



## Water Concerns

By Mark Johnson

Longtime residents of Brandywine surely remember it was not always this expensive to pay for services in Brandywine. For instance, a typical water and sewer bill in 2001, when we moved to Holly Lane, was approximately \$50. If last month is any indication of the new normal, a bill now is nearly triple that amount. It does not take an economist to agree that the cost for water and sewer services is clearly outpacing inflation. Why is Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. so expensive?

As we know, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. is a monopoly. In our free-market system, sometimes monopolies are allowed. When it comes to utilities, monopolies are allowed largely due to efficiency reasons. Customers cannot simply choose a different service provider for water and sewer as easily as changing to a different internet provider. Instead one provider is allowed to serve an entire subdivision, like Brandywine.

In these cases where monopolies are allowed, customers are protected from unfair practices by appointed officials such as the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC). These appointed individuals are charged with ensuring fairness, including setting the rates that utility companies can charge its customers (NC General Statutes § 62-130).

In determining the rate, the NCUC factors, among other things, a rate of return of 8.20%. That means after paying all their costs, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. is guaranteed a return on their investments of at least 8.20% (NC Utilities Commission. Docket W-356 sub 336). On the surface, the rate of return itself is not a controversial item. Utility companies frequently need to pay for maintenance and upkeep. However, what may be controversial is that they are allowed to pay for expanding their market share by passing these capital costs to us the customer. In other words, we pay for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. to acquire new businesses and grow and expand.

Recently in 2017, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. was allowed an increase in the rate. They claimed in 2016, they were unable to earn their authorized rate of return. In order to earn this authorized rate of return, Brandywine residents going forward can expect an average increase of 20% in their monthly bill.

The time may be right for Brandywine residents to reverse this trend. On December 22, the president signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. While the legislation allows for significant savings for individuals, corporations will also benefit tremendously under the new law. With the rate moving from 34% to a reduced flat rate of 21%, this will create a windfall for corporations, such as Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc.

This presents Brandywine residents a rare opportunity. The time to act is now, because the good news is that, "The Commission shall from time to time as often as circumstances may require, change and revise or cause to be changed or revised any rates fixed by the Commission, or allowed to be charged by any public utility;" (NC General Statutes § 62-130).

If you would like to get involved, write or call our representatives. They are there to serve us. They need to hear from concerned citizens. Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. would like nothing more than for Brandywine residents to quietly accept their rate hikes; and without your voice, the Commission will not act.

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## Exciting Brandywine News

The children of Brandywine need our help! We are in desperate need of a new playground and equipment. KC Cudney and Donald Johnson of Cedarwood Village, in association with Wimmer Cookbooks of Memphis Tennessee, would like to produce a cookbook with proceeds going for a new, safe and long lasting playground.

There is the potential for making close to \$50,000 on this project! Estimates for the top of the line playground set were \$50,000.

We are looking for representatives from all Brandywine communities to make up a cookbook committee. This committee will help with all communication for production, testing recipes, as well as helping with events that can promote our professional looking cookbook and our beautiful community.

KC and Donald will be heading up this endeavor but need you, in this support capacity. This is an exciting time for our community, and truly a great opportunity to provide for our children as well as promote and enhance our wonderful Brandywine neighborhood.

For more information, please contact KC Cudney at [brandywinecookbook@gmail.com](mailto:brandywinecookbook@gmail.com)



## Sneak Peek: Inside this Edition of Sound Waves

Welcome to March, Brandywine! Turn the page for neighborhood and local info, like...

BOA DUES NEWS: Find out when and where your dues are due; see page 5.

CAROLINA WATER: New customer resources and answers to Q&A are on pg. 2.

HELP WANTED: The Sound Waves Editorial Team is looking for a new volunteer. Can you help?

SUBMIT A STORY: It takes a neighborhood to create Sound Waves. Thank you to our monthly contributors for sending your stories! All neighbors are invited to send your articles, photos, and ideas to [Sound Waves -- editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com)!

### Celebration of Life for Jerry Barnes

Jerry Barnes, of Reserve Green in Brandywine, passed away February 9, 2018. A "Celebration of Life" will be held Saturday, March 3rd from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the K Club here in Brandywine. Please join his wife, Jamie, along with family and friends for some refreshments and to celebrate and remember Jerry's life. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there and sharing your stories about Jerry.

## Water Concerns ... continued from page 1.

Call or write the Commission. Tell them, the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 will create a windfall of additional revenue for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc., due to changes in the corporate tax rates. According to the NC General Statutes § 62-130 (d), we as Brandywine residents and customers of Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. respectfully request the Commission to review the rate base charged to its customers, and further request Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina - Utilities, Inc. to refund moneys to its customers which were over-collected from its customers, as per NC General Statutes § 62-130 (e).

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<http://www.ncuc.net/overview/contactus.htm>  
Phone: 919-733-4249  
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### Sources:

- Concerns about Utilities Inc.? <https://cwfnc.org/what-we-do/water-justice/concerns-about-utilities-inc/>
- NC General Statutes § 62-130. Commission to make rates for public utilities.
- NC Utilities Commission. Docket W-356 sub 336; Application for a Rate Increase. Available from: <http://www.ncuc.commerce.state.nc.us/>.
- North Carolina Water and Wastewater Rates Dashboard. UNC School of Government – Environmental Finance Center. <https://efc.sog.unc.edu/reslib/item/north-carolina-water-and-wastewater-ratesdashboard>. Updated May, 2017.

## Carolina Water Customer Resources

At the February Quarterly BOA meeting, Deb Clark, Communications Coordinator, shared some new information and customer resources that are available from Carolina Water Service of North Carolina (CWSNC).

**Website:** [www.CarolinaWaterServiceNC.com](http://www.CarolinaWaterServiceNC.com)

Use this site to access customer service, education, water quality reports, regulations, and other helpful information. To access the online customer portal from the website, click Customer Service > Online Services.

**Communications Coordinator: Deborah Clark**

Email Deb at [deb.clark@carolinawaterservicenc.com](mailto:deb.clark@carolinawaterservicenc.com); she is committed to a 24-hour turnaround time on email replies.

**Brandywine Bay site:** <https://thebrandywinebay.com/>

This site includes contact information for Deb Clark, links to social media, and the latest news for our community. Click the Blog link on this page to see answers to all of the questions that were asked by residents during the February Quarterly BOA meeting.

**Update Your Phone Number:**

Contact Customer Service at (800) 525-7990 to ensure your phone number is up-to-date so that you receive important water-related telephone notifications.

**Smart Energy Water (SEW) app: Coming this summer!**

When the app is active, you can use it to check your bill status, view past bills, see your water usage, and more. You can also sign up to receive notifications via phone call, text, mobile phone call, and/or email. This includes notifications of line breaks and water flushes, as well as personalized notifications, such as when your household water usage has reached a certain threshold.



[www.CarolinaWaterServiceNC.com](http://www.CarolinaWaterServiceNC.com)

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### Charitable Giving:

Carolina Water wants to be involved in the community by partnering with local service groups. If your group is working on a park beautification, road cleanup, or other type of community service activity, contact Deb Clark to find out how Carolina Water can support your cause.

### Suspected Leaks:

If you suspect a leak, please contact Carolina Water. There are several ways to identify a leak. First, check the average usage of water. If there is a spike in usage that continues, then Carolina Water can help you check for a leak. Second, if there is water at the meter or near the road, this is also a sign of a leak that Carolina Water can check. Finally, if your bill is unusually high, check around your home for leaks at the toilets, faucets, or crawl space.

### Discolored Water:

Several residents reported experiencing discolored water during the February Quarterly BOA Meeting. One resident had previously requested water testing, and the water was tested at the well site and at the street level multiple times and was found to be clear. All of the state mandated tests show that our water is within all limits for chemicals and minerals. The sulfur smell is natural.

Residents who have a water softening device are encouraged to check the filters for debris and replace the filters. If the filters contain any debris and are not replaced, this will likely produce the color tint, due to the residue entering the home at this location.

If you have experience with another water system (such as Emerald Isle) that uses reverse osmosis, a process that removes so much iron and magnesium that the water system must INSERT minerals and ADD chemicals to address taste and how the water feels, then the water in our system will appear to have a faint tint.

### Debit/Credit Card Payment Fee:

The fee is charged to address the costs associated with third party vendors when a bill payment is made online or via telephone with a debit or credit card. These fees cover the processing costs associated with handling credit card and electronic debit payments. No part of the convenience fee goes to CWSNC.

Duke Energy charges a fee as well; see their website for an example of their fee: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/billing/credit-card-debit-card-or-electronic-check-payments>. The Cape Fear Public Utility Authority also has a fee for debit/credit card use.

