



# HARBOUR HEADLINES

## Winter 2020

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Happy New Year to all! We hope that you enjoyed the holidays with friends and family, and had a chance to enjoy all that our wonderful community has to offer. From the beautifully decorated entrance adorned with new holiday décor, to one of the CHY&RC events enjoyed by members at the newly improved clubhouse, or two visits from Santa by firetruck, and at the marina by boat!

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community manager, Donna Price, and her helpful team of elves, for the entrance trimming. The newly improved clubhouse looks great as well, and is ready to host all the upcoming fabulous events in 2020.

As we count down the days until Spring, (80 in fact), we can rest assured that we live in the best community the Outer Banks has to offer.

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



Photo credit: [Brandi McMahan](#)

### A Rare and Beautiful Sight

A Harbour Park visitor took advantage of some remaining snow after one of the winter blasts we received.

It's fun to see the Harbour residents who brave the winter to venture out for some good old-fashioned fun in the snow, from sledding, to snowman building, and an occasional snow ball fight.



**Winter Hours 9 AM – 4:30 PM Monday- Friday**



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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](https://www.facebook.com/colingtonharbourobx)

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## **CHA Annual Membership Meeting**

Saturday, April 11, 2020 10:00 am 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, as well as 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.

# A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ⚓ 2020 Board Openings

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 keep it that way or even make it better? Colington Harbour is what it is because of the people who live here. Without the dedication of many of the residents, our community would not have been able to thrive and grow for the past 50+ years.

### Here's how you can help it to continue to grow:

The Colington Harbour Association (CHA) is the homeowners' organization charged with managing the 'business' of the community which includes:

- 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.
- Promoting the well-being of Colington Harbour as a whole.

The CHA Board of Directors is made up of seven members, all volunteers, elected by the property owners within the community. This upcoming election, we will have two Board seats to be filled.

Each position is a three year term. If you are interested in running for one of the positions available, please stop by the office, or email: [colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net](mailto:colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net), anytime after January 15, 2020, to receive an application. In addition to the application, an endorsement from ten (10) members in good standing (endorsement sheet will be provided with the application) and a biography of 100 words or less are required. The application, endorsement sheet, and biography must be submitted to the Colington Harbour Administration office between February 1, 2020, at 8:00 am and February 17, 2020, at 4:00 pm (By-Laws - Article V, Section 4b).

## ⚓ CHA Storm Water Committee (CHASC)

The CHA Storm Water Committee is a volunteer homeowner initiative, approved by the CHA Board, and chaired by Tom and Robin Frazier. Tom is recently retired, and spends many early mornings riding his bike around the Harbour streets, taking note of the puddles and lack of proper draining. Tom and Robin, along with the Association, meet with contractors, and check on sites that have been completed. They have been working with Hal Goodman, P.E., SECB Construction Engineering Services, Inc. Hal completed the specifications for several sites in the Harbour. Tony and Laura Sadler are the contractors who have been digging the new drains with special chambers and inlets.

Recently, work began on several streets with the money budgeted for 2019. This has allowed work to be completed on Sunset Drive in two areas. Homeowners in those areas have reported that the drains are working very well. The 800 block of Harbour View Drive has had drains cleared and the street resurfaced with a different pitch. This has resulted in the water running back to the ditches and not onto the street or resident yards.

We have grandfathered in drains that can be cleaned out, and have been looking for drains around our community. If you know of a drain site or areas around your home that are a concern, please contact the CHA Office, and we will assess the area to see if our contractors can repair or alleviate some of the problems.

## ⚓ SANTA VISIT

We had a great visit with Santa on Saturday December 14th at the Colington Harbour marina! Thank you for visiting Santa!



## ⚓ Limb/Branch Removal Program

The 2nd phase of our Limb/Branch Removal Program was a success again! Thank you to all residents for following the guidelines set by ATX. We hope to do this again in 2020 – once in the spring and once in the fall.

## ⚓ Lost & Found

**FOUND: PADDLE BOAT** – If you are missing a two-seated paddle boat around the Roanoke Drive/Sir Richard West Drive area, please call our office at 252-441-5586



A HUGE thank you to Kathy McDougall, who painted the beautiful Christmas artwork on the clubhouse front doors!



