



November - December 2011

HARBOUR HEADLINES

Community Spirit Still Lives

By Deke Bolte,
Colington Harbour Association Property Manager



A gentleman came into the Colington Harbour Association office the other day with a heartwarming story. He was in his yard shoveling sand and mud after hurricane Irene had passed when two young ladies stopped and handed him a loaf of homemade bread. As the two young ladies continued down the street pushing a buggy full of bread, he read the tag affixed to the loaf with a yellow ribbon.

"Homemade bread made just for you! We hope this helps to lift your spirits in all you do! Sincerely, Colington Kids Who Care"

I did some research and found out these young ladies are in the fifth grade. They baked some forty loaves of bread and distributed them throughout the neighborhoods. Thank you Colington Kids Who Care!



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HURRICANE IRENE ACCOUNTING

Park Clean up	\$18,750
Hill Stabilization	\$18,500
Bulkhead #6	\$33,500
Canal Cleanup	\$12,000
Park Equipment	\$12,000
Bathrooms Replace	\$40,000
S. Jetty Repair	\$11,000
S. Jetty Backfill	\$600
TOTAL DAMAGE	\$ 146,350

FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM CURRENT CAPITAL RESERVE:

S. Jetty	\$3,440
Picnic Area	\$3,250
Playground	\$6,000
Bathrooms	\$27,600
TOTAL	\$ 40,290

TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED TO

REPLACE/REPAIR DAMAGE: \$ 146,350

Less Funds from Current
Capital Reserve: (\$40,290)

Required Total Assessment: \$106,060

RESULTING ASSESSMENT: \$ 45.00/PER LOT

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Manager's Report

In the wake of Hurricane Irene, Colington is still recovering from one of the worst storms in decades. To add insult to injury, not only were the homes of many residents severely flooded and damaged, but also much of the property belonging to your Association. In fact, all totaled, approximately \$146,000 in damages occurred in your commonly-owned areas such as the Sound side park, harbor and canals. A list of the affected Association-owned property and common property elements is detailed on page one of this issue.

To ensure that the necessary repairs and reconstruction of the park and harbor are completed in a timely manner, and due to the constraints of the current fiscal year budget that, naturally, did not account for such an unexpected event, your Board of Directors called a Special Meeting of

the Association to approve a one-time \$45/lot assessment to defray these expenses. This assessment was approved by the membership on November 19th, 2011.

The Colington Harbour Board of Directors and your Association staff have worked many extra hours above and beyond the call of duty to help restore your community from the devastation of Irene. They recognize and appreciate the fact that nobody likes an extra assessment – particularly during these tight economic times. But, the damage must be repaired, and sacrifices made to bring the common elements of the Harbour back into shape again.

The Board, your Association staff, and Cape Management will continue to work diligently, and greatly appreciate your support in this effort.

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Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club News

The **2011 Annual meeting** was held on Saturday, Oct 8. Thank you to all who attended the meeting. The new Board of Directors for 2011-2012 were announced at the meeting. They are: **Jack Leonard**, President and Treasurer; **Jane Wirth**, Vice President; **Gloria Porter**, Secretary; **Fran Collins**, Steward/House; **Mary Ann Johnson**, **Jim Horne** and **Dolores Norton**. Many exciting improvements to the Club House and Grounds are planned for this year. The changes to the BYLAWS were approved and the updated BYLAWS will be available on line at CHYRC.org by year end for you to access for reference as needed. A new updated application and renewal form will be uploaded shortly too – if you have friends that are eligible to join CHY&RC and who may want to join CHY&RC please feel free to print it out and encourage them to participate in Club Activities.

This years **Teen/Tween Halloween Party** was a great success with 31 children participating. Thanks to **Faith Turek**, **Fran Collins**, and **Denise Collins** for their efforts and talents in making this such a wonderful event.

Club dinners will be on: Nov. 19 when the annual **Turkey Shoot** will be held in the afternoon with dinner immediately following, so please come on out and test your skills! Dec. 10 will be the **Christmas Dinner**.



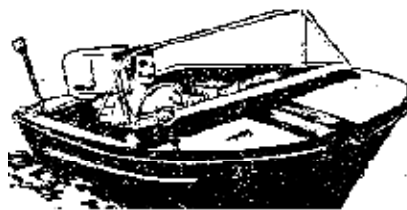
Other Club events: **Saturday Socials**, **Tree Trimming/light up night** on Dec 3; **Ladies Christmas luncheon**, Sat. Dec 17; **Childrens Christmas Party** visit with Santa, Sunday, Dec 18; and a possible **Teen/Tween New Years Eve Party**.

