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It has been great meeting so many new people over the past several weeks. Please visit my website at [www.walterfreeman.org](http://www.walterfreeman.org) for more information.

I believe my **success and hard work ethic** will benefit the City of Tybee. I have clearly outlined my beliefs at the public forum and at [www.walterfreemen.org](http://www.walterfreemen.org). I have provided several real ideas the city can implement to increase revenue which will benefit the residents and the city, all while **lowering traffic and increasing families' and resident's quality of life.**

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## From the **EDITOR**

Hey kids!!! Happy November and isn't it a blessing that we are here for it? Tybee continues to amaze me with its residents, vibe and just an overall WAHOO!!!! WE LIVE HERE!!! Can you imagine being anywhere else on this planet? I wonder how other people do it. We live in not only Paradise, but we are surrounded by individuals that will literally give you the shirt off their back. Yes, we may squabble and have a few spats here and there, but when it comes down to the damn nitty gritty, we got this. I have lived in many different places, but I have never seen anything like the guts of what Tybee is made of.

This November edition is dedicated to just being thankful and happy. November also offers the best holiday ever!! I love me some Thanksgiving. Food, on top of food, and making more food. No presents required. Just eat. It's one of those holidays where you can drink yourself silly, eat yourself silly and just be a grateful human being with those you love. What could be better than that??? Well, other than the dishes. I just had an epiphany! Do not do the dishes! Throw them all away and go buy new dishes. Perfect November! Let's just sit back and enjoy the cooler weather (HA) and take stock of where we are.

I am over the moon to announce this month's winner of the **Traveling Beachcomber!** We have finally made it to **Russia!!!** Now, don't get all political on me. I'm thrilled that we have become so international (except Rudy)!!! **Kathy Black-Dennis** and her hubby **Gary** have gotten us there! St. Basil's Square and Lenin's Tomb!!! How cool is that! The greatest part is they met a couple in Moscow from Montreal, Canada who had stayed on Tybee! It's a small world and I am delighted that y'all are here with us at this time and place sharing this adventure of 2017! Kathy and Gary, y'all are off to A-J's!! Love that place and I'm down if you need company! Call me!

So, grab a hand and say a thanks. Now, go make me a cocktail and let's get our read on!!



# BIZZ BUZZ

By Alaina Loughridge

## TYBEE TEETH



I know how y'all feel about the dentist. I feel the same way. Ugh. However, I also know the way y'all feel about your teeth. I feel the same way. I like them and I want to keep them in my head. The only way to keep your teeth in your head and in good working condition is to go to the DENTIST! YIKES!!! The good news is Tybee has the best dentist in all the land! **Dr. Jessanna Smith** at **Tybee Teeth** is our girl and she makes visiting not as uncomfortable as your imagination has lead you to believe. Here is her story:

After receiving her degree and license to practice, Dr. Jessanna started out in Hilton Head, but always dreamed of Tybee and wanted to start her own practice right here. On May 21, 2010, her dream became a reality and she is now running full steam ahead with a terrific crew: Linda Tran, Hygenist, Ashley Watkins, Dental Assistant, Jamie Hill, Dental Hygenist, Cheryl McCaw-Brantley, Office Manager, and Trisha Lewis-Clark, Dental Coach. These ladies are a very tight-knit professional group that are not just part of a dentist office, they are Tybee family!

I have been going to Tybee Teeth pretty much since inception and I completely feel like family every time I walk in the door. I was there when Dr. J was pregnant with Henley (now four years old) and Harrison (now two years old). I have met the hubby, Richard, and I know all the staff too. They know my problems (drills and panic attacks) and are prepared to deal with me every time I walk in the door. Their lives are a part of my life because they actually care about their patients and are genuinely interested in their welfare. With doctors and dental offices becoming more impersonal throughout the times, I actually enjoy going to Tybee Teeth because they are family.

I go to Tybee Teeth for regular cleanings, but they offer so much more. It truly is a full service dental practice. Dentures, partials, crowns,

bridges, fillings, whitening and brightening, veneers, as well as being an Invisalign provider. Most insurance is welcomed and Tybee Teeth is also a Care Credit provider. New patients are ALWAYS welcome and if you are not sure what is going on, you are more than welcome to call and make an appointment for a consult.

No need to put off getting back on track with your dental care. Dr. J and her incredible team will put you right at ease and make you look forward to stopping in for a visit! If you have any questions about your dental care or would like a second opinion on your treatment, they can set up a consultation to review and address all of your concerns. Call Tybee Teeth and get your clean on! They are located at 1018 US Hwy 80 (that is Butler, folks) and you can call them at 912-786-9433. Additionally, if you are not a local, do not worry, Dr. J and her staff will greet our visitors with the same love as they do the locals.

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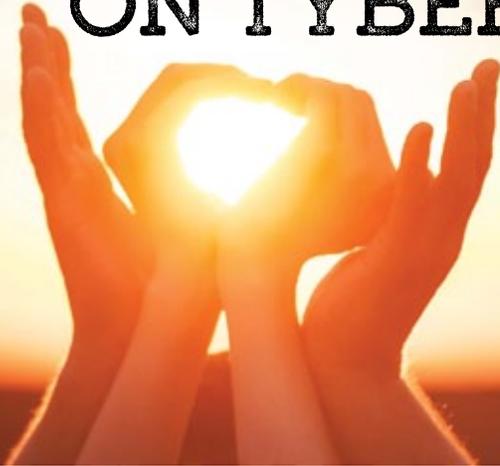
## Tybee Island Bucket List

- Tybee for the Holidays
- Walk the beach
- Collect seashells and shark teeth
- Visit the Tybee Island Lighthouse and Fort Screven
- Watch a sunrise and a sunset on the beach
- Go on a dolphin tour
- Visit Fort Pulaski
- Go Fishing! (deep sea fishing, surf fishing, pier fishing)
- Rent a golf cart
- Visit the Marine Science Center
- Ride the bike path
- Go surfing, boogie boarding, paddle boarding
- Rent a kayak (and use it)
- Go shopping in our many unique shops
- Check out our great restaurants and bars
- Take in a live performance or movie at The Tybee Post Theater
- Go see a live theater production at the Black Box Theater
- Stroll through our Park of 7 Flags (at the end of Hwy. 80)
- Enjoy people watching (we have a lot of characters here)
- Relax!!
- Remember to leave only your footprints

# Thankful

ON TYBEE

By Hollie Sessoms



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fter the floods have receded and the damage has been tallied and the repair work has begun, the only thing you have left to do is be thankful.

Sometimes thankfulness doesn't come easy. Sometimes we need a reason, a push, to look at all the blessings in our life. Sometimes a holiday can come at just the right time, just when we couldn't go another step, slogging on in the same direction. Sometimes we can just decide to be thankful right here and right now.

This Thanksgiving will probably be hard for many of us on Tybee. "I don't even have walls yet, am I supposed to be thankful for that?" you might cry. And yes, I say, yes, even for this, even for this ruined home, I am thankful.

A quick glance at all the people who came together on Tybee to help in the time after the flood, will give anyone a reason to be thankful - from those who donated meals and their precious time to those who donated furniture - how can we not be thankful? Times of crisis are so powerful and so precious because they show us the humanity in all of us—the well of warmth and kindness that is just looking for a place to be put to use.

Besides, who even wants a perfect Thanksgiving? Who even remembers the ones with the succulent turkey and fluffy mashed potatoes and relatives who behaved themselves? I'll take the one where I drank too much wine and filled up on deviled eggs before the turkey was done and fell asleep at 6:00 with my pants undone and the burned sweet potato casserole still sitting on the countertop, uneaten.

"But I don't even have countertops!" you might yell.

Perfect! Do something wild and different this Thanksgiving. Go out to eat Mexican food, pilgrims and Indians be damned. And yes, even for this, even for this Thanksgiving meal of beans and rice, be thankful.

The table is the perfect place to put all your cares and worries and leave with something bigger and better. Come to the table to sit and be thankful for the peace and plenty in your life. Come to the table to serve someone else and be thankful for the opportunity to show your love. Come to the table to pray. Come to the table to laugh. Come to the table this Thanksgiving and just be.

If you can't be thankful for what you have, be thankful for what you don't have. Be thankful for all the terrible fates that did not fall on you. Whatever has happened to you, it could always be worse. "I once cried because I had no shoes," Helen Keller said, "until I met a man who had no feet."

And we are here right now, and we are here together, and we are stronger now than we ever have been. And for that, I'm thankful.

## Protect Yo (Digital) Self

Last month I talked about how to get rid of those annoying ads & search results that follow you around to every website, and if you remember, all the way to my parent's house. Yikes. Ads are one thing, but protecting yourself digitally is another! I have a lot of baby boomers ask me about social media & how to stay digitally savvy to avoid scams. Scammers target this age group and older because it's more difficult for them to detect a scam over the typical digital norms. If you are a savvy senior, then we applaud you! I have a friend who is an international airline pilot and he recently told me that there was more technology in a current iPhone than there was in a plane's navigation system. As scary as that sounds, we'll chalk it up to actually being rocket science! Each day 10,000 baby boomers turn 65, so if you are one of thousands of baby boomers who love to use your phone to shop, facetime with the grandbabies, or check the weather & scores, you need to make sure you have an understanding of what's out there and what you can do to protect yo self.

- **Passwords!** This is one of the biggest problems for some of my senior clients! Yes, every site wants you to have a username and password. You are probably one of two kinds of password people. 1.) You use the same password for everything or 2.) You use a different password for each site, never remember it, and change it every time you log in. Am I right? If you are a #1 person, please change your password today if it involves your name, address, or is less than 6 characters. The process of how hackers get your password is long and boring so just make sure you have a good one with some random #s, or !&\$@ symbols. If you are a #2 person, use a password manager that promises to encrypt, store, and update passwords for you.

- **I don't like public potties and I don't like public Wifi!** Unsecured public Wifi is a cesspool for hackers & scammers. Connecting to an unsecured Wifi network is like sitting on a port-a-potty bare ass after a 3 day outdoor festival in the middle of July. So hopefully that sensory overload will prevent you from ever connecting to an unsecured Wifi again. When connecting, the Wifi will say open and you will not have to use a password to get in. Because there is no privacy setting to get in, you act as a middleman between the hacker and anything you do while connected. Checking your bank account, email, or anything you do on an open wifi network is vulnerable to cyber-attack. Airports are the most dangerous of all open wifis. Just don't do it.

- **The Email from Hell.** Whatever your email scenario is, the fact is that everyone will be face-to-face with some sort of scam via email. Some of the emails will be from people you know! Some will be from companies you do business with or owe money to. Here are some major clues you should look for when questioning authenticity of an email.

