



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents February 2013

## BOARD BRIEFS

### LATE HOURS CONSTRUCTION

Our spillway structure for Lake Cormorant between 228 and 232 Wedgewood Lane has rusted out and the water level cannot be maintained. The outflow passes through the neighboring golf course property into their pond system. We have their approval to replace our outflow lines on their property in a manner which minimizes interference with the golf course operation. Our contractor will work between the hours of three in the afternoon and eight the following morning at which time the cart path must be passable for their members and guests. The work must be completed by February 8, 2013 and may take more than one day. We will strive to minimize the disturbance to our community during the late evening work activity.

### TREE PRUNING

We understand there has been some concern expressed regarding our winter pruning of many of the trees in our community - particularly the Bradford Pear trees. Although the pruning appears to be rather extreme, it has been done successfully in previous years. Many of these trees are approaching the end of their expected lifetime and require more attention. Removing the large branches above the main trunk reduces the weight and lowers the wind resistance which in turn will reduce the frequency of branches splitting. Although we won't have the beautiful blossoms we're accustomed to this spring, they will return in the coming years.

### ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 16TH 2013

The MTHOA Annual Meeting will be held in the Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium on the Horry Georgetown Technical College Campus. Information packets have been distributed to all homeowners. The packet includes driving directions to the auditorium. If you have NOT received a packet, please call Joe Martin at 843-347-2823. Packets will NOT be available on the day of the meeting.

Registration for the meeting and distribution of official ballots to elect two (2) members to serve on the MTHOA Board of Directors will commence at 1PM in the auditorium. The meeting will convene at 2PM. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please give your proxy, which is included in the information packet, to someone who will be attending so that we can be assured of meeting the quorum necessary to conduct the Association's business.

If you will be voting proxies for other homeowners, you are encouraged to pre-register on Friday February 15th at the Clubhouse. Members of the Annual Meeting Committee will be available from 4PM to 6PM. You will receive your ballot along with the ballots for which you hold proxies on the day of the meeting.

Questions for the Board may be submitted to any Board member and **MUST BE IN WRITING**. Questions should be submitted no later than February 9th to allow time for any necessary research. Anonymous questions or comments will not be considered for a response.

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***Y'all Be Sure to Come to the Annual Meeting !!***

## News & Views

Editor

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Mar. Deadline - 2/21/13

Mar. Delivery - 2/27/13

### HELP WANTED

Barbara Tuttle of 128 Myrtle Trace Drive needs someone to help her for a couple of hours during the dinner hour. The help would consist of heating up prepared meals and cleanup and she is willing to pay \$10.00 per hour. There will be no house cleaning required.

If you are willing to help or know someone who could help, please call Barbara at 347-7032

### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

The Club will be reading "*The Forgotten*" by *David Baldacci*. The first meeting will be held on March 7th at 7:00 pm at the home of Cathy & Frank McElroy. We will draw names to determine who will select the next several books. Please have a book title with you in case you are selected to choose the next book. If you have any questions, please call Cathy at 347-5360.



## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

February continues to be a busy month with many varied activities. Starting off the month is the Super Bowl party on February 3rd. Look for information in this issue on the starting time. Bring your own snacks and beverage and root for your favorite team. On Saturday, February 9th, the next ladies Coffee Klatch will be held beginning at 10:00. Cecile Britt, Pat Rau, Jean Curio and Linda Nichols will be hosting. Joni Kyes will be away, so if you have any questions please call Diane Connelly. Back by popular demand is our Chinese New Year Party hosted by Charlene Rose. On February 10th, the official Chinese New Year, our Clubhouse will be transformed for this special event. Our next pot luck is on February 18th, and Diane & Horace Jones will be hosting. Myrtle Trace Dining Out group meets on the 21st of February at Martin's. Nona Mattson, Chris Terhune, and Mavis Wood are organizing this event that you won't want to miss. Movie night continues with a real blockbuster this month. Cecile and Janet will be featuring *War Horse* on Friday, February 22nd. It is a free event complete with popcorn and soda. I hope this is enough to keep you busy during February besides all of our regular activities.

