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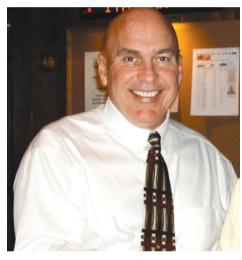
MARCH 2019

New BOA Board Volunteers

This year, three of the current BOA board members are finishing their terms. Fortunately, new volunteers have generously stepped up to fill the vacancies. Our board volunteers are critical to the entire neighborhood, and we are thankful for both the outgoing volunteers who have worked SO hard for us during their terms, and for the new homeowners who are joining the team. Read on to learn more about the three new BOA board volunteers.

Peter Ferrin

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- Born July 3, 1952 St. Louis, MO
- Raised in Rochester, NY
- Attended Aquinas Institute
- Entered the United States Marine Corps July 1969
- Retired from the Marine 2007 with 38 years of service
- Worked in Communications and Intelligence
- Upon retiring my wife Paige and I married
- 2008 we moved to the Republic of Panama
- 2012 Moved to The Villages, FL
- January 2017 moved to Brandywine Bay

Tommy Ramirez



Hello, My name is Tommy Ramirez. My wife, Sara, and I are excited to be a part of this wonderful community. We have visited and vacationed in Carteret County for many years. We couldn't be happier to finally live here! I work for Hyster-Yale Group as a Technical Trainer and travel all over North (including Canada) and South America. Sara works in the business office at Carteret Heath Care. We moved here from Bath, NC, where I severed as a volunteer firefighter and Vice-President of the Fire Department Board. We have

a three year old son named Jameson and small furry daughter named Molly.

Sandra Gahlinger



Hi Neighbors! My name is Sandra Gahlinger. I'm volunteering for the BOA because I love living here - I moved to Brandywine three years ago this June, and, as I said, I simply LOVE it. I grew up in Morehead, went to grade school and middle school in Beaufort (at Beaufort Christian Academy), and graduated from West Carteret. I then went to NC State and worked at the School of Science and Math in Durham. I eventually moved to Coronado, California, where I met my husband. When he retired, I returned to

Morehead and on a short trip home in 2016, I found the house on Lord Granville Drive. (I'd been away for 30 years at that point...Guess it's true what they say: "North Carolinians always come home.") My mom still lives off 20th Street, and my brother, sister-in-love and two nieces live off Country Club.

My background is in education. I've taught everything from pre-K to Community College. I started my career with a focus on creating living/learning communities and designing education environments that allow these community driven spaces (and their residents) to flourish. Those initial experiences fueled my passion for living well and helping others do the same. I've volunteered with Monica at Sound Waves. I enjoyed working with her and serving the community in that way. It was at the paper that I learned more about the board and its function in the community, and last fall, I think we all saw first hand the amazing work they do. Volunteering is a way to pay it forward, say "grazie", and serve the community. I want to apply my experiences, knowledge, and skill sets to the work of maintaining this amazing community we call home, and I want to see our owner's association remain community managed.

Sneak Peek: Inside this Issue

It's time to come out of hibernation! Get involved in Brandywine activities; attend this month's exciting local events. Turn the page for information about...

- Art from the Heart
- Balsam Range in concert
- Brandywine Owners Association volunteer opportunities
- Coastal Pregnancy Care Center Banquet
- New Bern Battlefield Park Adventure Day

Thank you for reading Sound Waves! All Brandywine residents are invited to contribute to Sound Waves. Please email editor.soundwaves@gmail.com to submit your news, photos, and more. The due date for submissions is the 20th of each month.

BOA Committee Summaries (Golf Course Side Only)

By Nancy Beszterczei

With a neighborhood as large as Brandywine, it takes a lot of volunteers to keep our dues down and our neighborhood looking nice. To do this, it takes many hands. We have a number of committees, and we hope you will read through these descriptions and want to help in some capacity. Each committee is authorized to spend according to the budget the BOA Board has approved. Prior to preparation of the annual budget, the Committee person presents the Board with the plan for the next fiscal year's activities and estimated costs.

All of these committees are looking for more volunteers to learn the ropes, share the responsibilities, and ensure continuity going forward. If you are interested in learning more about a committee, please contact Nancy Beszterczei 252-269-0179.

The Architectural Control Committee

The purpose of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is to assure compliance with all building restrictions and all covenants by all Brandywine Owners as spelled out in the covenants. The ACC also assists the owner/builder throughout the construction process.

Beautification Committee

The purpose of the Beautification Committee is to maintain the established flowerbeds in the common areas, primarily the plantings at the two entrances (Highway 24 and 70). Maintain the operation of the irrigation systems at the two entrances. Request bids from landscapers for any necessary projects. Maintain the flags at both entrances and replace flags as needed.

Boat Yard Committee

The Boat Yard Committee manages the boat yard, including maintenance of the waiting list for spaces, collection of the annual fees, and maintenance of the boat yard property.

Camera Committee

The Camera Committee maintains the security cameras in the neighborhood and boat yard. When there is damage at the gates, the committee reviews the camera footage to help identify the responsible party.

Christmas Light Committee

The Christmas Light Committee puts up and takes down the Christmas lights and other decorations at the Highway 24 and Highway 70 entrances.

The Drainage Committee

The Drainage Committee monitors the flow of storm water throughout the community and maintains the best possible drainage throughout the community.

Gate Card/Welcome Committee

The Gate Card Committee ensures all residents on the golf side of Brandywine (tenants and owners) are able to enter through the gates whenever the gates are closed. The gate cards for the Village Green entrance are managed by the Village Green association. The committee also distributes the BOA Welcome Packet to all new residents when contacted by the new resident.

