

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – 2022

The Communications Committee was formed about fourteen years ago soon after the MT website was created. The Committee's purpose is to coordinate the efforts of several volunteers who perform various duties to keep our residents well-informed. The News & Views is still the primary source of current information about our community. It reaches every resident and every homeowner including those who don't live here. An e-mail version is also available to anyone who wishes to receive it. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, just give Ted Ackley, Editor, a call or send him an e-mail. You will still receive your paper copy.

Joseph Martin recently took over as Webmaster and Bruce Williams provides all the photos and technical support. Ted Ackley provides back-up for Joe. It contains a vast amount of useful information: Minutes of Board meetings, Annual meetings and committee meeting minutes for the past 10 years are available. Photos of the Board members and committee members are also displayed. News & Views issues for the past ten years are also on file. A very useful feature of the website is a listing of contractors and service providers who have been recommended by Myrtle Trace residents. This listing is found under Homeowner Resources. Also found in Homeowners Resources are the various Policies and Procedures established by the Board of Directors over the years. If you haven't checked out the website, please do so as it is a great source of information about your community.

Whenever you see the Myrtle Trace flag lowered, a resident has passed away. The name of the deceased may be found in the In Memoriam section of the website and it will also be posted at the Clubhouse entrance for three days. I along with Sue and Dave Rudnicki, lower and raise the Myrtle Trace flag as necessary. The Committee also maintains the bulletin board outside the entrance to the Clubhouse. Our official greeters, Donna Ebling & Pam Reinhart, visited 33 new families or individuals during the past year compared with 41 during the previous year. One issue the Greeters have is finding out when new residents have moved in. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you would let Donna or Pam know when you get a new neighbor.

Other members of the committee are Lina Janovitz and Linda Guest who maintain our community directory database and also mail the News & Views each month to seven non-resident homeowners. With their help, Ted Ackley publishes a new Myrtle Trace phone directory in April and October. Jeanie Rhodes edits the News & Views fliers and Pat Paxson prepares and maintains the Community Calendar which is found on the back page of the News & Views each month. She also handles private reservations for the use of the Clubhouse. Jon Bourne maintains an emergency e-mail database which is used by ONLY when there becomes an urgent need to contact as many of our residents as possible. Ted Ackley has been the Editor of the News & Views for the past 28 years and Carol Blonowicz is Assistant Editor. Our News & Views carriers are Bill Alexandra, Lydia Baraga, Jean & Joe Glavan, Paula Hartmann, Anne Kongvold, Phoebe Lee, Kathy Lindh, Cathy McElroy, Sheilah Reynolds, Nancy Seeds, Cathy Smith and Mike & Joanna Wilcox. The scheduled delivery date for the upcoming month is always listed in the News and Views in the box on the upper left-hand corner of Page 2.

I would like to thank all the committee members and the News & Views carriers for their valuable service. They all do a great job. Our committee assignments are listed on the back page of the Myrtle Trace Directory. Please feel free to call any of us if you have questions or need information.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Johnsen, Communications Committee Chairperson

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