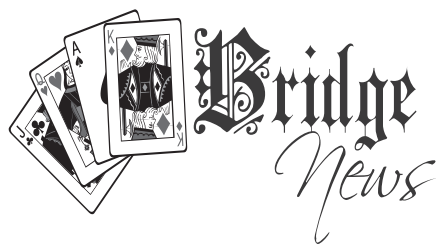
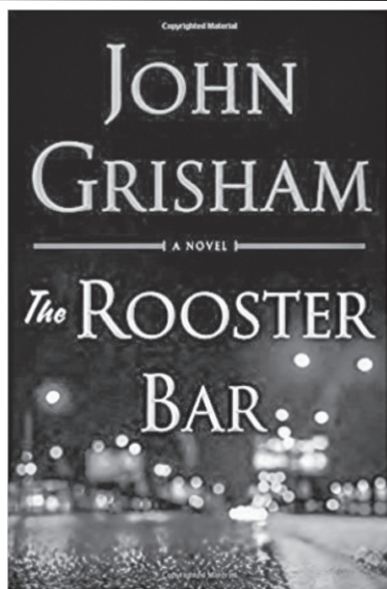
It is understandable that customers may not want to use the free automatic bill payment (draft from a bank account); however, it is the recommended method to avoid the convenience fee. Customers may also mail payments to CWSNC, PO Box 11025, Lewiston, ME 04243-9476.



# Brandywine Book Club Notes

By Melinda Brown

For our February meeting, the Brandywine Book Club members enjoyed a discussion of the book, "Kiss Carlos," by Adriana Trigiani. We had enjoyed reading a "lighter" book than our recent selections. Ms. Trigiani always makes the characters so real that readers can easily identify with them. It was a good discussion of family dynamics and working hard to achieve one's goals. We look forward to reading and discussing our next book, "The Rooster Bar," by John Grisham. If you enjoy reading and lively discussion with friends, come and join us. Contact Melinda Brown at 247-1055 for more information.



By Pat McMahon

Hi everyone! Bridge for February was beautiful indeed with decorations to match the Valentine mood. We had three tables of Bridge and lively three tables at that! So lively, one of our players set a new record by going down 7!! Hang on! You read that right, Down 7!! Are we ever going to let her forget that?? Hummm, doubtful!

Hail to our Winners:

Miss Pudgy came in First!

Lynn Hollowell scooped second and

Carol Council managed third place!

Congratulations ladies!

Bridge play is the 2nd Wednesday of the month...Come join us! We don't want to have all this fun alone. If you're interested in learning more about K Club Bridge, contact Co-Directors: Pat McMahon (726-7994) or Dolly DiMarco (240-3547).

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# Pet Corner



## PetDocks Maximizing Your Puppy's Happiness

By Dr. Todd Worrell

Puppies learn and develop a big part of their adult personality by 16 weeks of age. If you want a happy dog that takes life in a joyous stride, start early. The associations that young dogs develop during this critical stage of brain development can last a lifetime ... for better or worse. Don't force things! Make sure these exposures are done in a way that's comfortable for the puppy. Don't keep exposing a puppy to a new experience if the dog is scared. As always, if you have questions, consult your veterinarian for best practices and general advice.

**1. Handle your puppy** – Make a point to touch your puppy all over. Don't ever be forceful or push to the point of struggle. Just touch and hold gently and reward his acceptance with a special treat. Remember, over time, you'll need to be able to trim toenails, clean ears and brush teeth. If your new puppy actually enjoys these rituals, life is better for you both.

**2. Socialize with your puppy** – Let your puppy meet people of all shapes, sizes and mannerisms to learn there's nothing to fear from people of all kinds. Don't force this if your puppy is fearful, ease into things. Introduce children, men and women, and even people with hats or costumes. Don't forget the treats to make "scary" fun!

**3. Play dress-up with your puppy** – If your dog is ever going to need a sweater or coat—or even a bandage—now's the time to teach him about them. Tie an adult T-shirt around him and let him get used to the feeling. Best of all, if you can help your new puppy learn about an E-collar—like those cones and collars the veterinarian will use when your dog recovers from surgery or illness—your veterinary team will really appreciate it. Your grown-up puppy won't be as freaked out when he needs to wear one.

**4. Make noise with your puppy** – Expose your pup to loud noises and novel objects, like the vacuum cleaner, the doorbell and even suddenly rattling a can with coins. Show that these things aren't harmful and reward her only when she's calm. Startling at a loud noise is typical, but your puppy can learn there's nothing to fear and recover quickly from a startle. Noise phobias are real, and you can do your part to prevent them.

**5. Adventure with your puppy** – You and your pup will experience all life has to offer together, but the experiences won't be as fun if your puppy is afraid or difficult to handle. Take your puppy everywhere you can for exposure to new places. Visit your veterinarian on a day just for a visit—and some friendly treats. Take the puppy on errands to see lots of new sights and smell new smells. Make all the places that you go extra special with great treats or repeat the visits until they're so normal that your pup is bored with them. It's easier for brains to remember bad experiences than good ones, so make sure your foundation for your puppy's brain is filled with terrific associations. You can avoid big problems in the future.

--adapted from work by Kathryn Primm, DVM

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# BOA Dues News

It is Brandywine Owners Association dues season. Here's what you need to know:

Dues notices will be mailed the last week of March, so you should receive them around April 1, 2018. The annual dues remain the same, at \$350 for the year.

Review your contact information on the enclosed gate card/clicker audit form. Note any changes to the information that are needed. The purpose of the gate card audit form is to ensure that only current residents and authorized users have active gate cards. All gate cards not accounted for in the audit will be disabled.

Owners of rental properties and renters should work together to ensure the gate card audit form includes the renters' information. Renters, contact Andy Haines directly if you want to confirm your contact information. He can be reached at ahainesnd@gmail.com.

Please return the form with your dues payment, even if you do not have any changes marked on the form.

Your dues and your gate card audit form are due on or before May 15, 2018. Use the enclosed green return envelope, which is addressed to 230 Brandywine Blvd., Morehead City, NC 28557. A \$20 late fee is due to the BOA for any dues submitted after the deadline.

Be aware that if you mail your dues from your mailbox or the Morehead City Post Office, it may take about 7 days for it to reach the mailbox at 230 Brandywine Blvd. Any dues that are postmarked May 15 or earlier will be accepted as "on-time."

You can also drop off your dues without postage in the mail box at the Hwy. 70 gate house. This is 230 Brandywine Blvd. The final collection of envelopes that will be considered "on-time" from this location will be at noon on May 16.

Please do not drop off your dues at the Golf and Shore Properties office.



You can drop off your dues envelope directly in the BOA mail box at the Hwy. 70 gate house.



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## Changes to the 2018 Brandywine Directory

**New to the neighborhood?** Contact Lin Chidsey for your welcome packet and gate cards.

**Moving away?** Please return your gate cards to Lin Chidsey.

Linda Chidsey | 252-622-9421 | ncmslin@gmail.com

The printed 2018 Brandywine Bay Directory was distributed in January. Contact Lin Chidsey if you need another copy.

### ADDITIONS:

Heiges, Maria .....	105 Cottage Row .....	252-269-2622
Muldoon, Joe and Betty .....	529A Village Green .....	203-767-6953
Newman, Howard .....	217 Lord Granville.....	252-726-2233
Norman, Tracy.....	200A Reserve Green.....	252-617-0895
Tasley, Sandra.....	506B Village Green.....	919-961-5497

### DELETIONS:

Tom and Betty Grady (105 Cottage Row)  
Mary Heiges (529A Village Green)  
Ruby Morris (506B Village Green)  
Stephanie Ross (200A Reserve Green)

### CORRECTIONS:

Richard and Suzanne LaPalme – Correct address 209 Brandywine Blvd.  
Nelda Kessler – Correct Phone Number 252-726-5309  
Diane Mantho – Correct Phone Numer 203-915-3820  
Debbie Sparshott – Correct Phone Number 240-298-8380

# BOA Board Minutes:

## Quarterly Meeting, February 12, 2018 at the K-Club

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the K-Club. Board members present were, Andy Haines, Noreen Barrett, Bob White and Nancy Beszterczei. We had a guest speaker from Carolina Water, Deb Clark.

Deb Clark, Communications Coordinator with Carolina Water Service was our guest speaker to introduce her role to our neighborhood. She also answered questions. She can be reached at deb.clark@carolinawaterservice.com. The Carolina Water website is www.CarolinaWaterServiceNC.com, and the Brandywine-specific site is https://the-brandywinebay.com. You will be able to ask questions on the website. The Facebook and Twitter page is @carolinawaternc. Carolina Water is working to be proactive not reactive.

Carolina Water also wants to participate and be involved in any charitable giving. If we know of a project that they can help in any way please let Deb Clark know.

Later this summer there will be a smart water App – Smart Energy Water (SEW). The app will give detailed bill information about your water usage and alert you to any changes up or down from your normal usage. If you have a leak, the app will help you identify it before you get an outrageous bill. Basically this will be an instant notification system.

