



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

June 2020

## BOARD BRIEFS

Dear Residents,

By now most of you have probably heard that the Board voted to keep the Pool and the Clubhouse closed until further notice (word travels fast on the MT Telegraph). This was not an easy decision. I know many of you look forward to pool activities and using the Clubhouse. I know this is not a popular decision, but I feel it is the right one.

Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to guarantee that we can comply with all the DHEC sanitization regulations for the Pool and Clubhouse. The regulations put a lot of responsibility on the individual residents. Then there is the question do we also open them to non-residents? To open the pool, in addition to no pool furniture or accessories, users must wipe down surfaces (including handrails) when getting in and out of the pool, and also in the restroom, wash hands for 20 seconds minimum, wear a face mask (yes at pool-side too), and maintain social distancing. Occupancy would be extremely limited, meaning fewer residents could only use the pool for a short period, and then they must leave at the end of their time slot so another resident could use the pool. The Clubhouse follows many of the same restrictions, but also involves limited occupancy, table spacing, number of seats per table, serving food, mask wearing and disinfecting surfaces. Even if we found a way to comply with all of these regulations, the next step is implementation. How do we do it fairly? We would need a volunteer to be the central point for taking pool reservations (time slots) and enforcing them. How do we sign up? All users must disinfect and sanitize, no exceptions. We are not going to pay for a cleaning company to clean up after us from, open until close. How do we enforce the social distancing? Nobody wants to be the “hall monitor” but if we don’t comply, we are technically disobeying a governor mandated regulation. We are endangering the health of our residents.

Even though the Pool and Clubhouse are not being used, we are still paying for upkeep of the Pool (utilities, chemicals and water circulation) and for the Clubhouse (utilities, water, cleaning). This assures us the facilities will be kept in good condition and will be in tip-top shape when we need to get them ready for opening. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear face masks, and wipe down frequently touched surfaces – stay safe.

This is not a situation to be taken lightly. This is serious business. The welfare of our residents is, and must be, of the utmost importance. So, we can’t use the Pool or the Clubhouse. We can find other things to do, we can be creative. We can still maintain contact with one another, we can still have fun. Challenge your friends to a knitting project, create a new recipe, read that novel, write a letter, organize your photographs (write names and dates on the back), teach someone to play cards, learn a foreign language, teach your pet a new trick or take an on-line class. And just think, when we get through this (and we will) we will appreciate what we have. Until then, we must make the best of it. We are Myrtle Trace!

*Donna Ebling*

Board Actions - Transition of Board Members

The Board bids a sad good bye to Director-at-Large, Ray Binis. Due to health reasons, Ray will not be finishing his term. We thank him for his time, insights and support while serving with the Board. The Board has appointed William (Bill) Fox to fill the vacant Director-at-Large position. He will serve the remainder of Ray’s 3-year term. Thank you for agreeing to work with us and take on this responsibility. We look forward to working with you.

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## News & Views

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June Delivery - 6/29/20

### LAKEVIEW LADIES' COFFEE

Lakeview Ladies' Coffee  
will not be held in June.



Flag day - June 14th

### ROMEO'S

The ROMEO'S  
will not meet  
during June.



**MYRTLE TRACE  
WEBSITE**  
[www.myrtletracesc.org](http://www.myrtletracesc.org)

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

As you all know by now, the Clubhouse is still closed and the Memorial Day Picnic has been cancelled. We are planning a July 4th Picnic with two seatings so we can accommodate more homeowners. We will not be using the pool area. Please look for the flier in the News & Views. Again, this event will depend on whether the Board opens the Clubhouse at their June Meeting. Also, with the Clubhouse not opening, Yappy Hour has been canceled until next year.

With all the new homeowners moving in, I would like to invite you to an Activities Committee Meeting which is held on the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting is Monday, June 8th at 7:00 pm, at the Clubhouse. We will be meeting outside so bring your own chair and we will be social distancing. If anyone has any thoughts for an activity, please email me your ideas at perry50@yahoo.com.

We would like everybody to get involved. Hope to see you at the meeting and hear your ideas.

