

# HARBOUR HEADLINES

# All Residents Welcome at Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar... the Colington Harbour Association's annual meeting is scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 14th AT 10:00 AM at the Association clubhouse.

Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet Board and Committee members and the Property Manager
- Learn about the Association's mission
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the Board, Manager and your neighbors, and find a wealth of information about your community! For more information, please contact the Colington Harbour Administration office at (252) 441-5886.



## **Comments? Issues? Concerns?**

Your comments, issues and concerns are always welcome at the Colington Harbour Association office. However, if Colington Harbour residents or owners would like to communicate directly with the President of the Board of Directors, you may do so by sending correspondence to:

#### **Colington Harbour Association**





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# **Annual Meeting Minutes**

Copies of last year's annual meeting minutes are available at the Colington Association office for owners to pick up and review prior to this year's annual meeting.



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# Manager's Report

### **Homeowner Rights & Responsibilities**

As assessment-paying members of the Colington Harbour community, you are entitled to certain rights and - in return - you have certain responsibilities.

#### Homeowners have the right to:

- (1) Participate in governing the community association by attending meetings, serving on committees and standing for election.
- (2) Access appropriate association books and records.
- (3) Prudent expenditure of fees and other assessments.
- (4) Live in a community where the property is maintained according to established standards.
- (5) Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations, including the opportunity to discuss payment plans and options with the association before foreclosure is initiated.
- (6) Receive all documents that address rules and regulations governing the community association- if not prior to purchase and settlement by a real estate agent or attorney, then upon joining the community.
- (7) Appeal to appropriate community leaders those decisions affecting non-routine financial responsibilities or property rights.
- (8) A responsive and competent community.

#### In turn, homeowners have the responsibility to:

- 1. Read and comply with the governing documents of the Harbour community.
- 2. Maintain their properties according to established standards.
- 3. Treat association leaders honestly and with respect.
- 4. Vote in community elections and on other issues.
- 5. Pay association assessments and charges on time.
- 6. Contact association leaders or managers, if necessary, to discuss financial obligations and alternate payment arrangements.
- 7. Request reconsideration of material decisions that personally affect them.
- 8. Provide current contact information to association leaders or managers to help ensure they receive information from the community.
- 9. Ensure that those who reside on their property tenants, guests or family members—adhere to all rules and regulations.

As a reminder, the Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, June 14th. Hope to see you there!



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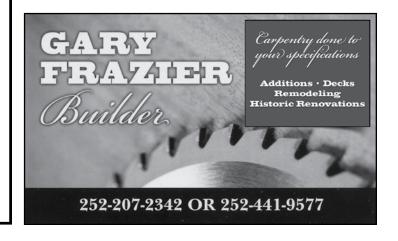
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# **Even Experienced Boaters Need A Vessel Safety Check!**

The most cautious boaters can sometimes experience unexpected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft and paddle sport users, take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check program every year.

The courtesy **Vessel Safety Check (VSC)** is performed at your boat – whether in a slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway – by a certified Vessel Examiner. It usually takes 15 to 30 minutes, depending upon the size of your boat.

#### What's In it For Me?

Boats that pass the examination are awarded a distinctive VSC Decal that alerts the Coast Guard, Wildlife, and other lawenforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws. Frequently, such agencies will not detain or board boats displaying a current-year decal that are otherwise operating safely.

#### What If I Don't Pass?

If your boat does not pass, no report is filed. Instead, you are provided a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted. Often, a quick trip to West Marine or Walmart is all that is necessary to obtain missing safety items and easily pass a re-inspection.

USCG Auxiliary certified Vessel Examiners are ready to assist you in making sure your boat has all the safety equipment required by law plus other recommended items.

We will be in Colington Harbor on Sat., June 7, 2014 from 9:00 to 1:00. **SAFETY ON THE WATER IS UP TO YOU!** 

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# **Colington Fire Department**

#### Play it Safe with Flammables

It looks as though Mother Nature has finally relinquished her hold and will be letting some of that nice weather come our way. As temperatures begin to rise and our lawns and gardens once again need attention, countless gardeners will begin hauling out their lawnmowers and rototillers. To ensure that this summer's yard chores will be free of accidents, a few timely precautions should be observed.