At 7:15, Noreen asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written from the January meeting. Andy made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved. Rachel is away on business so Nancy Beszterczei graciously accepted the job to take the notes for the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob White gave an overview of the treasurer's report stating we are currently under budget and have our money in CD's and Money Markets making money.

Annual Dues will be mailed out by March 23rd. The annual dues will remain the same at \$350 for the year. Payment must be made by May 15, 2018. Bob requested that payment be made as soon as you receive the notice to avoid any late charges. If you mail your payment realize it will take 7 days for it to reach our mailbox. Our mail is sorted in Morehead City, sent to Charlotte to be processed then sent back to Morehead City to be sorted then delivered. You can drop off your payment in the mailbox on the Highway 70 guard house and avoid the post office.

**Secretary's report:** None

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Insurance Renewal:** Noreen is working with Tommy Bennett with the Insurance Center regarding our BOA Insurance Renewal. We paid \$5,600 last year plus \$800 for workman's comp insurance with another company. We just renewed our policy for \$4,300 with workman's comp being rolled into this policy at no charge when it comes up for renewal in September.
- Drainage Update/ Road Maintenance:** We are planning to clean the culverts and drainage ditches in the common areas this coming April. Residents are reminded to keep their own drains and culverts clean to help the drainage of the neighborhood. Carolina Water will be adding a driveway to the lift station at 304 Lord Granville as well as upgrading the culvert in this area. The driveway will allow them to get to their lift station without going on the golf course property. These improvements will be at Carolina Water's expense. We will be looking at the pot holes and general road conditions in the next few weeks to determine the necessary repairs.
- Wilshire Commons:** At the Planning Board meeting before the holidays, the Planning Board gave the developer a list of information that they needed to provide on this project (i.e. drainage, wetlands, etc.) before the board would take any further action. We have been checking in with the planning board periodically to see where things stand, and at this point, the developer has not submitted any of the requested information. The Planning Board also requested that the developer and the Brandywine Owners Association Board arrange a meeting to discuss community concerns and possible solutions/compromises, and the Board has been working to arrange that meeting. We will be continuing to monitor the status of the project, and will provide updates to the community as we learn more.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Bridges Street Extension:** There has been one public meeting at the Civic Center and we had a Brandywine only meeting with Board members and street reps discussing the four proposed routes. To date the route has not been chosen. Discussion about the highway 70 flooding issues and how the proposed routes can negatively impact the current issues was discussed and will be considered. Studies have been done as far as the current culverts. Our culvert is currently labeled marginal, meaning it is not in need of immediate repair or replacement, however in the event of another significant rain event with flooding on Hwy 70, the culvert will be replaced with a larger piping system. The project is estimated to be complete by 2024.
- Upcoming BOA Dues and Gate Card Audit:** We have decided to incorporate our gate card audit, phone directory updates and mailing our dues in ONE envelope. You will be receiving 2 papers by April 1st, one paper is the normal dues notice, the second page will have the owner/residents information populated. The gate cards and clickers will be listed as well as. Please read this carefully and update the information to keep our records accurate. If you rent your home, please update the renters' information appropriately. We will be deactivating any gate cards and clicker numbers that are not confirmed on the form. A green envelope will be provided to return your payment and the 2nd audit page.
- Classification Fee for Lenders:** Starting next month we will begin collecting a \$100 classification fee for the time we take preparing HOA letters for lenders. We spend a good amount of time gathering this information and the charge is common occurrence in many HOA's.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### JANUARY ACC APPROVALS

917 Lord Granville. ....	Install Fence.....	1/03/2018
104 Wisteria Circle .....	Install Retractable Awning Over Deck .....	1/15/2018
104 Wisteria Circle.....	Install Storm Shutter .....	1/15/2018
216 Brandwine Blvd. ....	Install Fence.....	1/16/2018
804 Lord Granville .....	New Home Construction .....	1/16/2016
806 Lord Granville .....	Install Outside Elevator .....	1/28/2018

Boat Storage: The Boatyard has 5 new renters, all spaces are currently rented.

Gate: The gates are currently operational. The gates at Highway 24 had some problems with closing and opening, we think this problem has been resolved.

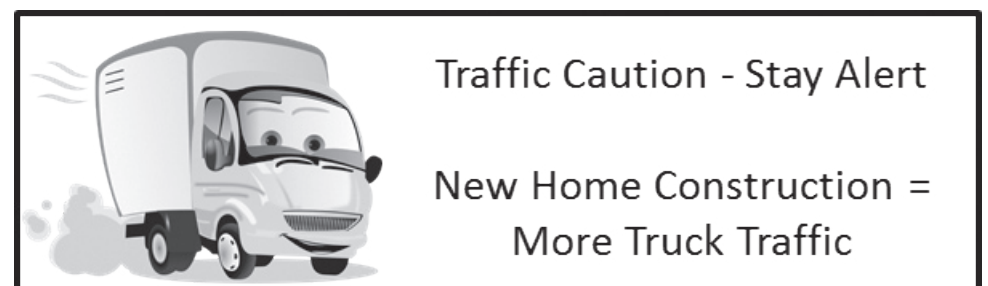
Cameras: Our cameras are all working. The cameras have caught 3 separate instances that would have cost the neighborhood more that \$1200 in repairs if the cameras had not been there.

Beautification: Thank you for your patience regarding the repair of the stone entrance sign on Highway 24. We are working on permits, getting quotes and finalizing the insurance claim before we can proceed with any work. The vehicle involved in the demolition of the sign will be held responsible and the insurance has indicated full payment for repairs.

Sound Waves: Monica Sellars, editor from the Sound Waves, spoke briefly about needing volunteers for the newspaper. The time commitment can be as little as a few hours to as much as 8 hours a month. Need volunteers to help edit the paper each month and/or write 1-2 articles. If you can help Monica please email her at editor.soundwaves@gmail.com.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Beszterczei, February 13, 2018



Traffic Caution - Stay Alert

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# Meet Your Neighbor

By Monica Sellars

A primary mission of Sound Waves is to help neighbors connect to one another. This round-up includes ideas for getting involved in our community and meeting some of your Brandywine neighbors.



## BRANDYWINE GROUPS

These Brandywine groups meet regularly and invite new members any time. You can find more information about how to join the fun in this issue of Sound Waves.

Brandywine Book Club
Bridge Club
Couples Golf
Ladies Golf Association (LGA), 9-Hole
Ladies Golf Association (LGA), 18-Hole
Men's Golf Association (MGA)
Owners Associations – Board, Committees, Meetings
Sound Waves Contributors and Editorial Team

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

This is a list of organizations and activities that have been featured in past issues of Sound Waves. In many cases, one or more Brandywine residents participate in these groups. Check out the related story in the online Sound Waves archive for the issue indicated. Go to <http://brandywineowners.org/homeowners/sound-waves-archive/>.

SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House	Dec 2017
Crystal Coast Choral Society	Dec 2017
Carolina East Singers	Nov 2017
Carteret Literacy Council	Nov 2017
Austin Veterinary Outreach and Rescue	Oct 2017
Atlantic Beach Sea Turtle Patrol	Oct 2017
SCUBA Diving	Jun 2017
COACH Hope	Jul 2017
Coastal Carolina Center for Women's Ministries	Apr 2017
Newport Pig Cookin' Contest	Apr 2017
Beaufort Women's Sailing Club	Apr 2017
Arts Council of Carteret County	Mar 2017
Girl Scouts	Mar 2017
Young Life	Mar 2017
Foster and Adoption – Carteret County Dept. of Social Services	Feb 2017
Coast Guard Auxiliary	Feb 2017
Hope Mission	Feb 2017

League of Women Voters	Feb 2017
Guardian Ad Litem	Jan 2017
Carteret County Historical Society	Jan 2017
Project Christmas Cheer	Dec 2016
Crystal Coast Stargazers	Dec 2016
Leon Mann Jr. Enrichment Center	Nov 2016
Crystal Coast Women's Club	Nov 2016
Operation Christmas Child	Nov 2016
Pickle Ball	Nov 2016
Backpack Blessings	Oct 2016
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)	Sep 2016
Martha's Mission	Sep 2016
Carteret County Antiques and Collectibles Club	Aug 2016
Lions Club	Jun 2016
Family Promise	Jun 2016
The MirIAM	May 2016
Civitan Club	May 2016
Carteret County Partnership for Children	Apr 2016
Broad Street Clinic	Apr 2016
Beaufort OARS	Apr 2016
Autism Society of NC – Crystal Coast Chapter	Apr 2016
Crystal Coast Autism Center	Apr 2016
Webb Library	Mar 2016
Saltwater Light Tackle Fishing Club	Mar 2016
Carteret Caregiver Support Group	Mar 2016
Carteret County Humane Society	Jan 2016
Coastal Pregnancy Care Center	Jan 2016

These are some other organizations that have been represented in Sound Waves, but the issues are not in the online archive. You can look them up on the internet or contact [editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com) for details from the paper.

