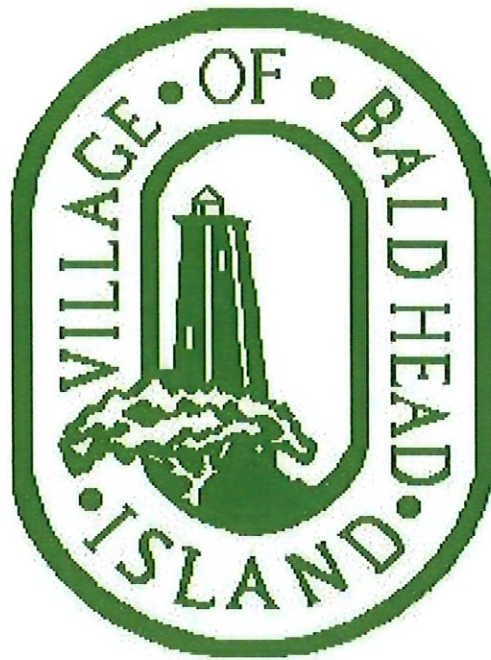


The Village of Bald Head Island



Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan Developed September 2013

Executive Summary

This Master Plan is the culmination of years of study and discussion regarding the optimal balance of facilities and conservation on Bald Head Island. Most recently, the Village of Bald Head Island charged its Parks and Recreation Task Force with responsibility for developing a Master Plan for prioritizing Island recreational needs and identifying areas where additional facilities might be developed.

The Master Plan presented here provides an overview of Island history, summarizes the needs assessment completed to develop the plan, and the resulting recommendations. Appendices provide supporting documentation.

The Task Force has identified the goal of conservation of the natural beauty of the Island as an overarching and guiding principal for decision-making about the potential development of recreational facilities on the Island.

This Plan recommends that expansion of the Creek Access Park should remain a priority for the Island and that improvements are needed to repair/replace the existing ramp, improve the docks and provide a launching system for non-motorized boats. In addition, the Task Force recommends that a full-court basketball court be built to respond to citizen requests.

This report was developed in part through support from the Cape Fear Council of Governments.



Background and History

About Bald Head Island

The southern-most facing barrier island on the North Carolina coast, Bald Head Island marks the mouth of the Cape Fear River. The Island was named by river pilots because of a distinct sand dune that used to be present at the southwestern point of the Island. The Island has a rich history from early settlements by Native Americans, to being a pirate hideout, then a strategic navigational site, and today is an ecological treasure for its rare maritime forest and beaches that are favored by endangered loggerhead turtles. The maritime forest is the largest of its kind on the East Coast and includes live oak, dogwoods, yaupons, sabal palms, cedars, wax myrtles and junipers. The Island is home to "Old Baldy," the oldest lighthouse in North Carolina, commissioned by Thomas Jefferson and built in 1817.



The entire Bald Head Island complex consists of approximately 12,000 acres, 10,000 of which are protected and will remain forever undeveloped. The remaining 2,000 acres are set aside for development. There are fourteen miles of beaches, plus creeks and marshes. The present use of the Island dates to 1983 when the Island was purchased by the George P. Mitchell family who sought to create a unique residential community, guided by a development philosophy of preservation and conservation.

Today Bald Head Island features approximately 1,500 private homes and is home to approximately 200¹ year-round residents. During the height of the summer vacation season, Island population can swell to over 8,000 people. Access to the Island is by passenger ferry or private boat. On-island transportation is limited to electric carts, bicycles and pedestrian traffic. There are no cars allowed on the Island with the exception of those vehicles needed for public safety and service vehicles.

Mission, Vision and Core Values

The Village of Bald Head Island's elected Council adopted the following Vision, Mission and list of Core Values as guiding principles for strategic decision-making for matters of public interest on the Island. As such, these same principles guide the planning for parks and recreation and this Master Plan.

¹ See Appendix I: Demographics, for more information on year-round residents on the Island.

Vision

Bald Head Island is a barrier island community developed with a primary motivation of preserving its natural beauty. Village Government is committed to sustaining the natural beauty and sovereignty of this community.

Mission

Bald Head Island Village Government exists to help our property owners maintain the islands unique qualities and to provide superior services to every resident. To this end, Village Government of Bald Head Island will operate according to the following core values:

Core Values

- Property owners are the heart of Bald Head Island, so Village Government seeks to be inclusive of their diverse interests and needs, treating all with courtesy and respect.
- Open communication is essential to an engaged community, so Bald Head Island Government will seek and provide accurate, timely information promoting public discussion of important issues.
- Bald Head Island must be a safe place to live, work and enjoy family, so the Village Government will work in partnership with the community to prevent crime and protect lives, property and the public realm.
- Property owners entrust Village Government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost.
- Bald Head Island's economic health is essential to its remaining a sustainable community, so Village Government will in consultation with property owners and all relevant Island entities encourage and guide the conservation and preservation of this barrier island.
- Property owners need to move easily throughout the Island, so Village Government will develop and maintain a variety of options, such as sidewalks, bike paths, greenways, and beach accesses.
- Property owners must live in a healthy environment, so Village Government will protect watersheds, trees, air quality, wildlife and other elements of the Village's ecology.
- Bald Head Island, as a barrier island has extensive beach front, so Village Government will provide leadership to restore and protect this valuable asset.
- To promote a strong sense of community and history, Village Government will provide safe access to recreational and cultural learning opportunities.
- Bald Head Island exists in proximity to and is interdependent with other jurisdictions so Village Government will strive for local, regional, state and federal cooperation.

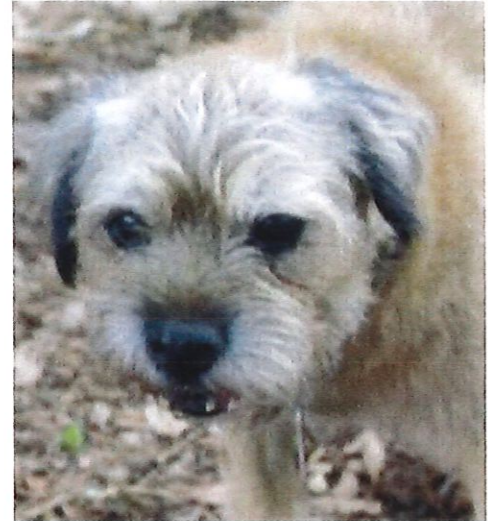


Administrative Structure

The Village of Bald Head Island was incorporated as a municipality in 1985. The Village is governed by an elected Council and Mayor. They employ a full-time manager who carries out Council policies and handles the day-to-day administration of Village government. With 50 employees, the municipality manages water resources and a wastewater treatment plant, operates a 24 hour public safety department, manages all public roads and rights of way, enforces building code requirements and protects the shoreline from the effects of a federal shipping channel that sits just 400 feet from the Island.