Gate Committee

The Gate Committee manages the installation and maintenance of the gates at the three entrances (Village Green, Highway 24 and Highway 70).

Recreation Area Committee

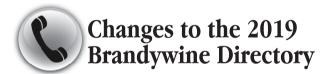
*We currently do not have any volunteers for this committee! The committee will maintain the recreation area and consider improvements and additions to the area.

Make a difference! Volunteer on a BOA Committee

Do you want to make sure Brandywine continues to be a great place for your family to live? If so, the neighborhood needs you to get involved! Everyone can help! You don't need special skills – just a commitment to supporting your community.

For more information, contact Nancy Beszterczei 252-269-0179.





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 purhcase 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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Hello Brandywine!

To start out with, I wanted to thank those of you who responded to our call for volunteers to run for the upcoming Board election. We have some excellent candidates who have stepped up to fill the three vacancies that will be coming up at the end of May, so please check out their biographies in this issue of the Sound Waves to learn more about them.

I also wanted to thank everyone who came out to the neighborhood meeting the other night. We had some productive discussions, and several interesting ideas were put forth. We look forward to continuing to hear from all Brandywine residents about your thoughts, concerns, and ideas for the future, and we look forward to seeing you at our next Annual Meeting in May.

In this edition of the All Aboard, I wanted to provide everyone with some more details on two of the ballot items that you will be receiving in the mail shortly, if you haven't already. The first is a yes/no vote on approving a onetime assessment for all property owners in Brandywine of \$365. As you are all aware, Hurricane Florence took quite a toll on the community, and the cleanup efforts were intense and expensive. Included in these cleanup costs were the initial clearing of fallen trees that were blocking all of the roads throughout the neighborhood, the removal of all damaged and fallen trees and vegetation from community common areas, the hauling away of around 1,000 large trailer-loads of debris that were brought to the curb by residents of the neighborhood, the clearing and restoration of the drainage network throughout the neighborhood, and the repair of roads and culverts that were damaged by the flooding, among many other things. Although we maintain an adequate operating budget and a sizable fund dedicated towards road repairs, our natural disaster fund and budget reserves were largely used up to pay for this cleanup. In order to ensure that our neighborhood is in a position to mount a community level response towards future storms, the Board has unanimously recommended this assessment in order rebuild our natural disaster fund and to restock our budget reserves.

If this assessment is approved by the community vote, then notices for payment would likely be mailed to all property owners in July or August. Because we understand that this assessment may create a financial hardship for many, especially coming on the heels of the annual dues payment, we plan on making arrangements to allow for this assessment to be paid in two or three installments over the course of a few months. Thanks to Lyle Vogel for also pointing out that some insurance policies may provide reimbursement to policy-holders for any special assessments, like this one, that are related to the storm. Please check with your insurance agent or review your individual policy to see if this is the case for you.

Please also note, however, that if this assessment were not to pass, that the Board will no longer be able to arrange for a community level response to any future storms, and all of the time, effort, and costs associated with future cleanups will instead be borne by each individual property owner. Additionally, the Board may be forced to instead consider a permanent dues increase in order to be able to finance any future cleanups of common areas and community property. We hope that you will vote yes on this one-time assessment.

The second ballot item is a yes/no vote on adopting an updated version of the community bylaws. This past year, it came to our attention during consultation with the neighborhood lawyer that several bylaws amendments that have been passed over the past 10-15 years may not have been in full

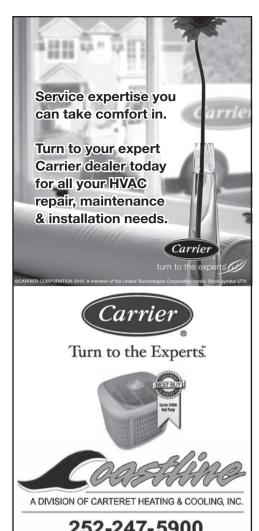
compliance with existing North Carolina law governing the management of homeowners associations. In order to ensure that all of our bylaws are completely legal and enforceable, we have been working with our lawyers to redraft one comprehensive bylaws document that incorporates all of the amendments that have ever been passed, as well as a few additional modifications that the lawyers strongly recommended in order to bring us into compliance with all current laws and regulations. These updated bylaws will be available for review on the community website at brandywineowners.org shortly, and will be included in the April edition of the Sound Waves, but for the most part, this new document will not change anything from what was already in place. The few changes that you should be aware of before voting include the following:

- Restores flexibility in planning for the annual meeting by specifying only that it occurs in the second quarter of the year.
- Lowers the threshold for a quorum to 30% of the eligible voting members, down from 50%. The lawyers said that the 50% threshold was unnecessarily high, and not in keeping with the standards of other similar neighborhood associations.
- Clarifies that the term of service for each elected board member is three years.
- Current bylaws specify that there must always be five board members, but it was recommended to revise this to state "not less than 3 and not more than 5" so that we are not in violation of the bylaws if a board member has to resign for any reason, and we can't immediately identify a replacement.
- Eliminates a provision for absentee voting that is not permissible under North Carolina law.
- Adds additional recommended language around the process for identifying or nominating new candidates to run for the board.
- Adds language required by law that specifies how many board members must be present to allow for a vote, and lays out how board members may be removed from service through a vote of the homeowners.
- Clarifies that all future amendments to the bylaws must be passed by a community vote so that we don't run into this problem again.

We hope that you will join us in voting yes on these updated bylaws so that we can be sure that they remain current, legal, and enforceable moving forward.













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PetDocks Oh No! Fleas!

