



November – December 2010

HARBOUR HEADLINES

UPDATE: Marine Construction

Application *By George Wood*

The Colington Harbour Homeowners Association's Board has contracted with Environmental Professionals, Inc. (George Wood) to promote an application for improvements at the common property surrounding the Club House. Plans for the proposed improvements are available at the Association's office, and this article will attempt to describe those plans.

Colington Harbour Association, Inc. ("CHA") owns common property dispersed throughout Colington Harbour. The focus of the application is the nine-acre recreational amenity at the end of Colington Drive. This recreational campus has been the recipient of numerous permits for improvement, and CHA desires to consolidate the numerous projects it might undertake in the next 5-7 years into one permit. CHA also wants to document the existing facilities so that should repair be necessary, the State has accurate records.

Existing Conditions - The most obvious structures at the site are the clubhouse and swimming pool. These structures are accessed by walkways from the parking at the end of Colington Drive and parking on the lower level.



Forty-three defined parking spaces for cars and 13 car/boat parking spaces are distributed around the Helipad on the lower level. Sixteen parking spaces are provided at the upper level. The clubhouse has porches and walkways to the sound and to the pool area. The pool is surrounded by an ample concrete apron and supports a pool house and a large observation deck on the west side.

Boating is an important amenity of the campus, and access for launching is provided by the boat ramp. A small shed exists near the ramp and is used by the youth sailing program. The bulkhead

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Meet the Candidates Night *By Jerry Raveling*

In previous years, I have planned, organized and conducted "Meet the Candidates" programs for the Colington Harbour Association's ("CHA") Board of Directors, the Dare County board of Commissioners, and the Dare County Sheriff's Office.

On September 21, 2010, I received a request that CHA conduct a Meet the Candidates Program for two important races: the at-large seat for the Dare County Board of Commissioners (BOC) where Jack Shea (R) is the incumbent, and Robin Mann (D) is the challenger, and for the Dare County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) where Rodney Midgett (D) is the incumbent and Doug Doughtie (R) is the challenger.

At the September CHA Board of Director's meeting, I briefed the Board on the proposed program. Basics included:

- Colington Harbour would be responsible for planning, organizing and conducting the program.
- With national, state, county and local elections scheduled for November 2nd, the latest the program should be scheduled would be no later than the period of October 4-11.
- The four candidates would need to be contacted on or before September 29th to determine their willingness to participate.
- It was proposed the program be held at the Colington Volunteer Fire Department's (CVFD) auditorium (capacity 90 people).
- Members of the following communities would be invited to attend: Baum Bay Harbor, Bay Cliff, Cliffs of Colington, Colington Harbour, Colingwood, Bermuda Bay, Swan View Shores, and Waters Edge. Also, members of the BOC and DCSO, and representatives of the Coastland Times, Sentinel and Virginian Pilot would be invited.

I stated that this was a good opportunity to establish relations with the BOC and DCSO candidates. Costs would be minimal and would be principally limited to reproduction costs of letters and program materials. *(Continued on page 2)*

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Also, six to ten volunteers would be required to support the program.

The Board approved our participation in the program before the end of its meeting.

Brief Review of Program Preparation Actions:

September 22 – Met with the CVFD's Deputy Chief Glenn Rainey and we agreed to schedule our program on the night of October 6th (later changed to October 8th).

September 23 – All candidates agreed to participate in the program.

September 24 – Faxed press release for the program to local

newspapers, selected radio stations and Dorothy Toolan – Dare County Public Relations Coordinator. Began the process of editing copies of previous Meet the Candidates programs to meet the specifics of the planned October 8 program. This process was completed by September 28. Copies made for distribution to the candidates and program audience.

September 27 – Sent letters acknowledging the candidates participation in the program. Delivered flyers for the program to representatives of Colington Road communities.

September 28 – Took flyers to local businesses and, upon approval, posted them at the businesses.

October 4 – Finalized list of Harbour volunteers for the program. They were: Don Porter and Jean House – Question Collection Monitors; Gloria Porter – Question Organizer / Assistant Timer; Nina Raveling – Timer; and Deke Bolte – Cape Management Support.

Wrap-Up: Following opening statements, audience questions, candidate questions and closing statements, the program was completed before the scheduled completion time. Approximately 60 people were in attendance.

We sincerely thank the management and staff of the CVFD for their support in providing their services and auditorium space. We extend our thanks to the four candidates who participated. Best of luck to each of them as the ballots are counted after November 2nd. Our appreciation is extended to the volunteers from Colington Harbour and Cape Management for their support.




