



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents December 2023

BOARD BRIEFS

PROJECTS AND PLANS—At our November 15th meeting we approved 2 projects that have been in the planning stages for some time. We approved the bid from Palmetto Paving to mill and pave the length of Myrtle Trace Drive between Berry Tree Lane and Cedar Ridge Lane, and the milling and paving of Laurelwood Lane. Over the years we have built up a road fund to cover the cost of our road projects, and thanks to good planning over the years we are able to cover the cost of this project without depleting those designated funds.

In preparation for a project of this scale, we have also established a new position on the Property Committee to help work out the details of paving Myrtle Trace Drive. The job of the “Coordinator of Special Road Projects” will include working with utility companies, our contractor, and our residents to identify and accommodate special needs, and to ensure a good working environment so the job can be completed quickly with minimal inconvenience to our residents. Liz Maass has retired from her position as Property Chair and has agreed to help with this project by assuming the new position of Road Project Coordinator. While we appreciate and thank Liz for her years of service as Chair of the Property Committee, we believe that this will make good use of her experience and standing in the community.

We formally accepted the Palmetto Paving bid thus locking in the price. We expect the work to be done early next year. This is a big road project and we hope we can rely on the patience and cooperation of our fellow residents. The end result will be worth our efforts.

The second planned project is the dredging of Lake Heron. We accepted a proposal from Total Lake Care to “remove pine straw and debris within approximately 600 square feet of area with all harvested material transported offsite”. Access will be at the spillway near Burning Ridge Road and work will begin in December or early next year. Keeping our ponds functional and attractive is a work in progress which is often affected by the whims of nature.

We also approved the removal of 2 dead trees on common property near the intersection of Burning Ridge Road and Myrtle Trace Drive at the 4-way stop.

THE WEBSITE: myrtletracesc.org—Part of our meeting was dedicated to a discussion of our website. We’re working on a policy which will determine the content of the website. We already agreed that the website is informational and not interactive and that it is useful to residents and prospective buyers as it contains the Covenants, Guidelines, Policies, News & Views, and access to forms. Our job over the next few months is to determine what other information should be included such as committee minutes, Board minutes, contact information and picture galleries. If you have thoughts on the content of the website, please share them with any member of the Board or the Communications Committee Chair, Mary Schaeffer.

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TRACERS ON THE GO! CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 1, 2023
5:00 pm

MT CLUBHOUSE

*Note: In 2024, outings will
change from the 4th Wednesday
of each month to the 4th
THURSDAY of each month.*

ROMEO'S

December 15, 2023
Time: 7:45 am

BOB EVANS

3384 Waccamaw Blvd.
Myrtle Beach

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met Monday, November 13th, to discuss planning details for the upcoming events:

- ◆ **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & DECORATIONS**—December 4th to December 8th—See article inside on page 3.
- ◆ **LUMINARIES** will be Monday, Dec. 18th—See flier inside this issue of NV for details.
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**—by Terry Monahan—Tuesday, December 5th at 10am. See flier inside this issue of NV for details.
- ◆ **NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**— December 31st with DJ music and hor d'oeuvres. See flier inside this issue of NV.

Bob Smith

TEXAS HOLD'EM

The Texas Hold'em players finished up another great session with the "Final Table" of seven players who qualified. The evening started with a potluck dinner with lots of good food and good conversation and laughs. It was a great time.

We are always looking for new players and the ladies are always welcome. We average 20-24 players every week. You don't need to know how to play. We'll teach you!

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Russell Clark at 301-875-7381 or russc56@verizon.net.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—AS OF 11/18/23

Additions:

Adams, Judy	118 Laurelwood Lane	941-713-6978
Adams, Lonnie	118 Laurelwood Lane	863-273-0081
Grimm, Evelyn	117 Hickory Drive	843-331-3173
Mangas, Linda	117 Hickory Drive	843-331-3173
Petrick, Jany	123 Boxwood Lane	714-308-1126

Changes/Corrections:

Bastian, Joe	(Back pg. of Directory)	571-239-9759
Buckley, Leon	buckley.leon@gmail.com	
Jans, Donald		605-261-8077
Johnson, Audrey	johnsonaudrey656@gmail.com	
Niziol, Jeanne		908-612-1954

E-mail:

