



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents February 2021

BOARD BRIEFS

Dear Residents,

Year 2020 is over; remnants are still showing their wrath. Yes, we're off to a scary start for 2021, but we made it through the past year, (OK some days we wonder how we did that) and we will make it through this difficult beginning too. It has been quite a year indeed.

The Board continued working to keep Myrtle Trace a great place to live, as well as, keeping our residents safe. During the year, some revisions were made to Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and Property Guidelines and Board Policies. I think one of the most important changes was requiring at least a one-year minimum for rentals; we are trying to keep Myrtle Trace a community, not a group of vacation cottages.

And, the biggie - we all had to contend with COVID-19. We learned words like quarantine, "mask up", arm hugs, curbside pickup, safe/social distancing, and now carry hand sanitizer at all times. Keeping our residents safe, required us to make some difficult decisions. We had to put our personal feelings aside and focus on the good of the community. (not an easy task, let me tell you), A task made more difficult as we had to consider 518 households. Yes, I am referring to closing the pool and the Clubhouse. It's not fun for the residents and it is certainly not fun for us; we got no joy from it. However, we have been extremely lucky in that we have not had a large outbreak in Myrtle Trace.

But it wasn't all doom and gloom. Despite the best efforts of the virus, the Activity, ARC, Property and Communication committees continued to work for us. We had: food trucks, bingo and Thanksgiving dinner. The Clubhouse and front and back entrances were decorated for the holidays. We also still received our monthly edition of the *News & Views*. ARC was perhaps the busiest; because of the self-imposed "lock down" circumstances, more residents than ever worked on their houses and yards. Many yards can now qualify for "House Beautiful."

What a year, and despite it being sad, and in some instances, very busy, it was over quickly. Now it's time for a new, hopefully uplifting year. It's also time for another annual meeting. It's time for someone else, another resident to serve on the Board of Directors.

So, that's it. This is the end of my three-year term on the Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association, Board of Directors. (well, on February 6, it will be officially over.) It was so worthwhile! I was a Director-at-Large, Treasurer, and President. I have learned so much about Myrtle Trace, how the covenants/policies work, residents' concerns, I've been grateful for their heartfelt thanks and kind words. And, I've been on the other end, when the words have not been kind. I have learned that whatever I thought my limits were – they can always go a little farther, and they were always being tested. And, you would think I have learned that it is impossible to please 518 households, but I will always keep trying. I owe so much to the current board members – they have supported me, taught me, helped me to think things through, and talked me off the ledge when I needed it. When I first came on the board, they were colleagues, and now I am proud to call them "friend." I owe the committee chairs for their dedication to the job and to Myrtle Trace, they too have taught me much. As a Board, we feel your pain, share your headaches, and share in your joys. Our contractors have made so many things easier for us, and kept us on track, they are truly an asset. I must also thank, my husband, Bob – he has been there with me through thick and thin, in a sense, he served my three years too. But perhaps I owe the most to you, the residents of Myrtle Trace. You have taught me much, some big things and some little; and some things, I don't think I've realized yet – and for that I truly thank you. All things considered, it has been a wonderful and rewarding experience; it has been a pleasure and an honor.

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LAKEVIEW LADIES' COFFEE

There will be no Lakeview
Ladies' Coffee during
February.

ROMEO'S

February 19th - 7:45

WOODHAVEN RESTAURANT

Hwy 17 Bus, at 22nd Ave S.

Be sure to wear your mask
when entering the restaurant.



**MYRTLE TRACE
WEBSITE**
www.myrtletracesc.org

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

At our last meeting, we discussed a few events for the upcoming months. The events will be held outside. The first one is Yappy Hour in April and another one in May which is a Spring Fling (we are planning on a food truck and a band). Please check the upcoming News Views for additional information.

We also moved the Craft Fair from March until October so that the crafters have more time to work on their crafts.

An idea for a Lip Sync event was brought to us from a new owner that their previous HOA had held and it was a hit. We are looking into this idea further.

The Activities Committee is always looking for ideas and new members. Please join us at our meetings. We meet the second Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, February 8th at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. If you have an idea you would like to see happen, please come to the meeting and present your idea.

