

## Meet Your Neighbor: Elizabeth Sheeks – New Welcome/Gate Device Contact



Elizabeth Sheeks along with her husband Kelly are the new volunteer contacts for Welcome Packets and Gate Access Devices for Brandywine Bay Golf Course side. Ann Webster retired from this position in August after three years of excellent service to our community.

Elizabeth and Kelly most recently hail from Statesville NC where they lived for 32 years, and both retired from their positions in state and local public health back in 2007. Kelly had a work trip to Morehead City a few years prior to his retirement, and he and Elizabeth took a few extra vacation days to get to know our area. While growing up, “The Beach” to them was always Myrtle Beach because it was closer for their

families from where they lived. But, they fell in love with the simpler pace and lack of touristy development on the Crystal Coast. They decided for their retirement trip a few years later to book an oceanfront rental in Emerald Isle for the month of December. While it took them another twelve years to actually decide to relocate here they usually spent one month most every winter on the Crystal Coast as an annual getaway.

Relocating meant some changes in Elizabeth’s and Kelly’s lives – Elizabeth had been an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society for over 20 years, and she and Kelly had a hobby greenhouse filled with orchids at their Statesville home. They also had a small koi pond filled with Japanese Koi – all with names and their own personalities. They were active in their local Episcopal Church and since their retirement had become involved in Statesville’s growing arts and cultural scene. However, after spending several winter months at the Crystal Coast they decided to take the plunge and start a completely new life here in our area.

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## Pretty in Pink

By Susie Garland

On October 4th, 12 of our lady golfers participated in the Pretty in Pink charity tournament held at Carolina Colours. A total of 80 players from 12 different golf clubs took part in this fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There were many prizes to compete for: cash raffle, closest to pin, prize awarded for wearing the most pink, together with golf clothes sale and much, much more. Breakfast and a delicious luncheon was an added attraction. We are happy to announce that the Brandywine team of Alisa Burr, Alecia Benson, Susie Garland, and Nelda Kessler took second place honors in the second flight, each winning a \$20 gift certificate for Target. Yeah, team! A wonderful time was had by all for this worthy cause.



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# Fall in Brandywine



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Festival, an annual benefit for SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House, is a special holiday event for the community, coordinated through volunteer efforts, and dedicated to raising funds and awareness of our Hospice House. The CCHH Board of Directors is seeking sponsors for the Gingerbread



Festival and entries for the competition.

The 2021 Gingerbread Festival begins with a ticketed preview party Friday December 3, 2021, 7:00-11:00pm, featuring the Band of Oz.

The festival is open to the public December 5 & 6 2021, 11:00am – 5:00pm featuring a Gingerbread House competition created by local artists, individuals, schools and community groups, spectacular Crab Pot Christmas Trees designed and decorated by individuals and corporate sponsors, Santa visits, Face Painting, Holiday music and entertainment. All free. Crab Pot Trees, concessions and sweets will be available for sale.

The gingerbread house competition is free and open to bakers of all abilities and ages. The five categories are Professional, Adult, Student, Kids, and Pint Size with cash prizes awarded in all categories. Entries do not have to be a house, just an edible structure. A completed and signed entry form must be submitted by November 30, 2021. Entries will be on display and open for public viewing during the festival. The awards reception will be Sunday December 6, 4:00pm.

CCHH mission statement is to provide an inpatient Hospice Home to our service region and ensure exceptional care management and perpetual funding for facilities, services, programs, and future expansion. Since opening on July 1, 2013, SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House has served over 1,800 patients and their families. With your support, we continue to fill this great need for our friends, families, and neighbors within our 5-county region.

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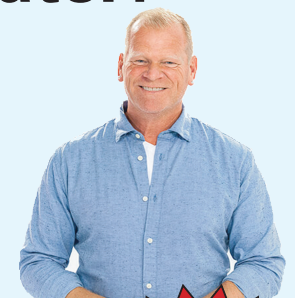
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## Meet Your Neighbor: Elizabeth Sheeks

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Having spent their off-season months here in monthly rentals in PKS and Emerald Isle after their retirement, Elizabeth and Kelly hoped to find a home "on the island". They had already discovered St Francis By the Sea Episcopal in Salter Path and knew that would be their new church home. However, they received a call in Statesville from their realtor here about a terrific home on Fairway Court here in Brandywine Bay. They had driven through Brandywine during their monthly stays and loved the community, and houses in 2019 had already started to sell within days here in Brandywine. So, dropping everything and driving down they fell in love with the house that was for sale. They knew in their hearts that Brandywine Bay was their choice if they decided to live on the mainland – so they chalk it up to fate and are in truly in love with their golf course home!

