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# HARBOUR HEADLINES

COLINGTON HARBOUR, NORTH CAROLINA

## MEET YOUR CHA OFFICE STAFF

Many thanks to the CHA Office Staff members, who have worked tirelessly to help the Association run smoothly.

In order to help residents get to know who to contact within the office, please read the information below:

### Donna Robertson

*Community Manager & Bookkeeper*

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Day-to-day management of the community
- Supervision of personnel
- Attendance at all meetings of the Board, as well as the Annual Meeting
- Representing the Association in dealing with other governmental units
- Preparation of the annual budget

### Ann Blomberg and Donna Price

*Administrative Assistants (Ann and Donna each share duties of this position, on a half-time basis.)*

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Greet homeowners and renters that visit the CHA office
- Answer phone calls and emails, and direct inquiries to the correct person
- Collect and sort mail
- Receipt any payments received for HOA dues, whether paid by mail or in person
- Collect pavilion rental applications and fees
- Take care of boat slip rentals
- Register cars for homeowners and renters and adhere barcodes to vehicles
- Collect updated lease agreements
- Register boat trailers and issue trailer stickers



Pictured L-R: Ann Blomberg, Pat McGowan, Donna Price and Donna Robertson

- Collect building permit applications and prepare applications for ACC approval
- Update ACC building permit list for security gate
- Prepare security gate passes
- Collect ads and ad payments for Harbour Headlines
- Send out e-blasts with pertinent information to residents
- Assist with other administrative duties in the office as needed, such as: mailings, copies, organization, filing, ordering supplies, etc.

### Pat McGowan

*Code Enforcement Manager*

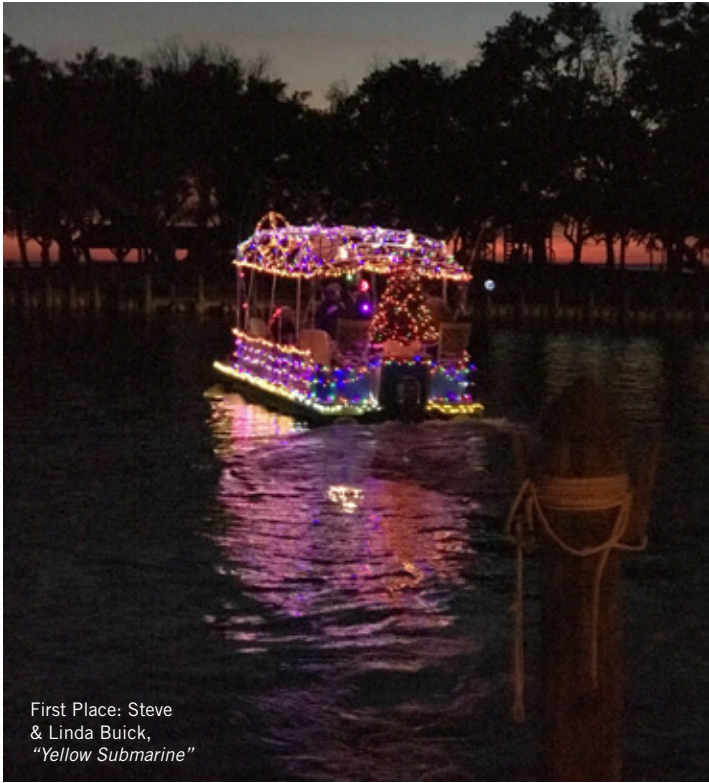
- Respond to complaints\* from residents
- Notify residents of code violations
- Perform inspections
- Conduct hearings
- Handle all business related to enforcement of the Covenants and By-laws.
- \*As a reminder, all animal complaints should be directed to Dare County Animal Control at 252-475-5620. All issues of a legal matter should be directed to Dare County Central at 252-473-3444 for non-emergencies. For emergencies – call 9-1-1.

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## COLINGTON YACHT CLUB



First Place: Steve  
& Linda Buick,  
"Yellow Submarine"

The annual Colington Yacht Club Holiday Boat Parade was originally scheduled for dusk on Saturday, December 9, but due to inclement weather, was postponed until December 16. Ten boats joined the parade this year. First Place went to "Yellow Submarine" (last year's winner), with Skippers Steve & Linda Buick, who lit up their very cool pontoon boat. Second Place was awarded to "Sweet Shu", skippered by Rick & Sharron Hildebrant. The theme for the parade was "most artistic", but the judges had to surrender to the skippers, who squeezed on as many lights as can be strung without transformer malfunction!