#### **Equipment Safety**

Be cautious when fueling and using power mowers. Never refuel garden tractors, lawnmowers, rototillers, etc. while the motor is running. Always fill gas-powered equipment outside, never inside the garage, and never in the presence of a source of ignition such as open flame, a lit cigarette, etc. Remember that gasoline and petroleum product vapors are heavier than air and will seek lower levels.

#### **General Rules**

Never store flammable liquids N.C. such as lawnmower fuel, Coleman fuel, charcoal lighter fluids, etc. in glass or breakable containers. If plastic containers are used, make sure they are approved for the storage of flammable liquids. Otherwise, use metal flammable liquid containers, preferably safety cans. Storing flammable liquids within the residence (including the garage) is not recommended. If, however, it is necessary, it should be limited to the garage only, and should be limited in quantities not to exceed those necessary for normal use (lawnmowers, etc.)

#### **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. A site visit may be required to ensure proper safety precautions are taken. Burning must take place between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Currently, only limbs (less than 6 inches in diameter), yard clippings and small piles of brush may be burned. No construction debris, lumber or household trash may be burned. A small camp fire or burn barrel is allowed for social gatherings and similar purposes but may require 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. Open burning regulations may not apply when the container is designed for burning or cooking and has a chimney or smoke stack.

#### If An Emergency Occurs

Dial 9-1-1 to report all emergencies. Be sure to give as much information as possible so the call taker can send the correct type of help. Never hang

up until you are told to do so by the call taker. Is your address clearly marked? Having large, contrasting

numbers on your home and at the street may make a difference in getting help promptly. Perhaps you have noticed your neighbors have a reflective address sign on their mailbox. Your fire department offers these signs for only \$20, plus we'll install them at no charge in the Colington Fire District. Give us a call at (252) 441-6234 for more information.

#### And Finally

The Colington Fire Department would like to say Thank You to everyone that made our 2014 Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner a huge success. Over 230 people enjoyed the meal prepared

by the fire department Support Group. Money collected during all of our fund raisers goes toward purchasing new equipment and station upgrades and repairs. Also, we're on the web! Check us out at www.colingtonfd.com.

Also, congratulations to Firefighter of the Year Mike Allison and Volunteer of the Year Frank Hendricks! Both men were recognized at the department's annual awards banquet in March.

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# **Spring Cleaning:**

#### **Inspect as Winter Thaws**

This winter has been long, frigid and snowy. As the deep freeze begins to melt away, prepare your home for spring. The steps you take now can help avoid costly maintenance and repairs later.



#### Here's what to do inside and outside your home:

#### · Inspect the roof and gutters.

Check the roof for damage; it's been taking a beating all season. Then clear gutters of debris; a clog can lead to water damage.

#### · Check the HVAC system.

Hire a professional to clean and service your system. You also should clean or replace filters; it'll help ensure your system is running efficiently, keep energy costs in check and remove extra allergens from your home.

• Clean and repair driveways, fences, decks and patios. Spray away salt, sand and de-icers. Then fill any cracks, holes or gaps.

#### · Examine windows, doors and seals.

Look for damage. Sealants can crack in extreme cold, leading to water damage and drafts. Clean the window panes, drapes and blinds too.

#### · Inspect paint inside and outside.

Make any necessary paint repairs or try a fresh look.

#### • Replace smoke detector batteries.

If you didn't do this when daylight saving time began, do it now.

#### · Steam-clean floors and carpets.

Remove salt, sand and de-icing chemicals.

#### · Examine your chimney.

Hire a chimney sweep to check the exterior for damage and clean the flue.

# Vacuum underneath and behind your refrigerator. A dusty, dirty fridge also increases electric bills.

• Clean out the refrigerator, freezer and pantry.
Toss expired foods, clean surfaces and reorganize.

#### • Declutter closets.

Donate, repurpose, recycle or set aside clothes for a garage sale.

#### · Prepare lawn equipment.

Make sure your lawn mower and weed whacker are clean, gassed up and ready for the first spring cut.

A native of Richmond, Virginia, Jennifer and her husband, Jay Sylvia, relocated in the late 80's to enjoy the Outer Banks lifestyle. They have been Colington Harbour residents for 15 years and enjoy boating, fishing, water sports and watching the sunsets with their two sons.

Jennifer has over 25 years of experience in marketing, advertising and real estate. She likes

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