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HARBOUR HEADLINES

COLINGTON HARBOUR, NORTH CAROLINA

COLINGTON HARBOUR IN THE FALL

Summer is over, the season is winding to a close, and this is the time of year many locals love the most. This is the time when we can finally get all the stuff done we have been putting off for the past 6 months. This is the time for festivals, marathons and fun with friends.

School is back in session, so please be alert and slow down around the bus stops and throughout the community. Kids will be walking and biking to bus stops in the morning and home in the afternoons. Please be aware so that everyone stays safe.



THANK YOU

It has been a busy summer as we worked through the transition as your new management company. We thank everyone who has helped us make the transition a smooth one. Now it's time to flip the

switch. Don't forget November 1st – set those clocks and fall back into the spirit for pumpkin everything, turkey's and candy canes.

MAINTENANCE YARD FEES & SERVICES Dare County charges the Association \$65/a ton for the commercial bins that are in the Maintenance Yard, so unfortunately we have had to change the fees charged. The discretion of maintenance yard staff will determine if fees differ due to weight and load. Please don't take any frustrations you may have on this out on our maintenance staff, and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Association office at (252) 441-5886.

- FALL HOURS (Starting Nov. 1st): 9am – 2pm Saturday
- Miscellaneous Materials = \$5.00 a load
- Full sized pickup truck load = \$10.00 a load
- Materials with trailer, exceeding truck sized load = \$15.00 a load

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

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COMMITTEE TO REVIEW COVENANTS AND TO MAKE SOME CLARIFICATION

The Board is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to explore the proposed covenant changes. The Committee will work to clarify the proposed changes and present them to the community.

If you would like to be a part of the committee or just to join in on the conversation, please send an email to chamanager@embarqmail.com. We will send an email, once we have a time set for discussion.

WE WANT YOU!

In rebuilding the Community Watch program, we would like to see the community – become involved, in some form or fashion. We have monthly meetings on every second Thursday at 7 PM at the Harbour Club House. Also, we have a new email address, to use for any ideas the community has to offer to make our island safer. All ideas are welcome. The email address is ColingtonCrimeWatch@gmail.com. We have started a Facebook page to bring the community together. The page to search for is, 'Colington Harbour Community Watch'. We are happy to announce that Colington has a lower percentage of crime when compared to other local communities. However, any crime is too much. We encourage all to get involved. Get to know your neighbors, tell each other when you are leaving for extended time, go to the meetings, email any and all ideas like the Facebook page. If you see anything that looks suspicious, call the non-emergency number at (252) 473-3444. If it's an emergency, dial 911.

We welcome Lieutenant Andy Creech to the Community Watch here in Colington. If you see him, say hello and thank him for all his time and support. Remember, school is in session, so watch out for children when driving. Lock all your doors, including your car doors. Get involved, invite your neighborhood! Thank you for your diligence.

– Colington Harbour Community Watch.



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A LOOK BACK AT IRENE

It was only four short years ago, Colington Harbour took a massive hit from Hurricane Irene. Here is a pictorial look back at the storm, and at it's aftermath from a resident's perspective.



SLOWDOWN: BACK TO SCHOOL MEANS SHARING THE ROAD.

The speed limit in Colington Harbor is 25 mph at all times, but maybe during the times when buses are picking up or letting the children often, we should even drive slower than 25 mph in the area of the school bus stops. Always follow the safety rules of staying back a safe distance when busses are picking up or letting out our kids. Things get a little crazy on the roads during the school year: buses are everywhere, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, Harry's parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school. Share the road with young pedestrians. According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus related accidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go along way towards keeping children safe. Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic. In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection. Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign. Take extra care to

look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way. Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians. Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right-of-way

School is open – drive carefully. Every fall, over 55 million children across the United States head back to school. With 13% of those children typically walking or biking to their classes, AAA warns drivers to be especially vigilant for pedestrians before and after school hours. The afternoon hours are particularly dangerous. Over the last decade, nearly one in four child pedestrian fatalities occurred between 3 PM and 7 PM. Launched in 1946, "AAA's School Open – Drive Carefully" awareness campaign was created as a way to help reduce child pedestrian fatalities and injuries. Here are several recommendations from AAA regarding ways drivers can help keep the kids safe:

Slow down. Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 25 mph is nearly 2/3 less likely to be killed, compared to a pedestrian struck by vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster. Come to a complete stop. Research shows that more than one third of drivers roll through stop signs in school

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SLOWDOWN CONT. zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children on sidewalks and crosswalks before proceeding. Eliminate distractions. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road just for two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Reduce risk by not using your cell phone or eating while driving. Check for children on the sidewalk, in the driveway, and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to never play around vehicles. Watch for bicycles. Children on bikes are often unpredictable.