Show Your CHA Pride with a Colington Harbour decal or vanity plate! Both available for purchase at the CHA office!

Vanity Plates - \$8.00

Stickers - \$2.00



## SELLING ONLINE:



Winter has arrived, and the holidays have passed. If you are like most of us, you need to make room for new items that may have arrived over the holidays. Don't just throw the items away --- list them on the CHA Marketplace. It's easy and FREE!

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](http://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.
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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:**

### ⚓ VANDALISM:

Vandalism continues in our sound front park. We have invested a lot of time, money, and effort in preparing that area for our current dredging project (see page 7 "Inlet Committee Report"). The park is closed for the safety of all, until the dredging project has been completed. Our sound front beach is currently our dredge de-watering site. Someone is removing the fence surrounding the site. We need community support. If you see anyone in the orange fenced area, please call security at 252-441-5430. The sheriff's office has been notified and will be patrolling the area. Anyone caught trespassing in the closed park will be arrested. Thank you for your patience during this major project, which will improve water conditions for boaters. The sound front park will re-open when our dredging project has been completed.



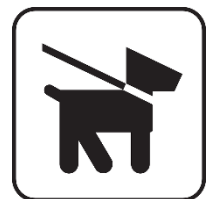
### ⚓ LANDLORDS AND TENANTS:

It is the homeowner's responsibility to inform any tenant (long term or weekly rental) of the Colington Harbour Covenants. Copies of the covenants can be found on our website, and printed copies can be obtained in the CHA office.



### ⚓ DOGS:

Colington Harbour is included in the Dare County Leash Law that requires dogs to be on a leash. When walking, please do not allow your dog to roam on another homeowner's property. Dogs will be impounded by local authorities if there are violations.



# YOUR AD HERE

Contact the CHA for info:

(252) 441-5886 [colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net](mailto:colingtonadmin@colingtonharbour.net)

# INLET COMMITTEE REPORT: DREDGING HAS BEGUN!



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 shallower than others. Mother Nature, almost annually, causes shoaling in various areas throughout the inlet.

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 committed to the purchase of our own dredge. This will allow us

to better manage both our costs and the results. The dredge should pay for itself within 2.5 - 3 years. The dredge is a DINO 6, and is a one-man operation that is trailer-mounted and can be launched at the ramp. The unit is 22 feet long, and weighs 3,800 pounds. It can 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.

Training in the operation of the machinery and process of dredging occurred in early

December. The initial dredging began with the assistance of the manufacturer's representative, to ensure all work was performed properly and safely. Dredging has continued throughout December, with a holiday break until the first week of January. During dredging operations, we remind all boaters using the entrance to be extra cautious and alert. We will attempt to keep the channel open at this time, but if it is determined to be

hazardous, we will have to restrict its use during operations.



**Many thanks to those who have been involved in the months of planning, preparation, and now- the dredging! A special thanks to Steve Buick, who is providing assistance in moving the dredge to various locations, and to Rick Hildebrant, for setting out buoys to warn boaters of the dredging area. All has been going well, and we look forward to successfully completing the project by the February deadline. We will be posting pictures periodically of our progress on the CHA website: [www.colingtonharbour.net](http://www.colingtonharbour.net), our [Facebook page](#), and through E-blasts. Be aware that the sound front park remains closed until the dredging is complete. There are too many potential dangers. Thank you for your understanding and patience.**

# COLINGTON YACHT CLUB:

## ⚓ 2019 Holiday Lighted Boat Parade—"Just 4 Fun" Wins!!!



Boaters decorated their various vessels and circled Colington Harbour on Saturday, December 7.

Dusk fell about 5:10 P.M. this year, with a partial moon. Unlike the 13 boats that took part last year, only five crews braved the chilly strong winds of the previous week to decorate. It was understandable!

Members of Colington Yacht Club served hot cocoa and cookies dockside, to help warm the many folks and families who like to experience, and sometimes judge, the best display.