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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor:

I would love to see a sidewalk/bike trail installed in our community, and would gladly give up a few feet of property for this purpose. Throughout the neighborhood, our streets are narrow, hilly, and winding with poor visibility, creating a serious hazard for pedestrians, skateboarders, or bike riders. I believe it's just a matter of time before there's a real tragedy. Is a plan in the works for an amenity of this kind? If so, when can we anticipate seeing some progress? Thank you.
- Harbour View Drive Resident

Obviously, this is a potentially large and expensive project. We've posted this topic on the CHA website (www.colingtonharbour.net), and would ask homeowners to provide opinions: Is this a potentially worthwhile project for CHA's consideration? Would you like CHA to conduct preliminary research to determine the potential scope and expense of sidewalks/bike trails?

Dear Editor:

Even with police patrols within the Harbour, the crime rate continues to rise in our community, and the guard gate staff seems to get most of the blame because most residents assume that criminals are not supposed to be in our community in the first place. This is not necessarily true as, in reality, many of our crimes are at the hands of our own community's residents and children.

Regardless, we need to stand up and take responsibility and protect our own property! Taking precautionary measures – like locking cars, homes, sheds and putting other easy targets away – is both simple and effective.

Also, I have personally spent time with the security staff, and can tell you that they see so many people every day that it would be impossible for them to have each person pull to the side and fill out paperwork (as someone in the last issue of Harbour Headlines suggested). Also, our community is

patrolled by Dare County officers... this is not the job of our security staff at the guard gate!

I am excited to see how the new security cameras and community watch team works out. I think that these are both very positive and effective improvements. Anyone who doesn't know our security staff should stop by and say "Hi". They serve us 24/7/365.

-The Hamrick Family

Our new community watch program is, indeed, up and running with over a dozen volunteers.

If homeowners are interested in lending a hand, please contact Deke Bolte at the CHA office (252-441-5886).



WANTED: Letters to the Editor

Have an issue you'd like to bring to the community's attention? Send an email to the Editor of Harbour Headlines at chamanager@embarqmail.com, and we may print your letter.

Dare County Crime Blotter...



BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO: On 9/8/10, deputies took a report of a B&E and larceny from a vehicle. This possibly occurred in the 700 block of Harbourview Drive in Colington. A GPS and an IPOD were stolen.

BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE: On 9/8/10, deputies took a report of a B&E and larceny from the 900 block of Colington Drive in Colington. The victim reported that the back door of the residence had been kicked in.

BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE: On Friday, September 24th, deputies took a report of a B&E and larceny from Steve Basnight Rd. on Roanoke Island. The homeowner reported the theft of a safe, which had been previously

recovered in the area of the Washington Baum bridge approximately 1 month ago. Missing from the safe is a 9mm Taurus handgun.

BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE: Breaking, Entering and Larceny from occurred on Croatan Way in Manns Harbor between 10/01/10 and 10/11/10. Unknown person(s) removed a bicycle and tools from an unlocked storage building.

BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE: A Breaking, Entering and Larceny from a Residence on Sir Chandler Dr. in Colington occurred on 10/02/10. The unknown persons removed two Beach Cruiser Bicycles and a Pellet Gun from the unlocked Storage room.

BREAKING & ENTERING BOAT: Breaking, Entering and Larceny occurred from a boat on Beverly Dr. in Wanchese on 10/06/10. A neighbor witnessed two people leaving Spencer Yachts around 04:50 hours with backpacks on. He confronted them as they tried to leave and he was able to remove their backpacks and identify one of the two suspects. After further

investigation search warrants were issued for the suspects residences and most of the stolen property has been recovered. The approx total value of the property stolen was \$4,900. This is still an ongoing investigation and arrest warrants are pending.

BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO: Breaking, Entering and Larceny of auto occurred in Wanchese on Old Schoolhouse Rd. on 10/07/10. Unknown suspect(s) stole a GPS Garmin.

BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE: Breaking, Entering and Larceny from a residence occurred on Partridge Trail in Colington on 10-09-10. The suspect's entered the victim's residence through an unlocked door. The victim stated that there was a 1980's model Gray GEO METRO in the driveway. Once inside they noticed the vehicle was gone. Missing from the residence was \$370 in jewelry (6 rings).

DARE COUNTY COMMUNITY CRIME LINE: Report anonymously to: www.darecommunitycrimeline.org or call (252) 473-3111, or Toll-Free at: (800) 745-2746, thanks for your help!