Boys & Girls Club
Carolina Shag Dancing & Lessons
Carteret Writers
Connect Carteret
Habitat for Humanity
Hospital Auxiliary
PAWS of Carteret
Radio Controlled Aircraft Club
Rotary Club
Salvation Army

## TELL BRANDYWINE ABOUT YOUR GROUP

Sound Waves can help you spread the word about your organization or group to Brandywine residents. Please contact [editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com) with the details.

If you are involved in a community organization, you can invite Brandywine neighbors to join by sharing information about your group's purpose, meetings, and special events.

If you are interested in creating a new Brandywine group, Sound Waves can help you reach other neighbors with a similar interest and get things started.





## Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017: What Taxpayers Need to Know (Part 2)

By Greg Patterson, Financial Advisor, Atlantic Wealth Management

On December 22, 2017, the President signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the act or TCJA). The legislation makes significant changes to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), including individual, corporate, and gift and estate taxation. We highlighted some of those major changes in our financial article last month, and there are several more changes we'd like to make you aware of that could be impactful.

**Family tax credits.** The child tax credit will be doubled, from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and the refundable portion of that credit will be allowable up to \$1,400. The act also will grant a new credit of \$500 for other dependents. These will phase out at income limits of \$200,000 (single) and \$400,000 (married).

**Estate and gift taxes.** Effective January 1, 2018, the individual unified gift and estate tax exemption will be raised to \$11.2 million (up from what was set to be \$5.6 million), and, with portability remaining intact, \$22.4 million for a married couple. The top rate will remain 40 percent. The new rates are set to expire—and return to 2017 levels—at the end of calendar year 2025.

**Cash donations to charity.** Under 2017 law, gifts of cash to charity offer a taxpayer the ability to deduct the contribution, up to 50 percent of AGI. The TCJA will increase the limitation to 60 percent of the taxpayer's AGI.

**Education planning.** The TCJA includes an expansion of 529 savings plans that will allow families to save for K-12 expenses, in addition to college expenses. 529 plans will also be able to use qualified distributions for elementary and secondary school expenses, up to \$10,000 per year, per student.

**1031 exchanges.** Beginning January 1, 2018, 1031 exchanges will be limited to real property.

**Affordable Care Act individual mandate.** The TCJA will eliminate the penalty imposed under the IRC for individuals who do not maintain individual health care coverage.

**Individual alternative minimum tax (AMT).** The individual AMT exemption amount will increase to \$70,300 for individual filers and \$109,400 for joint filers. The phase-out for the AMT exemption will increase to \$500,000 for individuals and \$1 million for married couples. With enactment of the new act, fewer Americans will be subject to the AMT.

**Retirement recharacterizations.** The TCJA will eliminate the ability for a taxpayer to unwind a Roth conversion and "recharacterize" back to a traditional IRA. This will begin for conversions occurring after January 1, 2018. Be sure to speak with your financial advisor before considering any new recharacterizations, as there is current debate as to whether Roth conversions that occurred in 2017 may still be characterized in 2018.

**Pass-through business income.** Under law in effect for the 2017 tax year, all pass-through business income is taxed at the individual taxpayer's marginal rate, as is most ordinary income. Under the TCJA, qualified pass-through business income will be addressed in a new IRC Section 199A as follows:

- Deduction of 20 percent of the non-wage allocation of qualified business income from the trade or business
- Deduction limited to 50 percent of W-2 wage income (The limitation was set in an effort to prevent abuse in classifying wage income as business income in order to receive a lower rate for income that should be taxed at ordinary income rates.):
  - **For individuals:** Income earned over \$157,000
  - **For married couples:** Income earned over \$315,000
  - Certain service professionals (e.g., attorneys, accountants, financial professionals) will be excluded from taking the deduction for income above \$157,000 for an individual and \$315,000 for a married couple.

Please note: The changes to pass-through business income taxation sunset at the end of calendar year 2025, as written in the TCJA.

**Corporate taxation.** Although the changes to how individual income is taxed are set to expire at the end of 2025, the corporate tax changes provided for in the TCJA will be permanent. One of the largest tax cuts in the legislation will lower the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent, effective January 1, 2018. Furthermore, the TCJA will completely repeal the corporate AMT. The act will also impose some limitations on certain corporate tax deductions, including those for net operating loss, business interest, and R&D expenditures.

**Assess where you are headed.** In light of the sweeping changes, 2018 should result in a complete review of your financial snapshots. An overall review of income, assets, and balance sheet is important in order to get a clear picture of how the significant changes to individual income taxation will affect you and your family. More planning opportunities will continue to arise as the new tax code unfolds. Your financial advisor can answer your questions and provide educational resources to help navigate these changes. We highly recommend that you reach out to him or her as soon as possible.

*This material has been provided for general informational purposes only and does not constitute either tax or legal advice. Although we go to great lengths to make sure our information is accurate and useful, we recommend you consult a tax preparer, professional tax advisor, or lawyer.*

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## Crystal Coast Choral Society Concerts Coming Up

By Marilyn Zmoda

Mark your calendars: The Crystal Coast Choral Society, under the direction of Finley Woolston, will present two Spring concerts in April.

On Saturday evening, April 14, 2018 at 7:30 PM, the 55 member mixed chorus will present "PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS", a selection of old and new sacred music in the sanctuary of All Saints Anglican Church, 292 McCabe Road in Newport (Off Hwy 24).

The program will be repeated the following day, Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 2 PM in the sanctuary of the Swansboro United Methodist Church, 665 W Corbett Ave (Hwy 24) in Swansboro.

Admission is \$10 and tickets will be available at the door.

These programs receive support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural & Cultural Resources and awarded by the Council for the Arts of Onslow County.

For further information please check our website: [www.crystalcoastchoralsociety.org](http://www.crystalcoastchoralsociety.org).



# ALL ABOARD!

By Noreen Barrett

## Hello Neighbors!

We held our quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the K Club on Monday, February 12, 2018. I have to say, that it warms my heart to see more and more folks coming to our meetings. I would encourage everyone to consider attending a quarterly meeting. We intentionally keep the meetings under an hour to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. Many neighborhood topics are discussed and I would like to think that it is informative. There is also a question and answer opportunity at the end of the meetings.

This past meeting was attended by Monica Sellars from the Sound Waves newspaper. It was great to finally meet Monica! I would like to reiterate what a fantastic resource the Sound Waves newspaper is to our community. Board members continue to get a lot of phone calls looking for information regarding HOA contacts, gate card key points of contact, boat storage, and community events to give just a few examples. ALL of this information is contained within the Sound Waves. Ideally, we would love it to be your first point of contact in finding information for our community.

Deb Clark, from Carolina Water was a guest speaker at our meeting. There were many questions from the audience and Deb fielded them well. Questions that she was unable to answer on the spot were answered just a couple of days later and we appreciate her responsiveness. These questions and answers can be found in this issue of the Sound Waves. Many folks raised the question about the orange tint to our water. Deb seemed unaware of this and spoke to the local Carolina Water employees. Their response was that our water passes all the state requirements regarding safety. This may be a topic we need to address again until we get more specific answers.

On February 7th, board members, HOA presidents and neighborhood reps were invited to a meeting requested by the board with the DOT. 20-30 residents ended up attending. This concerned the Bridges Street Extension. It was an informative meeting to learn more about the project and how it may impact our Brandywine community. The DOT still has a lot of work to do regarding the ultimate outcome of the exit point of the road. They have assured us we will be kept in the loop. Completion of this project is 2024. We were able to bring forth numerous community concerns beyond just this project, such as flooding issues and cut-through traffic, and we left with both parties having a better sense of the pros and cons of everything.

There is an exciting opportunity coming up for a Brandywine Fund-raiser with the purpose of raising money to purchase top of the line playground equipment to replace the current dated playground. While we have two wonderful residents heading up this endeavor, Donald Johnson and K.C. Cudney, they need a dynamic group of go-getters to support them. More information can be found in this issue of the Sound Waves.

You will notice that there is some lot development currently underway in the neighborhood. 3 to 4 lots are under construction and there may be more heavy truck traffic than normal. Please be assured that this is temporary and we always appreciate your patience in these circumstances.

Spring is fast approaching....I think after our two recent snowfall events, we are all ready for it. Take care doing yard work. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me or another board member.

Best regards,

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The Infusion Café is pleased to invite you to our 8th annual Irish Evening and St Patrick's Day Celebration!

We will host a celebration of Ireland's own St. Patrick with our customary rowdy and rollicking, live Irish pub music and Irish feasting in three courses.