1. **Social Security, Credit Card #s, or passwords will NEVER be asked for over email.** EVER! If you have recently given this information out via email or phone, you should immediately report it to Federal Trade Commission at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov).

2. **Emails from a foreign prince or mothers asking for a check wire transfer.** I can't even believe this still exists. It was one of the 1st scams and the fact that people still fall for it, sad. This scam targets your financial information

3. **Emails from people or companies you know with a single clickable blue link.** Sometimes the subject of the email is, "Hi! Check this out!" And when you see that from someone you know, it's natural to want to click on it. A general rule of thumb is double check with the person who allegedly sent it to make sure it's legit. If you accidentally click on this link, change all your passwords immediately, starting with your email.

Additional & preventative information about how to avoid scams can be found on any tech savvy website. So on that note, protect yo digital self and keep your butt off the seat!



## Remnants of Irma

Unless you have been a victim of Hurricane Irma and/or Hurricane Matthew (in my case both), you have no idea how it feels when you return from your evacuation and open the door to your beloved home, only to discover that not only is your home ruined, but also most of your possessions. It's such an overwhelming feeling of despair.

When you finally get your senses together, you begin the process of going through everything you own. You save what can be saved and the rest of your worldly possessions go curbside to the trash.

I'm not going to spend my time ranting about hurricanes. Been there (twice). Done that. What I want to talk about are the unthoughtful people who waste no time in driving down your street, stop in front of your (and your neighbor's) house and start foraging through everything you own, load your stuff up and drive away. I've seen truckloads of stuff – furniture, appliances, knickknacks, clothes, etc. – hauled off right in front of my eyes. I've seen people on bikes stop and check out my stuff and take what can be hauled off on a bicycle. I've seen people with their golf carts loaded. In fact, one lady on her golf cart had so much stuff packed in her cart that half of her butt was hanging off while she was driving! Then there are those people who have no respect for your stuff or your property, tear open trash bags of clothes and miscellaneous items, go through and take what they want and leave the rest of your belongings scattered all over your yard.

Now I love free stuff as much as the next person. But come on people, have a little respect for the people who just had to throw out everything they own, only to watch it snatched up as quickly as it is put out. I'm reminded of Hurricane Harvey that hit the Houston area right before we got hit with Irma. Those Texans didn't take too kindly to the people who came looting in their neighborhoods. They even made signs, "*You loot, we shoot.*" Now we on Tybee don't go that far. We are pretty easygoing here. But unless you've gone through the trauma of losing all your worldly possessions, you don't know what it feels like to watch the stuff you have spent your hard earned money on being hauled off.

They say that 'one man's trash is another man's treasure,' but keep in mind next time (God forbid) a hurricane or flood hits our beloved island that 'the trash you are picking up WAS your neighbor's treasure.'

Then there is my friend, Joey. His house got flooded too. He's tired. Tired of talking about his house. Tired of talking about hurricanes. He knows that people mean well, but when you get asked for the one thousandth time about your house, you just don't want to talk about it anymore. He's come up with a new line next time someone asks how his house is: "*Why don't you just ask your sister how my house is?*" Haha! Love you Joey.

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**Fiscal Responsibility**

- Keeping your property taxes low

**Private Property Rights**

- Vacation rentals support Tybee's economy
- Historical preservation through education not government mandate

**Common Sense**

- Enforce existing laws before adding new ones

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# Heartfelt Thanks

By Jimmy Prosser

For health, for love, for care, and support. Be thankful Tybee is your home. Be thankful for the community and the friendships. Be thankful we're all here. In times like this, after Irma, and previously, after Matthew. It is overwhelming the amount of love and support that come from our hearts to our neighbors, our friends, and our loved ones. We at the Beachcomber, and as Tybee locals, want to take a moment to share a special thank you to each and every one of you for your efforts after Hurricane Irma. So, from the bottom of our hearts, here's a shout out (and we apologize that we are not able to name everyone - but that doesn't mean your efforts have gone unnoticed) to everyone that stepped up in this time of need:

- **Tybee Strong Facebook Group**, with **Jeremy Riberdy and Carter Metts**, who have organized countless furniture donations.
- **Calvin Ratteree**, at **Nickie's**, for hosting furniture donations, as well as feeding us, along with **Huc-A-Poo's Eric and Heather Thomas**.
- The **IGA** for working diligently to reopen and help us to restock our homes.
- **Anthony Debrecey** of **The Deck** and **The Collin's Quarter** for filling a U-Haul full of furniture and **Renee Mason** for storing it all.
- **Savannah Area Relators** for purchasing countless new mattresses to give to families who had nothing left.
- **The Patel's**, owners of **The Dunes**, for gifting rooms to volunteers here to help our residents at their time of need.
- **Carroll & Carroll Construction** - That's right, the company who just repaved First, Butler, and Hwy 80, stopped work and paid all their employees to help clean out and tear out homes.
- **The Legion** and **Post Theatre** for hosting fundraising events.
- The **residents** of **Spanish Hammock** who provided meals to the

families with nothing to eat.

- **Chris Garbett**, for organizing a laundry drive for the families who didn't have the time or option to take care of it themselves.
- **Breezy Riders** for staying on the island and checking on all of our homes.
- **Jenn Knox** for closing the **Sand Bar**, to allow her employees to get out and help their fellow neighbors.
- **Georgia Power**, I cried driving onto the island as I passed you working so hard to get our livelihoods restored.
- **Jenny Orr, Caldwell Cottage, The American Red Cross, The Salvation Army**, thank you.
- **Hotel Tybee, The Red Hat Ladies**, thank you.
- **The Tybee Island Police Department** and **Tybee Island Fire Department** for keeping our homes safe, our people safe, and furthermore putting themselves in danger to protect our property and us.
- **The City of Tybee** for keeping us informed and up-to-date.
- **Jason Buelterman** for not resigning when realistically no other mayor has ever had TWO Federally Declared Disasters in 11 months on this island.
- To all the **locals, churches, bars, restaurants** and **shops**, thank you.
- To those who prefer to remain **anonymous**, we know who you are.
- To **friends, volunteers, visitors, relatives**, and **strangers**. Thank you for your efforts. They have not gone unnoticed. We appreciate and love you all from the bottom of our hearts. **YOU are what makes Tybee ... Tybee.**

# Bartender of the MONTH



By Alaina Loughridge - Photo by Wen McNally

Usually I know what's up before I walk into an interview. I know the person and I have a good jist of what to expect. Well, this is a first for me as I knew this guy in passing, but not really. Imagine my delight to meet the biggest smile on Tybee!! **Robby Blanks** is that man and you can find him at the **Rock House Bar & Grill**. What a legitimate nice guy! It was a pleasure to sit down with this smile and find out what is going on with Mr. Robby Blanks! Here is his story.

Born and raised in Ventura, California, Robby was raised with his two brothers and did his school thing as we all do. Graduating from high school, Robby went straight into the silk screen and embroidery business. After eight years, the business closed and as one door does that, another door opens. The Navon Clan (which he is a cousin of) called, and as the family is so very close-knit, asked him to come to Tybee for the summer to just check it out and see what was what. Well, that was in 2011. Starting out as a busboy, Robby quickly

moved up the ranks from server to bartender to manager. Must have been that smile!

Happily married to Diana, with little son Mason, Robby is living the dream! Naturally, I had to ask the most important **Questions of Life:**

**Tybee Life:** Since 2011 (you do the math - I've been drinking)

**Passion:** Family

**When he grows up:** Become a professional poker player! And yes he's good!

**Spirit Animal:** He had a tough time with this one, but we agreed on a **Laughing Hyena**. Always laughing and smiling. Perfect!

Robby's go to drink is the **Robby B Energizer!** I know the ingredients, but I'm not telling. Order it and you will have zero regrets ... until the next day!!! Good stuff.

So Robby is going to keep on keeping on here on our rock of paradise. You can catch him Wednesday through Sunday slinging drinks and doing his thing. While you are there, check out the Hookah Lounge next door. Rock House also offers karaoke Sunday through Thursday with live music on Thursdays as well. Food is served seven days a week from 11am to 3am. So go see that fantastic contagious smile that Robby rocks and get your Energizer.

You will hate him tomorrow... in a good way.



# Breezin' AROUND WITH RON

By Ron Goralczyk



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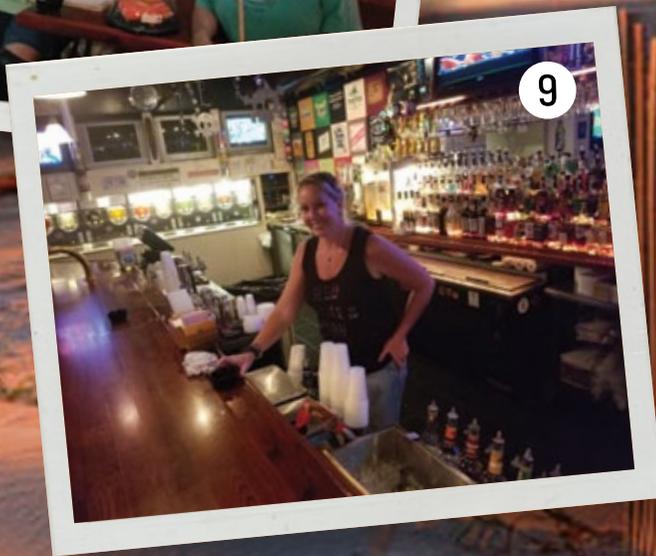
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1 Last year **Jimmy** got a broken nose for his birthday. I was rolling down 80 and saw him lying flat on his back. Breezy did a U-turn and picked him and his broken nose up. This year it looks like he got a lap dance.

2 There is always a very local crowd at **14th and Butler**. I love it when they call my name and start cussing like sailors. I always look at the people eating, the looks on their faces are priceless.

3 Wednesday nights at **Huc-a-Poos** are for **Name that Tune**. Breezy team vs everyone else. **Eric** and **Heather** come up with some really good categories. If you haven't played, come give it a try.

4 You may know **Daniel** from **Tybee Weed Wackers** and you may know Daniel from **Sundae Cafe**. I can testify that Daniel can shoot a pretty damn good game of pool.

5 **Katherine** took the liberty to take pictures. Thanks because I had every intention to do it myself and forgot. I really have no recollection of being there that night.

6 I can tell by **Joey's** shirt the game is already over. To be honest I don't remember this picture and have no idea why I am snarling.