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Marine Construction Application (Continued)

parking lot is used for boats staging for retrieval, and a boat lift exists on the eastern edge to accommodate a rescue vessel.

Twenty-four slips are available for in-water storage of boats which are leased by CHA. A (currently inoperable) fuel dock is available along the shoreline.

The remaining stretch of bulkhead within the harbour is used for short-term (hours) side to mooring, and a small dock accommodates larger boats that must stand off the bulkhead in deeper water. The channel entrance is bulkheaded on both sides, and an easement is provided for the bulkhead on the south side of the channel. Two wooden jetties extend into the sound to stabilize the channel. The southern jetty is 180 feet long, and the northern is 200 feet long.

Rock rip-rap is located at the jetty shoreline interface on the north side, and a sandy beach extends north approximately 280 feet which is "stabilized" by six groins. Landward of the shoreline are picnic facilities, swing sets, benches, boardwalks, play platform, and a bath house.

The shoreline continuing north is armed by an existing retaining wall protecting a majestic live oak and angling back towards the water a bulkhead. Shoreline stabilization is aided by three additional groins. At the northern extreme of the bulkhead is 12-foot wide rip-rap extending approximately 130 feet south.

Proposed Plan - The concrete boat ramp has two areas on either side which are armed with stone. These areas are a hazard to launching should a boat trailer's tire fall into these voids. The proposal is to extend the concrete to the bulkhead walls to the normal water level (not below the water line).

The fuel dock area has been a problem because of the deep "vee" which requires boats to align for fueling in a very difficult orientation. The plan is to remove the "vee" by installing 65 feet of bulkhead, a maximum of 20 feet (average 11.5 feet) into the basin and backfilling. This alignment not only allows for more efficient access to this once popular amenity, but also removes the fuel storage tanks from the 30-foot public trust buffer.

A new bulkhead will continue along the "park" area which will be aligned two feet average (five feet maximum) along the 315 feet of bulkhead shoreline. The existing dock will be removed, and a six-foot wide boardwalk will be installed along the landward side of the new bulkhead.

The 20-foot wide area adjacent to the fueling docks and the new bulkhead will be maintenance excavated to -4 feet normal water. An excavator will deposit the material behind a silt fence constructed along the 30-foot buffer. When the material is dry, it will be spread along the shoreline and grassed.

The northern 210 feet of bulkhead along the access channel is proposed to be repaired, replacing some pilings, boards, and whalers. This repair will extend to the northern jetty. The northern and southern jetties are in continuous need of repair. This request is to authorize the continuing repair activities.

As an alternative to timber, a stone design was prepared to offer a more permanent and more maintenance-free option for the jetties. Wood, vinyl and stone options are under consideration pending CAMA approval.

These rock jetties will extend the same distance off shore as the existing wooden jetties; however, the northern jetty will be realigned to make it parallel to the southern jetty. The channel entrance will be +/- 120 feet wide at the NWL.



Almost yearly or bi-annually the access channel must be dredged. The most recent was conducted in 2010. This permit anticipates this continued need and reflects the request for maintenance dredging as required. The figures in the application depict the maintenance to the end of the six-foot shoal by hydraulic dredging. It is unlikely that the entire channel would ever be dredged at one time, and dredging of the encroaching shoal to -6 feet would be authorized if this permit is allowed. The anticipated average spoil generation is 1,500 cubic yards. The sandy material will be placed in a dike disposal area between the playground area and the 30-foot buffer. This 270 foot long by 60 foot wide by 6 foot high diked containment area will contain approximately 2,750 cubic yards allowing a +/- 1:1.75 ratio of dredge material to containment area.

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Manager's Report

Community Association Fundamentals

What a boring title. But as boring as it may sound, some folks don't know what the Colington Harbour Association does, why it collects (mandatory) dues, or what your rights are as a homeowner within this community.

The Community Association Institute developed the following list of fundamentals to foster a better understanding of how associations function and the roles of residents and association leaders:

- 1 Associations ensure that the collective rights and interests of homeowners are respected and preserved.
- 2 Associations are the most local form of representative democracy, with leaders elected by their neighbors to govern in the best interest of all residents.
- 3 Associations provide services and amenities to residents, protect property values and meet the established expectations of homeowners.
- 4 Associations succeed when they cultivate a true sense of community, active homeowner involvement and a culture of building consensus.
- 5 Association homeowners have the right to elect their community leaders and to use the democratic process to determine the policies that will protect their investments.
- 6 Association homeowners choose where to live and accept a contractual responsibility to abide by established policies and meet their financial obligations to the association.
- 7 Association leaders protect the community's financial health by using established management practices and sound business principles.
- 8 Association leaders have a legal and ethical obligation to adhere to the association's governing documents and abide by all applicable laws.
- 9 Association leaders seek an effective balance between the preferences of individual residents and the collective rights of homeowners.
- 10 Association leaders and residents should be reasonable, flexible and open to the possibility—and benefits—of compromise.

