



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents January 2025

BOARD BRIEFS

ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2025—The 2025 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.** During the meeting, we will review the Association’s finances, overall condition and elect two (2) Directors to the Board. **Questions and/or suggestions pertaining to the Association’s business should be submitted, in writing, to the Board of Directors no later than January 15, 2025.** This allows for any required research. The Board encourages all homeowners to attend the meeting.

Information packets will be distributed to all homeowners on or about January 11, 2025. Be aware that packets will NOT be available on the day of the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, a proxy is included in the information packet. This proxy authorizes another homeowner, not renter, to vote on your behalf. Please give your proxy to a homeowner who will be attending the meeting. If you will be voting multiple proxies for other homeowners, you are encouraged to pre-register on **Friday, January 31, at the Clubhouse between 3 PM and 5 PM.** All homeowners will receive the official ballots at the meeting. All voting takes place at the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that 3 residents will be candidates for the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. The candidates are Joe Bastian, Judy Koudelka and Lynda Moore. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to speak at the January 15, 2025, Board meeting. Resumes will be included in the Annual Meeting packets. Please plan to attend the Board meeting and greet the candidates.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK—The Communication Committee reminds residents that packets for the annual meeting will be assembled and distributed on Saturday, January 11, 2025, beginning at 9AM at the Clubhouse. Volunteers are needed and welcomed for this important community project. Any resident who is unable to retrieve their packet on the 11th, may contact either Mary Johnsen-Schaeffer at 843-347-6897/email RPMMARYJ@AOL.COM or Joe Martin at 843-347- 2823/email JJMJ109@YAHOO.COM to arrange delivery.

DEVELOPMENT BEHIND MYRTLE TRACE DRIVE NEAR WALMART—The Board has contacted Horry County Planning as well as Stormwater departments. As of December 20, 2024, there are no building permits requested, nor issued, for the properties. Planning noted that the properties will be a commercial development, but absent a permit request they cannot provide more specific information. We reached out to our County Council representative and expressed our objection to this process. Masking the development from county residents is certainly not transparent government.

SOLICITING IN OUR COMMUNITY—Among numerous other salespeople, there is a roofing company reported to be going throughout Myrtle Trace. Their sales team offers to go up on your roof to check for hail damage. They usually advise the homeowner that there *is* hail damage and offer to notify your insurance company. The insurance company will pay the majority of your repair bill according to the sales team. First, Myrtle Trace has NOT had a hailstorm in several years and second, after the insurance pays a large bill, your insurance rates are sure to increase.

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TRACERS ON THE GO!

Thursday, January 23

Time: 10:00 am

BLUEBERRY'S GRILL

7931 N. Kings Hwy

Myrtle Beach

R O M E O'S

Friday, January 17

Time: 7:45 am

WOODHAVEN PANCAKE HOUSE

2600 S. Kings Hwy

Myrtle Beach

**TRAVEL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025**

2:00 PM

THE CLUBHOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME

PLEASE take 10 minutes every month to read through News & Views.

The newsletter is the *only* official mode of communication for Myrtle Trace.

- ◆ It keeps you abreast of news from the Board supplying you with important information on many ongoing projects in the community, important upcoming events, and any changes that affect all of our residents.
- ◆ It will provide reports from the various committees (Property, Activities), as to the many things they are addressing each month.
- ◆ There will be fliers for Clubhouse activities that will give you what you need to know about how to sign up, etc.
- ◆ It's a good place to post items for sale or look for something you may want to buy.
- ◆ Take a look at the calendar on the last page to see what the month has to offer.

Just 10 minutes every month will keep you informed about your community.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—As of 12/21/2024

Changes/Corrections

Gitch, Mary Ann

843-347-0192

Emails

Dey, Linda

lindaje194@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH—Have a Happy & Safe New Year

Our diligent drivers have noticed that several garage doors are still open late at night. With nighttime below average temperatures, this is an opportunity for the intrusion of unwanted humans and critters, especially snakes.

