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School is back in session and the tourists are fewer and far between. The pool is closed for the season, and now it's time to enjoy the crowd-free peace and quiet as we enter the fall season.

Many of us are kicking up our feet after a summer packed with travel, out of town guests, and long hours at work, supporting businesses and services that cater to our influx of vacationers.

As we gear up for the fall and winter months, prepare for hurricane season, dust off the fire pits and get ready for cooler weather, we should take a moment to soak in the incredible privilege of living in a place so many look forward to visiting for just a few days a year.

Read on for news on Harbour happenings, important reminders, and news from the Colington Yacht Club and the Colington Yacht and Racquet Club.



Fall Hours, starting November 4th, change to 9:00 PM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday



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Oakley - Our Beloved Southern Living Oak

Visiting the tree that greets those entering Harbour Park has been a favorite past time for many, enjoying its shade and the sturdy branches perfect for climbing and sitting on.

The 200+- year-old oak is now protected by a fence to keep it healthy and thriving. Moments like the one pictured above are now a thing of the past, if we want to keep our Oakley around for generations to enjoy. See "Oakley", p. 3.



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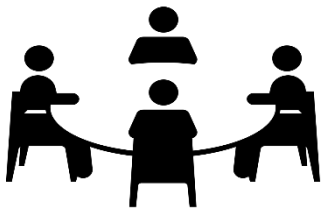
Along with the quarterly newsletter, our website, and regular eBlasts, we have added another way to keep in touch with the residents of Colington Harbour. If you are a Facebook user, you can find the new CHA Facebook page here:
www.facebook.com/colingtonharbourbox

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CHA Board Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. Next one is Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

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, 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.

COLINGTON HARBOUR PRIDE

We love being a part of such a community filled with residents who truly care about their neighborhood. We appreciate it when those that live in “The Harbour” reach out to us to let us know about their concerns, questions about different aspects of the community, as well as suggestions on how to improve it. Below are a variety of topics we wanted to share that point to just a few of the many features Colington Harbour has to offer, and how we are improving and protecting them every day.

⚓ “OAKLEY” – our Southern Live Oak

For many, our beloved oak has been a part of many memories, including weddings, family reunions, and beautiful pictures. Visitors, young and old, have loved to climb on it. We have had questions and concerns regarding “Oakley” – yes, we named our beauty!



We had an arborist (Chase Patterson) from Albemarle Landscaping assess our tree, and are happy to report that Oakley has received a clean bill of health!! The tree is EXTREMELY healthy and thriving. Oakley is estimated to be over 200 years old, and with anything old – needs to be nurtured. While Chase was here, we also discussed the sand around the tree. He does not suggest us building up the sand around Oakley periodically to ensure she continues to thrive. We have

placed a plaque and a beautiful fence around Oakley to protect her. We frown upon anyone climbing on the tree or its roots. 200 years old!!!! – she is one old tree!! Please admire her from a distance.

We thank you for your help and understanding. We hope that Oakley is around for another 200 years. Feel free to stand by the fence, read the plaque, and take as many photos as you want.

⚓ Hurricane Dorian

We made it through Hurricane Dorian! CHA wants to especially thank our Maintenance and Security teams for being on 24-hour standby. Maintenance continually responded to immediate removal of downed tree limbs that prevented residents from passing through our streets, as well as responded to other immediate safety hazards throughout the community. We heard great feedback about neighbors helping neighbors! Once hurricane cleanup began, our maintenance team started work on cleaning up the sound front beach, which suffered some minor damage - with a large tree and big limbs down, as well as an exposed septic line. We apologize for the inconvenience of the sound front beach being closed to our residents, and appreciate patience as we get it back to a safe place to enjoy.

We want to thank Dare County Public Works for being so prompt in disposing of the storm debris! This was strictly a storm debris pickup.

A reminder that Dare County does large item pickup only one time a year, in the spring for unincorporated Dare County, such as Colington.