For many years now Tom & Nancy Schwindinger have faithfully come to every pot luck early and helped prepare the room by setting up tables and chairs. Their help has been invaluable. But, as it is said, all good things end, and they are stepping down from this position. We thank them for their service and support. When you see Tom or Nancy, be sure thank them for their unselfish service. Myrtle Trace can always count on someone to step up when others have completed their duty. Diane & Horace Jones will be helping with pot luck from now on. Thanks to all of you!

*Joyce Macphee*

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

### ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

JANUARY 21, 2013

#### Additions:

Gaeta, Mark & Oliva, Nancy	144 Myrtle Trace Drive	796-1567 NJ
Oxley, Paul & Beverly	184 Glenwood Drive	706-246-5290 GA
Panichi, Frank & Judith	216 Glenwood Drive	267-0748 NY
Rich, Bill & Carolyn	118 Boxwood Lane	1-860-770-3036 CT
Traugot, Jules & Patty	124 Birchwood Lane	331-3040 NY

#### Corrections:

#### E-Mail:

## GARDEN CLUB

Regular monthly meetings of the Garden Club will resume on Thursday, Feb. 7th, at 2pm in the Clubhouse and, as usual, all Tracers are invited to attend. The unusual weather patterns of the past few months have created some "quirky" growth responses of many plants in this area of South Carolina - for instance, very early blooming of Quince bushes took place in late December, leaves hung onto the branches of our Bradford Pear trees much later than normal, and certain varieties of irises and daylilies surprised us with profuse blooming in late December and early January. Who knows what other surprises Mother Nature may have for us this coming Spring???

For those of you who have crape myrtles on your property - it is best to prune before late March/early April for best bloom results. Be sure to remove all of those ugly "knots" with sharp pruning tools. Then, if you desire one or more bloom periods during the summer, remove all of the spent flowers as soon as they fade - just cut off the bloom head and new flower buds will form and bloom in a short period of time. Done properly, you can enjoy as many as 3 or 4 bloom periods during the summer and early fall months.

With Spring just around the corner, the usual Saturday morning clean-up of the garden walkways, etc. at 9am will require as much help as we can get - won't you consider joining us?

"A garden is like life; something is always doing well, something is struggling, something is being born anew, and something is dying."

Edith Reed

*Paul Alexander*

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Canadian Geese are about to return!!! These geese are a nuisance to the neighborhood and to our properties, but we cannot stop them from coming. Please do not feed them and if you have pets, do not leave pet food outside if not actively feeding your pet. Use of decoys, such as owl figurines, and shooing them verbally will discourage them from entering your property. If they return, repeat. If your neighbors like them, this approach can keep them away from your property and from returning. This is especially important during the upcoming mating seasons and the later nesting and rearing seasons.

Next month we will be preparing for re-sodding and asking for signed requests, so look at your adjoining Common Property to see if any needs help. Spring rains, watering and applying weed retardants may help, so wait to determine what needs to be done.

We are anticipating that the Clubhouse carpet will be cleaned on Feb. 8, so please do not plan to use the Clubhouse before 3 p.m.

*Malcolm Macphee*

## *Thank You*

We thank all of our friends in Myrtle Trace for their prayers, cards, and well wishes in the sudden passing of our daughter, Lisa. It is wonderful living in a community of such caring people.

*Bruce & Mary Frances Williams*

Many thanks to everyone who helped decorate the Clubhouse for the holiday season. We sure appreciate your ideas and creativity. Also, many thanks to the six Activities Committee members who helped "undecorate" the Clubhouse and store all those decorations.

*The Activities Committee*



## FOUND

A toy radio-controlled helicopter in a back yard on Linden Circle. For information, please call Jon at 347-2902.





## BOWLING

With three matches bowled in the second half of the schedule, seven teams are bunched within 3 points of first place. Tied for the lead with 15 points are the Golden Oldies (Pat Benson, Don Benson & Tom Decker) and Unforgettable (Norm Heindel, Rich Lindenberg & Horace Jones). One point back are the Silver Foxes (Janet McGrady, Al Robertson & Rick King) and We're Here (Pat Searles, Fred Searles & Cecile Britt).

