



News *and* Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents December 2015

BOARD BRIEFS

2016 MTHOA BUDGET

The 2016 Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association budget, after careful consideration and taking into account increases in our annual operating expenses, was adopted at the November meeting of the Board of Directors. A copy is enclosed with this newsletter.

We are confident this budget will allow us to meet our obligations, along with permitting us to fund a number of projects which will address the current and future needs of our aging community infrastructure.

While the Property Committee has been charged with the operation and maintenance of our retention basins, we have never established a fund to be prepared to address the future needs of our lakes. Besides considering the financial aspect of this project, a special ad hoc committee has been formed and is working diligently to be able to recommend a program of maintenance designed to preserve the health and forestall the need for costly solutions.

We are also researching how to address the need to improve the safety of access our storage in the Clubhouse and will carefully consider all options provided. Funding for both of these projects are outlined under Projects Scheduled in the budget.

Therefore, in order to maintain and preserve Myrtle Trace in the manner we've become accustomed to, the Board has approved a dues increase of \$5.00 per month, raising the member obligation to \$75.00 per month or \$900.00 per year for 2016, still allowing us to offer one of the lowest HOA fees in the area.

It's always the Board's intention that any expenditures, whether from our operating budget or dues increase, benefit the community as a whole, as evidenced by the projects completed in 2015.

Our pool, after almost 30 years, underwent extensive repairs including the replacement of its wooden deck, installation of a regulatorily compliant aluminum fence and the purchase of furniture. We were also able to complete additional phases of our Clubhouse Refurbishment Plan and a new sound system was installed.

Because of prudent management of operating expenses, we anticipate being able to complete a five-year plan for the lake bank retention walls, in only four years.

However, one of the most important components of being able to continue to offer an affordable HOA dues, is owing to your involvement in Myrtle Trace. We could not provide the quality of life and services we enjoy and have come to expect, without the assistance of so many of our residents. Thank you for your willingness to give of your time and talents.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays, Everyone !!!

If you're traveling, please be safe !!

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Editor

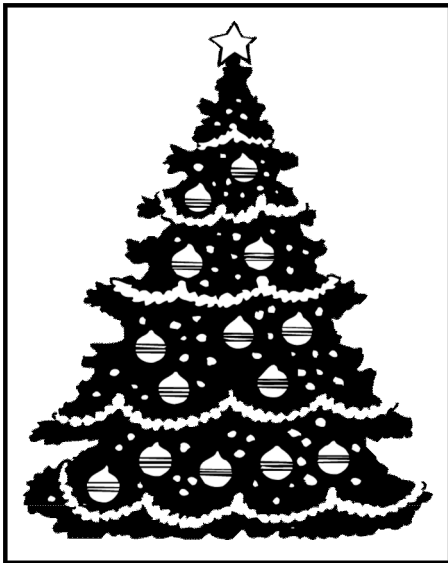
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ROMEO'S

Dec. Schedule

December 4th

DENNY'S

Bus. 17 & 8th Ave. South

December 18th

J & J CAFETERIA

4th Conway

MYRTLE TRACE
WEBSITE

www.myrtletracesc.org

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The last three MTAC sponsored activities, the Halloween Party and the Veteran's Day Tribute, were successful and well attended. The Thanksgiving Day Dinner was delicious. Our thanks to the many volunteers who assisted in these events. If you were not there, you really missed out.

There will be no movie night in December. Please check the calendar for all other December activities taking place in the clubhouse.

The Luminary Night on December 19th will take on a new look!! Residents are asked to place ONE luminary bag on EACH SIDE of the driveway and to decorate your mailbox. This should alleviate the concerns regarding the inability of many to physically complete the task and the additional burden for those who place the bags on multiple residences. If you wish to continue to place numerous bags on your yard, feel free to do so. Charlene Rose has bags and candles if you are in need of them.

The 2016 Activities Committee Officers are: Chairperson - Pat Paxson, Vice Chairperson - Santo Perry, Secretary - Jeanne Niziol, Treasurer - Charlene Rose.

PLEASE, GET UP AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE JOIN THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. We are in need of NEW IDEAS and FRESH ENERGETIC BLOOD! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM. The next meeting is December 8th.

