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COLINGTON HARBOUR, NORTH CAROLINA

BLOG FROM THE BOARD..... YOU'RE ON THE BOARD.....NOW WHAT?

Probably the most important thing to realize is that by becoming a board member you could have the awesome responsibility to think about the welfare of the entire association. You could set aside the needs and desires of any single owner, including yourself. This is not easy, but it is extremely important.



Being on the Board of Directors is important for a variety of reasons. Most importantly, you will be able to make a positive and direct impact on the future direction of your community. Your input is used to make a positive impact on the value of your investment and your home. Most potential buyers evaluate the community value in addition to the square footage. The value of your home is directly affected by the quality of the common areas, amenities, the enforcement of the rules and regulations, the adequacy of reserve funds, and the community spirit.

As new seats open on the Colington Harbour Association Board, you have the opportunity to serve and gain a better understanding and appreciation for the role of the Board. Your community appreciates your willingness to serve and work together in making our community a better place to live!
See you at the next meeting,

Sharon Wheless,
Secretary



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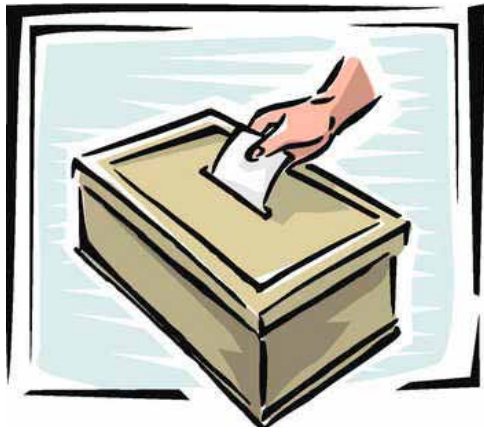


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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

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 June annual meeting of the Association. Statement of candidacy must be accompanied by endorsements of candidacy signed by ten (10) members in good standing, as well as a brief statement of not more than one hundred (100) words limited to biographical background.

FIRST ANNUAL COLINGTON HARBOUR SUNSET PHOTO CONTEST

Howard Snyder was our winner of our first sunset competition. The runner up was **J.W. Johnson**.

It was a tough decision and there were a lot of great photos submitted, but we had to pick one. I was glad to see the community responses. Keep those great pics coming for your chance to be featured in the next issue of the Harbour Headlines.

Thanks and congratulations to our winner. To submit, please email photos to chamanager@embarqmail.com, Happy Sunset Shooting!



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GOOD NEWS FOR 2016

By Cristina Garey

2015 was a good year for Outer Banks real estate and values. The number of units sold was at the highest level since 2005. Foreclosures saw a 37% decline.

Specifically in Colington, we saw a 12% increase, in the median sale price of houses. The number of houses sold went from 84 to 114. We sold 30 more houses in 2015 than in 2014! Currently the median sale price is \$239,000.

Lot sales in Colington had a slight increase in median sale price: \$43,000 in 2014 and \$46,000 in 2015. The total number of lots sold in 2015 was 27 compared to 21 the previous year.*

According to the National Association of Realtors' Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, we should expect a more moderate price increase this year. The forecast is a 4 to 5% price increase in 2016.

To watch Mr. Yun's entire Forecast 2016 interview go to: youtube.com/watch?list=PLJ8nxcZniP62hQOx_5FIML-bU3qlcfrpQ&v=l-wXsy6gkEg

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WHAT CHA HOMEOWNERS WANT TO SEE IN THE HARBOUR HEADLINES

Have you always wanted to write for the New York Times...? Well everyone needs to start somewhere! Here is your chance to write for the Harbour Headlines. We are looking for a few people to write articles about community events, interests, school happenings; you name it. 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 more of, please send an email with the proposed article and or topics to chamanager@embarqmail.com. Please keep in mind that articles must be fact based to be considered for the newsletter. This is not an appropriate venue for personal opinions or political statements.

COMMITTEE TO PLAN COLINGTON HARBOUR DAY

The Board is looking for volunteers to to plan "Colington Harbour Day". This would be a fully self-funded event that would take place in the spring of 2016. It would be a chance to for Colington Harbour residents to get together for good food and fun, meet local vendors, and enjoy entertainment with your neighbors. Email chamanager@embarqmail.com for more info.

