



May – June 2011

# HARBOUR HEADLINES

## Entrance Security Update

The Association is nearly ready to implement the new barcode scanner / stoplight system. During the next several weeks, Association Board members, staff and volunteers will apply barcode decals to vehicles at the clubhouse office parking lot. We will begin advertising decal application dates and times via our website, email and community bulletin boards, so stay tuned. Please note that you will need to provide a current vehicle registration connected to the property address before we will issue a barcode decal. If you lease or rent, please bring paperwork identifying you to the Colington Harbour address.



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## New Committee Members

**Architectural Control Committee:** Robert Hopkins, William Snidow, and Diana Miller.

**Community Watch:** David Ballou, Grace and Neil Bane, Deke Bolte, Marion Carroll, Colleen Castano, John Collins, Bob Hopkins, Thomas Kennedy, Fred Massie, Jason McNair, Robert Messinger, Ralph Preston, Jim Roberts, Howard Snyder, and Phil Tate. Lieutenant Tony Duvall is our Dare County Sherriff's liaison.

**Sidewalk Committee:** Holton Bond, Bill and Holly Froelich, Anita Howard, Rob Lanz, and Steve Melov.



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## All Residents Welcome at Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar... the Colington Harbour Association's annual meeting is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM** at the Association clubhouse.

This meeting presents the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in our community. *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
- Review the proposed budget, and hear the Association Treasurer explain how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.

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!



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## Manager's Report

Since its inception, Colington Harbour was designed by its developer as a private "gated" community. Yet, until today, nothing has really prevented non-resident drivers from entering the Harbour through the right-hand lane at the front gate entrance.

However, as full-time residents have no doubt noticed, several big changes have occurred at the front entrance guardhouse recently that are designed to ensure the privacy of the Harbour community. Specifically, the Colington Harbour Association is installing 'stoplights' as well as a laser scanner device, which are all part of a new barcode scanner system that we are readying for deployment this Spring.

Obviously, the Harbour will still not have a physical gate like some other gated communities, which has been an option considered by the Association for years. Why did the Association opt against a real gate? Because the guard entrance is physically located so close to a busy thoroughfare, an actual gate system would have caused vehicles to back up outside of the Harbour during heavy traffic - which the County indicated was unacceptable. In contrast, a bar code scanner will allow residents to proceed into the community without stopping at all.

Once the system is fully deployed, residents will be required to affix a barcode decal to each vehicle that enables authorized residents to pass through the right-hand entrance lane without stopping. Guests, contractors and other non-residents will stop at the left-hand lane to receive authorization to enter the Harbour (much like they are supposed to do already).

Of note, in conjunction with the bar scanner and stop light system, the Association already has cameras and video recording devices mounted around the entrance that will capture and record unauthorized vehicles (and their license tags) that run a red light on the right-hand entrance. These cameras can also provide the Sheriff's department video evidence following crimes that occur in the Harbour.

As with most anything new, it will likely take awhile to work the bugs out of this system. In the meantime, we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.



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## (Entrance Security Update Continued)

Once the scanner system goes into operation, the right lane at the entrance will be for vehicles with barcode decals only. There will be a red light at the right lane that will turn green when a barcode vehicle passes the scanner. Drivers using the right lane are advised to be alert for vehicles that may slow down or stop until people are accustomed to the new traffic pattern.

Please note that if a vehicle passes through the light when it is red (i.e. no barcode decal is detected), an incident report will be automatically generated containing a photo of the vehicle and its license plate. The owner of the vehicle will then be sent a warning letter regarding

compliance. If the warning isn't heeded, the Association may subsequently fine property owners that fail to comply with the new barcode system.

In the event red-light runners aren't Harbour residents, the Association may file trespass complaints with the Sheriff's Department. We certainly hope this will prove to be the exception rather than the rule, but be advised, the entrance system will be enforced!