Besides being the Welcome/Gate Pass contacts Elizabeth and Kelly are also the Street Representatives for Fairway Court. They are enjoying their life here with their two Dachshunds Keikei and Tane, and their Munchkin Ragdoll cat Angus – and they feel they have the time to give to the community in this fashion. They appreciate how kind and understanding the residents have been as they have learned their new responsibilities.

Kelly and Elizabeth ask that you give them a wave from the dog leg on the sixth hole anytime you play the Brandywine Bay Golf Course, or if you see them riding through the neighborhood on their motorcycles. Please let them know anytime you have any needs regarding access to the 70 and 24 community gates.

## A Tribute to Rosie Angel

By Susie Garland

I write this with great sadness for as many of you know, we lost a long-time member and friend on August 23. Rosie lived and breathed golf and worked tirelessly for many years for Brandywine LGA. Rosie was small in stature, but big on energy. During that time, she served as President, Tournament Chair, Rules Committee Chair, member of the Social Committee and Solheim Committee.

For over 20 years, we shared good times and sad times and, as friends often do, had our share of ups and downs. I believe everything happens for a reason. Rosie fought a brave and strong battle and took each day in stride, never really complaining. Those we love don't go away; They walk beside us every day; Unseen, unheard, but always near; Still loved, still missed, still very dear.

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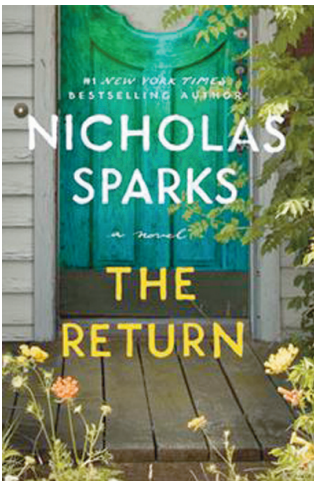
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# Brandywine Book Club News

By Melinda Brown



The Brandywine Book Club met recently to discuss our book, *The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley. The book is a murder mystery set on a small island off the coast of Ireland that is only accessible by boat. Our book for November will be *The Return* by Nicholas Sparks. In December we are looking forward to our annual Christmas luncheon. At the luncheon, we bring children's books to donate to Toys for Tots. We hope the books will introduce children to the joys of reading. In January we will be reading the historical fiction book, *The Women of Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell.

We always look forward to welcoming new members. If you would like to join us, call Melinda Brown at 349-5800 for further information.

## Changes to the 2021 Brandywine Directory

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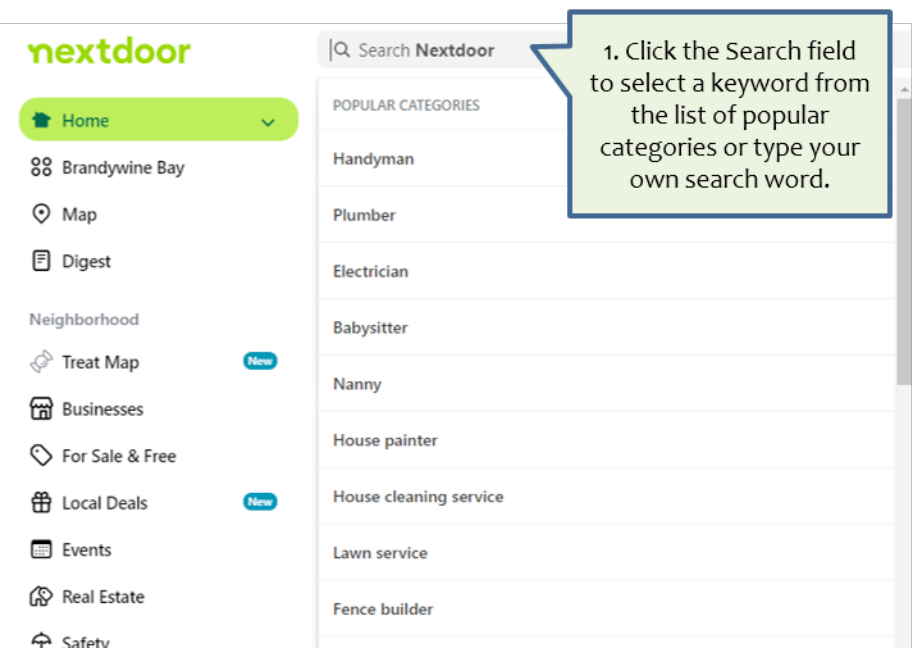
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### 2022 Community Directory

