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Pick Up. Slow Down. Stay Off.

By Monica Sellars

Across Brandywine, it seems there are three hot topics. Adults and kids alike need to be aware of these issues, do your part to reduce the problems, and spread the word to let neighbors know that we are all interested in making Brandywine a great, low-stress place to live.

Pick Up

It is unsanitary and unsightly to leave dog poop on neighbors' lawns and in common areas. Please pick up after your dog every time. Another aspect of this problem may be unattended dogs, so please keep your dogs on leashes or in your yard.

Slow Down

Our neighborhood speed limit is 20 mph. Please drive slowly, pay attention, and share the road with walkers, bikers, and the like.

Stay Off

The Brandywine Bay Golf Course is private property 24/7. Unless you are actively engaging in a round of golf for which you have paid, you are not permitted on the golf course. It is a public golf course, which means anyone can pay to play. It is not a public park. You are at risk of being hit by a golf ball when you are on the course for any reason other than golf. If you are on the course after hours, you are trespassing and risk being suspected of vandalism.

BOA Dues

Remember to mail your annual dues.
The deadline is May 15!

The next BOA Homeowner meeting is
May 16 at 3 p.m. at the playground.
Please bring your own chair.



Class of 2021:

Help us celebrate Brandywine graduates in the next Sound Waves! To participate, send the graduate's photo and bio to editor.soundwaves@gmail.com by July 20.

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Pet Corner



PetDocks Preparing to Introduce Babies and Dogs

By Dr. Todd Worrell

How do you mix babies and dogs, or cats for that matter? Once an infant enters the picture, everything changes. This time can be especially stressful for the family pet. An animal you might otherwise trust can become anxious or aggressive and act out in fear. Here are a few tips to get everyone ready for the daunting task of mixing babies and dogs:

1. Bring your pet to the vet

Schedule a visit to the vet for before the baby arrives, to include bloodwork to make sure your pet isn't experiencing any undiagnosed health problems. Managing both a newborn and a pet with a serious health issue can be especially challenging and time consuming.

2. Desensitize your pet to new sights, sounds and smells

Turn on the infant swing, put up baby gates around the house and go for walks with the stroller. Play baby sounds like crying and cooing. Use baby lotion on your skin. Start carrying around a baby doll. Slowly introduce new stimuli before the baby arrives. Gradually making changes in advance will help manage your pet's stress levels.

3. Keep all baby and dog toys separate

Better yet, teach your dog the "leave it" command. Do this well ahead of time so you're not trying to train your pup when you have a newborn around.

4. Let babies and pets mix beforehand

Try to recruit nieces, nephews and children around the neighborhood for short-and-sweet visits.

5. Reduce activity levels

Inevitably, your pet's physical and mental needs are not going to be met as readily as they were pre-baby. So test out how your pet fares with reduced activity before the baby comes. Some days will be harder than others, but it's important to get her accustomed to less attention and activity overall.

6. Establish a baby-free zone for your pet

This can be a crate, a corner of the house or an entire room if there's space. This could be a basement or room over the garage, where your dog or cat is free to roam and hang out with her toys and treasures without a crying baby.

7. Practice closing your pet out of certain rooms

You may need to keep your pet out of the baby's room, your bedroom, or any other area where your little one is sleeping, playing or eating. Getting your pet used to closed doors may not be easy, especially if he likes to be part of the action, but practice makes perfect.

In Memoriam

Diane Mantho, February 25, 2021

BOA Gates

The gates open every day at 5:30 am
Monday-Thursday, gates close at 8 pm
Friday-Sunday, gates close at 9 pm



Changes to the 2021 Brandywine Directory

New to the neighborhood? Contact Ann Webster to get your welcome packet and set up your gate access code with your phone number.

Need a new gate entry device? Contact Ann Webster to purchase a new gate entry card or clicker.

Ann Webster | 252-646-5586 | brandywinewelcome@gmail.com

Moving away? Please give your gate cards to the next owner.