The left lane will have a manually-operated red and green light. This lane will be for anyone who does not have a barcode decal. The penalties for violating the red light in this lane are the same as the right lane.

Everyone's patience and compliance is greatly appreciated.

## Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club News

The **Fourth Annual Pig Pickin'** will be bigger than ever this year. It will be held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all residents and property owners in Colington Harbour. A new addition to the day's activities will be the High School Jazz Band performance. So please plan to come, bring a neighbor, and bring a covered dish to share. Food will be served at approximately 1:00 PM, therefore, please have your side dishes delivered to the kitchen before that time.

Earlier this year, we mentioned an **upcoming contest for designing and painting a mural** to overlook the kiddie pool to be painted on the side of the equipment building. Now is the time to submit your entry – please contact Jane Wirth for details. The Board of Directors will review each submission and select the winner. Please have all designs submitted by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Pool Hours** for the coming season are as follows (weather permitting):

- Monday thru Saturday 11AM thru 7PM
- Sundays Noon until 7PM

There will be a **modified schedule** weekdays from May 31<sup>st</sup> thru June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> on which days the pool will only be opened from 1PM until 5PM due to the public schools still being in session.

**Water Aerobics** classes are scheduled to begin on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until 10:30AM every Monday Wednesday and Friday. However, if the pool water is not warmed up sufficiently, this start date could be changed. Please watch the bulletin board at the front gate for confirmation of these dates and times.

We encourage you to watch the **bulletin board** for other upcoming events such as yard sales, blood drives and other events in the planning stages.

There will be a **Social Hour** on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6PM until 8PM. The June Club dinner will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to host other social hours for the rest of the year. Please feel free to sign up – there is a list of available dates on the bulletin board at the clubhouse.



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## Dare County Crime Blotter...

**BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE:** A Breaking/Entering and Larceny was reported on March 30, 2011 on Mac Oca Court in Rodanthe. Stolen from the residence were, tvs, receivers, and dvd players.

**BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO:** A Breaking/Entering and Larceny to a automobile was reported on March 31, 2011 on Rampart Street in Salvo. A Garmin GPS was stolen from the vehicle.

**BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO:** A breaking and entering, and larceny to a motor vehicle occurred on the Bold Dune Drive in Waves. A Garmin GPS was stolen.

**BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO:** A breaking and entering of a automobile occurred on Sea Isle Hills Drive in Waves. Nothing was removed from the vehicle. The vehicle was found to have been ransacked.

**BREAKING & ENTERING AUTO:** A breaking and entering, larceny occurred on Farrow Court in Salvo, NC to 2 vehicles. An Ipad, digital camera and other various items were stolen from the vehicles.

**LARCENY:** Sometime during the night of March 21, 2011 unknown persons stole about 3000 yards of Sea Mullet Net from the 4000 block of Mill Landing Road in Wanchese, NC. The net is described as follows: Mesh Stretch is 2 1/2 TO 2 3/4 and the Mesh Depth is 45 feet or 25 - 30 mesh deep. The net also has brown and black dobbers on it.

**BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE:** A Breaking/Entering and Larceny occurred on Haterras Lane in Avon, NC sometime between March 6, 2011 and March 20, 2011. An HP laptop computer, a Playstation 3, and an XBOX 360 were stolen. No signs of forced entry.

**BREAKING & ENTERING RESIDENCE:** Sometime during morning/afternoon of March 17th, a mobile home located in the Shady Rest Mobile Home Park on Etheridge Road was broken into. Among the items taken were a laptop computer (HP Pavillion) with a floral pattern on the lid, two Playstation game consoles, several Playstation games, and jewelry.