We are preparing the updated 2022 Community Directory and wanted to give residents the opportunity to update or correct their contact information before we submit the list to the printers.

If you have any corrections or updates to make, or if you want to confirm your information is correct, please contact Andy at [ahainesnd@gmail.com](mailto:ahainesnd@gmail.com) before Thanksgiving. He will make sure that your correct contacts are included on the list.

We also need a picture for the cover of the 2022 directory. If you'd like to submit photos for consideration, send them to Andy.





# Chairman's Cup

By Susie Garland

On August 12 and August 19, our two-day Chairman's Cup tournament was held. On Day #1, with a net 74, Nelda Kessler took third place. Myra Roche captured second place with a net 71. With a net 68, Janice Ghelli gained first place honors. Note close scores with only a three-stroke differential. Day #2 had the same terrific threesome repeating their status. Third place, Nelda, scored a net 80, for a total two-day net score of 154. Second place, Myra, scored a net 71, for a total of 146. Drum roll please. Our tournament chairman, apropos, Janice, netted to a 69 for a total of 137 to take the win. Congratulations to our three deserved winners and to all the players who competed under very "trying" conditions on both days, with temps in the high 90s. After the round, we celebrated with a delicious luncheon and a scrumptious dessert provided by Myra.



## LGA Club Champion Rounds 10-14-15

By Susie Garland

On October 14th and 15th, the LGA Club Champ rounds were held. The weather was perfect on both days with 11 players competing. There was a very close race for top honors, with Janice Ghelli and Alisa Burr, each tying with a two-day gross score of 179, forcing a card playoff on hole #10. Janice had a 5 and Alisa, 4; therefore, Alisa came out the victor and triumphed as the 2021 club champ. Well done, ladies, for your outstanding play. Note that Alisa achieved an 82 score on day #2. Yowsa! Other top scores with a two-day gross score under 200 shown in the group picture (left to right): A tie of 182 for Angela Zieleck and Ann O'Connor. Alecia Benson scored 186; Myra Roche: 193; Alisa and Janice. Congratulations for your exceptional achievement. And thanks to all who participated in this two-day event.







By Susie Garland

On a bright and beautiful sunny day, September 9th, the President's Cup tournament was held in admiration of our LGA president, Myra Roche. Having this prestigious honor, Myra was the winner with 13 other players competing in this low net format. Thank you, Bernie, tournament chairlady, for putting the tournament together, arranging the teams, tallying up the results, and announcing the winners. Here are the results. With a net 74, Bernie Moreno captured third place in a card playoff with Jean Hunsinger. Lenna Easter took second place with a net 73. The winner, with a net 72, was ME (Susie Garland). Boy, that was a close race.

It took a lot of work to make this a most unforgettable occasion. Myra arranged the luncheon, working with the restaurant for a special menu enjoyed by members and guests. She also provided table decorations, including memorable photos displayed on the table. In addition, Myra thoughtfully made black ribbons to attach on our shirts. Susie brought in many albums of photos of LGA golfers dating back to over 20 years for all to enjoy. Vice-President, Lori Wilson, bought the dessert along with table amenities, a lovely Mum plant, and the President's Cup. She also contacted former members, many attending this remarkable event.