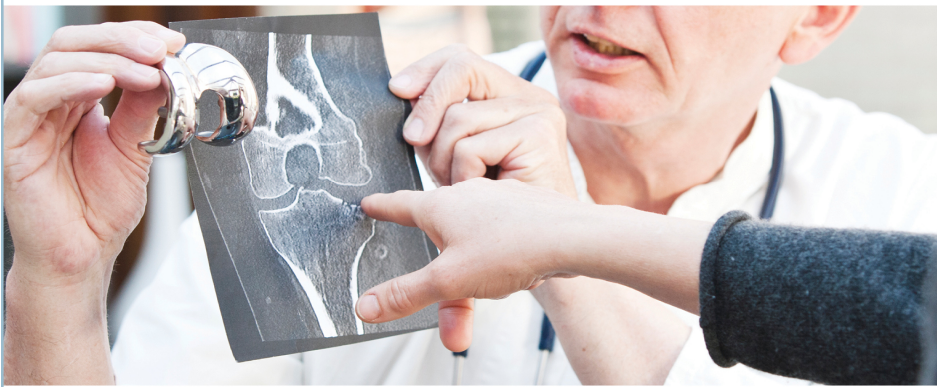
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Brandywine is home to many animal lovers and their special pets. Our neighborhood is a nice place for taking a walk, but allowing dogs to walk around without leash in Brandywine is a safety concern for many reasons. In addition, it is a violation of the Carteret County Code of Ordinances for pet owners to walk their dogs off-leash and to allow their dogs and cats to roam outside of their property.

Carteret County Code Of Ordinances

Chapter 3 Animals

Article 1.-In General

Sec. 3-3. - At large.

It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of a dog or cat to allow it to run at large in the county. It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of a dog or cat to allow it to run off the premises of its owner or keeper. Hunting dogs shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, while engaged in hunting, as long as they are under the supervision of the owner or keeper and the hunting dog is trained to return to the owner or keeper upon call. Hunting dogs are required to display rabies tags and identification on the collar.

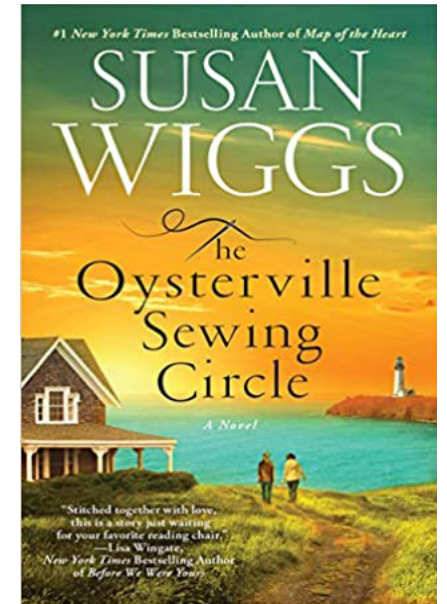
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Brandywine Book Club News

By Melinda Brown

When the Brandywine Book Club ladies recently met, we were glad to catch up with friends and see how we're all doing with getting our Covid vaccines. We will be meeting outside at the Reserve Green pavilion for the next few months due to Covid. We discussed the book, *Dead Wake*, by Eric Larson. It is about the last voyage of the Lusitania. In May, we are reading *Moving Day: A Thriller* by Jonathan Stone. His books are always quite suspenseful and this book is no exception. Our June book is *The Oysterville Sewing Circle*. It is written by the best-selling author, Susan Wiggs. We meet the second Tuesday of each month and welcome new members. Contact Melinda Brown at 349-5800 for further information.