7 These guys are the Breezy cheering section. **Johnny** and **Cheryl** are my neighbors and their friends, **Danny** and **Tiger**, from California. Get your filthy hands off my girl **Joe T!**

8 **Michelle** and **Tootie** are in charge of the pool tournament at the **Quarter**. Word to the wise - you better bring your A Game. If you see Tootie, close her left eye, it's over.



**9** We had the pleasure of the beautiful **Bethany** bartending. She and her husband **Steve** were the **King and Queen of Pirate Fest** this year. Their customers were awesome.

**10** Look out for this team. **Sara, Tim, Candace, Amanda and Robin** make up the **Tybee Time** team. Had an excellent time playing them. Good game, good darts.

**11** **Larry and Joey** were pounding the Jameson shots waiting on their turn to throw some darts. We all play a little better with a little Irish whiskey.

**12** Speaking of football, **Tracey** loves her Cowboys and **Debbie** and **Tyler** are Giants fans. Being an Eagles fan myself I am loving the season so far. Go Eagles! Nice photo bomb **Joey**.

**13** Getting back to Normal means Football on Sunday and darts on Monday night. **Clint, Debra, Ann and Marsha** were at **Tybee Time**. My team found out they were there to root for the Tybee Time team. We couldn't have that so I made them go home.

**14** Here I am in the very wee hours of the morning, trying to get the last ride of the night. The **Poo Crew** is always a pleasure to pick up, even at 5am.



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**This month I've been asked by an anonymous city council candidate, and they bring up a valid question: Why do screen doors on Tybee open out, when it would be much easier to fall IN if you were drunk?**

That's a great question! And it gave me a great idea! Since a lot of residents are now being flooded with handouts from FEMA and MASSIVE Payouts from their private insurance companies, I'd thought I would walk you through the best improvements and repairs to make with your newfound suitcase of cash!

**Screen Doors** - I am not a scientist, though I frequently claim to be one before doing something stupid or dangerous. To upgrade your house to have an inward opening door, we need to get down to the basics. Hinges. The hinge bone is connected to the door bone, and the door bone is connected to the wall bone. I believe if you flip the hinge it will Work the opposite way. Or maybe it won't. I actually can't picture this one in my head.

**Tile Floors** - Stop with the carpet people. Just don't do it. Buy a rug. Choose tile (not hardwood, hardwood can warp under feet of salty flood water). When you pick a tile, always start laying it from all 4 walls and meet in the middle. This allows you to get creative, maybe even mosaic this bitch up when your project fails to align (*Fun Fact #1: Just like my hopes and dreams*).

**Sheet Rock/Dry Wall** - Are they the same thing? Just like Big Foot, UFO's and Manatees, no one knows for sure. But we can speculate. As you repair the walls in your home, allow me to make this recommendation. Start about 3 feet off the ground. That way when the next storm rolls in you can point and laugh at it because it was unable to damage your walls (or lack thereof). If you think that would look weird ask Carolyn McGarry Williams, she took my advice after Hurricane Matthew, and have you seen how good looking her children are? For real though.

**Roofing/Shingles** - Slate Tiles? NOT HURRICANE PROOF. Ask my neighbor. Metal Roof? NOT HURRICANE PROOF. Standard Shingles? NOT HURRICANE PROOF. Just don't even try. The roof on my house was partially repaired after Hermine, completely replaced after Matthew, completely replaced two months later for being poorly installed, partially repaired in May, and again in September, prior to and directly after Irma. Skip the roof. They don't work! If your roof is too securely attached to the house, it will rip off in one piece and destroy/ruin everything! (*Fun Fact #2: Just like my hopes and dreams*).

**Electrical Sockets** - Keep them high like your grandmother on glaucoma medication. Start a trend - ceiling sockets. I can picture it now. Walking into a house with iPhones dangling from taped up white cords attached to the ceiling. Families ducking, and dodging iPads, and the ceiling dreaded laptop. Do blenders work upside down? Probably.

**Appliances** - Skip the microwave, they're unhealthy (*Fun Fact #3: I believe*

*that's the only real advice I've ever given*). Buy a stove but keep it upstairs. The refrigerator works better in the living room. And don't bother with a washer and a dryer, I've seen what most of you wear. Just throw all your clothes out.

**Lighting** - Invest in something LED, regular lightbulbs belong in closets. If you don't have a light in your closet, stop reading and go get a better job until you can afford to put lights in your closet. Use soft lighting, and as one of those metrosexuals I hear so much about, I have one word for you: dimmer switch. Ugly guest? Turn the lights down. Trying to get Papa to trip so you can inherit his life savings? Turn the lights down. Someone sexy comes to your door? Turn the lights down so they can't tell what a mess you actually are.

**Decor** - Home Goods. That's it.

**Plumbing** - Build a giant shower. The more shower heads you have is directly related to the size of your ... er feet, yes feet. Put 47 heads in your shower. Invite me over. I'm OCD, I shower five times a day. I'm not even sure what a dry towel is. If you want to come off as fancy, but are on a budget, a garden hose with a "jet" nozzle can be used in lieu of a bidet. Just make sure your bathroom walls are easy to wipe down.

**Building Material** - Wood is great, but it doesn't grow on trees. Which means oftentimes we have to use other materials. I happen to live in a fortress, my interior walls are brick, the exterior shell is cinderblock, and there's concrete board covering that. I also have aluminum foil over my windows. But that's to help with the voices, and has nothing to do with rough carpentry. If you're anal like the person who built my home, try using everything you can to solidify the structure.

**Paint** - THIS ISN'T KEY WEST. No pink. No teal. Stop. You're hurting my eyes. I can't take it anymore.

It is my biggest wish that this advice has helped you. And that you will all invite me over for tacos in your new houses! Tune in next month for an exciting new episode of **Bad Advice from a Beach Bum!**



## WRITER'S BLOCK

This month's featured writer is none other than our very own **Jimmy Prosser!** Jimmy can be found on most days at **Bubba Gumbo's**, where he will make your dining experience a delight. I don't know if Jimmy knows this (so please don't tell him), but we here at the Beachcomber bless the day that he started writing for us. He writes several articles for us each month, including Feature Stories, Monthly Rants, and one certain article that must not be named. A word of advice for our faithful readers: Don't take any bad advice from this beach bum!

**Most Important Questions of Life:**

**Tybee Life:** 3 years

**My Passion:** Friends, dining out, and wine (whine?)

**When I grow up I want to be:** Rich, skinny or dead. I don't care. Pick one.

**My Spirit Animal:** Panda Bear - they are cute, cuddly, funny, universally beloved, and they eat all day.



# American Legion

By George Walker - Commander American Legion Post 154

We've made it through Pirate Fest, Halloween (somewhat lessened by Hurricane IRMA) and the Georgia/Florida football game. Now it's time for Veteran's Day with a parade in Savannah, followed by Thanksgiving and the great food that goes with it.

On Veteran's Day visit the "Circle of Freedom" on Butler Avenue and

take the time to think about where we would be without our servicemen. Remember the past, with so many veterans from World War II (only a few are left), Korea and Vietnam dying every day. Remember Grenada, Panama, and the Gulf War which has taken the lives of so many servicemen.

Remember the War on Terror, which tragically hit home on September 11, 2001, and continues today. With this came the high cost in death and injury to both civilian and military citizens of the United States.

Don't wait for Veteran's Day on November 11; take the time, find a serviceman or woman, active or not, shake their hand and thank them for being willing to answer the call.

Bingo is on Friday at 8pm. Cards go on sale at 7pm. Horseshoes are Saturday at 7pm, signup at 6:30. Both events are open to the public and everyone is invited to participate.

The Legion and Auxiliary meet on the second Monday of the month, with social hour (and food) starting at 6pm and the meeting at 7pm. The Sons of the Legion meet on the third Monday at 7pm.

As always, Linda or Joseph will have the canteen open at 5pm every day except Sunday. We are closed on Sunday unless there is a special event.



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# THE Fish Whisperer



Captain  
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## Nov. Fishing Forecast

### TYBEE PIER FISHING

The pier action will continue this month, but as the water temperature drops, the fishing will slow down. Whiting and Bull Redfish should be around the pier most days till the water hits about 60 degrees. You may also have a chance at catching Bluefish, Speckled Sea Trout, or Black Drum using live Shrimp. Just remember - you don't know if you don't go.



### INSHORE

The bite really started to pick up in October and the Speckled Sea Trout should be on fire for most of this month. Most of the Flounder will be finding their way offshore. The Redfish will still be holding up in the shallow water to avoid predators like the Dolphins. For all these fish live mud Minnows and Shrimp work great, and plenty of action can be had on artifices. Sheepshead will be holding around docks, bridges and any other type of structure where they can find less current. Fiddler crabs on a Carolina rig with a small sharp hook is my favorite way to get these sneaky fish. Make sure you have lots of Fiddler Crabs. I never go without a hundred per person for the day.



### NEAR SHORE

Well, its migration season again and fish are heading south. This time of year can be amazing when it comes to fish like King and Spanish Mackerel. Drone spoons fished throughout the water column will produce if you find the school of fish. Cobia can also be found as they head south. One day you may catch and the next day nothing. These fish are on the move chasing bait so you need to do the same. Bottom fishing is picking up as the water temperature drops and the Black Sea Bass move back in. The Bull Redfish will be all over the reefs, as well as eating everything that they can fit in their mouth.

### OFF SHORE

The water is still warm out here and the fishing is great. Bottom bite will produce fish every time you drop your bait down on the ledges and structures. Make sure you have lots of bait, such as Squid, Mackerel, or Sardines. Don't be afraid to drop a big Grouper bait down; only a couple months before it closes. Just like the nearshore, the Cobia, Kings, and Wahoo are all on the move and chasing bait, so find a school of bait and you never know what you can catch trolling right now.

**Give Big Fish Charters a call at 912-230-4625 and we will get you out on your own adventure.**



# A Tybee Thanksgiving

By Micheal Elliott

The first thing is the smell.  
 The pungent aroma of the Marsh and fish rotting in the Sun.  
 It's a beautiful day, Hurricane Irma having taken all the bad weather with her, making her way north, but we hold our noses feeling the salt air for the first time since evacuating.

Looking down on the sandy driveway, it's covered with dead Sea Lice rotting in the Sun.

"Oh my God," Sarah exclaims, rushing the girls inside to inspect the damage.

We'd seen pictures on Facebook of Ocean surrounding our house, praying anyway it didn't get inside, but as my tanned bare feet hit the floor a "squish" shoots water from the carpet onto the soaked sheetrock.

It's Paradise when your house is steps from the Ocean.

Not so much when the Ocean's in your house.