Kurt Petersen, Delancy Loftus and Peter Pegues will take the floor playing and singing traditional Irish pub tunes- these guys will surely sing and play us into that happy Irish place!

Enjoy three courses of hearty, traditional Irish fare; and two courses of stout Irish infusions. (Our St. Patrick's Day menu includes home-made Irish Soda Bread and an Irish Cheddar & Guinness Stout Soup, Irish-American Corned Beef & Cabbage served with traditional Colcannon and as our grand finale- Irish Trifle... all prepared from scratch in our café kitchen.)

An evening for the wee bit of Irish in us all...Sure to be more than a wee bit o' fun!

### *27th Annual Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Festival*

March 17, 2018 | 9:00 am-6:00 pm

The 27th Annual Emerald Isle St. Patrick's Festival is proudly presented by Transportation Impact at the Emerald Plantation shopping center. Admission and parking are free. This year's festival will feature over 75 arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, amusement rides, face painters, and many other fun, family-oriented activities.



## EGG HUNTS

### *2nd Annual Spring Family Festival*

March 10, 2018 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm

FREE Toddler Egg Hunt at 10:30 am and FREE helicopter egg drop sponsored by Dong's Martial Arts - Morehead City, NC at 11:30 am. Rain date for this event is Sunday, March 18th from 1pm to 4pm.

- ~Explore a firetruck and construction vehicles ~ Get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny ~ Meet superheroes ~ listen to music and participate in games & dances by Emerald Owl Productions, Inc. ~ Explore our outdoor classroom.
- ~Other activities for a fee: bounce house, carnival games and face painting. Armbands are \$7 OR tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Armbands include unlimited bounces in the bounce house, unlimited turns at carnival games and unlimited face painting.
- ~Food sales, provided by Thomas Simpson Construction Company, include hotdogs, hamburgers, french fries, baked goods and drinks. Enjoy shaved ice by Coastal Kona or coffee by Coffee & Cool Stuff!
- ~Take a chance on various raffle items donated by local businesses or try your luck at the cupcake walk sponsored by Hales Bakery! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- ~Visit our vendor fair and shop from various local businesses in the area.
- ~Purchase a plant from our plant sale sponsored by Lowe's Home Improvement.

### *Morehead City Easter Egg Hunt*

March 31, 2018 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Celebrate the holiday weekend with the Morehead City Parks and Recreation at Rotary Park, 2200 Mayberry Loop Road. Thousands of candy/toy-filled eggs will be spread throughout three egg hunt activity areas divided by age groups. The hunt starts promptly at 9:30am. Details: 252-726-5083. This is a free event.

### *Beaufort Historic Site's Annual Easter Egg Hunt*

March 31, 2018 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Beaufort Historical Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31st at 11 am. Children ages seven and younger are invited to search for hidden eggs placed all around the Historic Site filled with candy and enjoy light refreshments! This annual event, coordinated with volunteers from the National Charity League, a mother-daughter service organization, is fun for the whole family! This is a free event; all you need to bring is an Easter basket!

### *Easter Brunch with Dolphins*

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# March Golf Tip

By Steve Sewell, Director of Golf at Brandywine Bay Golf Club

By Susie Garland

February 14: Valentine's Day Couples Tournament. Our first 2018 couple's tournament was held on this date. The format: 1, 2, 3 (1 score on par 5's; 2 scores on par 4's, and 3 scores on par 3's) with four-person teams. A total of seven teams (28 people) participated in this fun event. Here are the results: In second place, with a team score of 121: Loyda and Tom Murr, Sheila Monczewski and Peter Green. The Murr's also won the 50-50 raffle—a good day for them, wouldn't you say? And the winners, with a (very) low team score of 108: Steve and Ginny Reinhardt, Anne Lynes and Gordon Wall. Yowsa! Way to go.

After the round, a delicious meal was served consisting of appetizers, salad, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, soft drinks, ice tea, coffee and dessert.

Sure and begorrah, mark your calendar and sign up for the next (St. Patrick's Day) Couples Tournament to be held on Saturday, March 17, 12 noon. The format will be a four-person scramble.

There are many golf phrases used by informed and uninformed instructors. Sometimes these comments are accurate, often they are not. These statements are correct as far as they go but are incomplete. This month I will address three common misstatements of golf instruction. Each month I will try to debunk many of the phrases often incorrectly applied to playing better golf.

First is the "inside to out" comment often recommended toward striking a golf ball correctly. It's true; we do strike the ball from inside out. However, it is imperative that the golf club shaft be inside AND parallel to our intended line during most of the swing. Very often I see golfers who are diligently following the plan of inside out but are violating part B that includes being parallel. At about belt height in the backswing, our golf club should be parallel in two ways: to the ground and to the line. If you dropped the club, it would land in a line at your toes, parallel to the line of your shot.

Second is breaking wrists. There are two ways for us to break wrists during a golf swing. One is correct, and the other is decidedly not! Our wrists never flip, but they do cock. Think of the correct motion as a hammering action; we call it, "setting the angle." This is performed during the backswing. It is released to straight, our proper address position, during the downswing and cocks again well after impact. It is an effort to gain and release supplemental energy for the shot. Flipping wrists is not acceptable. There are many teaching aids sold to enhance the sense and look of this position sought by golf professionals and amateurs. A simple method is to insert a popsicle stick under your watch, left wrist for righties and right wrists for lefties. This forms a sort of splint. The idea is to totally restrict any flip of the wrist joint. Not only is the flip counterproductive, but it is a huge variable that translates into a wide range of bad shot types!

Third is the old, keep your left arm straight, (for righties, right arm for lefties). Look at pictures of top players; never do you see a straight, or locked elbow / lead arm. It is taut, not straight. Good athletes would never lock a joint unless they wanted to cause pain and injury to themselves! Our lead arm naturally hangs straight, and that's what we wish to preserve throughout the swing until the finish position.

Hope these three efforts to fix swing faults is a help. If you wish for a more complete analysis, please call me, Steve Sewell, at Brandywine Bay Golf Club, 252-247-2541.



## Keep Brandywine Looking Great in 2018!



- When walking your dogs, pick up after them to keep our streets clean.
- Trim bushes and tidy your yard to maintain curb appeal.
- Keep your drainage ditches clear of debris to control rainwater.

# MGA Happenings

By Vince Moreno

Well finally the weather cooperated and we got to play our first Wednesday tournament today on February seventh. Our tournament chairman Chuck Muller got all eighteen out for a "Scramble". Chuck set it up for six three man teams. And the results were very close. First place winners with a total of 68 were Joe Rudder, Ed Easter and Vince Moreno. Second place was won with a total of 69 and that was, Pat Daly, Barry Moore and James Whitfield. The third place winners with a total of 70 were Buzz Hayes, Gordon Wall and Lyle Vogel. The closest to the pin winners were Buzz Hayes and Guy Rouse. It was a good day and we hope the weather stays mild for the rest of the winter. I think we all had enough of the cold damp days. We are looking forward to the nicer weather golf days. As usual the lunch at the K-Club that we all looked forward to was great. So yes, I can say it was a good day for the MGA.



First Place: Joe Rudder, Ed Easter and Vince Moreno with a score of 68.



Second Place: Pat Daly, Barry Moore and James Whitfield with a score of 69



Third Place: Buzz Hayes, Gordon Wall and Lyle Vogel with a score of 70.



Closest to the pin winners were Buzz Hayes and Guy Rouse.

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# Walking Amongst the Giants

By Sue Fox

In the fall we decided to explore the West Coast from Portland, Oregon to San Francisco, California. Our primary route would be the Pacific Coast Highway.



Portland is a fun, “small city”. There is an extensive Farmer’s Market on the weekends with literally hundreds of vendors. Most vendors are high-end artisans showcasing their hand-crafted items of turned wood, blown glass, jewelry, soaps, candles, etc. The city is easy to get around in and, if you’re up for a little challenge, walking up the hills from the river will take you to Washington Park which houses a tea rose garden and a

Japanese Garden, among other things. Both are worth the hike. We logged 9.5 miles and 65 flights of stairs before stopping at Kell’s Brewery for Bangers & Mash and a Pint to wash them down.

Driving from Portland to the PCH took us through a rainforest. The vegetation was lush and plenteous. Everything seemed bigger than what we would see at home. Oregon has a HUGE sand dune state park that the PCH runs through. The sand dunes rose up from the highway 50+ feet. There were signs for taking ATVS through the sand dunes and also “snowboarding” on the dunes. Next trip we’re doing this!

The coast of Oregon and Northern California will take your breath away with its beauty. The mountains meet the ocean in



an astoundingly dramatic way. Every glimpse of the coastline draws out oohs and ahs more frequently than Fourth of July fireworks.

