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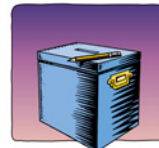
HARBOUR HEADLINES



'Colington Beach at Midnight' Photo: Ben Miller

We (Still) Need Your Vote

There is still time to return your vote on the Colington Harbour Restrictive Covenants Proposal. You have until June 10, 2015 to return your vote. We only have a little over 200 returned votes at this time. Remember, we need to reach 1,206. Please tell your neighbors and friends in Colington Harbour we need their responses. Without ample response, the current inadequate covenants will remain unchanged, and future boards will be severely limited to address many of the complaints and issues that they receive.



If you or your neighbors have not received a proposal packet, please contact the Association Office at **(252) 441-5886**.

All Residents Welcome at Colington Harbour Association Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar... the Colington Harbour Association's annual meeting is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JUNE 13th AT 10:00 AM** in the Association clubhouse.

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

- Meet Board & 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**.



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Manager's Report: Avoiding Conflict with the Neighbors

We all *can* just get along. The key? Communication. It's often the best way to prevent and resolve conflict before it reaches the legal system. You don't have to be friends or spend time together to achieve a peaceful coexistence, but you should try to be a good neighbor and follow these tips:

- **Say hello.** At the mailbox, while walking the dog or when you see a moving van arrive, introduce yourself. Learn your neighbors' names and regularly offer a friendly greeting.
- **Provide a heads up.** If you're planning a construction project, altering your landscaping or hosting a big party, contact your neighbors beforehand.
- **Do unto others.** Treat neighbors as you would like to be treated. Be considerate about noise from vehicles, stereos, pets, etc.
- **Know your differences.** Make an effort to understand each other. Differences in age, ethnic background and years in the neighborhood can lead to different expectations or misunderstandings.
- **Consider the view.** Keep areas of your property that others can see presentable.
- **Appreciate them.** If the neighbors do something you like, let them know. They'll be pleased you noticed, and it'll be easier to talk later if they do something you don't like.
- **Stay positive.** Most people don't try to create problems. If a neighbor does something that irritates you, don't assume it was deliberate.
- **Talk honestly.** Tolerance is important, but don't let a real irritation go because it seems unimportant or hard to discuss. Let your neighbors know if something they do annoys.
- **Be respectful.** Talk directly to your neighbors if there's a problem. Gossiping with others can damage relationships and create trouble.
- **Remain calm.** If a neighbor mentions a problem they have with you, thank them for the input. You don't have to agree or justify any behavior. Wait for any anger to subside before responding.
- **Listen carefully.** When discussing a problem, try to understand your neighbor's position and why he or she feels that way.
- **Take your time.** Take a break to think about what you and your neighbor have discussed. Arrange to finish the conversation at another time.



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Boat Decals

Current 2015/2016 boat trailer decals are now available at the Association Office. Before you launch your boat, please stop by with your registration to obtain your decal. Thank you and happy, safe boating this season!



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Community WATCH

Get involved in helping your community. Contact Sharon Wheless for more information on becoming a part of the Community Watch Group: sharon.wheless@gmail.com Phone: (252) 717-5429.

Community Watch Meeting

When:

