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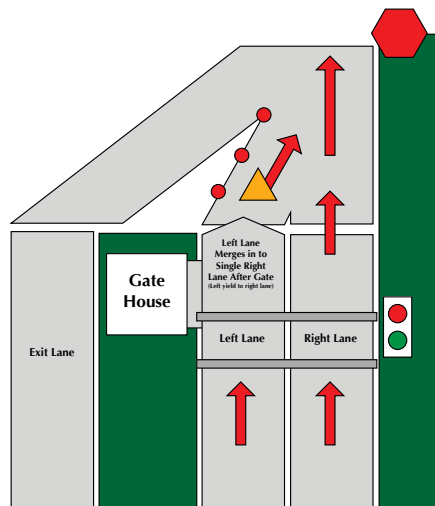
COLINGTON HARBOUR, NORTH CAROLINA

## Merry Christmas From Colington Harbour!



### GATE TRAFFIC PATTERN

There is a new traffic pattern at the front gate area. This change is the result of an effort to ensure that all traffic in the left lane yields to the right lane traffic. Please use caution when merging. After numerous close calls, this change was implemented to prevent potential accidents. We are optimistic about the impact of the change. The Association is asking for your patience as everyone adjusts to the new layout.



**MAINTENANCE YARD FEES & SERVICES** Dare County charges the Association \$65/a ton for the commercial bins that are in the Maintenance Yard, so unfortunately we have had to change the fees charged. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Association office at (252) 441-5886.

- FALL/WINTER HOURS: 9am – 2pm Saturday
- Miscellaneous materials = \$5.00 a load
- Full sized pickup truck load = \$10.00 a load
- Materials with trailer, exceeding truck sized load = \$15.00 a load

We now offer **ON-SITE PICKUP** to all Colington Harbour residents in good standing for a minimum fee of \$25. Contact CHA Maintenance Manager, John Kottas at (252) 441-4026 at the Maintenance shop for info.

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## CHA VIOLATIONS

Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at cleaning up the unregistered vehicles and trailers in the community.

Our Covenants require that all vehicles and trailers be operable and currently licensed, or that they be covered. If your vehicle is not currently registered or operable, please cover it with a car, boat or trailer cover, or get it registered to bring it into compliance with the covenants. It is an easy fix, and you will be doing your part to keep the community looking its best. If you have a concern regarding vehicles that are not properly registered or covered, please report it to the office and we will gladly follow up.



## COLINGTON ISLAND COMMUNITY CRIMEWATCH

Please join us for the monthly meetings every 2nd Thursday of each month at the Colington Volunteer Fire Department at 7pm. Everyone on Colington Island is welcome! Please join our Facebook Page to get updates, **Colington Island Community Watch** [www.facebook.com/colingtoncrimewatch](http://www.facebook.com/colingtoncrimewatch). In addition, you can report crime related information anonymously at [www.darecommunitycrimeline.org](http://www.darecommunitycrimeline.org).

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

From the Dare County Sheriffs Office December 3, 2015: The Dare County Sheriff's Office is investigating a series of motor vehicle breaking and enterings that occurred in Colington Harbour. These crimes took place between November 29, 2015 at about 11:00pm to November 30, 2015 at 9:00am. There were items stolen as a result of these crimes, which are as follows: US currency, US coins, am/fm car stereo, and black Costa sunglasses. In addition, two body boards were stolen from one of the residences. The body boards are described as being black, blue, and white and the second black, red, and yellow.

Anyone having information about these crimes is asked to contact the Dare County Sheriff's Office at 252-473-3444 or the Dare Community CrimeLine at 252-473-3111. Anonymity Assured.

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## BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors recently voted to change the frequency of board meetings from monthly to bimonthly. This means that the 2016 schedule will be as follows: January, March, May, Annual Meeting in June, July, September, and November. The Board hopes that this will increase meeting attendance by increasing the items of interest on each agenda.



## COLINGTON HARBOUR SUNSET CONTEST

The OBX is well known for its sunsets. We want to see your best pics around the Harbour at sunset. The winning photo will be featured in the next Harbour Headlines. Send your photos to [chamanager@embarqmail.com](mailto:chamanager@embarqmail.com). Happy sunset hunting!



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## Christmas Word Scramble

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## HOLIDAY EATING TIPS

Christmas is a time of family, giving, and celebrating the birth of Jesus. We all know that with this comes busy days, shopping, late nights wrapping, and holiday parties.

This December, we suggest that our Colington residents, to stay optimistic and merry, by following these simple eating tips;

If you eat something and no one sees, it has no calories.