By Dr. Todd Worrell

A few fleas can turn into a massive infestation in a hurry. And if your pet is sensitive to flea antigen, even one or two bites can make him very uncomfortable. In our area, fleas thrive year-round. Plus, fleas can survive on your pet and inside anywhere! Year-round flea control is best for your pet.

When it comes to fleas, your pet is most likely to become a target if it comes into contact with an infested area or environment. Stray cats and dogs, rabbits and ferrets can carry flea eggs into your yard. Having a fence doesn't necessarily mean you'll keep fleas out.

Below are some reasons your home makes an ideal environment for fleas—and what you can do about it.

Outside the home: For successful reproduction, fleas select protected, shady, undisturbed areas, for example porches, decks, stairs, and around doghouses. Fleas at all stages of life are able to withstand large shifts in temperature. Just because it's cold outside doesn't mean your pet is safe. Fleas can survive in lows as cold as 28F and highs up to 95F

Inside the home: When we mention fleas, some pet owners think we mean that their house is less-than-clean and that can make them defensive. But even the cleanest home can be the target of a flea infestation. In fact, infestations usually start because the fleas were picked up outside of the home and brought inside unknowingly. If a pet has access to a yard, dog parks, nature areas or kennels, he is at risk of picking up these pesky hitchhikers who make the owner's home their next bed and breakfast.

Many pet parents say their pets stay indoors and, therefore, are not at any risk of having a parasitic infection. Unless a dog strictly uses pee pads and never goes on a single trip outside a client's home, he really isn't an "inside" dog. And even if this is the case, an indoor pet (whether dog or cat), is still at risk for a flea infestation. The chance is obviously lower, but there's no such thing as zero risk.

Inside the home, fleas thrive. They will go from egg to adult in pet beds, under furniture, and buried deep in carpets. A female flea can start laying eggs within 24 hours of feeding and mating, and has the ability to produce 40-50 eggs per day. That's hundreds of eggs in a few days!

Also, they can survive a wide range of temperatures, so even winter is no guarantee you have seen the last of fleas. Without the ideal temperature, early flea stages lay dormant, delaying the emergence of adult fleas—anywhere from two weeks to just under six months. Fleas will do just fine in microenvironments around the home, where temperature and humidity are elevated.

In addition to discussing your individual situation with your veterinary professional, here's how you might start addressing a flea problem: eliminate weeds and brush piles, routinely cut your grass, vacuum regularly (under furniture, too), keep baseboards and other hidden areas clean, keep rodents away from your home, wash bedding— yours and Fido's— routinely, and treat your yard with outdoor products.

By listening to your veterinary team, and learning as much as possible about fleas, you, your home, and your pet will be able to stay flea-free.



By JJ Johnson

February 12, 2019: Three tables of Bridge players gathered at the K Club for a buffet lunch and a game of cards. Next time, we'll be ordering from the menu for lunch, so everyone can choose exactly what they'd like to eat. Here are the winners for February:

1st place: JJ Johnson 2nd place: Carol Council 3rd place: Rosie Angel

Bridge play is the 2nd Wednesday of the month...Come join us! We don't want to have all this fun alone...If interested in learning more about K Club Bridge, contact:

Co-Directors: J.J. Johnson (726-0680) or Ingrid Carmona (646-7455)

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For Kids

How to do a perfect cartwheel



 Bend over and put your hands on the ground sideways(facing right or left)and kick your feet up



3. Kick over and finish in the lunge facing the opposite way



Here is a video to show you how:



Vote for the next topic by filling out this form:



Fun things for you

Mardi Gras on Middle Lane-

When: March 2 at 2:00 to 6:00 p.m Where: Town of Beaufort Middle Lane NC

What: A fun carnival to eat food and have fun. People called "Krewes" are going to be walking around in costume jewelry and charms. There will be face painting and mask making too.

The Emerald Isle St. Patricks Day Festival-

family activities.

When: March 16 9:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. Were: Emerald plantation shopping center Emrald Isle NC What: A fun holiday festival with over 75 art vendors, food vendors, amusment rides, face painters and many other fun,

BOA Board Minutes:

BOA General Board Meeting, February 18, 2019 at the K-Club

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present were Nancy Beszterczei, Noreen Barrett, Bob White, Rachel Love-Adrick and Andy Haines.
- 2. Andy asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written from the January 2019 meeting. Nancy Beszterczei made a motion to approve the minutes, Noreen Barrett seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: As of today the total for storm repairs and debris collection totals approx. \$235,797. The repairs depleted the Natural Disaster Fund and Money Market Account. No money was spent out of the Restricted Road Fund and Operating Budget. The community is solvent, but at this point could not afford another storm. Dues invoices are coming March 15, 2019.
 - 4. Secretary's report: None
- 5. Upcoming Board Vacancies and Need for Volunteers: The board and volunteers keep the community running. Three volunteers are needed to fill board positions. Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering for the board or one of the committees please contact one of the current board members. Bios for candidates will be in the March Sound Waves. Ballots will be mailed out with the 2019/2020 dues bill in March.
- 6. Post Florence Assessment: The board discussed a neighborhood assessment to recover storm costs, and is recommending a one-time assessment of \$365 for each property in the neighborhood. This assessment is to replenish the community accounts to pre-Florence amounts, and put the community in a position to respond to a future storm event. A ballot for the assessment will be sent out with the 2019/2020 dues bill in March. Current bylaws were reviewed for assessment process and voting process.
- 7. Bylaw Update: Past amendments were not passed according to NC law. The bylaws were revised to update and make the document in compliance with NC law. The updates include changing the terms to three years and outlining the amendment process for future boards. The document will be available for the community to review in the Sound Waves (April) and the neighborhood website. There will be a ballot sent out with the 2019/2020 dues bill in March.
- 8. 2019/2020 Dues: the dues amounts remains \$350.00. Bills will be mailed out in March 2019, and are due May 15, 2019.
- 9. Road Repairs: The board is evaluating road conditions. There are two sinkholes in Hammocks Place and Village Green. The board has received quotes to fill potholes in the neighborhood. Please let Nancy Beszterczei know of any potholes of concern.
 - 10. Committee Reports
 - a. ACC: Nothing to report, as there are lots of repairs of roofs and storm

related damage. The community is moving towards recovery, and is encouraging the replacement of trees to keep the character of the community intact.