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THE CVFD ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IS NOW UNDERWAY

Winter fire safety tips...heating alternatives

Now that winter is in full swing, families throughout our area have prepared their homes for winter's chill. In the past couple of decades, alternatives such as fireplaces, wood stoves, and space heaters have become popular.

On the plus side, these alternate heating sources are less expensive to buy, install, and run than central heating systems. On the minus side, they can cause fires that cost hundreds of millions of dollars in property loss each year.

Across the US, many alternative heating fires are caused by human error, not just mechanical failure. Here are some suggestions for those who use space heaters or wood stoves:

- Use only safety-listed equipment. Look for the UL label on oil and electric heaters; a UL or AGA label on gas appliances.
- Always use the proper fuel for your particular type of heater. When refueling an oil unit, avoid overfilling it. In addition, never fill your heater while it is burning.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure your house wiring is adequate. A hot cord or plug can indicate a possible overloaded circuit.
- Maintain adequate clearance in all directions around heaters and stoves—away from walls and combustibles such as curtains, beds, or other furniture. We suggest 3 feet as a minimum clearance. Use a screen.
- Frequently check hoses and fittings for damage or cracks. Have your chimney inspected by a licensed professional annually.

For those of you that enjoy using your fireplace:

- Never use flammable liquids to start or quicken a fire. Never burn charcoal in your fireplace; it gives off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Use a metal screen in front of your fireplace to keep burning embers inside.
- Keep the size of your fire manageable. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Keep flammable materials off your mantel and well away from the fireplace.
- Be sure the fire in the fireplace is out when you go to bed. Never close the damper while the ashes are still hot.

These few precautions will help you enjoy the plus side of heating alternatives and avoid the minus side.

One of the most important items in every home is a smoke alarm. Fire safety professionals recommend that you have a working smoke alarm on every level of your

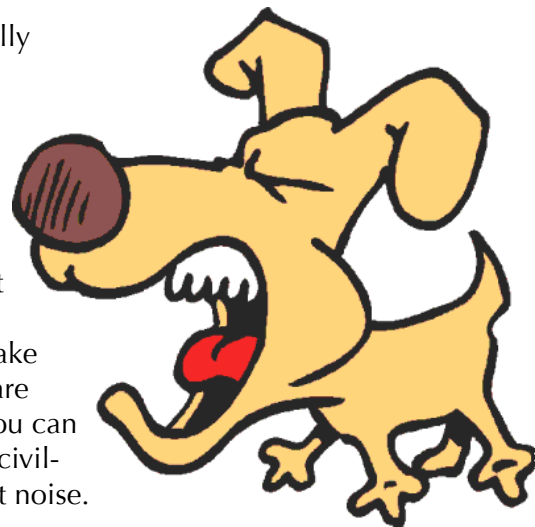
home, and in every bedroom. Why is it so important? It is because in the United States roughly 80% of fire deaths occur in the home. Nearly half the residential fires and three-fifths of residential fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms. And, a working smoke alarm more than doubles your chance of surviving a fire in your home, simply because they alert you to a potential fire, giving valuable seconds to escape. That's right, seconds. Test your alarm once a month, and replace those that are over ten years old. They lose effectiveness over time.

And as always...

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has openings for Volunteer Firefighters. **Call us at 441-6234, or look us up on the web at www.colingtonfd.com**

SOMETIMES A BARK CAN FEEL WORSE THAN A BITE

Bites eventually go away, but barking can go on, and on, and on. Sometimes, it seems that there's almost nothing you can do. But take heart! There are some steps you can take to put a civil-end to all that noise.



First, don't blame the dog. It is not its fault. Second, don't automatically blame the neighbor. They may be at work all day (or night), completely unaware that the dog is barking at all. The very best thing you can do is to politely remind your neighbor that the dog is barking incessantly while s/he is away. If the owner is aware, and just doesn't seem to care, you can always call the Association office to file an official complaint.

If you're the owner of a barking dog, try to remember that your neighbors really don't want to report you. They just want some peace and quiet. The sound of your barking dog may make you feel secure, but it's nerve-racking to others. There are lots of reputable dog trainers who can teach you how to quiet even the most boisterous barkers. Responsible pet owners make great neighbors!



COLINGTON HARBOUR YACHT AND RACQUET CLUB NEWS

With the new year comes a renewal of the Colington Harbor Yacht and Racquet Club contract with the association. This is a five-year option that will take us through the end of the year 2020.