Dianne McDonough

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Additions:

Cahill, John	116 Birchwood Lane	845-489-7724 NY
Greenfield, Susan	139 Hickory Drive	561-267-6783 FL
Kuhlmann, George & Margaret	107 Timberline Drive	843-340-3071 SC
MacDonald, Elaine	184 Glenwood Drive	843-331-3945 NJ
Riley, Karen	175 Glenwood Drive	843-331-3920 NJ
Thornburgh, Rick & Nancy	206 Glenwood Drive	989-798-1782 MI

Corrections:

Tether, Jean	119 Birchwood Lane	<u>843-855-6332</u>
Tether, Ted	119 Birchwood Lane	<u>843-360-2307</u>
Winkle, Ann (formerly Ann Herrington)	106 Myrtle Trace Drive	

E-Mail:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - Rollercoaster!

Recently, temperatures have been like a roller coaster; one day warm the next day cool and some mornings have been nippy. It's that time of year, temperatures transitioning from fall to winter. The yearly question is "When is it time to change the thermostat setting from air to heat?" The Clubhouse system will stay on air until we experience cold weather on a consistent basis. If you tend to feel the cold and are going to participate in an activity at the Clubhouse, you may want to take along a sweater.

The Clubhouse floor has many scratches. One culprit is the gliders on the back legs of the chairs. To remedy the situation, members of the Property Committee replaced the plastic with felt gliders. Felt gliders have also been put on the bottom of each table. A reminder, if you find it necessary to move a table, please do NOT push on the glass. Pushing may unbalance the glass. Also, when moving the tables, PUSH on the base. We have found pulling on the legs tends to loosen the leg from the base.

The Committee welcomes Norm Hargreaves who will be working with Dave Atkins and Mike Reynolds on our lakes.

Nancy Southard



GARDEN CLUB – Did you know...?

The Garden Club, established in 2002, is a non-dues, informal gardening club with a goal of informing Myrtle Trace residents about gardening in the South. From 2002 to 2004 stepping stones were made by Myrtle Trace resident John Beam and the plaques were engraved by an engraver in Conway. You may see all 150 stones as you stroll through the garden in front of the pool.

In 2003 the Myrtle Trace Board requested the Garden Club to formulate a landscape design for the area in front of the Clubhouse. Following the Board's approval, work was begun in early 2004. Al Hardee's maintenance crew prepared the site and the Garden Club was given the responsibility for the planting and care of the area.

Paul Alexander, one of the founding Garden Club members, is a professor emeritus of Clemson University and Horry Tech. This master gardener has shared a wealth of Southern gardening information with Myrtle Trace residents over the years. Paul wrote most of the club's News & Views articles up through August 2013.

John & Judy Beam were instrumental in the landscape designs surrounding the Clubhouse. These knowledgeable gardeners continue to dedicate their time and hard work in the gardens. In 2005, the garden pathways and benches behind the Clubhouse were installed by the Garden Club. The Garden Club is responsible for the maintenance and up keep of the Clubhouse Gardens for the enjoyment of all Myrtle Trace residents.

Through-out the history of the Clubhouse Gardens, many Myrtle Trace residents have volunteered a portion of their time to assist Garden Club members with the maintenance of the Clubhouse garden areas. Residents interested in helping to keep the garden clean and beautiful can email Judy Beam at mbpro@sccoast.net. No expert knowledge is needed. Judy will meet you at the Clubhouse, at your convenience to show you how to help. You may volunteer for one time or several, as little as 10 minutes or as much as an hour. Your efforts will be most appreciated.

Due to the special program on Monday, December 7th (see flier for details), the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14th at 1 pm in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Sandy Ream

MYRTLE

TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Orange sweat shirt with embroidered Myrtle Trace logo. Never worn. Size - large. \$15.00 Please call Ted at 843-347-3004. (12)

SELL - Craftsman 1/2 inch 5 speed drill press on a heavy duty stand, New set of brad point wood drills - \$25.00, new 16 inch variable speed scroll saw, 50 inch clamp on straight edge - \$5.00, deluxe travel golf bag with wheels - \$25.00. Please call Dick at 843-347-6990. (10)

