



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents February 2024

BOARD BRIEFS

DON'T BE A SILENT VICTIM!

We live in a time where technology has touched and changed our lives in many different ways. While we may enjoy having ready access to information, we have to be aware that others have access to information about us. At last year's safety meeting the police warned us about:

- **Phone scams** – don't answer a phone call if you don't recognize the caller and don't give personal information over the phone unless you know who's asking.
- **Electronic scams** – don't click on a website you're not familiar with (no matter how tempting the offer).
- **In-person soliciting** – don't open your door to anyone you don't know or aren't expecting. And the latest – don't accept anything from a stranger who stops you on the street or in your driveway while you're being recorded by their cohort as part of an electronic challenge.

So what can we do to keep our community the safe place we want it to be? We've posted tamperproof signs that can't be stolen; we watch out for one another; and we have Neighborhood Watch patrolling our roads looking for suspicious activity.

But more importantly – what can YOU DO? In every issue of News and Views we try to post the non-emergency police number (843-248-1520) so you can call to report any suspicious activity. The police have invited us to use this number to report incidents so they can be aware of what's going on in our neighborhood and how widespread it is and how often it occurs. They will also increase surveillance in our area. **AND IF YOU FEEL THREATENED CALL 911.** Once again, this is not complaining or paranoia – it's being a good neighbor and citizen and helping to protect us all.

FEBRUARY 3RD IS A VERY BIG DAY!

Please plan to join your neighbors at our annual meeting at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. There's a separate notice in this issue explaining the time of the meeting and the pre-registration for proxy holders and the importance of getting your proxy to a neighbor if you absolutely can't make the meeting. We literally can't conduct business without you! And should you have a question you would like to address to the Board, you must submit the question in writing a week before the meeting so that we can be prepared to answer.

And that same day (2/3/24) is the day for voting in the Democratic Primary. This primary season the Board of Elections consolidated a number of voting precincts for the purpose of primary voting. We are one of the precincts that has been consolidated. So voting in the primaries (**Democratic Primary on Feb. 3 and Republican Primary on Feb. 24**) will take place at **Seacoast Church** which is located at the split of 501 and 501 business. **There will be no primary voting at our Clubhouse.** A sign will be posted by the Board of Elections at the entrance to our Clubhouse driveway explaining the Primary voting procedure.

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TRACERS ON THE GO!

Thursday, February 22, 2024
12:00 noon

HOP N' WICH
1029 3rd Avenue
Conway

R O M E O'S

Friday, February 16, 2024
Time: 7:45 am

DONALD'S PANCAKE HOUSE
2600 N. Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach

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

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met on Monday, January 8th, with 15 members in attendance and one new member.

The members voted to discontinue potluck dinners as regularly scheduled events and let potlucks be a food option at other events or as special events.

Election of new officers will be held at our February 12th meeting and they will start their terms on February 28th.

New activities event ideas were discussed for the 2024 calendar year including:

- Artist of the Month
- Community Service events
- St. Patrick's Day
- Yappy Hour in April
- Spring Fling Dance in May
- Memorial Day event
- July 4th event

These ideas are in the planning stages and we need the involvement of community members to make these events possible. We all love the community events and they are well attended. But, without additional help from the community to organize and assist, events will not happen.

Please consider attending our meetings the second Monday of each month and help us keep our community happy and active.

Bob Smith

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—AS OF 1/21/24

Additions:

Allen, Deborah	218 Cedar Ridge LN	410-707-0511
Allen, Christopher	218 Cedar Ridge LN	301-356-6509
Bruzzi, James	102 Birchwood LN	413-358-8511
Bruzzi, Darlene	102 Birchwood LN	413-358-8511
Doel, Jeanmarie	128 Berry Tree LN	828-508-1017
Payne, Robyn	126 Birchwood LN	219-682-5024

Changes/Corrections:

Rezendes, Deborah	deborahLR1@gmail.com
Williams, Bruce	wmsjbm@gmail.com

E-mail:

Allen, Deborah and Christopher	pygdus@msn.com
Bruzzi, James and Darlene	darbruzzi@gmail.com
Doel, Jeanmarie	jeanmarie.doel@gmail.com
Payne, Robyn	rkpayne5219@gmail.com

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

NEW PHASE REPRESENTATIVES

- ◆ Ellen Elliott is the new Phase 4 representative and can be reached at 843-234-2449.
- ◆ Roger Price is the new Phase 6 & 7 representative and can be reached at 704-533-0995.

Please replace their names and numbers on the back of your October 2023 Community Directory under Property Committee. Thank you, Ellen and Roger, for taking on this responsibility.

HEAD POOL MONITOR

We are still seeking a volunteer for head pool monitor. The duties were presented in the December issue of News and Views. If interested or have any questions, please contact Joe Bastian at 571-239-9759.

MYRTLE TRACE DRIVE REPAVING

The section of Myrtle Trace Drive between the front main entrance and the back gate is owned and maintained by the HOA. The Board signed a contract with Palmetto Paving to mill down and repave the section of road between Berry Tree Lane and Cedar Ridge Lane. This work is to take place February/March of this year.

The existing pavement is beginning to deteriorate with pot-holes becoming more common especially from the recent heavy rains. In addition to laying down new pavement, the roadway will be a consistent 21 feet wide. Once the pavement is properly cured the contractor will paint stripes along the edges of the roadway and down the center. Reflectors will be placed in the pavement, as well. This should greatly help drivers see the lanes in the road especially at night. Once completed, this section of Myrtle Trace Drive will look like the section of road at the back gate that was repaved last year.

