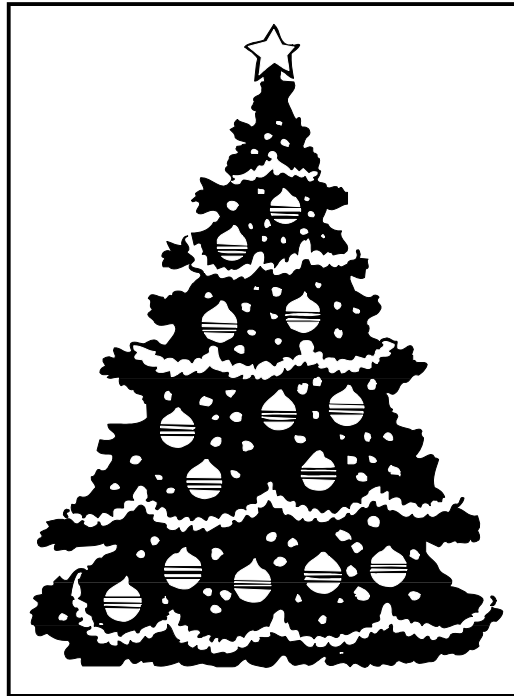




News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents December 2012



BOARD BRIEFS

REDUCED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

Property tax adjustments have been made that result in a significant reduction in the tax liability for the MTHOA. The valuation of approximately 27 acres associated with our roads has been reduced from over a half a million dollars to just \$13,500.00. The Horry County Assessor's Office incorrectly coded two parcels containing our roads as developed residential property instead of roadway. The error was brought to the attention of the Assessor's Office and the parcel coding was corrected.

HARDEE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT EXTENDED

The Board is pleased to announce that the maintenance contract with Al Hardee Maintenance has been extended for five years. This action reflects the high degree of satisfaction the Board has with Al and his competent staff.

2013 MTHOA BUDGET

Enclosed with this issue of the News & Views is a letter confirming the continuation of the current level of the annual assessment for 2013. Also included is a copy of the detailed operating budget as well as a schedule of repairs and replacements.

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News & Views

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

MEETINGS

In an effort to involve more people in the planning and implementation of Myrtle Trace events, the Activities Committee is trying something new. We are shifting our day and, most important, the time of our meeting in hopes of encouraging more people to become involved.

Beginning in January 2013, the Activities Committee will begin meeting on the first Wednesday of the each month at 10:00 in the morning. Our meeting only lasts about an hour, so we hope you will give it a try. See you on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

MYRTLE TRACE
WEBSITE
www.myrtletracesc.org

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

December promises to be a busy month with so many family activities and Myrtle Trace events as well. Get you calendar ready, so you don't miss an opportunity.

Some of the December highlights include the Ladies Coffee Klatch on December 7th beginning at 10:00. It will be pot luck style and is sponsored by the Ladies Coffee Klatch Committee. A voluntary \$5.00 gift exchange will also take place that morning. The next evening, December 8th, will be the Myrtle Trace tradition of putting up luminaries. Begin setting up your bags and candles around 4:00 so by 5:00 the neighborhood will come alive with welcoming light. The Myrtle Trace Dining Out group will be having lunch at Sea Captain's House on December 13th beginning at 11:30. See the sign up form in this issue of the News & Views. Ron and Beth Crow will be hosting this outing. Pot Luck is back on the calendar for December 17th at 5:30. The Mackers will be hosting. Terri reminds us that we need hostesses for 2013 so we can continue to offer this popular event. Call her to volunteer. If you do not want to do it by yourself, get a couple of friends to help and make a fun night of it. There will be a movie night in December on the 28th, and the movie will be a surprise! Learning new games will take a break until January.

Steve Sands would like to do caroling throughout the neighborhood on Luminaries Night as he did last year. If you would like to participate, please call him at 331-3180.

On January 1st, 2013, the Activities Committee is offering a Champagne Brunch beginning at 10:00. See the sign up form in this issue of the News & Views.

Our next meeting will be on December 3rd at 7:00 pm. The January meeting will be at 10:00 in the morning Wednesday. Yes, this is a change. Look for a separate article on our new day and time.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Joyce Macphee

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

DECEMBER 20, 2012

Additions:

DeMorest, Pat & Joanie

113 Laurelwood Lane 347-2012

King, Rick & Lori

105 Holly Springs Court 331-1131 NY

Corrections:

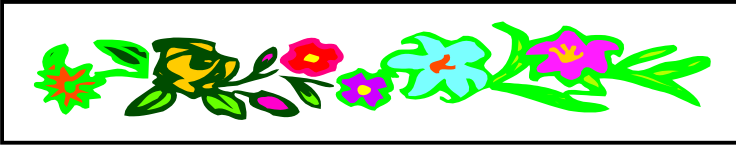
E-Mail:

McCormack, Jim

jmccormack7@sc.rr.com

Robertson, Al

alfredr@scoast.net



GARDEN CLUB

There will be no formal meetings of the Garden Club in the months of December and January. However, (weather permitting of course), the regular Saturday 9am garden clean-up program will be in effect during both months. Your participation will be most welcome (also a good way to stay limbered up for the spring season!!).