But slightly inland, just south of the Oregon/California border is a route known as Avenue of the Giants. This was the most stunning and beautiful part of our trip. For 31 miles the road winds back and forth through Humboldt State Redwoods Park among some of the oldest, tallest and largest Redwood trees in the world. This is how the first inhabitants of California experienced the land. This is the beauty that prompted John Muir to petition for preservation of our natural resources and influence the establishment of the National Park System.



The Avenue of the Giants boasts trees that are over 950 years old. There are a few that have so much girth that a car can be driven through. With plenty of places to stop for picnicking, swimming, hiking, lodging or food, the drive could easily take all day or several days if you have the time.



We continued down the coast to Mendocino, California. There are no hotels in Mendocino, but Bed and Breakfast accommodations are plentiful and very charming. Lots of shops, restaurants, and art galleries as well as historical homes and small museums are packed into this tiny little

town. The town is known for its spectacular views and for whale watching from the shore during the migration season. The fans of *Murder, She Wrote* will feel like they have stepped into Cabot Cove, as this is where the shots of the homes and the town were filmed for the series.



Any opportunity to drive along the West Coast, whether from San Diego north or Washington State south, is well worth the time. The coastline is so very different than the East Coast. The terrain and vegetation are extremely varied. The differences are so pronounced making you realize that the more you see, the more you realize you have yet to discover.

## Call for Contributions to Sound Waves

*What kinds of things can you send?*

- Pictures of your neighbor’s yard
- Notes to Neighbors: A Thank You “note” to your neighbor acknowledging a kindness or calling them out for something special
- Neighbor to Neighbor: items for sale or being given away; like the classifieds, but no real estate or advertising of businesses
- Events that involve you or someone from Brandywine
- An event that’s of interest to you and your neighbors
- Tell us about a club you’re involved in
- Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays
- Obituaries
- Neighborhood Happenings (Take pics with your phone and send them to editor. [soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:soundwaves@gmail.com) with a blurb.)
- Clubs: Bridge, Garden, Book, Birding
- A hobby to share, and invite others to join you
- Recipes

Be our eyes and ears. This is a paper written totally by volunteers, and it is a community paper. We want to hear from you.

Brandywine is beautiful and located in one of the most amazing places to live. We all enjoy and feel connected when we get to share our amazing experiences of our neighborhood with each other. We need your help to keep up the community connection that Sound Waves is here to share. Would you be willing to share some photos, a blurb, an email with us so we can share your news and information with the Brandywine community?

Email [editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com)

# Water Heater Maintenance

By Monica Sellars

“Oh no! The hot water is running out already?!” Does this sound familiar? That was happening to me, and I realized that our water heater is 8 years old, and we’ve never done any maintenance on it. Thanks, water heater, for working so well all this time even though we haven’t given you the attention you deserve.

To help with my hot water woes, I called AA Express Plumbing. When Wesley arrived, I asked him if he would tell me about some basic water heater tips that I could share with the neighbors in Sound Waves. He agreed, and the following is what I learned from him. Note: We have a 40-gallon electric water heater, so this information applies only to similar types of units.

The general maintenance recommendation is to flush the hot water heater annually. This is just a matter of simply attaching a hose to the outlet at the bottom and opening the water heater’s pressure relief valve, letting the water run out for five minutes. This should release any sediment that has collected at the bottom of the tank. Wesley suggests letting it run out over your driveway so you can see if the water is discolored. After five minutes, close the pressure relief valve. Remove the hose and clear away any debris from the drain valve. Your water heater should be refilled with hot water within 45-60 minutes. If you are unable to get the water to drain out this way, your drain valve may be clogged. Check the internet for directions on how to both flush and back-wash the water heater, or call a professional for help.

If you are experiencing your hot water running out sooner than usual, you may have either a heating element or a thermostat problem. Most electric water heaters have two heating elements and thermostats, a top and a bottom set. There are metal panels on the outside of your water heater that cover these parts. It is possible that sediment may have coated a heating element, causing it to work less effectively or burn out.

Today’s water heaters usually have a maximum temperature setting of 140 degrees, however the factory recommended setting is usually 125 degrees, to reduce the risk of scalding. If you wish to change your water heater’s setting, remove the metal panels and adjust the temperature knobs. The setting should be the same for both the top and bottom elements. Increasing the temperature may also help prevent your hot water from running out too quickly.

Finally, keep in mind that cold weather affects the hot water that is delivered to your faucet. The water entering the water heater is colder, so it takes more time to warm up to the desired temperature. Also, if your water lines are not insulated, warm water cools in the lines and needs to be pushed through your faucet before the hot water is delivered.

These factors, plus a few extra minutes in the shower, can deplete your hot water tank more quickly. So, what do you think? Should water heater maintenance be on your list of spring cleaning activities?



# “Blackbeard Raider of the Carolina Seas” at Carteret Community Theater

For tickets and more information, go to <https://www.carteretcommunitytheatre.com>

2018 marks the 300th anniversary of the capture and execution of Blackbeard. We are proud to present this work written and produced by local historian, Ruth Peeling Barbour in 1964. It was first performed by Carteret Community Theatre at the Beaufort School Auditorium in July of 1964. This historical drama features maritime music, sword fights, fair maids in peril, and of course, pirates!

Showtimes: March 9 & 10 at 7:30 and March 11 at 2:00 p.m.



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## Another Water Heater Tip

Aside from the thermostat and the heater elements, another important water heater part is the anode rod. Water heaters are made with an anode rod inside to prevent rust from destroying your water tank. The anode rod attracts the corrosive minerals, so it becomes the victim, rather than the metal tank. If you are experiencing discolored water or water that smells funny, check your anode rod. Using a water softener can help prevent sediment build-up and corrosion in your water heater; however, over-softening can cause the anode rod to corrode more quickly.

# March Special Events

Here are just a few of the many special events planned in our area this month. Go to [www.crystalcoastnc.org](http://www.crystalcoastnc.org) for details about these events and others!

## **28th Annual Art From the Heart**

February 9, 2018 - March 8, 2018

The Arts Council of Carteret County (ACCC) announces its 28th annual show and sale of original artwork, Art From the Heart. The exhibit will open in Morehead City on Friday, February 16 and close on Thursday, March 8. The gallery is at the west end of Morehead Plaza in the 2900 block of Arendell Street in Morehead City, in the commercial unit adjacent to Snap Fitness.

## **30th Crystal Coast Home and Garden Show**

March 3, 2018 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

March 4, 2018 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Turn all of your home and garden dreams into reality at the 30th Annual - Coastal Home & Garden Show. With over 12,000sf of exhibits - this is the best source for products and services. See all the latest trends in home décor, landscaping, and much more. Meet with professional builders, landscapers, interior design, home improvements, pool and spas, furniture, lawn care, etc. Admission: \$4.

## **Free Wine Tasting at The Chandlery**

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Free wine tastings every Saturday at The Chandlery, located in The Boathouse at Front Street Village in Beaufort.

## **Blackbeard – Raider of the Carolina Seas**

March 9, & 10 at 7:30 pm and March 11 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets in advance are \$19 for adults and \$10 for students through high school. At the door: \$22.00 for adults and \$12.00 for students.

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## **4th Annual Emerald Isle Marathon, Half-Marathon & 5K Races 2018**

March 10, 2018 | 7:00 am-10:00 am

This year's race is aimed at benefiting the Emerald Isle community by continuing to upgrade the area's bike paths which are used by residents and vacationers alike. In addition, we are proud that the 2018 race will also support the Little Pink Houses of Hope! Together, we can make a difference!

## **Small Business Sunday @ Off The Hook**

March 11, 2018 | 11:00 am-5:00 pm

105 S 7th St, Morehead City, NC

(252) 499-9150

## **Bird Hike**

March 12, 2018 | 9:00 am

Meet at the Fort Macon Visitor Center and take a leisurely hike to identify birds native to the area.

## **Natural Side of Fort Macon**

March 15, 2018 | 10:00 am-11:00 am

702 Arendell Street Morehead City, North Carolina 28557

(252) 773-0974

## **Family Fun Night @ Webb Memorial Public Library**

March 16, 2018 | 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Join us for games, Legos, puzzles and more. We have over 50 games for ALL ages and Legos in every size, shape and color! \$5.00 per family for pizza. Bring your friends and hang out at the library.

## **12th Annual Get Hooked Fishing School at the Aquarium**

March 17, 2018 | 8 am - 4:30 pm

Fish on! Sign up now for the annual Get Hooked Fishing School hosted by the Aquarium. The popular one-day course features in-depth presentations by experienced anglers on many aspects of the sport, including topics such as inshore fishing for striper, drum, trout, mackerel and flounder, fly fishing, and offshore fishing. Additional demonstrations will feature fly-tying or instructions on helpful knots. Advance registration is required and space is limited. The fee is \$60 per person; \$54 for Aquarium members. See the website for more information or to sign up online. Registration also is accepted by phone and at visitor services at the Aquarium. Get Hooked is sponsored by the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament.

