



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

April 2023

## BOARD SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### HAPPY 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO MYRTLE TRACE - 1983-2023

*In recognition of the signing and filing of our Master Covenants, Articles of Incorporation, and By-laws that marked the beginning of our community in October of 1983, we are planning a celebration. We will recognize and thank the many people who came before us and who worked to establish and maintain "Myrtle Trace, the Retirement Community" as it was envisioned in 1983. We will also show our appreciation for those who are here now and who work to continue the tradition of care and respect for our land and our sense of community.*

*We are planning a number of activities to mark the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we hope that all of you can be a part of some if not all of these events. Here's a preview of what's to come: History of Myrtle Trace Presentation; Resident Art Show; Vintage Car Show; Oktoberfest; Chowder Cook-Off; and Open House.*

*Please watch News & Views for details about events and for special articles about Myrtle Trace! Jean Hohenberger is the committee chair and welcomes anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with the festivities! You can contact her at 843-349-8395.*

*We can all be very proud of the community that was created in 1983 and has been maintained for over four decades – the place that we all call home!*

*Board of Directors*

## BOARD BRIEFS

### DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND MYRTLE TRACE

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we'll be spending time throughout the year remembering the way it used to be and we'll see that the changes around us have been remarkable. And we continue to see change and development near our community, all of which impacts Myrtle Trace. Board members will be attending County Council meetings, Zoning and Planning meetings dealing with issues near our community, and regional Civic Association and HOA meetings in an effort to gather accurate information and keep you informed. As we gather information we'll share it with you through News & Views and at our regular monthly meetings.

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## News & Views

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## TRACERS ON THE GO!

April 26, 2023  
Time: 10:00am

### MAMMY'S KITCHEN

1010 N. Kings Highway  
Myrtle Beach

## R O M E O'S

April 21, 2023  
Time: 7:45am

### WOODHAVEN PANCAKE HOUSE

2600 S. Kings Highway  
Myrtle Beach

**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE  
PHONE NUMBER  
843-248-1520**

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met on Monday, March 13, and the following events and projects were discussed and planned:

- **Yappy Hour**—Saturday, April 29 at 2:00pm. See flier inside this issue of News & Views.
- **Memorial Day Celebration**—Sunday, May 28. Grilled burgers and hot dogs.
- **Dancing in the Park**—Sunday, June 4 from 2:00-5:00pm. Featuring the Mike Duva Quintet and Rentko's Food Truck - Polish menu.
- **July 4th Celebration**—to be held at the Clubhouse.
- **Craft Fair**— Saturday, October 14, in coordination with Lakeside Crossing.

For the month of October, Myrtle Trace's 40th Anniversary celebrations are in the planning stages by the 40th Anniversary Committee and the Board of Directors. Announcements and updates will be forthcoming.

A **New Year's Eve** celebration is planned and details will follow later in the year.

There are two projects in the works which include the printing of a special, one-month calendar for the month of **October's Anniversary Events** and a **Christmas Decorations** contest to be judged by the Neighborhood Watch team.

In conjunction with the February Food Drive for Churches Assisting People, the Activities Committee donated \$200.00 to the organization which was gratefully acknowledged by CAP.

We had a good number of new people at our meeting and hope it becomes a trend. The April meeting will be held on April 10, at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

More information on all upcoming activities to come in future issues of News & Views.

*Bob Smith*

## MYRTLE TRACE LOGO POLO SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

Orders may be placed by contacting Ted Ackley by phone (843-347-3004 or 843-602-1991) or by e-mail (tedack@sccoast.net).

Ted has a chart of available colors.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**SOD REPLACEMENT:** For HOA front lawns that are not growing or are bare, the sod replacement forms are in three places: Your MTHOA Guidelines book, our website or in the wall hanger in the Clubhouse by the phone. Fill it out and drop in the HOA slot. You will be apprised if you will be getting sod and the date it will be installed. Please keep your new lawn soaking wet for at least three weeks for the roots to take.

Forms are due by April 30, 2023 and can be dropped in the MTHOA slot to the left of the Clubhouse door.