The Village owns and manages several assets which serve public recreation needs. The Common at Cape Fear Station is a public park used for general recreation, concerts, events and weddings. The Creek Access Park provides permitted storage for small watercraft (under 16' in length) and a launch point into the creek. A dog park provides a gated, secure area where dogs can run off-leash. Finally, there are 34 public beach access points that allow public access to Island beaches. Additional outdoor activities on the Island include crabbing, canoeing, fishing, kayaking, standup paddle-boarding, surfing, sailing, tennis, cycling, nature walks and historic tours. The waters surrounding Bald Head Island offer both near shore and offshore fishing opportunities.

The Village works to incorporate public input to parks and recreation planning through a Task Force of volunteer citizens, Village Council participation and staff. The Parks and Recreation Task Force works to solicit input from property owners, resident and non-resident alike, and devise plans and strategies that meet the recreational and conservation needs of the Island for recommendation to Village Council.



The members of the Parks and Recreation Task Force represent the residents of the Island. The Task Force is chaired by Ms. Joyce Douglas and includes members who are both permanent and part-year residents. The Council Liaison to the Task Force is Dr. Gene Douglas and the Village staff representative is Daralyn Spivey.

The Task Force meets regularly and has successfully provided leadership in the expansion of the Village Creek Access Park, the establishment of an Island Dog Park and the acquisition of 'The Common at Cape Fear Station' – a public park used for general recreation, weddings, concerts and festivals.

Recreational facilities are also available via clubs, non-profits and associations at locations throughout the Island². Private clubs on the Island offer additional recreational options for residents and visitors. The Shoals Club, located oceanfront at Cape Fear Point, features a club house, expansive decks, pools, fitness room, and beach access. The Bald Head Island Club offers a fitness center, swimming, croquet, tennis and an 18-hole golf course (designed by George Cobb; updated by Tim Cate in 2010). Private businesses offer rentals for water sports, sailing lessons, and the Harbour has full amenities for boaters. Non-profit organizations such as the Smith Island Museum, the Old Baldy Lighthouse and the BHI Conservancy all offer historical, cultural and conservation activities.

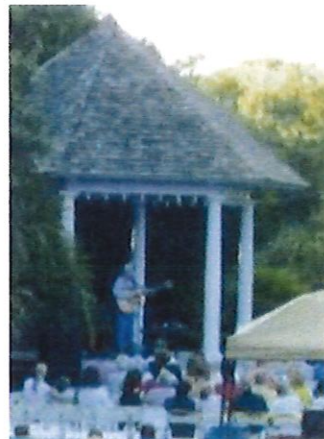
Relevant Policies

The Village of Bald Head's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) land use plan (adopted in 2006) includes two policies that are relevant to parks and recreation facility development.

These are:

Policy #5-The Village supports efforts to maintain a high level of water quality in order to enhance fisheries resources and recreational value of its waters.

Policy #7-The Village recognizes its natural resources as one of its greatest assets. To help preserve these resources, the development of a maritime forest management plan and a consistent open space plan have become a point of focus.



² See Appendix III: Other Recreation for a sampling of some of the facilities available.

Needs Assessment

Inventory of Existing Facilities

Bald Head Island has robust options for leisure and recreation. By conducting an inventory of existing facilities, the Task Force finds that there are few gaps in the availability of facilities.

The following facilities are owned, operated and maintained by the Village as public facilities:

- Creek Access Park – A dedicated facility for canoe/kayak/small boat launch and storage; includes boat ramp, dock and picnic area.
- Beach access points – Thirty-four access points allow transition from public roadways and rights-of-way, across environmentally sensitive dunes to the beaches of Bald Head Island (four access points are compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards).
- Dog Park – Fenced facility where dogs are allowed to run loose for exercise and socialization, free of concern for exposure to wild animals and potential predators.
- The Common at Cape Fear Station – a multi-purpose, public park used for general recreation, weddings, events and concerts.
- Picnic Areas at Village Hall and the Creek Access Park
- Half-court basketball court at Public Safety building
- Public roadways used for golf-cart transportation but also co-mingled use for bicycles, rollerblading, walking, and running.



In addition to the public facilities available through the local government, there are additional public (state-owned) and other facilities available for recreational use. Homeowners' associations, private companies and non-profit organizations all combine to offer a variety of activities for residents and visitors. A more detailed listing is available as Appendix III, which includes:

- Old Baldy Lighthouse and Smith Island Museum
- Bald Head Association events and programs for fitness and education
- Private clubs offer swimming, croquet, tennis, golf and other sports
- Bald Head Conservancy offers educational and conservation programs
- Community events such as monthly "Howl at the Moon" beach parties, Concerts and Lectures

Parks & Recreation Master Plan, 2013

- Various outfitters offering rentals and lessons for activities such as surfing, sailing, and kayaking

Public Engagement

In preparation for developing this Master Plan, the Parks & Recreation Task Force surveyed the 1500 Island property owners to gather comments and suggestions on parks and recreation facility needs in the community. The survey was distributed during the summer of 2012 and approximately 16% of those surveyed (N = 235), responded to the following questions:

1. Tell us about yourself ... check all that apply:
 - a. Own undeveloped property
 - b. Own developed property
 - c. Rent your property
 - d. Spend more than two weeks per year on Island
 - e. Spend more than two months per year on Island
 - f. Spend more than six months per year on Island
 - g. Year-round resident
2. Which parks and recreation facilities have you used in the past year?
3. Which organizations do you feel should develop more parks and recreational facilities on the Island?
4. If you think the Village should develop more facilities, please list three or four you think would be best to pursue.
5. Would you support a tax rate increase to develop more parks and recreation facilities?
6. What other comments would you like to share with the Task Force?



The results of the survey³ showed that respondents regularly use the recreational amenities on the Island, especially those at the Club and the BHI Conservancy, and private outfitters. Likewise, approximately half of the respondents had used the Creek Access Park, The Common and Old Baldy. Although there is evidence that the survey respondents actively use many of the existing recreational assets on the Island, there is little interest in developing new amenities as many believe that development on the Island should be minimal, keeping it close to its natural state.

Some respondents identified areas where additional/improved facilities might add to the Bald Head Island experience, specifically:

³ See Appendix IV for additional details about the survey questions and responses.

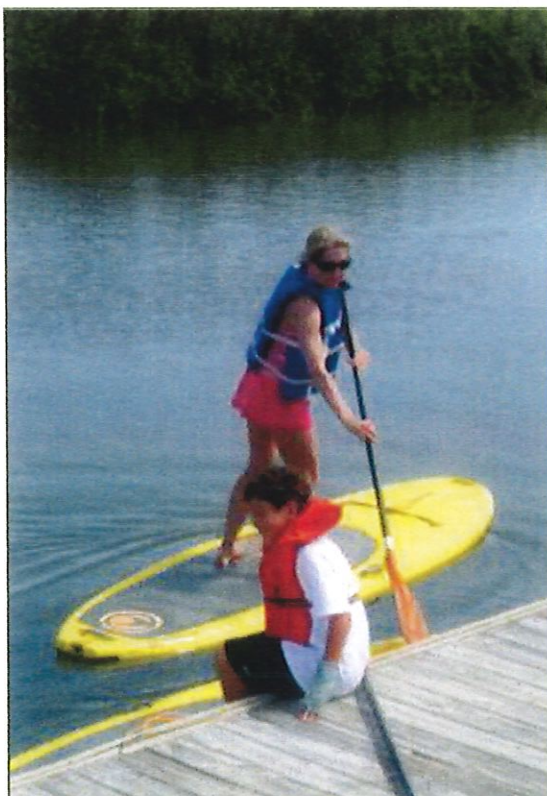
Parks & Recreation Master Plan, 2013

1. Improvements at the Creek Access Park, especially repairs to the ramp and better launch facilities for canoes/kayaks
2. A full-court basketball court (independent of other Village activities) and/or other areas/playgrounds for organized games such as horseshoes, miniature golf, and bocce ball, etc.