In conjunction with the tournament, we had a "Remember Rosie Day" to honor Rosie Angel, who passed away on August 23. Lori bought golf towels for each participant, remembering that Rosie always had a towel hanging out of her pants when golfing, together with a box of "candy" cigarettes. Well, you know, it's no secret that Rosie was a smoker. We all "smoked" those candy cigarettes with delight (see group picture). Lenna Easter paid tribute with a memorable and significant prayer as we all bowed our heads in reverence and in honor and respect for Rosie.

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we gather for this glorious President's Cup event, we find we're missing someone. She was here recently for the Solheim, and the Memorial, and some birthday celebrations. She spent a lot of time on this golf course with many good friends who shared her love of the game. She made quite a mark with her abilities as a good golfer. Despite her diminutive stature, she made up for it with her endless energy and native ability. She was the 18-hole champion three times in the past 30 years – a win for each decade. There were several hole-in-ones included with this epoch.

If she wasn't golfing, she was playing bridge or sewing. She was a talented seamstress ... among her other pastimes.

But her earthly time with us has come to an end. She is with her beloved husband, Al, and her faithful dog, Slippers.

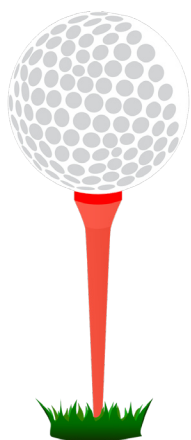
Lord, You've added another ANGEL to the realm of heaven. You have our Rosie.





# A Golf Pro Pointer and a Story

By Steve Sewell, BBGC



## Pro Pointer:

As a golf professional, especially since I competed for my survival, I am acutely aware of how difficult golf is on one hand, yet how easy it can be on the other. What I mean is: there are basic, physical elements visible in all good golfers' swings. If you watch a 5 handicapper, who should be shooting between 74 and 82, then a 25 handicapper who would generally score between 92 and 102, there is a reason for the numerical difference. The 5 handicapper's bad day would be a supremely good day for the 25. So every day that 5 handicapper is a considerably better player than the 25. Why; the golf gods, good /

bad fortune, golf course conditions, no? The answer is, basics! People who search for "the secret" are foolish since "the secret" is out! Qualified golf professionals have the answer!!!

The good news beyond "the answer or secret" is that there are 2 constant factors in the golf swing. Nebulous or constantly changing factors exist, but not to the extent golfers attribute to bad golf shots. There are quantifiable, stable, repeatable points to a good golf swing. We operate on two planes, (horizontal and vertical), in a golf swing. The horizontal move, rotation, turn, pivot, etc. is one, and you cannot physically pass a certain point during that move. The end point is your constant factor. On the vertical plane, the spoke to your wheel, is your left arm, (right handed golfers), and the club. Your extension, the left arm, CANNOT GET LONGER! It can only shorten. Good golfers ALWAYS maintain full extension, therefore take divots and compress the ball to gain long, accurate golf shots. Strong players rely on these two constant factors. Weak players do not avail themselves of these two constants and actually implement variables such as breaking the left wrist!!! Wow, no wonder their games, shots and scores vacillate; they have hinges in their swings!!!

## Story: True Champion

Some of you might recall an earlier story from me regarding Arnold Palmer and a practice round we played together. He had severely injured his right thumb, yet continued on and during the event, played exceedingly well, especially since the thumb contained a number of stitches and was swollen big time. This time I'll relate a Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus encounter. I represented a golf club in southern Florida, Frenchman's Creek in North Palm Beach. Jack's management company, Golden Bear Management, handled this complex and Jack would practice and play there occasionally. We would go out to play a few after practice and hit a variety of shots, etc.

One early evening, the Number 1 Player in the World chili dipped a little wedge shot, then another. I was more astonished than he! We've all experienced this type of bad shot, and see it on TV with today's big boys

occasionally. But several in succession by Jack astounded me!

To his credit as a true champion, he adopted a new way to handle his interim wedge shots. Phil Rodgers, a friend and former Tour winner, had recently developed a 3 wedge system of clubs and a method to use them. Jack adapted this system and CONTINUED TO WIN! Sure, it looked unorthodox, and to us it was indeed unorthodox, but he pulled it off. I don't remember the time frame, but after a while, when his confidence in the old, preferred method of pitching returned, he came back to reality and continued his winning ways.

