### **NEW MANAGER**

As many of you already know, Donna Robertson is no longer with Colington Harbour Association. She will be greatly missed, and



we wish her all the best in her future endeavors as she and her husband move to the state of Washington. We have hired Brittany Underwood as the new Community Manager. Brittany recently moved back to North Carolina from Texas, where she spent the last 10 years managing HOAs in both the Houston and Dallas markets. Make sure you say "hello" the next time you are visiting the Clubhouse.

### **FALL HOURS**

**Harbour Office** – Beginning November 5<sup>th</sup> Office Hours: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm M-F *Closed Saturdays & Sundays* 

**Maintenance Yard** – Beginning September 24<sup>th</sup> Open only Saturdays from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

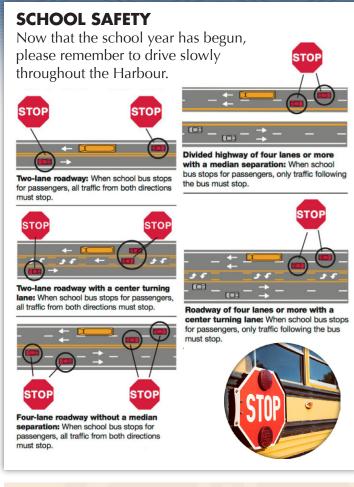
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## COLINGTON HARBOUR YACHT & RACQUET CLUB

Our 50th anniversary celebration pig pickin' was a wonderful success! Thanks to all who attended, and those who helped to organize the event. It was the perfect kick-off to a wonderful summer full of activities for our members.

### **POOL**

Pool membership this year was over 480 families and growing! Thanks to Jane, Kim, Fran, Parker, Makaiya, John, Dianna, Terri, and Steve for keeping all of us safe this summer. Thanks to John, our CPO, and Donna, for keeping the pool clean. Teen Night was a big success – over 50 kids participated.

#### WATER AEROBICS

Once again, we had a summer full of great exercise, fun, and a delicious luncheon to thank our wonderful water aerobics instructors. Many thanks to our instructors: Jane Kashuba, Hunter Will, Val Morton, and Erin Murphy, and to Tracey, Karin, and Sue, for coordinating the luncheon.



### **FRIDAY BURGER NIGHTS**

For the 2nd year, we offered members a chance to enjoy the pool a bit later (open until 8 pm on Fridays), get together with friends & family, or to meet new neighbors while enjoying a burger (\$4) or hot dog (\$3) plate (including fixings, chips, beverage, and dessert). We were thrilled to have a great turnout each week – with our last Burger Night feeding over 75 people! Thanks to Fran & John Collins for the idea to create this opportunity for families and friends to enjoy a meal together! Thanks to Paul, John, Steve, & David – our grillers, to Fran, Barbara, Jane, Corky, & Karin - for set up & prep, and to those who donated desserts.

Hope you will plan to join us next summer!

### **BINGO**

Come join us for Thursday Night Bingo (6-9 pm) at the Clubhouse! Members can play ten games for \$10. Prizes are awarded to winners. Many thanks to Pat and Jane, our Bingo callers.



We've had a great turnout all summer,

and hope to see you on a Thursday evening this year! BYOB.

**AEROBICS** – An aerobics class will be offered to members at the Clubhouse, beginning the end of September. Cost will be a donation - \$5/class is recommended. Please watch the Announcement Board for times.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Annual Meeting - October 13th @ 1:00 pm

### **SOCIAL HOURS**

Members should bring an appetizer, covered dish, or dessert. BYOB.

October 13th at 6:00 pm

October 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 6:00 pm 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for our treasurer, and dedicated pool operations supervisor, John Collins

November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm - Harvest Dinner – Chef Keith Fanning. Turkey Shoot at 3:00 pm. Reservations for the dinner are required. Call the Clubhouse by 11/9

**December 1**st – Tree Trimming- 6:00 pm

**December 8**th – Christmas/Holiday Dinner - 5:00 pm Check the Announcement Board for details.



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### **COLINGTON YACHT CLUB (CYC)** SAILBOATS NEEDED FOR YOUTH SAILING

Every summer, the Colington Yacht Club puts on a wonderful 4-week sailing camp for the youth of Colington Harbour. The children not only learn about sailing, but also about the importance of water safety and water etiquette. One of the intents of the program is to encourage students to come back each summer and build upon their skills. Therein lies our problem. While we have a sufficient number of Optimist sailboats for beginning students, we need more Sunfish boats for the older and more skilled students.

