



# The Seaside Gazette

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President's Message  
Drew Gillespie

March is here and should bring the hoped for spring weather. It can't happen soon enough. Spring is a time of renewal, both for the Earth and us. I, for one, am looking forward to all the nice things nice weather brings.

That nice weather also brings out the golf carts. Golf carts are both a curse and a blessing for us. I certainly enjoy mine. There is no better way to the beach. But they can be a safety hazard. Testifying before the SC House's Transportation Subcommittee, Mark Keel, director of the Department of Public Safety, expressed several safety concerns about golf carts. Quoting the Sun News, "Myrtle Beach police say the biggest problem officers see is underage drivers.

All legal operators of golf carts - and the firms who rent them to visitors - need to take seriously the law requiring a driver's license to operate a golf cart on city streets. It is not OK for your preteen grandson to take the wheel". We agree with the Sun News. Golf carts are fun but we need to resist the temptation to let underage grandchildren drive them. Children are not experienced drivers. Golf carts are not street ready and will

always lose in an accident with a car. Unfortunately, we also have a few reckless drivers in our neighborhood.

Golf carts driven by underage children and reckless car drivers taken together can spell disaster. Don't lose one of your grandchildren this way. And if you're one of those reckless drivers, please slow down.

Good news on gate security. A commercial truck entering through the main gate struck the exit gate. The gate was damaged and repair was required.

The driver did not attempt to contact us. The security vision system captured images of the truck, the driver, and the truck's

license plate. Chicora, working with the police, tracked down the owner who agreed to pay the repair costs. The security vision system continues to pay for itself. Our neighbor Frank Fleischer, who takes care of the system, reviewed the video to record the images. Thanks Frank.

Commercial trucks are not supposed to use the main gate. Signs are posted to

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this effect. However, some drivers use it anyway. The way the main gate is designed, it is very difficult for an entering large truck to make the turn through the gate without striking the column or exit gate. Contractors and other companies can get a card which opens the "back" gate. It only operates the "back" gate and will not open the main gate. The only way a commercial truck can come through the main gate is if someone lets him in or "buzzes" him in. If you are expecting a large truck, instruct them to use the back gate. When they call asking to be buzzed in, please make sure they are at the back gate. If you encounter a driver waiting at either gate, please do not open the gate for

them unless they are there for you. Any legitimate driver needing entrance has or should have a way to enter.

Treasurer Larry Shoffner wants you to know that the 2009 FYE information, 2010 Budget, and January 2010 financial report have been posted under the Financials Tab on our WEB site, [seasideplantationnmb.com](http://seasideplantationnmb.com). He will continue to post monthly financials as soon as available.

Lastly if you have any neighborhood concerns or questions, please call a Board member. See you around the neighborhood.

Drew



Lifestyle  
Barbara Hicks



## LIFESTYLE REPORT

There are several fun activities scheduled for March. We will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day party, where Kathi Massi will feature a typical Irish meal. We are going to continue with having the meal catered, so all you do is come, bring your own beverage, and enjoy the fellowship of your friends and neighbors. We will send out a flyer with more information and where you RSVP.

The National Collegiate Championship game and the Super Bowl Party were a blast and we hope these will become an annual event. The third TV activity planned is going to be a TV party to enjoy March Madness Basketball. Gary Kumerfield and his committee will plan appropriate food and you just have to show up, bring your favorite beverage,

and enjoy watching the Final Four Basketball tournament. As soon as we have the date and time of the tournament games, we will send out information. Another reminder! The Derby Day party, which will take place the first week-end in May, will feature a contest and a prize given for the best decorated "Derby Day" hat.

Even though the pool and spa are ready, we have not yet started heating the Spa due to the very cold weather. It is ready for use and we will begin heating as soon as more seasonable temperatures return. It is very costly to keep the Spa heated when the temperature is so low. Current plans are to have it open by the end of March, as surely it will be warm by then.

Barbara

## North Myrtle Beach Motorcycle Rally is Back On

Seems promoters Harold Worley and Mark Lazarus have figured out a way to have their May Motorcycle rally on Main Street after all, even without the support of a majority of City Council. A few of you have let me know you support this and want the rally on Main Street to occur. Congratulations. It looks like you will get your way. However, the vast majority of you have let me know that you vehemently oppose the nearby noise and are asking what can be done to stop it. The answer is very little. Worley and Lazarus have successfully used skullduggery to get their way.

Renowned local commentator Bob Bestler said in print "They (a few bikers) passed right beneath our condominium at 2nd Avenue and Ocean Boulevard and for a week or two, TVs could not be turned up loud enough to drown out the noise. It was worse at night, but no lullaby during the day. This year, you can multiply those relatively few bikes we encountered by a few thousand. Promoters, in fact, boast that as many as 10,000 could be converging blocks from our former home." I recommend you read his entire column in the Sun News.