Hope this summary helps. Happy Holidays!



Colington Volunteer Fire Department Update

For this issue, we wanted to focus on a couple of important topics that have recently affected your fire department. Thanks for taking the time to read our articles and stay informed about what we do in the community. Stop by our website at www.colingtonfd.com.

No Parking In Front Of or Beside Fire Hydrants

Occasionally we receive phone calls from the community, or firefighters come across vehicles and boats that are parked too close to fire hydrants. This presents a serious safety risk to both folks that are experiencing a fire and those of us that are fighting the fire. Blocked hydrants cause delays and even force us to use hydrants that may be a thousand feet or more from where we need our apparatus. NC law requires 15 feet of clearance in front of a fire hydrant, and on either side. Fences may not be placed within 3 feet of a hydrant, as it greatly interferes with firefighter access to hydrants. Vegetation that obstructs hydrants must be removed as well. If you are not able to clear obstructions, or if it appears your hydrant is damaged or otherwise needs attention, please call the Dare County Water Department

or us so that action can be taken to restore the hydrant to full use before it is needed and found to be unusable.

Move To The Right For Siren And Light

We can't stress enough how important it is to yield to emergency vehicles. It's the law, and it allows Fire, Police and EMS to safely and quickly respond to emergencies. Whether we approach from the rear or from the opposite direction, pull to the right shoulder as soon as you can do so safely. This is very important on the narrow roads throughout Colington. On divided lane highways, such as Croatan Highway, when we approach from the rear, pull to the right shoulder as soon as you can do so safely. Never pull into the left turn lane. That is one of the most unsafe moves you can make. If you are stopped at a red light, stay put. Don't try to move out of the way. We are trained to safely navigate around stopped cars. And remember, "Move to the right for siren and light"!

Test Those Detectors

October 3 – 9 was National Fire Prevention Week,

and firefighters across the country visited schools, held open houses and related activities to share life safety education with everyone. One major problem that affects households everywhere, including right here in Dare County is non-working smoke detectors. Did you know that a working smoke detector more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire in your home? Most fatal fires occur in residences late at night or very early in the morning, when nearly everyone are asleep. Smoke only deepens a person's sleep, making a simple smoke detector a true life saving device when installed and maintained according to manufacturers standards. Test your detector at least once a month, and if has a 9 volt battery, replace it annually, even if it is just a backup battery for an electric smoke detector. Clean and vacuum your detectors often, to prevent false alarms and allow for better sensitivity to smoke. Replace smoke detectors that are older than ten years as they will lose their efficiency after that period. Call us for more information at (252) 441-6234.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Scheduled for Nov. 13th

The annual Spaghetti dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th. Come enjoy a fine meal of home-made spaghetti, salad, fresh bread and desserts. Dinner is served from 5 p.m. until 8, or while it lasts. Take out also available. Proceeds benefit our ongoing equipment purchases.

Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club Seasonal Activities

We would like to introduce you to your 2010 - 2011 members of the Board of Directors:

Jack Leonard is new to the Board of Directors and will be the new President of the Board as well as the new Treasurer. Jane Wirth is returning to the Board of Directors and will be assuming the role of Vice President. Dolores Norton is remaining on the Board of Directors and will be assuming the role of Secretary. Mary Ann Johnson and Fran Collins are also new to the Board of Directors and Jim Dale is remaining on the Board as well as Don Brady who will continue on the Board as the CHA Liaison.

All of these individuals are volunteers and have offered to serve in their current capacity in an effort to keep CHY&RC operating efficiently and smoothly. They welcome your input and feedback concerning club matters. Please come to the next monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, Nov 18th. The date of this meeting is changed to a week earlier than usual due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. This Board would like to see all members, young and old, come to the meetings and events. Additionally, volunteers are needed in every capacity and it is volunteers, both members and non members, that keep our expenses to a minimum. All members are urged to participate in any manner that they have the time and talent to do so.