We have learned from the police that at this time of the year there are many attempts to enter homes. Please take precautions and follow a regular routine closing up at night.

These simple steps will protect your home and yourself:

- ◆ Lock door and windows every time you leave your house.
- ◆ Doublecheck your garage door is closed once you retire at night.
- ◆ Swap out the porch lights, front and backyard, to dusk to dawn lights which are automatically set to go on and off.
- ◆ Remove valuables from your car if not in a garage, at home or traveling.
- ◆ Do not leave your car running to warm up while you are in the house, without locking it with the extra key.

REMINDER: *Wear reflective clothing and/or carry a flashlight when walking in the early morning darkness/fog or evening darkness!*

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee last met on December 9. As January is the first month of the year, it is often marked with a fresh start and new beginnings. Maybe you have an activity you'd like to start or have our committee make happen! Bring your ideas and support to our next meeting on Monday, January 13, 7:00 p.m., at the Clubhouse. This Committee requires teamwork with innovative thoughts. It cannot be done solo. We need you!

This month we look forward to:

- **Potluck** scheduled for Friday, January 17
- There is also, **Bingo, Dining Out, Line Dancing, Ladies Koffee Klatch and Hospice Talk**
- **Artist of the Month** and rehearsals for the **March Play**.
- There is a **Valentine's Dance** scheduled for February with a talk on **Estate Planning**.

Let's venture out and get together!

Fred Shields



January 12th, 2025 begins our new season of **Game Night/Mexican Train Dominoes**.

Where: Our Beautiful Clubhouse
Time: 6:30 - 8:20 P. M.

Come socialize among your neighbors, enjoy a snack, share a laugh or memory, build new friendships and just relax. Why? It's important not only for your overall health but just plain fun. Hey, we're all a little shy and maybe a little frightened that you won't know how to play. Mexican Train is super easy to learn. All of us help each other and we all started out "not knowing". Pretty soon you're playing and you hardly need to think about it because you're enjoying the company.

We are a small group (8) people. It's \$.50c. to play. We have a winner for the lowest score and another winner with the highest score.

We invite you to come on out and enjoy the friendships our wonderful community offers.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

POND MAINTENANCE—The December News and Views detailed the plan to dredge ponds in our community that have an excessive amount of sediment. The schedule had the work taking place in December 2024 but, unfortunately, the dredging contractor had weather delays and was unable to complete another job in North Carolina before the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The new schedule has the dredging starting in our community on or about 6 January and lasting for 10 business days. The dredging contractor will use a hydro-rake that floats on the surface of the water. The hydro-rake is capable of dredging down to a depth of 10 feet of sediment. The hydro-rake will deposit the spoil on the shoreline where another contractor will use equipment to move the spoil into the woods or into a dump truck to transport to a landfill. Stacks of hay bales were placed near several of the ponds to be used to construct holding areas to allow excess water to drain out of the spoil and back into the pond. The hay bales will stop the solids from flowing back into the pond. There may be a holding period of several days to allow the spoil to dry sufficiently for transport.

Considerable planning was done for this project to minimize impact and disruption to our residents. I ask all residents for their patience and consideration during this process. Funding was allocated so in future years we can dredge other areas. The intent is to have a regular maintenance schedule, so all the ponds continue as designed to catch excess rainwater runoff as well as allow sediment to settle and not flow into natural waterways.

If there is an issue that occurs during the execution of this project, please contact your Property phase representative. Their names and phone numbers are listed on the back of the Community Telephone Directory.

Joe Bastian

A Shout Out from the Activities Committee!

Thank you to all who joined in our December 7 Luminaries Night of Lights, and kudos to all of the homeowners on Loblolly Lane where there was 100% participation!

Happy New Year Everyone! Just a Couple of Reminders:

Please make sure that you put any HOA correspondence in the correct place at the Clubhouse. Nothing should be put in the mailbox on Myrtle Trace Drive except what is delivered by the post office.

