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A few weeks ago, we began hearing the calls of our osprey friends, returning to roost in their summer homes and signaling the start of the summer season! With warmer weather finally here, we are already seeing the steady stream of visitors and owners also returning to their beloved vacation homes in Colington Harbour.

For those of us that spent the winter months here, we are thrilled to finally enjoy all that our community has to offer, including the park, the marina, and the pool!

With the higher number of people now in the Harbour, the staff at the CHA wanted to let everyone know that the office will now be open Saturday mornings from 9am-12pm through the summer.

We also have a lot of information we want to share with you. Read on for news on Harbour happenings, important reminders, and news from the Colington Yacht Club and the Colington Yacht and Racquet Club. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer season!



Photo credit: [Pia Ford](#)

Fun fact: Osprey nests are built of sticks and lined with bark, sod, grasses, vines, algae, or flotsam and jetsam. The male usually fetches most of the nesting material—sometimes breaking dead sticks off nearby trees as he flies past—and the female arranges it.

(Source: www.allaboutbirds.org)



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Find us on

Along with the quarterly newsletter, our website, and regular eBlasts, we have added another way to keep in touch with the residents of Colington Harbour. If you are a Facebook user, you can find the new CHA Facebook page here:

www.facebook.com/colingtonharbourobx

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IN THE KNOW:

The Colington Harbour Association is run by elected board members and their support staff, including the office personnel, guard gate, and maintenance. The administrative office is located inside the clubhouse at the end of Colington Road, by the marina. The clubhouse is owned by the CHA, and our hours are posted on [our website](#). We can assist with vehicle bar codes, new owner welcome packets, obtaining permits for home and lot modifications, HOA collections, boat trailer stickers, maintenance scheduling, park pavilion rentals, and we are here to answer questions from residents about living in the community.

The clubhouse can also be used for events such as weddings and other special occasions, and is managed separately by the Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club, along with the pool and tennis courts. Payments for membership to the pool and club rentals are handled through [CHY&RC](#), and you can find them online at <http://www.chyrc.org>.

The [Colington Yacht Club](#), a great organization for boaters, offers the annual Youth Sailing Camp, various races and regattas, Wednesday Night Social Sails, along with other social and service events.



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HEAR LIFE

A NEW BEACH CART!

A big **THANK YOU** to the Colington Yacht Club (CYC), which has generously donated a Beach Cart to our community, to facilitate the transportation of picnic coolers, baskets, etc., for those who rent or use the pavilion for a beach event.

Residents may pick up the key to the cart in the CHA Office. The club has also donated picnic tables and a large grill for use at the pavilion area in recent years.



SELLING ONLINE:

The Marketplace is a FREE service where Colington Harbour members can advertise items for sale, list items wanted, services offered, or services needed on the CHA website: <https://colingtonharbour.net/harbour-marketplace>



Unlike many other sites, the ads are monitored for spelling errors, inappropriate content, etc., prior to 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, along with one or two photos. (Photos will be cropped by the CHA Marketplace Manager, if needed.) In addition, your ad can also contain a 'URL' that would point to a picture of the item on the Internet.
 - ⚓ 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 removal is requested by the person placing the ad.
 - ⚓ No ads for any commercial entities/businesses will be permitted.
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A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Living in a private community like Colington Harbour comes with many benefits. In order to protect, preserve, and enhance property values in the community, and ensure an enjoyable experience for residents, the Colington Harbour Association has a set of [protective covenants](#) to which all residents must adhere.

The CHA office receives numerous calls and visits from residents, with questions and concerns about these covenants for a variety of reasons. Questions range from inquiries about building permits, to neighbors potentially violating a covenant. Our Covenant Enforcement Officer, Pat McGowan, spends a great deal of time investigating complaints, answering questions, and discussing covenant violations in order to keep our community safe and beautiful.

Below are a few of the common ordinances that are addressed on a regular basis:



⚓ BOATS

Parking and storage for boats and Personal Watercraft (PWC) and/or their trailers is permitted on the east end of the lower parking lot, with maximum storage parking time (without prior Association permission) of three days (72 hours). Longer parking storage times must be arranged in advance with the Association Office, and will be considered on a case by case basis. The maximum parking/storage time allowed, WITH Association permission, will be two weeks. Maintenance work on boats, PWCs, or their trailers shall not be permitted in the parking lot area.