But ... we still have a house on this glorious clump of sand!

Good friends living on St. Martin and Puerto Rico aren't so blessed.

Four of us who slept downstairs move up where our family of six share two bedrooms.

We're a much closer family thanks to Irma but ... we're together living a mostly normal life after such a traumatic experience ... I'm talking about sharing rooms with a 16, 13 and 10 year old, plus our 11 month old Che.

Immediately friends with the right tools arrive, so we rip up carpet, tear down waterlogged sheetrock and insulation, toss out once priceless possessions, building a mountain of now useless materials.

Strangers roam the street in large numbers asking if we need help. Kindly they assist with the heavy lifting, wearing smiles while restoring a faith in humanity too easily forgotten.

The power returns so electric tools make the work easier as we express deep thanks the air conditioner still works ... though the washer, dryer and hot water heater are toast.

With no real damage to their house, our new neighbors, Don and Jackie, throw a block party with coolers of cold beer and soda, chicken and hot dogs on the grill. Everyone stops working to celebrate we're still here!

Friends and family from faraway places call, text or write and send love, money and gifts to replace things stolen by Irma.

The loud noise of trucks with cranes slowly make their way down the street picking up the mountain of lost things in our front yard, restoring a freshness to our space.

Thankfully Tybee Island is declared a federal disaster area and FEMA begins the slow bureaucratic process of helping put Humpty Dumpty back together again ... and in so doing generates as many prayers to grant aid to our house as Irma did when we prayed she spare our home.

Reconnecting in the bars, restaurants, churches, on the sidewalks, the pier or on the beach, we ask "How'd you do?" ... everyone answers ... everyone understands ... and for a minute anyway, we are one Island family.

Thanksgiving is special this year. Perhaps because of everything we've been through ... everything we're still going through, because it'll be a year or so before it's restored to the way it was ... we are full of gratitude knowing we still have the gift of this island ... and these people ... in this nation ... under this God.



## 2017 TYBEE ISLAND CHRISTMAS PARADE APPLICATION

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# Today's Confession: I'm a Nerdy Coin Collector!

By J. Beebs

As a child, I grew up doing manly things. My friends and I were like a tribe straight out of *Lord of the Flies*. We hunted. We fished. We trapped anything that moved. We rode motorcycles, wrenched and cursed. We camped out in the woods, chewed Copenhagen (for a summer, what was I thinking?), built forts, camp fires and perfected figure 4 traps.

Time off the homestead was spent with friends chasing girls, playing sports, and in general, living a life in pursuit of manliness. At age 15, I was fully qualified to have written a couple of GQ articles on the Art of Being a Man, complete with sharing exploits of sneaking beer and raiding an occasional pot field when the opportunity presented it (don't worry Mom – I never inhaled).

But now at a slightly older age (dad hood), I don't need all that manly crap. In fact, as I've mellowed, I've picked up a few sensitive hobbies. Finger picking guitar. Watching the Hallmark channel with my daughter (damn dusty rooms). And of course, the ultimate nerd sport: Coin Collecting.

How times change.

Don't get me wrong. I think I've always had the coin collecting virus. When I was a kid, my stepdad had a coffee can full of silver dollars. I remember looking at them and thinking they looked cool, and were probably worth millions of dollars. But now, I'm a bit older, have some grey hair, and a different appreciation for things. So dear reader, continue on, but be warned: this may turn you into a nerdy coin collector.

## Here are J. Beebs Top Three Reasons to Collect Coins:

**1. It's a relatively cheap hobby to start.** Coin collectors come in all flavors. I'm what they call a coin book collector, that is, I'm looking to get a single coin, from every mint, for every year (BTW, I'm currently looking for an 1916 Mercury Dime, just fyi).

You can start your own coin collection with the coins in your pocket. Quarters are a lot of fun, because since 1999, all the quarters have a different state logo or national park on the back. So you can make it your personal goal to collect one for each state/park.

While you are looking at the coins in your pocket, you should be on the lookout for any silver coins that are dated 1964 or earlier. Except Nickels ... ignore nickels for a minute. But silver dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollars made before 1964 are made of silver. And silver is a commodity, which is currently traded at around \$17 an ounce. So a 1964 quarter is probably worth about \$3. So don't throw out your old stuff! Do some research!

**2. You actually might make money.** You probably won't. But you might. And guys, if you are going to start spending \$25 for a single old dollar, you'll need a story to tell your girls/wives. And this is the story: *"Honey, I might actually make money! It's an investment."*

Now if your wife is like mine, she won't believe the "it's an investment" story, because I've used it a little too often. Every classic car I ever owned "was an investment," and she went along with that. Every classic rifle "was an investment," and she goes along with that most of the time. But she drew the line when I told her I needed a 100 year old bottle of Scotch. That wasn't an investment she said, that was whiskey, and we had plenty of Jack and Jameson and I needed to shut up. So boys, read the tea leaves here before you leap ... but technically .... coins really are an investment. A 1909 S VDB penny, which was worth exactly one penny in 1909 is worth at least one thousand dollars today, and if it's in mint condition, it can be worth over 10 thousand dollars. If you are going to pull the investment card, you'll need to

buy the Red Book, which will: 1) give you a source to justify your investment to the corporate board, i.e., the wife, and 2) let you know what the retail prices of all US coins are. So yeah, it's an investment.

**3. Every coin has a story. There's a lot of history in coin collecting.** I like US Coins because of the history. I mentioned nickels earlier, saying they are worth ... well a nickel. But there's an exception. A Nickel made between 1942 and 1945 has silver in it. So those nickels, which have a giant mintmark on the back, are worth a bit more than a nickel. The 1942-45 Nickels, also called War Nickels, were made of silver because during WWII, nickel was a critical war material. The war actually changed our money. Ditto for the 1943 Steel Penny. The penny, which looks identical to other pennies in the 40's, will stick out immediately because it's not made of copper. It's made of steel, as copper was a critical war material. And it will also stick to a magnet, because it's steel. And of course, its steel looking, not copper.

There's a ton of history in our coins. The Carson City mint in Nevada, now closed, has a huge story and following behind it, and some of our rarer coins/dollars come from this mint. So if you have an old Morgan dollar with a CC mintmark, you might want to do some research. And if you happen to have some weird stuff in the attic like a two cent penny, a colonial issue coin, or some foreign coins ... do your research. You might have a little something.

And even if you don't... consider that any coin you have probably does have a story. That 1865 penny might have bought a cowboy a meal, a shot of whiskey and a bath. It's probably a good thing coins can't talk, but I have to imagine the stories would be fascinating!

If you have some interest in this area, or have unanswered coin questions, send your Coin Questions and stories to **The Coin Nerd** at [info@TybeeBeachcomber.com](mailto:info@TybeeBeachcomber.com). If we like your questions/story we just might print it! Happy Collecting!



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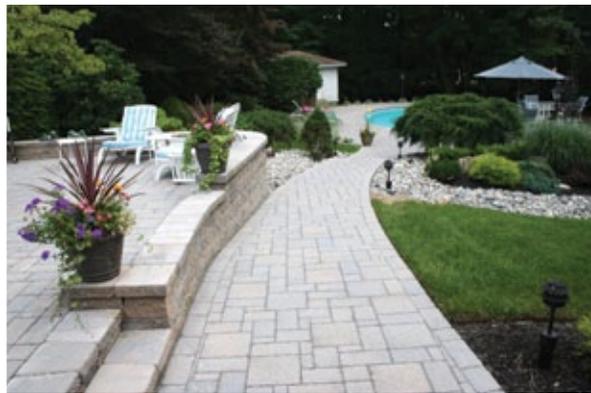
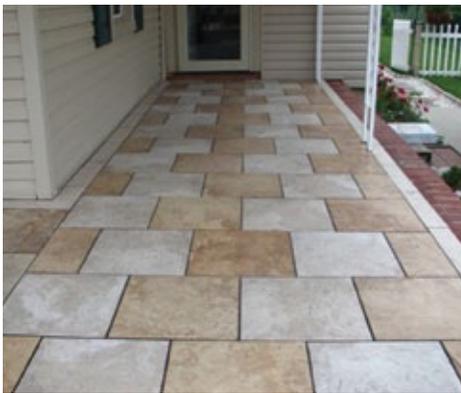
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# Foodie Finds

By Billy Harrell

## Shrimp Boat Chili



### Ingredients:

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| 1lb. ground chuck                 | 2 8 oz. cans tomato sauce                |
| 1 14 oz. pk. smoked sausage       | 2 10 oz. cans diced tomatoes             |
| 1 large onion                     | 1 4 oz. can diced green chiles           |
| 1 yellow bell pepper              | 1 tsp. salt                              |
| 1 red bell pepper                 | 1 tsp. fresh ground black pepper         |
| 1 15 oz. can black beans          | 1 tsp. chili powder                      |
| 1 15 oz. can pinto beans          | 1/2 tsp. thyme                           |
| 1 15 oz. can kidney beans         | 1/2 tsp. dried rosemary leaves           |
| 1 15 oz. can great northern beans | 1/2 tsp. Tony Chachere's Cajun Seasoning |
|                                   | 2 tsp. olive oil                         |



- In a large skillet, brown the ground beef then set aside.
- Cut the sausage into 1/2 inch chunks, brown then set aside.
- Chop onion and bell peppers, sauté using olive oil in the skillet until the onions are clear.
- Add ground beef and sausage to onion and peppers and cook 10 minutes.
- Add all of the other ingredients and bring it up to a high simmer.
- Add salt, black pepper, and chili powder to taste.
- Simmer on low for an hour.
- Turn off the heat and let the chili cool enough so it doesn't burn your mouth.
- Eat chili.

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# BAR CHRONICLES

By Joey Goralczyk

## Dart Night

It's Tybee Dart Season again and I love it. Monday nights hold a special place in my heart. There's nothing quite like a home game at your favorite bar, and away games are a nice break from the same old same old. In the drinking atmosphere on this Island, it's nice to mix things up from time to time. For a lot of us as well, Mondays are our weekend. A chance to blow off some steam from the previous work days. Of course, winning darts is A LOT more fun than losing. There are plenty of times that prove sometimes alcohol, competition, and sharp metal objects don't mix so well...

Where to start? I've heard about more incidents than I've witnessed, but nonetheless it happens. One of my more accurate former teammates used to like to throw a dart at that little strap on your flip-flop between your big toe and the other four. You wanna be a smart alec? That's cool. Dart in the toe will usually get a rise out of someone! A rival team on the north end, from what I understand, had an argument between teammates over the lineup. When one of these said team members took a dart to the cheek, the lineup was set. My sister's team (we play on different teams for the same bar) has a particularly odd way of warming up. Some lucky and idiotic soul stands with their back to the dart board. The others then lineup and play a little game of William Tell, landing darts as close to the scalp as possible. I've been that idiotic soul, and thank goodness they are good. God I've done some dumb drunken things. That's no way to lose an eye!