- b. Beautification: Garners is planting the flowers at 24/70, and will be planting flowers in the spring. Currently looking for replacement carriage lights at the 24/70 gates.
- c. Drainage: work is ongoing throughout the neighborhood. The ditches have been cleaned. In 19/20, the committee is looking to clean culverts under roads and replace certain culverts if the funding is available.
 - d. Gates: in working order.
 - e. Cameras: in working order.
- f. Boat Storage: The downed trees and fence damage from the hurricane have been repaired from the Boat Fund. In 19/20, gravel will be added to the lot to replace gravel that was lost in the storm.
- g. Recreational Area: The rec area has a vacancy for committee chair. This position would keep an eye on the playground and inform the board of any repairs needed. The playground is in need of some repairs.
 - h. Other: n/a

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Respectfully submitted by Rachel Love-Adrick, February 23, 2019



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Bluegrass Stars Balsam Range in Concert

By Barbara Johnson

The Morehead City Rotary Club brings award winning Bluegrass band Balsam Range to the Crystal Coast for an Alzheimer's fundraiser concert on Friday, March 15th at 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm). Hosted by Glad Tidings Church on Country Club Rd., Morehead City, tickets range from \$30 to \$45. Purchase advance sale tickets online now at www.attendstar.com/events. All proceeds go to support the Rotary Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART).



International Bluegrass Music Awards Vocal Group of the Year for 2017 and 2018, Balsam Range now has the top bluegrass album for 2019 "Aeonic." The band boasts outstanding acoustic musicians and singers who hail from Haywood County in Western North Carolina. Their band was named for the majestic range of mountains that surrounds part of their home county where the Smokies meet the Blue Ridge: the Balsam Range. You don't want to miss their thoroughly entertaining performance!

The band is high-power talent through and through. Tim Surrett is pure entertainment as the band MC, seasoned lead and harmony while holding down the bass line and resonator guitar. He charms with spontaneity, wit and professionalism. A stellar fiddler, Buddy Melton is also one of the most gifted tenor voices in Bluegrass and Americana today. His range and tone give Balsam Range its identifying sound. With his envied guitar style, Caleb Smith has been called "one of the top young guns of guitar." He sings with both power and control, delivering a high energy song or a tender ballad with equal vocal skill. Darren Nicholson is a gifted mandolin player and harmony singer with tremendous enthusiasm for American heritage music. Grammy Award winner Marc Pruett brings more than 40 years of entertainment experience to the group. He brilliantly complements the ensemble with an intuitive, traditional three finger style that has made him one of music's most admired banjo players.

Elements of jazz, country, gospel, swing and old-time music are all infused into the fresh sound of this unique southern bluegrass band. Its five distinct personalities create one remarkable musical experience that is the awardwinning Balsam Range. To get a feel for their performances visit them at balsamrange.com/videos/. For more information about the concert contact Rick Johnson at 252-241-2454.



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Pet of the Month

By Leah Brockman

Hi everyone! Meet Beau...he's a Boykin Spaniel.







Sound Waves Seeks Writers

By Monica Sellars

Sound Waves needs something...you! First, I want to thank you for reading Sound Waves. It is great to live in a neighborhood where the residents are interested in community news. Sound Waves is one way we can all communicate and become connected.

I was compelled to volunteer for Sound Waves because I was looking for a "reason" to meet more neighbors. I like to think of it as a conversation starter. And it works! I've met lots of neighbors through Sound Waves interviews and articles, and each person has been kind, friendly, and truly interesting!



Would you like to meet more of your neighbors too? Sound Waves relies on contributions from neighbors to fill its pages. To keep Sound Waves interesting and relevant, we need to hear from everyone's point of view. With new neighbors moving in all the time, I know there are lots of stories to be told.

Your neighbors want to hear from you! You can share an article on a topic of your choice, or get in touch with me for some ideas. Kids and teens are welcome to contribute too! Please contact me at editor.soundwaves@gmail. com if you would like to contribute to Sound Waves.



29th Annual Art From the Heart, Original Art Show and Sale

http://www.artscouncilcarteret.org/art-from-the-heart

The Arts Council of Carteret County (ACCC) is presenting its 29th annual exhibition, Art From The Heart, beginning Friday, February 22 and closing on March 14 in Morehead City, NC.

Art From The Heart 2019 (AFTH) is an eighteen day show and sale of original, two- and three-dimensional artwork, including photography, that typically draws over 2,000 gallery visitors during the event, making it one of the largest regional shows in eastern NC. In 2018, the ACCC awarded \$6,500 to artists who won recognition for their work with the show producing over \$9,000 in artwork sales.