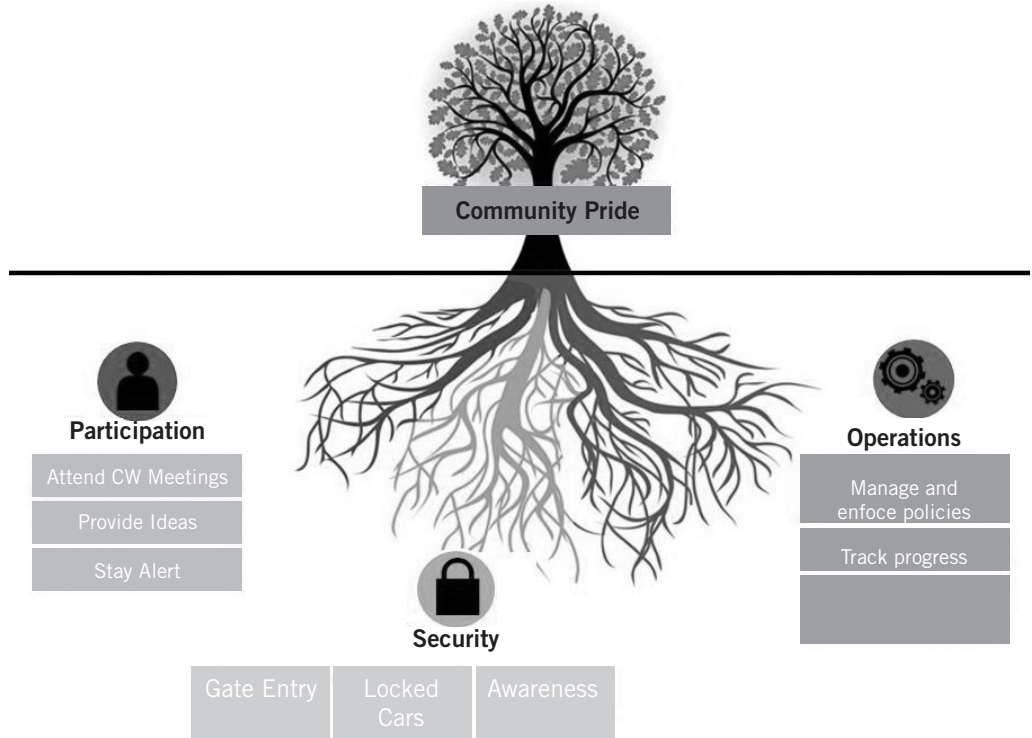
Thursday, May 14 7pm

Where:

Colington Harbour Club House.

Let's work together to keep Colington Harbour safe this Summer! We hope to see you at the meeting!

Get Involved with *YOUR* Community Watch!



Protect Your Dreams. Volunteer.

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has openings for Volunteer Firefighters. As the name implies, the department relies heavily on people volunteering

their time and effort to help keep our community safe, and Volunteers play an essential role in response to emergencies and daily operation of the station.

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 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 Driver's License, High School Diploma or G.E.D. or be currently enrolled in school.

If you believe you have what it takes to be a firefighter, please call or stop by the Colington Volunteer Fire Department and pick up an application. Department training is held on the first three Tuesdays of the month, and other specialized training is available. Just call or stop by the station for more information. **Phone: (252) 441-6234**

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Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club News

Annual Pig Pic'n and Pool Opening

All Residents of Colington Harbour - Set your calendar to be here on **Saturday, May 23** to join in the community activities. **The Pool will be open at approximately 11AM to all residents on this day, so bring your swimsuit and towel too.** There will be an annual PIG PIC'N starting shortly after the boating activities are completed. We ask each family to bring a side dish (salad, beans, desserts, etc.) to the Club house kitchen no later than noon to be shared. The Pig, Drinks, and set ups will be provided. There will a \$5.00 contribution for all guest visitors. Come early if you can help set up and/or your assistance with clean up afterward would be greatly appreciated too.

Membership Renewal or New Application for Membership

Enclosed in the Harbour News is the renewal/new membership application. During the month of May the initiation fee is waived for new members. Membership is required for residents using the pool, attending dinners, socials, aerobic activities, etc. Reduced rental fees for the private use of the building apply to members too.

Pool Hours and Usage

There will be some changes as well as many continuing activities at the pool. Normal hours are from 11AM until 7PM (or as advertised at house and/ or the gate bulletin board). Friday evening the pool will remain open for a late evening swim.

Water Aerobics - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 until 11:00

Zumba - Thursday 10:00-11:00- Monday 7PM to 8PM- \$5.00 per class

Water aerobics usually starts in mid-June when the water warms up and ends in mid-September as long as the summer weather holds out. Watch the gate Bulletin Board for the starting date.

Yoga - In order to continue offering this activity on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 we will need more attendance. So if you have been thinking about coming and just haven't gotten to a class yet please come out now. Call Sue Colter-(252-449-2841)

Pool Rules

Copies of pool rules will be available at the pool check in.

Let's Go Boating!

Boating and Colington Harbour, for many of us this says it all. It's fun! Launching from the Harbour ramp or a canal dock, if the engine starts, nothing leaks, and the weather is good; this is why we are here.

All of us who boat know that stuff happens when we are on the water. A storm can drive us in, something breaks and we need help, or we see the Marine Safety Officer coming at our starboard bow. That's when we hope we have everything on board to deal with the situation. There are people to help us with this.