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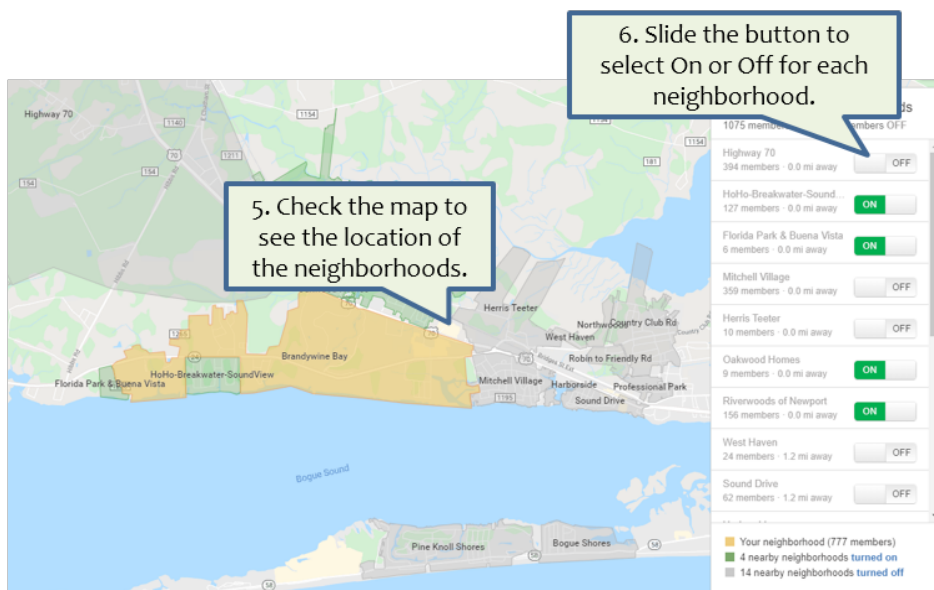
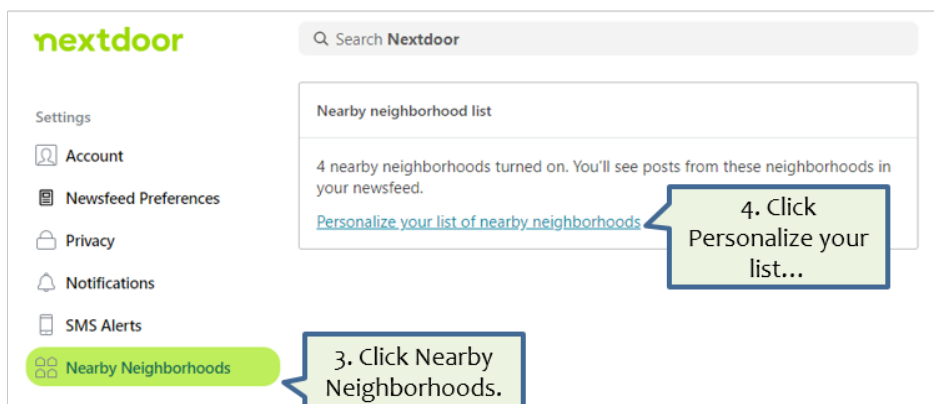
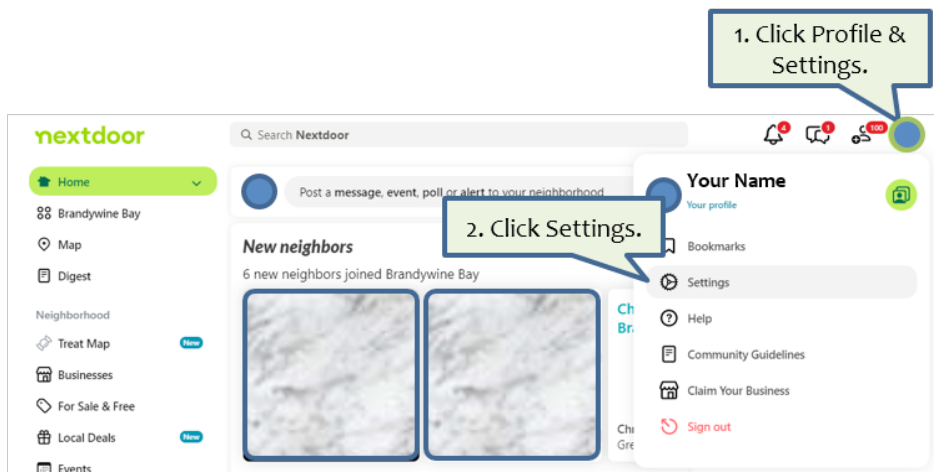
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Preventing Bird Strikes

By Monica Sellars

We adore our wildlife, and we especially enjoy our birds. We've had some trouble with birds striking the windows on one side of the house. Sometimes they fly into the windows by accident, and sometimes they are attacking their reflection. We can see why it happens – the windows really are like mirrors at certain times of the day.

We did some quick internet research, and the easiest method we could find to prevent this problem was to add anti-collision decals to the exterior of the windows. They reflect sunlight, which the birds see and avoid, while still allowing light into the house. The instructions say to place the stickers about 4 inches apart for best results.