SELL - Dark oak oval table 60 X 42 dining table with two leaves which extend the table to 92 X 42. glass front China Cabinet on Buffet, 2 Host Chairs & 4 Side Chairs. Like-new condition. Custom table pads. Traditional styling. Asking \$1,200. Please call Julie at 843-347-0786 to see this beautiful set. (10)

SELL - Bernina Funlock 004 Serger, includes manual and several spools of serger thread. \$75. Dress Form, adjustable, small - \$60.00, 9' Christmas Tree, perfect for a cathedral ceiling (which we no longer have). Beautiful tree used only two seasons When one light goes out, the rest stay on. Originally purchased at Hobby Lobby for \$279 - list price \$499 - asking \$175. Also 6' Cashmere Tree, like new \$30.00 Please call Alice at 843-331-3435. (10)

SELL - (2) carpet pads for computer chairs. 36" X 48" Heavy Duty - Woodgrain finish. Excellent condition. Please call Ted at 843-347-3004. (11)

SELL - Behr Wood Stain & Paint, Myrtle Trace colors. 5 gal unopened can Wood Stain, Monterey Grey-\$65.00. 2 cans, 1.5 gals Paint-Monterey Grey \$20.00. Behr Wood Stain, Beechwood, 4.5 gal in one can \$58.00. Please call John at 843-347-8846 (11)

SELL - Dark solid wood book case 6'8" high, 14" deep, 34" wide. Has 4 upper shelves with 2 lower enclosed shelves - \$80.00. Medium red recliner rocker, very good condition - \$75.00. Light blue recliner rocker, good condition - \$65.00. Electric leaf blower, used very little - \$40.00. Please call Joanna at 843-234-2161 (11)

SELL - 2008 Lincoln MKZ 4 dr. red with tan vinyl top. 50k mi. Auto V6 Power seats, leather. Like new condition - 3 yr. 36k mi. warranty. Can be seen at 211 Candlewood Dr. \$12,500. Please call 843-347-9136

SELL - Golf cart cover w/carrying case. Excellent condition. \$75.00 Please call Nancy at 843-347-3885 (12)

SELL - Whirlpool Refrigerator. 22 cu. ft. with side by side doors and "in-door" ice dispenser. Bisque with two new filters. Approx. 5 years old. \$400.00 Please call Carol at 843-347-7131 (12)

SELL - Set of child's starter golf clubs, Includes drive, 5 iron, pitching wedge, putter and bag. With original carton. Asking \$35.00. Please call Leo at 843-347-5787 (12)

SELL - L - shaped 3 piece sectional sofa. Royal blue. \$300.00 Please call Kathy at 843-251-1118 (12)

SELL - Golf cart cover w/carrying case. Excellent condition. \$75.00 Please call Ted at 843-347-3004 (12)

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

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CLUBHOUSE SOUND SYSTEM - TRAINED TECHNICIANS

The following residents have been trained in the use of the Clubhouse sound system including the use of the microphones: Kurt Angersbach, Dave Atkins, Alta Fox, Bill Fox, Ron Grove, Norm Hargreaves, Thor Kongvold, Liz Maass, Cathy McElroy, Pat Paxson, Charlene Rose, Steve Sands, Jay Sharp and Bruce Williams. Please consult with one of these people if problems arise.

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

WEBSITE REDESIGN

The new Myrtle Trace website will be available for viewing beginning on December 1st. The new site will have the same address (www.myrtletracesc.org) as the old one. Everyone is invited to “log in” and take a look around. Comments may be forwarded to Susan Lyons (susanclyons114@gmail.com), Bruce Williams (wmsjbmf@scoast.net) or Ted Ackley (tedack@scoast.net). We hope you will find the site useful and informative.

TAG SALES & ESTATE SALES

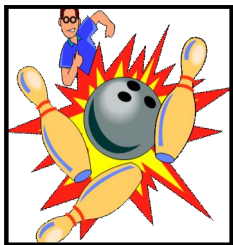
Tag sales and estate sales usually generate a considerable amount of traffic in our community. It is extremely important that the property owners and anyone conducting such sales know that they are responsible for ensuring that the surrounding streets remain passable for other traffic including emergency vehicles. In addition, parking on the grassy common areas is prohibited.

