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HARBOUR HEADLINES

COLINGTON HARBOUR, NORTH CAROLINA

NEW CHA MARKETPLACE SITE:

<https://colingtonharbour.net/dev/harbour-marketplace/>

A new (and free) service for Colington Harbour residents!



COLINGTON HARBOUR MARKETPLACE

The CHA Marketplace is a place for Colington Harbour members to advertise items for sale, to list items wanted, services offered, or services needed. Unlike many other sites, the ads are monitored for spelling errors, inappropriate content, etc., prior to their being published on the site. If the ad is not acceptable, the CHA Marketplace Manager will notify the individual placing the ad to allow for corrections.

Following are some of the rules and regulations to use the service:

- Person placing ad must be a member, in good standing, of the Colington Harbour Association.
- Ads are limited to 2-3 lines of text only. No pictures, at this time (see below for more information concerning pictures).
- Ads must include at least one of the following: a contact phone number, text number or email.
- No addresses will be permitted within the ad.
- Ads will remain on the site for a minimum of 3 weeks, unless requested by the person placing the ad to be removed.
- No ads for any commercial entities/businesses will be permitted.

Although pictures are not able to be placed on the site due to space constraints, we are working on allowing pictures in the future. Your ad can contain a 'URL' that points to a picture of the item, on the Internet, you are selling or wanting.



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COLINGTON HARBOUR YACHT & RACQUET CLUB

It has been an incredibly busy four months!

Bingo

Our Thursday Bingo Nights have been a great way to have fun and get to know your neighbors! Bingo sessions will resume again in the Spring. Check the CHY&RC Facebook page and message bulletin board at the gate for updates.

Pool Covered

On a drizzly October 13, ten volunteers helped to cover the CH pool until summer returns. A big thanks to Sue & Neil Schaming, Pat Card, Susie McIntyre Hinson, Lee Hinson, Joe Luluk, Steve & Barbara Ornstein, Donna Price, and John Collins for the help! The pool will reopen on Saturday, May 25.



John Collins' Birthday Celebration

We celebrated John's 80th birthday, complete with a family surprise visit, in October, to thank him for his dedication in maintaining the quality of our pool.

Exercise Classes

Join us for exercise, with a focus on flexibility and balance, led by Erin Murphy. Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10:00-11:00 am in the Clubhouse. Recommended \$5.00 donation. No classes during Christmas Week.



Turkey Shoot & Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey Shoot Target winners: Fritz, Doug, Paula, Dave, & Carol. We had 35 people join us for a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner, provided by Chef Keith Fanning.

Christmas Dinner

We had 63 members attend our annual Christmas Dinner on December 8 – one of the largest crowds ever!. Chef Keith Fanning, assisted by his wife, Meryl, created a fabulous meal for all! A 50/50 Raffle was held, as well as raffles for poinsettias & Christmas ferns.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 1st

New Year's Day Social – 1:00-5:00 pm

January 12th & 26th

Social Hours 6:00 pm

February 3rd

Super Bowl Sunday Social – 5:00 pm

February 9th

Valentine's Day Dinner.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND CHA BULLETIN BOARD AT THE GATE FOR UPDATES.



COLINGTON YACHT CLUB

The annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade, open to all boaters in Colington Harbour, was held at dusk on Saturday, December 8. We had a great turnout, with eleven decorated boats participating. Tied for first place were: "Sweet Shu" and "Time 4 Play". Thanks to all who participated in making the extra effort to make living in Colington Harbour a de-LIGHT!

Annual Christmas Dinner & General Meeting

Our annual Christmas Dinner & General Meeting was held on December 16th at Rooster's Southern Kitchen.

Officers for the 2019 term will be:

Commodore - Scott Morton

Vice-Commodore - Suzanne Waters

Rear Commodore - Ryan Hatch

Past Commodore - Rick Hildebrant

Secretary - Harriet Diaz

Treasurer - Robin Pollili

Fleet Captain - Carl Smith

Youth Program - Gene Meacham & Allan Norton

Thank you to our 2018 Officers: Scott Morton, Anne Marie Evans, Rick Hildebrant, Sharron Hildebrant, Diana Miller, Ryan Hatch and Allan Norton.

Change of Watch Dinner*

Saturday, February 23th 6:00 pm

Capt'n Georges Restaurant

CYC members, as well as parents of Youth Sailing students, are invited to attend.

A Silent Auction will be held to raise money to support Colington Youth Sailing.

** Check the CYC webpage for more details / updates*

Colington Yacht Club is centered around sailing, boating, and community service. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sharron Hildebrant at 804-366-8480.



COLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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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.

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.
- Always use the proper fuel for your particular type of heater. When refueling an oil unit, avoid overfilling it. In addition, never fill your heater while it is burning.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure your house wiring is adequate. A hot cord or plug can indicate a possible overloaded circuit.
- Space heaters need space! 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. Have your chimney inspected by a licensed professional annually.

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.
- 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.
- Have you checked your smoke alarm and / or carbon monoxide alarm lately? Remember to change the batteries (if so equipped) at least annually!

You can help in an emergency

Your child has just fallen out of a tree or from a second-story window. Someone in your family is suffering a heart attack or a stroke. You're driving down the road and happen upon an auto accident. These are all things that can happen to anyone at any time, anywhere. How you react in the first few critical minutes is the most important thing you may ever do. It is very important to dial 911 immediately in any emergency!