We ordered the decals from Amazon. On the top window, we used about 45 electrostatic decals, so they can be easily removed. On the bottom windows, we used "CollidEscape Window Decals for Bird Strikes, Bird Tape," which adheres to the window and claims to last up to 10 years.



Thank You



... for responding to the request for Meals on Wheels drivers! Six volunteers from Brandywine came forward when JJ Johnson posted the need on NextDoor.

A Golf Pro Pointer and a Story

By Steve Sewell, BBGC



As obvious as it sounds, good practice does make good golfers. Unfortunately, the reverse is true as well.

As a professional golfer, it intrigues me when I see golfers working diligently, conscientiously and routinely on their golf games while never realizing consistent and/or substantial improvement. Golf professionals know the answers which lead to good swings: there are no secrets, only for those who do not seek help.

Many of us played other sports in high school and college. We dutifully attended daily practice. Yet that mindset does not seem to prevail in golf: no need for a coach or a worthwhile routine, just continue to whack golf balls the same way, while hoping for a different outcome. Minor modifications give little or no long term success, and may even be detrimental.

I advise people to seek a competent PGA golf professional and learn. It's not difficult, only for those who fail to ask for help!

THE LOST, THEN FOUND, PHANTOM GOLF BALL!

Too many years back I played an event at Castle Harbour in Bermuda. Each year for quite some time, I recruited the same 4 man team.

If any of you know the course, the 1st hole is a short, soft dog leg left which slopes right to left toward the ocean and a green that features ocean behind. The comfortable, "bail out" drive is to the high right side which offers equally high, thick, unforgiving rough!

As was often the case years back, many amateurs received Christmas or birthday gifts of personalized golf balls, emblazoned with their name, so to be sure good shots were recognized appropriately and to ensure a lost ball, when found, was recognized as their ball.

The Bermuda Goodwill International Four Ball Pro-Am utilized 4 golf courses in rotation for its annual competition which hosted teams from all over the world. Castle Harbour was part of that rotation.

On our day at Castle Harbour, the star of my story, Tom Sampson, one of my amateurs, predictably drove into the high right rough. We, including the caddies, searched in vain for Tom's personalized golf ball. Off we went competing our way through the remaining 17 holes. Unfortunately, well before our next trip, Tom passed away. We enlisted a real nice man to replace our departed friend; his name was Hartley.

Sure enough, one year later, TO THE DAY, we were once again teeing off on the first hole at Castle Harbour Golf Links. Hartley hit it to the infamous right side, deep rough. We never found Hartley's ball, BUT, Hartley did find Tom's golf ball from the year before!!!

Imagine: on the 1 year anniversary, Tom's replacement hits a similar drive and finds the lost ball! Combine the coincidence, with the obvious fact that Tom's ball had remained there, hidden for one year of busy Bermuda golf in a popular landing area! My team shared a few anxious moments of introspection.

Happy 65th Anniversary!



Bob and Ellie Workman celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on May 4. Congratulations!

Important Update

Mark your calendars for our updated
2021 SUMMER SCHEDULE*
Jaycee Park • 5-8pm



JUNE 25	Liquid Pleasure
JULY 16	Bounce Party Band
AUG 20	Soul Psychedelique
SEPT 2	Night Years
SEPT 16	Band of Oz
OCT 14	The Embers

* Schedule subject to change without notice. Events will take place in accordance with state guidelines. Check our website and social media for up-to-date info.

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MGA Happenings

By Vince Moreno

March 2021 Tournament



First Place Winners: Pat Daly / Joe Kirk / Charlie Sabathe



Second Place Winners: Nick Viglianese / Gordon Wall / Joe Rudder



Closest To The Pin Winners: Stewart Peterson / Guy Rouse / Lyle Vogel

April 2021 Tournament



First Place Winners: Mark Roche / Ken Ghelli / Richie Leinthall / Chuck Muller



Second Place Winners: Stuart Peterson / Pat Daly / Lyle Vogel / Ed Easter

How Can You Help Misplaced Mutts?

Misplaced Mutts is one of several non-profit organizations in our area that rescues, fosters, rehabilitates, and rehomes pets who need forever families. The coordinators of Misplaced Mutts are currently in need of new volunteers to foster dogs and cats that they rescue from area shelters, stray pets, and pets found in other unsafe conditions. They are also in need of supplies for the pets in their care, like food and toys, and monetary donations to pay for things like veterinary visits and heartworm treatments.

