



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

August 2024

## BOARD BRIEFS

**Safety First**—The Board has been notified that some residents enjoying the pool have not vacated the pool area during thunderstorms. Lightning’s behavior is random and unpredictable and swimming pools are connected to a much larger surface area via underground water pipes, electric and telephone wiring. Lightning strikes to the ground anywhere on this metallic network may induce shocks elsewhere. Please put safety first and vacate the pool area inside the fence when thunderstorms approach. OSHA guidelines recommend waiting 30 minutes after a storm passes before re-entering the pool area.

**2024 South Carolina Hurricane Guide**—The 2024 Hurricane Guide was delivered to Myrtle Trace homes along with the July issue of News and Views. Special thanks to Laura DiFiore and Dorothy Blair for their resourcefulness in obtaining a sufficient supply of the guide ensuring all homes received a copy.

**Mark Your Calendar**—The Council of Past Presidents will present a New Resident Orientation on **Sunday, September 8, from 2-4 p.m. in the Myrtle Trace Clubhouse**. This session will be an opportunity for new residents to ask questions that may have arisen since your move to Myrtle Trace. Look for more information in next month’s News and Views. But please save the date.

**Nominating Committee**—**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**, is the date of the 2025 Myrtle Trace Annual Meeting. During the annual meeting, two new members of the Board will be elected. The nominating committee will convene in September to seek candidates for the positions. Board Vice-President, Susan Granger, heads this very important effort.

**Item for Board Action – Proposed ARC Guideline Changes**—Due to color eliminations and name changes by area paint suppliers, we must update our driveway/walkway paint selections. We also want to add two lighter colors. The paragraph regarding approved coating materials will now read:

- \* Approved Solid Acrylic Concrete Stain coating materials for Phases I through VIII are: Gray Horizons, Gull Grey, Pearl Gray, Silver Gray, Accessible Beige and Cemented Deal.
- \* Brick Accent color Terra Cotta is approved only along the sides of the driveways, walkways and expansion joints, but not along the street.

**Summer Vacation and Visitors**—Summer is in full swing and we have visitors enjoying our community. Many guests bring along their cherished pets. Please remind visitors to clean up after their pet while out enjoying our community’s common ground.

**Monthly Lawn Care Recommendation**—During periods of environmental stress due to high temperatures or a lack of rainfall, raise the mowing height ½ to 1 inch until the stress is eliminated. Always mow with a sharp blade using a mulching type mower which leaves the clippings to decompose on the turf. The mower blade needs to be sharpened on a regular basis – usually about once a month. If your mower has a bag and is picking up soil, especially sand, when the lawn is mowed, then the blade may need to be sharpened more often than once a month. *Source: Brad Fowler, Urban Horticulture Agent, Clemson Extension Service.*

*Bob Ebling*

## News & Views

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## TRACERS ON THE GO!

Thursday, August 22

10:00 am

### IHOP

100 Legends Rd.

Myrtle Beach

## ROME O'S

Friday, August 16

Time: 7:45 am

### NANNIE ANNIE'S

1315 SC-90

Conway

## HORRY COUNTY POLICE

NON-EMERGENCY

NUMBER

843-248-1520

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

August is here and we encourage you to join us with:

- Community Presentation on Hurricanes and Emergencies
- Benitos Pizza Food Truck
- Mr. Softee every other Thursday
- Pelicans Game

Looking forward to a *Labor Day Picnic, Pelicans Game, Casino Game Night and Craft Fair*. Have some ideas? Bring us those ideas of what you would like to do to our next meeting.

Thank you to all who have volunteered and attended our events, making activities a vital part of Myrtle Trace.

Our next activities meeting is Monday, August 12.

*Fred Shields*

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY OCTOBER UPDATES

Please notify me of any changes which need to be made in the October Directory whether it is your phone number and/or email address. You can contact me at 843-347-3885 or email me at [Sim-ba47@sccoast.net](mailto:Sim-ba47@sccoast.net).

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS** – Please send me any changes in membership or assignments so the Directory information is correct. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank you.

*Nancy Southard*

## NOTICE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS

As a reminder, if you can't find your current issue or need to review a past issue of News and Views, please go to the Myrtle Trace website ([myrtletracesc.org](http://myrtletracesc.org)) which has past issues along with much more including monthly Board meeting minutes, committees and their Chairs/members, Policies and Procedures and Homeowner Resources. Interested in getting involved? Check out Activities. We hope you'll avail yourselves of this resource.

