



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

July 2024

## BOARD BRIEFS

### \* THANK YOU, CATHY

Cathy Smith, our Accounts Payable Contractor, has submitted her resignation to be effective July 31, 2024. We would like to thank Cathy for her years of work and diligence while serving as our Accounts Payable Contractor.

### \* 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE GUIDE

The 2024 Hurricane Guide is being delivered to your home with this issue of News and Views. Please keep the Guide handy during hurricane season which began on June 1<sup>st</sup> and extends through November 30, 2024.

### \* LANDSCAPE REQUEST FROM GRAND STRAND WATER AND SEWER

Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority reminds all residents that landscaping near water meter boxes or fire hydrants should be kept trimmed. The Authority requests a three-foot work area clear of all landscaping to allow testing and repair of their equipment. The Board recommends that residents maintain this three-foot work area rather than allowing Authority's crews to create the space. Repair crews are not landscape gardeners and charge for the effort.

The Board also reminds residents that Myrtle Trace is approaching its 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Water mains and water lines are also approaching that age. Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority continues to offer Service Line Maintenance covering their lines up to the home. Residents interested in this service may contact Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority at 843-443-8202 during regular business hours.

### \* SOLICITING IN MYRTLE TRACE

Recently, crews of unwanted sales teams representing a window replacement company descended upon Myrtle Trace. The Horry County Police were summoned and did move the unwanted individuals along. However, the direction from the attending officers is a cause of concern. The Board has reached out to our counsel as well as the Horry County Police. We also will invite representatives from the Police Department to address the community at an upcoming Clubhouse informational session.

At this time we suggest that you follow the direction long provided by the Police Department. Please contact the Police Department via their non-emergency number or call 911 for emergencies.

**Horry County Police Non-Emergency Number: 843-248-1520 or call 911**

*Bob Ebling*

## News & Views

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## TRACERS ON THE GO!

Thursday, July 25  
12:00 Noon

### TRESTLE RESTAURANT

308 N. Main St  
Conway

## ROME O'S

Friday, July 19  
Time: 7:45 am

**BOB EVANS**  
3384 Waccamaw Blvd  
Myrtle Beach

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

617-838-5930

- Always looking for more  
drivers -

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**—The Activities Committee met on Monday, June 10. There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, August 12. Santo Perry has assumed the Co-Chair responsibilities as Mary Besemer had to step down from the position.

### JULY HAPPENINGS:

- ◆ We hope you'll celebrate the *4<sup>th</sup> of July with us @ 1 p.m.* with The Black Pirate Crab Trap Food Truck and Mr. Softee (who will also be here *July 18*).
- ◆ *July 5* there will be a "soft opening" of Music Bingo, Name that Tune and Karaoke in the Clubhouse.
- ◆ No Travel Club meeting in July but there are plans to visit The Immersive Van Gogh Exhibit at Broadway at the Beach on *Wednesday, July 17*.
- ◆ Kurbside Katering Food Truck will be here on *Thursday, July 18 @ 4 p.m.*
- ◆ There will also be the Ladies Coffee Klatch, Bingo, Community Service Event and Artist of the Month.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

There will be a Casino Night *September 13* & Craft Fair *October 12*.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Activities.

*Fred Shields*

## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—AS OF 6/22/24

### Changes/Corrections

Crowley, Michele 847-244-6738  
Day, Gail 103 Cedar Ridge LN  
Rudnicki, Dave 843-421-2289  
Rudnicki, Sue 843-617-0485

### Emails

Rudnicki, Dave dpdave58@gmail.com  
Rudnicki, Sue rudni416@sccoast.net

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY EARLY REMINDER!

The October, 2024, edition of the Myrtle Trace Community Telephone Directory will be published and distributed the end of September.

It isn't too soon to email or contact me with any changes: address, phone number and/or email address. You can contact me at 843-347-3885, or email me at Simba47@sccoast.net

Committee Chairs: Activities, ARC, Communication, Property and Neighborhood Watch. If you have changes in membership or assignments, please forward this information to me so the Directory has the correct information.