Adams, Judy	lonjudy@optionline.net
Adams, Lonnie	adamslonnie53@gmail.com
Mangas, Linda	mangaslinda@gmail.com
Petrick, Jany	janyp@q.com

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- ◆ **GATES:** When entering or exiting through the gates, please slow to 5 mph. If there is condensation on your windows, wipe decal before exiting gate or if gate doesn't lift. Wipe and try exiting again. If your decal is older than 5 years, please call Nancy Seeds to make an appointment to have your decal replaced.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR POOL PERSON AND HEAD POOL MONITOR. Start date: January 9, 2024.**

Please read volunteer responsibilities and call Liz Maass if interested:

POOL PERSON RESPONSIBILITIES

- Opens and closes pool each spring/fall.
- Works with volunteer crew to set up and break down furniture.
- Before pool is opened, clean up before opening.
- Ensure pool company is performing proper maintenance.
- Supervise Head Pool Monitor who is in charge of daily pool monitors.
- Liaison with pool service company.
- Attend Property Committee meetings.
- Interact with Property Committee to ensure repairs/maintenance is done in a timely manner.
- Ensure license is posted.
- Record and maintain daily inspection book.
- Work with Property Committee to establish a budget for pool needs ex: cover, furniture, mechanical needs, etc.
- Be the Pool Complaint Department. Listen to concerns and suggestions of residents.
- When any significant concerns and/or problems arise, report at Property meeting.
- Interface with DHEC.

HEAD POOL MONITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Lists monitors and closers on a calendar schedule.
- List any substitute monitors and phone numbers.
- Ensure a sub fills available time slot if scheduled monitor isn't available to find a sub themselves.
- Ensures monitors are aware of need for all residents and guests to sign in for an accurate headcount.
- Makes everyone aware that guests must be signed in by a resident.
- Keep sign-in sheets so they can be filed.
- Has forms available to monitors to report rules and/or violations that require Board action. These are brought up at Property meeting.
- Has pool rules available at pool for guests, especially those with children.

NOTE: Dave Rudnicki will answer any questions and help with training.

Liz Maass

THANK YOU

It's comforting to know that I have so many friends who offered expressions of sympathy and support over the loss of my very special friend and long-time resident, Bruce Tenney. Thank you for all your cards, your understanding and your friendship. It means so much!

Nancy Seeds

MYRTLE TRACE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS

This year's Christmas Lights and Decoration competition will be judged by the Neighborhood Watch night drivers during the week of December 4th through 8th. A winner will be announced on Saturday, December 9th.

Winner announcements will be posted at the Clubhouse, on the Myrtle Trace Chatter FaceBook Group page and email. Certificates will be presented to the winners.

Decorations will be judged on the following categories:

- * Whimsy of the lights and decoration theme.
- * Nostalgia theme.
- * Originality in the use of lights.

So put on your Right-Brained Thinking Cap and join the fun of Myrtle Trace decorating!

BIBLE STUDY—ALL ARE WELCOME!

- * 10:00 AM every Monday at the Clubhouse.
- * Leader: Diane Gascoigne.

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

FREE—Grey sofa, good condition. Purchased in 2017. Call Lee at 724-462-3905. (11)

FREE—Small propane grill. So-so shape but works. Propane tank not included. Call Linda at 215-317-4732. (10)

SELL—Two, 40-inch Sony TVs. They are not smart TVs but work perfectly. \$100.00 each or both for \$150.00. One TV stand, 36" long with a decorative glass shelf. \$30.00. Call Karen at 908-625-5812. (11)

SELL—8 adorable field puppy plates with 2-tier hanging shelf. Bradford Exchange. Originally \$240.00. Asking \$140.00. Must see! Call Bev at 843-349-0040. (11)

SELL—Collectors—Wallace Sleigh Bells—years 1974 to 2009 in original boxes. Excellent condition. Make an offer. Call Bev at 843-349-0040. (11)

SELL—Red and gold custom-made valances and swags covering four large windows. Come see, measure and make an offer. Call Diane at 843-333-1063. (11)