Santo Perry

CRAFT SHOW UPDATE

At the January meeting of the Activities Committee a decision was made to postpone the Craft Show until October 23rd. Yet again another delay due to Covid-19. Don't give up - keep on crafting!

Two outdoor events have been planned for the Spring. Watch for announcements in the News & Views.

Lee Williams

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 January 24, 2021

Additions:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Douglass, Pat | 105 Mayberry Lane | 843-234-1441 NY |
| Perkinson, Ivan & Peggy | 111 Juneberry Lane | 804-919-3924 VA |
| Watson, William & Joy | 100 Walnut Circle | 828-551-1710 NC |

Changes/Corrections:

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|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Baker, Henry & Dorina | 208 Butternut Circle | |
| Bevan, Peter | | 843-516-9803 |
| Crow, Beth | bethcrowsc@gmail.com | |

E-mail:

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| Perkinson, Ivan & Peggy | perkinsonpm@gmail.com |
| Watson, William & Joy | williamjoy57@hotmail.com |

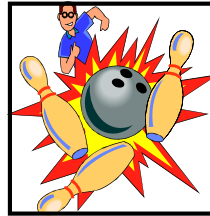
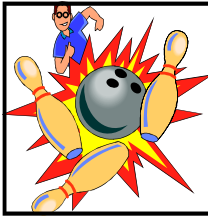
PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Committee is still seeking a willing participant to fill our pool liaison position to work with our pool contractor. Rather than list the responsibilities of this position, The Committee would prefer to meet with any willing volunteers and show them the in's and out's of the job. Anyone interested please contact Rich McEvoy to discuss the job details.

In addition I would like to say the Property Committee is filled with wonderful people who support one another in everything we do.

On another matter we are asking all homeowners that recently had HTC working in their front yards to check to make sure their sprinklers are working properly. If you encounter a problem please follow the directions posted in the Board Briefs in this issue.

Liz Maass



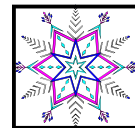
BOWLING

The "No-Tap" tournament on January 7th was great fun. Six of the top seven winners were Myrtle Tracers. They were Bob Bastian (788), Harry Fink (727), Janet McGrady (720), Bob Kirk (715), Paula Hartmann (704) and Ed McCorkindale (702).

Regular league play resumed on January 14th and with two weeks to go, the Strikers (Jeanne Niziol, Millie Van Slaars & Bill Mose) are in first place, three points ahead of Time to Spare (Sue Adams, Darlene Fenick & Joe Harper). The Catena Cuties (Glinda Walker, Gary Conklin & Donna Bandura).

High scores by Tracers include Harry Fink (256-584), George Thompson (523), Bob Bastian (507), Ted Ackley (491) and Jeanie Bastial (477).

Two more weeks will determine the winners of the second segment of the schedule. Time to Spare won the first segment and had qualified for the season ending roll-off.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

ARC has a new box for Project Requests. It is located next to the HOA box outside the entrance to the clubhouse. Please put any project request that you may have in the new box and not in the HOA box. We hope everyone is looking forward to spring and hopefully the end of the co-vid virus.

Pat Hosford

Thank You

Broken Heart

I am sad that my sweet man Paul is no longer with me here in Myrtle Trace because of COVID-19. He loved the beauty of our area so much. He also loved taking Emma (our dog) for walks and took many pictures of Myrtle Trace. He also made many friends with other dog walkers. We were so in loved and enjoyed our life together. He was so special. I want to thank you Myrtle Tracers. You were so loving and kind to me and Emma. I appreciate all the help and prayers during this sad time of my life. Blessings and prayers to all of you and keep safe.