Thank you—*Nancy Southard*

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**HAIL AND FAREWELL**—Paul Sallas, who represented Phase 5 for over a decade, stepped down from his role this month. Paul was knowledgeable of our community and contributed much of his time and energy working to improve Myrtle Trace. He was always willing to voice solid recommendations and was willing to participate in implementing selected solutions. A heartfelt thank you from the Property Committee to Paul for his support to the committee and Myrtle Trace.

Larry Lapinski will be the new Phase 5 rep. He can be reached at 518-857-2278. Welcome aboard, Larry!

**PONDS**—This spring has had below average rainfall. As a result, our retention ponds water level has dropped to low levels, as well. These are not natural bodies of water with the primary source of water being rain runoff. There are three wells that provide supplementary water but the county restricts how much can be drawn from the wells. Also, running the well pumps makes a noticeable increase in our electric bill. These hot, sunny days lead to a high level of evapotranspiration. This is evaporation directly from the water surface into the air and transpiration which is water absorbed by a plant's roots that travels through the stem or trunk and then released into the air through the leaves. Our lake contractor comes on a regular basis to monitor the ponds and apply treatment when necessary. These low levels stress the fish living in the ponds, as well as facilitate the growth of algae. The contractor needs to know what is the maximum amount of algicide that can be used. Applying too much could result in so much dead algae that the oxygen level can drop resulting in a massive fish kill.

The other concern is we are now in hurricane season. A tropical system or a severe thunderstorm could easily fill the ponds to overflow. The ponds

require management from knowledgeable people. Many residents would like to see the ponds totally free of algae but the weather, especially this time of year, does not allow that.

**FISHING**—Residents have asked what is the policy regarding fishing in light of all the "NO FISHING" signs placed throughout Myrtle Trace. The policy has not changed. Residents and house guests are permitted recreational fishing in all common area ponds. Any fish caught must be released back into the pond. All fishing must be from Common Property only. Trespassing on private property is not permitted. The "NO FISHING, NO TRESPASSING", and "NO DUMPING" signs are intended to keep non-residents from doing these activities on Myrtle Trace property. These postings are useful in the event of non-residents repeatedly violating these postings or refusing to stop whereby the police need to be called.

A comment about fishing. Yes, there are fish in our retention ponds but the ponds are not ideal fish habitat. We do a limited amount of stocking of fish into the ponds with the goal they will control aquatic insects, feed on plants and maintain a pseudo-natural ecosystem. There are only a limited number of species recommended for the ponds. Residents should not release bait fish or any other (aquarium) fish in the ponds. This is one way invasive fish get into the natural waterways. We lose some fish to natural predators (osprey, raccoons, etc). Even catch and release will stress fish and will result in the death of some. It is important to thoroughly wash and/or use disinfectant on any body part that comes in contact with the pond water or anything from the pond. There are harmful bacteria and chemicals that wash into the ponds. A better choice would be to fish in a natural waterway managed by the DNR.

*Joe Bastian*

## MONTHLY LAWN CARE RECOMMENDATION

A second application of fertilizer may be made from mid to late July but always make sure to fertilize based upon your specific grass. Centipede, for example, does not accept excessive amounts of nitrogen and may be damaged by too much fertilizer.

*Source: Brad Fowler, Urban Horticulture Agent, Clemson Extension Service*

## MYRTLE TRACE-MART

**SELL**—Men's Apple watch, series 1, 42 mm Case Space Gray Aluminum, Sport band, black. \$75.00. Two large metal shelving units; make an offer. Call Cathy at 419-308-0943. (7)

**SELL**—Kirby vacuum cleaner with attachments and shampooer. \$75.00. Call 843-347-2221. (6)

**SELL**—4 outdoor patio chair cushions in navy. Never used. \$75.00. Call Carole at 843-254-6633. (6)

**SELL**—Red, white and blue patriotic items: 120' outdoor plastic banner. New. \$5.00. 2 sets of indoor/outdoor string lights—150 lights per string. New. \$3.00 each. 5 sets of indoor/outdoor string lights. 150 lights per string. Used. \$1 each. 4' plastic bunting. \$1.00. Umbrella hat. New. \$1.00. 5—3" American flags. \$1.00. 14 parade twirlers. .25 cents each. 9' wire garland with stars. New. .50 cents. 2 ceramic votive candle holders. New. \$1.00. Plastic jello mold in the shape of the USA. \$1.00. Plastic flag cake topper. .25 cents. Plastic Tupperware kid's stencil. 5 designs. .25 cents. Stress ball. .25 cents. Call Catherine at 843-347-5306. (7)