Photo credits: Scott Morton (Just 4 Play) Shannon Bartlett (Sweet Shu)

First prize went to a perennial favorite, "Just 4 Fun" (always high voltage, with a great lighted American Flag detail, and obvious effort). Second prize went to "Sweet Shu" (with the theme of "Joy to the World", and an appropriate playlist). Third prize went to the serenely decorated "Go with the Flo".

*Thanks to all who participated!*

**Please join in the fun next year by boat, or by monitoring Channel 68. This event is open to all vessel types and boaters!**

**- Sharron Hildebrant**



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

# COLINGTON HARBOUR YACHT & RACQUET CLUB:

2019 was a busy, yet wonderful year, with 465 paid memberships! Our Saturday Social Hours were well-attended. We hosted several wonderful dinners, had great attendance at our Friday Burger Nights



during the summer, welcomed record crowds for our water aerobics classes, and although we weathered a couple of storms, pool use went smoothly with our valuable lifeguards and monitors.



Just prior to our annual Thanksgiving dinner, we had the walls freshly painted and replaced the carpet with vinyl wood plank flooring in our dining room.

In December, we held our annual Tree-Trimming, a Christmas luncheon, and a fabulous prime rib dinner that was attended by 37 members, with Santa arriving to draw the door prize!

Repairs to the pool will be completed in time to open the pool 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.

The tennis court has been re-surfaced and painted. Pickle ball lines were added as well. Looking forward to longer days, warmer weather, and seeing you at one of our events! Visit our website for information on events and how to join! <http://www.chyrc.org>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wed, January 1st – Happy 2020 Social Hour– 1:00 pm | Saturday Social Hours – 6:00pm: Jan 18<sup>th</sup> | Feb 1st | Feb 15th – Valentine Social Hour | Feb 29th – Leap Year Social Hour | Mar 14th | Mar 28th

Please bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share

# A WORD FROM THE COLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



For this issue, we wanted to focus on a couple of 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. Visit our website at [www.colingtonfd.com](http://www.colingtonfd.com).

## **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"!

## **Test Those Smoke Alarms**

October 6-12 was National Fire Prevention Week, and firefighters across the country visited schools, held open houses and related activities to share life safety education with everyone. CVFD was part of a team of area firefighters that visited local elementary schools to teach fire and life safety to students.

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 manufacturer's 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. Clean and vacuum them often, to prevent false alarms and allow for better sensitivity to smoke. Replace smoke alarms that are older than ten years as they will lose their efficiency after that period. Call us for more information at (252) 441-6234.

## **An Overlooked Home Hazard**

In this issue, the Colington Volunteer Fire Department is turning to the experts at the United States Fire Administration for information on a very serious fire problem that has affected homes in our area in the past. Dryer fires are more common than you think. Please take a moment to read this important article.

For many households and other establishments, the clothes dryer is an indispensable convenience and necessity. However, if clothes dryers are not properly installed or maintained, critical fires can occur.

Lint is created from the clothes as the water is removed and the clothes dry. While much of the lint is trapped by the dryer's filter, lint also is carried through the venting system, together with moist air. The accumulation of lint, both in the

dryer and in the dryer vent, reduces the airflow and creates a highly flammable fuel source. In addition to the accumulation of lint, blockage in dryer exhaust vents also can occur from the nests of small birds and animals or from bends in the venting system itself. A compromised vent will not exhaust properly to the outside. Overheating may result, possibly causing a fire. A clear exhaust vent will also help the dryer do its job more efficiently, saving money!

All manufacturers now state in their manuals not to use plastic flexible dryer ducts between the vent and the clothes dryer. However, many homes, as well as some new construction homes, continue to use plastic flexible ducts. The plastic itself can provide additional fuel for a fire. Even flexible foil vents are not the best choice for venting clothes dryers. Flexible vents can sag, allowing lint to build up and catch on fire if it comes in contact with a sufficient amount of heat. If a fire starts beneath the dryer when the motor overheats, then the drafts from the dryer can pull that fire up into the duct and venting allowing a house fire to develop.