Significantly smaller numbers of respondents mentioned:

1. Additional walking paths and designated bicycle lanes
2. Water sports such as wakeboarding, sailing, and paddle-boarding
3. Indoor activities such as card games
4. Teen programs
5. Picnic areas, campfire
6. Indoor pool
7. Improved access to marsh, forest, Ibis sanctuary

Creek Access Park, Village of Bald Head Island



Recommendations

In reviewing the results of the survey the Task Force was guided by the overall impression that respondents to the Survey generally felt there was adequate recreational activities on the Island at present and were concerned that additional development may significantly disturb the natural environment and/or could require considerable financial resources that tax payers are reluctant to commit. Thus the Task Force offers these conclusions.

1. Improvements at the Creek Access Park continue to be a priority, especially
 - a. Repair or replace the boat launch.
 - b. Repairs to the existing boat dock.
 - c. Addition of non-motorized boat launch system and associated dock.
2. Organized games are seen as desirable with the following notations:
 - a. Basketball – Although an existing half-court is available at the Public Safety ramp area, we recommend a full-court be built independent of any Public Safety facilities.
 - b. Miniature golf – this activity is seen as incompatible with the ambiance of the Island.
 - c. Horseshoes and Bocce Ball – these games can be sought out on an individual basis and do not need specialized facilities.
3. Non-motorized paths/lanes
 - a. Additional walking paths could benefit the Island if they were added in a way that augmented the experience of the Island's natural beauty.
 - b. Paths in the BHI Maritime Forest Preserve should continue to be managed by the NC Coastal Reserve and BHI Conservancy, and opportunities for connecting those trails to part of an island-wide trail network should be pursued.
 - c. The Task Force should continue to research options for making Island roadways more bicycle-friendly while addressing the safety concerns of having co-mingled golf-cart and bicycle traffic. A solution will need to address concerns about cost, environmental impact and public resistance (see Bicycle & Pedestrian Report, December 2011).
4. Additional water sports activities are best addressed through private outfitters and do not need public facilities for development.
5. Existing club and association organizations already offer opportunities for board and card games.
6. Teen programs exist through existing organizations such as the BHI Conservancy and the BHI Club, as well as private outfitters.
7. Picnic areas already exist on the Island, however the Task Force believes that ongoing monitoring of the use of these facilities should drive decision making about the need for additional facilities.
8. A public indoor pool is an idea the Task Force feels would be better addressed by the BHI Club or the Shoals Club.
9. Access to the Marsh, Forest and Sanctuaries is an item that the Task Force would refer to the BHI Conservancy.

Thus the following are advanced for ongoing consideration by the Village of Bald Head Island:

1. Creek Access Park expansion.
 - a. Repair or replace the boat launch
 - b. Repairs to the existing boat dock
 - c. Addition of non-motorized boat launch system and associated dock
2. Basketball – We recommend a full-court facility be planned that does not interfere with Public Safety operations.

Potential Funding Sources

The Task Force hopes that adequate budget could be made available for both these items, yet understands the financial pressure placed on the Village. The Task Force recommends that grant funds, sponsorships and public/private partnerships should be sought for these projects.

Summary

The Village of Bald Head Island has several assets of value to the community for recreation. These should continue to be maintained and upgraded as finances allow. The guiding principle for all development should be conservation of the natural state of the Island so it can continue to be enjoyed for generations to come. With that, the Task Force sees expansion at the Creek Access Park as one area that the Village can enhance opportunities to experience Bald Head Island.

The Village should continue to look at how to manage the mix of traffic to mitigate safety hazards and improve the experience of all. There continues to be potential for developing a greenway path/trail system that should be revisited as opportunities present themselves.



Appendices

I. Demographics

II. Funding Alternatives

III. Other Recreation

IV. Survey Results

Appendix I: Demographics

Community Demographics

Bald Head has a relatively small permanent year around population. Population trends in recent years are listed below. It is useful to keep in mind that although the US Census lists the "official" year round population; it is difficult to get an exact number of residents at any one time because of the transitory nature of the population. The vast majority of property owners use their Bald Head Island property as a second residence, dividing time between the island and another residence on the mainland.

Table 1
Permanent Population

	1990	2000	2010
Bald Head	70	170	158
Brunswick County	50,985	73,141	107,431

Source: U. S. Census of Population

Appendix II: Funding Alternatives

Public Funding Alternatives

- Current Revenue – Using sources such as general taxation, fees, service charges, special established funds or special assessments to finance Parks and Recreation projects.
- Enterprise and Revenue Funds – Bald Head could establish an account that is specifically for parks and recreation programs. Funds could be collected through surpluses or earmarks designed to collect funds in advance of a capital project.
- General Obligation Bonds – These are municipal bonds backed by the credit and "taxing power" of the issuing jurisdiction rather than the revenue from a given project. General obligation bonds are issued with the belief that a municipality will be able to repay its debt obligation through taxation or revenue from projects. No assets are used as collateral. This may require voter approval. ("Investopedia," 2012)
- Lease-Purchase – Bald Head may have the option to utilize a "lease with option to purchase" contract in order to reduce the upfront cost of an investment. This would generally be used in the acquisition of land. Land would be leased from a private entity for a duration of time, at the end of the contract, the title for the land may be acquired by the Village at no further cost, as the full value of the land will have been paid over the course of the lease.
- Reserve Funds – Accumulating funds in advance for capital acquisition or development. The accumulation may result from surplus or earmarked operational revenues, funds in depreciation reserves, or the sale of capital assets.
- Eminent Domain – Eminent domain allows government to appropriate property for public use in return for reasonable accommodation which is typically the fair market value for the property. This is not a common strategy for acquiring land for parks and recreation purposes. ("Expert law," 1998)
- Authorities and Special Districts – Special authorities or districts may be created to provide public facilities such as parks and recreational areas. These authorities are commonly created to avoid the restrictive debt limitations of local governments. They may be financed through revenue bonds retired by user charges or fees, or in some instances, the authority may have the power to tax.
- User Fees – Charging the public to use the services provided by the Village can be an effective way of recouping a portion or all of the cost of a program. Possible user fees include registration or entry fees and equipment and facility rental fees among others
- In-Kind Service and Volunteer Participation – The Village has a strong history of volunteerism from its residents. The donation of time and resources from the community can greatly decrease the overall cost of any program or project.