SELL—Kirby vacuum with attachments—\$40.00. Chainsaw—\$35.00. Items priced at \$15.00 each: two heavy duty 10' electric extension cords, two base small speakers. Items priced at \$10.00 each: Kodak carousel projector, 8mm movie projector, box of candles for candle making, 2 carry-on yellow bags with straps, deep-heat body massager, Tens electric machine. Items priced at \$5.00 each: 11' Worx gutter-cleaning kit, illuminated slide sorter, projector screen, stand-up doll with clothes. Call 843-347-2221. (11)

SELL—Case of 12, 1/2 pint (8 ounce) Ball quilted crystal jars with lids and bands, new, never used, still in the original sealed plastic ase. \$10.00. Call 843-347-5306. (11)

SELL—Twin XL Smart Bed with Sealy Posturepedic mattress. Virtually brand new -- used less than two (2) months, mattress completely covered from new. Multi-adjustable base at head and foot ends. Modern white headboard design. Perfect for college apartment or extra bedroom. Asking \$500.00. Call Jack at 843-234-1530. (10)

SELL—Brand new, 16" w, 16"-18" deep wheelchair with elevating leg rests, seat cushion, back cushion, anti-tipper rear wheels. A bargain at \$375.00. CASH ONLY. Contact Kathy at 843-347-7368. (10)

SELL—8-piece set of Christmas dishes including a covered dish and meat platter. Asking \$25.00. Call Jackie at 843-347-1943. (10)

SELL—4 outdoor or indoor swivel bar chairs (seats and backs). Web and iron design, all-weather. Very sturdy. Asking \$200.00 for the set. Call Linda at 215-317-4732. (10)

MYRTLE TRACE MINI-GOLF GROUP

The Myrtle Trace Mini-Golf Group finished another fun season on November 14th. We played our final game for the season at Jurassic Golf, followed by lunch at Logan's Steakhouse. We had 32 people on our roster this season. The group played a total of 231 games and scored a total of 297 hole in ones.

- ◆ Our top winners were: Roger Price with 23 hole in ones, Gary Cooper with 20 hole in ones, and tied at 16 each were Tom Gray and Sandra Main.
- ◆ Linda Dey tied with Roger Price and Tom Gray with 5 hole in ones in a single game.
- ◆ There was a 4-way tie for second place for most hole in ones in a single game with 4 each: Jean Bastian, Gary Cooper, Irene Goodfield and Judy McGill.

This group is a "just for fun" group and open to anyone that wants to get out and have fun with neighbors and friends. We will start another season in Spring 2024. Watch for details in the February issue of News and Views.

BOARD BRIEFS—*continued from page 1*

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM—We will also be discussing a policy to deal with the use of our emergency alert system. The emergency alert system is used to inform residents of potentially dangerous situations impacting residents or the community such as wildfires or evacuations. Any resident or homeowner interested in availing themselves of this service should email the Communication Committee Chair to get their name on the list.

Schedule changes for social events or activities in Myrtle Trace are sent to an email list maintained by Pat Paxson.

GETTING OUT THE BACK GATE—“The outgoing gate doesn’t go up until I back up and pass the scanner again!” Has this happened to you? It’s happened to me, too, but not regularly and not very often. There are a number of possible explanations. If the decal on your car has been on for over 5 years it may be faded and replacing it is an option. But that doesn’t always alleviate the inconvenience. It could be you’re passing the scanner too quickly (5 mph is best); or being too far away from the scanner; or the way the light hits the barcode on the decal. Please be patient and back up SLOWLY and let me know if it happens too often and we’ll try to minimize the inconvenience.

Nancy Seeds

FANTASTIC, FABULOUS, CLASSY, SPECTACULAR, AN UNEXPECTED PLEASURE—All words to describe our 40th anniversary celebration. Thank you to all who volunteered, donated, worked on events – all too many to mention. So Jean and Ann and all the others who hosted events and made it all possible – Thank You – and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

The Board of Directors

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At this time, the Nominating Committee has identified two residents who will be candidates for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting which will be held February 3, 2024 in the Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium at Horry-Georgetown Technical College beginning at 2 PM. Registration starts at 1 PM. The names of the candidates will be announced at the December Board of Directors meeting and their resumes will be included in the Annual Meeting packets which will be distributed on or about January 6, 2024. They will be introduced and will be able to make some comments at the January Board of Directors meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 3, 2024

The 2024 MTHOA Annual Meeting will be held at 2:00 PM in the Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium located at the Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Conway Campus. **REGISTRATION STARTS AT 1 PM. WE ENCOURAGE ALL HOMEOWNERS TO ATTEND THE MEETING.** Information packets will be distributed to all homeowners. Packets will NOT be available on the day of the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please give your proxy, which will be included in the information packet, to a homeowner who will be attending. If you will be voting multiple proxies for other homeowners, you are encouraged to pre-register on Friday, February 2nd, at the Clubhouse between 1 PM and 3 PM. All homeowners will receive the official ballots at the meeting. All voting takes place at the meeting.