We all know this quality in sports or business; the true winners adapt and succeed. Jack surely exemplified that quality during his wedge dilemma, making a change then moving on to overcome the difficulty.

## MGA Happenings

By Vince Moreno

### August Tournament



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August Tournament continued



Closest to the Pin  
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September Tournament



First Place Winners: Ken Ghelli / Vince Moreno / Gordon Wall



Second Place Winners: Barry Moore/ John Miller / James Whitfield



Closest to the Pin Winner: Ken Ghelli

October Tournament



First Place Winners: Charlie Sabathe / Nick Viglianese / Gordon Wall



Second Place Winners: John Zimmerman / Barry Moore / Guy Rouse



Third Place Winners: Pat Daly /Tom Normyle / Bob Mantho



Closest to the Pin Winners: Pat Daly / Ed Easter



# To Buy or Not to Buy . . . When Do You Need Life Insurance?



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Presented by  
Greg Patterson and James Allen Canady

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Whether you need life insurance depends partly on your stage of life. If you're younger, you may have less need for coverage. As you move along the path in life, you'll likely have more of a need. And, as your responsibilities lessen, your need may decrease.

Here's a look at how your phase of life affects your life insurance needs.

## Young and Single

As a young adult, you likely don't depend on others for financial support. In most cases, your death wouldn't create a financial hardship for others, making life insurance a low priority.

You could argue that you should buy now! The cost of life insurance factors in several things, including your health. At this point in your life, rates will probably be low. Now, while this may be a valid argument if you're at higher risk for medical conditions (e.g., diabetes) later in life, for now, you may want to consider investing the money you'd spend on premiums.

Some exceptions to this include:

- **You have a mortgage or other loans with a cosigner.** Your death would leave them entirely responsible for the debt, so you may want insurance to cover this.
- **You have a child or you're supporting your parent/grandparent.** As they depend on you, life insurance could provide support for them if you were to die.

## Married . . . with Children (Or Without)

Married couples without children have little need for life insurance, especially if you both contribute equally to the household and don't have a mortgage.

Once you buy a home, though, it's a different story. Even if you both have well-paying jobs, the mortgage debt may be more than one person can handle on a single salary. And other debts, such as credit cards, can add to financial worries. In this situation, both of you should consider buying a modest amount of life insurance to provide financial support.

If you start a family, your life insurance needs are at their peak. In most cases, it's appropriate for both parents to have life insurance.

If your family has a single income, it is completely dependent on

that salary for financial security. In this case, both parents should carry enough life insurance to cover lost income or the economic value of lost services—like having to pay for childcare if the stay-at-home parent dies.

Dual-income families need life insurance, too, because it's likely the surviving spouse will suffer financial hardship keeping up with household expenses and childcare costs.

## Separation Anxiety

If you get a divorce, you'll need to decide what to do about your life insurance, both from a beneficiary and coverage perspective. Add in dependents and it becomes more complex.

Keep it simple. If you don't have children, it may be as simple as changing your beneficiary and adjusting your coverage.

Work it out. If you have children, the custodial and noncustodial parents will need to work out the details of your life insurance. You'll want to make sure your children—and not your ex-spouse—are provided for in the event of your death. This may mean purchasing a new policy or changing the beneficiary to your children. If you and your ex-spouse can't agree, the court will decide for you.

## Climbing the "Corporate" Ladder

So, how do career changes affect your life insurance needs? It's important to review your coverage whenever you leave your employer or start your own business.

When you leave your job, any employer-sponsored group life insurance coverage typically ends. Find out if you'll be eligible for group coverage with your new employer or look into purchasing coverage yourself. You may also be able to convert your group coverage to an individual policy; it may be more expensive, but it's a good choice if you have a pre-existing medical condition that may prevent you from buying life insurance coverage elsewhere.

You should review your coverage amount, too. Your policy may no longer be adequate, especially if you've incurred more debt and expenses. If you own a business, consider your business debt. If your business isn't incorporated, your family could be responsible for those bills if you die.