Other sports, namely football, can also inspire some hostility. I have had, and still do have, players who simply can't play when their team is on Monday Night Football. They get distracted and angry or too hyped up after a score to be any kind of accurate. Worse yet, some fans just SHOULD'N'T play, but insist they do. Example: Player A is an Eagles fan. Score keeper is a Cowboys fan. Guess who's playing on MNF tonight. Cowboys bust off a big touchdown return during the dart match. Do you really think that Eagle's fan can go against all his natural instincts and NOT throw that dart at the score keeper? If you've ever met a single Eagles fan, you know the answer.

The quickest way to start a fight has got to be to insult the home team's bar and board. It may sound silly, but don't talk crap about my home. I've had this happen and it NEVER goes over well. You say it's too dark? Turn off ALL the lights. Too drafty you say? Open the front and back door, and turn on the air. Too smoky? Everyone light 2 cigarettes, even the non-smokers. You yell at the score keeper once, you get a warning. Twice? Bottle crash. My home game, my rules, get used to it and stop bitching. If you don't want to play thru it, then go back to Wilmington you white trash piece of shi... Sorry, so sorry. Having a bit of a flashback on that one. Anyhow... If you're out on a Monday night and the local dart team walks in, have your camera ready. You never know what you might see.

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# Sips & Scenes Nickie's 1971 Bar & Grill

By Alaina Loughridge

We all are blessed with a talent: Some people are athletically gifted, others can dance, some are mathematically enhanced (boo and hiss), some are endowed with the gift of gab and the list goes on. I was blessed with the gift of sarcasm, but I was not blessed with the gift of drawing. I cannot draw a decent stick person. So, when **Dabney Edenfield** asked me to attend her **Sips & Scenes** event at **Nickie's**, you can imagine my recoil of horror. I fought it every step of the way, but in the interest of providing my devout readers with the latest up-to-date information on the island happenings, let me tell you what happened ... I had the BEST TIME EVER!!

I showed up late and got the last seat left with my back to the bar. That meant that everyone at the bar could see what I was doing. EEK!!! Dabney, the ringleader, had all of my paints and brushes out and had my canvas waiting. We were painting a Pirate Parrot for Pirate Fest. The canvas was outlined (thank God) and everyone was already hard at work. I was fortunate enough to be sitting right next to MaryAnn Smith, and we proceeded to giggle and LOL over our efforts to paint the perfect parrot. Here is how this all started:

Dabney grew up in an art family and was pre-naturally blessed with the art gene. With a Masters in Art and 29 years under her paintbrush, Dabney knows her business. She loves teaching and it shows. Going back and forth from Swainsboro to Tybee, Dabney and her hubby were on Tybee one weekend and happened to be at Nickie's. Spur of the moment (and a cocktail) thinking, made her ask Calvin if he was interested in hosting a paint party. Calvin is always open for a party so the seed was planted. It has been a smash hit from the beginning!!

Nickie's is always a boisterous, fun place, but come Wednesday night, it is a step into the zen zone. The painters are painting, the gamblers are playing poker, the dart folks are darting up and there is a game on every single television. The bar patrons are sipping at the bar and a comfortable, living room peace falls over the entire place. Lee is shucking and jiving and there is just a prevalent sense of home and friendship. No one is getting crazy and everyone is involved with their own scene, but often walk amongst the different vibes to say 'hello' or 'great painting.'

I was not feeling this at all, but I'm telling you now: DO IT!! Dabney will make you better than you think you are capable of. It really is just a great time with a fantastic vibe. All of the paints and canvases are provided for you. There are helpers on standby to assist with extra water and paint. Lee is at your beck and call for cocktails and the Tybee lifestyle has been better than ever at Nickie's!!

Sips & Scenes with Dabney is at Nickie's every Wednesday starting at 7pm and ends at 9pm. You must do this! Dabney knows her art and is an excellent teacher. As she says, "Painting quiets the voices in your head." Well, we all need that and I can vouch that it is true. Your focus is 100% on filling in the lines and giggling with your cohorts in crime. Did I also mention that your first cocktail is free? Hmmm. Don't call. Just show up. You will not regret it.



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# Beach Walks with Dr. Joe

## Holey Shells

By Dr. Joe Richardson

Shell collecting on Tybee can be unpredictable. Sometimes a stretch of the beach will have a bunch, and a few days later, some other area will seem to have more shells. Tybee has a good variety of species because we are an overlap area of a northern cold-water fauna and a southern sub-tropical fauna. Often a shell bed will contain a bunch of broken pieces, so it's a little disappointing, but if you examine some of those fragments, you might discover that some of those pieces have interesting "stories."

It was the original snail (gastropod) or clam-like (bivalve) mollusk that made the hard calcium carbonate shell, using dissolved calcium and carbon dioxide that it absorbed from the seawater. But sometimes even after the



animal dies and the shell is left behind, the empty shell might still have an interesting role to fill in its ecosystem. It's these clues of how an empty shell was used by other animals that I find intriguing and, more often than not, entices me to pick up and examine yet another shell or fragment.

Lots of marine animals require a hard substrate to settle onto in order to grow. We are familiar with how Oysters and Barnacles have this requirement. For very small animals that need a hard structure to settle on, a Mollusk shell, dead or alive, might be big enough. Good examples are some of the fan or feather-duster worms that settle onto old shells and build tunnel-like tubes out of sand grains or out of hard calcium carbonate. It's not uncommon to find these old worm tubes on the inside or outside of shells.

But one of my favorite examples is what a certain family of Sponges do to shells. I know you've seen the result, but maybe didn't know the cause. There is a family of sponges known as the Boring Sponges. They aren't large, upright and colorful as are some other types of sponges, but instead are small and cryptic. They are called Boring Sponges because they have the ability to settle onto shells and dissolve into the hard calcium carbonate and hollow out inside layers of the shell in order to create space to live inside the hollows. As it grows and spreads, it also dissolves small pin-holes through to the surface of the shell so that it can grow into these holes and extend slightly out into the water so that it can draw in seawater for food and oxygen. So the soft Boring Sponge essentially makes a nice, hard, protective habitat for itself out of an old shell. And then when the Boring Sponge dies and disappears, what is left is a shell that is hollowed out and full of pin-holes all over its surface. I bet you've seen these before. You will find all sizes of shells and fragments that have these small holes. You just never know what you will see on Tybee's beach!

*Dr. Joe Richardson is a retired marine science professor with 35+ years of research and teaching experience along GA and the southeastern coast and Bahamas. Besides research, he conducts Tybee Beach Ecology Trips year round ([www.TybeeBeachEcology.com](http://www.TybeeBeachEcology.com)) and frequently posts pictures of what they are finding on his Tybee Beach Ecology Trips Facebook page.*

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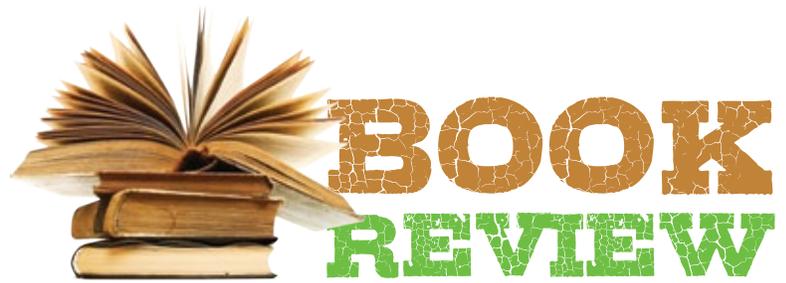
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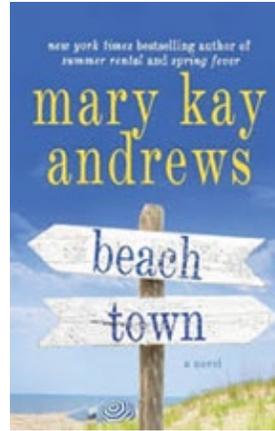
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By Nell Klein



## BEACH TOWN

By Mary Kay Andrews

I love reading a Mary Kay Andrews book. There's no murder & mayhem, blood & guts, edge of your seat suspense, just good clean fun. When I read *Beach Town* it was double the fun because it's all about filming a movie in a small beachside town that reminded me of Tybee. What a great, fun read to pass along!

Greer Hennessy is a movie location scout looking for the perfect undiscovered beachside town. She discovers Cypress Key, Florida that fits all the films requirements. The only drawback is longtime resident Eben Thibadeaux. Eb, who owns the town's only grocery store is also Mayor, code issuer, code enforcer and any other title he wishes to bestow upon himself. The last thing Eb wants is to commercialize his quiet little town, but his biggest obstacle is rich girl Vanessa Littrell. Her family owns the abandoned casino on the pier that the movie wants to blow up for the exciting conclusion to the movie. She wants the \$20,000 being offered for her worthless piece of property, but Eb refuses to issue the permits.

Needless to say, Greer has her hands full trying to set the movie up and keeping the director, producer and "bad boy" lead actor happy. Then, of course, Greer and Eb become attracted to each other which means neither one of them can see reason. There may not be any murder, but definitely mayhem!

I give this book a solid 5 roses. What's not to love about it? It's all about Tybee and the craziness of making a movie here, with all the road closures, business disturbances, and irritated residents. You gotta love it! I highly recommend it for a good, clean fun time!

*Until next time, read a book. If it's a good read, pass it on!*



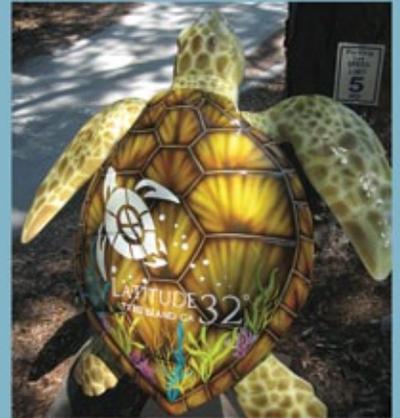
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## AGAVE BAR & GRILL



I usually do not write the Food Spy, but as our intrepid food reporter was unavailable, I had to take one for the team. So I grabbed our photographer, Wen, and my lovely assistant, Jimmy, and we hustled over to **Agave Bar & Grill** where Abraham Lara, the owner, and Luis Galvan, the best server in all the land, served us an over-the-top extravaganza of food, Margaritas, beer, Mojitos, Moscow Mules ... but wait!!! I am jumping ahead of myself.