Committee Chair people: Annual Meeting Written Reports must be delivered to Mary Schaeffer no later than December 15th. Preferably one page. If it exceeds one page, then it must be two separate pages, not front and back.



TAKING BETTER PHOTOS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

You are getting ready to enjoy the holidays with your family, friends, grandkids and pets.

Myrtle Trace will be hosting a photo class to help you learn tips for better photographs.

Also, learn tricks to photograph holiday decorations, inside and out and much more!

TOPICS COVERED:

- Holding your camera or smart phone for better sharpness
- Understanding your camera modes
- Composing you image
- Understanding exposure
- Adjusting your digital files
- How to use flash
- Understanding how photography works

DATE: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

TIME: 10:00 AM to approximately 11:30 AM

PLACE: Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

RSVP: Terry at 720-633-6874 (text or call).

Presentation by Terry Monahan who has been a commercial photographer for many years! Reserve your space today!



MYRTLE TRACE LADIES HOLIDAY COFFEE

Saturday, December 9

10:00 a.m. Clubhouse

Door Prizes & 50/50

Wear your favorite holiday attire (prize for ugliest holiday sweater) and have some fun with your neighbors!

**Catered-Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, HomeFries, Bread, Muffins,
Fruit, Orange Juice, Cocoa, Coffee & More!**

Hostesses: Mimosas compliments of Deb Wierman

Linda Anghilante

\$15 per person, space is limited

Renee Buckley

Sandy Buckley

Deb Perry

Cindy Smith

Make check to: Myrtle Trace Activities

Signup Deadline Tues., Dec 5th

Deliver to: 201 Glenwood Drive

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____



MYRTLE TRACE COOKIE SWAP



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

12:00 NOON TO 2:00 P.M. IN THE CLUBHOUSE

**PLEASE PREPARE TWO DOZEN OF YOUR
FAVORITE COOKIES AND BRING A COPY OF
YOUR RECIPE TO SHARE**



RSVP TO ANNE KONGVOLD AT 347-534-7454

ILLUMINATE OUR COMMUNITY

TO CELEBRATE

THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Date: Monday, December 18, 2023

(Rain Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2023)

Time: 6:00 PM

(Set up: 5:00 PM, Lighting of Candles 6:00 PM)

Let's work together to get 100% participation this year.

Bags should be set up on each corner of your driveway or line the yard edge. TOPS OF BAGS SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TWICE (Approximately 1 inch) WHICH WILL PREVENT BAGS FROM CATCHING FIRE. Please extinguish your candles by 10:00 PM or upon retiring for the evening.

Candles, Bags, and Sand may be purchased on Wednesday, December 13th at the Clubhouse between 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**You may also purchase supplies after December 13th at the following homes:
Cathy & Bob Smith – 134 Myrtle Trace Dr**

Mickey Jarossy – 192 Glenwood Dr

Anne Kongvold – 103 Linden Circle

Supplies will be outside homes with a basket available to leave your money.

Package cost (2 cup sand, 2 candles and 2 bags) - \$1.25 cents

Or Bags - .20 cents each; Candles – .30 cents each, sand .25 cents per cup.



Join us for
the PARTY OF THE YEAR!

Sunday, December 31st 8:00 PM to 12:30 AM

The DJ music will begin at 8:30 PM featuring your favorite oldies to current day hits!

You are going to love the delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres and assorted mini sandwiches including: antipasto skewers, cranberry-pecan chicken salad in phyllo cups, shrimp salad mini cocktails, cilantro lime shrimp wontons, chicken salad cups, mini assorted cupcakes and mini assorted cookies from CRUMBL!

plus BEER, WINE, SODA AND WATER!!!

- Champagne toast at midnight
- Unique raffle opportunities and 50/50 Drawing SO BRING CASH!