We are pleased to let our members know their membership dues have been well-managed. As you know all members of the association who are in "good standing", i.e. (all association dues are current). Currently, we have over 400 members. The Club membership is up significantly in the last five years.

The Board members who are all volunteers, have a huge responsibility and we take our positions very seriously. The dues have not increased since 2001, and we do not plan to do so anytime soon.

Our Club is organized as a non-profit, which means all income over expenses is return to the property. With the club being independent and paying its own insurance, coverage was increased from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 to benefit all the property owners.

We have several new projects planned for 2016. New table and chairs have already been purchased and they look great. Also, we plan to upgrade the men's rest room. The ladies rest room was renovated in 2013. Also, in 2013, we completely upgraded the entrance and stairways with a fresh coat of paint, and new carpet on the stairs and hallway. Our pool is Saline (Salt Water System), which was upgraded in 2011. Last spring we brightened the snack shack and pump house with a bright clean Caribbean look. We plan to purchase more vibrant umbrellas to finish the look.

With your dues and a lot of hard-working volunteers, we re-surfaced the entire pool and wading pool. A lot of time is spent looking for the best contractors that will save the club money.

All these projects are possible because of our loyal members, and new folks that want to take advantage of the most competitive prices on the Outer Banks. (\$200 for a family membership).

We are a handful of dedicated people who make it our business to do the best we can with the trust and confidence you have given us.

The annual meeting for the club is on the second Saturday in October (October 8th, 2016). Attendance is usually very low and we take this not as a lack of interest, but a show of confidence that we are doing a good job.

If there is any budding journalist in our membership that would like to have their own by line in the Harbour Headlines, please let me know. You would be the voice for the club and keep the community abreast of board activities in the coming. You can contact me, Jane Wirth, President, if you are interested. Call me at 252-305-2153.

Don't forget to like the Colington Harbor Yacht and Racquet Club Facebook page. I'll catch up with you in the spring newsletter.

Jane Wirth
President CHYRC

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MEATBALL SUB CUPCAKES 12 CUPCAKES

INSTRUCTIONS

1 can refrigerated
crescent dinner rolls
4 oz. cream cheese,
softened
¾ tsp Italian
seasoning
1 cup shredded
mozzarella
12 (1oz) frozen
meatballs
1 ¼ cup spaghetti
sauce



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375. Spray 12 regular size muffin cups with cooking spray. Set aside.
2. Remove dough from can; press seams to seal and press into an 8x18 inch rectangle. Cut dough into 12 squares. Press squares into muffin pan cups.
3. Combine cream cheese, Italian seasoning and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese.
4. Divide the cream cheese mixture in the bottom of each muffin cup. Place meatballs on top of cheese; top each meatball with 2 tablespoons spaghetti sauce. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella cheese.

Recipe from plainchicken.com

COLINGTON HARBOUR CLASSIFIED ADS

The Colington Harbour Association is adding a new section to this Harbour Headlines newsletter (as well as online) called The Colington Classifieds.

This new classified section will allow Harbour residents in good standing an outlet to advertise cars, boats, and other items for sale for a small fee of \$5. Ad must be 250 characters or less (no houses or rooms for rent).

To learn more, as well as to place your classified ad in the next issue, please call the CHA office at (252) 441-5886, or visit www.ColingtonHarbour.net. Thanks, we look forward to adding this service feature for you all.

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COLINGTON HARBOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

2015 Lighted Boat Parade took place in delightful weather on 12 December at dusk.

Sixteen Boats were counted circling the harbor for about an hour between 5:30 and 6:30, along with the Colington Fire Boat, which drew attention with its siren from time to time, alerting everyone to the festivity.

Colington Yacht Club sponsors this event, with hot cocoa and treats generously donated by Duck Doughnuts, and cookies, made by members, served to spectators at dockside. Firemen Trevor Tilley and Cameron Perry were kind enough to stand as judges with the criteria of "Most Crowd Pleasing" this year.

And the Winner Was.... **Time 4**



Play, owned by **Tom and Marilyn Byrnes** of Eagle Drive in Colington Harbour.

Santa was part of the Crew and Candycanes were thrown to the crowd with glee. A prize of \$50.00 may yield some additional wattage next year.

The parade is open to all boat owners and one needn't be a member of CYC. Criteria for next year - **Most Beautiful Display** - So begin planning today!

See www.colingtonyachtclub.com for more pictures.



COLINGTON HARBOUR WORD SEARCH

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