PLEASE watch the bulletin board at the front gate for the time of these events.

The Club is looking for parents who would be interested in helping with the **Children's Christmas Party** so please call Jane Wirth at 441-0329 if you are interested in helping. Last years party was a big success and we hope to continue with this event each year. Your help is needed!!

Club Board Meetings: Nov. 17, Dec. 22, and Jan. 26. All members are invited to come to these meetings and will have an opportunity to share their comments and offer their input.

Yoga is still being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 until 6:30PM in the downstairs room. Please contact **Dolores Norton** at 441-6620 for information about joining the fun.



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Colington Fire Department Updates

Have a safe and happy upcoming holiday season!

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

Unfortunately, these seasons are 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 simple, common sense suggestions can prevent most fires:

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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!

5. 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.

6. 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 plenty of space—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 detectors 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.

CVFD Suffers Flood Damage

Flooding from Hurricane Irene caused unprecedented flooding throughout Colington. Structure damage varied from total devastation to very minor. The Colington Volunteer Fire Department was no exception. Flooding was so bad that for a period of several hours, the CVFD could not get equipment out on Colington Road to respond to calls. The ground level of the station had about 18 inches of water in it. Outside was much deeper. One career member and four volunteer members lost their vehicles while working at the station. Fifteen CVFD members suffered property damage, with two losing their homes. One in Columbia and one in Colington. The Fire Chief is proud that through the entire ordeal, our members never lost sight of the fact that we are here to help, and they never lost their willingness to serve.



At the station, many items were destroyed and we have been like so many others in our community as we try to return to normal. Neighboring fire departments covered our station briefly so our members could concentrate on their homes and property. The department is grateful to Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Southern Shores fire departments for helping. On a positive note, once our repairs are complete, the department will look better than ever.

We hope everyone affected in our community is able to fully recover!

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 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

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Colington Harbour Youths Will Be Making Impact to Restoring Our Community Spirit

By Faith Turek, Colington Harbour Resident

Since permanently returning home in July of 2008, I have unsuccessfully been seeking a way to contribute to restoring the strong sense and pride of community that our Colington Harbour once had. And then, one peaceful afternoon by the pool, the answer came to me – start rebuilding with the help of our kids!

I was enjoying a beautiful day from my twenty-five year perch (slightly left and to the rear of the lifeguard stand) when I heard our kids excitedly making plans for Halloween at their table behind me – mind you, it was only the first week of August. Known to more of them as “Michael’s Mom” than Miss Faith, my presence in their “space” never bothered them, because quite frankly – I WAS THERE FIRST! We’ve always shared a mutual respect, and they have little or no problem letting me interject into their conversations, or giving them my encouragement or advice. Within a single instant, without hesitation, I was out of my chair and at the table. All I had to say was, “If I organize a Halloween Dance for you, will you come?” The flood gates opened up!

They were so excited that I knew that I had found my way to make a difference. God bless Miss Fran for all of her support from that same moment! She helped us run the idea by the powers-that-be for approval and got us financial support from the CHY&R. We picked our date and over the following weeks my mind went into overdrive. I wanted the young people to feel special and appreciated for their place in our community. Many, many times I had to reign myself in because we had no way of knowing how well this would be received until the event actually took place.

October 28th was finally upon us. With the help of veterans “Miss Fran” Collins and Mary Ann Johnson and our involuntary teen volunteers Jessica Latham and my son, Michael Pryor, we transformed the upper level of the club house into an All Hallows Eve Dance Club. That evening we returned to the club for final preparations, joined by Denise Dale as fellow chaperone and Lucy to my Ethel. We set the food/refreshment tables up and then we waited. The pizza could not be ordered until we knew what our numbers were going to be! *See Youths - continued on page 6*