To get around the protests of most citizens, Harley will operate out of an existing store front owned by Worley, which already meets any legal requirements. For this reason, it would seem the City Council can do nothing to stop it. But many believe there are some proactive things that can definitely be done to discourage, if not stop, the rally. Myrtle Beach certainly did much and they no longer have the noise and racket of a motorcycle rally. They could pass a helmet law. They can make sure the

organizers know the noise ordinance will be enforced. City staff is careful to say they have done nothing to encourage the rally. City spokeswoman Nicole Aiello says "Nothing has been done to push this into motion on the city's part other than a conversation. If it does happen, it will fall within the legal ordinances that the city already has and within their legal right as business owners within the city." Well, that sounds encouraging to me. But never mind. The main point is our city leaders can do something to discourage the rally, and seem of a mind to do that.

North Myrtle Beach noise ordinance says "It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be continued any excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, within the limits of the city." That's pretty strong. Strong enough that I will be calling the police often during the rally requesting they enforce the law. You might consider doing the same. Seems to me we could rightfully expect the law to be enforced.

Worley is a current Horry County Councilman and Lazarus is a former one. Lazarus has also publicly stated he is running for Chairman of the County Council. Our only real strength is in the ballot box; we need to make sure we vote for and support candidates who have in their hearts the best interests of the residents they serve, in both the city and county elections. Watch carefully the actions, or lack thereof, of our local elected officials, and remember it at election time.

Drew

Read More in the Sun News

Main Article <http://www.thesunnews.com/2010/03/05/1350760/harley-to-be-in-nmb-during-may.html>

Bob Bessler Column <http://www.thesunnews.com/2010/03/06/1352816/nmb-is-in-for-may-high-jinks.html>

**This is the Sunny South??**

**The Denny crew had a great time building this snowman at the beach!**



**Restaurant review  
Barbara Hicks**

**Hoskins**

If you have not yet met Hoskins on Main Street in NMB, please let me introduce you. This restaurant is our “Cheers” (minus the bar) where you go and expect to see someone you know. Many locals are convinced they could not buy and prepare the same food as well or as inexpensively as having the pleasure of eating at Hoskins. Their daily fare begins with a wonderfully varied menu for breakfast, where you get everything from eggs, pancakes and the fluffiest biscuits you’ll ever eat. The luncheon and dinner menus feature several choices of meats and a choice of 3 vegetables. There is plenty of good old country cooking and a lot more. If you have any room left they always feature a couple of homemade pies that are incredible. You may need to get

there early on Tuesdays and Thursdays to make sure you get a slice of the Coconut cream pie made from the more than 60 year old recipe by Leona Hoskins. You can always get a piece to go.

The current owner is Tina Yates, granddaughter of the founder and who is a third generation owner. Her daddy was J. Byran Floyd, who was the mayor of NMB from 1974 until 1980. Tina began working there when just 13 and has maintained the wonderful family atmosphere you immediately feel upon entering the door. Hoskins is open 7 am to 9 pm Tuesday through Saturday and 7 am to 2:30 pm Sunday. See you there.

**Barbara**



People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote - a very different thing.

**Walter H. Judd**



**Here's to You  
Harry Walker**



**Spanish Wines**

**With wine and hope, anything is possible  
Spanish Proverb**

**Marlene and I have just returned from two weeks in Spain and Portugal and the stories that you may have heard about their not shipping their best wine out of Spain are true.**

**To say that wine is the national drink of Spain would almost be an understatement. There are few places, other than fast food restaurants, that do not serve wine with meals and the price of a glass of house red will probably be cheaper than buying a Coke.**

**There are over 600 wine varieties produced in Spain but, unfortunately, due to time constraints, we were only able to try ten or twelve of the most popular .The average Spaniard drinks about 38 liters of wine each year.**

**My personal favorite, Tempranillo, is a dark, full bodied red wine that rivals our Cabernet Sauvignon and ages well in oak like Cabernet. The nose has hints of plums, berries and herbs. It is believed that the grape was brought to America by the Spanish Conquistadores but due to its fragile nature did not do well here. My next favorite is Monastrell. Monastrell is also an intense red wine that, when young,**

**is high in tannins. Much of the production of this wine is from old, low yielding vines and is generally softened by blending with Sirahs and Cabernet Sauvignons. In Spain a bottle of Pedro Louis Martinez Monastrell blend can be purchased for about four Euros or about 5 to 6\$ American. You can expect to pay 10 to 12\$ for this wine in the U.S. If buying Spanish wine from a major producer you may want to check the labels for the following quality ratings:**

<b>Crianza</b>	<b>House or Table Wine</b>
<b>Reserva</b>	<b>Full Bodied, Concentrated</b>
<b>Gran Reserva</b>	<b>Only the Best</b>

**The white wines are also reported to rival the quality of our California whites but time and personal consumption limitations did not permit our really testing these.**