We are asking that if anyone has a Sunfish sailboat in good condition, and would be willing to donate it to the Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Program, please contact Scott Morton at 610-392-9363. Thank you for helping us bring the joy of sailing to the next generation!

### **GATE ENFORCEMENT**

Colington Harbour Association has joined with the local police to further enforce the Entry Gate Stop Sign. Please be aware, as you are entering the community, that law enforcement will be present at random times, and issuing citations to violators.

Reminder: Our covenants require a VALID bar code sticker to enter in the right lane. All others must enter through the left lane, STOP at the guard gate, and obtain a pass. You must then YIELD to cars moving through the right lane. All cars must stop at the Stop sign at the end of the right lane.

### **ARTICLES NEEDED**

To keep our newsletter informative and useful, please think of submitting articles, photos, announcements, or pertinent information. Please email your submissions to colingtonadmin@ colingtonharbour.net.

Next deadline for submission: December 8, 2018 for the Winter newsletter - January 2019.



Please give our kids a break... slow down around bus stops!

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### **COLINGTON HARBOUR COMMUNITY PARKS**

We are happy to announce the naming and dedication of three Community Parks for the enjoyment of the members of the Colington Harbour Association.

### **Kitty Hawk Bay Park**

A stretch of sound front beach access, located at 413 Kitty Hawk Bay Drive. This location is ideal for a quick swim or a quiet picnic. Designed as pet-friendly, take "Rover" for a swim. Please remember that your pet must be under your direct supervision, and respect the property rights of adjoining neighbors.



# CLUBHOUSE POINT PARK This property is designated as "Common Property" and devoted in the common use and only monet of the property owners of Collegent Markonic. This property is designated as per friendly also per flow County Ordinances, pels must be restrained or under dreet supervision of their enurer Chapter 31

### **Clubhouse Point Park**

A new bulk-headed sound front parcel located down the ramp near the front of the Clubhouse. This large stretch of sandy access is ideal for throwing a ball or Frisbee. This area is also designated as pet-friendly.

### **Harbour Park**

Our largest recreation area, this sound front beach boasts two playground areas with swings and slides, multiple picnic tables with barbeque grills, a pavilion that can be rented for special occasions, a fish cleaning table, and protected swimming area. This location is NOT petfriendly.



Reminder: Dare County Animal Ordinance requires animals be on a leash OR under your direct supervision when not on your property. Additionally, there are Pet Waste Bag Dispensers at both dog-friendly parks. Please use them, and dispose of the bags in a park garbage can.

# HARBOUR DOG RULES

Rules for 4-legged family members benefit everyone.

Many dog owners love their animals as if they were a child or grandchild. But just as there are rules to keep children safe, there also are rules to keep four-legged



family members out of harm's way – and that means not letting any dog run free, habitually bark, be aggressive, or get into mischief.

Even the best-trained and most well-behaved dogs are required by Dare County Ordinance 91 to be walked on a leash, not allowed to run free.

Complying with Dare County's laws isn't only good for your pet; it's also the neighborly thing to do – and it's mandated in the community's covenants, which are in place for the safety off all residents and guests.

And please remember: When walking a pet on leash, be sure and pick up your pet's waste. The community's streets are used by walkers, joggers, cyclists and others, and no resident wants to have to clean up after someone else's dog.



**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.





### **COLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

For this issue, we wanted to focus on a few 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.

### Volunteers Still Needed

Your fire department still has a great need for able bodied folks to become volunteer firefighters. All training and equipment is provided at no cost,



and all skill levels are welcome. Firefighting is strenuous and physically demanding, but there is no better feeling than being a part of a team that helped save someone's life or property. Stop by the station and talk with our staff about volunteer opportunities. Help us help you!