**ARMED ROBBERY: LOCATED CANCEL WANTED PERSON:** During the March session of Superior Court a defendant of a Dare County Sheriff's Office case failed to appear on a Robbery with Dangerous Weapon charge. The Presiding Court issued a Failure to Appear Order for Arrest for this individual. Anyone seeing this individual should contact Law Enforcement immediately and not approach this person. NAME: Samuel Lavelle Demetrus Dio Jenkins Black Male, date of birth - 11/28/1986

**KIDNAPPING: ATTEMPTED:** On Tuesday, March 15th, 2011, at approximately 19:30, a 12 year old male was approached by a vehicle in the 400 block of Harbourview Dr. in Colington Harbour. The occupant of the vehicle told the male to get in the vehicle. The young man ran and was pursued by the vehicle. He hid, and the vehicle left the area. The description of the vehicle is a newer model, mid-sized (Ford Explorer, Chevrolet Trailblazer) SUV. The vehicle was light in color, possibly silver. There is large, white lettering on the rear window, possibly an advertisement. The occupant is thought to be a white male. No further description is available. If anyone has any information in regard to this event, or similar suspicious behavior, please contact Investigator C.R. Craddock or Sergeant Scott Rodriguez with the Dare County Sheriff's Office (J.D. Doug Doughtie, Sheriff) at 252-475-5980 or at 252-473-3444 (after hours, weekends.)

**LARCENY:** A larceny was reported from the construction site of the Coastal Studies Institute on Skyco Rd., Roanoke Island. Taken from the site was an underwater hydraulic drill, 50' of hydraulic line and a drill bit.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, Please advise and encourage Colington Harbour residents to contain their dogs. In the last few weeks, I have had numerous stray dogs come into my property, up my deck stairs and all around the house - barking at all hours. I have also had loose dogs (one a pit bull) chase me while I ride my bike in Colington. Thanks!

- Anonymous



*There have been several complaints to the office concerning dogs running loose. Not only is this a violation of our Colington Harbour covenants and Dare County ordinance, but it also impacts surrounding yards, bikers and pedestrians, and water quality in our canals. Most pet owners are conscientious and caring people. Please respect our leash law, and we won't have to ask "Who let the dogs out?"*

- Editor

Dear Editor, Just wanted to say thank you for the construction of the bulletin board now located in the modular section. It is much appreciated.

- Julie Hall

*Thanks for the thank you. We hope this encourages everyone to feel they are a part of the community. We enjoy input and participation from everyone in the 'modular section'. Of note, during a recent inspection after large item pick-up day, things were looking better!*

- Editor



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## Colington Fire Department Update

### 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 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 also requires 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 annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner a huge success. While the number of dinners was down from last year, over 160 people enjoyed the meal prepared by the fire department Support Group. Money collected during all of our fund raisers goes toward purchasing new equipment such as hose testers, new radios, and many other necessary items. Also, we're on the web! Check us out at [www.colingtonfd.com](http://www.colingtonfd.com).



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## Surviving Job Loss

It's never a good time to lose your job. However, the current economic environment has resulted in business closures, downsizing and layoffs for many in our community. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling offers the following tips for surviving a layoff:

- Allow yourself to be upset or even afraid. These are natural reactions. However, if they become intense, seek professional help. Talking things through and hearing another person's perspective can bring relief and restore your positive outlook.
- Resist the urge to tell your boss what you truly think of him or her. Remember, you may need him or her as a reference for a future job.
- Take advantage of any assistance your workplace offers. Many companies provide placement assistance, job retraining and severance packages. Make sure you are aware of all benefits offered.
- Apply for any applicable government benefits. Your HR representative at work will be a good resource.
- Resist the urge to solve your problems by spending recklessly. It may feel good for the moment, but the high of spending won't equal the low of dealing with additional debt when there is no income.
- Don't be tempted to live off of your credit cards. Someone with a good line of credit could actually support the family at the current standard of living by using credit, but there's no guarantee a new position will materialize any time soon. Expect one month of job search for each \$10,000 of annual income you hope to replace. In other words, if you seek a \$50,000 salary, it may take you five months to land that job.
- Take a personal inventory. Consider all assets, income and expenses. No one wants to liquidate assets to survive, but it is good to know what you have to fall back on.
- Drastic times call for drastic measures. Nothing is off-limits. Consider selling the second car or recreational vehicle, real estate holdings, rental properties or jewelry.
- After you review your income versus debt obligations, if you don't have enough money to make ends meet, calculate how much you'll need for basic household expenses. Your goal is to pay everyone, but if you must make a choice, keep food on the table and your home life stable by paying your rent or mortgage, association assessments, utilities, childcare, insurance premiums and health care.
- Have a family meeting that includes the children. You don't want family members pulling in different directions, and a joint effort yields a better result.
- Make cutbacks wherever possible, knowing that your austere lifestyle will only be temporary. Resolve to stop all non-essential spending immediately.
- Tracking your spending is always a good idea, but when money is tight, it's essential. Write down every cent you spend. After 30 days, review where the money went and decide where to cut back. You'll be amazed how much you can save without feeling the pinch.
- Contact your creditors to arrange lower payments. Most major credit card issuers have help programs. Explain your situation and what you're doing to resolve it. The creditor may be able to temporarily lower your monthly payment and reduce interest.
- Inform your mortgage lender of your situation. Be prepared to provide documentation of your setback, and have a resolution plan in mind. Since the average consumer doesn't know all the loan modifications available, sit down with a certified housing counselor and map out a plan best suited to your situation.

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## Youth Sailing Program 2011

The Colington Yacht Club will again offer sailing for youth in the Harbour this summer. The program will start on June 14th at 5:00 PM at the Youth Sailing Shed adjacent to the boat ramp. A US Sailing Certified Instructor will offer instruction to youth on the Optimist and Sunfish. Basic instruction in sailing and water safety will be provided to allow participants to learn the fundamentals of sailing.

There will be a \$5.00 registration charge for the program that includes junior membership in the CYC. Parents must fill out the application and medical forms. The two forms can be found on the CYC web site ([Colingtonyachtclub.com](http://Colingtonyachtclub.com)). Children will be required to take a swimming test.

The program will normally run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. There will be a cook out on Tuesdays and treats and drinks on Thursdays. Participants must bring their own personal floatation devices. Optimist sailors must be between 8 and 15. The age of 13 is usually recommended for the Sunfish. We have 4 Optimists and 3 Sunfishes. The usual rule for sailing small boats is that the sailor must be able to right the boat if capsized. We recommend that beginning Optimist sailors obtain a copy of "Optimist Sailing" by Jobson and Kehoe from Barnes &



Noble for about \$10 for a used book and slightly more for a new one.

Participants must arrive with the attitude that they want to sail and be properly dressed for sailing with their own life jacket. Shoes are required that fully cover feet. No flip flops. Socializing, fun, games, and pranks must be limited to after sailing instruction. Parents are encouraged and welcomed to assist in the program. Sailors' families may take part in the cook outs, drinks, and treats.

The youth sailing program has a need for 2 jet ski docks for Sunfish docking. Contact Don Dow if you would like to either donate or loan one.