Show Dates and Hours Friday, February 22 thru Thursday, March 14 Monday – Wednesday • 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Thursday – Saturday • 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Sunday • 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

2019 AFTH Judge Eric McRay



McRay received a BFA degree at the Maryland Institute, College of Art, where he earned a four-year scholarship for his artistic talent. A native of Washington,DC, McRay moved to North Carolina and has been exhibiting since 1987. In November 1998, he was juried into Raleigh's prestigious Artspace.

Since opening his Artspace studio in downtown Raleigh, McRay has served in the offices of Vice-President and President of the Artspace Artists Association, as well as served on Artspace's board of directors and Executive Committee.

Visit his website to learn more about Mr. McKay and see samples of his work. http://ericmcray.com/



The LGA golf season will begin on Thursday, March 7. There was no golf news to report for a few months, so here's a funny joke for your enjoyment.

THE HOTEL BILL

A lady decided to give herself a big treat for her 85th birthday by staying overnight in an expensive hotel.

When she checked out next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$450.00.

She exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. "It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth \$450.00 for just an overnight stay! I didn't even have breakfast."

The clerk told her that \$450.00 is the 'standard rate,' so she insisted on speaking to the manager.

The manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, informed the woman, "This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use."

"But I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous. "We have the best entertainers from the world over performing here," the manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said.

"Well, we have them, and you could have," the manager replied.

No matter what amenity the manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!" and the manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion with the manager unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check, and gave it to him.

The manager was surprised when he looked at the check. "But madam, this check is for only \$50.00."

"That's correct. I charged you \$400.00 for sleeping with me," she replied.

"But I didn't!" exclaimed the very surprised manager.

"Well, too bad. I was here, and you could have."

Don't mess with Senior Citizens!



MGA Happenings

By Vince Moreno

February 6, 2019: The MGA held our monthly tournament today. Fifteen of us played on this beautiful day. Our general manager Steve Sewell and our tournament director Ken Ghelli set up the game, which was "Your best nine less 50% of your handicap." The winners from the gold tees: low gross was won by Ken Ghelli and low net was won by Mark Roche. From the silver tees: low gross was won by Gordon Wall and low net was won by Richie Lienthall. The closest to the pin winners were Tom Normyle from the gold tees, and Richie Lienthall from the silver tees. It was a great day for the MGA.



Richie Lienthall & Gordon Wall



Richie Leinthall & Tom Normyle



Mark Roche & Ken Ghelli

Golf: 9-Hole Mixed League

By Lenna Easter

Come join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for a fun round of 9-hole golf. This will fill a hole in the 18-hole leagues which do not offer the 9-hole option for league play.

All handicaps welcome. Games will be posted at the Brandywine Bay Golf Club clubhouse on the hall bulletin board. Sign up to play in the clubhouse by the Monday preceding play.

Play begins on March12. Come give it a try!



Keep Brandywine clean in 2019!



- 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.

Clothing and Drapery

By Mat Madsen

This month's subject is: "Clothing and drapery."

My first Art Article for the Sound Waves was in March 2018, when I was asked, "Is this a one off article?"

Everyone who bothers to read the monthly Sound Waves knows the answer. When I do a walk through Brandywine, I don't understand why



our residents don't bother to bring this free monthly newspaper into their homes, with all of its worthwhile information, and the variety of news and articles. Even the advertising has merit.

Drawing "clothing and drapery" is seen in many forms, and to express this feature in your art, it's necessary to highlight the clothes on a figure, the drop off the side of a table cloth, and the drop of a curtain or drape against a window.

View www.artbymat.com again for my painting of "Mike Davis" on the Portraits page, and his clothing that creates a believable

image of his "Clothing." Even on the Mural page, and my painting of the "Mermaid," whose fish tail accents each of the folds. Values create volume.

There are references all about us to draw or paint clothing and drapery, just take a tour about your home, and closet. I've even hung an item of clothing next to my large drawing pad or easel.

View my www.artbymat.com "Art lessons" page, and the photo of the easels I built and use. Every reference helps to create a believable composition, and the satisfaction of a painting you will be proud of, and display.

Folds of material are tubular and hang down vertically, regardless if you're standing or sitting.

My favorite example of a figure with folds is "Michelangelo's Pieta." This I was able to view in person, when I visited the St. Peters Cathedral in Rome,

Italy. Please look it up on the Internet.

Remember my August 2018 Art Article of "Observation and Perspective." Always keep in mind what you actually see, and how to relate this to your composition.

The Art Subject for April will be "Figure Composition."





By Waleen Johnson and Mat Madsen

On February 18th the Art Club met for our 2nd meeting. It was held at Waleen's home on Village Green Drive. Boy, did we have a great meeting.

There were 6 of us in attendance. We are sorry there was one who was sick. For a surprise, we had a guest speaker. She is Lou Wilson, owner/teacher of Arts & Things at 704 Evans St. of Morehead City. She presented her store, showed us many works of art & then answered many questions. All of us got a lot of questions answered. It was a delightful time.

Doug Hammer has graciously volunteered to host the next ART CLUB meeting. It is on March, 25. His address is 110 Fairway Drive, WEST. His # is 919-649-3789, if you need to contact him. We are really looking forward to meeting in March to see what those in the Art world here in Brandywine are doing.

This ART CLUB has been very enlightening to me. It is a place to relax, enjoy each other's company, ask questions and then show our art to others. I learn from others in the Club.

No matter what level you are experiencing in the Art world, please think of coming to our meetings. We have so much fun & can glean from each other.

Looking forward to great art in the future, Waleen Johnson.

