



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents January 2021

## BOARD BRIEFS

Dear Residents,

Effective, December 25, 2020, the Board voted to close the Clubhouse to activities and keep it open only for official business. Residents will still have access to the library, the computer and copier. We ask that if you are in the Clubhouse, you wear a mask or alternate face covering, keep safe distances and sanitize surfaces. I understand that this may not be a popular decision especially considering the Clubhouse was previously open on a limited basis. But the counts are worse now than in the summer and our goal is to keep our community safe. We will continue to monitor the situation.

We will be using the Clubhouse for the MTHOA annual election. Residents will be electing one Director-at-Large for a three-year term. Registration and voting will be in the Clubhouse on that Thursday and Friday before the Saturday meeting. Only a very limited number of residents will be in the Clubhouse for the annual meeting; residents will be able to call in and listen to the meeting, rather than attend in person. Please see the voting schedule on Page 5.

Well, it happened. 2020 came in with a vengeance, and unfortunately, it is still in the process of going. I think 2020 took little bits of all of us away when it ended. It might have been our faith, our patience, our sense of humor or our health. We didn't think we'd make it. Sadly, some of our loved ones and friends didn't. Hopefully, at some point in 2021, we will start to recover, and look forward to a new, better year. Its hard to remember anything about 2020 except for the VIRUS, and the upheaval it caused. Now we have the aftermath.

I am sure that some good things happened in 2020: new residents moved into Myrtle Trace, students graduated, couples married, babies were born, we learned how to bake and be crafters (some of us, I was not meant to be a crafter), we learned gardening, we learned how to ZOOM, we actually talked on the phone instead of a quick text, we read novels and went to the beach, we exercised lots and got healthier, we spent time waving to fellow neighbors, we helped our neighbors when the going got tough. And it did get tough, really tough! Empty shelves in the stores, being cooped up in the house with not a lot to do – we cleaned, straightened closets and drawers, and cleaned some more. Sometimes were afraid to cough or acknowledge an ache or pain, thinking it might be that dreaded VIRUS. We wore (and are still wearing) our masks, and do not leave the house without wipes and hand sanitizer. We learned how far away six feet actually was and discovered that we could visit food trucks and ice cream trucks and still visit (sort of) with our neighbors. We mourned those we lost, and learned to be grateful for what we learned from them. We learned some people truly are a gift. Santa and his elves visited the residents, we decorated for Christmas and made floral centerpieces. Ringing in the New Year may have been a little quieter, a little more reserved, but we will still rang in the New Year. And maybe, we woke up on New Year's Day with a smile.

Yes, we have great hopes and plans for 2021. The first being that maybe we can truly rid ourselves of the "V" word. But I think that because of the dreaded 2020, we will also bring something of ourselves to the New Year. That patience, faith and sense of humor that we thought was lost, we will find it again. We will take the time to "smell the roses" and enjoy the little things, which when you think about it, are really, really big things. We may actually be able to return to real life church services, dining in a restaurant and visiting and hugging our family. We have learned compassion. We were in it together and we made it. And we will continue to make it, together. There are lots of different paths to what we want, and we want the same things, those same basic things: enjoy ourselves and our lives, with our families by our side. If we continue to work

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### LAKEVIEW LADIES' COFFEE

There will be no Lakeview  
Ladies' Coffee during  
January.

### R O M E O ' S

January 15th

### BOB EVANS

Hwy 50` & Waccamaw Blvd.

Be sure to wear your mask  
when entering the restaurant.



**MYRTLE TRACE  
WEBSITE**  
[www.myrtletracesc.org](http://www.myrtletracesc.org)

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

I would like to thank Nelson Fisher for his work with the Thanksgiving Dinner for Myrtle Trace home owners. He and his team served 55 take out dinners, 24 residents had dinner the Club House and 12 dinners delivered to the home bound totaling 91 meals. I would also like to thank Nelson Fisher and his team: Pam and Mike Reinhardt, Jeanne Niziol, Liz Maas, Nancy Abernathy, Eunice Freeman, Suzanne Owens and Pat Fisher.

I would like to thank John Drohan for having his centerpiece class at the Club House. Everyone who attended took home beautiful centerpieces.

I would like to thank all the residents that participated in the Luminaries. Thank you to Anne Kongvold for chairing this event and her Committee which was Cathy Smith, Debbie Rebocho and Mickey Jarossy.