*Mary Johnsen-Schaeffer*

## AUGUST TRAVEL CLUB MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

2:00 PM—THE CLUBHOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Repaving**—The repaving of the bulk of Myrtle Trace Drive and a part of Laurelwood Lane is nearly complete. The permanent painted lines and road reflectors will be added soon. Thank you to all the residents of Myrtle Trace who were patient during the repaving process. A special “thank you” to volunteer Tom Gray who was instrumental in making this project a reality. He coordinated with several vendors to get a most competitive bid, planned the scope of work, scheduled and oversaw the completion of the work. Credit is also due to Liz Maass who was the Chair of the Property Committee last year when the planning and approval of this project took place.

**Pool Monitors**—Please save the afternoon of Saturday, September 7, for a gathering at the pool for this year’s pool monitors. We will have food and drink as an appreciation for those who volunteered their time at the pool this year. We will provide more information closer to the date of the event.

**Ponds**—The ponds continue to reflect the lack of rainfall this spring/summer. There are three ground wells in the community. The pumps have been running consistently for weeks to get the water level to what is normal during hurricane season. The wells will not provide the amount of water that heavy thunderstorms provide, but until the weather pattern changes, it is the best option available.

*Joe Bastian*

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

We find many garage doors still open, unfortunately, after the homeowner retires. Due to the warm days and nights, we often have strangers walking through our community. When this happens late at night, the access to a garage is an open invitation to intruders.

**PLEASE** remember to set a routine for closing your garage door at night. In addition, remind all guests that Myrtle Trace has a speed limit on our streets. Thank you.

*Neighborhood Watch*

**ATTENTION MINI-GOLFERS**

The Myrtle Trace Mini-Golf Group will begin our Fall, 2024 season on September 10 at Captain Hooks. We play at 10:00 am on Tuesday mornings at various local courses. This group is open to everyone. Please mark September 10 on your calendar and watch for further information and a complete schedule in the September issue News and Views.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and Cheryl Manzella is in need of volunteers for the Myrtle Trace Thanksgiving Day celebration.

If you can help in any way, please text or call Cheryl at 412-977-1458.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP NOW FORMING IN MYRTLE TRACE**

My name is Cathy McElroy and I am a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Family Therapist. I worked for the Center of Hospice Care in New Jersey for four years. Besides saying good-bye to almost 300 people, I also facilitated Bereavement groups. I have worked in mental health centers and hospitals, and before retiring I was in private practice.

Seventeen years ago my husband and I bought a house in Myrtle Trace. I was asked to voluntarily lead a Caregivers group which I did for nine years. After a year, that group evolved into a Caregivers/ Bereavement group. The group was disbanded when my husband had terminal cancer.

Due to the number of deaths recently in Myrtle Trace, I have been asked if I would once again volunteer my time and expertise into facilitating a Bereavement group. This request is to see how many of you are interested in attending this group. A start-up group size would be about 10-12 people. Meeting time and place would be agreed on within this initial group.

Please call me at 843-347-5360 or email me at CATHYLCSW519@gmail.com. Leave your name and number and I will return your call and answer any questions you have. I’m looking forward to hearing from you.

## MYRTLE TRACE-MART

**SELL**—Brand new Segmart Laser Rangefinder, 7X magnification. In the box and never used. Take your golf to a higher level. Price is negotiable. \$75.00 or best offer. Call Peter at 843-516-9803. (8)

**SELL**—Upright Hoover WindTunnel Sweeper. \$35.00. Call Doris at 843-347-3814. (8)

**SELL**—4.53 gallon Manor Hall semi-gloss exterior house paint. Stonehenge paint. Unopened, this spring. \$75.00. Call 843-340-5142. (8)

**SELL**—6 outdoor chair cushions, 1 piece 47”L x 21”w, excellent condition. Blue flowers on one side, stripes on the other side. \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Call Bev at 843-349-0040. (8)

**SELL**—Variety of wrist watches with wristbands, many handy man tools; saws, router. All items can be seen at any time at 116 Cedar Ridge Lane. Call Max at 843-331-1277. (8)

**SELL**—7-drawer plastic rolling organizer. Used. White with clear drawers, 40” high, 13” wide, 15-1/2 “ deep. \$20.00. Queen size cotton Chenille bedspread. Gently used. All white with fringed edges. \$20.00. FREE bag of used luau decorations. Call Catherine at 843-347-5306. (8)

**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**—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)

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

## HAND, KNEE AND FOOT

The new card game going around is Hand, Knee and Foot. Starting in September, we will be playing it at the Clubhouse. One set of rules will be provided. No exceptions. Please check your calendar for dates and times.

## AVAILABLE POSITION

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

Applications should be submitted to Bob Ebling, 121 Laurelwood Lane, no later than Friday, August 30, 2024.