## The Golden Years

Ah . . . retirement! Once you hit these golden years, your life insurance needs may change again. If fewer people depend on you financially, your debts have been paid, and you have substantial financial assets, you may need less coverage than before. But it's possible that your life insurance needs will remain the same. The proceeds from your life insurance can be used to pay for your final expenses or to replace any lost income for your spouse (e.g., social security or a pension). Proceeds can even be used to pay estate taxes or as a charitable donation. Some folks who have required minimum distribution amounts over and above what they need as income decide to purchase life insurance in order to pass along assets tax-free to children or grandchildren.

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# Rotary Christmas Wreath Sale

Decorate for Christmas and help your community. The Rotary Club of Morehead City is accepting pre-sale orders for full, fresh and fragrant hand crafted 22" Fraser fir Christmas wreaths with red bows to be delivered direct from our Ashe County supplier on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28th. The cost for each wreath is \$30.



The proceeds from this sale support the community service work of Rotary including local charities Broad Street Clinic, Hope Mission, Backpack Buddies, Boy Scouts, Project Christmas Cheer, Carteret Community College President's Fund and much more. We thank you for your support of our annual Christmas wreath fundraiser.

Rotary is an international service organization of business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build peace and goodwill in the world.

Your wreath(s) may be preordered by visiting [www.rotarymhc.weebly.com](http://www.rotarymhc.weebly.com), completing the form and mailing your check. Credit card purchases can be completed by calling your Brandywine neighbor Barbara Johnson at 252-241-1152.

Extra wreaths, if available, may be purchased on November 28th, or December 4th and 5th in the parking lot of the old Kmart building from 10am until 4pm.

## To Buy or Not to Buy

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No matter what phase of life you're in, it's a good time to review your options and decide whether you need coverage and, if so, how much. If you have questions or need advice concerning life insurance, you may benefit by reaching out to a financial or insurance professional who can assist.

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## PetDocks Holiday Hazards and Our Pets

By Dr. Todd Worrell

During times of celebration, it is easy to overlook potential hazards to your pet's health and safety. To prevent mishaps, recognize these hidden dangers.

Most cats and young puppies enjoy playing with ribbons, string, and tinsel. Kittens and young dogs and cats tend to be more curious and playful, and appear to see these items as toys that need to be chased, pounced upon, chewed or swallowed. Once ingested, these objects can become tangled up in the intestinal tract. The rough or abrasive material rubs against the walls of the intestine, causing serious damage with each intestinal contraction. This scenario is often life threatening, requiring immediate surgery for correction.

Dangling cords of various types are tempting to pets that like to play with string, or those that are teething and are interested in chewing. Cats, puppies, and many smaller dogs have extremely sharp teeth that can easily penetrate the insulation around electric light cords or extension cords. This behavior can result in burns to the tongue or an electrical shock that could damage the lungs or heart.

Most of us have heard that chocolate can be dangerous for dogs and cats, and this is true! The degree of danger to our pets depends on the type and amount that a pet ingests. Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine, which has caffeine-like activities. Unsweetened or baking chocolate contains approximately 10 times the amount of this ingredient than does milk chocolate. Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning include increased excitability, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, and in some cases sudden death. In addition to chocolate, avoid exposure to raisins or grapes, macadamia nuts, and the artificial sweetener xylitol, or products that contain xylitol.

Plants belonging to the lily family are highly toxic to cats. Because of this risk, it is best to prevent your cat or kitten from chewing on peace lilies, Christmas lilies, or other plants belonging to this family. Other seasonal plants that are toxic to cats include daffodils, narcissi, and spring bulbs that are commonly 'forced' to bloom during the winter.

Despite popular belief, poinsettia is not specifically toxic, but can cause intestinal upset. Poinsettia sap can be irritating to the mouth and stomach. Some mistletoe species are toxic, causing liver failure or seizures, while other species are only irritating to the GI tract if ingested. It is wise to consider mistletoe to be a hazardous substance and keep it out of reach of pets and children.