High scores for the second half include Don Benson (570), Al Wellman (560), Tom Marek (211,546), Ted Ackley (538), Tom Dexter (532), Tony Maturi (531), Rich Rau (525), George Thompson (521) and Therese Moore (213,516).

High averages are being maintained by Al Wellman (190), Don Benson (185), Tony Maturi (169.83), Jerry Campbell (169.48), Therese Moore (160), Patti Baldari (147) and Yvette Campbell (142).



## MERCY CARE HOSPICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

On behalf of the Activities Committee, myself and Mercy Care I would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to the Children's Christmas Collection. I collected a total of \$1,330.00 from 43 residents, the "Lunch Bunch" and the Activities Committee, I also received some stuffed animals. A special thanks goes to all the ladies in the Craft Group that knitted hats, mittens and scarfs for the children. We made Christmas special for 13 children ages 18 months to 12 years old. One of the families the father passed away the week before Christmas, the Social Worker said "the fathers last wish was to give his children a wonderful Christmas".

Myrtle Trace is the only group to help the children of Mercy Care patients and they and their families are very grateful for our generosity at this time of year. Each child received clothes (some needed shoes and winter coats), toys, games, books and some of the older ones got gift cards. Each of the four families also received a gift cards to Walmart for food.

I would like to thank Alice Landry and Kathy Gerhart for helping me shop and Janet McGrady, Carol Duganier, Kathy Gerhart, Merrie Lou Montague, Marie Reger and Louise Wells for wrapping all the gifts. I couldn't have done it without your help. Thank you all.

*Lynn Peachey*

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## NEWS & VIEWS ARCHIVES

We are working to establish an archive of issues of the News & Views. At the present time, we have every issue since May 1992. We are looking for all of the earlier issues. If you have any old issues you would be willing to donate please contact Ted Ackley at 602-1991. If you prefer to keep them, let us borrow them so we can make copies.

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## I REMEMBER THAT !!!

The December trivia winner was Walt Hansen who correctly answered and was randomly selected from the other winning entries. The question was "Name the three female stars opposite Jack Benny, George Burns & Sid Caesar". The answer "Mary Livingston, Gracie Allen & Imogene Coca".

This month's question: Who played Sgt. Joe Friday and what was the name of the show? Send your answers to Steve Sands by phone (331-3180) or e-mail (SSands3@sc.rr.com) by Feb. 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 March News & Views.

# The Myrtle Trace Players & The Myrtle Trace Community Chorus

*Proudly Present...*

## “Robin Hood and her Merry Maids” (A musical comedy)



Fri., March 1<sup>st</sup> ...7:00 PM  
Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup> ...7:00 PM  
Sun., March 3<sup>rd</sup> ...3:00 PM (Matinee)

**Tickets go on sale Feb. 1, 2013.**

Doors open ½ hour before play begins.  
Performances (at the Clubhouse)  
start promptly at the above times.

*The town of Rotting Beef (formerly Nottingham) is up in arms over: higher taxes, the Kings new throne, and leaving the fate of England into the hand's of Robin Hood's daughter.....a Dentist! Join us while Robin and her Merry Maids save the day from evil King John!*

**“Seating is limited to 70  
people per performance.”  
Cost is \$5.00 per person**

Residents will be given first preference for seating. We will, as always, try and accommodate your out-of-area guests.

Wine, water and snacks will be served during intermission. Performances are sponsored by the Myrtle Trace Activities Committee.

No refunds unless requested 7 days prior to event

Make checks payable to: “Myrtle Trace Activities Committee”  
Put check or cash in hanging mailbox by front door at:  
Cathy McElroy – 110 Ashwood Circle – 347-5360  
No later than Feb. 25, 2013

Wheelchair  Hearing impaired

**Circle one of the following dates:**

Fri., Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sat., Mar. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun., Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
7:00 PM	7:00 PM	3:00 PM (matinee)

List each person attending seperately. If needed, use back of coupon.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people X \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to participate in: “Ye Ole Family Feudal Feud Game” or “Pin The Tail on the Royal”, please check either yes or no. You must be able to stand for 15 – 20 minutes.