I had only been to Agave a handful of times, and I am that person who always gets the same thing. This time though, I sampled everything! What an absolute feast! We started out with Premium Fresh **Margaritas** to get the party started. First of all, yum on that! We had to follow that up with **Mojitos** because that is how we roll. Freshly muddled and refreshing, it was time to get our food started! Oh wait, one more drink - the **Cantarito**. A juicy and refreshing tequila invigorated with a salt rim and a splash of grapefruit soda.

We began with **Table Side Guacamole**. I love anything that is prepared at the table because you can see the fresh quality of the food and it's just a different fun experience. Abraham himself was our show and knocked it out of the park! Made with chunks of avocado, onions, cilantro, jalapenos, diced tomatoes and lime juice, the Table Side Guacamole is a must have appetizer to get the taste buds ready for Round Two. Simultaneously, we sampled the **Chorizo Dip** and the **Queso Con Carne**.

The chips were fresh and the dips were a delicious blend of cheese with cheese and more cheese! Three of my favorite things!

Round Two started with a ginormous pint of **Dos Equis Amber** and several bottles of **Modelo**. Then came the **Fajitas Agave**. Grilled chicken, shrimp, steak and veggies, it was tender and moist (yes I said it, but the word applies) and all three of us devoured it like we hadn't eaten in weeks! While we were working on that, Luis brought out the **Seafood Molcajete**. WOW!!! This dish is grilled shrimp, fish, scallops and mussels, marinated in a special ranchero sauce. I usually am not about mussels, but I am telling you this right now: The Seafood Molcajete is a must not miss! The broth is perfectly seasoned and has just enough spicy to kick you, but not knock you off your chair. The bowl is full good stuff all the way to the bottom, not just the presentation on top!

Round Two continued with the **Bacon Burrito** and Mi Dio!!! I had seen this burrito on the menu before and was always intrigued, but my damn diet said no. Well, my readers, I took another hit for the team and I swear to you, this damn burrito is the most amazing thing ever!! It's at least a foot long and can feed a family of four! Stuffed with grilled chicken or steak, rice and beans, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, tomatoes and topped with the house special chipotle sauce and crispy bacon, my arteries had a coronary, but my mouth had a happy dance. You literally cannot put your fork down. Jimmy said, "If it was legal to marry a burrito, the deed would be done right now." I couldn't have put it better myself.

We were still working on Round Two when Luis came back with **Fish Tacos**. The fish is Grouper and is obviously fresh. It has a very clean taste and the tomatillo sauce is just the right balance for the dieter in all of us. The Fish Tacos accompanied the **Fajita Quesadilla**. A grilled flour tortilla stuffed with cheese, your choice of grilled chicken or steak, served with rice, lettuce, tomato and sour cream. The chicken was in chunks, not shredded, and the tortilla was crispy. Jimmy wanted to divorce the burrito and marry the Quesadilla. No more Margarita for you, Jimmy!

We were fat full at this point, but dessert was coming. We started with the **Flan**, which is a vanilla and sweetened egg custard with a caramel topping. It is a plate licker. Along with the Flan, came **Churros**: Four lightly fried pastry sticks, filled with caramel and coated in sugar and cinnamon. We were so full, but fought over those sticks like you would fight your roommate over the last beer in the fridge. It was brutal!

All of the above dishes are but just a small selection of what Agave has to offer. Keep in mind too that many of these dishes came with rice and beans, sour cream, lettuce and tomato, etc. Due to space constrictions, I did cut off a few things, but have I lied about the best Mexican food experience? NO!

There is a variety of soups and salads to choose from, as well as combination platters of anything your heart desires. Agave also offers a kids menu for those under 12, as well as a vegetarian menu for those that have no life. Not to mention they also offer daily lunch specials. The Agave menu is extensive. There are so many choices that it can be difficult. If all else fails, throw your hands in the air, order a Mojito, and tell Luis you want it all.

Agave Bar & Grill is located at 402 First Street (corner of Butler and Jones, y'all). They are open seven days a week. If you haven't been, drop whatever you are doing and get there. If you have been before, I don't need to tell you anything because you are already headed back. See y'all there with Margaritas in hand!

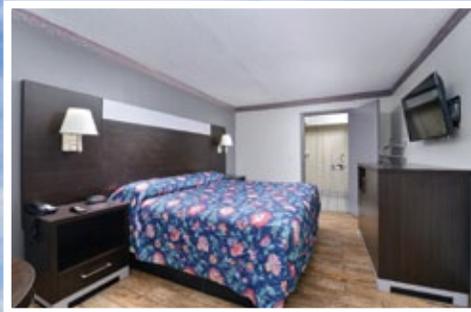


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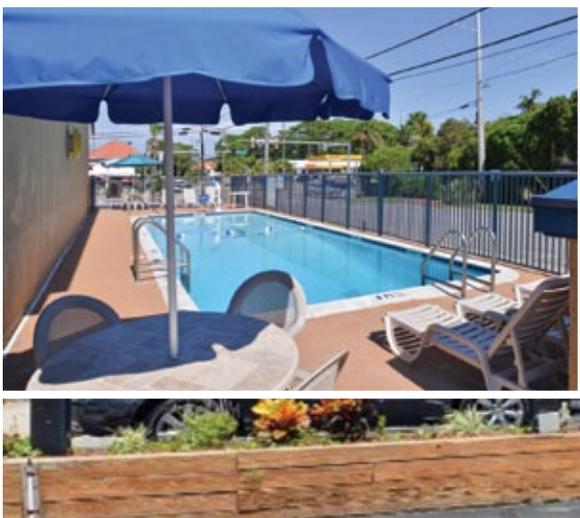


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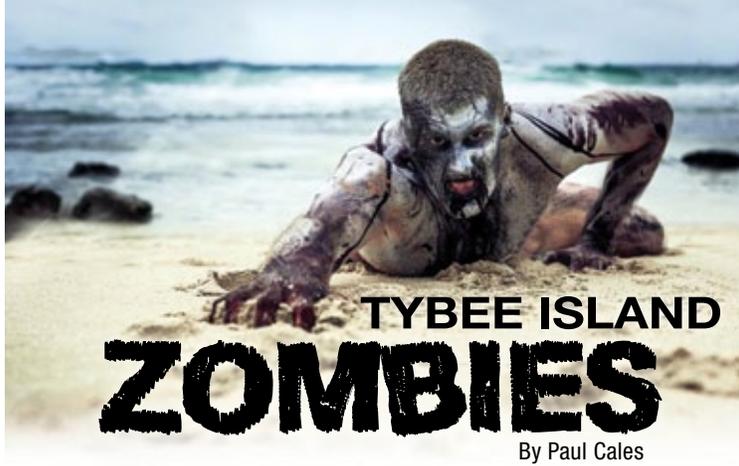


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# TYBEE ISLAND ZOMBIES

By Paul Cales

Continued from the August 2017 Beachcomber.  
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## Chapter Five - The Rescue Plan Day 3

Tony wakes up before the sun creeps over the horizon. He's on a mission. Get most of the food, guns, and ammo hidden before everyone else wakes. As he's making his last trip to the wood line with the supplies Nate stops him. "What are you doing, Tony?"

"Hiding most of our supplies. You don't want Brian and them knowing we have all this. He's the type who doesn't understand the meaning of conservation. I hid about six months' worth of dehydrated food."

"What about the guns and ammo?"

"So, we have our 9mm pistols and there's 2 SKS rifles and a bolt action Nagant in my tent with about 600 rounds. I hid the other two hand guns, the shotgun, the two AR15s, and 3 Nagants with the rest of the ammo. I also hid about a month's worth of food for three people on the boat."

"Do you really think Brian would cause trouble if he knew what we had?"

"Okay, Nate. You tell him about the food on the boat and see what happens. People change, and usually for the worse, when the world goes to shit. From what we've seen so far, it's looking like the world has more than gone to shit."

"You're right."

As the sun comes up the world seems unchanged from Little Tybee Island. The birds are singing, the sound of the surf is a constant drum, and there's a refreshing breeze out of the south east. "What's the plan then, guys?" asks Becky when she wakes up and joins the boys.

"I want to go over to Jay's camp and talk to them about what happened yesterday. What they were saying last night when we got back made little sense to me," Nate says.

"Yeah, for sure. I'm sure they were shocked to find out that we were telling them the truth," Tony replies.

They make their way over to where Brian, Jay, and Carrie are camping. As they approach the others' camp, the conversation they hear sounds intense and serious. "I'm telling you man! They're in there and we've got to get them out!" they hear Jay saying.

"Oh, and how do you propose we do that with those damned geeks gathered around the Wind Rose, huh?" Brian replies.

"Wait, what are you guys talking about?" interrupts Tony.

"Jay seems to think we can get Howard and Rudy out of the Wind Rose, which is surrounded by those geeks."

"So how do you know they're in there?" Tony asks.

"When we went over to Tybee yesterday and saw what you guys saw, we decided to go to the Wind Rose and get some supplies."

"You mean booze?" Becky interrupts.

"Yeah, what the hell did you think I meant! Anyway, we make it to the front door and as I'm looking in the window I see Howard and Rudy pointing vigorously towards Doc's. We turned and looked and a million geeks are running right for us!"

"It wasn't a million. More like a hundred or so," says Carrie.

"Anyway, they're trapped in the Rose and we need to get them out," Jay says.

"I agree," says Nate. "But how do you plan on getting them out of there? Howard can't run and there's a lot of those things hanging out down front like it's some Zombie Pirate Fest or something."

"Why don't we go through the fence behind the Rose from Izlar?" Becky asks.

"Won't that put us in a corner? If the geeks follow us through the fence there's no way out," says Jay.

"We could always go through the front door. Shoot our way through the crowd of zombies," Nate says.

"Shoot your way through with what?" Brian asks suspiciously.

"What do you think we were doing last night? Making a cake at my house? We went to get supplies," Nate says as Tony shakes his head in disappointment at the comment.

"Really now? What did you get?"

"A couple 9mm's, some ammo, and a little food we had at the house," Tony answers for Nate. "We were planning on getting more than that, but those things noticed us and we had to bolt."

"Jay's right," Nathan says. "We have to get them out of there. I really think if we move quickly we can do it. More than two people going would be a bad idea. They seem to be attracted to movement or smell or something."

"Okay, I'll go," Brian says. "Give me one of those guns."

"Hold it there Tonto," Tony replies. "We risked our lives to get what we could and we're not just going to hand over what we worked for."