Find videos, expert advice and safety tips at www.sharetheroad.aaa.com. Talk to your teen. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and nearly one in four fatal crashes involving teen drivers occur during the afterschool hours of 3 PM to 7 PM. Get guidance and tips at www.teendriving.aaa.com.

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 look into planning "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 for Colington Harbour residents to get together for good food and fun, meet local vendors, and enjoy entertainment with your neighbors. For information, or to help, contact chamanager@embarqmail.com.

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HEROES WANTED

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has a great need for firefighters as well as folks to help out in non-emergency roles. Did you know that your fire department relies on volunteers? Even though we now have a small force of career firefighters on duty, we are always looking for folks interested in becoming trained as firefighters. We are able to work with you to ensure you get the training you need. If you are at least 18 years old and willing to serve your fellow citizens as a firefighter, the Colington Volunteer Fire Department is looking for you. From folks new to the community, to life-long Colington area residents, if you've got the time to dedicate to your community we'd love to have you. Previous experience is not necessary. Training and equipment are provided free of charge, and all firefighters are covered by Workers Comp insurance. All firefighters must have a valid NC Drivers License, High School Diploma or G.E.D. or be currently enrolled in school.



Volunteer firefighters are tasked with responding to calls for service, helping maintain equipment and attending training regularly. All costs are covered by the department, including insurance and even a state retirement program for 20 years of service. We provide everything you will need, including personal protective equipment and thorough training, to become a competent and safe firefighter.

Our firefighters also respond to non-fire incidents such as medical calls, traffic crashes, extrication, searches, boating incidents, environmental hazards and yes, even an occasional cat in the tree call. Firefighters trained in emergency medical care have even been responsible for saving lives in our community before our colleagues from EMS arrive.

Volunteers receive no pay, but you will enjoy the emotion of being a part of a great community organization. And knowing that you contributed to saving a life or protecting a person's home is a priceless feeling.

Honestly, fighting fires isn't for everybody, but we truly have a need for able-bodied folks. Firefighters must be able to do the tasks related to firefighting and that work is strenuous at times, including wearing breathing apparatus and operating in all weather conditions. More information is available by contacting the fire station at (252) 441-6234, or drop by for a visit and see first-hand how you can fill a valuable role in this community.

What about non-emergency activities? Can I still help? If going into burning buildings isn't something you want to try, we still have room for you. The CVFD also has a dedicated Rehab unit that responds to structure fires. These folks are regular department members, but there is no firefighting duty. They attend trainings and operate alongside of the firefighters, filling a valuable role on the fire ground getting the crews ready to go back into action.

We also have a need in our Support Group. Members help out behind the scenes on non-operational activities like fundraising, such as our weekly BINGO games, annual dinners, preparing our annual fundraising letter and a lot more. Fundraising is the cornerstone of our Support Group. Even if you can only help the Support Group a couple of days a month, we are happy to have you. There are no training or attendance requirements for Support. More information is available by contacting the fire station at (252) 441-6234, or drop by for a visit.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 7

Join the Colington Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, November 7 for our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Enjoy a delicious meal of homemade spaghetti, salad, fresh baked bread and home-made desserts. Meals are just \$10 for adults and kids 12 and under eat for only \$5. Have a great meal and help the fire department at the same time. All proceeds will directly benefit the department with equipment purchases. Dinner is served from 5 – 8 p.m. or while it lasts. And if you can't eat with us, get it to go!