The meeting at the Clubhouse was attended by more than 20 Tracers who learned quite bit about weather patterns and basic climatic factors affecting plant growth and health from our speaker, Debbie Menchek, horticulture columnist for the Sun News. For those who did not attend – you missed learning some good information from a very knowledgeable person – what a loss!!.

“Make no mistake; the weeds will win; nature bats last.”

Robert M. Pyle

Paul Alexander

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The sign by the resident’s entrance from Myrtle Ridge Drive is nearing completion. The posts are up, just waiting for the finished sign. We would like to thank John Beam for his leadership in the final stages with help from Diane Connelly, Nancy Murphy, Leo Reger and Paul Sallas. Once the sign is up, landscaping will be added to enhance the entrance.

We welcome Gary Kyes to the Property Committee. He will assume responsibility for the pool.

During this season of heavy leaf fall, please make sure that all drains are clear to permit drainage during rains. Hardee’s crew does all they can, but if you see a drain clogging up, on your own or even common property, please try to clear it. This will just take a moment but can alleviate severe water problems. If there are persistent problems, please notify your Phase Representative.

Malcolm Macphee

I REMEMBER THAT !!!

The November trivia winner was Al Wittes who correctly answered the following and was randomly selected from the other winning entries. The question was “Who liked to say “Sock it to me!”? The answer: Goldie Hawn.

This month’s question: Who sang the most popular version of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer? Send your answers to Steve Sands by phone (331-3180) or e-mail (SSands3@sc.rr.com) by Dec. 15th. The prize this month will be an Ice Cream Cake from the Dairy Queen on US 501 near Kroeger’s. The winner will be announced in the January News & Views.

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent cards, phoned and verbally offered their condolences following the loss of my brother.

Horace Jones



RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS

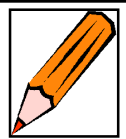
For several years, Beryl Barletta of 123 Birchwood Lane has been collecting aluminum cans for recycling for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity. She has two large receptacles for the cans just outside her front door and she invites everyone to join her in her recycling efforts.

ROMEO’S December Schedule

Dec. 7th
CRACKER BARREL
At Coastal Mallo
Dec. 21st
J & J CAFETERIA
Conway Home Base



DRAWING
WITH
CATHY



Due to the holidays, there will be no drawing classes in November and December. Starting in January, the drawing classes will be combined with the painting classes.

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Potted Century Plants "Pups". Fast growing, "low to no" maintenance, landscape contractor's favorite for sculptural and tropical landscapes. \$5.00 each. Please call 347-1859. (11)

SELL - Fiberglass hull sailboat - 26" long with 50" mast. Radio-controlled - new in the box - never in the water. Great Christmas gift for grandchildren. \$175.00 Please call Ron at 234-1814 (12)

SELL - Top notch Husqvarna 1100 sewing machine with all attachments, sewing table, instruction books and sewing books. Please call Jean at 347-9461. (12)

SELL - Solid oak entertainment center with 2 Kief speakers, Adcom amplifier, Technics 5 disc rotary changer system and tape player with all manuals. Please call Jean at 347-9461. (12)

SELL - Sirius Satellite Boom Box, Subx1 with Sirius ST4 radio. Portable with battery or AC options and indoor/outdoor detachable antennae. Rarely used. Asking \$111.11. Please call Phil Baker at 340-0089. (12)

SELL - Thule car top carrier. Excursion model - perfect condition. Paid \$350.00, yours for \$200.00. Please call Jean or Ted at 234-2370 or 655-2861. (12)

SELL - Queen mattress, box spring and frame including mattress cover. New four years ago. Asking \$175.00 Please call Carol at 585-880-8925 (12)

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT 'D.)

LAKE BANKS REPORT

The Board of Directors accepted the report on Myrtle Trace lakes/storm water management ponds prepared by the Lake Banks Committee at its November meeting. The report includes a comprehensive study of the condition of the lake banks and recommendations for a multi-year program to stabilize and improve the banks.

A community meeting will be held in January 2013, to present the recommendations contained in the report and to answer questions.

CLUBHOUSE REFURBISHING COMMITTEE

An Ad Hoc Committee has been appointed by the Board to prepare a proposed plan for the refurbishing of the Clubhouse. The study will include an assessment of the existing furnishings including chairs, flooring, interior paint, bathrooms and kitchen. Recommendations for improvements to the Clubhouse will include an estimated cost by improvement.





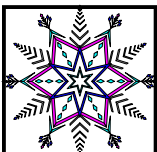
BOWLING

With four weeks remaining until the end of the first half, the Pinheads (George Hahn, Walt Gardiner & Al Wellman) have a three point lead over the Golden Oldies (Pat Benson, Don Benson & Tom Dexter). The Silver Foxes (Janet McGrady, Steve Sands & Al Robertson) are one point further back with four more teams only 7 points out of first.