**SELL**—Transfer chair, weight limit 300 lbs. Used twice. Red. \$75.00. Call Margie at 302-542-3413. (6)

**SELL**—EZ Lite Cruiser Electric wheelchair. 1 year old. Original price \$2600.00. Will sell for \$1300.00. Includes control to operate from behind or by the person in the chair. Light enough to put in the trunk of a car. Can be seen on the internet. Call Bruce at 843-234-1236. (6)

**SELL**—Ethan Allen dining room set, china cabinet (78"h, 63"w, 19"d), table (56"x38") without leaf, two extension leaf included, four chairs. \$1500.00. Ethan Allen vintage, hand-painted Hitchcock cabinet, (30"h, 30"w, 12"d). \$475.00. Broyhill bookcase (82"h, 47"w, 16"d). \$625.00. Round wood coffee table (top is 36" x 16"). \$100.00. Square wood end table top (27"x22"). \$75.00. Wood end table (top 17"x21"). \$50.00. Wood table (30"h, 30"w, 12"d). \$50.00. Swivel rocker chair, blue. \$75.00. Curio cabinets, light-ed. (32"h, 41"w, 14"d). \$100.00 each, two available. 2 sofas, light color with stripe pattern. \$75.00 each. Call Steve at 540-220-4040. (6)

**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**—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. Leave a voicemail message and your call will be returned. (5)

**BUY**—Selling your car? I will buy your car for cash. Call Curtis at 774-291-9291. (6)

**FREE**—Male catheters. 14 FR, various styles and brands. All in their original sanitary wrapping, some in their mailing cartons. Call 843-234-0456. Leave a voicemail message and your call will be returned. (5)

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.

## AVAILABLE POSITION

The Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association is seeking candidates for the position of Accounts Payable Contractor. Any Myrtle Trace homeowner interested in the Accounts Payable Contractor position is encouraged to apply. A summary of relevant experience as well as personal references should be included in the application.

The Accounts Payable Contractor selected shall receive compensation of \$2,760.00 per year for their services. Said amount shall be paid in equal monthly installments of \$230.00 on the first of each month. Applications should be submitted to Bob Ebling, 121 Laurelwood Lane, no later than Friday, July 19, 2024.

Duties of the Accounts Payable Contractor include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Maintain Association financial records in a manner normally associated with generally accepted accounting principles. All records will be backed-up in a manner mutually agreed upon by the Association and Accounts Payable.
- After obtaining the necessary signed approvals for all bills, submit prepared checks (with supporting documentation) to Board members for signature. After final approval, pay bills in a timely manner according to the practice established by the Board of Directors.
- Accounts Payable shall be alert to deaths occurring in the community and shall prepare and send a check for a memorial donation to the organization chosen by the family of the deceased Association member.
- Provide the Contract Administrator with monthly records.
- Accounts payable shall be bonded in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.
- All records shall be computerized.
- Accounts Payable shall be responsible for a petty cash fund to be maintained at one hundred (\$100) dollars cash to effect payment or reimbursement for small purchases or deliveries.
- Accounts Payable will provide orientation, training, and relevant updating relative to the responsibilities under this contract to an individual(s) designated by the Board of Directors.
- Any other reasonable duties to be agreed upon by the Board of Directors for the Association and Accounts Payable.
- Accounts Payable represents and acknowledges that they are an independent contractor and not an employee of the Association.
- Accounts Payable shall provide, at their own expense and on their own premises, the necessary equipment, software and supplies for the performance of the agreed services. Check forms are provided by the Association.

The agreement can be terminated, without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice by either party.

## July Artist of the Month---Spiros Aloupis

From my early years I developed an interest in drawing and arts. By the time I was in high school, I was fairly good at it. In high school we had art classes, and that helped me a lot. I started with oils and did fairly well. In my later years I did oil and acrylics, and finally I got into pastels. I believe that was my calling, and later in my years I enjoy pastels.