**If you have faith in the rating of the ratings of experts like Robert Parker you can buy a bottle of red Spanish wine with his rating of 89 to 92 points for slightly over \$10.00. But as always its beauty is in the eye of the beholder or the preference of the taster.**

**Have your own Cata de Vinos.(Wine Tasting) Disfrutar (Enjoy)**

**Harry**

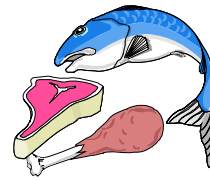
**Book Club**

**Polly Shoffner reports the Book Club will meet on March 16th, 7pm, at the club house. The book is "The Last Song" by Nicholas Sparks. Carol Adams will be our host, rsvp to her at caroladams@sc.rr.com**



## Recipe Corner

### Spicy Pork Tenderloin



#### Ingredients:

1 Tbsp sweet paprika  
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper  
4 cloves garlic  
1 tsp seasoning salt  
1 tsp dried oregano  
1/2 tsp salt  
4 oz Tempranillo wine  
3 Tbsp olive oil  
8 thin slices pork tenderloin  
3 to 4 Tbsp olive oil for frying

#### Preparation:

This recipe makes 4 servings.

Peel and finely mince garlic. Mix minced garlic with paprika, cayenne pepper, oregano, salt, white wine and olive oil in a plastic storage bag. Seal and shake to mix well. Place pork loin slices into the bag, seal and massage to spread the spice mixture all over the pork. Marinate in refrigerator overnight.

To cook, pour 3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil into a large frying pan and heat on medium. When hot, fry loin slices in pan. Remove and serve with rustic bread and roasted peppers. This spicy dish goes well with the Tempranillo wine reviewed by Harry.

Drew



## Geek Speak Frank Fleischer

### Continuation of tech devices started in January

3D. Three-D televisions are undergoing tests as we speak. Some use several layers to provide depth, some use shutter glasses to rapidly switch the left and right eye to add depth (a high quality Geek version of the simple glasses that theaters now use). In ten years, we will think of 2D movies the way we thought about black and white versus color television a half century ago.

USB 3.0. This will change everything and not soon enough. USB is the general purpose connector on your computer that allows you to connect to a lot of things like your flash or thumb drive. Most printers connect to computers with a USB 2.0 connector. If you have an external hard drive, it uses a USB 2.0 connector. "So

what." you ask? Two changes are happening in the next three years. First, the USB connector has been selected as the standard connection for all cell phones. All your cell phones will be obsolete (nothing new there that happens every year). No more unique charge cables--all the same. I predict this will migrate to the same cable for MP3 players, navigation devices, cameras .....everything. USB can transfer both information and power. One connector type does it all! Second, USB 3.0 is the new standard that can handle more power (almost 1.0 amp!) and ten times more speed in data transfer than its predecessor. This will totally change computer and electronic connections. No unique video, audio, or other connectors.

Computers will need only USB 3.0 cables. We will only need one cable type, life will be good. Google 'USB 3' to see the new connector. An adapter is required to be backward compatible with USB 2.0.

All together now. Now imagine, phones, cameras, computers, e-readers, music, navigation, television, games, personal libraries everything on one portable device. We are almost there with the newest phones. Using a common USB 3 cable, plug the 'All Together Device (ATD)'

into a large screen to watch with your family. Or, everyone can watch the same program individually on their own ATD with a wireless connection, while reading the newspaper and playing video games. I think we will call this e-togetherness of e-families in our e-world.

If you are not ready for all this e-tech, go live in some gated community where you can hide and read your favorite novel, slowly turning each paper page. Hey you guys are brilliant, you've got that covered.

Frank



**Golf League**  
**Dan Boarman, George Alala**

The Golfers have manfully braved the cold of winter. The league continued play through all the cold months and it looks like their perseverance will pay off. The league plays Wednesday and the forecast is 68 degrees and sunny! Congratulations guys.

There were eight golfers who slogged through the wet conditions to play on March 3rd. We used a new format, skins, per the request of Gary Kumerfield. And

of course you can guess the outcome of the games. Mr. Kumerfield won 5 skins, followed by Dan Boarman with three. Additional skins were won by Frank Fleischer and Jeff Adams.

Two of our members have had knee replacements and are doing well. Harold Johnson had one knee replaced and "superman" George Alala had two done at the same time.

Dan

There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.

Will Rogers



## Seaside Plantation March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 7:00 Couples Bridge	4 1:00 Card Club	5	6
7	8	9 Men's Golf	10 6:30 Men's Cards	11 1:00 Card Club	12	13 St. Patrick's Day Party
14	15 3:00 Board Meeting	16	17 Men's Golf 7:00 Couples Bridge	18 1:00 Card Club	19	20
21	22	23	24 6:30 Men's Cards	25 1:00 Card Club	26	27
28	29	30	31			