Thank you to the residents who participated in the home and mailbox decorating contest. The winners of the home decorating contest are: 1st Place - Tom and Sheila Gayer, 2nd Place - George and Elizabeth Cindrich and 3rd Place - Henry and Cynthia Harrison. The winners of the mailbox decorating contest are: 1st Place - Debbie Rebocho, 2nd Place - Michelle Theobald and 3rd Place - Arlene Buckley. Thank you to the judges Jeanne Niziol and Debi Perry.

The slate of officers for 2021 beginning February, 2021 is: Santo Perry - Chairman, Debbie Rebocho - Co-Chairman, Debi Perry - Secretary, Cathy Smith - Treasurer.

Remember the Activities Committee meets the second Monday of every month. Our next meeting is Monday, January 11th. We are always looking for new members and new ideas.

Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Santo Perry*

## MYRTLE TRACE LOGO POLO SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS

Orders may be placed by contacting Ted Ackley by phone (843-347-3004 or 843-602-1991) or by e-mail (tedack@sccoast.net). He has a chart of available colors.

### MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

#### ADDITIONS & CHANGES

As of December 27, 2020

#### Additions:

Baker, Henry	206 Butternut Circle	845-863-9545 NV
Gibson, Barb	114 Cedar Ridge La	239-272-0129
McLaughlin, Teresa	115 Boxwood Lane	510-517-2000
Ritosa-Baker, Dorina	206 Butternut Circle	914-475-7573 NV
Wells, Richard	114 Cedar Ridge La	239-272-0129
Wierman, Debra	240 Candlewood Dr	717-965-7863
Wierman, Kenneth	240 Candlewood Dr	717-965-7862

#### Changes/Corrections:

#### E-mail:

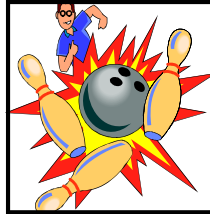
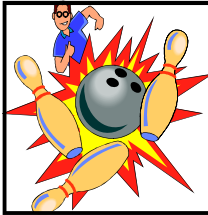
Baker, Henry & Dorina	HDBEACH2020@gmail.com
Gibson, Barb	bgibsonkent@yahoo.com
McLaughlin, Teresa	teresamc55@aol.com
Wells, Richard	wellsr9@gmail.com
Wierman, Debra	debrawierman@yahoo.com

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As the year 2020 draws to a close the Property Committee would like to wish all Myrtle Tracers a Happy Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year. May 2021 be a better year for all as we look forward to the end of the Pandemic and the return to normalcy whatever that may become.

PS: To all Residents please consider this a PSA (public service announcement). Any and all visitors ie; Contractors, Deliveries, Relatives or Friends must enter the community from Burning Ridge Road not the back gate. The back gate is for Residents only.

*Liz Maass*



## BOWLING

The Myrtle Trace Bowling League (Senior Strikers) is halfway through the middle segment of the schedule with Two Guys 'n a Girl (Lois Totura, Gabor Janosi & Harry Fink) tied with the Strikers (Jeanne Niziol, Millie Van Slaars & Bill Mose) for 1st Place. Time to Spare (Susan Adams, Darlene Fenick & Joe Harper) is close behind in 3rd Place. The matches on January 7th will be "fun" matches where a bowler gets a strike if he or she knocks down 9 pins with the first ball.

High scores by Tracers include Harry Fink (230-575), George Thompson (513), Bob Bird 511, Ted Ackley (509), Bob Bastian (502),

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that Philip Duck, Nancy Seeds, and Robert Thibodeau are candidates for the Board of Directors. Their photos and resumes will be included in the information packets for the Annual Meeting. **They will be introduced at the January Board meeting.**

If you plan to nominate someone for the Board make sure they agree to be nominated, and then submit their name to Mary L'Heureux by Monday January 18, 2021. Their name will appear in the February N&V as an additional Board candidate,

The Annual Meeting Planning Committee will be assembling the meeting packets on Saturday January 9, 2021. The packets will be distributed to the owner-resident black newspaper tube the same day, weather permitting. If you will be unable to retrieve your packet on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> please call either Joe Martin at 843-347-2823/Email [JMJ109@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JMJ109@YAHOO.COM) or Mary Johnsen at 843-347-6897/Email [RPMMARYJ@AOL.COM](mailto:RPMMARYJ@AOL.COM) to arrange a delivery date. Packets will not be available on the day of the meeting.

## Thank You

The outpouring of so many cards regarding Dick's friendship among many in M. T. has been so comforting to me. I thank each of you for the kindness and strength you have given me. His favorite places were our ponds where fished and caught several five pounders!