⚓ Anchors Away” Labor Day Celebration



Our first annual “Anchors Away” Labor Day Celebration was a success! We appreciate all who volunteered to make the event possible, especially: Colington Harbour Fire Dept., US Coast Guard Auxiliary, musicians: Jeremiah Greer, Shane Greer and Laura Thompson-Harell, magician, The Impossible Chris, and face painting by Bonnie Collins! We also enjoyed the wonderful food and treats provided by Sugar Creek Seafood Restaurant, Tiki Treats and Kona Ice! It was a great opportunity to see friends and meet new neighbors! Hope to see you there next year!

⚓ Entrance Beautification

We would like to give A BIG THANK YOU to our master gardener, Gail Leonard, for graciously volunteering her time and making our entrance garden beds look stunning!

We have received positive comments from the community on the wonderful updates made to our front entrance garden beds.

All of this was made possible by the following people:

our Master Gardener, Gail Leonard, who volunteered her time and know-how; our friends from Lowe's in Kill Devil Hills, including Emily Cahoon, from the Gardening Department, who worked with Gail to choose plants and design the beds; Bill Bonney and Mark Burnette from the Pro Desk, for delivering the mulch and dirt. All of the help we have received is truly appreciated!! It looks beautiful!!



⚓ “SKYE DREAMS” Our Beloved Horse

Our beautiful horse was in need of some repair and a makeover. Sandy Ball, who originally painted “Skye Dreams” for the Winged Horse Extravaganza, is currently working on refinishing our horse, with a new design. Once complete, the horse will be put back on its stand in our marina, and we can't wait to see the finished result!

⚓ Show Your CHA Pride

with a Colington Harbour decal, available for purchase at the CHA office!



Stickers are \$2.00

Vanity Plates are also available for \$8.00

They're going fast!!!

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:

www.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, the 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 have been addressed recently:

⚓ GUARD GATE:

As you may have noticed, we have had a deputy monitoring the front gate on some weekends. During these times, he has stopped several visitors and residents for failing to stop at the gate, running the red light, or not yielding to the traffic in the right-hand barcode lane. A list of violators has been turned over to Covenant Enforcement for appropriate action.



We encourage all homeowners and residents to inform your visitors to obtain a pass at the guard gate. Visitors must adhere to our community covenants while visiting. Non-residents who continue to run the gate, may be stopped by law enforcement, and charged with trespassing. Residents will be referred to the Board of Directors, to explain why a fine should not be imposed.

⚓ TRASH CANS

We have been receiving many complaints from our residents about trash cans being left on the curb. Our trash is picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. Our covenants require trash cans to be moved back as soon as possible, after trash pick-up. We are having renters placing their cans out on Saturday before checking out. The cans then sit until Monday morning trash pick-up by Dare County. If you are renting a home, it is imperative that you abide by our covenants, and inform your renters of these rules.



ORDINANCE 8 – RENTAL PROPERTY

Section One – Notification

Owners shall inform the Association of the name of their agent or tenant, the duration of the lease, and shall post a copy of these Community Ordinances in a prominent location within the rental property.

Section Two – Obligation of the Owner

Owners are responsible for notifying their tenants, whether directly, or through their agent, that they must comply with these Ordinances and other applicable regulations. When notified of a violation, property owners are also responsible for taking immediate corrective action, which includes removal of the tenants from the property, if necessary.

ORDINANCE 5 – HOUSEKEEPING

Section 5 – Garbage and Trash

- a) Garbage and trash shall be placed in containers as stated in county ordinances. Plastic bags and other debris outside the container are not allowed.
- b) Property owners are encouraged to place containers at street-side on collection days only; on other days, store containers in the least visible area around or under your house.

⚓ RESIDENT VEHICLE BARCODES


We have had many violations at the front gate, and would like to encourage our homeowners to adhere to our community covenants while visiting. All homeowners and residents must have a working barcode (free of charge) on their vehicle. Please take notice as you are coming through the gate in the barcode lane. Do you get a red light? If so, please call or visit the office. Your sticker is either an expired temporary tag, an expired lease, or it is just not working. Continuous red-light violations are monitored, and could result in further action by the Board.

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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INLET COMMITTEE REPORT:

Colington Harbour will have its own dredge soon.