If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet soda.

When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you do not eat more than they do.

Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER count, such as hot chocolate, brandy, toast and Sara Lee Cheesecake.

Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.

Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something.

Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.

Anything consumed while standing has no calories. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.

Anything consumed from someone else's plate has no calories, since the calories rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to his/her plate. (We ALL know how calories like to cling!)

REMEMBER, **STRESSED** is **DESSERTS** spelled backwards



# Enjoy a Happy & Safe Christmas!

No time of year is as exciting and enjoyable as the coming holiday season! Throughout the Christmas season, family and friends, young and old, will gather to share the warmth that only this time of year brings.

Unfortunately, this season is also characterized by a tremendous amount of fires—many of which are traced back to seasonal decorations. The Colington Volunteer Fire Department believes that following a few common sense suggestions can prevent most fires:

**WATCH CHILDREN** Children are often the victims of fires. Be especially careful with matches and lighters. Teach children to stay away from candles, fireplaces and heaters.

**CHOOSE TOYS WITH CARE** Don't let a toy become a tragedy! Steer clear of any toy that produces heat or sparks. Make sure costumes and bed clothing are flame retardant and never buy any electrical toy that has not been thoroughly tested by a safety laboratory.

**CHECK YOUR LIGHTS** They may be pretty, but are they safe? Check your cord sets for damage. Make sure all lights are UL tested and that they are used properly. Never use any lights on a metal tree. Don't overload circuits, and use only outdoor-approved sets outside. Be sure to turn lights off before you leave home or go to bed.

**BE CAREFUL WITH DECORATIONS** Keep all decorations away from any flame or heating device. Choose only fire retardant type decorations. Be especially careful with dried grass or corn stalks!

**USE CANDLES WITH CAUTION** Take the time to trim wicks before lighting candles. This can reduce the

amount of soot they produce. Never burn candles for an extended period, and never leave them unattended. Candles cause numerous fires annually, especially this time of year.

**CHECK YOUR TREE** Fresh cut trees and other forms of "cut" decorations need plenty of water. Keep them fresh. Never place near warm or hot air and never use candles near them! Once they start to shed or dry out, get rid of them.

Also, don't forget about **SPACE HEATERS**. Give them at least 3 feet! Don't let children or wrapping paper get too close. Consider installing a cage around the heater to guard against accidents.

And finally, install and **TEST SMOKE ALARMS** and plan what to do should a fire occur. To start, a quick check of your smoke detector should insure that you will have sufficient warning of impending danger.

Also, plan and practice your family's **FIRE ESCAPE PLAN**. Remember, visitors could be unfamiliar with the best routes out of a strange house, especially in an emergency.



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## CVFD ORDERS NEW TRUCK

Your fire department is proud to announce that we have ordered our first new fire truck in over 20 years. To meet new insurance rating requirements, the department approved the purchase of a 75 foot ladder truck. This truck, known as a "Quint" in fire service jargon, is a combination ladder truck and fire engine and has the ability to handle many different situations, from vehicle wrecks to house fires. It will be equipped with medical supplies, as well. The truck is expected to be delivered around June and replaces a 28 year old truck. We appreciate the overwhelming community support that we've received on this project.

## HEROES WANTED.

Your fire department is always looking for a few good men and women to become volunteer fire fighters. Training drills are held on Tuesday evenings. Experience is not necessary, but physical ability and a willingness to serve your neighbor is. Call or drop by the fire station to speak with someone about the exciting possibilities of becoming a fire fighter. (252) 441-6234. Visit our website at [www.colingtonfd.com](http://www.colingtonfd.com)

## COMMITTEE TO PLAN COLINGTON HARBOUR DAY

The Board is looking for volunteers to plan "Colington Harbour Day". This would be a self-funded event to take place in the spring of 2016. This would be a fully self-funded event that would take place in the spring of 2016. It would be a chance for Colington Harbour residents to get together for good food and fun, meet local vendors, and enjoy entertainment with your neighbors. For information, or to help, contact [chamanager@embarqmail.com](mailto:chamanager@embarqmail.com).

**FIRST ANNUAL  
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HARBOUR  
DAY!**

## WRITE FOR THE HARBOUR HEADLINES

We are looking for people to write articles for the Harbour Headlines about community events, local interests, and school happenings. We are primarily looking for topics that involve Colington Harbour, but if you have another topic that affects our local community, feel free to share that as well. If you are interested in writing articles, or just have an idea on topics you would like to see, please send an email with the proposed article and/or topics to [chamanager@embarqmail.com](mailto:chamanager@embarqmail.com). Articles must be fact based to be considered for the newsletter. This is not a venue for personal opinions or political statements.