PLAN AHEAD TO ESCAPE HOME FIRE

What would you do if you woke up in the middle of the night and heard your smoke alarm ringing? How would you escape if there was a fire? What if that escape route was blocked? To answer each of these questions, you should have a preplanned and practiced escape plan.

To help you develop an escape, the men and women of the Colington Volunteer Fire Department would like to offer the following suggestions:

- Consider special needs. When developing an escape plan, remember that younger, older, or disabled people may need special assistance. Anyone with special needs should be located as close to an exit as possible. Train others in the home to give special assistance with evacuation.
- If you become trapped in smoke, crawl low, keeping your head down. Cleaner air is nearer to the ground.
- A closed door is a barrier that slows the spread of fire, smoke, and heat. Teach everyone to close doors behind them as they go outside. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, install a smoke detector in the bedroom.
- If you cannot escape a burning building, stay in a room with an outside window and close the doors between you and the fire. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and let them know your location. Stuff cracks around doors and vents with towels, sheets, etc.

to help prevent smoke from entering the room. Hang a towel or sheet out the window to signal your location and need for assistance.

- Conduct fire drills often. Vary the drill by blocking an exit. This requires players to use their "second way out" or by creating smoke signs requiring players to crawl low under the smoke.
- Check and maintain your smoke alarms. If they are more than 10 years old, most manufacturers suggest replacing them. Have them on every level of your home and near bedrooms, as most fatal fires occur at night.

REMEMBER, "HEAR THE BEEP WHERE YOU SLEEP"!

COMMENTS? ISSUES? CONCERNS?

Your comments, issues and concerns are always welcome at the Colington Harbour Association office. However, if Colington Harbour residents or owners would like to communicate directly with the President of the Board of Directors, you may do so by sending correspondence to:

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HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

In celebration of the holiday season, the Colington Yacht Club will lead a Boat Parade in the Harbour starting at 5:00 PM, Saturday,



December 19, 2015 until 6:00 PM. Decorated boats are to proceed to the Harbour at 5:00PM and circle counter-clockwise past the main docks. A \$50.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant will be given to the best decorated boat. Santa Claus is expected (weather permitting) to make an appearance at the main dock. The parade will not go down the canals. Individual boat operators are responsible for their boat and safety of others.

There will be hot chocolate at the main dock. Come to the Harbour and enjoy!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! COLINGTON YACHT CLUB

HALLOWEEN FUN

We see Halloween as the time of year for little ghosts and goblins to take to the streets, asking for candy and scaring one another silly, eerie stories being told around fires, scary movies in theaters and pumpkins carved into jack-o'-lanterns. *Let's start this great season with some fun of our own...*

TONGUE TWISTERS

- Several spooky slimy spiders spun sulking by the sea.
- Professional Pumpkin Pickers are prone to pick the plumpest pumpkins.
- Horribly hoarse hoot owls hoot howls of horror in Halloween haunted houses.

JOKES

Q: What did the ghost buy for his Haunted House?

A: **Home Moaners Insurance.**

Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road?

A: **To get to the body shop!**

Q: What do ghosts serve for dessert?

A: **Ice Scream**

DID YOU KNOW?

There is nothing more haunting than the complete disappearance of an entire colony. Imagine Eleanor Dare cradling her infant daughter, Virginia, as they struggle through a vast wilderness, seemingly forgotten by her father who brought them to an unfamiliar land, then left them to fend for themselves.

In the four centuries since their disappearance, Eleanor and Virginia Dare have become true American heroines, players in an epic unsolved mystery that still challenges historians and archaeologists as one of America's oldest. In 1587, over 100 men, women and children journeyed from England to Roanoke Island and established the first English settlement in America. Within three years, they had vanished with scarcely a trace. England's initial attempt at colonization of the New World was a disaster, and one of America's most enduring legends was born.

Virginia Dare is still documented as the first child born in America to English parents -- and it is thought that she survived and lived with the Croatoan tribe. Legend has it that Virginia, after living among the natives, became transformed into a white doe in death by a Native witch doctor with whom she had a dispute with. It is said that the ghost of Virginia Dare roams Roanoke Island to this day in the form of a white deer which has been seen on the island occasionally by locals and visitors alike.



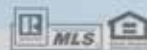
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