State and Federal Assistance

There are state and federal programs and grants in existence designed to help local governments fund worthwhile projects. These grants can be used to fund capital projects, revitalization projects, or operational expenses. Some of these programs include:

- **PARTF (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund)** – This fund provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for parks and recreational projects to serve the public.
http://www.ncparks.gov/About/grants/partf_main.php
- **Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTAC)** – This program works collaboratively, by innovation with partners on a wide variety of conservation and recreation projects. It provides a variety of assistance tailored to the partner's needs but does not provide direct grants.
http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/whatwedo/wwd_what_we_do.html
- **The North Carolina Trails Program** – The State Trails Program is a section of the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation. The program is dedicated to helping citizens, organizations and agencies plan, develop and manage all types of trails ranging from greenways and trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding to river trails and off-highway vehicle trails.
http://www.ncparks.gov/About/trails_main.php
- **Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** – The LWCF Program provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities (as well as funding for shared federal land acquisition and conservation strategies).
<http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/>
- **Cooperative Forestry Assistance Funds** – The objective of this program is: with respect to nonfederal forest and other rural lands to assist in the advancement of forest resources management; the encouragement of the production of timber; the control of insects and diseases affecting trees and forests; the control of rural fires; the efficient utilization of wood and wood residues, including the recycling of wood fiber; the improvement and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat; and the planning and conducting of urban and community forestry programs.
<http://www.federalgrantswire.com/cooperative-forestry-assistance.html>

Private Financing Alternatives

Private companies and industries can also be a valuable resource in collecting assets for use by the Village. Through the use of tax incentives, many private organizations can be encouraged to donate land and funds or create public/private partnerships that

benefit the community. The following private funding approaches may be available to the Village.

- Private Financing – Local businesses or organizations may be encouraged to donate money through the use of dedications or plaques around local park areas indicating that a particular person or organization helped make that park possible.
- Tax Deferral – This method may be used by the Village to encourage property owners to defer the development of their land while the Village uses it for public open space or a semi-developed park. During the deferral period, the property would be assessed as an undeveloped parcel, with the collection of taxes to be deferred until the property is developed. The Village would secure an agreement with the property owner with established conditions of use and provisions for recreation easement for "temporary" use of the property.
- Land Donation – Local residents may be willing to donate unwanted or unused lands to the Village for the use as parks or open space areas. Residents may desire to do this in order to avoid paying property tax, upkeep and maintenance on unwanted land. The Village should encourage residents to consider this option as it is often not considered by property owners.
- Trust Fund – By establishing a trust fund in the name of the Village, residents could easily donate or bequeath property and other assets to the Village for use for by parks and recreation purposes. In order to ensure that appropriate tax incentives are offered to the donors, the trust fund should be established as a 501 C 3 non-profit.
- Tax Reductions – Donation of private land for public use may reduce an individual's federal income tax burden. Also, the market value of a recreation easement may reduce the tax burden either federally or locally, if approved by the local government

Appendix III: Other Recreation

A sampling of some recent programs offered through other entities is provided below:

Bald Head Island Conservancy (Non-profit organization)

Facilities include the Barrier Island Research Center, Ibis Bird Sanctuary and the Smith Island Land Trust. Activities are varied, but include turtle walks-laying/hatching, nature walks & tours, camps, movies as well as the following

Organized Runs	Annual Picnic	Annual Fall Fishing School
Storytelling	Touch Tank	32 Salt Water Tanks
Shell carts	Library	Media center

Old Baldy (Non-profit organization)

Pirates Weekend	Historical Tours	Monthly Lectures
Museum Collection	Climb the Old Baldy Lighthouse	

Bald Head Island Club (Membership organization)

18 hole golf course	Tennis courts, Volleyball
Championship Croquet Greenswards	Swimming Pool
Kids Playground	Yoga
Kids Camp-treasure hunts, story hour	Fitness center
Socials	Bridge (weekly)
Driving Range	Practice putting greens
Fine & Casual Dining	Movie Nights
Palms lounge	Multipurpose Court/Complex

Shoals Club (Membership organization)

Pool	Kids Camp
Kids Night out	Fitness
Fine & Casual Dining	Holiday Centered Events
Socials	

Bald Head Association 1 (Homeowners Association)

Yoga	Pilates
Sunset Beach Party	Knitting
Artisans & Artists Show	

Middle Island (Homeowners Association)

Tennis Court	Pool	Marina
--------------	------	--------

Hammocks (Homeowners Association)

Pool	Bikes	Playground	Fitness Center
------	-------	------------	----------------

Timbercreek (Homeowners Association)

Pool

Royal James (Homeowners Association)

Pool

Ibis Roost (Homeowners Association)

Pool and Clubhouse Ping pong table

Island Spa (Private Company)

Spa Treatments

Coastal Urge (Private Company)

Paddleboards

Windsurfing

Bicycles

Kite boards

Riverside Adventure (Private Company)

Ghost Walks

Scavenger Hunts

Sailing

Surfing

Nature Walk

Treasure Hunts

Story Hours

Fishing

Boat / Kayak Tour

Village Chapel

Non-denominational worship services,

Other church-related activities

Weddings

Sanctuaries

Salt Marsh State Reserve Sanctuary—10,000+/- Acres

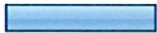
Bald Head Woods Maritime Forest Reserve—191 Acres

State Natural Area Protected Beach

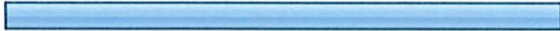
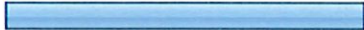
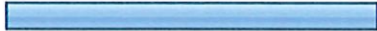
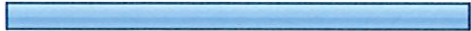
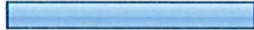
Smith Island Land Trust

Appendix IV: Survey Results

1. Please tell us about yourself ... check all that apply

		Response Percent	Response Count
Own undeveloped property		20.4%	48
Own developed property		85.5%	201
Rent your property		23.0%	54
Spend more than 2 weeks per year on Island		35.3%	83
Spend more than 2 months per year on Island		37.0%	87
Spend more than 6 months per year on Island		6.4%	15
Year-round resident		14.9%	35
answered question			235
skipped question			2

2. Which of the following facilities have you used in the past year? (select all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Village of BHI Creek Access Park		48.3%	111
Village of BHI Dog Park		19.1%	44
The Common		51.3%	118
BHI Club (golf, tennis, etc)		86.5%	199
The Shoals Club		55.7%	128
Old Baldy		57.8%	133
BHI Conservancy facilities/activities		72.2%	166
Private outfitters (e.g., Riverside Adventures, etc)		38.3%	88
Other (please specify)			16
		answered question	230
		skipped question	7

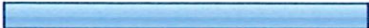
3. Which organizations do you feel should develop more recreational activities and opportunities for the Island? (Choose all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
The Village of BHI		37.0%	81
Non-profits such as Old Baldy and the BHI Conservancy		33.3%	73
Private clubs like Shoals or the BHI Club		35.6%	78
Private enterprises such as Riverside Adventure or Coastal Urge		32.4%	71
No additional development needed		32.0%	70
Other		2.3%	5
	Comments?		31
	answered question		219
	skipped question		18