When requested by the Newsletter Coordinator or the Board of Directors of the Association, monthly duties of the Assistant Coordinator include, but are not limited to:

- Assembly of the Association Newsletter, News & Views, using Microsoft Publisher and compiling all articles received from the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, as well as other approved items of interest in a readable and efficient format.
- Printing, collating and stapling the required number of copies of the newsletter.
- Coordinating the distribution of the newsletter by the date specified by the chair of the Communications Committee.
- Assistant Coordinator represents and acknowledges that they are an independent contractor and not an employee of the Association. As such, the Assistant Coordinator shall provide at their own expense and on their premises, the equipment and software for the performance of the agreed services of compiling the newsletter. The copy machine, copy paper and staples will be provided by the Association.
- It is understood and agreed that the Assistant Newsletter Coordinator shall be solely responsible to the Board of Directors of the Association in fulfillment of the duties listed above.
- The agreement can be terminated, without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice by either party and the Assistant Newsletter Coordinator shall not assign this agreement without the express written consent of the Board of Directors of the Association.

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY BETTER

You made a good decision to move into Myrtle Trace – the boxes may or may not be unpacked – the furniture may or may not “fit” – the Greeters have come and left you lots of information- your neighbors have welcomed you – and maybe you’d like to know a little more about this place you now call home? You’re in luck:

**The Council of Past Presidents will host a “New Resident Orientation” on Sunday, September 8 at the Clubhouse at 3 pm for new and not so new residents who may want to know a little more about Myrtle Trace. This is an opportunity to get to know your Homeowners Association and your new neighbors and to get your questions about living here answered.**

A personal invitation will be delivered to our most recent new residents, but if you are a resident who was unable to attend a previous new resident orientation and would like to attend, please contact:

Mary Johnsen-Schaeffer at 843-347-6897 or [rpmmaryj@aol.com](mailto:rpmmaryj@aol.com).

**AUGUST ARTIST OF THE MONTH  
TERRY MONAHAN**

Being a commercial photographer for over 35 years, I have always strived to bring a different way of seeing -- to create dramatic, unusual visual concepts, using classical imaging techniques, modern digital methods, and complimentary lighting. I now find it important to depict enjoyable themes with my photography -- to please myself and hopefully others. Enjoy and thanks for looking.



See Terry's photography on display at the Clubhouse during the month of August.

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**FEMA**



**Emergency Management**

Of Horry County

**EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS**



**Sunday, August 18, at 2:00PM in the Clubhouse**

**Myrtle Trace Residents: Mr. Ken Wierman (FEMA) and Mr. Henry Harrison (volunteer radio operator for Horry County Emergency Operations) will speak to us about different types of emergencies and disasters: how to prepare, what to do, and how to recover. Find out important information so you are better prepared before something happens.**

**RSVP by Thursday, August 15, to Ann Golden [akg.mtd141@gmail.com](mailto:akg.mtd141@gmail.com) .**

# *Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch*

*August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*10:30 A.M. @ The Clubhouse*

*Join in to say Farewell to Summer*

*Hosted by Phases 8 & 2*

*Please RSVP by August 21<sup>st</sup>,*

*To: Jeanne Nizioł @ (908)612-1954*

*Please wear your name tags*

*There will be a 50/50 (in support of Activities)*



**COMING TO MYRTLE TRACE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, FROM 4 – 7 PM,**

**CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT**

**ORDER 10" PERSONAL PIZZA WITH VARIETY OF  
TOPPINGS**

**AVERAGE PRICING \$10 -\$13 EA**

**Please respond with coupon if you are planning to order from Benito's so we can provide them with an accurate head count. RSVP by August 20.**

**Return to Linda Anghilante, 197 Glenwood Drive**

**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**#Pizza(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

# MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CALENDAR</b> Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Carol Blonowicz 585-880-8925		Mini-Golf Tuesday 10 AM Water Aerobics 8:00-8:45 AM		<b>1</b> 1:00 Grove Poker	<b>2</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>5</b> 6:30 Bunco	<b>6</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>7</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	<b>8</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>9</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 2:00 Travel Club 6:30 Game Night	<b>12</b> 3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b> 7:00 <b>ACT. COM.</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 <b>PROP. COM.</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>14</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	<b>15</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>16</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	<b>17</b> 4:00 <b>RESERVED</b> Valdez N-PD
<b>18</b> 1:30 <b>Emergency Preparedness</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>19</b> 6:30 Bunco & Games	<b>20</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>21</b> 9:00 <b>MTHOA</b> <b>BD MTG.</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 7:00 Bunco	<b>22</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>23</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>26</b> 10:00 <b>MTLCK</b> (Coffee) 3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>28</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	<b>29</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>30</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>31</b> 1:00 Queen's Book Club