Dues – Effective January 1st, the monthly dues will increase from \$85.00/month to **\$90.00/month**. Once again, I am providing you with a chart to put on your refrigerator, etc. Please note that you can pay in advance if you want – quarterly, annually, etc. *Also, if you have already paid in advance for 2025 using the old amount, please submit payment for the difference.*

Schedule of Payments

1 month	\$90.00
2 months	180.00
3 months	270.00
4 months	360.00
5 months	450.00
6 months	540.00
7 months	630.00
8 months	720.00
9 months	810.00
10 months	900.00
11 months	990.00
12 months	1,080.00

Many people are having their banks send us their HOA dues automatically instead of having to remember to write a check themselves. That may be a good option for some of you. Unfortunately, we are not equipped to offer automatic deposits. This is the information that you will need to provide to your bank to set up your payments:

- Make checks payable to – **Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association (MTHOA)**
- Mail checks to – **101 Myrtle Trace Drive, Conway, SC 29526**
- Indicate **frequency** and **amount** of payments – monthly, quarterly, etc.
- Choose the **date** that you want the checks to be issued keeping in mind that dues are payable on the 1st of each month.

A reminder for those of you that are already having your bank send us your dues - you will have to increase the monthly amount to \$90.00

Mailboxes – Please take a look at your mailbox to see if it needs to be spruced up. Many have faded to grey, or your nameplate may be old, etc. Please contact me if it needs attention! Please make a check out to MTHOA for the appropriate amount (below) and leave it in the HOA box at the Clubhouse. Hardee Maintenance does all the work for you! Unfortunately, you have to purchase the paper tubes yourself. Many people have found tubes on Amazon that are black plastic and very durable.

Mailbox \$17.00

Nameplate - \$10.00

Post - \$25.00



Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions! Jean Hohenberger - 843-349-8395

BOARD BRIEFS—*continued from page 1*

This company should be told that the community owns our roads and our streets are private property. We have a sign saying No soliciting and No trespassing which is posted at our entrance. Simply tell this company, or any solicitor, they are trespassing on private property. They may leave flyers in your newspaper box but should not approach your house. If they are told this enough, they may leave our community.

DEBRIS ON COMMON GROUND—The Board received several complaints regarding residents placing large amounts of yard debris on common ground. Placing such material on common ground is only permitted in the week following a named storm. The last such storm occurred in August, 2024. The community pays a disposal fee for debris hauled from our property by the maintenance contractor. Please refrain from depositing yard waste on common ground including our streets.

PETS PROHIBITED IN THE CLUBHOUSE—The Myrtle Trace HOA Common Property Guidelines and Restrictions prohibit pets in the Clubhouse or fenced pool area. The Board has received complaints about pets accompanying owners into the Clubhouse. Please be respectful of all residents by complying with the published guidelines for the community.

CLUBHOUSE STORAGE CONSTRAINTS—Members of the Myrtle Trace community have generously donated medical equipment for use by residents. However, the Clubhouse has storage constraints and we have more equipment than space. Please consider equipment donations to nearby organizations that are in need:

- PruittHealth at Conway Medical Center (located along Myrtle Trace Drive) – 843-347-8179.
- Fostering Hope – 308 Elm Street, Conway – 843-488-3593.

PLEASE DO NOT STORE FOOD IN THE CLUBHOUSE—Many organizations use the Clubhouse for meetings and recreation. Recently food used by some organizations has been placed in the storage rooms. This has been accompanied by a noted infestation of bugs. Please take all food stuff home after a meeting. The bugs don't need more temptation, and the exterminator charges the community for their services. Any food found in the storage areas will be removed and placed in the trash.

Bob Ebling

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that Joe Bastian, Judy Koudelka and Lynda Moore are candidates for the Board of Directors. Their photos and resumes will be included in the information packets for the Annual Meeting. The candidates will be introduced at the Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 15th, and will have an opportunity to make brief comments at that time.

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee will be assembling the meeting packets on Saturday, January 11, 2025. The packets will be distributed to the owner-resident black newspaper tubes that same day, weather permitting. If you will be unable to retrieve your packet on the 11th or 12th, please call either Mary Schaeffer 843-347-6897/email RPM-MARYJ@aol.com or Joe Martin 843-347-2823/JJM109@yahoo.com to arrange delivery.

ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2025

The MTHOA Annual Meeting will be held in the Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. The meeting will start at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 1, 2025. Registration starts at 1:00 PM. Voting members of the community will be electing two (2) members to the Board. We encourage all residents of the community to attend the meeting, and if an owner, vote for two candidates for the Board.

For those voting multiple proxies there will be early registrations available in the Clubhouse on Thursday, January 30th from 11 AM to 1 PM and on Friday, January 31st from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Proxy holders will receive the official ballot at the meeting. All voting takes place at the meeting.

January Artist of the Month Rick White

Since childhood, I have had an appreciation of the Arts, whether they be painting, sculpture, photography, music, etc. I have been fortunate to have traveled extensively and have had the opportunity to observe masterpieces of many art forms. However, with the exception of taking a drawing class nearly 40 years ago, I never pursued painting. After retirement, at my wife's suggestion and with her encouragement, I did take up painting. Upon moving to Myrtle Trace, we discovered and attended art classes given at Coastal Carolina University. The enjoyment I get from painting is continually and truly gratifying.



See Rick's artistic works on display at the Clubhouse during the month of January.

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

SELL—Hotpoint Compact Freezer, 5.1 cu.ft. 28"l x 21" w. \$75.00. Call John at 724-787-3661. (1)

SELL—QVICX Q25 Treadmill. Excellent condition. Regular price \$699.00. Asking \$150.00 Call Joe at 610-417-2729 or 610-417-3196. (12)

SELL—Large coffee table with wood shelf below, beautiful sculpted brass legs and beveled glass top. Willing to negotiate price. Call Diane at 843-234-1499. (12)

SELL—2 blue, Queen Anne chairs—make an offer. Christmas ornaments, glasses and knick-knacks—make an offer. Call 732-859-9328. (12)

SELL—2 jumbo plastic portable file boxes with handles, letter size, used—\$5.00 each, 1 plastic file tote with snap lid, letter/legal size, used—\$5.00, accordion expandable file (Jan-Dec), brown, letter size, used. \$3.00. 3 expandable file folders, brown, letter size, new. \$1.00 each. Box of 5 Pendaflex hanging file folders, letter size, assorted colors, new. \$10.00. 16 Pendaflex hanging file folders, letter size, assorted colors, used. \$5.00. Targus leather case/stand for Ipad generations 1 and 2, new. \$6.00. Call Catherine at 843-347-5306. (1)

SELL—Hardwood oak finish slat Cracker Barrel porch rockers, 2 @ \$75.00 each. Good condition. Call Lynda at 724-301-1424. (12)

JANUARY LAWN CARE TIPS

Take time to service equipment and sharpen blades for the upcoming growing season. This is also a great time to get a soil test done to determine pH and nutrient levels.

Source: Clemson Extension

AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

January 11, 2025 12:30 – 4:40 PM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse



Please contact Susan Granger to register.

susanverbeke@msn.com or 518-779-8933

AARP Members, \$20, Non Members \$25

Bring Drivers License, AARP Card if applicable, snack,
beverage, and Check made out to AARP

CHARCUTERIE BOARD POTLUCK,

JANUARY 17, 2025

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm



**Join your neighbors for a Charcuterie Board Potluck
(if you don't have a board, why not use a tray or platter).**

Activities will provide water, soda, beer and dessert

Bring your 50/50 money

If you have questions, please call

Debi Perry, 843-231-6072

Myrtle Trace Coffee

Phases 5 and 6 Present, "FIRST COFFEE IN 2025"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 at 10:00AM



It's a new year. Come to the first **ladies potluck coffee of the season, on Tuesday, January 21, at 10AM**, in the Clubhouse. Visit with friends and enjoy some homemade dishes. Please bring a dish to share with others. There will be 50/50 and door prizes. Bring your name badge.