If your child or anyone is hurt, and you suspect any kind of injury, do not move the patient. By moving the injured person, you increase the possibility of causing damage to the injured person's spinal cord, so leave the patient where he/she is unless you have no choice.

If someone is having a heart attack or a stroke, try to remain calm and have the patient lie down and stay calm.



If the patient is conscious, keep him warm and give him nothing to eat or drink. If the patient is unconscious and is not breathing or has no pulse, start CPR only if you are trained. Do not attempt CPR just because you've seen it done on television.

If you happen upon an auto accident and you're the first one there, try to help the people if you can, but protect yourself first. Do not remove them from the auto unless there is a fire or the possibility of fire. Remember that this is real life, not television, and seldom does a car explode into flames. If anyone is bleeding, try to stop the bleeding using articles you have with you. Don't move a patient's arms, neck, or back unless you have no choice.

WANT TO HELP EVEN MORE?

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?

You must be 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 Driver's 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, call us at 441-6234, or look us up on the web at www.colingtonfd.com.



Donna Price



YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU WILL FIND ON A WALK IN OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY!

Jane Wirth, with her granddaughters, Grayson & Raleigh, found a surprise at The Little Free Library on Kitty Hawk Bay Drive - someone left pinwheels to share with visitors!

Don't forget, at "Loose Books", you can take what you want and can leave what you can. There are books for children, youth and adults - Enjoy!



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HEAR LIFE



Thank you to Pat Card, CHA Maintenance Supervisor, and Cas Serrant for creating the three pumpkins (2 at the Gatehouse, and one at the Clubhouse). What a creative use for the discarded pool filters!

WRITE FOR THE HARBOUR HEADLINES

We are looking for people to write articles for Harbour Headlines about community events, local interests, and school happenings. 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, please send an email with the proposed article and/or topics to chamanager@embarqmail.com. Articles must be fact-based to be considered for the newsletter. This is not a venue for personal opinions or political statements.



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.

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.

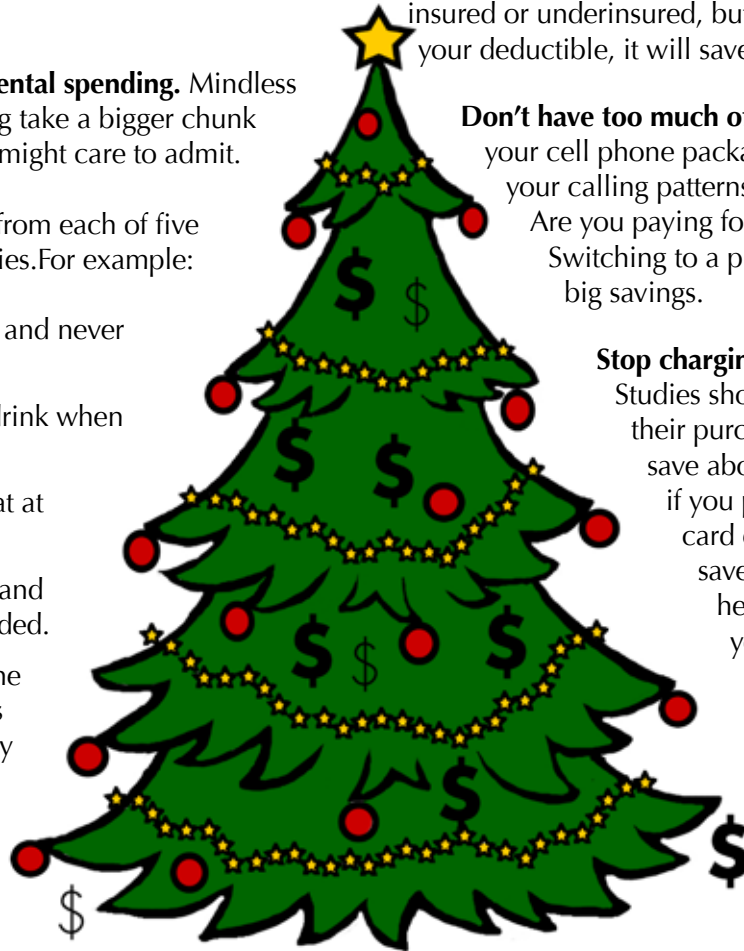
Eliminate bank fees. Bank with an institution that has ATMs near where you live and work, eliminating any fees assessed by using a machine outside of your network. Don't pay for your checking account when many banks offer free checking with few strings attached. Never overdraw your account.

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.



300 ft above Sunset Drive by Al Murdock



Jim Soles #1 Agent for Colington Harbour sales in 2016 & 2017

YTD, PER THE OUTER BANKS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS STATISTICS 1/1/16-12/7/17

Do you have a checklist for Selling or Buying?

- ☒ **Need Someone you can put your faith into that is looking out for your best interest?**
- ☒ **Someone with a Pulse on the market in your community?**
 - ☒ **Company with a proven record of helping people?**
 - ☒ **A Realtor that cares about YOU and the community?**
- ☒ **Do you want the highest amount possible for your home?**
 - ☒ **Someone to answer the phone when you call?**



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