I want to thank Waleen for hosting a very successful Art Club meeting. Having Lou Wilson as a guest speaker was a plus for every member. I'm sorry that I couldn't attend. – Mat Madsen

If you have not heard of the ART CLUB here in Brandywine, please contact Mat Madsen. His email is madsen1580@gmail.com. # 252-414-2545



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Banquet Fundraiser for Coastal Carolina Water Service's Pregnancy Care Center

By Monica Sellars

Brandywine resident Sharon White is a long-time active volunteer with Costal Pregnancy Care Center (CPCC). She says there are lots of opportunities for volunteering with CPCC, and Sharon says it is "a fun, happy place" to volunteer. She would be pleased to talk with any neighbors who are interested in getting involved.

The CPCC is moving forward after their building sustained serious damage from Hurricane Florence. Although they are still unable to use the building (just west of the Brandywine entrance on Hwy 70) and have lost all of the contents to mold, they continue to serve clients from a temporary office space near Golden Corral in Morehead City.

The CPCC offers a variety of services to pregnant women, new parents, and other members of the community. They provide STD screening and pregnancy testing, for example. They also provide workshops and counseling

to parents. Fathers who want to learn parenting skills can attend the weekly Dads 24/7 group dinner meetings. CPCC counselors also meet weekly with mothers at the MirIAM Center to discuss motherhood and provide self-improvement coaching.

The CPCC's primary fundraiser is an annual banquet. Last year the group raised \$104,000 at the banquet. The funds were used to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the clinic, as well as a mobile clinic, which will enable them to reach more members of the community who need STD testing and pregnancy ultrasounds. Sharon says she



believes that Carteret County would be proud to know about all that has been accomplished in our area, all the lives that have been touched, with these donated funds.

Recently, the Center's Director, Christine Moody, attended a conference in Colorado, where the met representatives from a group called Save The Storks. This group is very impressed with the work and the number of people in our community being helped by the services offered by CPCC. Save The Storks has assisted the CPCC in equipping the new mobile clinic. In addition, the group visited Carteret County and witnessed the continuing effort to recover after the hurricane. As a result, Save The Storks has committed to support CPCC in rebuilding the clinic, which is a wonderful gift for Carteret County!

This year's CPCC annual fundraising banquet will be held on March 7 at the Civic Center. The event includes dinner and a guest speaker. This year's featured speaker is President of Save The Storks, Paul Isaacs. Donations for the CPCC are requested at the end of the evening. Please email cpccbanquet@hotmail.com or text or call 252-247-2273 to make a reservation to attend this year's banquet.

New Customer App

By Deborah Clark, Communications Coordinator for Carolina Water Service, Inc. of NC

As you may know, we provide water services for residents living in your community. We are pleased to inform you about a new online portal and mobile application that is now available!

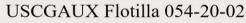


Our application, MyUtilityConnect, provides customers an easier way to manage their utility account and obtain account information anytime, anywhere. Some of the features available in the mobile application include:

- Mobile bill payments, reminders on upcoming due date, and flexible payment options
- Visibility on monthly usage; identify areas where you can conserve and compare your usage to previous time periods
- Real-time notifications when unexpected leaks and outages occur
- A faster and easier way to connect with customer support

We're very excited to give our customers the ability to better monitor their utility account. To learn more about this application open this link for a quick video on what and how this will work!

https://www.myutility.us/CarolinaWaterServiceNC/app/



February, 2019



Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 20-02 was honored to help Coast Guard Station Fort Macon personal with some needed monetary support during the last US government shutdown. Representing Flotilla 20-02, Bob White Flotilla Staff Officer and his wife Sharon White presented BM1 Bradshaw with 62 cash gift cards to be distributed to some hurting Coasties. The gift card donations started from a grass root effort by the White's putting out a call for help to their local community of Brandywine located in MHC.























"Ancient" Brandywine Newsletters Discovered

By Marilyn Zmoda

For a little Brandywine history, check out the following excerpts from some previous Brandywine Bay newsletters.

SEPTEMBER 1989

The Board has met with Honours developer, Mr Stovall, in regard to land-scaping the Rt. 70 entrance. The cost will be shared by Brandywine developer, Honours developer Mr. Stovall, and the BOA Board.

The swimming pool and tennis courts are a great addition to Brandywine. The pool will remain open during all of September and into October if the weather remains warm.

It is good to see work again going on in Cedarwood. Building #7 with five units is now under construction. Additional buildings will be started at the completion of #7.

The LGA is hostessing a Couples tournament on September 14, with a potluck dinner to follow at the pool at Oak Bluffs.

Couples Bridge group is in need of substitute players. The season runs from October through June. At the present time we have 12 couples.

WANTED: Someone to paint speed bumps

By Chuck and Priscilla

OCTOBER 1989

This issue dealt mostly with tips on how to survive a hurricane and resources that are available in the County. (This was the first publication since Hurricane Hugo struck just between Myrtle Beach and Charleston.)

At the Board meeting, the ACC reported two house plans were approved. More barriers for Brandywine Blvd, were discussed, and the septic tank at the Rt. 70 gatehouse is underway.

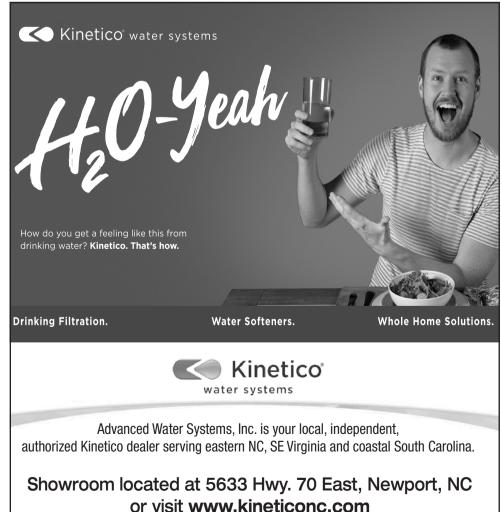
September and October have been busy around the Pro shop. We were picking up a lot of Myrtle Beach players.