Where possible, keep pets out of the kitchen during the hustle and bustle of the season. The last thing you want is for them to get underfoot and get burned or otherwise injured. Try to keep in mind that sudden diet changes and "treats," such as table food or scraps, are likely to upset a pet's stomach. Vomiting and diarrhea are common medical problems that veterinarians see, but especially between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Feeding leftovers that contain a lot of fat can cause stress and inflammation of the pancreas. Pancreatitis may require hospitalization and intensive medical treatment and can result in death. Also, if you leave an uncooked loaf of bread to rise on the counter, your dog may be unable to resist eating it. In the stomach, the bread can continue to rise and cause a complete obstruction of the GI tract. You should always make sure that nothing has been inadvertently left within your pet's reach.

## Community Fundraiser – 2021 Custom Cart Raffle

The Morehead City Noon Rotary Club is raffling this street-ready cart to support local in-need organizations. The Club has been raising money for the community for 40 years. All funds raised go back into the community. Contact Bill Hayes, a Brandywine resident, at 704-267-9998, 105 Fairway Dr. W. Call or text with the number of tickets you would like to buy. Bill will be happy to deliver to your home. Raffle drawing is November 30, 2021. Thank you.



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## Water Quality: My Water Smells - What Does it Mean?

Have you noticed a sulfur smell when you turn on the water at the sink, in the bath, and hot water? Do you sometimes see a pink residual in the bathtub or sink?

The water that comes to your tap actually contains small quantities of many substances. Most are beneficial, such as the appropriate amount of a disinfectant, like chlorine, that helps keep your water safe from germs and fluoride, which helps prevent tooth decay.

Carolina Water Service is required to follow all the state and federal water quality standards to provide our customers reliable water. This means we must treat the water before it gets to your home to remove potentially harmful bacteria.

**What is the primary reason the smell or the pink residue (which is bacteria) may happen?** Your water filtration system may be removing the chlorine or chloramines Carolina Water Service uses to treat your water. This may explain why your neighbor beside you or down the street, who is not using a water filtration system, has water that has no smell or residue.

**How can you prevent the smell and other issues from happening?** If you must have a water filtration system in your home, it is strongly suggested that you monitor the filters, change them frequently.

Filters are recommended to be checked and replaced every six to eight months by most manufacturers. If you have not checked your system or the filters, it is recommended to do so as soon as possible. It is a good practice to keep a replacement filter(s) on hand to make the switch helpful and easy.

Another common occurrence is a “rotten egg” odor. Many times, this is caused by a reaction between naturally occurring sulfates in the water and a corroded magnesium or aluminum anode rod in water heaters. To get rid of the odor, you’ll need to flush and disinfect your water heater tank and consider replacing the anode rod with a zinc or aluminum-zinc alloy rod, as they do not react negatively to sulfates.

Carolina Water Service receives calls to test customers’ water that smells or is cloudy. When the company sends an operator to your home to conduct the water quality test, the water is always taken from an outside spigot to obtain water before it reaches the in-home water filtration system. Over 95% of the tests reveal no signs of smell or cloudy appearance.

To seek more information about water and filtration system, check out the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water>.

## Air Conditioner Drip Pan Alarm

By Monica Sellars



Do you have trouble with your AC unit’s air handler drain becoming clogged and the drip pan filling with water? This happens to us every summer, and one year it even caused water to leak down from the attic through the smoke detector in our ceiling. Even if you have not experienced water damage like this, it is frustrating to have your AC turn itself off, usually at an inopportune time, due to a full drip pan. Draining and

cleaning a pan full of water is a truly unpleasant task.

So what can a handy homeowner do? First, keep an eye on your unit in the summertime, when the drain pipe is prone to clogging with gunk. We have had success cleaning the pipe by blowing air through it with a vacuum and pouring diluted bleach through it. Please check with your HVAC repair technicians for suggestions for your unit.

As a backup, you can also add a water leak alarm to the drip pan. These inexpensive alarms are battery operated, and they simply sit on the bottom of the pan. When water begins to accumulate in the pan, the sensor is activated and the alarm sounds. This is a great way to get an early warning of a drain problem before it becomes a major pain.

We purchased the Honeywell Home RWD21 Water Leak Alarm by Resideo from Amazon. It alerted us this year to a problem, so it has already proven its worth to us. Prepare yourself for next summer by getting your own alarm now.



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**“Let gratitude be the  
pillow upon which  
you kneel to say your  
nightly prayer. And let  
faith be the bridge you build  
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