## MINI GARLIC MONKEY BREAD SERVES: 12 SERVINGS

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 (7.5oz) can buttermilk biscuits
- 6 Tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 Tablespoons dried parsley
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese, w/ more for garnishing

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly spray a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.
2. With a knife, cut each biscuit into quarters and place in a bowl. Stir the butter, garlic, parsley, and 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese. Pour mixture over biscuit pieces, and toss together until everything is evenly coated.
3. Place 4 to 5 biscuit pieces in each muffin cup. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese.
4. Bake for 9-12 minutes, or until golden. Serve warm.

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The Colington Yacht Club Turkey Race held on November 21 was quite successful, with beautiful weather and a total of 7 boats participating. First place went to Bahari, with Lawrence Battaile as Captain, who donated the prize turkey to the Colington Fire House. Second place went to Alex Debrow on Sarah 1, and Third place went to Jan & Jeff DeBlieu on Three Hearts. Thanks to George Litwin, who was the committee boat captain and crew: Donna and Lisa and George's daughter, Michelle.

***The Lighted Boat Parade is Saturday night December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 6:00 pm in the Harbour. It's sure to be spectacular! Hot chocolate and donuts will be served in the parking lot next to the dock. Celebrate the New Year on New Year's Day with a sail at 1:00. If you don't have a boat and would like to go, be at the dock by 12:50 and someone will pick you up.***



**IN MEMORY** Donna Dillon Welch, 57, of Grandy, NC, died on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center. Born in Hampton, Virginia, she was the daughter of Patricia Dillon of Elizabeth City and the late Daniel Lajune Dillon, Sr. of Sligo. Donna worked as a gate guard for Colington Harbour for the past 15 years.

Donna was well known and loved by countless people in the community. Many of the residents of Colington Harbour thought of her as family, bringing her plates of food on Thanksgiving and Christmas while she worked the gate. Even though she had to work, they made sure she knew they cared. She loved interacting with visitors at the gate, and was always on top of the latest beach news. If the beach was expecting snow or a hurricane, Donna was the first one to say so. Her life revolved around her work, her family, her birds, and her granddog, Max.

Along with her mother, Donna is survived by her husband, Lee Roy Welch, Jr.; a daughter, Casey Elkie of Grandy; a son, Daniel Clifton of Keystone Heights, FL; and step-children, Tonda and Roy Norris of Jacksonville, FL and their families. Donna also leaves behind four sisters, Diane Markellos, Nancy Mattingly, Kelly Dillon, & Pat Pearson; as well as two brothers, Richard Lunsford & Danny Dillon.





## WHY HAVEN'T THEY LEFT?

Even though the osprey, robins and other migrating birds have left Colington Harbour, the Canadian Geese still remain. These geese were at one time migrating birds, which visited us in the spring, and leave in the winter. However, the birds that we see in the Harbour are not migrating birds. They tend to stay the entire year. Most of them were born here, and have no knowledge that they should leave.

They stay here year-round, since people feed them and aid their offspring, so why should they migrate? They have everything here that they need. We give them food, access to water, and we encourage them to stay and raise their young. They begin to breed when they are about 3 years of age and typically lay a clutch of 4-8 eggs. Assuming there is a flock of 30 birds, visiting us, eating our grass and being fed and 50% are female, we could have 75 additional birds each year.

### Protect Yourself From Diseases

1. Wear protective gloves while working in areas of geese.
2. Wash hands after performing activities that could contaminate hands with goose feces. It is highly recommended to wash hands before eating or touching the mouth.
3. If goose contaminated soils will be disturbed, follow guidelines for protecting yourself from histoplasmosis infection.
4. Launder work clothes daily and shower at the end of each workday, if exposed to goose feces.

5. Those who develop gastrointestinal infections have their stools tested for cryptosporidium, giardia and campylobacter (Kassa et al. 2001) (Canada Goose Management Website, University of Nebraska –Lincoln).

If we can stop feeding them and stop making it comfortable for them to stay, it will make the Harbour a safer and healthier place for all of us.

If your neighbors are feeding the geese, ask them if they can stop to make the Harbour safer. Also watch your dogs, as

they have the tendency to eat goose feces.

There are various ways in which the government will assist with aiding and dealing with goose management. The USDA and NC Fish and Wildlife are just two agencies that will get involved. The main approach would be to make it uncomfortable for the geese to stay here.



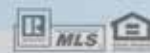
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