If you are interested in helping Misplaced Mutts care for pets, or in adopting a pet, find more information on misplacedmutts.com and on their Facebook page.



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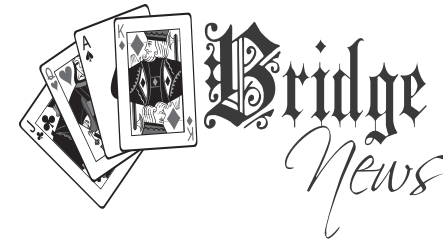
Tommy Ramirez, BOA President

Brandywine Communication Updates: The BOA board members have been working on ways to enhance communication with homeowners.

First, Alex and Tommy have consolidated Brandywine-related Facebook pages and are now the administrators of the official page. This is one place you can find accurate and up-to-date information. To try to limit membership to Brandywine residents, you are asked to confirm that you live in Brandywine and provide your address when you request access to the page. Please be sure to enter your address so Alex and Tommy can approve your request. To look for the official site, search for the Brandywine Bay Community page.

In addition to Facebook, an email service called Constant Contact will be used to distribute emails to the community. This tool will make it easier for the board to provide regular updates by email, following the BOA board meetings. Be on the lookout for these messages, and please check your Junk mail folder if you are not receiving it. To be sure you are getting the messages, it is important that your email address is up-to-date in the community list. Please contact Andy Haines (ahainesnd@gmail.com or 919-451-9080) if you need to provide or revise your email address.

Street reps are volunteers who help with BOA-related activities for the neighbors on their street or in their section of a street. Current street reps are identified in the back of the printed telephone directory, and in the online directory, with *Rep* beside their names. Street reps are friendly neighbors who can answer your questions about Brandywine and the BOA, or direct you to the right person for more information.



Brandywine Ladies' Bridge

By JJ Johnson

The Bridge Ladies are back at it! We meet 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:15am at the K-Club for fun, lunch, and Regular Party Bridge! Each player pays \$4 to play. You buy your own lunch from the K-Club menu, and dessert is provided by various members. Prizes are awarded.

We have two tables of players right now, but we're interested in growing to 3 or 4. We take a break in the summer, so please confirm the schedule with the coordinators. If you are interested in joining, contact: Ingrid Carmona, 646-7455 and Vickie Tucker, 726-4340 or 725-1626.

If you are interested in learning how to play Bridge, I recommend the course offered by Carteret Community College.

<https://carteret.edu/corporate-and-community-education/continuing-education-classes/life-enrichment/>

Social Bridge for Beginners

This class is held at the Western Carteret Library and Learning Center and is designed for Social Bridge play with Bridge instructor Susan Langdon. For seniors and novice Bridge players alike. Join the fun!

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Hammock Place

By Jay Bohlen

Something about the mid-sixties...

When the temperature finally warmed up to the mid-sixties, many in the community came out to wash their houses & driveways, pruned trees and shrubs, added new plants, new mulch and the like. It is refreshing to experience this great curb appeal throughout our neighborhood.

Welcome Spring! by Jen Mikels

A huge thank you is in order for two very special hard working neighbors. One cannot help but notice the changes in the landscaping along Brandywine Blvd as you walk, drive or bike. Even before the weather began to turn warm, our Hammock Place neighbors, Ruth and Wilkie King were out at the entrance tirelessly digging in the dirt replacing tired and dead flowers and shrubs. The beautification project then spread along Brandywine Blvd to the pool sidewalk, and then on to the 70 and 24 gates. Let us hope the deer that seem to have come from nowhere do not snip off any more of the rose buds! Thank you Ruth and Wilkie you are the best!

Ladies Lunch by Carol Corbin 252 222-4548

The ladies of Hammock Place meet the third Friday of each month for lunch. We meet at various locations determined by the group at each for the following month. The women have a good time sharing, talking and laughing. The monthly lunch is a great way to keep up with happenings in the neighborhood and to meet our new neighbors. All women of Hammock Place are welcome to attend. Each month's date and locations are announced on Hammock Place Community Facebook page. Hope to see you all next time.