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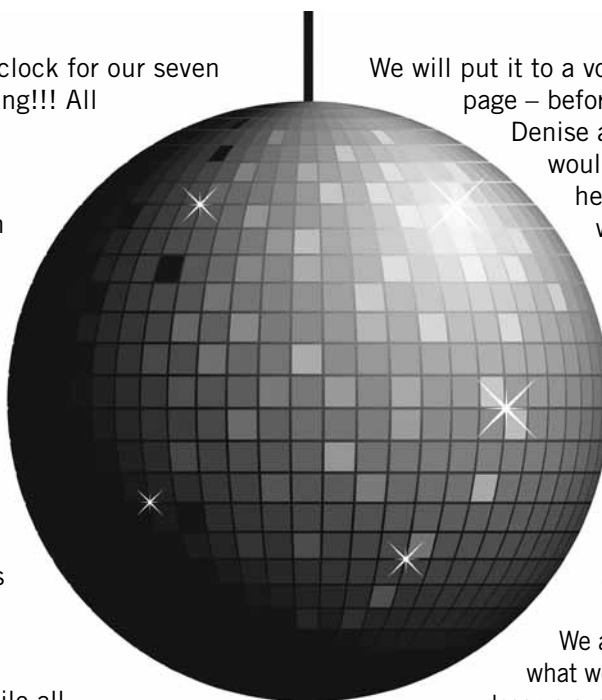
They came, some as early as six o'clock for our seven o'clock event – and they kept coming!!! All thirty-one of them!

Because of the generosity of local (most owned/operated by Colington Harbour residents) businesses, we were able to make the evening especially fun with American Express Gift Card prizes for Best Costume, Most Socially Scary and Most Enthusiastic Character and more than two dozen random Door Prizes! We had professionally mixed CD's that we played on our existing, state of the art sound system, compliments of the CHY&R – who knew? – And the kids had a ball!

At the mid-point of the evening, while all were still present, Miss Fran, Denise and I took the floor to talk to the kids. Over the past few weeks, this seemingly one-time event had become a living, breathing component of this community's re-birth. The three of us made a commitment to the kids to carry this to the next level if they committed to be active contributors and participants in a CHY&R Youth Club. Their response was unanimous!

By the time of this newsletters publishing, we hope to have approval from the CHY&R Board to adopt our name officially and set up a Facebook page for all our Youth Members so I don't have to post signs at the bus stops any longer.

Our next event will be a New Year's Eve dance. Eight until Twelve-thirty. We have left it up to the kids to decide – Masquerade or Black Tie.



We will put it to a vote – hopefully on our own Facebook page – before the end of November. Miss Fran, Denise and I made it crystal clear that we would proceed based on their input. MY head is full of ideas for the winter but we truly want to build the program on the ideas of the kids. I told the group to let us know what they would like to do – we will give them one Friday Night Out each month this winter – their call. Whether they want to eat and dance, have cooking classes, movie night, BINGO or learn how to make balloon animals – we want their involvement and are counting on it!

We are all busy. Money is tight. This is what we, as adults deal with, but our kids deserve every second and cent we can afford to help them make the right choices and feel like part of something that matters. Consider Colington Harbour our "Village". It shouldn't matter whether you rent or own – WE ALL LIVE HERE. We are not asking you to do any more than encourage your tweens and teens to participate. Miss Fran and I want to celebrate and cultivate the good in them as a part of our community. Of course, we always welcome your input and support.

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Special thanks to our contributing businesses – Creecy Enterprises, So Nice Again Restorations and Yellow House Art Gallery and supporting businesses – Colington Volunteer Fire Department, Brew Thru, Duck Donuts, Natural Nails at Dare Center, Slice Pizza and Subway at Dare Center. Please support the businesses that support our kids! And let's not forget the incredible mixed discs of DJ Fresh!

It was my pleasure and privilege to host this event and continue to support the youth of Colington Harbour. Hopefully, my Mom, "Ms. Pat" Turek and the amazing "Ms. Mary Mac" (Macnamara) are smiling down from Heaven and sending us their guardianship in our pursuits!

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Colington Harbour Community Watch Report

By Doug Miller, *Chairman*

CRIME REPORT

- 400 Block of Sandpiper in the Modular Section - Larceny of tools from a truck
- 100 Block of Outrigger Drive - Bicycle found and reported
- Several calls of suspicious persons or activity in the past month, particularly on Outrigger Dr, and the 1000 Block area of Harborview Drive, there were a few others but of no significance. The Sheriff's Department was able to locate and identify people during these reports...Complements to all for these reports.
- **A reminder that this is the time of year when residential breaking and entering picks up so please remind everyone to lock their houses and cars and to keep an eye out for anything that looks out of the ordinary**

