



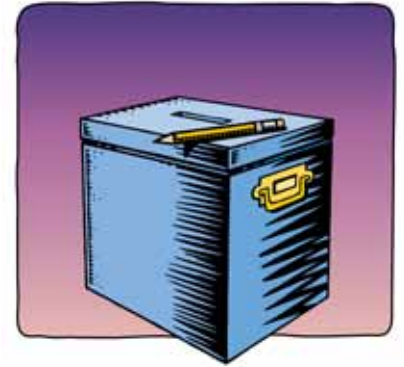
January – February 2014

HARBOUR HEADLINES



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.

Contact Deke Bolte at the Association clubhouse office for more details. (252)-441-5886.

Helipad Reminder

As a reminder, Med Flight uses the Colington Harbour helipad within the actual harbor parking lot to evacuate patients from the Outer Banks. Please do not park within or close to the pad, as doing so could prohibit flights from landing. Thank you!



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Manager's Report Guidelines for the Homeowner Forum

Residents are encouraged to attend and observe monthly Association board meetings. If you'd like to bring an issue to the Board's attention, you're welcome to speak during the member comments time set aside just for you. So that everyone who attends has an opportunity for a meaningful exchange with the Board, we ask that you observe the following guidelines:

- Although we're all neighbors, this is a corporate business meeting. Please behave accordingly.
- If you'd like to address the Board, please sign in when you arrive. You will be called in the order you entered. This allows the Board to contact you if we need further information and to report back to you with an answer.
- The homeowner forum is an exchange of ideas, not a gripe session. If you're bringing a problem to our attention, we'd like to hear your ideas for a solution too.
- To keep the meeting businesslike, please refrain from speaking if you're particularly upset about an issue. Consider speaking later, speaking privately with a board member, or putting your concerns in writing and e-mailing them to the Board.
- Only one person may speak at a time. Please respect others' opinions by remaining silent and still when someone else has the floor.
- Each person will be allowed to speak no more than three minutes. Please respect the volunteers' time by limiting your remarks.
- If you need more than three minutes, please put your comments in writing. Include background information, causes, circumstances, desired solutions and other considerations you believe are important.

The Board may not be able to resolve your concerns on the spot, but members will discuss and consider any issues you raise prior to the next Board meeting.

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Pursuant to Section 7A-38.3F of the North Carolina General Statutes, all members are hereby informed that you have a right to initiate mediation pursuant to the terms of the statute to try to resolve a dispute with the Association. Both the homeowner and the Association must agree to mediate the dispute, and each side is responsible for splitting the cost of the mediation, including payment of a professional mediator. The mediation process is an opportunity to reach an agreement to resolve a dispute-neither side gives up their right to go to court to have a judge resolve the dispute if the parties are not able to reach an agreement through mediation. The specific process to initiate voluntary mediation is outlined in Section 7A-38.3F of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Colington Yacht & Racquet Club News.

No activities planned for the month of January/February due to the major renovation of the hallway - up and down - along with some work being done in the ladies bathroom.

Maintenance Yard Winter Hours

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Colington Volunteer Fire Department News & Updates

Long Serving Fire Chief to Retire

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department board of directors has announced that Fire Chief William "Kim" Piddington is retiring at the end of December. Piddington is the longest serving member of the department joining as a volunteer in 1978 when the Colington district was a substation of the Kitty Hawk Volunteer Fire Department. The Colington Volunteer Fire Department was formed and incorporated in 1982.

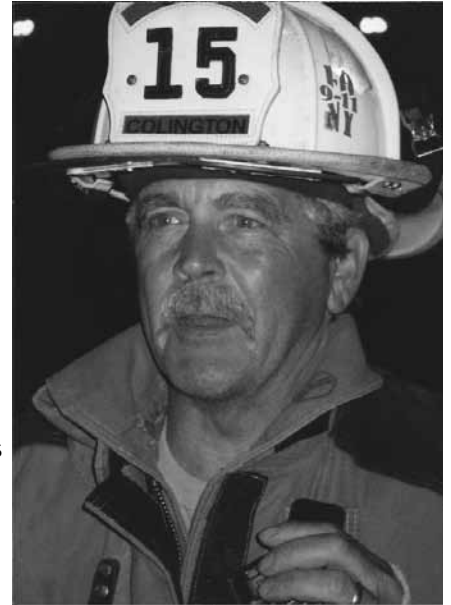
Piddington held several ranks throughout his career. He was the first career member of the department, hired in 1990 as a firefighter performing routine maintenance to trucks and the station. In December 1994, he was appointed as the first paid chief of the department and is only the third chief since the department incorporated.

Over the past 19 years, Piddington has been instrumental in modernizing the group into a combination department with both career and volunteer firefighters serving the needs of the most populated unincorporated community on the Outer Banks. At last Census, there were 4,179 residents in Colington.