*Jody Sievers*

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

After spending 20 wonderful years in Myrtle Trace, I have decided to move closer to my family. Your love and friendship will never be forgotten and I wish all of you a healthy, happy 2021. Sincerely,

*Eileen Hansen*



## MYRTLE TRACE CRAFT SHOW

Never fear.... There is light at the end of the tunnel! The Craft Show is scheduled for March 27th so get your supplies in order and "craft" the day away. See you in March....

*Lee Williams*

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Our Neighborhood Watch Team is in need of some additional drivers. We presently have 18 on our roster and we could use a few more. The hours are light and there's no heavy lifting. If you are interested, please call Gary Main at 862-273-7801 for details.

**SINGLES  
BREAKFAST  
CANCELLED FOR JAN.**

# MYRTLE

## TRACE-MART

### I WOULD LIKE TO.....

**SELL** - Craftsman Gas Pressure Washer. 2000 psi. \$75.00. Kenmore 10 Sewing Machine in good condition \$20.00. Please call Ed at 860-933-3684 (11)

**GIVEAWAY** - Size 13 hearing aid batteries. Please call Charlie at 843-340-4989 (11)

**SELL** – (1) Compact Frigidaire Refrigerator w/Freezer compartment (4.5 Cu. Ft.). Very good condition; Color: Grey/Black, Size/dimensions: 33-7/8”(H) x 21-1/4" (W) x 23" (D) - Asking \$75 (2) Mini Frigidaire Refrigerator (1.6 Cu. Ft.). Good condition; Color: White. Size/dimensions: 18-1/2”(H) x 18-1/2" (W) x 17" (D) – Asking \$20. (3) Beautiful kitchen table with two (2) matching, padded, tilting swivel chairs w/wheels. Perfect for Breakfast Nook, Sun Room, etc. Excellent condition. Color: White, w/laminated wood top, metal legs on table and chairs. Size/dimensions: 41"(l) x 41" (w) x 28-1/2" (h) - Asking \$75. Can be viewed on Craigslist: ID# 7229630724. (4) Solid wood framed Bolero Landscape mirror. For wall or dresser. Condition excellent. Dimensions: 48"(L) x 1-1/2" (W) x 43" (H) – Asking \$30. Can be viewed on Craigslist: ID# 7229630043. Please call or text Rick at 917-691-7497. (12)

**SELL** - ReSound Linx Hearing Aids. 3D 9Mini. Barely used. Owner passed shortly after purchase. New \$3,190. Asking \$500. Please call Wayne at 330-715-8635 (1)

**SELL** - Antique, dome top steamer trunk for sale. Make an offer. Please call Paula at 231-922-1625. (1)

**SELL** - Idlis 7 cu.ft. chest freezer, white. 2 years old, excellent condition. \$150. Please call Herman at 401-529-7930. (1)

### MYRTLE TRACE-MART

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# MORE BOARD BRIEFS

together, we can overcome what may come our way, and will make it. We will do more than just make it - we will be OK. Let's look forward to a new year, a safe year, one that allows Myrtle Trace residents to be with each other just like the old days.

*"And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over; but, one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about."* Haruki Murakami

As always, take care of yourselves, take care of each other and carry on.

*Donna Ebling*

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Myrtle Trace Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at 2:00 PM, in the Clubhouse - open to a very limited number of residents. Residents will be registering and voting at the Clubhouse for the upcoming election. Residents may register themselves and any proxies at the Clubhouse during days and times shown below. Proxies must be filled out prior to registration. After registering, residents will be given an official ballot for the election. Residents will then be asked to vote during this same timeframe. It will still be a secret ballot. Ballots will be placed in a secure container. Only those votes on official ballots will be accepted, sample ballots from the meeting packet, will not be honored. Residents are encouraged to vote early or by proxy. Early registration will allow us to determine if we have a quorum for the annual meeting. This process will help us all to maintain safe distancing in the Clubhouse. Times for registration and early voting include:

Thursday, February 4, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM and from 4:00PM to 7:00PM

Friday, February 5, from 10:00AM to 12:00PM and from 4:00PM to 7:00PM

Saturday, February 6, from 10:00AM to 11:00AM.

The format of the meeting will allow residents being able to "listen-in." A dial-in number will be provided, at a date closer to the meeting. More details to follow. Residents are asked to sign up for the Emergency Email Notification listing so they can receive information regarding how to log in to the annual meeting. To add your name to this listing, please contact Jon Bourne at [jlbarch1@sccoast.net](mailto:jlbarch1@sccoast.net). Login information will NOT be posted on our website.