The Association will permit use of boats as dwellings, not to exceed a total of (7) days, when the operator is either a resident of Colington Harbour or a guest of such resident, provided: (a) the boat is tied up to a pier at the listed residence or is legally using a rental pier, (b) the boat is a registered or documented vessel, and (c) the boat is equipped with a marine toilet that meets and is operated in accordance with current federal standards.



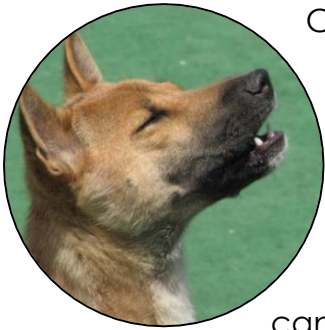
⚓ DISPOSAL OF TRASH AND DEBRIS

All debris shall be placed in containers as stated in County ordinances. Plastic bags and other garbage placed outside of containers are not allowed.

⚓ DOGS:

All dogs are required by Dare County Ordinance 91 to be walked on a leash, and are not allowed to run free. When walking, please be sure to pick up your pet's waste. There are designated 'doggie bags' for use at the marina, Kitty Hawk Bay Park, and Clubhouse Pointe Park. 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.

Also note that it is unlawful for any dog owner to allow his dog to habitually or repeatedly chase, snap at, attack, or bark at pedestrians, bicyclists, or vehicles, turn over garbage pails, damage gardens, flowers or vegetables.



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 of all residents and guests.

The community's covenants also require that pet owners be considerate neighbors and keep their dog from habitually or repeatedly barking.

Some dog owners are unaware that their beloved family pet whines or barks incessantly while they're away from home. If no one tells them, they

can't do anything about it, but confronting a neighbor can be an

uncomfortable situation. No one wants to complain, but it's natural to want to relax in one's own home.

If you would like to inform a neighbor, the CHA can help! The Association's Director of Compliance, Pat McGowan, will notify the neighbor, in writing, of the complaint and advise the neighbor that Dare County Animal Control may be notified. However, it is incumbent upon the complaining party to issue a formal complaint with Dare County. Dare County provides all animal-related services including: • Animal welfare complaints or concerns • Animal cruelty investigation and charges • Public nuisance issues • Animal to human bites • Calls regarding injured or stray dogs or cats. To reach Dare County Animal Services, call 252-475-5620.



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⚓ FIREWORKS, FIRECRACKERS, ETC.

Fireworks, firecrackers or similar devices which create explosive sounds, explosions, potential fire hazards, or noise disturbance across property boundary or public space when fired into the air, or on the ground, are strictly prohibited.

⚓ REAL ESTATE SIGNS:

The Colington Harbour Association continues to receive complaints about the placement of real estate signs in Colington Harbour.

The Colington Harbour Restrictive Covenants, Article VII, Building and Use Limitations, Section 1, states, "No sign, billboard, or advertising structure of any nature shall be placed on or be exhibited from any land or structure in the subdivision except one (1) *non-illuminated sign (a second sign on the canal/waterfront side of a structure or lot in the case of waterfront property) of not more than four (4) square feet (no side greater than two (2) linear feet on which the name of the occupant and/or address/phone number of the property is displayed, or (2) optional wording on such sign(s) containing the words "For Rent" or "For Sale" and information about or the logotype of the Broker, Owner or Builder of the lot or property. A sign shall be attached directly to the structure, if any, or on empty lots a sign may be attached to no more than two stakes with either bottom corner of the sign not more than eighteen (18) inches above ground level. No sign may contain moving parts. Freestanding signs shall conform to the more Restrictive Covenants or zoning building line setbacks and shall be placed parallel to the roadway and the waterfront bulkhead."*



Any real estate sign that does not conform to the Covenants will be immediately removed and destroyed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

⚓ GATE SECURITY:



As of February 1st, 2019, recent policy changes have been made at the entrance gate: our covenants require residents' vehicles to have a VALID decal (now bar code sticker) to enter in the right lane.

Visitors and residents without a barcode must come through the left lane, stop at the guard gate, and provide a legitimate Colington Harbour address. Tag numbers will be recorded. This is mandatory for entry; those who do not comply will not be granted entrance. These policies have been put into place for a safer community.