## **International Film Series – “Lost in Paris”**

March 22, 2018, Bonus showing March 23 at 2:00 pm

We are back at it this year with four new films from four new countries. Join us for a wonderful dinner catered by Floyd's 1921 and inspired by the featured movie's country. After dinner stroll over to Joslyn Hall for popcorn and the movie! Films: 5:20 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Admission is FREE - Donations support the series. Dinners: 6 p.m. - Enjoy cuisine that reflects the culture of the evening's movie. \$30/person (dinner and one drink ticket). Cash bar available.

## **Jim Quick & Coastline @ Salt**

March 23, 2018 | 9:00 pm - March 24, 2018 | 12:00 am

For Reserved Seating and VIP Call Betsy@ 617-750-9005 or just shoot us a message. Mark Twain once said, “A Southerner talks music.” If this is true, Coastline speaks in volumes. An eclectic blend of soul, blues, and rock has produced the sound known as Coastline. From hard driving Carolina back beats, to Georgia southern rock, from Cajun inspired grooves, to Texas and Delta blues; Coastline truly defines the sound of historical Southern music. With finesse, the pure forms of southern music are transformed into a modern contemporary art form.

## **Down East Folk Arts Society Concert – Johnsmith**

March 24, 2018 | 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Johnsmith is an artist so often under recognized, yet possesses a genius that cannot be denied, ignored or overlooked. For the past thirty-plus years Johnsmith has been sharing his music all across America and abroad. He has become a favorite at festivals, clubs and house concerts. In addition to being a Kerrville New Folk Winner, Johnsmith has released seven solo CD's to rave reviews, leads musical tours to Ireland, teaches songwriting and has served as a staff song writer in Nashville.

## **40th Annual Newport Pig Cooking Contest**

April 7, 2018 - April 8, 2018

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# How Much is a Porch Worth?

Provided by Marian Goetzinger, Pine Knoll Shores Realty

When looking to purchase a home, most potential buyers will specify to their REALTOR® or on line search how many bedrooms they need, but rarely do we hear porch requirements. However, when the previews start, it's often the porch that seals the deal. When I personally designed my home I started with the big screened porch facing the canal. That porch is the center of my families' activities, meals, kayak watching, morning coffee, reading and just watching the dogs and grandchildren in the back yard.

Would Tara be as appealing without the porch? I don't think so. Here in the South, outdoor living space is very important. With the moderate weather we enjoy here at the Crystal Coast, a porch can be utilized at least six months of the year. The porch, whether a back porch or a front porch extends the living space and adds a gracious southern touch to any home.

A stoop is not a porch. A porch must be at least big enough to accommodate a couple of rockers, but ideally a dining table should also fit nicely. Some porches have unfinished wood floors and outdoor finishes. Some have tile floors and finishes as nice as found inside. Some are screened and some are not. Some even have heaters or fireplaces to extend the time of use.

If you're thinking of selling your home, don't ignore the porch. Renovating the porch can definitely boost its chance of selling. It adds value to the house and makes it more saleable. If you can't renovate the porch, spruce it up. Make it as clean and uncluttered as the rest of the house. Stain or paint and add some pretty bright colored cushions.

Nationwide, 65 % of new homes being built in 2016 included a front porch. (I can't find statistics that include back porches.) No surprise, that percentage is even higher in the Southeast at 85%. If you don't already have a front porch, you may want to examine the possibility of adding one. How much is a porch worth? We can't yet be sure, but I'd guess, PRICELESS.

\* Statistics courtesy National Association of Home Builders



## Sound Waves Volunteer Needed

Looking for a new Editorial Team member to:

- Write 3-4 articles per month
- Assist with review of the paper before it goes to press

Contact: [editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com)



## Should I Volunteer for Sound Waves?

Provided by Monica Sellars

The Sound Waves Editorial Team is looking for a new team member. Here are some answers to questions you may have about this volunteer opportunity.

What am I getting into?

I'd estimate that the time commitment is about 8-10 hours per month. This includes team planning for the next month's paper, talking with neighbors, writing 3-4 articles (or recruiting others to contribute), and reviewing the drafts of the articles and paper near the end of the month, before it is printed.

Why would I want to volunteer?

I think the best reason to volunteer for Sound Waves is that you get to meet interesting neighbors. Whether working with an article contributor or conducting an interview for a Meet Your Neighbor story, volunteering for Sound Waves gives you a great reason to meet new people. I have found that all of our neighbors are friendly, interesting, and talented people, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to meet them as a volunteer for Sound Waves.

Please contact Monica Sellars at [editor.soundwaves@gmail.com](mailto:editor.soundwaves@gmail.com) or 252-648-0170 to ask other questions or to join the team!

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# Tax Scam Warning Reminder

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll and tax professionals.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Recognize the telltale signs of a scam.

## IRS-IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAMS

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Some thieves have used video relay services (VRS) to try to scam deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Taxpayers are urged not trust calls just because they are made through VRS, as interpreters don't screen calls for validity.

Limited English Proficiency victims are often approached in their native language, threatened with deportation, police arrest and license revocation, among other things. IRS urges all taxpayers caution before paying unexpected tax bills.

Note that the IRS doesn't:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

## TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program offers free federal and state income tax return preparation and electronic filing for seniors and low-to-moderate income taxpayers. Membership in AARP is not required for either volunteers or the taxpayers who utilize the program. Tax preparation services begin Feb. 1 and end April 18.

Volunteers go through training and are IRS certified to prepare returns at the sites listed below.

To learn more, call District Coordinator Traci Torrie at 910-326-6239 or email [traci4taxaide@live.com](mailto:traci4taxaide@live.com). Additional information is available at [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide), including a list of important documents to bring to the Tax-Aide site.

Local Tax-Aide Sites:

**Beaufort – Carteret County Public Library, 1702 Live Oak St.**

Every Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

**Cape Carteret – Western Carteret Public Library, 230 Taylor Notion Road**

Every Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 1pm.

**Havelock – Trinity Presbyterian Church, 206 Miller Blvd.**

Every Friday from 9am to 1pm.

**Morehead City – Leon Mann Jr. Senior Enrichment Center, 3820 Galantis Drive**

Every Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm.

**Newport – Matthew 25 Program of St. James United Methodist Church, 1007 Orange St.**

Every Tuesday from 9am to 1pm.

**Swansboro – St. Peter's by the Sea, 503 W. Broad St.**

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Jerry Barnes – February 10, 2018

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# 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

By Susie Garland



Birds of a feather and neighbors to boot  
Both celebrating their 80th – ain't that a hoot?  
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On February 16th, two lovely ladies were honored in observance of their 80th birthday. Special thanks to Ann O'Connor for putting it all together. The gala event took place at Olive Garden with over 25 people toasting our special friends. Humorous cards were given to each of the birthday girls in remembrance of their very special day. Good health and happiness, together with lots of birdies and pars, is our wish for both birthday girls. Congratulations, Rosie Angel and Marj Mesick, and many more happy celebrations to come your way.



## A Guide To Brandywine Bay Covenants

From the BOA website – <http://brandywineowners.org/homeowners/boa-committees/>

To assist you, the following is an outline of the most common questions concerning the Brandywine Covenants.

**FENCES:** Maximum allowable height is 60 inches (5 feet), to be installed from the rear corner of the house to the side property line ONLY. If bordering the golf course an opening for ingress or egress is a must. Request must be submitted in writing indicating location and the type of fence requested. Prior approval required.

**GAS TANKS:** Maximum allowable outside tank is 50 gallons and must be screened with either large shrubs or material to match house. Gas tanks larger than 50 gallons must be buried in the ground.

**CLOTHES LINES:** Prohibited.

**BURNING OF TRASH, LIMBS, ETC:** Prohibited.

**HVAC:** Must be screened by large plants or material matching house.

**ANTENNA (RADIO/TV):** The following are not allowed: ham radio towers, TV antennas or large satellite dishes. Small satellite dishes are acceptable with prior approval of location.

**DRAINAGE/DRIVEWAY:** A 15-inch culvert minimum is required for all driveways.

**IRRIGATION SYSTEMS:** No prior approval is required.

**BOATS/TRAILERS/CAMPERS:** Prohibited on any property for longer than one (1) week, this applies to all size boats and trailers. A private storage area is available at a small fee. For access to the area call the Boat Storage Coordinator.\*

**HOME/LOT APPEARANCE:** All changes in the outside appearance of your home or lot (paint, deck, screened porches, tree removal, roofing, etc) must have prior approval. All lots must be well maintained. No rubbish or trash is permitted to remain on any lot.

**DETACHED STRUCTURE:** No shed, tent, shack, barn, storage units or other outside buildings shall be erected on any property.