Colington Harbour is a canal community with a beautiful harbor, and an inlet that gives us access to the Albemarle Sound, Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway, Atlantic Ocean, etc.

Boating, kayaking, fishing, crabbing, and other watersports all depend upon an open navigable inlet. These activities support our property values, whether we personally take part in them or not. The Colington Harbour Association has worked, and paid for years, to keep the inlet open by hiring outside dredgers to relieve shoaling. Shoaling, in this case, is an underwater sandbank, which results in making parts of the inlet more shallow. Mother Nature causes shoaling in various areas throughout the inlet, almost annually.

CAMA, the agency formed by the Coastal Area Management Act, North Carolina 1974, oversees the amount of spoils (sand taken) allowed, and the disturbance of the sea bed. This is the agency to which the CHA must apply for the proper permits to dredge the inlet.

CAMA enforces restrictions that limit dredging to only certain weeks of the year. These restrictions protect not only the spawning of aquatic life (our fish and shellfish), but also other life forms that depend upon that food source. Dredging must begin no earlier than mid-October and cease no later than mid-February.

Using outside contractors for this service has often left CHA at their mercy; as far as the cost and the timing. There are only a small number of companies that can perform this service, and costs have continued to rise. A great part of the cost has been for the mobilization fees (cost of transporting equipment to our site). In 2018, the contractor's barge sank on the way to another job, and at the end of our window of opportunity on the calendar. Another choice of vendor bid for the job, but the bid was considered exorbitant. As a result, the inlet was not dredged, and it continues to shoal out by the markers.



To improve our results and contain costs going forward, the CHA has committed to the purchase of our own dredge. The dredge is a DINO 6, and is a one-man operation (pictured here). It is trailer mounted and can be launched at the ramp. The unit is 22 feet long, and weighs 3,800 pounds. It will cut a path 6 feet wide per pass, and

uses an auger to pick up the sand. The slurries are then pumped to the holding area on the shore for dewatering. The amount of time for dewatering is set by CAMA.



The dredge is scheduled to arrive in early October. This will allow us to better manage both our costs and the results. The dredge should pay for itself within 2 ½ - 3 years.

COLINGTON YACHT CLUB:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 7th 5:00 pm
Hot cocoa & cookies will be served.
Join us at the harbour.
All are welcome!



Please check our webpage, www.colingtonyachtclub.com and our [Facebook page](#) for news and more information on our events.

A WORD FROM THE COLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



PLAN AHEAD TO ESCAPE HOME FIRE:

Before we share fire safety information for this edition of Harbour Headlines, we wanted to comment on Hurricane Dorian.

Our department takes a proactive position regarding preparation and life safety. We only share weather information and forecasts from official sources, such as the National Hurricane Service and Dare County Emergency Management. Flooding as much as 6 or 7 feet above ground was forecasted. Fortunately, the storm headed East pretty quickly and spared us from flooding for the most part. However, the winds were stronger during this storm than most can remember, bringing many trees and powerlines down. During the height of the storm, we were forced to suspend operations for the safety of our crews.

As soon as we could safely respond, our crews handled over 45 incidents in a very short period of time. Our main take away from this storm is that if you aren't a first responder, stay off the roads while we are working to clear them.

We sent a crew to Ocracoke to help with storm cleanup for some of the residents. They said they never imagined the destruction until seeing it first-hand. Please keep our neighbors on Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands in your thoughts as they face a lengthy recovery.

Have a safe and happy upcoming holiday season!

No time of year is as exciting and enjoyable as the coming holiday season! Throughout the Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, family and friends, young and old, will gather to share the warmth that only this time of year brings. Unfortunately, these seasons are also characterized by a tremendous amount of fires— many of which are traced back to seasonal decorations. The Colington Volunteer Fire Department believes that following a few simple, common sense suggestions can prevent most fires:

- 🔔 Watch Children...who are often the victims of fires. Be especially careful with matches and lighters. Teach children to stay away from candles, fireplaces and heaters.
- 🔔 Remind Trick-or-Treaters...By using a flashlight, they can see and be seen by others. Only go to homes with a porch light on. Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- 🔔 Choose Toys with Care...Don't let a toy become a tragedy! Steer clear of any toy that produces heat or sparks. Make sure costumes and bed clothing are flame retardant and never buy any electrical toy that has not been thoroughly tested by a safety laboratory.
- 🔔 Check Your Lights...They may be pretty, but are they safe? Check your cord sets for damage. Make sure all lights are UL tested and that they are used properly. Never use any lights on a metal tree.
- 🔔 Don't overload circuits, and use only outdoor-approved sets outside. Be sure to turn lights off before you leave home or go to bed.
- 🔔 Be Careful with Decorations...Keep all decorations away from any flame or heating device. Choose only fire-retardant type decorations. Be especially careful with dried grass or corn stalks!
- 🔔 Use Candles with Caution...Take the time to trim wicks before lighting candles. This can reduce the amount of soot they produce. Never burn candles for an extended period, and never leave them unattended. Candles cause numerous fires annually, especially this time of year.
- 🔔 Check Your Tree...Fresh cut trees and other forms of "cut" decorations need plenty of water. Keep them fresh. Never place near warm or hot air and never use candles near them! Once they start to shed or dry out, get rid of them.
- 🔔 Also, don't forget about space heaters. Give them plenty of space—at least 3 feet! Don't let children or wrapping paper get too close. Consider installing a cage around the heater to guard against accidents. And finally, install and test smoke alarms and plan what to do should a fire occur. To start, a quick check of your smoke alarm should ensure that you will have enough warning of impending danger. Also, plan and practice your family's fire escape plan.

Heroes wanted. Your fire department is always looking for a few good men and women to become volunteer fire fighters. Training drills are held on Tuesday evenings. Experience is not necessary, but physical ability and a willingness to serve your neighbor is. Call or drop by the fire station to speak with someone about the exciting possibilities of becoming a fire fighter. (252) 441-6234. Visit our website at www.colingtonfd.com

COLINGTON HARBOUR YACHT & RACQUET CLUB:



We had a wonderful summer, filled with activities for our members!!

The pool was extremely busy this summer, with members & their guests, and rental home visitors. Pool membership was 465 families this year. Many thanks to our pool monitors: Terri, John, Dianna W., Dianna L., Kathy, and Denise – for keeping us safe all summer. A very big thank you to Kim, for always greeting our guests with a smile! Thanks to John and Donna for ensuring that our pool is so clean and wonderful!

Teen Night was a great success. Thank you to Fred Berger for your help.

Our pool will be drained this fall, for repairs, and will be ready for Summer 2020!

WATER AEROBICS

Another wonderful summer – full of great exercise, fun, and laughter! Thanks to our instructors: Jane Kashuba, Val Morton, and Erin Murphy, as well as those who stepped in to sub (Get well, soon, Jane!): Judie Fien-Helfman, Gloria Porter, Terry Thigpin, and Laura Singletary.

BURGER NIGHTS

In spite of crazy weather most Friday nights, we were happy to have a great turnout each week. It was a perfect opportunity to visit with friends, and meet new neighbors! Thanks to: our grillers, John, David, and Steve; to Fran, Jane, Corky, and Barbara for set up & prep, and to those who donated all of the yummy desserts! Plan to join us on Fridays next summer!

TENNIS COURTS Tennis courts will be good as new next year.







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Come join us for Thursday night Bingo (6:00 pm) at the Clubhouse! Members can play ten games (2 cards each game) for \$10. Prizes awarded to the winners. Many thanks to Pat, Jane, Dave, Joan, and Duckie, our callers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

CHY&RC Annual Meeting –
Saturday, October 12th @ 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse

SOCIAL HOUR

October 12th 6:00 pm - Clubhouse

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

CHY&RC MEMBER DINNERS

Fall Harvest & Turkey Shoot – November 16th

Turkey Shoot – 3:00 pm

Dinner – 5:00 pm (Reservations accepted 10/25 – 11/8)

Call CHA Office for reservations

Tree Trimming Party – December 7th – 6:00 pm

Christmas/Holiday Dinner – December 14th – 5:00 pm

(Reservations accepted 11/22 through 12/6)

Check the Announcement Board at the Harbour exit, as well as our Facebook page, for details. Cost of each dinner will be determined when menus are set.



