



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

May 2024

BOARD BRIEFS

MYRTLE TRACE STORM WATER RETENTION PONDS

Each body of water in Myrtle Trace carries a name for easy identification. However, our lakes are not really lakes. The ponds do not have a natural source of water flowing through them. They are all stormwater retention ponds. The purpose of each pond is to hold back runoff water from storms and allow it to gradually flow into the county “ditch” bordering Myrtle Trace. During 2024, we have encountered rapid growth of aquatic plants in many of the ponds. Our pond contractor has been very busy eliminating most of the outbreaks. However, the weather is turning warm and the spring rains have been slow to arrive. As the water levels fall, the contractor must limit how much herbicide they may apply to avoid harming fish and waterfowl using the ponds. Several ponds may be supplemented by our wells, but these too have limits imposed by our license from the state.

Our neighboring golf course, as well as many residents, make use of fertilizers for our lawns. Rain and irrigation send some of the chemicals into the retention ponds and fertilize aquatic plants. Please follow the manufacturer instructions when applying fertilizer to your lawn. More isn’t better in many instances. Green lawns are desirable; green water is not.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

Several nesting geese are present in our community. The mother is tending the nest while the drake keeps watch over the nest. It is tempting to offer food to the nesting pair during this time. Please do not feed the geese. Doing so may make the nesting geese dependent upon food from humans and the geese may become reluctant to move on. Also, as a resident noted, other geese are taking advantage of the kindness of our residents. Many items offered to geese don’t provide all the nutrients needed by waterfowl. Federal, State of South Carolina, and Horry County all prohibit feeding migratory waterfowl. Please don’t risk violating the law.

SOLICITING

The Board has received reports of unwanted soliciting in our community. Our roads are privately owned by the community and such activity is prohibited. If any resident encounters someone soliciting, remind the person that the activity is prohibited. If anyone is threatened by the soliciting, please contact the Horry County Police. You may also contact the Neighborhood Watch team members or any member of the Board. But do so while the person is still in the area. Elapsed time makes finding the person unlikely.

2024 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 11, is the date of the primary election for all offices except U.S. President. The Myrtle Trace Clubhouse will once again be used as a polling site. The Clubhouse will close to activities at 3PM on Monday, June 10, for set up of the machinery. It will remain unavailable through June 11 and return to normal use on June 12. Should runoff elections be required, those will also be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, June 25.

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TRACERS ON THE GO!

Thursday, May 23
12:00 noon

COASTAL ALE HOUSE
115 Waccamaw Medical Park Dr
Conway

R O M E O'S

Friday, May 17
Time: 7:45 am

MAMMY'S KITCHEN
1010 N. Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach

**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE
PHONE NUMBER**
843-248-1520

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
617-838-5930

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- ◆ The Activities Committee met on Monday, April 8, to initiate and review upcoming events for our community.
- ◆ May will bring a new Artist of the Month, Horry County Fire & Rescue, a Spring Fling with band, Ladies Coffee Klatch, Travel Club goes to Comedy Show / Pie-Eyed Parrot and then lastly, a Memorial Day Celebration. See fliers inside this issue of News and Views for details.
- ◆ We want to thank Steve Notte for his time spent generously working Bingo. He has stepped down but the good news is Bingo will continue twice a month with Santo Perry and Stu Sides taking the helm!
- ◆ A DJ/Karaoke System has been purchased, bringing Myrtle Trace new opportunities for many future events.
- ◆ The Activities Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except in the month of July, at the Clubhouse. All are welcome. We need your support and new ideas for future happenings so please plan on attending.

Fred Shields

REMINDER—Bible Study Meetings

The Myrtle Trace Bible Study Group meets September through March and will be on hiatus April through August.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—AS OF 4/20/2024

Changes/Corrections:

Adams, Elaine	203-313-6552
Alexandra, Bill	snomobill44@gmail.com
Monastra, Samuel	610-348-8919 samuel.monastra@gmail.com
Rutter, Sandra	sanrut123@att.net
Strogen, Gray	grand12strand@yahoo.com

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

On the next to the last page of the April 2024 MT Phone Directory, Nancy Seeds is listed as the contact for the Board of Directors. **Bob Ebling** is the current Board President and, therefore, he is the current contact. His phone number is: 843-234-0706.