Men's Lunch by Dick Corbin 252 222-4548

The men of Hammock Place are just beginning to start a similar group coinciding with the Ladies Lunch at a separate location... usually Minda's at the K-Club.

Real Estate...

Home sales are still astounding in Hammock Place. We had a four bedroom sell in one day at the asking price. They never got the sign in the ground. Another three bedroom went under contract in a week. It took this long because of the competing parties. It sold for over the asking price. Looking forward to meeting these new neighbors. We learned they would complement our "in the mid-sixties" average age of residents.

HP HOA email: HammockPlace@yahoo.com

Hammock Place Community is also on Facebook



By Angela Zieleck

It is that time of year when more and more people are walking, running or riding their bikes on our roadways. Please take the time to slow down and move over for those sharing our roads.

There is a new advocacy group in Carteret County called Coastal Bike Impact. CBI's mission is to "advocate on behalf of cyclists in Carteret County, NC and the surrounding areas. The focus is to improve the availability of safe bicycle routes for transportation, recreation and sport. By increasing bicycle awareness, CBI strives to engender a more bicycle-friendly community making the Crystal Coast an even more desirable location to live, work, and vacation." You can find them at www.coastalbikeimpact.com.

Please join so we can make a safer cycling community.

And remember to ride your bike with the flow of traffic and walk/run against it!!



10 Reasons to Save for Retirement



Presented by
Greg Patterson and James Allen Canady

Over the last 12 months, we have seen the U.S. personal savings rate hit an all-time high. Although the savings rate is higher than previous years, many Americans still find themselves planning to work through or during retirement. We all know we should be saving for retirement, but according to EBRI's (Employee Benefit Research Institute) 2018 Retirement Confidence Survey, many Americans aren't prepared. In fact, 79 percent of respondents said they plan to work in retirement. Of course, life gets in the way of taking action, and retirement seems so far off. But whether or not you are prepared, it will be time to retire before you know it. Read on for 10 reasons to make saving for retirement a priority today.

1) Social security may not be enough.

Many Americans still believe that social security benefits will cover all of their expenses in retirement. Unfortunately, that's no longer a safe assumption. The Social Security Board of Trustees recently reported that social security reserves will be exhausted by 2034. The reality is that you'll likely need to tap into personal savings to help fund your retirement—social security benefits alone won't be enough.

2) We're living longer.

Thanks to medical advances, people are living longer than ever, and it's not unrealistic to expect that your retirement could span 20 to 30 years. This means you'll need a substantial nest egg to ensure that you don't outlive your savings.

3) Your retirement savings belong to you.

The money you contribute to an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), is yours, even when you switch jobs. You can take your contributions with you and roll them over to your new employer's 401(k) plan or into an IRA.

4) Saving can be easier than you think.

Simply select the amount you wish to save each pay period, and your employer will automatically deduct the amount from your paycheck and deposit it into a retirement savings vehicle that you choose. Why not make your financial future a priority by paying yourself first?

5) There are tax advantages to be had.

When you participate in a 401(k) plan, your contributions are taken out of your pay before taxes, helping reduce your taxable income. Plus, your contributions will grow tax deferred.

6) Time works for you.

By saving in a retirement account, you can potentially reap the benefits of compound growth, generating earnings on both the original amount you invest and the reinvested income. Additionally, you'll potentially benefit from dollar-cost averag-

ing, which, over time, can lower the overall cost per share for your investments.*

7) You can afford it.

Saving a few extra dollars a week now can translate into a lot more during retirement. Try skipping dinner out once a week and save the cash instead. It'll be money well saved instead of spent!

8) You may not be able to save later.

No one knows what the future holds. We hope that we can count on our careers and continued good health. But life can throw us unexpected curveballs, such as being laid off or, worse, diagnosed with a debilitating disease. It's wise to be proactive and start building your retirement nest egg while you can.

9) You won't want to burden your family.

Preparing for retirement now can go a long way toward remaining independent in the future. One of the greatest gifts you can give your family is relieving them of the burden of having to care for you in old age. What's more, being financially prepared may allow you to retire worry-free and focus on the things you enjoy doing most.

10) You'll likely regret it if you don't.