"Give me Becky's gun. She doesn't know how to use it."

"Becky, clear and load your gun so Brian can see that you do, in fact, know how to use it." Becky unholsters her 9mm, releases the magazine, locks the slide to the rear, looks to see the chamber is clear, slams the magazine back home, and releases the slide.

"Locked and loaded bitch!" exclaims Becky.

"Great, that doesn't mean she can shoot," Brian says and throws an empty vodka bottle toward the top of the dune. "Bet you a dollar she can't hit that!"

"Yup, that's smart Brian. It's the zombie apocalypse and you want to waste ammo on a freaking vodka bottle," Tony retorts.

"Stop it y'all!" Jay interjects. "We need to figure out what we're going to do about Howard and Rudy. I don't know how long that front window can last if those things start pounding their fists into it."

"Jay's right," says Carrie. "We need to figure this out in a hurry."

The groups bicker back and forth for a while before a plan is finally decided on. Tony, Jay, and Carrie are going on the rescue mission. Carrie will drive the boat and Tony and Jay will make the assault on the Wind Rose. The tide won't be right for this trip until around 5pm, so Becky, Nate, and Tony head back to their camp to rest before tonight's mission.

"I see what you're saying about Brian. He's a bit out of control," says Nate.

"Yeah," says Tony. "So, when Jay, Carrie, and I head over tonight, you and Becky need to make sure Brian doesn't find our stash, and do not allow him to even hold any of the guns even for a moment."

"Where did you hide the stash?" asks Becky.

"Look at the wood line over there. Do you see the Siamese palm tree?"

"The one where the trunk splits in two?"

"Yup. It's buried in the sand eight paces directly behind that tree. It's very shallow, so you can use your hand if you need to. Let's have some lunch and get some rest. I'm going to need it for the mission tonight. Remember, someone has to be on guard at all times."

"In case of zombies?" asks Nathan.

"And in case of those guys over there," replies Tony. "They know we have food and guns. I mean, really, they went to get booze. They didn't even think about getting anything that could help them survive."

"But they did find out about Rudy and Howard," Becky points out.

"True," says Tony. "And hopefully by the time the sun goes down Rudy and Howard will be safe and sound right here with us."

To be continued...

# TAXITALES

By Ron Goralczyk

Here we are another summer season behind us. We survived a tornado and another hurricane. All and all it was a great summer. This was our first season with the party bus. I call it the Game Changer. No more turning down large groups of people in need of a ride. I drive it on Friday and Saturday nights, I don't care if I have one passenger or a bus load.

I was dropping off a group at Poos one evening, and had several people come up and ask if I was there for them. I told them I had to call dispatch to find out. I called Leigh and she told me the Mayor and his wife were there so get them; other than that you are clear. I made contact with Jason and he told me he was going to get his wife. No problem, take your time.

Some guy walked up and asked if I could take him, his wife and two children to Hotel Tybee. I asked if he had called for a ride. He said no, he had just seen me pull up and they were ready to go. I told him no problem I had plenty of room. He grabbed his family and they climbed aboard. I informed them that we were waiting for two more passengers and they should be here very shortly. The man and two little boys went all the way to the back and sat down. The wife sat a couple seats behind me. I welcomed them aboard, informed them that we were waiting for the mayor and his wife and asked where they were from. The wife was the chatty one and she was hammered. She was slurring her words. I call it speaking 'hucanese' but that's no problem for me, because after five and a half years of driving, I understand hucanese. Jason and Jody got on the bus and sat in the seat right behind me.

Everyone knows I drive with the door open during the summer heat. It definitely helps keep it Breezy. Anyway, we jumped onto Highway 80, heading south. Jason was asking where did we find the bus and he thought it was pretty cool. The lady shouted out, *"Can you please close the door, you are terrifying my children."* I pushed the button to close the door and said no problem. The kids were sitting at the back of the bus, but whatever.

So for the five or so minutes that I had the mayor's attention, I thought it was a good time to tell him what a wonderful job I thought he had done through the last year. I truly mean that. He had some kind words to say about Breezy and what a good job we do. I made a right onto 7th St. to drop Jason and Jody off. Drunky McMonkey piped up again, *"Where are you going?"* Jody informed her where they lived and we were still a few blocks from Hotel Tybee. We stopped at their house, they got off, we exchanged some pleasantries, and I took off.

As soon as I pulled away this lady said, *"I cannot believe you dropped them off first."* I said, *"Ma'am, you are on a bus and they are the first stop."* She replied, *"Well, I have small children on the bus and you should have taken us first. But I know you were too busy kissing ass."* I told her it wouldn't make sense to make them ride all the way to the hotel and then turn around and bring them back seven blocks. I also told her I do everything my way because I do everything my way.

I made my right turn onto Butler and then she started yelling that I was going the wrong way! I said, *"Ma'am, you said Hotel Tybee, correct?"* Yes. *"Well I live here and I assure you I know where I'm going."* Normally I would have pulled over and thrown her out of the bus, but I didn't because of the young children.

I pulled into Hotel Tybee and pulled up to the breezeway between the two towers. She told her husband and kids to get off, Mommy's got this. Honestly, I was like it's about to get real up in here. I saw that she had a fifty-dollar bill in hand, so I was playing it cool. She handed me the fifty and told me she would like to give me some advice. Yes ma'am. She said, *"I may not be the mayor but I make a butt load of money and you should be nicer to your customers."* I said, *"I will work on my people skills, and I appreciate your advice. I hope you have a nice night and enjoy the beach tomorrow."* She got off the bus and said something else very snarky and I replied, *"Yes ma'am, have a nice evening."* She started to walk away, then turned around, looked at me and screamed, *"I'm not a piece of shit!"* The only thing I can figure is the crazy ass voices in her head may sound exactly like me. I laughed and said, *"You have a nice night."*

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# Main Street Musings

Chantel Morton, Program Staff Director

There is so much to be thankful for, joy to share, and hope to give as we enter into the holiday season this year. From all of the assistance that was provided following Irma, to the community participation for Halloween, and now spreading hope as we look ahead to holiday gatherings and 2018. The spirit of community, support from and for commerce, and a culture of caring and creativity continues to shine. **TYBEE FOR THE HOLIDAYS** – which kicks off Thanksgiving Day – has been much anticipated. Thankfully, so many partners throughout town helped early with planning to make sure activities, etc. are set for everyone.

A few annual activities and celebrations for the holiday season (Thanksgiving thru New Year's Day) are highlighted in this article. More can be found at [www.tybeefortheholidays.com](http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com), which is your convenient one-stop site to help you plan ahead or, if you prefer, at the last minute. ;-)

Starting Thanksgiving Day, Community of Caring donation boxes will be in place at many businesses around the island that are helping collect for Tybee's Rising TYde Food Pantry, Next Generation – Memorial University Medical Center Children's Hospital, and the animal shelter. Donations can be dropped off thru New Year's Day. Check out participating locations and a list of items needed here: <http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com/community-of-giving/>.

Plus, some of your favorite dining hotspots will be open for those of you not wanting to cook on holiday days (check out [www.tybeefortheholidays.com](http://www.tybeefortheholidays.com) for the latest info, hours, and specials).

The Saturday after Thanksgiving will be a special day to support your local economy during **Small Business Saturday**®. Many businesses

throughout the island are participating in this day of "championing the neighborhood!" This day also marks the tradition of tree decorating at the Roundabout. In anticipation of adorning the tree, students with Tybee Island Maritime Academy will be making handmade ornaments



to add to previous years' collections, and others participating in Tybee Arts Association's ornament making days will hang their creations too!

The first weekend of December is going to be filled with family fun. Friday, December 1, at 6:30pm is the annual **LIGHTS ON FOR TYBEE CELEBRATION** downtown Tybee, with complimentary refreshments at various locations, singing, dancing, awards, and visitors from the North Pole for the kids. Mayor Buelterman will light the island's Christmas tree at the Roundabout. Tybee Arts



Association & Performing Society will be providing entertainment with caroling, students with the STUDIO will perform, awards will be presented, and a special flash mob, with your help, will welcome our North Pole weekend guests.

Saturday, December 2, at 1pm is the **TYBEE ISLAND CHRISTMAS PARADE**. Mr. and Mrs. Clause will be led from downtown to the Tybee gym by candy-giving elves and festive floats. Once they arrive at the Gym, the Tybee YMCA will host photo time, refreshments, and activities for all to enjoy. Parade applications are available in this issue, at City Hall and online. We look forward to having everyone share their holiday music and costumes on the decked out parade floats.

For more information about the Tybee Island Development Authority/Main Street Program, upcoming city approved special events, "Door-to-Door News," Business/Community Matters, and Historic Preservation Spotlights, sign up for the monthly Main Street E-News by visiting [www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com](http://www.tybeeislandmainstreet.com) or the Tybee Island Main Street FB page.

As always, feel free to contact members of the Development Authority/Main Street Board of Directors (pictured below: Sarah Bernzott, Marianne Bramble, Angela Caldwell, Vicki Hammons, Diane Kaufman, Steve Kellam, Julie Livingston, Ted Lynch, Melissa Memory, Kelly Swope, Melissa Turner) or me with suggestions and/or concerns re: economic vitality and preservation. Take time to enjoy "Tybee time" and remember why those of us who live and work here are "lucky enough" and those who visit love returning.

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# From the RIVER'S END...

By Woody Hemphill

Don't look now, but we're already in the month of November. I seem to remember forgetting to 'take up the slack' in the timeline, apparently? Years seem to fly-by, amazingly fast as we grow older, but exponentially faster after washing ashore on Tybee Island.

When young, elders are quick to remind us how time speeds up the older you get. I've definitely found this to be the case since the onset of living on 'Tybee time.' As a member of the latchkey generation, we were the first to respond that we were the exception, rather than the rule. So imagine the cruel irony of finding myself telling precautionary tales to millennials, like some out-of-place character from an outtake of a Scooby-Doo episode. These days, I'm left with little else to ponder but to simply ask, "What happened?" This could be a carryover from the inevitable personal inventory conducted when facing down Cat 5 hurricanes, but we'd all like to consider our lives as a part of a much larger tapestry with a theme & purpose interwoven together by the human condition.

Ultimately, the Tybee experience affords each of us the perspective to confront our issues, confound our demons, and comfort those who need it. When peeling back the layers of our island culture, we could be described as a phenomenon comprised of the social by-products of rugged individualism after being left to our own devices to confront and endure the growing pains of progress, and the barriers of geography, time, & the past.