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The Past Presidents Council has developed an orientation program designed to supplement our existing Greeters Program. The program will feature a presentation conducted twice annually in January and June for residents who have recently moved to Myrtle Trace. They will receive brief descriptions of the functions of the Board and the Standing Committees and they will be encouraged to become involved. The first presentation will be given in January 2016.

CLUBHOUSE SOUND SYSTEM

The new sound system in the Clubhouse is occasionally temper mental. Fourteen residents have been trained to operate and trouble shoot the system including the microphones. The names of those residents are listed on an inner page of this issue. Anyone using the microphones is urged to contact one of these “experts” if they encounter trouble. Your cooperation will be appreciated.



BOWLING

With four weeks of play remaining in the first half, the Alley Cats (Betty Stiegler, Ken Stiegler & Bob Kirk) are leading the Strikers (Yvette Campbell, Millie Van Slaars & Jerry Campbell) by a single point. Another point back are the Hopefuls (Dan McManus, Jeanne Niziol & Bruce Williams) and the M C D's (Mary Connors, Chuck Connors & Dave Smyth). Four other teams are within six points of first place.

High scores during the past month were bowled by Al Wellman (249 - 673), Tony Maturi (259 - 642), Norm Napier (598), Jerry Campbell (574), Bob Bastian (573), Sue Lyons (220 - 570), Nelson Fisher (562), Bob Kirk (547), Helen Tillman (544), Ken Stiegler (512), Phyllis Forbes (504) and Mickey Jarossy (468).

High averages are being maintained by Al Wellman (195), Tony Maturi (190), George Thompson (180), Nelson Fisher (177), Helen Tillman (160), Sue Lyons (151), Pat Benson (144.6) and Mickey Jarossy (144.3).

The winners of the first half which ends on January 7th, will bowl for the league championship on April 28th.

COME AND CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE



With your friends and neighbors

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

December 31st

9:00 PM until.....



Bring an appetizer to share

BYOB

Plenty of FUN!!!

Plenty of GOOD MUSIC!!!

Karaoke Too!!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Reply to

Steve & Bobbie Sands

186 Glenwood Dr

By December 29th

Name(s): _____

How Many #: _____

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

Carolina Roadhouse Grill

4617 N Kings Hwy

Myrtle Beach SC



TIME: 12:30 PM

**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS**



**HOSTED BY
CARTER & KATHIE
HAMMERSLA**



RSVP to

Carter L Hammersla

176 Glenwood Drive

Deadline: December 8th

A Delivery Box will be on the Front
Porch

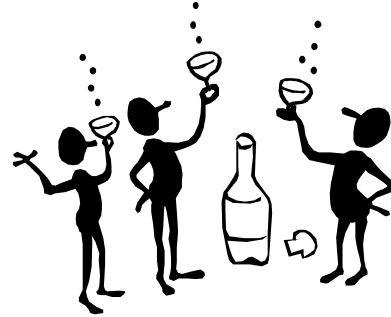
Name: _____

Address: _____

Number ___ X \$1.00 = _____

Money will be refunded
at the restaurant

DO YOU LIKE TO SOCIALIZE?



DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

BOTH ARE FUN!!!

Join Us Friday, December, 18th. at 7:00 PM
In the Clubhouse for the

Myrtle Trace Get-Together

Music from the 40s to the 90s, for dancing or just listening
AND Karaoke will be provided by Steve Sands

Bring an appetizer to
share with your table.



Please RSVP by December, 16th.

To

**Steve & Bobbie Sands
186 Glenwood Dr.**

Or 843-331-3180

Name _____

How many _____

ILLUMINATE OUR COMMUNITY

TO CELEBRATE

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2015

(Rain Date: Sunday, December 20, 2015)

Time: 5:00 PM

(Set up: 4:00 PM, Lighting of Candles 5:00 PM)

Let's work together to get 100% participation this year.

This is a great time to get together with your neighbors, friends,
and relations for a street, block or house gathering to begin the
celebration of the season.

**Bags should be set up on each corner of your driveway. TOPS OF BAGS SHOULD
BE TURNED OVER TWICE WHICH WILL PREVENT BAGS FROM CATCHING FIRE.**

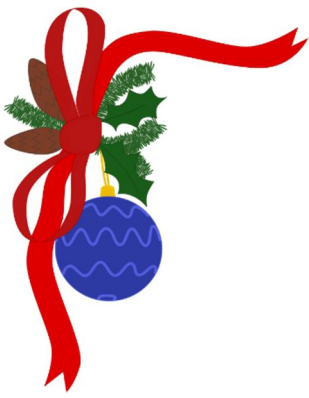
Please extinguish your candles by 10:00 PM or upon retiring for the evening.