**PETS:** House pets shall be on leash when off the premise of the owner; this includes dogs and cats. Owners must pick up the solid waste of their pets when off their own property.

**SIGNS:** Only "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs are permitted on the property and shall not exceed 2 feet by 2 feet. By Amendment dated November 28, 2005 "sand blasted" signs are no longer a requirement. SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ENTRANCES OR ALONG STREETS, INDICATING "open house," "garage sale," "yard sale," etc.

Remember if you are in doubt or have a question on your project feel free to call any member of the Architectural Control Committee. Chairman ACC\*

\* – Consult the Sound Waves or the Committee Chairpersons page of this website to identify the Chairman of the ACC and the Boat Storage Coordinator.

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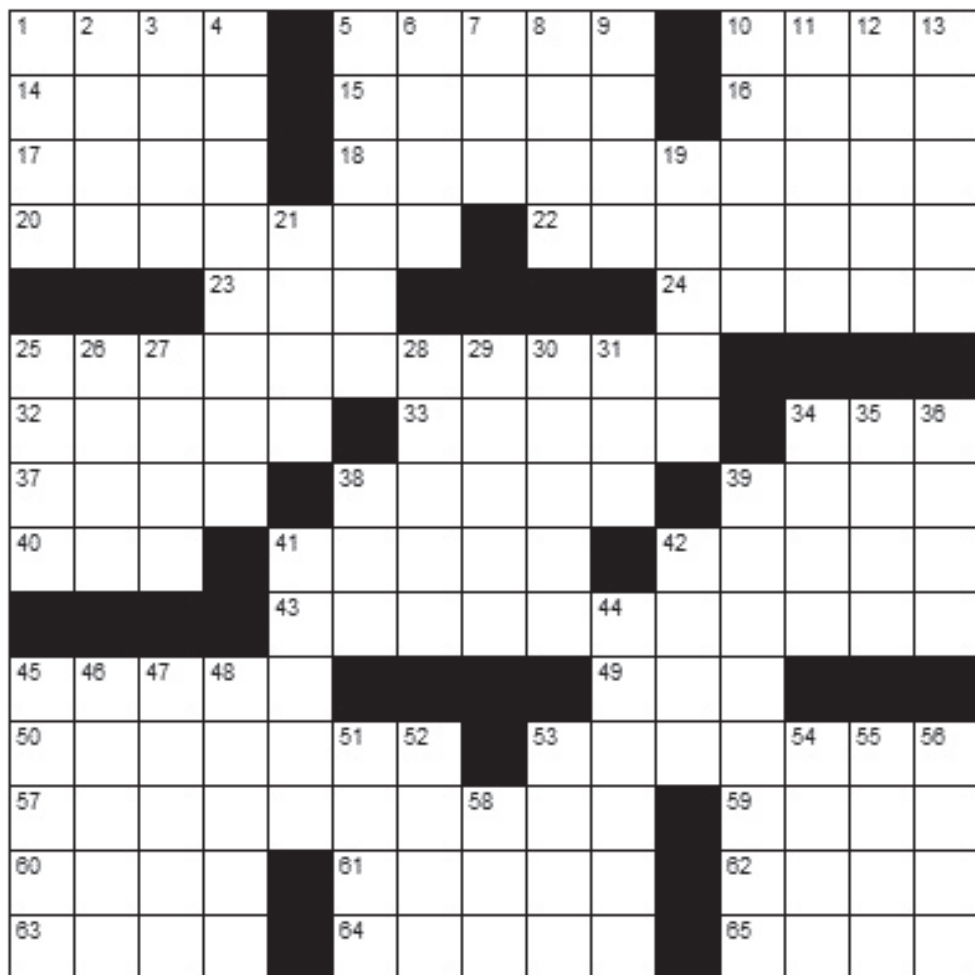
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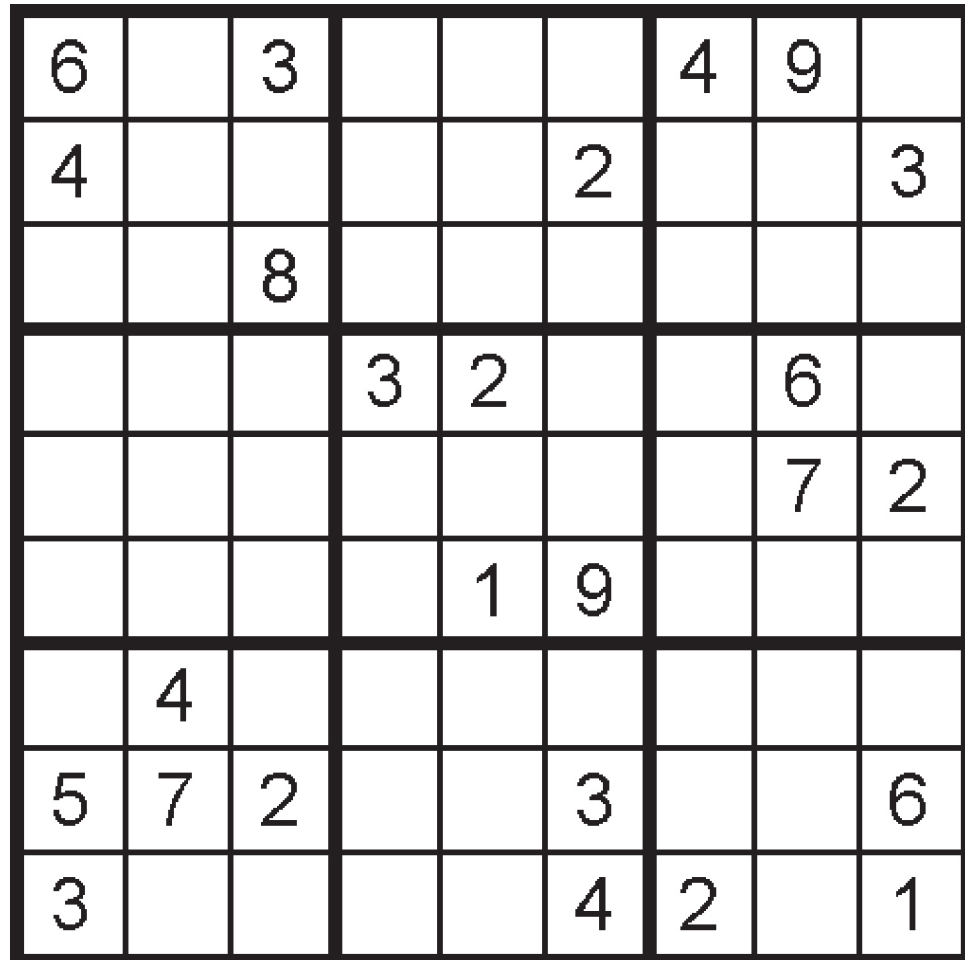
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- 20. Soap for hair
- 22. Glisten
- 23. A type of evergreen tree
- 24. Stratum
- 25. In an outraged manner
- 32. Intends
- 33. Photocopy company
- 34. Tiny
- 37. Snob
- 38. Type of cap
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- 40. Mayday
- 41. Figure out
- 42. A seal
- 43. Compulsively
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- 53. Clean
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  - 12. Parental brother
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- 30. Tall woody plants
- 31. A parcel of land
- 34. Hourly pay
- 35. Wicked
- 36. Evasive
- 38. Go up and down
- 39. An unintentional disclosure
- 41. Anagram of "Doles"
- 42. On the left or right
- 44. Alone
- 45. Perpendicular to the keel
- 46. Electrical pioneer
- 47. Academy award
- 48. Not the most
- 51. Poop
- 52. Apiary
- 53. Paper holder
- 54. 1 less than 10
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# We Are All Artists

By Mat Madsen

Quote by Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)

“All children are artists, the problem is how to remain an artist when he grows up.”

I learned what Pablo Picasso implied while teaching eleven art classes a week at Gallerie E in the Brandywine Shopping Center. My children students learned well; they were not shy and they were eager to learn. View the Art Lesson page on [www.artbymat.com](http://www.artbymat.com) and select Gallerie E for their activities.

When a Mother would accompany her child to the lessons I'd ask, “Would you care to take a lesson as well?” In most cases, the Mother would decline saying, “I can't even draw stick people.”

My response was, “I do not teach students how to draw stick people. But if you care to have a complementary lesson and draw along with me, you just might be surprised at how well you can do.”

I was always pleased with the comments of, “I didn't know I could do this!” I came to the conclusion that Mothers were busy with their family, job, and home. I can only imagine that there had been no time for art since they were in school.

Throughout my art career, I have concentrated on creativity. There are artists that merely copy others' art and can never claim theirs as original. Without a copyright attached to your painting, you cannot put it on your website. For my April Art article, I'll detail what it takes to be the original painter with an example of one of my paintings on the Gallery page.



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