Two new families have moved in.

By Chuck and Priscilla







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Brandywine Is a Hive for CLC Spelling Bee Participants

By Monica Sellars

February 1, 2019: Brandywine residents spelled their hearts out at the 17th Annual Literacy Spelling Bee to benefit the Carteret Literacy Council (CLC). This annual event was postponed from October 2018 to February 2019 due to Hurricane Florence. Our neighbors were participants in three of the five teams in the Bee.

- The Williams Hardware team included Brandywine residents Mariana Goldstein and Monica Sellars, along with Karen Lutz.
- The Fulbright Financial Consulting, PA team included Brandywine resident Dick Rogers, along with Kathleen Colbert and Susan Dunlap. Brandywine resident Muriel Thatcher served as team coach.
- The Carolinas Center for Surgery team included Brandywine resident Becca Marson, along with Sarah Bedard and Monika Wertman.
- Bethlehem United Methodist Church and Mike Toler Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat also sponsored teams, and the Mike Toler team took home the first place trophy.

The Williams Hardware table, including Brandywine residents Jimmy Blanton and John Sellars, won the Spirit Stick award for the most enthusiastic audience participation and cheering during the Spelling Bee.

Are you a "word nerd" who would like to join the fun? The next Spelling Bee will be in October. Contact the Carteret Literacy Council for more information about joining a team, becoming a sponsor, or attending the event. This entertaining evening also includes a buffet dinner, a silent auction, and a raffle. Go to www.CarteretLiteracy.org.



Les Still and the Williams Hardware team with the Spirit Stick



The Fulbright Financial Consulting, PA team



The Carolinas Center for Surgery team

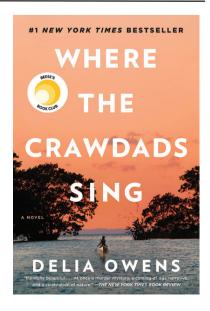
Brandywine Book Club Notes

By Melinda Brown

At our recent Book Club meeting, we discussed the book, *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg. It is a wonderful story about the experiences of Arthur and several friends who come to rely on each other as they learn to overcome emotional losses. It was a good reminder that helping others helps us as well.

Our next book selection is *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. It is a current best-selling book and it's set in rural North Carolina. Come and add your voice to our discussion!

New members are always welcome! Contact Melinda Brown at 247-1055 for further information.







Planning Your Charitable Giving for 2019

Presented by Greg Patterson and James Allen Canady

A new year has begun and now tax season is already upon us. It's time to evaluate what worked well for you financially in 2018 and whether you need to make any changes for 2019. As you do that, you'll want to put together a plan for this year's charitable giving.

A good place to start the process is to consider the following items:

- 1. Review your donations for 2018 and how you made them. How much would you like to donate in 2019?
- 2. Did you exceed the standard deduction and itemize your taxes for the 2018 tax year? Do you anticipate exceeding the standard deduction and itemizing your taxes for 2019?

2019 Standard Deductions			
Married Filing Jointly and Surviving Spouse	\$24,400	Married Filing Separately	\$12,200
Single	\$12,200	Head of Household	\$18,350

3. Are you age 70½ or older? Do you have an IRA or inherited IRA?

Charitable giving strategies to consider

Next, you'll want to decide on a strategy for this year's giving. Maybe one or multiple strategies can work together to create an effective plan to benefit your favorite charities. Below are several strategies to mull over.

- Group your charitable contributions together. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 brought us a higher standard deduction. Unless you have enough deductions to itemize above the standard deduction threshold, you may not be able to deduct your charitable contributions. Therefore, in combination with other deductions, you might want to consider grouping multiple years of charitable contributions together into a single year to generate a deduction larger than the standard amount.
- Contribute to a donor-advised fund (DAF). If you are interested in grouping charitable deductions together but would prefer spreading the distributions to charities out over a period of years, a DAF may be an option for you. It is a charitable giving vehicle that allows you to contribute as frequently as you desire and to recommend grants to your favorite charities from your fund. It can also be used to create a pool of money that will encourage giving by your family for generations to come.

A DAF is established through a public charity, so you can receive an immediate charitable tax deduction when you exceed the standard deduction threshold and itemize taxes. With the 2017 tax law, charitable deductions are limited to 60 percent of adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash gifts to the DAF or 30 percent of AGI for long-term appreciated assets (e.g., stock) to the DAF. Please note: You can also avoid capital gain taxes on gifts of appreciated assets to the DAF.

- Donate appreciated assets directly to charities. If you have stock or another asset that has increased in value over the years, you can gift the appreciated asset directly to a charity. Gifting appreciated assets directly may avoid the inconvenience of selling the assets, as well as the realization of a taxable gain. In addition, the gifted assets may qualify for a charitable deduction if you exceed the standard deduction threshold and itemize your taxes. Charitable deductions are limited to 30 percent of AGI for long-term appreciated assets (e.g., stock) gifted to a public charity.
- Consider a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). If you are 70½ or older and have an IRA or inherited IRA, you may contribute up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a 501(c)(3) qualified charity without having to include that distribution as income. The QCD can go to a single charity or to a variety of charities.

You can make multiple QCDs if the total of all your distributions stays within the \$100,000 annual limit. In addition, the distribution may be counted as your annual IRA required minimum distribution. Also, it doesn't matter whether or not you itemize deductions for taxes because a QCD is not eligible as a charitable deduction. In some cases utilizing QCD's can help you give to charity, fulfill your RMD without increasing income, and still preserve your standard deduction.