YES ( )

NO ( )

# Ladies Coffee Klatch Potluck



All Myrtle Trace Ladies Welcome  
Bring a dish to share

Saturday, February 9, 2013  
10:00 AM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Hosted by Cecile Britt, Jean Curio,  
Linda Nichols & Pat Rau

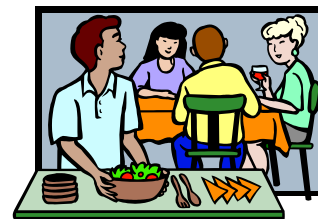
Bring money for the 50/50 drawing.  
We are continuing to accept canned food  
for the needy  
Please wear your name badges

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## POT LUCK DINNER

Monday, February 18, 2013  
5:30 PM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse



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

Hosted by Horace and Diane Jones





CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE  
CHINESE NEW YEAR  
DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE

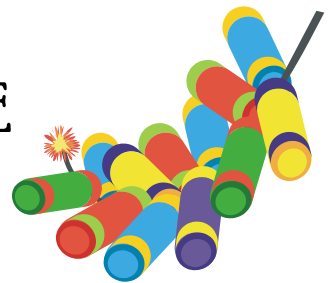


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013

5:30 PM

MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE

\$6.00 PER PERSON



**Bring a wrapped gift – one per household.**

**Gifts should be Christmas presents that are in the attic, white elephant gifts that are part of your household, or a gift certificate wrapped in a big box – the fancier the wrapping paper, the better.**

**DOOR PRIZES!!!**

Chinese food, Sodas,  
Wine & Beer  
will be provided

Hosted by  
Charlene Rose

Make checks payable to “Myrtle Trace Activities Committee” and drop it and this form at 230 Cricket Court by February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

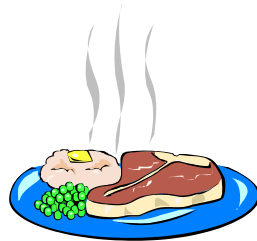
Thursday, February 21, 2013

12:00 Noon

## California Dreaming

2657 Beaver Run Blvd

Surfside, SC 19575

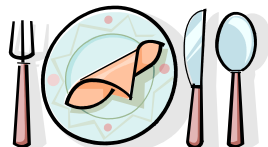


All Myrtle Trace residents  
are welcome!

Join us for good food and  
conversation with your  
neighbors.



Order off the Menu



Drop form and \$1.00

per person to

Chris Terhune

123 Boxwood

By February 18, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_ X \$ 1.00 = \_\_\_

Money will be refunded at the  
restaurant.



# MYRTLE TRACE

## BOCCE BALL LEAGUE FOR 2013

THE NEXT ROUND ROBIN WILL COMMENCE  
THE WEEK OF MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013

ALL MYRTLE TRACERS INTERESTED IN  
PLAYING, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM  
BELOW.

**A REORGANIZATION MEETING WILL BE  
HELD IN OUR CLUBHOUSE ON MONDAY,  
MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM**



Please call

Horace Jones

(570) 436-5401

If you have any questions

**MYRTLE TRACE  
BOCCE BALL LEAGUE  
FOR 2013**

DELIVER THIS FORM AND A  
CONTRIBUTION  
OF \$5.00 PER PERSON TO

Trudy Johnson  
245 Candlewood Dr  
By Friday, February 22, 2013

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

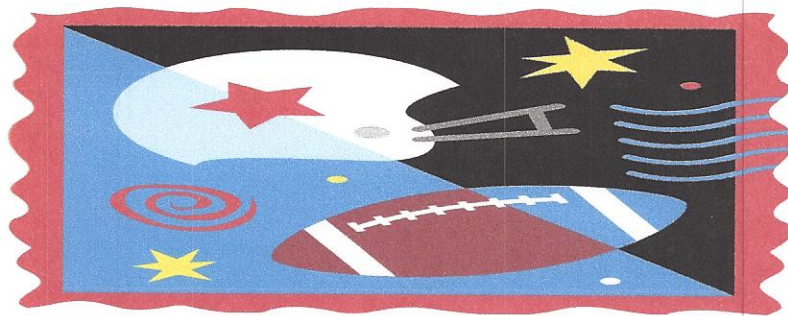
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUPERBOWL PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013**  
**COME JOIN US AT THE**  
**CLUBHOUSE AT 5:30 PM. BRING A**  
**HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRE TO SHARE**  
**AND YOUR OWN DRINKS.**