**Candles, Bags, and Sand may be purchased from Charlene Rose 230 Cricket Ct
843-234-1730**

Cost: Bags - .08 cents each; Candles – 20 cents each

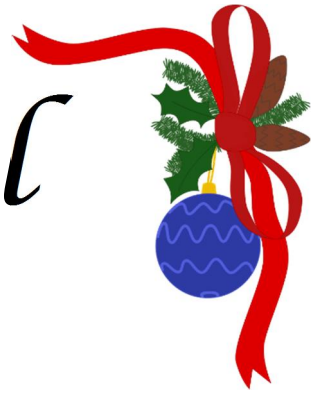
Sand – 12 cents a cup





Joyeux Noel

(Merry Christmas)



Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Friday, December 11, 2015 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 12, 2015 4:00 PM



**65 Reservations
accepted per
performance**

**Donation
\$5.00 per person**



Reservations & Donation to

Gerry Holley

112 Myrtle Trace Drive

Name(s) : _____

Phone # : _____

Mark (X) performance preference

Friday, Dec. 11 _____

Saturday, Dec 12 _____

Make checks payable to MTCC

Holiday Centerpiece Class

Sponsored by the Myrtle Trace Garden Club

6 pm Monday, December 7th at the Clubhouse

Create your own 12" Holiday Boxwood Centerpiece

Project Instructor: MT Resident John Drohan

Cost: \$35

Bring your own shears.

RSVP by Dec. 2nd



RSVP by December 2nd to: Anne Kongvold
103 Linden Circle
843-347-7454

Name: _____

Phone: _____

#Attending _____ X \$35.00 = _____ for supplies.

Make checks payable to: John Drohan. Check must accompany reservation.



**We decked the halls
And strung the lights**

Now please come and make our holiday bright

Steve and Bobbie's Open House

186 Glenwood dr.

Wednesday, December 9th from 4:30pm to 9:30 pm

**Light hors d'oeuvres, dessert, beer
and wine will be served**

RSVP (not mandatory)

843-331-3180

Ladies Coffee Klatch Potluck



All Myrtle Trace Ladies Welcome
Bring a dish to share

Saturday, December 12, 2015

10:00 AM

CLUBHOUSE

Hostesses: Cecile Britt & Betty Halbert

NOTICE: PLEASE BRING A \$5.00 WRAPPED CHRISTMAS GIFT. WE WILL BE PLAYING A GAME WITH THE GIFTS, SO EVERYONE SHOULD BRING ONE.

POT LUCK DINNER

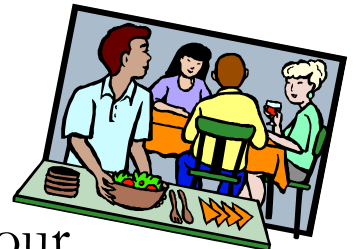
Monday, December 21, 2015

5:30 PM

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Bring your favorite dish as well as your
own place setting and beverage

Hostess: Cecile Britt



MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> CALENDAR Pat Paxson – 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> OPEN BOWLING Tuesday 1:30 League Thursday 10:00 </div>	1 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	2 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	3 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Singles Mtg	4 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	5
6 6:30 Game Night	7 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:00 Mah Jongg 6:00 Garden Club Special Event	8 9:30 PROP. COM. 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	9 9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	10 9-11 Crafters 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	11 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta 7:00 Chorus Concert	12 10:00 MT LADIES COFFEE 4:00 Chorus Concert
13 6:30 Game Night	14 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:00 Mah Jongg 3:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.	15 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	16 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 9:00 Singles Brkfst 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	17 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 King's Poker 6:00 Mah Jongg	18 7:45 ROMEOS 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge 7:00 MT Get Together	19 5:00 Luminaries
20 6:30 Game Night	21 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:00 Mah Jongg 5:30 POT LUCK	22 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Canasta 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	23 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	24 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	25 Christmas	26 7:00 Bridge
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