Please make this change in your copy of the April 2024 Directory.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A lot happens in Myrtle Trace when the weather gets warmer: the pool opens, pollen arrives, tree roots grow and damage our roads, lawn mowers start humming, fertilizer abounds, and nonresidents try to fish in our ponds. The Property Committee is tending to the common property and working to mitigate some of the downsides of Spring and Summer.

- Pool Directors, Gray Strogon and Frank Conrad, are planning for the pool opening May 1.
- Cheryl Manzella is organizing pool monitors for the months of June, July and August.
- Tom Gray is working with our lakes management contractor to regularly treat the ponds for algae blooms, pollen and debris that build up in warmer weather. Many of the ponds are dredged so the ponds can do their job of managing storm water runoff.
- Tom is also identifying areas of our roads which are heaving due to tree roots.
- Tina Hurley is planning for more “No Trespassing” signs throughout the community.

What can you do?

- If you can give a few hours of your time once a week to relax at the pool and meet your neighbors, please call Cheryl (412-977-1458) and volunteer to be a pool monitor.
- Protect the ponds. Do not discard grass clippings or yard waste in the ponds; do not feed fish, turtles or waterfowl; and try to avoid fertilizing near the ponds. Contact your phase rep to report problems, bearing in mind that heavy rain will clear the ponds and that water treatments take time to show results.
- Call your phase rep if you notice areas along the roads where tree roots are growing under the road surface, so they can be spray painted and eventually removed.
- Call your phase rep and/or neighborhood watch to report non-resident trespassing and fishing.

The new Community Telephone Directory which was delivered to all residents in April has an updated list of Phase Representatives for both Property and ARC on the back page.

Nancy Seeds

MAY MONTHLY LAWN CARE RECOMMENDATION—Source: Brad Fowler, Clemson Extension

The ideal mowing height for centipede grass is from 1 to 2 inches depending on the specific site and management regime and is best determined by the conditions in the lawn. Lawns in partial shade are better mowed at 2 inches high. Start the season by mowing the lawn at a height of 2 inches based on a benchmark setting. This is the measured distance from the mower blade to a hard surface and can easily be determined by using a small ruler. Over the next several mowings, gradually reduce the mowing height in as small an increment as possible.

THANK YOU

Thank you friends for the kind words of sympathy, encouragement and support in the passing of Bob. How lucky I am to have had someone that makes saying goodbye to hard.

Cathy Smith

THANK YOU

We are very appreciative of all the cards and messages concerning my brother's death. We also want to thank his Myrtle Trace friends, golf buddies and neighbors for their kindness to Bruce Brech over the years.

*Al and Barbara Startt
Barbara Startt, Bruce's Sister*

THANK YOU

*A big thank you to the following individuals who delivered the April 2024 edition of the Myrtle Trace Phone Directory: Lydia Baraga, Donna and Bob Ebling, Pat Hosford, Tina Hurley, Susan and Thor Kongvold, Cathy McElroy, Jean Niziol, Santo Perry, Debbie Rebocho, Marie and Leo Reger, and Joanna and Mike Wilcox.
I really appreciated your help.*

Nancy Southard

REMINDER—SOD REQUESTS

A reminder that sod requests must be submitted to the Property Committee before the end of April.