These are just a few of the strategies that may be available to you. As always, before making any decisions, a best practice is to consult your financial advisor and a tax professional.

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Artichoke Adventure

By Monica Sellars



I've eaten whole, steamed artichokes twice in my life. It's memorable because it's fun and delicious. In college, my roommate Julie introduced me to artichokes. She steamed them in a pot on the stovetop and then showed me the proper eating method. We dipped the leaves in melted butter and scraped the tasty artichoke goodness out with our teeth. Recently, my husband went to the grocery store with a list that I'd

grocery store with a list that I'd written. I had "artichokes" on the list, but I did not specify fresh or canned (because I always just buy them in a can). He picked up three fresh artichokes for us, though, so

we were committed to an artichoke adventure. We used our Instant Pot to cook them, and we dipped the leaves in garlic butter. I think I had the impression that preparing artichokes was a difficult task, but now that I've done it, I realize that it's not too difficult after all. I plan to make them more often; maybe I'll even branch out to stuffed artichokes.

If you end up with artichokes in your grocery bag, his website has good information and advice for artichoke preparation: https://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/how_to_cook_and_eat_an_artichoke/

Where will the "Baby Boomers" Retire?

Provided by Marian Goetzinger, Pine Knoll Shores Realty

What a surprise to find two North Carolina areas listed in the top seven fastest growing retirement areas in America. According to the February 2019 edition of **REALTOR Magazine**, there is a surge in retirees coming now. If you were born between 1946 and 1964 you are a baby boomer, like me. If you have not already retired, you are probably thinking about it and making plans. If you are not already located on the Crystal Coast, you may be headed our way soon.

In 2018 a record number of people, nearly 1.2 million, 55 or older, relocated out of state. They are choosing a wider range of areas to live than previous retiring people. They are looking for less metropolitan areas and warmer (but not too warm) weather. They crave the small town, marine type of environment we love here. Researchers for REALTOR.com looked at the number of people aged 55 and up who moved in recent years and where they relocated. Two of the seven areas identified were in North Carolina. Number 7 is the Asheville, North Carolina area and number 6 is the Morehead City area, the Crystal Coast.

What does that mean to those of us who are already here? These new residents will bring different cultures and new ideas of what kinds of entertainment and support they want and need. It will be an exciting time or a frustrating time, depending on your perspective.

There will be new development and the infrastructure necessary to support the increased population. This will be a profitable time for builders and other local businesses. It will definitely be a challenging time for local governments as they struggle to support the new development and increased population at the same time we honor our commitment to protecting our maritime forests and all of our natural environment.

New "Age friendly" entertainment may crop up along with more available age friendly shops and restaurants. Churches may need to add a few pews and volunteer organizations can count on some new excited workers. Medical practitioners may need to add more support staff and they definitely need to begin to market to baby boomers a little more.

If you would like for our area to stay just like it is or if you yearn for the way it was when you first discovered the Crystal Coast, you will need to adjust your attitude a bit. "They" already know we're here and they are headed our way.



Adventure Day at New Bern Battlefield Park is Saturday, March 23, 2019

www.newbernhistoricalsociety.org

The popular Harry Goodman Battlefield Adventure Day for families is Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the New Bern Battlefield Park. A day full of learning activities, period games and living history, it is held annually at the Park, which has been extensively upgraded by the New Bern Historical Society. This year the event is open to guests of all ages, with special activities for children 6-12 years old. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with activities from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm.

Guests will be greeted by re-enactors from the 5th and 7th North Carolina Regiments. The event kicks off with a commissary lunch for all guests, provided by Moore's Bar-B-Que. There will be Civil War era games, crafts, and hands-on displays for the entire family. Children will participate in practice drills and Civil War period activities and crafts. Historical Society battlefield guides will provide an informative and entertaining walking tour of the battlefield. The day's activities will conclude with an exciting artillery live fire demonstration by McCullough Living History.

Cost is \$10 for the first family member, plus \$5 for each additional adult or child, with a \$20 maximum for a family. Special price for active duty military and families qualifying for free/reduced school lunch program. For more information or to register: New Bern Historical Society - 252.638.8558 www.newbernhistorical.org

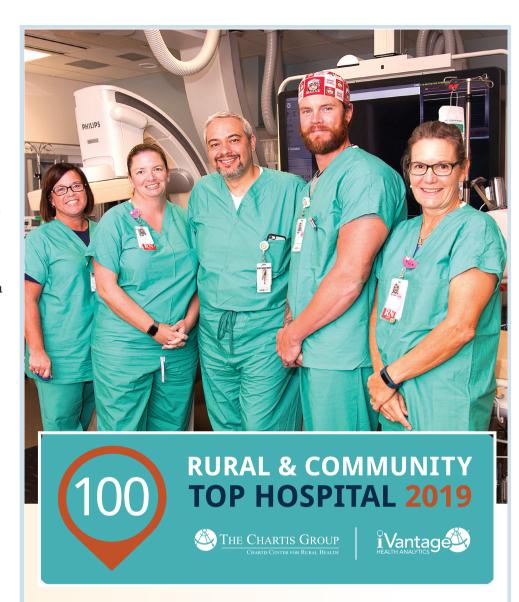
New Bern Battlefield Park is located off Hwy 70 at the entrance to the Taberna subdivision at 300 Battlefield Trail.

This program is supported through the generosity of the family of Harry K. Goodman, who was key to the preservation and restoration of the Battlefield Park.

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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