4. If you think the Village should develop more recreational facilities/activities, please list three or four that you think would be best to pursue

	Response Count
	81
answered question	81
skipped question	156

5. Would you support a tax rate increase to pay for the development of more recreational facilities?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		7.3%	17
No		56.9%	132
Depends on what facilities are being developed		35.8%	83
answered question			232
skipped question			5

6. What other comments would you like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

	Response Count
	67
answered question	67
skipped question	170

Q2. Which of the following facilities have you used in the past year? (select all that apply)

1	Bald Head Association Building, Middle Island Pool and Racquet Club, Middle Island Marina, Middle Island docks	Sep 15, 2012 3:32 PM
2	Harbor areas	Sep 11, 2012 12:40 PM
3	marina	Sep 11, 2012 10:21 AM
4	The Common at Kinnakeet Way (a LOT)	Sep 11, 2012 4:21 AM
5	Public Beach Access	Sep 11, 2012 4:21 AM
6	Marina (Yacht club slip)	Sep 10, 2012 8:40 PM
7	community dock in harbor	Sep 10, 2012 4:13 PM
8	Alligator overlook.....	Sep 10, 2012 3:26 PM
9	Tram! Howl Party, Secret Society of The Perpetual Jon Boaters	Sep 10, 2012 3:19 PM
10	What I love most about BHI is the "undeveloped" natural environment.	Sep 10, 2012 1:35 PM
11	not an essential municipal service	Sep 10, 2012 1:32 PM
12	Marina	Sep 10, 2012 1:18 PM
13	BHI Assoc. BLdg. parties, Chapel	Sep 10, 2012 1:07 PM
14	POA center for meetings	Sep 10, 2012 1:06 PM
15	marina dock slip	Sep 10, 2012 12:58 PM
16	None of the above	Sep 10, 2012 12:46 PM

**Q3. Which organizations do you feel should develop more recreational activities and opportunities for the Island?
(Choose all that apply)**

1	All of the above should generate coordinated activities in keeping with their missions.	Sep 18, 2012 7:45 PM
2	Plea add a couple of basketball goals at the BHI club or other public location	Sep 18, 2012 7:14 PM
3	With the new conservancy building and association building and club facilities it seems like we can create more/different activities without further development	Sep 17, 2012 5:28 PM
4	I would like to see more of the educational programs sponsored by the Conservancy and Barrier Island Research Center scheduled on weekends.	Sep 16, 2012 6:24 PM
5	A minature golf	Sep 16, 2012 8:40 AM
6	A zip line through the forest or over the marsh	Sep 15, 2012 5:57 PM
7	have more low cost or free activities	Sep 14, 2012 8:45 AM
8	could use some more tennis courts and maybe a pool that's not so overcrowded	Sep 12, 2012 2:56 PM
9	more tennis courts	Sep 11, 2012 5:37 PM
10	cruise along all the creeks	Sep 11, 2012 12:27 PM
11	Let's not ruin the feel of BHI	Sep 11, 2012 4:21 AM
12	The Homeowners associations can also take a hand.	Sep 10, 2012 6:14 PM
13	BHA has ongoing events for community. They are great.	Sep 10, 2012 5:23 PM
14	Not sure at this time. There always seems a lot going on.	Sep 10, 2012 4:51 PM
15	I think there are already many rec activities.	Sep 10, 2012 4:13 PM
16	better and safer bicycle lanes, better and safer tram operation, being cautious of bicycles.	Sep 10, 2012 3:59 PM
17	It would be nice to have a pool people who don't have club membership could use for low cost. Also public tennis courts.	Sep 10, 2012 3:26 PM
18	Most time when we get to stay there is far more opportunities than hours in the day for our family.	Sep 10, 2012 3:19 PM
19	Bald Head Association	Sep 10, 2012 3:12 PM
20	Did not come down here for organized activities. Plenty to do here already.	Sep 10, 2012 2:47 PM
21	The whole island is a park -- keep it that way!	Sep 10, 2012 2:30 PM
22	If these recreational activities generate money for equipment rentals it should be the privates, otherwise the village and nonprofits. Let's avoid taking the natural lands and turning the island into a theme park. Let's conserve what we have and not risking uncontrolled development for go-cart tracks etc. People can do that on the mainland. The island is unique	Sep 10, 2012 2:26 PM

**Q3. Which organizations do you feel should develop more recreational activities and opportunities for the Island?
(Choose all that apply)**

23	BHI is a natural "playground" - no more civic/private promotions are needed.	Sep 10, 2012 1:58 PM
24	Very little additional development needed but believe The Village should provide a basketball court	Sep 10, 2012 1:49 PM
25	I think the advertising of the activities needs to improve. There is really a ton of stuff on the island but unless you know where to look or ask, newcomers don't really know.	Sep 10, 2012 1:44 PM
26	What I love most about BHI is the "undeveloped" natural environment.	Sep 10, 2012 1:35 PM
27	I'd add the BHI Association as a provider. Each entity puts a different spin on the activities.	Sep 10, 2012 1:34 PM
28	i am not sure who or if we need it	Sep 10, 2012 1:22 PM
29	The Village should stay away - small gvt. is better!	Sep 10, 2012 1:08 PM
30	The taxpayers cannot afford any more infrastructure to maintain!	Sep 10, 2012 1:05 PM
31	not sure	Sep 10, 2012 12:59 PM

Q4. If you think the Village should develop more recreational facilities/activities, please list three or four that you think would be best to pursue

1	There is an old locomotive that is off of Federal Rd. and Muscadine in the brush there; I never saw it until this summer when someone told me about it. My Grandkids love trains and I think it could be restored or used in some way to tell the history of when there was a railway on BHI.	Sep 20, 2012 11:32 AM
2	More recreational facilities for young people over 16.	Sep 20, 2012 2:04 AM
3	Weekend exercise classes - yoga, Pilates, etc. Movies	Sep 19, 2012 4:57 PM
4	Basketball goals Perhaps a miniature golf facility for family recreation.	Sep 18, 2012 7:14 PM
5	picnic area; Island-wide walking trail; umbrella/beach chair/floats rentals, etc on at least 1 public beach area	Sep 18, 2012 5:43 PM
6	Teen center. Better to use existing space like the association building.	Sep 17, 2012 5:28 PM
7	1) designated picnic area(s) with fire pit for camp fires 2) add and improve trails a bit in maritime forest to enable bike riding 3) sponsor a touring bike road race on the island in fall or spring season 4) sponsor ocean kayak race event	Sep 16, 2012 8:30 PM
8	I go to the island to relax and to avoid organized activities. I think the current amount of activities is sufficient.	Sep 16, 2012 6:24 PM
9	Public pool and tennis courts for those who don't belong to the private clubs; a Farmer's Market.	Sep 15, 2012 3:32 PM
10	More public beach accesses. Handicapp beach access Seating/benches. Life guards	Sep 14, 2012 3:26 PM
11	larger multi stutred playground and basketball court	Sep 14, 2012 1:55 PM
12	basketball hoop area for outdoor movies	Sep 14, 2012 12:32 PM
13	Activities that would involve residents, property owners that would provide opportunities for healing old and current wounds, fall and spring celebrations with music, games and interactive activities, scavenger hunts, floating activities to local business, non profits.	Sep 12, 2012 12:06 PM
14	Walking or biking trails improved boat ramp	Sep 12, 2012 8:35 AM
15	The commons in stage two A walk way around the Island	Sep 12, 2012 3:58 AM
16	The Village should focus its energies on saving the beaches; without them, there is no incentive to come to Bald Head.	Sep 12, 2012 3:43 AM
17	soccer field, public tennis courts, shuffle board, basketball court	Sep 11, 2012 7:37 PM
18	I can't think of anything else that BHI needs; we have it all! :)	Sep 11, 2012 5:53 PM
19	walking/biking paths on the busiest roads for vehicular traffic,ie Federal and S. BHI Wynd.	Sep 11, 2012 5:37 PM
20	The NC Food and Wine Show a few years ago was excellent. A Farmers Market	Sep 11, 2012 2:39 PM