ACTIVITIES

- Completed a Community Watch Patrol on Halloween
 - Most activity was near the main gate and on Sir Chandler, Roanoke, Eagle, Soundview, and Outrigger
 - Thanks to the Sheriff's Department who was also on patrol
 - Distributed 60+ safety reminders
- Liaison with Nags Head Community Watch program toward restructuring our program
 - Bi-monthly meetings hosted by Police Department with a 'meaningful program' – attendance is low
 - Focus on 'National Night Out' and yearly banquet of appreciation for fire department, police and EMS
 - Budget driven by gifts and donations from local businesses.
 - Focus is on communications that integrate Community Watch into 'every' activity.
 - They do not contact patrols
- Working with Deke to obtain Community Watch Signs
- Jerry Raveling donated eight (8) Emergency Beacons for distribution to those who could use to signal First Responders. Turning the light on and off twice causes it to flash until turned off.
 - This is an inactive National Crime Prevention Council program called 'Flashing Light.'
 - Similar flashing light are available on the internet for about \$20
- Requesting updates to the Colington Harbour Web Site
 - Remove the Crime Prevention Month reminder
 - Changing the Volunteer form to a Suggestion form to generate community input
- Working to generate a 2012 calendar
 - Bi-Monthly Community Watch meetings with a topic of interest
 - Some type of community 'appreciation' and 'support' activities for our 'first responders.'

- An activity for 'National Night Out' in October during Crime Prevention Month
- Open to suggestions that will keep Community Watch precepts in front of our Community

HISTORY

- August - 300 Block Harbour Road
Damage to personal property a car window was broken out
- August - Sir Walter Raleigh
Larceny of fishing equipment
- September - 900 Block Harbour View
Larceny
- September - Knight Court
Stolen bicycle
- October - 300 Block Harborview
Break and Enter of an unlocked car - prescription medication taken
- October - Soundview Drive
4 horsepower Yamaha outboard motor removed from a boat
- October - Kitty Hawk Bay Drive
Garmin GPS removed from trailered boat
- October - Colington Drive
Investigation of a call reporting a suspicious person loading wood from a construction site found that he is an employee of the contractor and all was OK. The contractor appreciated the efforts.
- October - General
Numerous barking dog complaints throughout Colington probably due to windows being open during cooler weather
- October - 600 block Colington Drive
Aluminum Sailboat mast taken from back yard

If you are interested in volunteering with the Colington Harbour Community Watch, please email Doug Miller at crimewatch@colingtonharbour.net.

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Saving for the Holidays



In these tough economic times, many of us are trying to stretch our dollars and keep our debt as low as possible. The following tips from the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), offer easy ways to save:

Empty the change in your pocket into a jar each night. Pocket change can add up to between \$30 and \$50 a month.

Cut \$5 a day out of your incidental spending. Mindless spending and impulse shopping take a bigger chunk out of your spending than you might care to admit.

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Resolve to carve \$10 a month from each of five discretionary spending categories. *For example:*

FOOD: plan meals in advance and never grocery shop on the run.

EATING OUT: order water to drink when dining at a restaurant.

UTILITIES: lower the thermostat at home.

SHOPPING: stay out of malls, and shop only when an item is needed.

MEDICAL: sign up for one of the discount plans on prescriptions currently being offered by many national drug chains.

Kick your bad habits. Buying a pack of cigarettes and a lottery ticket each day can add up quickly.

Eliminate bank fees. Bank with an institution that has ATMs near where you live and work, eliminating any fees assessed by using a machine outside of your network. Don't pay for your checking account when many banks offer free checking with few strings attached. Never overdraw your account.

Get an insurance check-up. You don't want to be over-insured or underinsured, but if you can handle raising your deductible, it will save you money each month.

Don't have too much of a good thing. Examine your cell phone package. Are the minutes right for your calling patterns? Look at your cable plan. Are you paying for channels you never watch? Switching to a plan that is right for you yields big savings.

Stop charging and pay with cash. Studies show that people who pay for their purchases with cash typically save about 20 percent. Therefore, if you put \$1,000 onto a charge card each month, you stand to save big bucks.

For professional help finding hidden money in your budget, call a National Foundation for Credit Counseling member agency. To locate the counselor closest to you, dial (800) 388-2227, or go online to www.DebtAdvice.org. To find a Spanish-speaking counselor, call (800) 682-9832.





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