Colington Yacht Club donates the prize of \$50 to the winning boat, which the owner(s) can invest in ---- you guessed it ---- more lights! Participants and spectators enjoyed over 80 cups of hot cocoa, Christmas cookies, and great fun!



Second Place: Rick & Sharron  
Hildebrant "Sweet Shoe"

**THANK YOU BARBARA ORNSTEIN!** A very special 'thank you' goes out to Barbara Ornstein. Barbara generously volunteers her time researching articles of interest, compiling pertinent information to relay to the community, drafting and editing the Harbour Headlines. Thank you Barbara for all your hard work!

**LOST & FOUND** Lost & Found Baskets are located at the guard gate and CHA Office. Items held for 90 days.

**ANIMAL CRUELTY** If you witness any cruelty or neglect of animals, please report it to Dare County Animal Control at 252-475-5620. Statute GS-14-360 through 362 exists to protect animals.

### CHA CONTACT INFORMATION

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### COLINGTON HARBOUR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2017-2018

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENINGS

#### CHA NEEDS YOUR HELP! – 5 BOARD SEATS ARE UP FOR ELECTION

Do you enjoy living in Colington Harbour? Do you believe it to be one of the better places to live, on the Outer Banks? Would you like to help keep it that way or even make it better? Colington Harbour is what it is because of the people who live here.

#### Here's how you can help:

The Colington Harbour Association (CHA) is the homeowners' organization charged with managing the 'business' of the community. The 'By-Laws' of the CHA include a Board of Directors, elected by the property owners within the community. Their responsibilities include:

- Managing the community's common property elements (private roads, amenities, marina, etc.);
- Ensuring the compliance of the established standards of the community via its governing documents; and
- Promoting the well-being of Colington Harbour as a whole.

The CHA Board of Directors is made up of 7 members, all volunteers. The upcoming election will be to fill 5 of the 7 Board seats.

**As defined by the CHA 'By-Laws':** "Between the first and fifteenth day of February of each year, any member in good standing, may file with the Secretary of the Association, a statement of candidacy for election as a Director of the Association for the term beginning immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Association, together with endorsements of candidacy signed by ten (10) members in good standing and a brief statement of not more than one hundred (100) words limited to biographical background for each candidate to be included in the notice of such Annual Meeting." All endorsements and biographies must be received at the CHA Administrative Office by 4:00 pm on February 15, 2018.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions available, please visit the office or email [colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net](mailto:colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net).

This is your opportunity to help the Community. Hope you will apply.



## 2017 IMPROVEMENTS IN COLINGTON HARBOUR

One of the most beautiful amenities of the community is our Sound Front Park, providing two playgrounds, a covered pavilion, picnic areas with barbeque grills, great fishing, and a fish cleaning station.



Thank you David Creecy!

This year, new swings and a toddler slide replaced the old and outdated playground equipment. BBQ grills were replaced, and new picnic tables were added to the pavilion. A big "thank you" goes out to resident, David Creecy, who volunteered his time, expertise, and equipment to leveling all of the sand in the entire park. Sand was removed from around the trees, which had been left after last year's dredging, and had become a growing concern for the livelihood of the trees. Mr. Creecy's efforts set the stage for the new playground, by removing the old playground equipment and leveling the area. We thank him for his generous efforts toward maintaining this beautiful area for all to enjoy.

Earlier in the year, dredging of the main canal was completed, as well as the replacement of the bulkhead around the park and marina. Dredging has been approved for this upcoming year, and plans are to start in early 2018. We would like to thank the volunteers of the Inlet Committee, for all of their efforts with identifying the dredge areas and removal of the spoils, as well as their recommendations for repairs to the South Jetty. In early January, we will be making repairs to the South Jetty, and be replacing the bulkhead at the



boat launch, which has begun to fail. The replacement of this bulkhead area will complete the entire bulkhead project, replacing all wood bulkhead with vinyl (except the small area on the South Jetty). We very much appreciate your patience for any inconvenience while these projects are being completed.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS!**

*December 2017*



Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry and Bright Holiday season  
and a prosperous 2018!

*Cristina Garey*

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### CHA YACHT & RACQUET CLUB NEWS

2017 has been a wonderful year: we had 428 paid members, held a number of well-attended Family Nights, purchased new round tables and tablecloths for the dining room, had record crowds for our water aerobics classes, and pool use went smoothly with our valuable lifeguards and monitors.

In December, we had our annual Tree-Trimming, and a delicious Christmas Dinner that was attended by 45 members. A great time was had by all! Santa even showed up to draw the door prize!