Q4. If you think the Village should develop more recreational facilities/activities, please list three or four that you think would be best to pursue

	would be great. More Art shows featuring NC artists.	
21	A park area for children Additional event space	Sep 11, 2012 12:40 PM
22	Walking Path and Bicycle Path Swings for adults and children Horseshoe Pitching Area	Sep 11, 2012 10:31 AM
23	Only one thing sticks out in my mind and that is the absence of lifeguards at designated beach areas before BHI is victimized by its own successes. I lifeguarded for five years on Nantucket some 25+ years ago and cannot imagine letting my two daughters, ages 10 and 11, go in the water without a lifeguard or myself that is knowledgeable regarding rip currents that are often undetectable via your ordinary observation.	Sep 11, 2012 10:25 AM
24	NONE.	Sep 11, 2012 10:21 AM
25	Need improved boat ramp at creek access	Sep 11, 2012 9:01 AM
26	Park space (the Commons) Fun runs	Sep 11, 2012 8:24 AM
27	Take ownership of the 'commons' and turn it into a public park	Sep 11, 2012 8:18 AM
28	I have been coming to BHI since the mid 80's and have enjoyed the natural setting and activities around this environment and will continue to do so. But since having children of my own and bringing guests with children I have discovered a very popular activity among the kids.... and that would be shooting basketball at the Fire station. The new goals are a great addition and I am very appreciative that they were put in but there are issues with trucks, cars and uneven concrete. An outdoor court in the same general area (near the police and fire stations) would be safer and more accessible.	Sep 11, 2012 6:38 AM
29	More hiking, biking trails. Additional kayak, boat ramps	Sep 11, 2012 6:20 AM
30	Please don't develop the island any more for any reason.	Sep 11, 2012 5:44 AM
31	Rope course	Sep 11, 2012 5:36 AM
32	It would be nice to have a place for pick up soccer games.	Sep 11, 2012 4:21 AM
33	Increase boat access	Sep 11, 2012 3:06 AM
34	No need to develop more .	Sep 11, 2012 12:35 AM
35	Facilities that enable wakeboarding, A place near the river to store and launch small sailboats like lasers, sunfish, etc. They cannot be easily launched in the creek due to depth and no wind.	Sep 10, 2012 10:18 PM
36	Miniature Golf I believe would be a huge success with access for everyone.	Sep 10, 2012 9:21 PM
37	Broader use of open spaces around island. More use of cape fear station areas for all.	Sep 10, 2012 7:55 PM
38	NONE	Sep 10, 2012 7:25 PM

Q4. If you think the Village should develop more recreational facilities/activities, please list three or four that you think would be best to pursue

39	Public tennis court	Sep 10, 2012 6:40 PM
40	General Playground Areas for Frisbee, Informal Bocci, Soccer, kick ball, etc. Some more shaded picnic table spots with views of marsh or sea or in open area in forest. Tree houses for imaginative play. A pair for fishing, like the causeway to the original restaurant. A teen center with fitting recreational activities.	Sep 10, 2012 6:14 PM
41	None	Sep 10, 2012 5:34 PM
42	Playground, park.	Sep 10, 2012 5:29 PM
43	indoor activities - bridge, other cards, pool complete the island walking trail	Sep 10, 2012 5:25 PM
44	Five years ago BHA talked with every resident near BHA common area and asked if they wanted anything near their homes. Unanimously they said NO. IF YOU ARE going to do this, do not go into common areas. People want peace and quiet where they purchased their home.	Sep 10, 2012 5:23 PM
45	Bike activities, kayak floats, tours of the area.	Sep 10, 2012 5:16 PM
46	Family or informal croquet areas Picnics Boating opportunities for those of us who do not have boats	Sep 10, 2012 4:51 PM
47	Dedicated bicycle lanes.	Sep 10, 2012 3:59 PM
48	See above	Sep 10, 2012 3:26 PM
49	Another boat ramp!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This is by far and away the biggest need we see.	Sep 10, 2012 3:18 PM
50	The Commons (now stage II)	Sep 10, 2012 3:12 PM
51	Teen Programs Beach Parties	Sep 10, 2012 2:58 PM
52	small boat dockage on creek	Sep 10, 2012 2:33 PM
53	The Village should NOT.	Sep 10, 2012 2:30 PM
54	NO!	Sep 10, 2012 2:30 PM
55	hiking trails	Sep 10, 2012 2:26 PM
56	Outdoor family concerts, drive in movie night	Sep 10, 2012 2:13 PM
57	Playground, Park with exercise course Rest rooms and showers at a couple of beach accesses. (The old one at East Beach was great.)	Sep 10, 2012 2:06 PM
58	public tennis courts, picnic areas, greenway trails where possible	Sep 10, 2012 2:05 PM
59	no	Sep 10, 2012 2:05 PM
60	baseball field	Sep 10, 2012 2:02 PM

Q4. If you think the Village should develop more recreational facilities/activities, please list three or four that you think would be best to pursue