Gayne McDonnell

**SINGLES
BREAKFAST
CANCELLED FOR FEB.**

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I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - ReSound Linx Hearing Aids. 3D 9Mini. Barely used. Owner passed shortly after purchase. New \$3,190. Asking \$500. Please call Wayne at 330-715-8635 (1)

SELL - Antique, dome top steamer trunk for sale. Make an offer. Please call Paula at 231-922-1625. (1)

SELL - Idlis 7 cu.ft. chest freezer, white. 2 years old, excellent condition. \$150. Please call Herman at 401-529-7930. (1)

SELL - Craftsman lawnmower-mulcher, 22", 4.5hp, 3 years old, good condition, gasoline powered. Asking \$50. Please call Vicky at 803-288-4160. (2)

SELL - 18 Cu. Ft. Frigidaire Refrigerator: Color: Black. Paid \$849, plus \$50 for ice maker. Purchased May 3, 2018. Lowe's Protection- Plan good until May 3, 2023. In like-new condition. Asking price \$350. Please call Eunice at 43-347-0743. (2)

SELL - Beautiful kitchen table with two (2) matching, padded, tilting, swivel chairs w/wheels. Only \$50! Perfect for Breakfast Nook, Sun Room, etc. Excellent condition. Color: White, w/laminated wood top, metal legs on table and chairs. Size/dimensions (table): 41"(L) x 41" (W) x 29" (H). Can be viewed on Craigslist: ID# 7176258446. Please call or text Rick at 917-691-7497. (2)

SELL - Solid wood framed Bolero Landscape mirror; for wall or dresser. Price: \$25. Condition excellent. Size/dimensions: 48"(L) x 1-1/2" (W) x 43" (H). Can be viewed on Craigslist: ID# 7176344273. Please call or text Rick at 917-691-7497. (2)

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.

MORE BOARD BRIEFS

Soon I will be a Past President. I ask that you continue to support and respect the Board, welcome their new member and work with the Committee members. They are all here for you and because of you.

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. – (Winnie the Pooh)

Take care of yourselves, take care of each other, and carry on.

Donna Ebling

BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN ON January 20, 2021

Clubhouse to remain closed: Due to the continued rise in the COVID virus counts, the Board voted to keep the Clubhouse closed to activities, and only open for official business, until further notice. Resident will have access to the library, computer/printer, and copier. The Board will reevaluate the situation at the next Board Meeting.

Contract Termination: The Board approved the termination of the current retention pond contractor, Estates Management, and the hiring of a new contractor, Total Lake Care. There is a 60-day window between notification of termination and actual termination.

MYRTLE TRACE ANNUAL MEETING

The Myrtle Trace Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 2:00 PM, in the clubhouse** - open to a very limited number of residents.

Residents will be able to register and vote at the Clubhouse for the elections. Residents may register themselves and any proxies at the Clubhouse during certain days and times. Proxies must be filled out prior to registration. After registering, residents will be given an official ballot, and will be able to vote at that time.

Mark your official ballot and place it in the ballot box. Residents are encouraged to vote early or by proxy this will allow us to determine if we have a quorum for the annual meeting. This process will also help us all to maintain safe distancing in the Clubhouse. Dates and times for registration and voting are:

Thursday, February 4, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM and from 4:00PM to 7:00PM

Friday, February 5, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM and from 4:00PM to 7:00PM

Saturday, February 6, from 10:00AM to 11:00AM.

The format of the meeting will allow residents being able to “listen-in.” Some residents are uncomfortable using computers, and some do not have a computer – but all of us know how to use the telephone, so we are using the “listen only” format. Residents may dial in to the numbers below. The meeting will begin promptly at 2PM, if you dial in earlier, you will get “dead space.” To dial-in to the meeting using your phone:

Dial **1-301-715-8592**, wait for directions

Dial the meeting ID: **954 3763 7758**, then the pound sign #

Dial the passcode: **479893**, then the pound sign #

This information will also be given, via the email notification system, closer to the meeting date. To add your name to this listing, please contact Jon Bourne at jlbarch1@sccoast.net. Login information will NOT be posted on our website.

HTC Work

HTC trucks have been in our neighborhood to upgrade their equipment and to lay fiber optics. HTC and utilities crews have mapped the area (using colored markings on lawns and streets). To install the new cabling, they will do their best to park trucks and other equipment vehicles, such as to allow ample driving room, they will direct traffic as needed. If you know the location of your irrigation systems, that will help the HTC work crew.