CHY&RC will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018! We plan to hold festivities at the annual Memorial Day Picnic for members: barbequed pork, hot dogs, and "all the fixins" will be provided. Members are asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. We will have a DJ, cornhole games, children's activities (face painting, etc.) and CHRY&RC shirts will be for sale.

Volunteers are needed for the children's activities. More information to follow in future newsletters.

The pool will be open to members on Memorial Day. New members can sign up at the pool. As usual, welcome back letters will be sent out in April to current members.

#### CHY&RC Future Events:

January 27 – Pizza Social  
February 5 – Super Bowl Party .

We are also celebrating an 8-year extension on our lease, with a 10-year option to re-new. We thank the CHA for this positive affirmation of the good will we share as a community.

## HOLIDAY EATING TIPS

Christmas is a time of family, giving, and celebrating the birth of Jesus. We all know that with this comes busy days, shopping, late nights wrapping, and holiday parties.

This December, we suggest that our Colington residents, to stay optimistic and merry, follow, these simple eating tips;

Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes calorie leakage.

Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories, if you are in the process of preparing something.

Anything consumed while standing has no calories. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.

Anything consumed from someone else's plate has no calories, since the calories rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to his/her plate. (We ALL know how calories like to cling!)

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## COLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Winter fire safety tips...heating alternatives

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

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

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

Use only safety-listed equipment. Look for the UL label on oil and electric heaters; a UL or AGA label on gas appliances.

If you use an electric heater, be sure your house wiring is adequate. A hot cord or plug can indicate a possible overloaded circuit.

Maintain adequate clearance in all directions around heaters and stoves—away from walls and combustibles such as curtains, beds, or other furniture. We suggest 3 feet as a minimum clearance. Use a screen around heaters with open flames.

Frequently check hoses and fittings for damage or cracks.

For those of you that enjoy using your fireplace:  
Never use flammable liquids to start or quicken a fire.  
Never burn charcoal in your fireplace; it gives off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.

Use a metal screen in front of your fireplace to keep burning embers inside.

Keep the size of your fire manageable. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire. Have your chimney inspected by a licensed professional annually.

Keep flammable materials off your mantel and well away from the fireplace.

Be sure the fire in the fireplace is out when you go to bed. Never close the damper while the ashes are still hot.

### Remember, smoke and CO alarms save lives!

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



If you have any fuel burning appliances (LP gas, wood, etc.) a Carbon Monoxide alarm is vital too. CO is a gas that is colorless and odorless so you won't be able to detect the presence of CO without this type of alarm. More than 400 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 others are hospitalized. As a matter of fact, a Colington family was alerted to an early morning CO leak in their home in November 2017. The alarm probably saved their lives!

When the CO builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned. Ventilation does not guarantee safety. Winter is particularly a high concern for CO poisoning. Even if the power is out, never run a generator in an enclosed building to power anything. Recently the CPSC counted at least 94 generator-related carbon monoxide poisoning deaths, 47 of which occurred during power outages due to severe weather. Test your alarm once a month.

#### And as always....

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has openings for Volunteer Firefighters. As the name implies, the department relies heavily on people volunteering their time and effort to help keep our community safe, and Volunteers play an essential role in response to emergencies and daily operation of the station. Firefighting is not all "guts and glory". Being a firefighter requires hard work and determination. It requires the physical and mental ability to respond to all types of emergencies, under all types of conditions. From the hottest, most humid days of summer to the coldest, most bleak days of winter, you will be called upon to serve this community to the highest standards. Do you have what it takes?

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.

If you believe you have what it takes to be a firefighter, please call or stop by the Colington Volunteer Fire Department and pick up an application. We'll show you around, and discuss how you can help your community.

Department training is held on the first three Tuesdays of the month, and other specialized training is available. We also have a need for Support Group members. These dedicated individuals help the department "behind the scenes" with fundraisers and other fun, safe activities. So if you want to help, but don't like the idea of running into a burning building, the Support Group may be for you. Just call or stop by the station for more information. And remember: Expert Training, Free; Protective gear and uniforms, Free; Saving a life.... Priceless!

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#### HOLIDAY SEASON FRONT GATE

With the Holiday season upon us, many people will be having visitors. Our gate welcomes thousands of visitors on a daily basis. Whether family or friends, it is up to you, as the home owner or tenant, to inform the gate that you will be having visitors. This will help the gate to run more efficient, and relieve a lot of the tension between the visitor and guard personnel, if they feel they are welcome when they arrive. To contact the gate, please call 252-441-5430.

#### 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the Colington Harbour Association Annual Meeting –  
Saturday, April 14 @ 10:00 am at the clubhouse.



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