61	1. The Common 2. Basketball court	Sep 10, 2012 1:49 PM
62	Additional exercise ..dance, yoga, Opportunities for indoor activities .	Sep 10, 2012 1:45 PM
63	It is sometimes difficult to safely share the road with all of the bicycle riders during the peak vacation season so an "off road" bicycle path or trail would be helpful.	Sep 10, 2012 1:43 PM
64	Craft Festivals, Seafood Festivals	Sep 10, 2012 1:37 PM
65	Seems to me the Village can be most helpful supporting with facilities and services. Dog Park is a good example. Or the EMT support provided at large fund raising events. Also, work on some ideas for teens in the summer. Not much for them to do and it might cut down on vandalism.	Sep 10, 2012 1:34 PM
66	The Commons	Sep 10, 2012 1:17 PM
67	Additional public launch and fishing site(s) into the creek near the east end of the island.	Sep 10, 2012 1:12 PM
68	playground area for preschool and elementary school in cool area during summer mmonths - too hot to play on equipment by pool. outdoor family friendly movie one night a week	Sep 10, 2012 1:11 PM
69	Bocci courts Horshoes	Sep 10, 2012 1:11 PM
70	hiking, biking trails, more access to creek/ocean for standup paddle boards, surf boards, etc	Sep 10, 2012 1:10 PM
71	Enhancing the nature of the Island, such as the trails, offering educational activities similar to the Conservancy's FREE to residents and public.	Sep 10, 2012 1:06 PM
72	NO MORE DEVELOPMENT IS REQUIRED!!	Sep 10, 2012 1:05 PM
73	Picnic area with a properly constructed and screened firepit.	Sep 10, 2012 1:04 PM
74	a basketball court ; a large grass field for soccer or touch football , softball	Sep 10, 2012 12:59 PM
75	None	Sep 10, 2012 12:58 PM
76	It would be nice if there were no charge to climb old baldy. Stair climbing has great exercise value. If the Village could make that happen, super. A beach life guard during the busiest times at one beach would also be nice Showers at various beaches would also be great.	Sep 10, 2012 12:57 PM
77	An indoor pool, some raquet ball courts..a true gym facility. I think a cofee shop/bakery/newspaper/book/magazine place would attrack people, yet I it takes away from the market. I think a family putt putt course/wall climb would draw families. I like the stuff I have been seeing pop up around the island this year.	Sep 10, 2012 12:56 PM
78	Basketball Court; Platform Tennis	Sep 10, 2012 12:52 PM
79	nothing at all	Sep 10, 2012 12:50 PM

Q4. If you think the Village should develop more recreational facilities/activities, please list three or four that you think would be best to pursue

- | | | |
|----|---|-----------------------|
| 80 | Outdoor team activities such as organized volleyball games, basketball games-- stuff that brings the community together. | Sep 10, 2012 12:50 PM |
| 81 | 1. something to do on the Marsh 2. more public areas to go crabbing. Another Dock. 3. Another Alligator Lookout. or more wildlife expos. 4. Have some way to go see the Ibis sanctuary in a fun way on middle island. | Sep 10, 2012 12:48 PM |

Q6. What other comments would you like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

1	I love the new bridge and traffic pattern. Maybe more history tours??	Sep 20, 2012 11:32 AM
2	We are coming to BHI since 1998. The island is beautiful for families with small children. Now our children are young single adults, and would like to have safe place where they could meet other young people. Listen to music, dance...	Sep 20, 2012 2:04 AM
3	The beach is our playground.	Sep 19, 2012 4:57 PM
4	Our Taxes are too High now. We need to conserve and look for private development. Village government should try to remain limited.	Sep 19, 2012 8:48 AM
5	thanks for taking on this initiative to improve the number and quality of recreation activities on our beautiful island.	Sep 16, 2012 8:30 PM
6	Would be great to have outdoor concerts and theater, perhaps at the Pavilion or on Cape Fear Common.	Sep 15, 2012 3:32 PM
7	Thank you for your work.	Sep 15, 2012 6:54 AM
8	This island has almost no handicapp facilities especially for the walking disabled. Just sticking a handicapp sign up does not make it easy for the elderly or disabled.	Sep 14, 2012 3:26 PM
9	I have taken the survey once...just wanted to add the importance of the village taking ownership of the common so It can be maintained and used by the BHI community.	Sep 14, 2012 12:42 PM
10	It is my opinion that the cost of these recreation programs should be borne by the people who make use of them, and not by taxation.	Sep 14, 2012 9:40 AM
11	Love the new Dog Park! Now we have to make the rest of the area back there as attractive as the Dog Park.	Sep 13, 2012 6:52 AM
12	Village should consider buying common on east beach to utilize for community and private events. All with reservations and charge with the exception of village sponsored events.	Sep 12, 2012 12:06 PM
13	I feel that there is abundant activities on the Island. The island offers beautiful environment available on few other locations. These recreational activities are geared toward summer months. BH is known for a quiet beautiful scenery, I hope we don't loose what draws people to the island, there other locations as Myrtle beach offering multiple activities. Please be careful not to overdo activities	Sep 12, 2012 7:41 AM
14	Current level of activities is just fine.	Sep 12, 2012 3:43 AM
15	It would be great if these facilities were open in the evening(ie lights)	Sep 11, 2012 7:37 PM
16	BHI is a wonderful place! I hope to live there full time one day soon. Let's not go overboard trying to create more things to do which would require more taxes or more money, when we have almost everything that we would ever need. :)	Sep 11, 2012 5:53 PM
17	Lifeguards at designated beach areas before somebody becomes a victim of penny pinching individuals that care more about how their martini tastes	Sep 11, 2012 10:25 AM

Q6. What other comments would you like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

18	PLease stay out of the development business. Limited government and the promotion of private investment are much healthier for everyone.	Sep 11, 2012 10:21 AM
19	Dont really need anything that would add increased taxes in such an economy especially with looming beach erosion concerns.	Sep 11, 2012 9:01 AM
20	Since its inception, the committee has done a very good job.	Sep 11, 2012 8:24 AM
21	Bald Head Island property taxes are outrageous! Especially compared to neighboring communities, such as Ocean Isle. Need to reduce management staff and not increase more staff. Old Baldy and the Conservancy do a wonderful job of providing activities. Please don't turn us into another ugly Myrtle Beach. We owe a house at Bald Head because we like the quiet and nature - not for activities.	Sep 11, 2012 5:44 AM
22	Family recreation needed, be it miniature golf, rope course or boat trips of discovery. Something to engage the mind in family activity.	Sep 11, 2012 5:36 AM
23	Additional trash pickup at beach accesses during summer and holiday weekends.	Sep 11, 2012 4:36 AM
24	Additional "facilities" and formal developments require commandeering natural spaces/resources on the island that would be better left alone. BHI is enough of a resort island already without cutting down more trees or fertilizing/irrigating more grass for a recreational facility.	Sep 11, 2012 4:21 AM
25	The move in recent years to add more recreation to BHI is disturbing. The special interests (Dog Park) are running amuck. Please don't trash the island with junk like that.	Sep 11, 2012 4:21 AM
26	What's the purpose for creating more? The island has enough and we need to protect it from more .	Sep 11, 2012 12:35 AM
27	I do not support an increase in indiscriminate development just to create more "tourism". I very much support carefully planned and created projects that provide "some" additional activity with inclusive access and very low cost to participants.	Sep 10, 2012 9:21 PM
28	I'd like to make it very clear that I do not want any tax increase in order to support the development of any more recrecational facilities!	Sep 10, 2012 7:25 PM
29	The Cape Fear River, beaches and ocean, maritime forest,marshes,and the freedom to roam is enough recreation for my family.	Sep 10, 2012 7:13 PM
30	Thanks for thinking about making our island user friendly.	Sep 10, 2012 6:14 PM
31	No more taxes!	Sep 10, 2012 5:47 PM
32	We live on the island because it does not have artificial activities.	Sep 10, 2012 5:45 PM
33	You don't want to know	Sep 10, 2012 5:34 PM
34	Our property taxes are too high.	Sep 10, 2012 5:16 PM

Q6. What other comments would you like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

