goals so they can effectively coach the sailors when need arises. For more information, please contact Al Douglass at 215-605-7312, or visit the website where the required registration and health forms can be downloaded. (www.colingtonyachtclub.com)

How to sign up

- Go to the www.colingtonyachtclub.com website and download the registration form and medical information form. (If you don't have access to the web, give Al Douglass a phone call (215-605-7312) and he'll mail you the forms.
- Fill the forms out and mail them along with a check for \$25.00 to 141 Roanoke Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.
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Maintaining your yard in a traditional manner isn't always the "greenest" endeavor. Whether it's using chemical-laden pesticides and fertilizer or working with greenhouse gas-producing lawn tools, some methods of lawn upkeep can be tough on the environment. Thankfully, there are plenty of eco-friendly ways you can keep your yard looking lush. So reduce your carbon footprint, and try some of these simple tips:

- Conserve water by watering your lawn more heavily but less often. By doing this, you're ultimately using less water because the heavier watering lasts longer, allowing you to spread out how often you have to water your lawn. Also, watering in the early morning or early evening gives water a chance to soak into the soil without evaporating as it would during the hottest parts of the day. Finally, consider switching to water-saving sprinklers and hose nozzles.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing. This is an easy way to nourish your lawn because clippings help replenish your soil after they decompose, which in turn encourages healthy grass growth.
- Don't cut grass too short. Keeping your grass at the tall end of its optimal mowing height (usually between one and three inches depending on the type of grass) helps ensure that the root systems are deep enough to protect the grass from getting scorching by the summer sun. To avoid stressing the grass, a good rule of thumb is to cut no more than 1/3 of the grass's current height. Be sure to cut your grass often so that you don't have to take off too much with each mowing.
- Consider trading in your gas-powered lawn mower for an electric or battery-powered mower. Gas-powered engines contribute significantly to air pollution, so switching to an electric or battery-powered mower reduces carbon emissions. Both types of mowers are easy to start, and battery-powered mowers rechargeable and run up to 70 minutes. Electric and battery-powered versions of other gas-powered lawn tools, such as weed whackers and leaf blowers, are also available, so consider swapping those out as well.
- Go organic when choosing a fertilizer. Organic fertilizers take longer to show results than chemical fertilizers; however, organic fertilizer will improve your soil quality in the long run and yield a much greener lawn. Conversely, chemical fertilizers can deplete your soil of minerals, pollute ground water runoff and cause soil to become too acidic.



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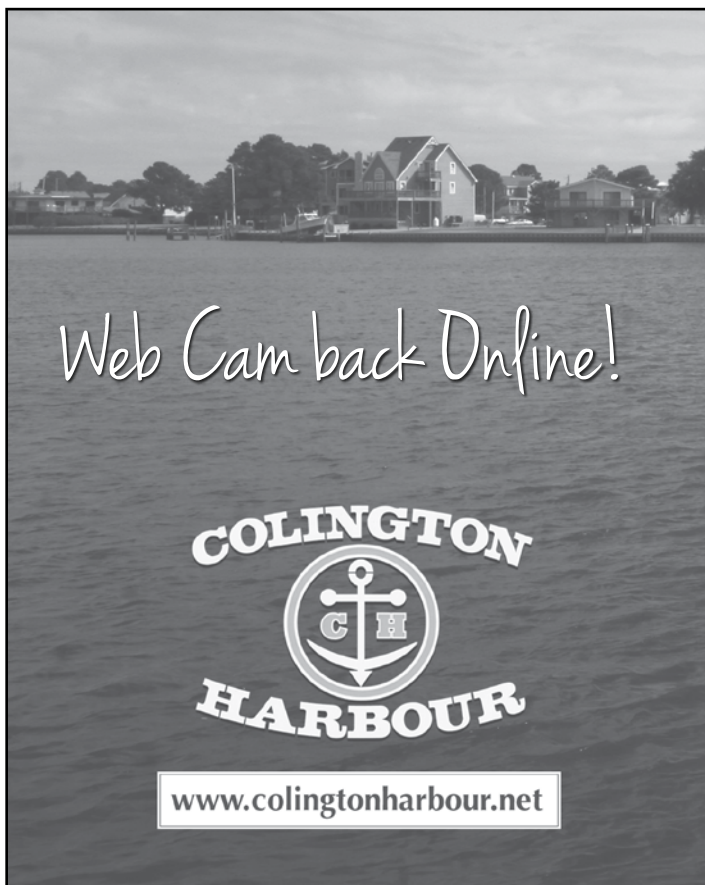
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