The Secretary would like to receive as many of the Club member email addresses as possible in order to create a Distribution List for mailings. These mailings will include announcements of upcoming events and happenings. This email list will not be shared with any other organization and the email addresses will not appear in the email themselves. Please send your preferred EMAIL ADDRESS to activities@chyrc.org so that the list will include you for distribution of the information to be shared. With all the new activities we know you will want to get the latest information without delay.



List of Social Activities for November and December:

Social Hours on Saturdays: Nov 6 and Dec 18. These are held from 6PM until 8PM, BYOB and an appetizer

'Light Up Night Social': at the Club House will be on Saturday, Dec 4 from 6PM until 8PM BYOB and an appetizer.

Monthly Club Dinners on Saturdays: Nov 20th (Turkey Shoot) and Dec 11 (Christmas Dinner) – please watch the bulletin board at the front gate for details. Sign up and come and enjoy a wonderful meal cooked by your neighbor and spend time with your friends.

Children's Cookies with Santa: will be Sunday, Dec 5 - noon until 2PM. This will be open to ALL CHILDREN of the residents of Colington Harbour - please watch the bulletin board at the front gate for details.

Ladies Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, Dec 19th. Please watch the bulletin board at the front gate for details.

Autumn Session:

10 week activity Schedule:

In September we did have enough interest to start the Yoga and Zumba classes. Yoga is conducted in the lower level of the Club House every Tuesday thru Dec 7th from 5:30 until 6:30PM.

Zumba is conducted in the upper level of the Club House every Thursday (except Thanksgiving) thru Dec 16th from 5:30 until 6:30PM. If there are activities that you would like to see held at the club house please send your suggestions to: activities@chyrc.com. We will be planning the Winter Session - 10 week activity Schedule soon and will provide that information in the next Harbour Newsletter.

Unfortunately, we were unable to get interested parents to assist in the planning and implementation of a Halloween activity for the kids, so, this year we will not be able to have one. We do apologize for this turn of events but without your help and support we cannot accomplish everything. Hopefully, we will be able to get volunteers to coordinate one for next year.



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New Community Watch & Patrol Program



In response to the rash of crime within the community over the Summer, the Colington Harbour Association has formed a Community Watch program. Special thanks to Sargeant Tony DuVall as well as all of our volunteer members: David Ballou, Grace and Neil Bane, Deke Bolte, Marion Carroll, Colleen Castano, John Collins, Bob Hopkins, Michael Mason, Fred Massie, Robert Messinger, Ralph Preston, Jerry Raveling, Jim Roberts, Howard Snyder, and Phil Tate.

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Bonner Bridge Letter From Marc Basnight to President Barack Obama

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Dear Mr. President:

I write to you today to bring to your attention a shocking matter of safety and security that has been stymied for so many years that the only person who can resolve it is you.

The Herbert C. Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet in North Carolina is the only bridge that connects Americans to one of the nation's most beautiful and visited national parks, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. For the people of the Outer Banks, it is the only lifeline to their personal and economic survival. More than 5,000 people cross this bridge daily – twice that amount of traffic in the summer tourist season. Yet for over 20 years now, the bridge has continued to deteriorate and its replacement is long overdue.

Imagine for a moment a busload of school children traveling across the bridge. When the bus reaches the apex of the bridge's 3.3-mile span, the road collapses, sending the bus and all of the children into the water below. While this image is horrific, it is indeed possible. Thankfully, it is also avoidable – if the federal government acts now to remove all further obstacles and delays, so that construction may finally begin.

Instead, we continue to face unnecessary delays from a government that is more worried about the litigious threats of out-of-state environmental groups than about the public safety and economic well-being of the millions of motorists who cross the bridge every year. I plead with you to right this wrong that has wasted millions of dollars and infinite red tape over the years – at the hands of federal bureaucrats and at the risk of the safety of millions of people.

Two years ago, when the Interstate 35W bridge collapsed in Minneapolis and killed over a dozen people, many local residents wondered whether the same fate could occur here. The Bonner Bridge's safety rating is 2 out of 100 – almost 50 points lower than the I-35W bridge had been rated. The bridge

has fallen into the water already – as far back as 1983, Bonner Bridge was closed for damage repair when a span began to sag and had to be reinforced. In 1990, hurricane-force winds blew a dredge barge into the bridge, knocking out a center section of the span. Thankfully, no one was injured – but thousands of permanent residents of Hatteras were cut off from the mainland for four months except by air and ferry. During storms and nor'easters, high winds and visibility problems make crossing the bridge even more precipitous.