The Outer Banks Coast Guard Auxiliary is on our side to help us deal with things that can ruin our great day on the water. They do it without charge, without stress, and without threat of fines. It's called a Vessel Safety Examination. A trained examiner checks our boat out for all the things that will keep us safe and make sure a law enforcement officer doesn't have to send us back to port and perhaps fine us because we are missing or have out of



Photo: Connie Grizzard

date safety equipment. The examiner is a boater like us. If we need to do something, they will tell us, even give us a list. Once we bring the boat up to regulation or if everything required is on board they give us a decal for our boat and when law enforcement sails by to say hello they just say hello. A Vessel Safety Examination has got to be one of the best deals in boating.

Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Memorial Day Weekend before and after the Blessing of the Fleet, and Saturday, and June 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Vessel Examiners will be in the parking lot of our Harbour to offer this service. Come up to an open area along the bulkhead or a dock, or trailer your boat to the parking lot. Look for the folks in blue United States Coast Guard uniforms. Not only is the examination free, they can't take any reward but a thank you. Our reward is our confidence when we boat this year, our boat and the people aboard are safe! For further information email Pat Fields patfie@embarqmail.com or call her (252) 261-2857.



What to Look for in Home Warranties

You probably received a new home warranty when you purchased your home. If you haven't had any problems with your home, then you probably haven't read the warranty. But you should.

While most builders are reputable and provide legal and fair warranties, some do not. And too often, home warranties can be complex, ponderous documents that are difficult to decipher. Some warranties waive the homeowner's right to a jury trial if he or she files a construction defect claim. Others may include liability disclaimers and waivers for some builders' construction defects. And occasionally, a

warranty may include terms that are not enforceable under state law, although you or other homeowners may not realize it.

To make sure your home warranty protects you, have an attorney review it and check for the following provisions:

- Can you engage an engineer to represent you to determine the nature, cause and extent of the construction problems?
- Can you pursue a mediation conference with the builder to resolve disputes?
- If the builder expects binding arbitration, who selects the arbiter—you or the builder?
- Can the warranty period be reset when repairs are completed?
- If you believe you're bound by an unfair warranty—or even if you aren't sure you understand your home warranty, consult an attorney who specializes in association law or construction defect law.

2015 Colington Harbour Youth Sailing Program

An Opportunity for the Youth of the Community to Learn to Sail in July

The Colington Yacht Club (CYC) will again sponsor a Youth Sailing Program this summer. This is a US Sail instructional program for young people ages 8 to 15. Youth will receive guidance from certified instructors supported by many adult volunteers. They will sail in our Optimist and Sunfish boats and have an opportunity to participate in a regatta.

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Emergency Dredge of the Channel is in The Works!

Mother Nature has really put us in a predicament this year. As many of you are aware, the depth of the channel is shallow despite our dredging efforts in February. The good news is we have been approved for an emergency dredge extension! We are making plans to dredge the channel again but the exact date is not yet determined. The time frame to begin we hope to be between the end of May through sometime in June. A notice will be posted and e-blast sent once this date is known. The dredging should take no longer than 3 days max. The channel will be closed for all incoming/outgoing boaters while dredging takes place.

In the meantime, we have been told the best route to take is as follows:

Going out of the Harbour (West) the Channel is deeper on the right (North) side. After you pass the knuckle in the North Pier you then aim to the far Red marker to stay in deeper water. On your way out of the Harbour you will be crossing from the North to the South side of the channel. Smaller watercraft please give right of way to the bigger boats entering or exiting the Harbour. Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding in this unfortunate circumstance.



Stay to the North on the way out of the inlet, then aim (to port) to the far red marker after clearing the knuckle on the Northern side of the pier.

Youth Sailing Cont.

The Optimist sailboat is designed for children and youth. If the sailor has experience and is able, with training, to right a capsized Sunfish sailboat, they may practice their sailing skills with our Sunfish if they desire. Sailors will receive dock-side instruction and hands-on sailing experience, progressing to solo sailing when they are ready.

The total program cost is \$25 per child. We offer this entire program for such a low cost as a service to the families of Colington Harbour. An application/consent form and a medical form are required to be submitted by parents. These forms are available on the Colington Yacht Club web site under the "Youth Sailing" tab. Please submit the registration as soon as possible, the program has filled up within a few weeks of the application being available.

The **Youth Sailing Camp** will be held at the Harbour boat ramp Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting July 6, 2014. The course ends on Thursday, July 30, 2014. There will be a regatta on Saturday, August 1st. Sailors need to bring their own life jacket and wear suitable clothing for sailing.

For more information please contact Al Douglass at aid1945@yahoo.com. His cell phone is 215-605-7312.

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