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HTC mailed letters informing residents about the process. **PLEASE read any HTC letters sent to you.** A follow up letter will be sent out shortly providing information and instructions for allowing HTC to come onto your property to finalize the installation. Please call 843-365-2151 to set up an appointment when directed.

If your property is damaged during the installation call Joey Hodges - **843-283-2092**. Please leave your name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the problem; he will contact you as soon as he is available. If you are complaining about your lawn, please wait until the project is complete.

Security camera monitors:

Our security equipment is operational! Dennis Arena held a workshop and trained some of our residents to be a security camera monitors. Our new monitors are: Dennis Arena, Bob Ebling, Pat Hosford, Gary Main, Linda Moore, Herman and Debbie Robocho. The monitors will be able to view images caught on camera. Residents are asked to contact police if they see something suspicious. The monitors are not law enforcement.

Thank You Residents:

Thank you to: Herman Rebocho, Thor Kongvold, Dennis Arena and Roger Kirschner for installing our security cameras - thank you Dennis for instructing our new monitors.
Thank you to Anne Kongvold for her continued efforts to provide meals and treats to our homebound residents.

MYRTLE TRACE MINI GOLF

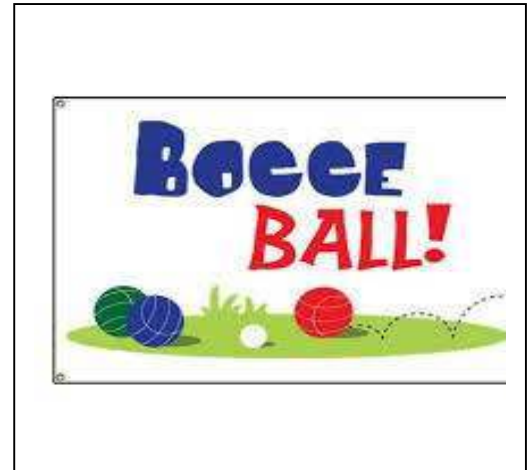
Attention all mini golfers! The Myrtle Trace Mini Golf Group is preparing for the spring 2021 season. Everyone is welcome to join our group. We play once a week on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM , beginning early March. Our schedule rotates between several different local courses. There are no set teams and scores don't matter. This is a chance to get out with neighbors and friends and have a good time. Please contact the Coopers at: 2gcoops@gmail.com or by phone at 843-347-2969, to get on our roster and for a schedule.

Gary Cooper

**BE SURE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT IN
THE MYRTLE TRACE ELECTION OR GIVE
YOUR PROXY TO A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR.
THANK YOU!**

2021 Spring Bocce Ball

It's time to sign up. Join us for fun outdoor and meet friends and neighbors. If you've never played before and would like to. Attend the meeting and we will be glad to help you.



**Meeting: February 27th @ 2:00 PM at
The Clubhouse. (If not open the parking lot).**

Return form to:

Janet McGrady
108 Walnut Cir.

By: Feb. 14th

Schedules will be given out
at the meeting.

Please attend.

Name _____

Partner if you have one.

Name _____

Need partner ___ Yes ___ No

Phone # _____

Email _____

Registration fee is \$ 6.00 per person.

Cash only, no checks please.

Amt. enclosed _____

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

February

2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chorus Thursdays 3:30pm | 1 10-11:30 Bible Study 6:00 Bunco | 2 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker | 3 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker | 4 Clubhouse Closed Early Reg & Voting 10am-12pm & 4pm-7pm | 5 7:45 ROMEOS Clubhouse Closed Early Reg & Voting 10am-12pm & 4pm-7pm | 6 Clubhouse Closed Early Reg & Voting 10am-11am 1:30 MT Annual Mtn |
| 7 6:30 Game Night | 8 10-11:30 Bible Study 3:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM. | 9 9:30 PROP. COM. 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker | 10 9:30 PHS.8 COFFEE 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker | 11 9-11 Crafters 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg | 12 10:00 MTLCK 1:00 Canasta 7:00 Bingo | 13 |
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| 28 6:30 Game Night | | | | CALENDAR Pat Paxson – 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004 | | EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE M - Th 7:45 - 9:00 |

Clubhouse Closed: ONLY open for MTHOA business