While safety is always our greatest concern, we must also consider the financial costs of delay. The Bonner Bridge replacement has been studied and reviewed for decades – at an everincreasing cost to taxpayers. If we had built this bridge 10 years ago it would have cost a fraction of the price. Up until 2005, the N.C. Department of Transportation spent more than \$30 million on studies and plans alone. Today, we have a bridge replacement plan that your own Environmental Protection Agency has proposed and that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers supports – yet federal highway attorneys have slowed down the process yet again. One recent document endured 11 separate legal reviews in just two months! I would argue that the Bonner replacement project is the most studied bridge in the history of our country. It is far past time to take action. The Congress and federal officials have created such a complex and repetitive maze of bureaucracy that replacing a dilapidated bridge has been studied and discussed for more than 20 years – and the new bridge is still nowhere in sight.

At stake in this battle is not only the economic future of generations of families, but also the rich cultural heritage that has been at the center of Americana since John White's arrival in the 16th Century. These coastal families, almost all of whom come from modest backgrounds such as yours and mine, have been under assault for almost a decade by these out-of-state and out-of-touch environmental groups whose ultimate goal is to remove all human activities from



Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands. The closure of many of our beaches on Cape Hatteras National Seashore devastated the local economy and put many families reeling from an already troubled economic climate into a tailspin. The imminent deterioration of the only permanent connection to the mainland has only helped in riveting up the fears and anxieties of both resident and visitor alike. Immediate action is woefully overdue. We have the opportunity now, after all this lost time and money, to have a new beginning.

I am pleased to let you know that the State of North Carolina already has funding set aside in the Transportation Improvement Program for the bridge replacement. Mr. President, only you and your Administration can shake loose this bureaucratic standstill. I would urge you to ask Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and their respective agencies to accept the design cleared by the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers and allow construction to begin as soon as possible.

Mr. President, I have had the privilege to meet you on several occasions and was especially touched by your immediate knowledge of the Lost Colony and the Outer Banks' role in our nation's history. I know you to be an honorable and decent man who is busier than any of us can imagine, but I ask you respectfully and forcefully to resolve this situation once and for all and clear the way for a replacement bridge immediately.

Yours truly,
Marc Basnight

Pool Closed for the Season

Special thanks to the following volunteers who helped close the CHY&RC pool with a new (\$4,000) pool cover: Dolores and Allen Norton, Holton and Nancy Bond, Fran and John Collins, Jack Leonard, Ken Johnson, Debbie Garber, Alisa Perry, Ed House, Josh and Matthew Poznanski, Dennis Mullen, Allen and Sara Dooley, and Christian Sheetz.



Marine Construction Application (Continued)

Because the material is sand, this containment space is adequate. Once the sandy material has dewatered, the material will be used for nourishment of the recreational bench just to the west. The groins will then be extended to 25 feet waterward of the shoreline to extend the life of the newly nourished beach. The highground area will then be restabilized with grass.

A new bulkhead is proposed north of the recreational beach to straighten out the alignment and enhance the ability of the bulkhead to withstand waves from the northwest. This 125 foot long bulkhead will extend a maximum of 12 feet into the sound with an average of 5.4 feet. This bulkhead will be armed with 12 feet of rip-rap which will extend along

the remaining bulkheaded shoreline and tie into the rip-rap on the north end of the project. The existing jetties will be extended to 25 feet of NWL along the new alignment.

This application will be submitted to the various State and Federal agencies for review. Although some components of the applications may not be constructed for some time, it is important to provide a comprehensive plan for improvement. The process for review is onerous and may result in modification to address agency concerns. The process will take 75-150 days to complete; so, there is adequate time to become informed about the proposal. CHA's Board will provide periodic updates as this application proceeds.

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Sidewalks / Bike Trails Project

Colington Harbour Association is interested your opinion of a potential large-scale project within our community. Specifically, some residents have expressed concern that our neighborhood streets are narrow, hilly, and winding with poor visibility, thereby creating a hazard for pedestrians, skateboarders, and bike riders. To address these issues, it has been proposed that CHA investigate the construction of sidewalks/bike trails, as necessary.

Please provide your input regarding this issue: Is this a potentially worthwhile project for CHA's consideration? Would you like CHA to conduct preliminary research to determine the potential scope and expense of sidewalks/bike trails?

We encourage you to visit our website, www.ColingtonHarbour.net and provide your input.

Thank you!

Ken Pagurek, President
Colington Harbour Association



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