*Santo Perry*

## HELP WANTED

Some day our pool will be open! When it does we will need a few additional Pool Monitors and Pool Closers. Don't wait - please contact Sandra Main now to learn about the duties and the schedules. You may call Sandra at 973-222-5199.

## MYRTLE TRACE LOGO POLO SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS

Orders may be placed by contacting Ted Ackley by phone (843-347-3004 or 843-602-1991) or by e-mail (tedack@sccoast.net). He has a chart of available colors.

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY ADDITIONS & CHANGES

As of May 23, 2020

### Additions:

Bange, Shelby	105 Linden Cir.	703-203-4445 VA
Eamer, Jerry & Sandra	207 Cedar Ridge Ln.	843-234-0063 NY
Morris, Ann	214 Beechwood Ct.	804-837-7262 VA
Morris, Steve	214 Beechwood Ct.	804-837-8272 VA
Renee, Lawrence & Carol	203 Candlewood Dr.	843-258-0067 NC

### Changes/Corrections:

Carter, Colleen	100 Cricket Court	<u>843-267-0813</u>
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### E-mail:

Bange, Shelby	cre8tvmema@aol.com
Eamer, Jerry & Sandra	sandypt2005@aol.com
Morris, Ann	sam6050@aol.com
Morris, Steve	morrisenviro@aolo.com
Renee, Lawrence & Carol	carren888@yahoo.com

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

For those of you concerned about the marine growth along the banks of our lakes, the Committee is seeking a resolution to the problem. Please bear with us for this may take some time.

The community pool will remain closed until the Board of Directors determines that it will be in the best interests of our residents to open it.

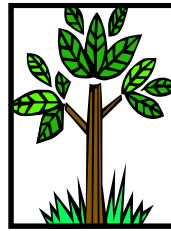
On a note of safety, the committee is asking all bike riders to follow the rules of the road and ride on the right hand side of the road. Walkers should walk facing the on coming traffic. Thank you for adhering to these safety measures.

*Liz Maass*

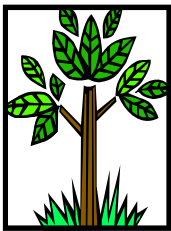
## SOCIAL DISTANCING



ARC MEETING



PROPERTY COMMITTEE  
MEETING



Think You're Having a Bad Day?

Today was the absolute worst day ever

And don't try to convince me that There's something good in every day

Because, when you take a closer look,

This world is a pretty evil place.

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while

Satisfaction and happiness don't last.

And it's not true that

It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be attained

Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists

I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

My attitude

It's all beyond my control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say

Today was a very good day.

Now read it from bottom to top, the other way, [read the last sentence first, the second to last sentence second, etc. until you reach the top sentence]

And see what I really feel about today.

SINGLES  
BREAKFAST

CANCELLED FOR JUNE

**MYRTLE  
TRACE-MART  
I WOULD LIKE TO.....**

**SELL** - 2012 Honda Crosstour Sedan. 90,000+ miles. V6, 4WD, leather seats, new battery & plugs. Needs a spare tire. \$7,200 Please call Rufus at 843-347-9136 or 843-866-4871 (6)

**SELL** - Wrought iron glass top table and four chairs \$150.00. Wrought iron bakers rack \$50.00. Please call Pat at 704-785-4010 (5)

**SELL** - Invacare portable wheelchair. Like new. \$250.00 Please call Joyce at 843-347-5434 (6)

**SELL** - Electric adult tricycle with new battery and charger. Many extras. Use pedal power or electric power. \$185, also red Walgreens walker with seat. Original \$65, asking \$40. Please call Bruce at 843-234-1236 (6)

**SELL** - Ryobi 10" Table Saw - \$60. Sears Double Wheel Grinder - \$30. Ryobi 5 1/2 " Laser Circular Saw - \$50. Craftsman Industrial Router Table and Sears Router - \$75. Homelite 16" Electric Chain Saw - \$40. All items come with manuals and are in very good condition. Please call Fred at 843-347-3918 (6)