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

SELL—DeLonghi toaster oven. Used but in good condition. \$25.00. Remington hot rollers. Used only a few times. \$15.00. Grundig Satellit radio. \$25.00. Call Linda at 215-317-4732. (5)

SELL—Blue folding chaise lounge chair. 77”D x 23” W x 30” H. 4-position reclining back. Fold it up and take to the beach. \$50.00. Call Steve at 252-503-9499. (5)

SELL—Brown chaise lounge. 58” x 22 ” x 34”. Steel frame. 4-position backrest. NEW. \$85.00. Contact Steve at 252-503-9499. (5)

SELL—42” Sharp flat screen TV. Less than 5 years old. \$50.00. Call 843-234-0456. (5)

SELL—Total Gym-Apex G5: Supreme Alloy Steel Foldable Home Gym with Ab Crunch. Supports up to 375 lbs., 10 adjustable levels of resistance, 80 plus exercises, low impact, utilizing cable pulley system. Like new. \$325.00. Call Rick at 917-691-7497. (3)

SELL—Wood carving and sculpture tools—electric sharpening tool for knives and gauging tools, assortment of knives and gauges, bass wood for carving, numerous bits for electric fordedom grinder with foot peddle, flaxcut carving tools, Warren Cutlery Co—different size gauges, burning kit, eye punch set, micro-gauging sets and much more. Call Horst at 843-555-3971. (3)

SELL—Bruno Scooter lift. Model# VSL-6000. Easily load a mobility device into your car, truck, SUV or minivan with a Bruno Scooter lift. \$1,500.00. Call Toby or Chris at 843-331-3348. (3)

SELL—Dining Room table—glass top with dark wood legs. H31”, W40”, L63”. Excellent condition. \$300.00. Chairs (2) optional, if interested. Solid cherry end table with one drawer, brass pull. Excellent condition. H22”, W22”, L27”. \$125.00. Contact Ann at 617-838-5930. (3)

FREE—Male catheters. 14 FR, various styles and brands. All in their original sanitary wrapping, some in their mailing cartons. Call 843-234-0456. (5)

FREE—XL men’s depends and fit-right night outfit briefs, generic bags of diapers. All still sealed. More medical equipment available. Call Glenda for more information. 563-940-2960. (3)

Myrtle Trace-Mart is a service of the News and 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 via email or phone call to the Newsletter Coordinator at: carol.blonowicz@gmail.com or 585-880-8925.

BOARD BRIEFS—*continued from page 1*

THE BEAVER AND THE DITCH

The county has cleared the ditch bordering our community. The difference between spring, 2023 and 2024 is considerable. Special thanks to the county for removing many of the impediments to flowing water.

Recently, members of the Property Committee walked the open pathway adjacent to the ditch. No sightings of beaver, their dams nor their trademark tree cutting, was observed. We will monitor the ditch to make sure beaver don't return.

Any resident that may see a beaver in our ponds or the ditch is asked to contact a Property Committee Phase Rep or any member of the Board.

Bob Ebling

MAY ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Susan Cwiakala

My love of arts and crafts started at age ten when a ceramic studio opened down the street from my home. I'm a self-taught artist with inspiration from nature and my love of colorful flowers. I started working with oils but moved on to watercolors, pastels and acrylics. Being retired, I have time to pursue my passion, and I've now combined my husband's love of music and mine of art and started painting acoustic guitars! New challenges keep life interesting!

So be inspired today!



Be sure to see more of Susan's artistry work displayed at the Clubhouse during the month of May.

If you are a Myrtle Trace artist who would like to participate in displaying your artwork as "Artist of the Month", you may sign up by contacting Vicky Moyer at 803-288-4160 or moyerjv@yahoo.com to choose an open month.

TEXAS HOLD'EM—THE CADILLAC OF POKER

Our Texas Hold'em group started three years ago with about nine players and we now average 24 players, men and women, every Wednesday. We are always looking to add more players and the good news is you don't have to be experienced to join us! Most of our players learned at the table.

We are having Introduction or Strategy games every Wednesday at 5pm during the month of May. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Russell Clark at 301-875-7381 or email russc56@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you "at the table".

Coming to Myrtle Trace by Clubhouse

Thursday, May 9 @ 4:00 p.m

Mister Softee



BRING CASH

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS!

NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 9 @ 2:00PM CLUBHOUSE

- 5-2 Comedy Cabana
- 5-16 Pie-Eyed Parrot
- 6-20 House of Blues on the Deck with Flashback Band
- 11-4 Harrah's Cherokee Casino
- 7-29-25 Norwegian Cruise Ireland-Group Rates!



AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Saturday, May 11, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

AT MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE

COST: \$20.00 AARP MEMBERS

\$25.00 NON AARP MEMBERS

(Checks made out to AARP)

Bring your DRIVER'S LICENSE and AARP card if a member

Bring snacks and lunch.

Auto insurance companies in SC will provide a discount for 3 years after the completion of this course. The amount of the discount varies among insurance companies. You will receive a certificate to send to your insurance company.

Please contact Susan Granger 518-779-8933

Or

susanverbeke@msn.com for reservations



Spring Swing Event

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 FROM 4:00-7:00 PM
AT THE MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE**

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE DOUG TRAMMEL TRIO
LIGHT FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.**

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE BOB SMITH'S LOVE OF MUSIC!

Cut out the reservation form and put into an envelope with the admission cash or check. Checks are to be made payable to **Myrtle Trace Activities**.

Deposit your envelope at the front door of Debi Perry, 125 Berry Tree

Deadline for Myrtle Trace Residents is Friday May 10th, and Monday, May 13 for outside guests.

Refunds cannot be issued after 7 days prior (May 11)

YOUR RESERVATION



ADMISSION IS \$ 15.00 PER PERSON

Reservation Name: _____

Number of people: _____

X \$15.00 each = \$ _____

(Total amount enclosed in envelope with this reservation)

Horry County Fire and Rescue (HCFR)



May 16, 2024, Thursday, at 10:00 AM, in the Clubhouse

Assistant Chief Mark Nugent will talk about various topics:

- Safety in the home
- Emergencies - (who to call/what to do)
- Home safety inspections
- Different types of fires
- Smoke detectors
- Home escape plans/routes
- Cooking safety
- Other

To attend this presentation, **please RSVP to Ann Golden:**

akg.mtd141@gmail.com by Monday, May 13

so that we may arrange seating.

Mark your calendar!



Join us Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 Clubhouse or Pool



Moose's Munchies Food Truck will be here from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Check their menu out on Facebook, hamburgers, hotdogs, corn dog, french fries, soft serve ice cream and more!

Bring cash or charge is 3.85 %

Activities will provide: water, soda & beer

- 50/50 Raffle
- RUBBER DUCKY RACE at the pool. 2:30 p.m. Entry is \$1.00 per duck.

Prizes 1st Place \$20, 2nd Place \$10, 3rd Place \$5



Teams (of two) sign-up by May 20--\$10 per person

Games start at 11:00 a.m.

One Day Tournament

First prize 35% monies collected, Second prize 25% monies collected, Third prize 20% monies collected, remaining 20% donated to Activities

Sign up for Cornhole by May 20, \$10 per person and deliver to 197 Glenwood Drive.



Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Teammate _____

MYRTLE TRACE COFFEE

Phases 5 and 6 Present, "BRUNCH AT THE CLUB"

SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 11:30AM



Come to Brunch!

Relax and visit with your neighbors while enjoying sandwiches, quiches, sides and specialty desserts.

PLEASE RSVP Reservations To

Barb Lapinski 518-852-8340 by May 15.

Wear your name badge and bring money for 50/50.

MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Carol Blonowicz 585-880-8925	Bible Study on hiatus until September 2024	LINE DANCE Friday 10 AM	1 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	2 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Tracers on the Go Mtg.	3 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	4
5 6:30 Game Night	6 6:30 Bunco	7 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	8 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	9 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	10 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 Bingo	11 10:00 AARP Driver Safety
12 6:30 Game Night	13 3:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.	14 9:30 PROP. COM. 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	15 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 7:00 Bunco	16 10:00 Horry Co FR Presentation 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	17 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	18 4:00 Spring Swing
19 11:30 MTLCK (Coffee) 6:30 Game Night	20 6:30 Bunco & Games	21 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	22 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	23 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	24 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	25 1:00 Queen's Book Club
26 6:30 Game Night	27 12:00 MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC 3:00 ARC MTG.	28 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	29 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	30 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	31 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 Bingo	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Water Aerobics 8:00-8:45 AM Begins May 13th </div>