**BLOWING OF CUT GRASS INTO OUR STREETS:** Many people have noticed that individual lawn companies doing yard work for our residents are cleaning up by blowing debris into our roads. This is not allowed and is a danger to those who are walking. Please ask your yard company to pick up your debris and grass cuttings, etc., and dispose of them at a recycling center. Thank you.

**CLUBHOUSE:** We have a new front door lock. The entry combination remains the same. If you are the last person leaving the Clubhouse, close the front door and look at the key pad. You will see a button with a lock icon on it. Please press. You will hear a slight gear noise as the door locks.

**MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:** March 31, 2023, is the last day you can apply for a Maintenance agreement.

**PAINTING:** The Clubhouse, cabana and maintenance crew shed will be getting a fresh coat of paint in the coming weeks.

**WHICH COMMITTEE TO CONTACT:** There has been some confusion on whether the following issues are addressed to the Property Committee or the ARC Committee. Complaints or concerns regarding:

- Retaining walls, trees on resident's property or drainage on resident's property are to be addressed to ARC.
- HOA lawns, trees on HOA property only, street lights, road signs, roads, ponds (not retaining walls), Clubhouse, pool and maintenance crew, contact your Property Phase Rep. Their names and phone numbers are listed on the back of your MTHOA Telephone Directory.

*Liz Maass*

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## MYRTLE TRACE-MART

**SELL** - Brand new 17 inch, elongated toilet seat and a 10 inch rough in. Selling due to it is too tall for the owner. \$75.00 firm. Contact Jim Parish at 442-248-1814. (2)

**SELL** - Elongated, acrylic sea shell toilet seat and cover. \$20.00. Contact Kip Parish at 843-234-0766. (3)

**SELL** - Wesley Allen Steel Twin Trundle bed (one twin bed under another). The lower bed pulls out. Cost today is approximately \$1150. The bed has never been used and is in brand new condition. Asking \$250.00. Call Steve at 843-995-0764. (4)

**SELL** - 14" Remington electric limb and trim chainsaw and owner's manual. 120V, 60 Hz, 8.0 Amps. Used and works great. \$20.00. Call Catherine at 843-347-5306. (4)

**SELL** - Beautiful, in perfect condition, two months young electric loveseat. Color: shades of gray. Paid \$1400.00 at Rooms To Go. Receipt available. Will sell for \$650.00. Contact Marie by phone or text at 732-742-4200. (4)

**SELL** - Like new, 3-wheel Desoto Classic Trailmate bike. Call Lynn at 732-492-3036 for details. (4)

**SELL** - 22" Craftsman, power propelled, electric start, gas lawn mower with grass catcher. \$25.00. Please call Elaine at 843-234-1382. (4)

**SELL** - Saunders Cervical Traction with users guide. Like new. \$20.00. Call Joyce at 843-855-3971. (4)

**BUY** - Old toys, electric trains, historic firearms 1910-1970. History buff and collector. Please call Ron at 843-234-1814. (2)

**GIVEAWAY** - Walker, potty chair, cane, etc. Please call Marsha at 843-347-8502. (2)



# 40th Anniversary

## 1983 to 2023

As we celebrate Myrtle Trace's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, it seems fitting to interview some of the residents who were here from the beginning. We hope you enjoy reading the first of many interviews. The first interview is with Tom Allen who was instrumental in the development of Myrtle Trace.

### Tom Allen – 111 Berry Tree Lane

In early May of 1983, Tom & Dorothy Allen departed their home in Niagara Falls, New York, for a two-week trip to South Carolina. Tom was a practicing architect and Dorothy was an "early" retired school teacher. The purpose of their trip was to find an investment property that would qualify as a tax shelter. Once here, they visited a dozen communities under development. One of those developments was Myrtle Trace.

Their only lead to Myrtle Trace was a brochure picked up from a display rack in a restaurant. To their surprise, when they drove into Burning Ridge they discovered that there was nothing there but a sign directing them to a trailer in the Burning Ridge Golf Club parking lot. Inside this single-wide trailer sat two people: Glen Hall, the developer, and Ron Shumaker, his only salesman. With nothing more to look at than a sales packet, their meeting was, nevertheless, informative and very cordial. Myrtle Trace had just started the previous month, April 1983.