ADMISSION \$30.00 PER PERSON

To make your reservations, fill out the reservation form to the right. Cut it out and place into a sealed envelope along with a check payable to MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES for the total amount of admission to:

MARY BESEMER
195 GLENWOOD DRIVE

DEADLINE FOR MYRTLE TRACE RESIDENTS reservations will be between Wednesday, November 15th to Wednesday, December 20th.

Guest reservations may be made between December 20th and December 24th.

CANCELLATION REFUNDS WILL BE PAID UNTIL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH UNLESS FOR EXTREME EMERGENCY.



**NEW YEARS EVE 2023 CELEBRATION
RESERVATION FORM**

NAME _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

(number of people X \$30.00)

Make check payable to MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

Bring this RSVP to: Mary Bessemer at 195 Glenwood Drive between 11/15 and 12/20

MYRTLE TRACE TRAVEL CLUB

NEXT MEETING-SUNDAY DEC 10 @ 2:00 PM CLUBHOUSE

'cause there's so much more!

DISCOVER HOBCAW BARONY—Book online \$28 pp hobcawbarony.org

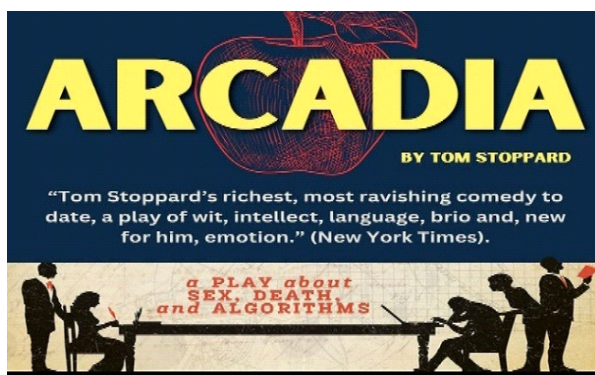
Thursday February 8 @ 2:30 pm This two-hour tour requires little walking and includes highlights of Hobcaw Barony's 16,000 acres of history, ecology and research. The bus stops for a tour inside Bernard Baruch's 1930 home, drive by the home and stables of Bellefield Plantation-home of Belle Baruch who owed all the property by 1956 as well as a stop in one of 4 slave villages-settlements that were constructed by enslaved people and inhabited by them and their descendants.



Sunday, March 3 2:00 p.m. TRAVEL CLUB GOES TO A PLAY

Arcadia, Tom Stoppard's "richest, most ravishing comedy" (NY Times), is a dazzling, witty masterpiece of misunderstanding and quest for knowledge, resonating across centuries and a Tony Award winner. April 1809, a stately home in Derbyshire, Thomasina, a gifted pupil, proposes a startling theory, beyond her comprehension. All around her, the adults, including her tutor Septimus, are preoccupied with secret desires, illicit passions, and professional rivalries. Two hundred years later, academic adversaries Hannah and Bernard, are piecing together puzzling clues, curiously recalling those events of 1809, in their quest for an increasingly elusive truth.

10177 N King's Hwy, Inside MB MALL, at DREAMHOUSE



Tickets: longbaytheatre.com - \$32 pp

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES						December 2023	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004	League Bowling Thursday 10:00	Chorus Thursdays 3:30pm			1 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg 5:00 Tracers OTG Holiday Party	2	
3 6:30 Game Night	4 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bunco	5 10:00 Photo Workshop 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	6 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	7 1:00 Grove Poker 3:30 Chorus 6:00 Tracers OTG Holiday Party.	8 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg 7:00 Bingo	9 10:00 MTLCK X-Mas Coffee	
10 2:00 Travel Club 6:30 Game Night	11 10:00 Bible Study 3:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.	12 9:30 PROP. COM. 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	13 10:00 Luminary Sales 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	14 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	15 7:45 ROMEOS 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg	16	
17 12:00 Cookie Swap 6:30 Game Night	18 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 LUMINARIES	19 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	20 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 7:00 Bunco	21 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	22 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg	23 1:00 Queen's Book Club	
24 6:30 Game Night	25 Christmas	26 1:00 Mah Jongg 5:30 Men's Poker	27 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	28 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	29 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg 7:00 Bingo	30	
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