Many thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers who run the operations of the club and its events!

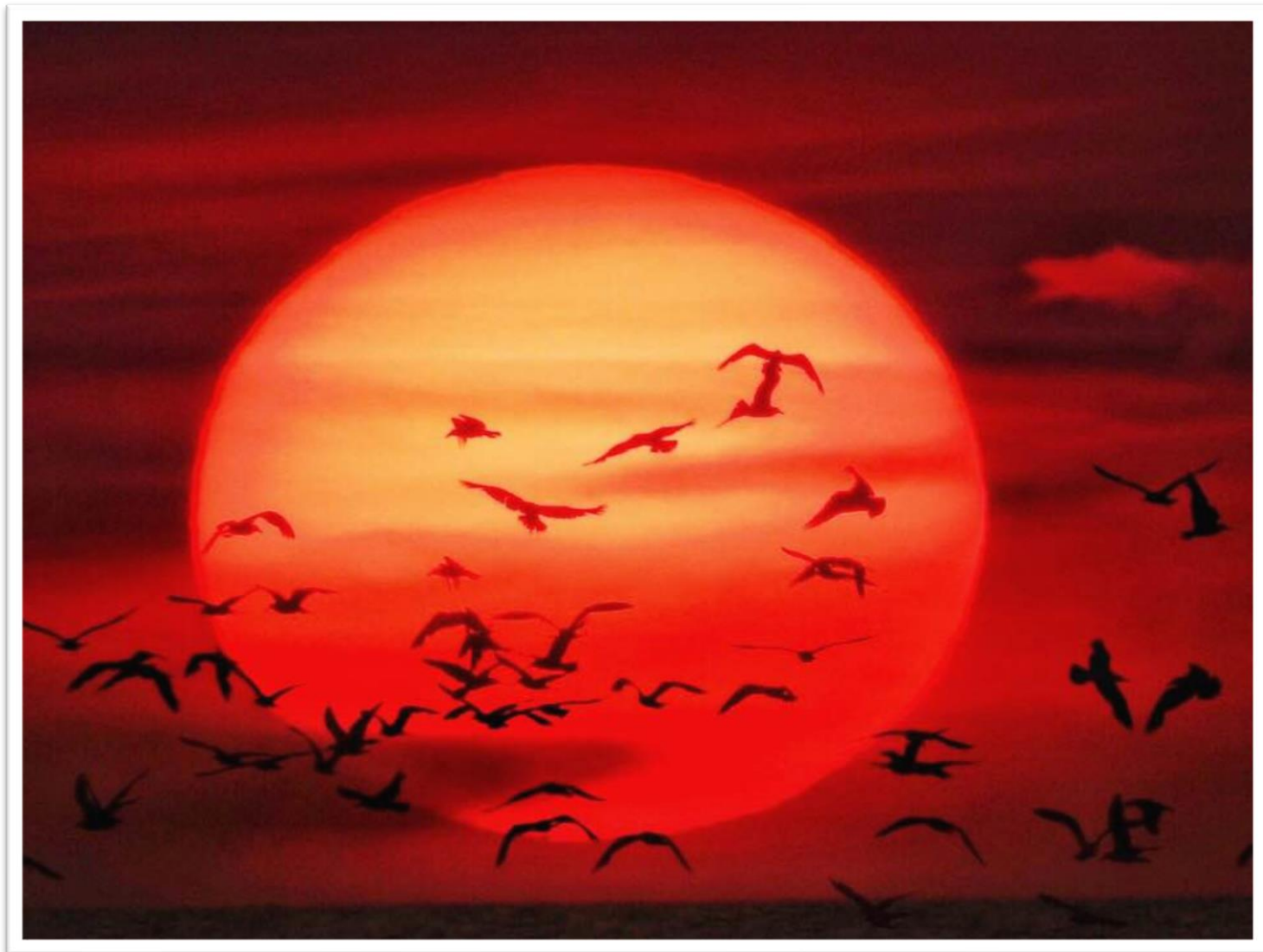


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Have a Safe and Happy Fall Season!

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