Tom and Dorothy first purchased a townhome at 111 Cricket Court. By November of 1983, the townhouses had been completed. Closing was set for November 18th. It was not only a big moment for Tom & Dorothy, it was also a big moment for Glen Hall. It was to be his first closing in Myrtle Trace. Tom and Dorothy loved the location and before departing they considered building another, but this time a bigger house that they could eventually retire to.

They entered into a purchase contract to build a patio home at 111 Berry Tree Lane. Tom was allowed to draw his own plans. Originally intended to be a rental until Tom retired, they ultimately decided to pull up stakes in Niagara Falls and relocate to Conway when the house was finished and "start over". That happened in April of 1985.

Tom and Dorothy's original plan had been an early semi-retirement but this turned into a full-time job as a residential architect when Glen Hall approached Tom about providing his design and drafting services. Tom converted one of his guest bedrooms to a drafting room and began work. He was 49 years old.

By this time, Myrtle Trace had picked up momentum and was finishing Phase I and commencing work in Phase II. Tom went on to design most of the homes in Phases III, IV, V, VI, & Phase VII.

Both Tom and Dorothy say Myrtle Trace has aged well. Tom says the HOA and its grounds crew and committees have always been on top of things and residents continue to take pride in the appearance of their homes. Myrtle Trace still embodies what Tom refers to as a "tranquil rustic charm" that was envisioned 40 years ago.

## **BOARD BRIEFS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

### **ACTIVITY WITHIN MYRTLE TRACE**

Over the next few weeks the buildings on Pear Tree Circle (the Clubhouse, Cabana, and Maintenance Building) will be repaired and painted. The work will be done before the pool opens on May 1.

Contracts have been signed for the continuing repair and maintenance of our roads. As soon as schedules are available, we will inform residents who may be impacted by the road work. And we have approved studies in preparation for our major road project for 2024.

The Board has approved the Property Committee's request to remove a number of dead trees on common property and we are studying the report of the TREE PLANNING COMMITTEE and will continue to work with them to replace many of those trees on common property which we have lost to disease.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Neighborhood Watch is anxious to do more to protect our community and residents. Should you be aware of an intrusion or suspicious activity in and around your neighborhood, call the non-emergency police number (843-248-1520) to report it. Also, call Ann Golden (617-838-5930), the Chair of Neighborhood Watch, who keeps a log of incidences such as suspicious activity or intrusions, and uses that information to request a greater police presence and more patrols in our area. She will also make her neighborhood watch patrols aware of these events and sightings.

### **2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

Our annual meeting at HGTC was very well attended. There were approximately 178 people in attendance and we were happy to see a good mix of newer and long-term residents. There were 128 in person votes and 140 proxies counted by our volunteer election committee. We tried a slightly new format this year including the written committee reports in the annual packet that shortened the meeting and seemed to be well received. We thank our Election Volunteers for another successful meeting and have already made the reservation for the auditorium for next year's meeting on February 3, 2024 at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

### **MYRTLE TRACE WILDLIFE**

Now that we've changed our clocks and await the arrival of warmer weather we're going to see more and more visitors to our community in the form of wildlife and feral cats. Many of our residents welcome these visitors and enjoy watching them, while others consider them a nuisance. However, all of us should be aware of the laws in place regarding wildlife. For instance, there is a federal law which states that we may not harm geese, their eggs or their nests, and there is an Horry County ordinance which states that "no person shall feed, cause to be fed or provide food for domestic or migratory water fowl in residential areas of Horry County". We have a Myrtle Trace guideline stating that a complaint may be lodged against the feeding of feral cats. For further information, come to a meeting on April 27 at 10am in the Clubhouse when a representative from the Department of Natural Resources will be discussing wildlife in our area. All are welcome!