**SUPER BOWL POOL OF 100 BLOCKS AT A**  
**DONATION OF \$5.00 A BLOCK ONLY AVAILABLE**  
**AT THE CLUBHOUSE.**



**WE WILL PROJECT THE GAME ON THE**  
**BIG SCREEN!!!**

**GAME BEGINS AT 6:30 PM.**

**SPONSORED BY THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**  
**NO RESERVATION NECESSARY.**

# MYRTLE TRACE-MART

## I WOULD LIKE TO.....

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

SELL - Lexmark x8350 4 in 1 Printer. \$50.00 Please call Lori at 331-1131. (1)

SELL - Two twin size Craftmatic adjustable beds with headboards. Both head and foot adjust and have massage capability. Will sell individually or as a set. Individually for \$150ea. or the set for \$275. Please call Jim or Dale Carroll @347-0329. (1)

SELL - Sears X-Cargo rooftop carrier. Needs custom attachment for your car. \$50.00 or best offer. Please call Don Boutcher at 655-2497. (1)

BUY - A smaller car, good condition - maximum price \$5000. Also, an electric leaf blower. Please call Trish at 347-6982. (1)

GIVE AWAY - Two (2) Hewlett Packard black ink cartridges (HP 51645A). New, never opened. Please call Ted at 602-1991. (2)

SELL - A solid oak entertainment center. Three pieces 5' 6" high includes the center section and two matching side sections. Excellent condition - will accept best offer. Please call Mavis at 347-1794. (2)

SELL - HP Officejet J5700 All-in-One Printer, Fax, Scanner, Copier. Please call Ted at 602-1991. (2)

SELL - Two (2) Mr. Coffee automatic coffee pots. \$10.00 each. Steel Queen size bed frame. \$20.00 Please call George at 347-5167. (2)

SELL - Epson NX430 All-in-One Printer. Inkjet, wireless, b/w & color - used twice. Please call Susan at 347-1859. (2)

## BOARD BRIEFS (CONT 'D.)

### DID YOU KNOW ??

There is a growing problem on the common properties of Myrtle Trace mainly around the Clubhouse, Pool, Bocce court and garden areas. The problem is the fecal droppings left by irresponsible pet owners. Fecal matter can be a health issue for humans which is the reason we ask all pet owners to be responsible and please clean up after their pets. If you are a pet owner, make sure you carry a plastic collection bag whenever you and your pet take a walk away from home. Pick up after them and TAKE THE BAG HOME for disposal. Not only will other dog walkers appreciate your thoughtfulness, our Maintenance Staff and other walkers will as well.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Architectural Review Committee meets twice a monthly to review Project Requests and to consider other ARC related issues. Those meetings are held in the Clubhouse and, commencing in February, will start at the new time of 3:00 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

# MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CALENDAR</b> Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004	<b>OPEN BOWLING</b> Tuesday 9:30 <b>LEAGUE</b> Thursday 10 am	<b>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE</b> M - F 7:45 - 9:00	<b>Chorus</b> Thursdays 3:30pm		<b>1</b> 7:45 <b>ROMEOS</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	<b>2</b> 1:00 Play Rehearsal
<b>3</b> 2:00 Play Rehearsal 5:30 <b>Super Bowl Party</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg	<b>5</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>6</b> 10:00 <b>ACT. COM.</b> 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>7</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 SINGLES MEETING	<b>8</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Garden Club Work Detail 10:00 <b>MT LADIES COFFEE</b> 1:00 Play Rehearsal 7:00 Bridge
<b>10</b> 12:00 Play Rehearsal 5:30 <b>Chinese New Year</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 <b>PROP. COM.</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>13</b> 9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>14</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 1:30 Scrabble 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>15</b> 7:45 <b>ROMEOS</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 10:15 Paint w/ Cathy 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge 4:00 <b>PRE-REG. Annual Mtg</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 Play Rehearsal 1:00 <b>Ann'I Mtg. Registration</b> 2:00 <b>Annual Meeting</b>
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