Long before becoming a firefighter, Piddington served his community and country in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Vietnam as a jet mechanic. Piddington says his calling

to help others was natural. His father served in the last horse cavalry and retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Army, and his mother was a nurse.

In July 2013, Piddington was diagnosed with Stage III cancer which weighed heavily on his decision to retire. He remains very upbeat and positive about his recovery, and is looking forward to having more time to spend with his family.



Fire Chief William "Kim" Piddington

The department will host a retirement celebration for Chief Piddington in February. Deputy Fire Chief Glenn Rainey has been appointed Chief and will assume that role in January.

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Colington Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening - a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings - will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on January 23, 2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:

- Blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke.
- Abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta.
- Hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease.
- Atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk.
- Bone density screening for men and women - used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call Life Line Screening at 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

CVFD Hosts First Annual Santa Run

You may have heard quite a racket outside on December 19 and 20 as the CVFD and Santa Claus made their way around the entire community. Firefighters escorted Santa as he waived to neighbors and yelled his familiar "Ho Ho Ho and Merry Christmas" to all in a slow procession of fire vehicles complete with music and a few toots on the air horns. Firefighters were asked to help Santa by giving out candy canes as well. Young and old came to their doors to see what all the fuss was about only to see Santa atop one of our big red fire trucks.




A couple of our firefighters came up with the idea and the department was eager to be a part of this for our community. We received an overwhelming response from the neighborhood and plan to make this an annual event. Over 1,700 candy canes were distributed during the Santa Run throughout the entire Colington area.

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An Overlooked Home Hazard

In this issue, the Colington Fire Department is turning to the experts at the United States Fire Administration for information on a very serious fire problem that has affected homes in our area in the past. Dryer fires are more common than you think. Please take a moment to read this important information.

For many households and other establishments, the clothes dryer is an indispensable convenience and necessity. However, if clothes dryers are not properly installed or maintained, critical fires can occur. The yearly national fire loss for clothes dryer fires in structures is estimated at \$99 million. Each year, these losses result from an estimated 15,600 fires that required a fire department response. These clothes dryer fires cause an annual average of approximately 400 injuries and 15 fatalities.

Lint is created from the clothes as the water is removed and the clothes dry. While much of the lint is trapped by the dryer's filter, lint also is carried through the venting system, together with moist air. The accumulation of lint, both in the dryer and in the dryer vent, reduces the airflow and creates a highly flammable fuel source. In addition to the accumulation of lint, blockage in dryer exhaust vents also can occur from the nests of small birds and animals or from bends in the venting system itself. A compromised vent will not exhaust properly to the outside. Overheating may result, possibly causing a fire.

All manufacturers now state in their manuals not to use plastic flexible dryer ducts between the vent and the clothes dryer. However, many homes, as well as some new construction homes, continue to use plastic flexible ducts. The plastic itself can provide additional fuel for a fire. Even flexible foil vents are not the best choice for venting clothes dryers. Flexible vents can sag, allowing lint to build up and catch on fire if it comes in contact with a sufficient amount of heat. If a fire starts beneath the dryer when the motor overheats, then the drafts from the dryer can pull that fire up into the duct and venting allowing a house fire to develop.

Consider these facts:

- Clothes dryer fires account for about 15,600 structure fires, 15 deaths, and 400 injuries annually.

- "Failure to clean" is the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.
- New home construction trends place clothes dryers and washing machines in more hazardous locations away from outside walls such as bedrooms, second-floor hallways, bathrooms, and kitchens.

The Colington Fire Department urges everyone to take the time to clean your lint traps regularly as well as clean behind your dryer. At least annually, remove and inspect your vent pipe, vacuuming as necessary. Occasionally wash your lint filter and let it dry completely before reinstalling. And, it's sound advice to check your smoke alarm too!

Marina Channel Dredging Update

Memorandum

To: Bill Froehlich, Colington Harbour Association
 From: Hal Goodman, Construction Engineering Services, Inc.
 Date: December 19, 2013
 Re: Dredging for North Jetty Replacement

Bill:

We have monitored the progress of the dredging at the entrance to the marina channel that took place this week. The contractor used a crawler excavator mounted on a barge that had a 70 to 75 CY capacity spoil box mounted on it. Monday 12-16-13 they removed one 70+ CY load from the permitted dredge area just beyond the end of the jetty and placed it in the designated storage area. Tuesday 12-17-13 they removed and off loaded 5 fullloads and Wednesday 12-18-13 they removed and off loaded 7 fullloads. Thursday 12-19-13 they removed and off loaded 1 full load and I then went out and we sounded the dredged area. The majority of the area was excavated to the specified controlling depth of 6', but we did find one location that was only 4.5' deep. The contractor went back out and removed about 10 additional cubic yards of material from this area to get it to the proper depth. Based on the loads removed the approximate estimated quantity of material dredged and spread out in the spoil area to dry is between a minimum of 990 and a maximum of 1A20 CY. This is in compliance with the 1000 CY of material they were contracted to remove. If you have any questions, give me a call.

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