RSVP Reservations PLEASE – Contact Barb Lapinski: 518-852-8340 by Friday, January 17, 2025.

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

Monday, January 13, 2025

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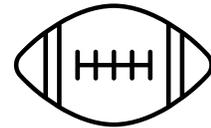


RSVP Susan Granger by January 9th to confirm. When I receive your RSVP, I will respond. I hope to see you there.

susanverbeke@msn.com 518-779-8933

SUPERBOWL PARTY

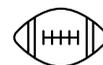
FEBRUARY 9, 2025. 6 PM - Game is Over



Come out and enjoy the game at the Clubhouse with fellow Myrtle Trace residents that enjoy football, good food, and just having a good time. Bring your favorite football food or snacks to share. BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages).



Best Superbowl Chili Contest



Bring a pot of Chili for all to try. All attendees of the party will receive one (1) ballot to vote for "**Best Superbowl Chili of Myrtle Trace**". All ballots will be tabulated, and a winner will be announced at halftime. Hot Dogs and some fixings will be provided so you can make Chili Dogs if you desire.



Door Prizes and Football raffles



Please complete this reply ----->
if you plan on attending the event
and/or entering the Chili Contest.
Insert reply in red box on porch of
1214 Loblolly Lane. See you there!

\$ Texas Holdem Table Available \$

SUPERBOWL PARTY FEB. 9, 2025	
I plan to attend and can bring a dish or snack to share. I understand this is a BYOB event.	
Name	_____
Name	_____
I want to enter the Chili Contest	
YES	NO

ESTATE PLANNING – Sunday, February 2, 2025, 1:30PM

- What if something happens and you cannot manage your personal/financial affairs? Do you have a plan for a trusted family member or friend to help you?
- Do you have a current will that transfers your assets to your loved ones or a charity?
- Do you have important power of attorney documents?
- Do you have a South Carolina living will?



Be prepared, please come to the **Estate Planning Seminar on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 1:30PM at the Clubhouse.** Our presenter is a local attorney specializing in Estate Planning (wills, trusts, and supporting documents needed in South Carolina. He will discuss what documents you need and why they are important.

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 30, to Ann Golden: akg.mtd141@gmail.com or Donna Ebling: debling@sccoast.net Thank you.

So, you want to, or need to know about HOSPICE

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 2PM at the Clubhouse

What is Hospice? What is not Hospice? Come to the Clubhouse on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 2PM and find out about Hospice. Residents Cheryl Manzella (Hospice experience) and Lynn Chase (CMC Hospice Nurse) will lead us through the sometimes-confusing area of Hospice: what to expect, what to do, what not to do, how to prepare your loved one and yourself.



RSVP to by Thursday, January 23, 2025 to Ann Golden: akg.mtd141@gmail.com or Donna Ebling: debling@sccoast.net

MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES					January		2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Carol Blonowicz 585-880-8925			1 12:00 Chinese MajJongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	2 9:30 Play Practice 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Tracers on the Go Mtg.	3 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta	4 9:30 Play Practice 12:30 Hand, Knee, & Foot	
5 6:30 Game Night	6 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bunco	7 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	8 9:00 MTHOA Org Mtg 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	9 9:30 Play Practice 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	10 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 7:00 Bingo	11 9:00 Annual Packet MTG 12:30 AARP Driver Safety	
12 2:00 Travel Club 6:30 Game Night	13 10:00 Bible Study 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 9:30 Play Practice 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	17 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 5:00 Potluck	18 9:30 Play Practice 12:00 Reserved Driver B-day Party N-PD	
19 12:00 Volunteer Luncheon 6:30 Game Night	20 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bunco & Games	21 10:00 Myrtle Trace Coffee 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 9:30 Play Practice 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	24 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta	25 9:30 Play Practice 12:30 Hand, Knee, & Foot 1:00 Queen's Book Club	
26 1:00 Hospice Info 6:30 Game Night	27 10:00 Bible Study 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 11:00 Early Registration 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	31 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Early Registration 7:00 Bingo		