High scores during the past few weeks include Al Wellman (234,626), Don Benson (237,619), Jerry Campbell (211,563), Rich Rau (215,559), Ted Ackley (208,557), Tony Maturi (213,556), Barry Moore (555), George Thompson (554), Nelson Fisher (219) and Therese Moore (536).

High averages to date are Al Wellman (195), Don Benson (187), Jerry Campbell (173), Therese Moore (165), Patti Baldari (147) and Yvette Campbell (143).

The first half of the schedule will end on December 22nd and the bowlers will go on "vacation" until January 3rd.



CAN YOU HELP TRAIN THE NEXT

GENERATION OF ENGINEERS?

Have you seen the recent articles about local high school teams building robots and competing in regional tournaments? It is an amazing thing to watch. Even more amazing though is to watch these young minds at work as they tackle the problems involved in designing and building a machine to perform tasks by remote control.

Last year was our local Carolina Forest High School's rookie year in the competitions, and they did very well. Since it was their rookie year, they got a lot of extra help and tools from the national organization and other local teams. But this year they will need to provide more of their own tools and materials. Of course we are approaching local businesses and civic groups for help.

As their mentor, and a resident of Myrtle Trace, I had another idea, too. Over the years many of us have accumulated several good usable tools that we really no longer use. Many of them are advertised in the News and Views. Would you be willing to donate some power or hand tools to this worthy cause and have them put to very good use? If so, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your help. (For more information on this whole fascinating program, go to www.usfirst.org/)

Joe Boggs, 244 Cottonwood
Email: joeboggs@peoplepc.com
Cell Phone: 502-415-5195





NEW YEAR'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

JANUARY 1, 2013 10:00 AM

MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE

Start the New Year off by sharing a meal with
friends!

\$12.00 per person - Event limited to 70 people

Menu

Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Country Style Potatoes
Berry Stuffed French Toast
Mixed Fresh Fruit
Stuffed Pork Loin
Chicken Picatta
Muffins
Mimosas
Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water

Make checks payable to
Myrtle Trace Activities Committee

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ X \$12.00 = _____

Return this form & check or cash to
Joyce Macphee
207 Butternut Circle



The Myrtle Trace Community Chorus

Presents

Singin' On Christmas Morn'

A Program of Sacred and Secular Christmas Music

Saturday Evening, December 15, 7:00 PM

AND

Sunday Afternoon, December 16, 4:00 PM

Admission ---- \$5.00/Person

[Seventy Five (75) reservations will be accepted for each concert]

Reception to Follow



Circle One of the Following Dates

Saturday, December 15, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 16, 4:00 PM

Name(s): _____

Phone No. _____

Number of People ____ X \$5.00 = \$ ____

If performance you selected is sold out, you will be called regarding availability for the other concert).

Make checks payable to: Lee Besemer
Put reservation form and check or cash in the basket at 115 Timberline Drive, home of Bill and Alta Fox.

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

Thursday, December 13, 2012

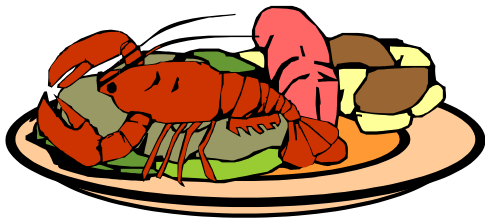
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Sea Captains

House

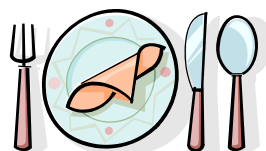
3002 N. Ocean Blvd

Myrtle Beach



All Myrtle Trace residents
are welcome!

Join us for good food and
conversation with your
neighbors.



Drop form and \$1.00 per person to

Ron & Beth Crow

106 Walnut Circle

By December 12, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Number: ____ X \$ 1.00 = ____

Money will be refunded at the
restaurant



Holiday Ladies Coffee Klatch

Friday, December 7, 2012

10:00 AM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Hosted by The Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch Committee

RSVP to Joni Hjerpe-Kyes @ 347-0211

Limited to 70 people

There will be a voluntary gift exchange~ If you would like to participate please bring a wrapped gift with a value of no more than \$5.00

Bring money for the 50/50 drawing.

We are continuing to accept canned goods for the needy.

Please wear your name badges.

Pot Luck

Monday, December 17, 2012

5:30 PM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse



Bring a dish to share as well as your own place setting and beverage

Bring a \$1.00 wrapped gift for the Secret Santa

Hosted by Santa and Mrs. Claus

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004	OPEN BOWLING Tuesday 9:30 LEAGUE BOWL Thursday 10:00	EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE M - F 7:45 - 9:00	Chorus Thursdays 3:30pm			1
2 6:30 Game Night	3 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 ACT. COM.	4 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	5 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	6 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 7:00 SINGLES	7 7:45 ROMEOS 10:00 MT LADIES COFFEE 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	8 9:00 Garden Club Work Detail 5:00 Luminaries 7:00 Bridge
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