We encourage all residents to obtain a barcode, available at the clubhouse. You will need the registration to your vehicle and proof of residency. Please make sure that your visitors have a Colington Harbour address ready upon arrival at the guard gate. They will then be provided with a vehicle pass. This will make their arrival and entry a more efficient and welcoming experience. Calling up to the guard gate will help ensure your guests are expected and welcomed into the community in a timelier manner.

Guard gate #: 252-441-5430

INLET COMMITTEE REPORT:



The Colington inlet was scheduled to have its annual dredging in mid-February. That all changed when the hired contractor's barge and long-reach loader sank while being towed to another job.

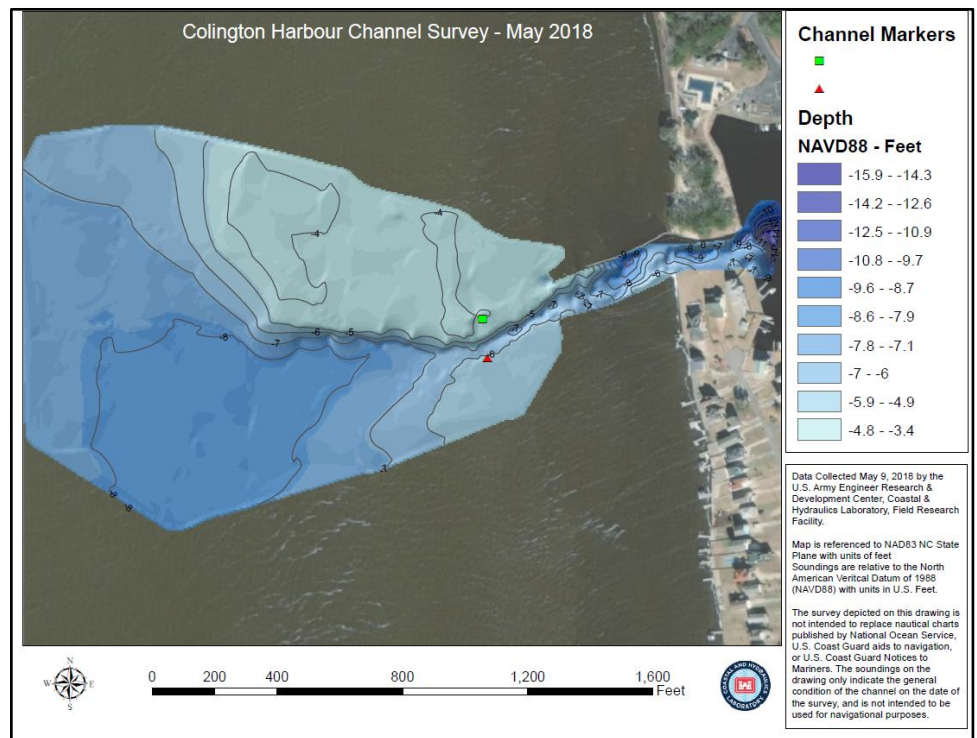
CHA's dredging permit covered the time between November and the end of February. This left a very narrow window to find a different dredging company with the proper equipment and ability to meet our permit end date. We found a different contractor, but we were unable to get the permit extended long enough for him to get his equipment here.

Based on earlier depth soundings by the Corps (see plot), as well as recent depth checks by the Inlet Committee, there is sufficient inlet depth, but a

shallow water depth marker has been installed to keep boats from running aground.

Power boaters should have no problems leaving or entering the harbor, staying within the markers. Sailboats, to be safe, should stay between the white shoal marker of the inlet and the southern mark.

Be advised that, due to storms, shoaling may increase, resulting in shallow depths. If depths worsen due to shoaling, we will work with CHA to apply for an emergency dredging permit. If a boater has problems entering or leaving the harbor, please keep us advised, by e-mailing the CHA property manager at colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net, or Rick Hildebrant at saltydawgrick13@yahoo.com.



CHA Inlet Committee:

Rick Hildebrant (Chairperson) ✎ Ryan Hatch ✎ David Hope ✎
Gene Meacham ✎ Gary Schwartz ✎ Bill Tapp ✎ Jeff Waters

COLINGTON YACHT CLUB:

⚓ Blessing of the Fleet 2019

37 Vessels Join the Harbor Parade to Be Blessed

A record number of boats and their crews turned out this year in hopes of a safe and happy season. Anyone monitoring VHF Channel 68 heard the introduction of Reverend Teresa Holloway, of Colington United Methodist Church, by U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member, Holton Bond. The Reverend led all in honoring America's fallen servicemembers, and invited all to hear a special prayer and scripture reading, blessing those who venture forth on the sea.