35	Did not know there was a P and R C.	Sep 10, 2012 4:13 PM
36	Dedicated safe bicycle lanes.	Sep 10, 2012 3:59 PM
37	I would appreciate seeing another survey to rank those ideas you receive in question 4	Sep 10, 2012 3:43 PM
38	That tax increase idea... thats a h*ll NO! Thank you very much.	Sep 10, 2012 3:19 PM
39	I will be an unhappy permanent resident as long as Calvin Peck is village manager	Sep 10, 2012 3:10 PM
40	Do not need to make this a park. This is our home. Do not need to spend tax money to have fun.	Sep 10, 2012 2:47 PM
41	This committee should be an oversight only committee. The Village has enough to do protecting the beach.	Sep 10, 2012 2:38 PM
42	Private companies are more capable than a Gov't entity.	Sep 10, 2012 2:30 PM
43	I am a landscape architect with offices in Charlotte and Raleigh and have done parks and recreation master planning. I would be happy to be on a committee to look at this with the Village if needed. Please contact me at bjenest@colejeneststone.com ... Brian Jenest	Sep 10, 2012 2:05 PM
44	Our rec. is enjoying the beauty and spending time at the beach.	Sep 10, 2012 2:05 PM
45	BHI is an environment different from anywhere else. One of the things that makes it unique is that it is simple and natural. It is peace and quiet. We do not need facility after facility to entertain people. If they cannot entertain themselves on BHI maybe they need to be somewhere else. We aren't trying to compete with Myrtle Beach. The people I bring down love it precisely because it ISN'T. Last spring we fought a the proposed building of a large public party deck gathering area in front of our house at the beach access. Fortunately this ridiculous expense and nuisance was canceled. Recently there has been a dog park built. Why? All my children own dogs but see no need to take them there. The dog laws on BHI are so lax that the entire island is one big dog park! It is axiom in government that an agency feels it has to do something to remain relevant. No government agency has ever been abolished because it did its job, successfully completed its mission and disbanded with a "mission accomplished". I am not suggesting that of the Parks and Rec dept. They have done great things (I'm sure many I am not even aware they were responsible for) . But I just hope they do not need to justify their existence by constantly looking for things to build or promote that are unnecessary or even a negative for the island. There is absolutely nothing wrong with saying the island is in good shape when it comes to parks and rec facilities unless a new need arises. Believe me...if I know anything about the people on BHI they will speak up if there is something..anything.. they want done! Thanks to all the Parks and Rec people for their time and committment to BHI!	Sep 10, 2012 1:54 PM
46	believe that there is plenty of rec. activity available now if you know how to find it...	Sep 10, 2012 1:50 PM

Q6. What other comments would you like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

47	I cannot imagine that the majority of homeowners would have wanted a dog park. I feel sorry for the surrounding home owners. It's loud and obnoxious.	Sep 10, 2012 1:46 PM
48	See above about advertising. I don't know the right answer as to how to do it better, just noting what some friends have told me when they visit the island.	Sep 10, 2012 1:44 PM
49	A year-round indoor swimming pool complex would be a great addition.	Sep 10, 2012 1:43 PM
50	We need to bring more interest to the Island in the off season. #1 on my list would definitely have been an indoor pool. When the cooler weather comes or the rainy season there is very little to do. People are not going to come to the island so they can sit at an expensive rental and watch TV (they could have done this at home). If we had indoor swimming we could go out in any weather and relax. This brings people, which then use the other facilities and restaurants. # 2- We should have packaged deals for the off season. As a rental home people are not going to come just to have music at the club house for one evening. We have to be creative and offer weekend events. Example; get a discount rental, free or reduced parking, reduced ferry, play golf at a packaged rate, have a nice meal for two at a very good discount and get a massage. Fri, Sat and Sun all for \$300/night. Have photo show weekend, wedding shows, choir competitions, art shows, religious get aways, corporate retreats, medical seminars, golf seminars, tennis tournaments, Geo caching with prizes, Dog shows, authors and writers seminars, cooking competitions and festivals. Many of these things can be done indoors regardless of the weather. It should be done in cooperation with rental homes and businesses so that we truly compete with Myrtle Beach and other off season destinations that offer specials. people will not come to bald Head off season if we have nothing to offer.	Sep 10, 2012 1:43 PM
51	Great job with this kind of support as I experience it.	Sep 10, 2012 1:34 PM
52	Not an essential municipal service.	Sep 10, 2012 1:32 PM
53	Keep it simple. Keep taxes low.	Sep 10, 2012 1:30 PM
54	The so called "dog park" is an embarrassment and should be removed As one of my guests stated " it looked like the kennel at the humane society where you look at a dog before you make a decision to keep it"	Sep 10, 2012 1:20 PM
55	should create toilet facilities within vicinity of the Commons	Sep 10, 2012 1:12 PM
56	People come to BHI in order to get away from the "Coney Island" dimension of typical beach resorts. If the inherent natural recreation at BHI--swimming, walking, running, biking, kyaking, fishing, etc. --is not sufficient for some visitors, I for one (and suspect there is more than one!), prefer those visitors go elsewhere.	Sep 10, 2012 1:09 PM
57	BHI Taxes and Utility rates are too high - The Village should be spending less - not more!	Sep 10, 2012 1:08 PM
58	The Island is a natural play ground. We can make what we have more accessible and educate, educate, educate the public and owners!	Sep 10, 2012 1:06 PM
59	The Village needs to look at ways to decrease it's costs not increase their	Sep 10, 2012 1:05 PM

Q6. What other comments would you like to share with the Parks and Recreation Committee?

expenses!

60	Please don't ask owners to subsidize recreational facilities that mostly renters will use. We chose Bald Head BECAUSE it had so little development. Keep it that way!	Sep 10, 2012 1:01 PM
61	am not sure there is enough demand for such facilities . we don't need a polo field !	Sep 10, 2012 12:59 PM
62	Drop this idea	Sep 10, 2012 12:58 PM
63	One of the most wonderful things about spending time on Bald Head Island is the ability to spend family time without the constant pressure of activities to attend. The conservancy provides wonderful programs and I see no need to expand. Old Baldy provides the same. You can go to the clubs, kayak on the creek, paddle board on the ocean, etc. Please do not ruin this island by trying to keep up with more populous areas where there "is always something to do for everyone." Bald Head Island is a place to do nothing if you want, without any pressure. Come on, leave our "turtle time" alone!!	Sep 10, 2012 12:53 PM
64	With all the increase in needed activities these last few years, we have finally reached a point where there is something for almost everyone. We have lessons of many kinds, camps, child care, special events (Pirate Invasion, races, Howl at the Moon, lectures) plus almost all sports that are possible here. We no longer hear complaints from any age group that there's nothing to do. I'm afraid the danger now is too much activity at risk of damaging the environment we all came here for.	Sep 10, 2012 12:52 PM
65	Overall there are plenty of activities on the island but think kids could use a basketball court and Platform Tennis is fun gaem that can be played rear round but works well as a winter aerobic exercise.	Sep 10, 2012 12:52 PM
66	The taxes are high enough, either eliminate something to make room for something new, or don't do it.	Sep 10, 2012 12:50 PM
67	keep island simple after this bridge and road behind mojo's too big! = (	Sep 10, 2012 12:50 PM