Consider these facts:

- Clothes dryer fires account for about 15,600 structure fires, 15 deaths, and 400 injuries annually.
- "Failure to clean" is the leading factor contributing to clothes dryer fires in residential buildings.
- New home construction trends place clothes dryers and washing machines in more hazardous locations away from outside walls such as bedrooms, second-floor hallways, bathrooms, and kitchens.

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department urges everyone to take the time to clean your lint traps regularly as well as clean behind your dryer. At least annually, remove and inspect your vent pipe, vacuuming as necessary. Wash your dryer filter every few months and let it dry completely before using. Even though you can't see the lint, there is a buildup in the mesh that restricts air flow, which can cause the dryer to overheat too. It's sound advice to check your smoke alarm too!

#### **Heroes wanted.**

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](http://www.colingtonfd.com).



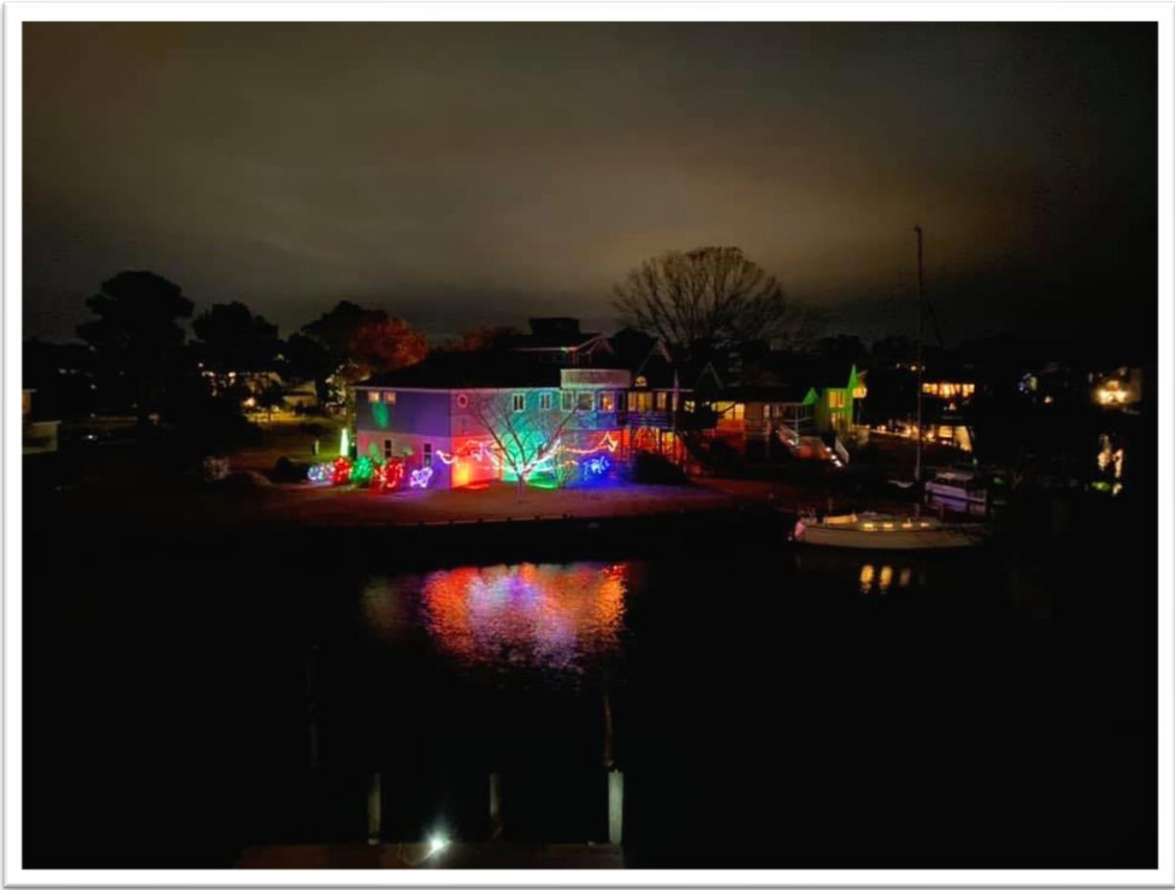


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*Have a Safe and Happy Winter Season!*

Your friends at the Colington Harbour Association