I did a lot of drawings for my friends and relatives. Lately I have not done anything new, but I hope by living in a nice place like Myrtle Trace it will give me the desire to start again.

Thank you, Spiros Aloupis.



See Spiros' artistic talent on display at the Clubhouse during the month of July.

## GET ON BOARD

What's so special about Myrtle Trace? Well, there are the trees, the neighbors, the sense of community and the location. And don't forget the low homeowner dues, the best maintenance around, our enduring Covenants, increasing property values, and *Oh yes* – the fact that we are self-managed.

What exactly does that mean and what does it entail? How do we preserve what we have amid the rapid changes surrounding us? What does the future hold for Myrtle Trace and its residents?

Would you like to be a part of the decision making that helps shape our community? Have you ever thought about getting ON BOARD? Before you dismiss the idea of getting involved or possibly running for the Board of Directors, come and find out about Board service so you can make an informed decision. We'd like the opportunity to give you the straight scoop about how your Board of Directors works, what it means to have a place at the table and answer your questions about Board service.

You're invited to an **informal discussion of Board service** sponsored by the Past Presidents Council on **Sunday, July 28, from 2-4, at the Clubhouse.**

So if you're interested or think you might become interested join us on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. RSVP to Nancy Seeds by phone 843-347-6615 or email [seeds@sccoast.net](mailto:seeds@sccoast.net) or drop this reservation form in the homeowners slot at the Clubhouse.

YES – I'M INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE JULY 28 DISCUSSION ABOUT BOARD SERVICE.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# Music Event at Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Join us Friday July 5, 2024 at 6 pm for an introduction to new musical entertainment for our community. We will have Music Bingo, Name that Tune and Karaoke!

## Music Bingo

Mark your Bingo card as each song is played. Get a straight-line Bingo and you win!

## Name that Tune

Compete as teams to answer the names of a songs after hearing musical clues.

## Karaoke

Select a song and sing your heart out. All levels of singing ability are invited to thrill and give goose bumps to all who attend. Sorry no Prizes only stardom.

## 50/50 Raffle

Bring some cash to buy some chances.

## Food

Please bring an appetizer / snack to share with others.

## Drinks

Bring plenty of your own drinks. \*\*\* BYOB Event \*\*\*



# CAUTION



\*\*\*Spontaneous Dancing May Occur\*\*\*

If at any time the mood hits you, or that special song that brings back memories and makes you want to move your feet, just have at it.

July 5, 2024, MT Music Event

I plan to attend and will bring appetizer/snack to share. I understand this is BYOB event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

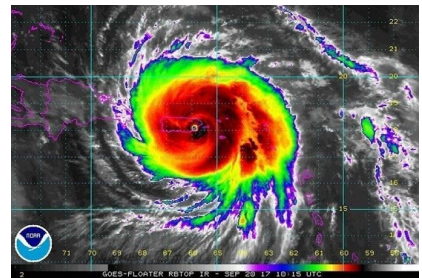
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off reply in the Red Box at 1214 Loblolly Lane.



# Emergency Management

## OF HORRY COUNTY



Hurricane season is here! (June 1 – November 30)

**Mr. Thomas Bell, Deputy Director of Public Information for Horry County Management Services**, will speak to us about hurricanes: how to prepare for them and how to protect against them. Learn how we can prepare our homes and community for hurricane season.

**Thursday, July 11 at 10 AM at the Clubhouse**  
**Bring your questions!**

Please RSVP to Ann Golden [akg.mtd141@gmail.com](mailto:akg.mtd141@gmail.com) by Tuesday, July 9, so that we may arrange seating.