The order of the lineup, as in previous years, was sailboats first, large powerboats, followed by smaller powerboats and even kayaks! All floating vessels were invited! For safety's sake, vessels remained in the staging area of Tartan Inlet, and were led out by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boat. They then circled the harbor, passed the pontoon and received the Pastor's blessing, then returned down Tartan Inlet, staying to the right. Later, complimentary vessel checks were offered by the Auxiliary, and only kind suggestions given for any missing safety equipment.



Find more photos and specific instructions for next year at ColingtonYachtClub.com.

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- ☒ 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?
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- ☒ Do you want the highest amount possible for your home?
 - ☒ Someone to answer the phone when you call?




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⚓ Colington Youth Sailing



Ages 9-16 (changed from last year)

Cost- \$100.00 (includes all 4 weeks, Thursday lunches, and regatta)

Dates of Program: please note-no classes in the first week of July

Start Date: Monday, July 8th 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Classes Monday through Thursday for four weeks, ending Thursday, August 1st.
Contact Sharron Hildebrant at 804-366-8480, or
youthprogram@colingtonyachtclub.com.

⚓ Regattas

Colington Youth Regatta - August 3, 2019

(Students will all receive necessary Race Start instruction and more.)

Manteo Regatta - JULY 27, 2019

Date to be verified. We assume there will be a Manteo Regatta, and sailors who wish to take part are supported by staff who assist, including the transport of boats and rigs to Manteo.

Skills:

Students must be swimmers and pass a swim test on first day. Fee will be returned for any youth who fails this test.

For the more experienced sailors, we will concentrate on honing sailing skills and racing techniques. For novices, we concentrate on teaching basic sailing skills, tying knots, learning Optimist Sailing Dinghy's rigs, and building confidence.

COLINGTON HARBOUR YACHT & RACQUET CLUB:



Happy Summer!

Fabulous Opening Day: We served over 300 members at our annual picnic! Thanks to all volunteers and members who donated yummy sides and deserts!

Membership Information:

New members can obtain membership applications on our website (www.chyrc.org) or inside the clubhouse main entrance.

2018-2019 Improvements:

- The clubhouse men's bathroom has been remodeled.
- Pool equipment has been updated.
- Pool sign-in desk, which was destroyed during Hurricane Michael, has been replaced.

Pool Hours: (the hours below begin after Dare County schools start summer break. The pool will be operating under shorter hours until June 11th).

- M, T, W, Th, Sat 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Friday – 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Sunday – Noon – 7:00 pm

Tennis Courts: Keys to the tennis courts may be picked up at the CHA office.

CLUBHOUSE GATHERINGS:

Water Aerobics will begin June 10th, Monday – Friday 10 am.

Saturday Social Hours: BYOB. Members should also bring an appetizer, covered dish, or dessert. Check CHY&RC Board located at the guard gate each week for "Social Hour" posts.

BINGO returns! Thursdays 6-9pm starting May 30th. BYOB. Two cards for \$1. Prizes awarded. Small bills, please.

Yoga Mondays and Thursdays in the clubhouse. See <http://www.chyrc.org> for fee and contact information.

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED!

If interested
contact Fran Collins

252-480-0955



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"!

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 Driver's 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. The folks that help us out with these tasks are a big asset to us and the community. 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.



PLEASE NOTE: ALL ADS AND AD PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 9/7/2019 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FALL 2019 ISSUE OF HARBOUR HEADLINES.

CHA 2019-2020 ASSESSMENT FEES

	INSIDE GATE	OUTSIDE GATE
Full Lot	\$270.00	\$252.00
3/4 Lot	\$202.50	\$189.00
2/3 Lot	\$180.00	\$168.00
1/2 Lot	\$135.00	\$126.00
1/3 Lot	\$ 90.00	\$ 84.00
1/4 Lot	\$ 67.50	\$ 63.00



Photo by: [Brandi McMahan](#)

YOUR FRIENDS AT THE COLINGTON HARBOUR ASSOCIATION

Have a safe and happy summer!