Let your guilt guide you! You know you should be saving for retirement; it's just a matter of overcoming the minor obstacles in your way. Let guilt be the motivator that propels you to take action and start saving. You don't want to find yourself at age 60 with little in savings, wondering when—and if—you'll actually be able to retire.

Remember, saving for your retirement is *your* responsibility. If you haven't begun to save, start now. And if you're already saving, see if you can find ways to save more. You may find it beneficial to consult a financial advisor to help put a specific plan in place for you. No matter how committed you've been in the past, you can start building a more financially secure retirement today.

*Please keep in mind that dollar-cost averaging does not protect against a loss in declining markets. Since such a plan involves continuous investments in securities regardless of market conditions, you should consider your financial ability to continue such purchases through periods of fluctuating price levels.

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Carteret County Historical Society Celebrates 50th Anniversary

During 2021 the Carteret County Historical Society invites residents and visitors to join its members in celebrating its 50th year of collecting, preserving and interpreting the rich history of Carteret County. Many events are planned to mark the occasion.

The centerpiece of the celebration is the production of a documentary film highlighting historic sites and people that tell the story of Carteret County from Cedar Point to Cedar island. Narrated by renowned storyteller Rodney Kemp the film's production was made possible by a generous grant from the Big Rock Foundation, a longtime supporter of the historical society. Titled "Rambling Through Carteret County with Rodney" the film is being produced by the professional filmmakers of KEVA Creative. Based on the original 1950's "ramble" by Carteret's first historian, Frank Salisbury, the 21st century version includes interviews with local community members and experts in each of the geographic areas captured in the film.

In addition to the film, a new exhibit, "Anchoring Our Past to the Present" is under development that walks the visitor through the history of the CCHS linking it with objects, personalities and photographs of communities throughout the county that will bring the past into the present.

Thanks to the Brent Milgrom Family Foundation the exterior of the home of the CCHS, the History Museum on Arendell Street, is undergoing a much-needed facelift. You can't miss the new red-clad clock tower as you travel in downtown Morehead City! As weather permits the building will receive a new coat of paint. Downtown Morehead Revitalization has chipped in for new signage and our chiming clock is functioning once again thanks to Morehead City's Lookout Rotary Club. Local author Jack Dudley has also pitched in to fund the paint and other exterior "fixes".

A 50th Anniversary Celebration event is planned for July 2021 with a film premier and exhibit opening as highlights. If you would like to help fund the work of the county's historical society you can donate online at our new website, www.carterethistory.org. Visit the site to join, donate, purchase books from our bookstore and learn about upcoming events.

In our 50th year we are blessed by the continuing community support for our mission. Without funding from our donors and the dedication of our membership we could not achieve our mission. We hope to see you soon as we look forward to another 50 years of celebrating Carteret County's history.

New Bern Historical Society Offers History Quest

Can You Solve a Clue? Save the Date

NEW BERN, NC, The New Bern Historical Society invites you to test your sleuthing skills in an all new, family friendly outdoor history hunt! On Saturday June 5 at 10am, teams will gather at New Bern Battlefield Park to receive their clues to a series of quests. Hop in your car and follow the clues to find historical places in and around New Bern. You'll be amazed at what you'll learn about our past!



Sherlock T. Bear, official bear of the New Bern History Quest, invites everyone to test their sleuthing skills in a lively and entertaining, puzzle-solving hunt.

Each team may have up to 6 people, that's adults or children. They'll travel in one vehicle. Smart phone use is allowed. We'll ask you to observe COVID safety precautions when not in your car.

You may register starting April 15 at www.NewBernHistorical.org/quest or call 252-638-8558 Registration fee is \$20 per carload with a maximum of 6 people per vehicle. The event starts and ends at New Bern Battlefield Park.

New Bern Historical Society Historian, Claudia Houston invites everyone to join in. "We've worked hard to make this a fun and exciting event. You'll be surprised at what you'll discover! And look for our mascot, Sherlock T. Bear who wants in on all the action! Be sure to save the date, June 5."

The mission of the New Bern Historical Society is to celebrate and promote New Bern and its heritage through events and education. Offices are located in the historic Attmore-Oliver House at 511 Broad Street in New Bern. For more information, call 252-638-8558 or go www.NewBernHistorical.org or www.facebook.com/NewBernHistoricalSociety.

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