With regard to feral cats, there are a number of resources available, all of which are based on the practice of Trap, Neuter, and Return. The following organizations can provide more information on feral cats:

- . Horry County Animal Care Center (843-915-5172)
- . Sav-R-Cats (843-222-8057; website (Sav-R-Cats.com/ferals)
- . Grand Strand Humane Society (843-457-3139)

Additionally, local hardware stores sell deterrents which will discourage wildlife, water fowl and cats from coming on your property.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am AT THE CLUBHOUSE.**

*Nancy Seeds*

## MYRTLE TRACE LADIES COFFEE KLATCH (MTLCK)

Celebrate Mother's Day early. Have a Mimosa or Bloody Mary, enjoy a catered breakfast (scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon/sausage, biscuits/bagels, fresh fruit, coffee) with handsome servers, and visit with friends.



**What: Ladies Coffee and Breakfast**

**When: Saturday, May 6 at 10:00AM**

**Where: Myrtle Trace Clubhouse**

**Cost: \$13.00 per person**

*Favors, door prizes, and 50-50*

**Reservations:** Resident [April 1 – April 20] Guest [April 21 – April 28] to Jannine Sutherland: 110 Cedar Ridge Lane (in basket on porch). Checks payable to Myrtle Trace Activities. Reservations limited to 45.

Hostesses: Donna Ebling, Barb Lapinski,

Jannine Sutherland

MT Ladies May Coffee	
___ Resident	___ Guest
Name(s)	_____
Name(s)	_____
Address	_____
Phone Number	_____
Check Amount	_____



Recent development in our area is causing the displacement of many species of animals.

Many of us have been visited by bears (our largest visitor), foxes, etc.

Join us for a presentation by Kayla Brantley, Wildlife Biologist/Coastal Bear Biologist.

Kayla is a graduate of Horry-Georgetown Technical College Wildlife and Forestry Program and Coastal Carolina University. She will be speaking about black bears, their behavior and how to coexist with them. She will also be talking about other wildlife species such as foxes, coyotes, alligators, and raccoons.

**When: Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM.** Please call or email Jean Hohenberger to reserve your seat!

843-349-8395 ----- jlhohenberger@gmail.com

# MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Chesapeake House

9918 Hwy 17 N

Myrtle Beach SC



PLEASE DROP OFF IN THE  
WHITE DINING OUT MAILBOX  
NEAR THE FRONT DOOR



Please drop this reservation off to

Sue Rudnicki

138 Myrtle Trace Dr

843-347-5757

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

Number of People: \_\_\_ X \$2.00 = \_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Money will be refunded at restaurant.

**RESERVATION BY SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND**  
**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS**

## Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee

Saturday, April 15, 2023

10:00 AM

Clubhouse



Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Orange Juice will be provided.

Remember to bring money for 50/50

Hostess: Janet McGrady & Debi Perry

# MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CALENDAR</b> Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004	<b>Chorus</b> Thursdays 3:30pm	<b>League</b> Bowling Thursday 10:00	<b>Mini Golf</b> Tuesdays 10:00 AM			1
<b>2</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>3</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study Bunco 6:30	<b>4</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>5</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:00 Texas Hold'em 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>6</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Tracers On The Go Mtg	<b>7</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>8</b> 4:00 Reserved Mogel Memorial
<b>9</b> 2:00 Travel Club 6:30 Game Night	<b>10</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study <b>3:00 ARC MTG.</b> <b>7:00 ACT. COM.</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 PROP. COM.</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>12</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:00 Texas Hold'em 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>13</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>14</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg <b>7:00 Bingo</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 MTLCK
<b>16</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>17</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study	<b>18</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 MTHOA</b> <b>BD MTG.</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:00 Texas Hold'em 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>20</b> 2:00 Past Pres MTG 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>21</b> <b>7:45 ROMEOS</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>22</b> 1:00 Queen's Book Club
<b>23</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>24</b> 10-11:30 Bible Study <b>3:00 ARC MTG.</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot <b>5:30 Dining Out</b> 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>26</b> 10:00 Tracers OTG Brkfast 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:00 Texas Hold'em 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 DNR EVENT</b> 1:00 Grove's Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>28</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg <b>7:00 Bingo</b>	<b>29</b> 2:00 Yappy Hour
<b>30</b> 6:30 Game Night						