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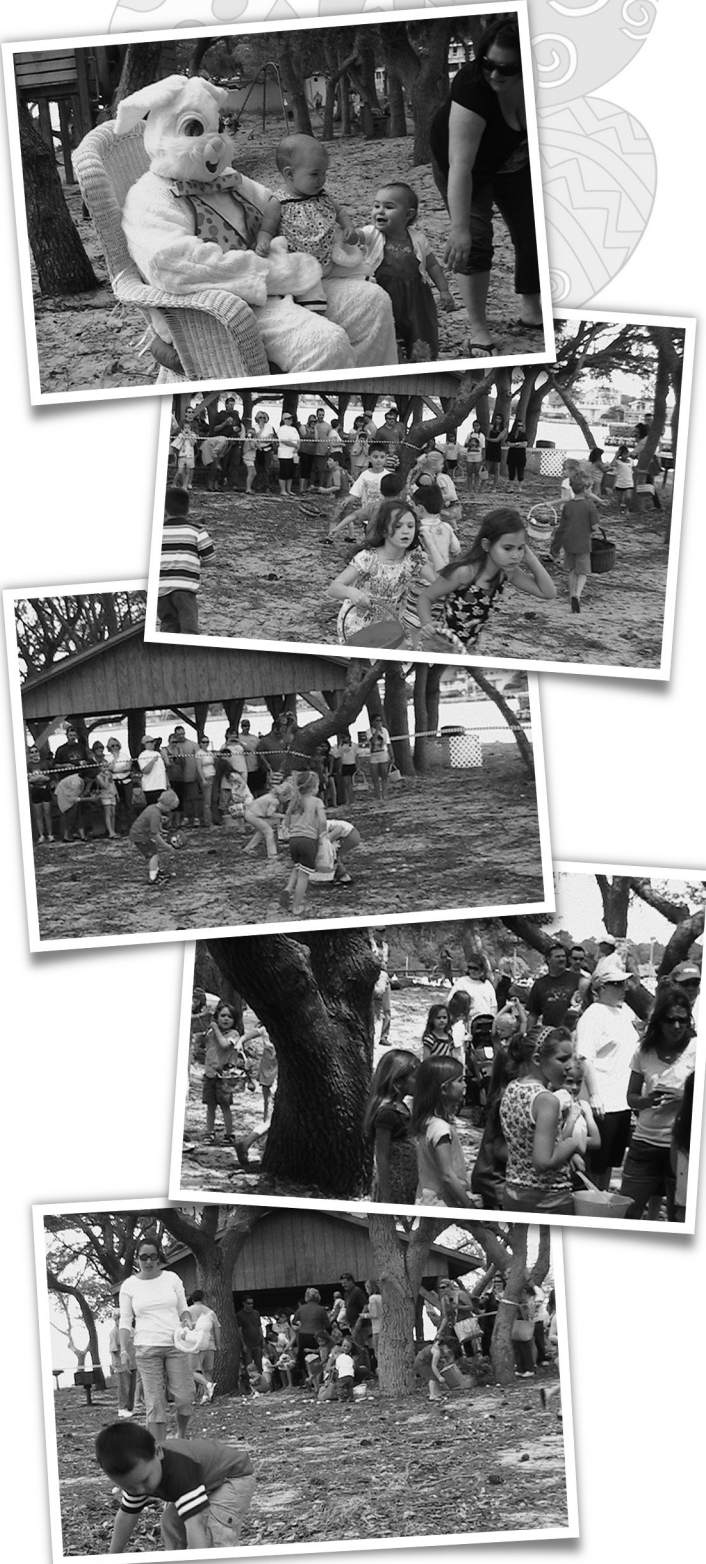
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## Grill Safety Tips

When firing up your grills this summer, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reminds you to barbecue safely whether you use gas or charcoal.



### Gas Grills

Liquid petroleum (LP) gas or propane, used in gas grills, is highly flammable. Each year about 30 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions. Many of these occur when consumers first use a grill that has been left idle for a period of time or just after refilling and reattaching the grill's gas container.

To reduce the risk of fire or explosion, consumers should routinely perform the following safety checks:

- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use

a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.

- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.
- Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.
- Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches and open flames away from a leaking grill.
- Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch or under a surface that can catch fire.
- Do not attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions that accompany the grill and when connecting or disconnecting LP gas containers.

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- Consumers should use caution when storing LP gas containers. Always keep containers upright. Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors. Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

To avoid accidents while transporting LP gas containers, transport the container in a secure, upright position. Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

#### Charcoal Grills

Charcoal produces carbon monoxide when burned. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments. Each year about 30 people die and 100 are injured as a result of carbon monoxide fumes from charcoal grills and hibachis used indoors.



To reduce carbon monoxide poisonings, never burn charcoal indoors, in vehicles, tents or campers, even if ventilated. Since charcoal produces carbon monoxide fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

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