# 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"! And as most of our residents know, we are largely volunteer and rely on their response to fires and crashes. Even though a firefighter's personally owned vehicle isn't an emergency vehicle, we certainly appreciate any courtesy you may allow so our folks can get to the station promptly to answer emergencies. We may be going to help someone you know!

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### **Test Those Detectors**

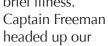
One major problem that affects households everywhere, including right here in Dare County is non-working smoke alarms. Did you know that a working smoke alarm more than doubles your chances of surviving a fire in your home? Most fatal fires occur in residences late at night or very early in the morning, when nearly everyone is asleep. Smoke only deepens a person's sleep, making a simple smoke alarm a true life saving device when installed and maintained according to manufacturers



standards. Test your alarm 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 alarm. Smoke alarms with sealed 10-year lithium batteries must be replaced at least every 10 years, if not a little more often. Clean and vacuum your alarms 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.

## CVFD Member Passes

The CVFD lost a beloved team member earlier this summer. Captain Tucker Freeman passed away after a brief illness.





Rest in peace Tucker Freeman

Fireground Support Services unit, which provides drinks and rehab services to responders on many incidents. Most folks in the community simply knew him as Tucker. He was active in many community groups outside of the fire department and he will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace 'Cap'. We'll take it from here.

# COLINGTON HARBOUR ASSOCIATION FEES PROVIDE:

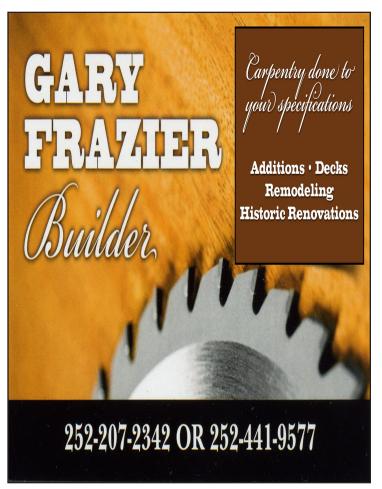
Colington Harbour is a private gated subdivision, with over 2,400 lots. Amenities within the Harbour include:

- 24/7 staffed, guard gate entrance to the community
- Full time maintenance staff
- Paved, private roads
- Huge sound side park with sandy beaches
- Playground
- Sheltered picnic areas
- 'First come-first served' kayak rack
- Boat launch ramp
- · Boat slips for rent

Residents may opt to join the Colington Harbour Yacht and Racquet Club, which gives members use of the outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, and community clubhouse. Additionally, residents may join the Colington Yacht Club.











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# ADVICE FOR THE PARENTS OF LATCHKEY KIDS

With a new school year underway, many parents and caregivers fret about latchkey children who spend time on their own before or after school. According to some estimates, more than three million kids under 12 are home alone at least part of the day. That's inevitable, given the number of single-parent households and families in which both parents work.

We all want our kids to be safe and secure, so we did a little research. Here are some basic tips to help make sure your kids know how to handle being home alone: Have your kids check in with you or a responsible adult as soon as they come home. They can call your office phone or your cell phone. If you are unavailable, they should leave a message.

Set up guidelines for answering the telephone. Let calls go to the answering machine, if available, unless caller ID indicates that a family member or friend is calling. Establish clear rules for keeping doors locked and answering the door. In most cases, young children should not open the door unless it's a family member or a well-known and trusted neighbor or friend.

If Internet access is allowed, establish standards and clear restrictions, such as setting up parental guidelines for websites and chats. Also remind children that talking to strangers is just as bad an idea online as it is in public. Make sure your child knows how and when to call 911—an important reminder for all of us. If you see anything suspicious or threatening in our community, call the police immediately.

You can get various perspectives on this topic by typing "latchkey kids" into a search engine such as Google, Bing or Yahoo.

Finally, don't worry that your children will suffer emotional or psychological damage by fending for themselves a few hours a week. According to one news story, a report cited by the American Psychological Association found that the success of latchkey kids depends more on what kids are doing with their time after school, rather than the fact that you're not with them 24-7.



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