Each year, we've watched different parts of the country bastardize Americana by turning their region into a Cracker Barrel experience comprised of an unnatural, non-authentic, cheapened, generic, politically-correct version to be visited by out-of-towners. Between the anti-social nature of social media integration and the high-fructose corn syrup treatment of the American experience, it isn't really a stretch to imagine Hell comprised of merchandising agents sitting in a room trying to monetize the 'carcasses' of all things that have been 'done to death' in every geographical location. Yet, while the rest of the world has developed peanut allergies, and given up gluten, we've managed to stay put, and remain ourselves. We liked who we were. Luckily, other folks did, too.

Quite possibly, the most important aspect that I have come to admire about Tybee Island is just how comfortable we are with our condition. Not that we all live in the lap of luxury, but that we are happy with what we have & are quick to help others to be comfortable, too. There's truly something special about a community that is repeatedly reminded how fleeting life is, that it can all be taken away in the blink of an eye, and collectively understands the emancipating qualities of viewing both happiness & misery, each as mutually temporary conditions.

One aspect that I wasn't prepared for upon my initial move to Tybee was the loss of so many loved ones. Some have left only in the physical sense, opting to cross the bridge for greener pastures. Still, others have crossed over into a new, cosmic realm; at times in an instant, others a once proud and mighty oak, that have wilted away into the ether - an ever-present notion of the wandering hands of time & the changing power of tides. At times throughout the year, this universal truth is a concept, little more than an idea, but each year, as the holiday season approaches on Tybee, this becomes a much more concrete notion. As a wise old Tybee character once advised, "The same tide that rolls in, is eventually going back out - the only guarantee we're given from that point is that it'll be back again, tomorrow."

Sometimes, it takes wisdom bestowed by those who've carried rocks in their shoes to appreciate the sand in our flip-flops. . .

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## Behind the Tape...

By Cpl. Richard Dascal

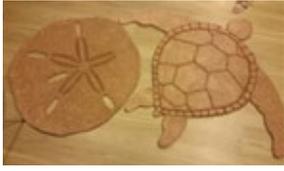


Welcome back everybody. Hope all of you had a great Pirate Fest and those of you still recovering from the storm, I hope you are finding your way back to some sort of normal. As winter has been setting in, we have been slowing down quite a bit over here at the police department. Outside of the normal drunken shenanigans, anyone could see at any hour of the day down on Tybrisa St., we haven't had any interesting stories for me to pass on to you guys. So instead of boring you with the same stories you've heard a thousand times before, I'm going to take this month to talk about some problems that we could use the community's help in addressing.

As winter sets in, we tend to have a serious problem with theft on this island. So, as always, make sure you are securing your property, locking your doors, and turning your porch lights on. Outside of this, if something seems suspicious and out of place, it probably is. If you see something that looks wrong please contact the police department.

Beyond this, as most of you may or may not be aware, in the past year the Chatham County area has seen a huge resurgence in heroin. This is a huge problem that affects our whole community. While we may not want to admit it, it has certainly made its way to Tybee. Anyone with any information about drug sales is encouraged to contact the Tybee Island Police Department or Crime Stoppers. Any complaints can be made anonymously and can go a long way in helping keep this drug out of our community and away from our children.

As always, I hope everyone has a great month and if we can help in anyway please feel free to contact us.



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# Life's a Beach Events

What's happening in Nov. By Mom

**11-2 An Evening of Love Songs with Thomas Oliver** 7-10pm at the Tybee Arts Association - Jim Ingham Black Box Theater, 7 Cedarwood Ave.

**11-4 Flock of Fools Pub Crawl Meeting** 8pm at Tybee Time. This is guaranteed to be the best/worst pub crawl ever! Partners will be assigned and you will get your partner's sizes and go shopping at Goodwill. On **Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 8pm**, you shall present your partner's clothes to them and they to you. Let the crawl begin!

**11-4 The Women of Country Music: Unplugged with Katie Deal** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Katie Deal will be performing country music of Kitty Wells, Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton and more. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for more info at 912- 472-4790.

**11-5, 11-12, & 11-19 The Art of Yoga** 11am-3pm at Tybee Arts Association, 7 Cedarwood Ave. Yoga Me Fit will donate a portion of proceeds to the Tybee Arts Association. Go get fit!

**11-6, 11-13, 11-20, & 11-27 Tybee Island Farmer's Market** 4-7pm at Tybee Lighthouse grounds, 30 Meddin Dr. The Farmer's Market will be open every Monday through November. Everything from fresh veggies to art work. Support your local Farmers and Artists!

**11-10 The Petty Hearts** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The Petty Hearts perform their tribute show for rock and roll famer, Tom Petty. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for more info at 912- 472-4790.

**11-11 Veteran's Day** "THANK YOU" to all our Veterans!!

**11-11 Ft. Pulaski** 9am-5pm at Ft. Pulaski, Hwy 80. Free entrance day.

**11-17 "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: Live from WVL Radio Theater!"** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. A four member stage company entertaining all with this classic of "It's A Wonderful Life." For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for more info at 912-472-4790.

**11-18 Bobby Randall & Melissa Lee** 8-10pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. Special acoustic duo from Nashville. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for more info at 912-472-4790.

**11-23 Thanksgiving** Let us all be thankful for what we have.

**11-25 Small Business Saturday** What better time to shop local than on Small Business Saturday? I will plan to see y'all out there.

**11-27 TIPD VIP Luncheon-Neighbors Helping Neighbors** 11am-noon at Memorial Park. If you need some assistance or want to help, contact Richard Dascall at 912-484-8833 for more info.

**11-30 "A Christmas Carol"** 7:30 pm at Tybee Post Theater, 10 Van Horne Ave. The FEFC Youth Ensemble Theater will be performing this famous Charles Dickens' classic. For all events go to [www.tybeeposttheater.org](http://www.tybeeposttheater.org) or call for more info at 912- 472-4790.



## Gandalf the Grey Beard Contest

We here at the Beachcomber are all about silly contests and good times so you can imagine my thrill when **Brantley Hackney** agreed to be front and center for our **Gandalf the Grey Beard Contest**. Throughout this past year, we (and when I say 'we' I mean his mom and me) have begged him to shave the nightmare that has perched upon his chin. He has steadfastly refused ... until now! So here's the deal: Beginning November 1, 2017, we are taking bets on when Brantley will shave the hair nest that has become his face (the ladies want to see that good looking man again). He has until December 31st, 2017, at midnight. He has promised he will do this when he feels 'ready,' but has guaranteed that it will be in the time frame. Send me your date and time when you think Brantley is going to whip out that razor. Whomever is closest will win something fabulous. Please email your responses to me at [info@tybeebeachcomber.com](mailto:info@tybeebeachcomber.com). There will be no collusion. I don't know when this is going to happen, although I am open to bribes with money, food or booze (hey, everyone can be bought).

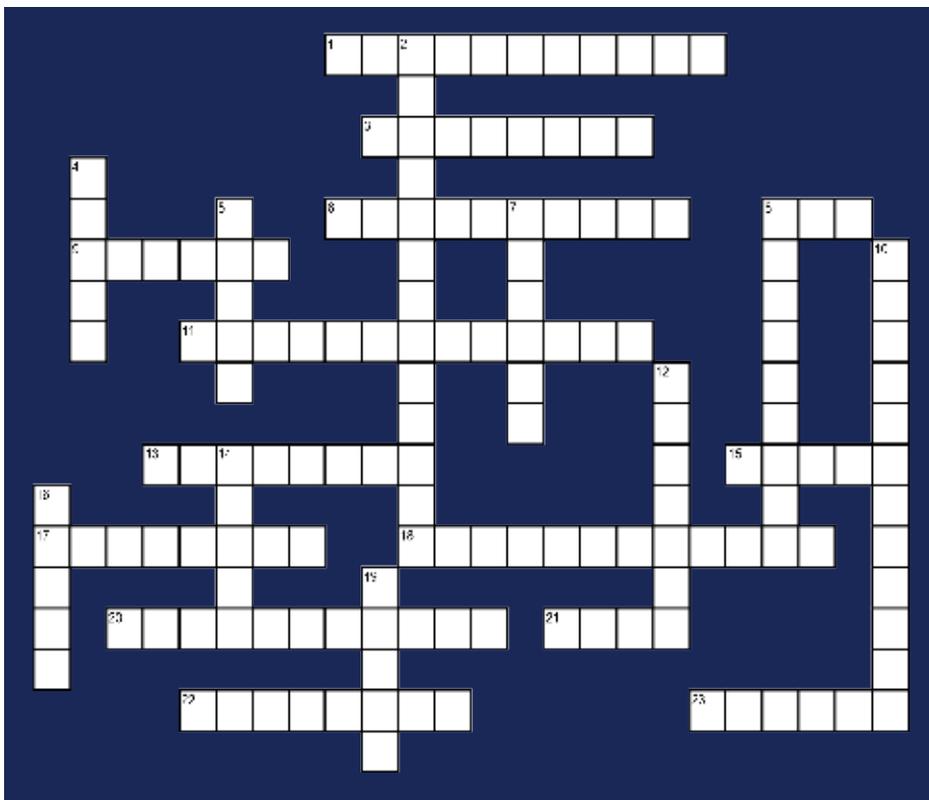
# Cross Word

## ACROSS

- 1 November 11 (2 wds.)
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of Irma (Monthly Rant)
- 6 Fish Whisperer uses Fiddler Crabs to catch these sneaky fish
- 8 Game Changer for Breezy in Taxi Tales
- 9 Traveling Beachcomber winners went here
- 11 On this Saturday, it's time to shop local (2 wds.)
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ on Tybee (Feature Story)
- 15 J. Beebs collects these
- 17 Tybee for the \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Go to Huc -a -Poos on Wed. night for this (3 wds.)
- 20 Bad Advice was asked about this (2 wds.)
- 21 Season
- 22 11th month
- 23 These sponges make their habitat out of old shells

## DOWN

- 2 Chapter 5 of Zombie story (3 wds.)
- 4 Joey loves doing this on Monday Nights
- 5 Featured writer this month
- 7 Sips and \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Book Review
- 10 Holiday
- 12 Protect yo \_\_\_\_\_ self
- 14 Food Spy locale
- 16 Foodie Finds recipe
- 19 Bartender of the month



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| BUS        | NOVEMBER       | THANKSGIVING    |
| CHILI      | REMNANTS       | THE RESCUE PLAN |
| COINS      | ROBBY          | TYBEE TEETH     |
| DARTS      | RUSSIA         | VETERANS DAY    |
| DIGITAL    | SCENES         |                 |
| FALL       | SCREEN DOORS   |                 |



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