**GIVEAWAY** - Corrugated storage cartons, 11" X 17" X 9" high. Ideal for attic storage. Please call Ted at 843-602-1991 (6)

**MYRTLE TRACE-MART**

**Is a service of the News & Views which accepts NO responsibility for any claims made in an ad. Ads for businesses conducted by Myrtle Trace residents or others will not be accepted. Ads will be published for three (3) months unless cancelled or renewed.**



**MYRTLE TRACE PHONE DIRECTORY**

Since the publication of our latest phone directory on April 1st, we've received a few notifications of incorrect phone numbers or e-mail addresses. At your convenience, please check the information shown for you in the directory. If any corrections are needed, please contact Linda Guest (843-347-4814), Lina Janovitz (843-347-2206) or Ted Ackley (843-602-1991). Thank you.

## BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

### WHY DID THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDE TO KEEP THE POOL AND CLUBHOUSE CLOSED INDEFINITELY?

This is a question many Myrtle Trace residents may be asking. The decision made by the Board was not a simple one and was guided by a number of factors. First, Governor McMaster stated pools could be opened beginning May 18, 2020 with certain restrictions and guidelines and opening of restaurants or areas for people to gather, which were issued by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

In view of the guidelines, a committee was formed by the Board; chaired by a board member and comprised of members of the Property Committee, Activity Committee and pool and social activity and event enthusiasts. Their charge was to review the DHEC and CDC guidelines and make recommendations to the Board as to what could be done, based on these guidelines, to make it possible to open the Pool and Clubhouse in a manner which would maintain the health of pool users and attendees at events sponsored by the Activity Committee. Some of the guidelines reviewed by the committee are as follows:

- Pool occupancy is to be restricted to 20% occupancy or 5 people per every 1000 square feet of the pool and the deck area, whichever is less.
- Stagger use of communal spaces
- Surfaces such as handrails, ladders, gates, doors, pool furniture, bathroom facilities, and drinking fountain should be cleaned between each use.
- Social distancing must be 6 feet between individuals, except if they live in the same household.
- Areas on pool deck should be clearly marked so individuals are aware of where they may sit.
- Post signs about how to stop the virus spread: properly wash hands and wear a face mask, in highly visible locations.
- Have adequate supplies on hand: soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, no-touch trash cans OR ensure individuals bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to wipe door handles, handwashing stations and surfaces of restrooms,
- Use masks when feasible and when social distancing is difficult. Do not wear masks in the water, they can be difficult to breathe through when we
- Ensure an individual is onsite to oversee adherence to social distancing and compliance or health practices

The opening of the Clubhouse also had restrictions based on what was allowed for restaurants. Maximum number of people allowed at one time is 50% of occupancy; place tables 6-8 feet apart, no more than 8 persons at a table. Commonly used items such as bathrooms, tables, chairs, doors and faucets would need to be sanitized after being used by an individual.

The motion to keep the Pool and Clubhouse closed until the restrictions have been eased in efforts to keep residents healthy was based on the review of the Committees' recommendations and consideration of several factors: manageability of and fairness in scheduling people for using the Pool or Clubhouse; enforcement of the guidelines recommended by the committee, current status of COVID-19 virus in Horry County, and the importance of the health of Myrtle Trace residents. We understand that this may not be a popular decision, but we must do what we think is in the best interest of our residents. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### PURCHASE OF LOROPETALUM BUSH

The Board approved the purchase of a 7-gallon sized Loropetalum bush to be placed near the propane tank outside the Clubhouse. The plant will help hide the tank so that we are in compliance with the ARC guidelines.

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## BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

### THANK YOU POOL/CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to Board Vice President, Mary L'Heureux for chairing the Pool/Clubhouse Committee. The Board appointed Mary to this ad hoc committee to gather information on regulations and best practices that would be needed in order to open the Pool and the Clubhouse. Mary and her committee met on short notice and did an outstanding job of gathering information. The Board wanted these insights to be better able to make a decision on when/if to open the Pool and Clubhouse. The committee consisted of: Santo Perry, Steve Notte, Claudia Allensworth, Mickey Jarossy, Karen Riley, Liz Maass, Jeanne Niziol, Lee Williams, and Sandra Main.