Thursday, July 18, 4-6pm, by the Pool and Clubhouse



*All Philly's are served with Fries and on an Amoroso Roll*

<b>Baconlicious Philly \$14</b> Shaved Grilled Ribeye, Bacon and Onions with White American Cheese	<b>Chicken Quesadillas \$10</b> Grilled Chicken, Onions, Sweet Peppers and Cheese. Served with Salsa and Sour Cream
<b>Philly Cheesesteak \$12</b> Shaved Grilled Ribeye and Onions with White American Cheese	<b>Veggie Quesadillas \$8</b> Grilled Onions, Mushrooms, Sweet Peppers, Jalapenos and Cheese. Served with Salsa and Sour Cream
<b>Cajun Philly Cheesesteak \$12</b> Shaved Grilled Ribeye and Onions with White American Cheese. With Cajun Seasoning	<b>Chicken Tenders and Fries \$10</b> Served with Ranch or Honey Mustard
<b>Chicken Philly \$12</b> Grilled Chicken and Onions with White American Cheese	<b>Fried Pickles \$8</b> Breaded Fried Pickle Chips served with a side of Ranch
<b>Veggie Philly \$10</b> Grilled Onions, Sweet Peppers, Mushrooms and Jalapenos with White American Cheese	<b>Fries \$5</b>
<b>Add On's</b>	<b>Drinks</b>
Extra Cheese \$1	Bottled Water \$2
Extra Meat \$3	Coke \$2
<b>Extra</b> Ranch Honey Mustard \$0.50	DI. Coke \$2
Mushrooms	MT. Dew \$2
Sweet Peppers	
Jalapenos, Onions	





**Let's go to a Minor League Baseball Game!**

**Wednesday, August 28**

**7:05 pm**

**1/2 price Hot Dogs**

**Lower Level Seats, Section 107**

CONTACT FRED SHIELDS @ [FREDSHIELDS78@YAHOO.COM](mailto:FREDSHIELDS78@YAHOO.COM)

**MAKE CHECK FOR \$21.50 A PERSON TO MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES**

DROP OFF 197 GLENWOOD DRIVE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

# Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Monday, July 15, 2024

10:00 AM – 12 PM

@The Toasted Yolk

Hosted by Phases 7 & 1

Please RSVP To Debi Perry

@843-231-6072 or debip\_51@yahoo.com

WEAR NAME BADGES

50/50 Sales



## Myrtle Trace Dining Out

Thursday, July 11, 2024 **12:30 PM**

Rotelli's

201 Graduate Rd Conway

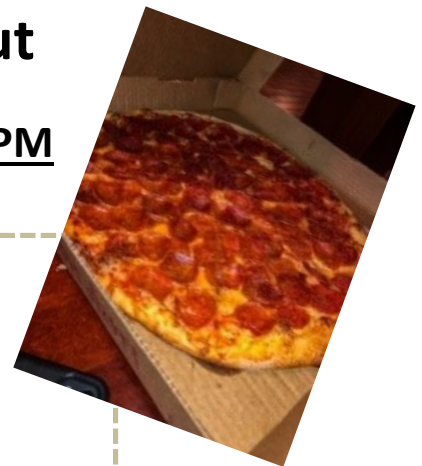
We will order from the regular lunch menu

Join Your Friends & Neighbors

RSVP to Susan Granger

518-779-8933

susanverbeke@msn.com



# Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

## Nov 4-Nov 7

777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC

### Hop-on/Hop-off Trolley Tour of Asheville



**Sign up by August 1, \$90 per person**

**Includes transportation to and from Cherokee Casino originating from Myrtle Trace with a day in Asheville and Pigeon Forge. Space is limited. Make check payable to Myrtle Trace Activities.**

**DROP CHECK OFF TO 197 GLENWOOD DRIVE**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES					July		2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 6:30 Bunco	2 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	3 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	4 1:00 July 4th Picnic 6:30 Tracer's on the GO Mtg.	5 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 6:00 Music Bingo Karoke	6	
7 6:30 Game Night	8 3:00 ARC MTG.	9 9:30 PROP. COM. 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	10 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	11 10:00 Thomas Bell HC Emergency Man. 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	12 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 Bingo	13	
14 6:30 Game Night	15 6:30 Bunco & Games	16 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	17 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 7:00 Bunco	18 2:00 Past Pres Mtg. 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	19 7:45 ROMEOS 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	20	
21 6:30 Game Night	22 3:00 ARC MTG.	23 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	24 12:00 Chinese MajJong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	25 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	26 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 Bingo	27 1:00 Queen's Book Club	
28 2:00 All Aboard Session 6:30 Game Night	29	30 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	31 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 6:30 Men's Poker	CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Carol Blonowicz 585-880-8925		Water Aerobics 8:00-8:45 AM	