### **HTC WORK**

HTC trucks will be in our neighborhood to upgrade their equipment and to lay fiber optics. HTC will be mapping the area and then will begin to put in the new cabling. They will park their trucks on the left side of the road, and will direct traffic as needed. If you know the location of your irrigation systems, that will help the HTC work crew. This upgrade will not affect rates. HTC will be sending out letters to residents informing them about the process and a start time. PLEASE read any HTC letters sent to you. Our service is not expected to be interrupted during this effort.

### **CONTRACTORS MUST USE OUR FRONT ENTRANCE**

Please remind your contractors or delivery personnel that they must use the front entrance to access and leave Myrtle Trace.

### **DOG CLEAN-UP**

Please remember to carry a bag and pick up any souvenirs your dog leaves on the ground. We have had complaints from residents whose shoes found mushy surprises.

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## BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

### THANK YOU, RESIDENTS

Thank you for hanging up the Christmas decorations, they are lovely!

Entrances/Gates: Herman Rebocho -Chair, Debbie Rebocho, Bill Cain, Kathy Cain, Thor Kongvold, Cathy Smith, Bob Smith, Debi Perry

Clubhouse: Debi Perry – Chair, Debbie Rebocho, Bob Smith, Cathy Smith, Lee Williams, Anne Kongvold

The Bingo Team Leader Nelson Fisher and his assistants Steve Notte and Mike Reinhart

### HO HO HO, THANK YOU!

The spirit of Christmas came to residents in Myrtle Trace with the two-evening tour of Santa and his entourage of carolers and dispensers of sweet goodies. We would like to thank Santa, John Drohan, his carolers; Claudia Allensworth, Eunice Freeman, Anne Kongvold, Liz Maass, Janet McGrady and Jean Niziol for taking time to bring smiles and joy during a difficult time for many.



SANTA  
JOHN DROHAN



CAROLERS JANET McGRADY, JEANNE NIZIOL,  
LIZ MAASS, ANNE KONGVOLD, CLAUDIA  
ALLENSWORTH & EUNICE FREEMAN

### ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2021

The MTHOA Annual Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse. The meeting will start at 2PM on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration and voting starts on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Additional information about registration and voting times will be included in the Meeting Packet.

Questions for the Board must be in writing, may be submitted to any Board member or deposited in the HOMEOWNER mailbox at the Clubhouse. Questions should be submitted no later than January 18<sup>th</sup> to allow time for any necessary research.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, attendance at the Annual Meeting will be limited. We encourage all members to vote prior to the meeting during one of the times that will be available. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Truly, these are exceptional times and we are trying as best we can to conduct the Association's business AND ensure the safety and well being of our residents.

# ATTENTION

2020 Updates to the *MTHOA GUIDELINES AND POLICIES* notebook (3-ring binder) will be included in the Annual Meeting Packet. Instructions for each section: ARC Guidelines; Property Guidelines; and Board Policies are included. The instructions detail the specific pages which need to be removed and added to make your notebook current.

It is important to keep the notebook current so you have the latest revisions to the guidelines and policies in Myrtle Trace. If you have any questions on updating the notebook please contact a Board member for assistance.

Copies of guideline revisions have been sent to the Myrtle Trace webmasters, copies will also be filed with Horry County as required by law.



COVID - 19 OR NOT,  
THE SPEED LIMIT IS STILL

**25 MILES PER HOUR!!!**

# MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

# January

# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CALENDAR</b> Pat Paxson – 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004	<b>Chorus</b> <b>Thursdays</b> <b>3:30pm</b>	Exercising Clubhouse M-Th 7:45-9:00			<b>1</b> 1:00 Canasta	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>4</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study <b>6:00 Bunco</b>	<b>5</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>6</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>7</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Singles Mtg	<b>8</b> 1:00 Canasta <b>7:00 Bingo</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 Annual Mtg</b> <b>Packs Assem.</b> 10:30 MT Gardener's Work Detail
<b>10</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>11</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study <b>3:00 ARC MTG.</b> <b>7:00 ACT. COM.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:30 PROP. COM.</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>13</b> 9:30 PHS-8 COFFEE 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>14</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Gardeners Gather 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>15</b> 7-45 <b>ROMEOS</b> 1:00 Canasta <b>7:00 MT Get Together</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10:00 MTLCK</b>
<b>17</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>18</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study	<b>19</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 MTHOA</b> <b>BD MTG.</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>21</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 2:00 Past Pres. MTG 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>22</b> 1:00 Canasta	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>25</b> <b>3:00 ARC MTG.</b>	<b>26</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 Dealer's Choice Poker	<b>27</b> 9:30 Singles Brkfst 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>28</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>29</b> 1:00 Canasta <b>7:00 Bingo</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 6:30 Game Night						

Calendar is ONLY in effect if the Clubhouse is open for non MTHOA business