### HURRICANE SEASON

Even though we are fighting with COVID-19, hurricane season starts in June on schedule! Please start to think about purchasing plywood if needed (avoid the last minute rush), bungee straps or rope to tie down yard ornaments and furniture, and some pantry staples and a can opener. Watch the weather and ensure you have ample medicine for you and ample food and medicine for your pets. Check with your neighbors and help them prepare if they need help. Watch your mailbox for the South Carolina Hurricane Guide for 2020. It comes to all residents, free of charge, and has information on evacuation; and what to do for preparation, during the hurricane and after the hurricane.

### DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder, in January, monthly HOA dues were increased to \$85.00. Please be sure that your payments and automated payments are for \$85.00.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Paul Sallas for building the enclosure for the electrical box (between the pool and sidewalk) and to Claudia Allensworth for painting the box. It looks great - ready for a photo shoot for Southern Living!!!

### CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU, TED ACKLEY

Please thank Ted – sometimes referred to as “Mr. Myrtle Trace”. for 25 years of service as Editor of the News & Views. Ted has co-written, edited, produced and helped distribute the News & Views since May 1995. At the recent Board meeting, Santo Perry presented him with an acrylic plaque to honor this accomplishment. Here's to you, Ted, many, many thanks!

### MYRTLE TRACE CALENDAR

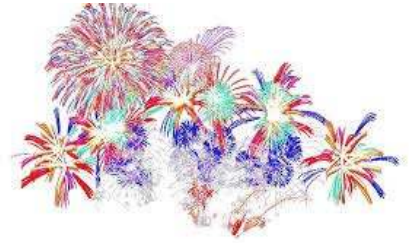
The June Calendar of Events (on the back page), reflects regular, normal use. Please note that if we are still under the Work or Home Directive during the time of a scheduled event, that event will be cancelled. The Clubhouse will remain closed until the Directive has been rescinded or DHEC has lifted the restrictions.





# 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY PICNIC

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020



12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

&

2:15 PM to 4:00 PM

## MYRTLE TRACE RESIDENTS ONLY

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Rolls, Baked Beans,  
Cold Slaw, Potato Salad, Desert, Beer, Water, & Soft Drinks

### Residents Only

RSVP By June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. To:  
Nelson Fisher – 174 Glenwood Drive

### DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS

The Clubhouse is limited to 55 residents  
per shift

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD. THE  
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WILL SUPPLY  
ALL OF THE FOOD.

Residents' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which shift you prefer.

first shift \_\_\_\_\_

second shift \_\_\_\_\_

If your first choice is full, you may have to go to the other shift.

<b>MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES</b>							<b>June</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>1</b> Chorus Thursdays 3:30pm	<b>2</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>3</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>4</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Singles Mtg	<b>5</b> 7-45 <b>ROMEOS</b> 12:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta	<b>6</b>			
<b>7</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>8</b> 3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b> 7:00 <b>ACT. COM.</b>	<b>9</b> Clubhouse Closed Elections	<b>10</b> 9:30 PHS.8 COFFEE 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>11</b> 9-11 Crafters 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>12</b> 12:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>13</b>		
<b>14</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 <b>MTLCK</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>17</b> 9:00 <b>MTHOA</b> <b>BD MTG.</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>18</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>19</b> 7-45 <b>ROMEOS</b> 12:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta	<b>20</b> 5:30 <b>Pizza Party</b>		
<b>21</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>22</b> 3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b>	<b>23</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>24</b> 9:30 Singles Brkfast 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>25</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>26</b> 12:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>27</b> 4:00 <b>Reserved</b>		
<b>28</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>29</b> <b>NEWS &amp; VIEWS</b> <b>DELIVERY</b>	<b>30</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker		<b>CALENDAR</b> Pat Paxson – 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004			<b>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE</b> M - Th 7:45 - 9:00 Water Aerobics 8:00-8:45 AM 6 PM Tue & Fri	

Calendar is ONLY in effect if and when the pool and clubhouse reopen