

## Myrtle Trace Background

IF You are " new " to Myrtle Trace You might have to Close Your eyes after reading this and try to picture the words in your " Mind's Eye " .

If You left Myrtle Beach on rt. 501 in the late 1960's into the late 1970's you would have been driving on a 4 lane road Two lanes going " North " with very little traffic , unless it was the end of a Summer Holiday such as 4th of July . Traffic kept moving along at a reasonable pace because there were few if any traffic lights the first 8 miles after crossing over the bridge at the InterCoastal Waterway . On a week day , traffic was light and mostly " locals " . There was a " Tourist Attraction " on the Left coming out of Myrtle Beach called the Waccamaw Pottey Outlet which did a nice business . ( There is a " Theatre " with Live performaces in that building at this time ) On Your right a couple miles " up " the road on 501 there was a " Dirt Race Track " . " Locals " attended this track and probably raced there as did racers from N.C. . ( IT Is Now becoming a Housing and Retail development . )

From there and for about 8 miles Northward there were trees on both sides of the the road with an occasional " Produce Stand " Open during Tourist season. Perhaps an occasional Gas Station . There were some " Side Roads " that allowed Local's to go in different directions East and West to scattered small communities . NO Malls , Supermarkets or Auto Dealerships . Lumbering was a big industry and the largest owner of " wooded land " was the InterNational Paper Company . There were other Timber companies such as the Waccamaw Timber Co. who " Harvested " Timber .

" Burning Ridge " got its name from a stubborn fire that burned for several weeks as dry ground cover brush could only be contained . Local Fire companies tried to Contain the fire but it did burn for weeks . Later the trees that could be used by Lumber companies were cut down when the fire had ended . The area in the fire is now the golf course and surrounding

This area we call Myrtle Trace is about 50 to 54 feet above Sea level and to the Locals , this was a " Ridge " higher than anything in Myrtle Beach and along the Waccamaw River . There was literally " Nothing Here " into the 1970's . Hall Construction Company bought the Land that is now Myrtle Trace about 1981 . Rt. 501 where it becomes the ByPass on Church Street around Conway city would have your First stops for " Services " . In 1981 The nearest route to get to Rt 544 was to go on Singleton Ridge Road . The nearest SuperMarket in the 1980's was a Food Lion , was on rt 544 . There was a Dirt Trail " road " where Myrtle Ridge Rd now exists . Jeeps and Dirt Bike riders could drive over the ruts but autos would scrap their undercarriages . This dirt Lane was called " The Switch Road " .

Glen Hall bought 400 + acres from International Paper which became Myrtle Trace Phases 1 through 7 . There are 14 Retention Ponds to collect rain water runoff . Phase 1 homes are smaller in size because Hall Builders thought a majority of buyers would come here over the winter months primarily / only and did not need 3 bedrooms or perhaps a garage . Plus smaller homes cost Less to build . In phase 2 there are Two Duplex and 8 Townhouses . But by the time Phase 2 was built , it became Clear that the majority of the persons buying Lots wanted Larger Homes , with Garages because that was going to be their Full Time Retirement Home .

Hall Development also began " Myrtle Trace South " , " The Commons " , and " Forest Lake Estates " . Lots were sold to other builders also .

There are 518 Total Dwellings in Myrtle Trace counting the 150 in Phase 8 also . There is approximately a total of 40 acres of " Common Ground " which includes a " buffer zone " surrounding the development as well as Within Myrtle Trace , The Ponds , Clubhouse , Pool , Streets , etc . All are Common Ground . There are No sidewalks . This is one of a very few communities that has kept its mature Trees and Greenery plus many Cul de Sacs . There has Never been a " Special Assessment " levied on

Homeowners in Myrtle Trace . This is one of a very few Communities that do Not have an " Outside Management Company " working for the HOA Board . Volunteering by Residents not only keeps monthly HOA Dues Low but also builds Community Pride and Cooperation . HAVE YOU EVER VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE ? It's Not too Late to do so .