Our goal is to minimize disruption to residents and guests, but since this is the main artery through Phases 1 thru 7, there will be some impact. Weather permitting, the milling and repaving should be complete within 3 days. The contractor will have personnel to direct traffic.

Please be respectful of the workers and exercise patience. Where possible, choose to go in/out of the main entrance or back gate without having to drive through the active work zone. When completed, this project will be an improvement for our community.

We will notify the residents once the contractor provides a firm date for performing the work.

Joe Bastian

Thank You

A special thank you to my Myrtle Trace neighbors and friends who reached out with hugs, kind words, cards, texts, phone calls and food during this difficult time. Les truly loved living in Myrtle Trace and serving this fabulous community. Thanks again. Love you all!

Kathy Gerhart and family

Thank You

I would like to thank this wonderful community for all the cards and prayers on the loss of my husband, Joe. Your generous offers of help and your support are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Nancy DePino

Myrtle Trace Library Reminder

We would appreciate your assistance in keeping the Library organized. Feel free to shelve your returned books. Hard-covered books and paperbacks are separate on the shelves and alphabetized by author's last name.

If books on the table have a sign that indicates they have been alphabetized and you go through them, please make sure they remain alphabetized.

Please do not leave the following:

- ◆ Magazines
- ◆ Flyers
- ◆ Calendars
- ◆ Cookbooks
- ◆ Cards
- ◆ Puzzles (not taped shut and missing pieces)

Please respect the appearance of the Library and place books on the table neatly. Thank you!

Library Committee

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

FREE—Toshiba 50-inch television and connections. (Not a Smart TV.) Call Peter at 843-516-9803 to pick up. (2)

FREE—Fabric home office chair in good condition. Call Lina at 843-347-2206. (2)

BUY—One Bunk bed—twin over twin. Call Karen at 908-625-5812. (2)

SELL—Lifetime collection of automotive tools. Too many to list but includes a 2-ton capacity, all aluminum floor jack, Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench and other pneumatic tools, topside oil evacuator, 5-HP air compressor and much more. Please call Jack for full details: 843-234-1530. (1)

SELL—Antique item for sale. 3-dimension viewer with 4-view master reel packets. Includes one of Queen Elizabeth 11 Coronation on June 2, 1953, in color. Box included. \$80.00. Call Peter at 843-516-9803. (2)

NEW RESIDENTS ORIENTATION

The Council of Past Presidents will be holding their New Residents Orientation on Sunday, February 4th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the MT Clubhouse. This program will provide follow-up and additional information to that supplied by the initial Myrtle Trace greeters. It will be a time for you to ask questions that have arisen since your move to Myrtle Trace.

The Board President and the Chairpersons of each of the standing committees will give a brief presentation of their committee's responsibilities and operation, followed by your questions and conversation.

A personal invitation was delivered to our most recent residents, but if you are a resident who was never able to attend a previous event or didn't receive an invitation in the past, and would like to attend, please contact Mary Johnsen-Schaeffer at 843-347-6897 or rpmmaryj@aol.com.

MYRTLE TRACE MINI-GOLF

The spring season of the Myrtle Trace Mini-Golf activity will begin March 12, 2024. Look for more information in the **March issue of News and Views!**

MONTHLY LAWN CARE RECOMMENDATION

In February, apply a preemergent herbicide mid to late in the month. This will help control summer annual weeds, like crabgrass.

Source: Brad Fowler, Clemson Extension

BOARD BRIEFS—*continued from page 1*

We have often talked about the importance of having an Emergency Contact – someone you would like us to contact should there be an unexpected problem at your residence when you’re away or should you experience a medical emergency that you can’t handle by yourself. The Emergency Contact form is kept in confidence and you can list family members or friends of your choosing. There will be blank forms available at the annual meeting. This is a service the Association provides and that we hope you take advantage of.

HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE

Our Covenants require that each homeowner maintain insurance coverage on their home to 100% of replacement cost and that the homeowner provide proof of this insurance to the Association every time the policy is changed or renewed. If you’re wondering why – it’s because should there be a casualty loss to a property in our community, such as fire, hurricane damage, etc., it is important to the community, as well as the homeowner, to have the damage repaired as quickly as possible and in accordance with Association guidelines. This proof of insurance is particularly important if the owner of the property is an absentee owner or not present in our community at the time of the loss. This insurance information is kept in a confidential file by our Administrative Consultant – Debi Perry. **There’s a form included with this issue of News & Views with information on how you can easily get that information to her. If you have any questions, you can call Debi at 843-231-6072 or Nancy Seeds at 843-347-6615.**

GOOD NEWS

We’ve often talked about the County Ditch or the “Big Ditch”. The County Ditch carries water runoff from many neighborhoods in our area, including ours, to the waterway and the ocean. It’s a very important part of the drainage system for our area. We have spoken with the County on numerous occasions to report clogs, beaver dams and issues impeding the flow of water. We’re happy to report that the beaver dams are gone (we’re not sure yet about the location of the beavers) and the ditch has been cleaned. So we’re in good shape for Spring storms provided the beavers are trapped and don’t return, and provided debris is not dumped into the ditch which, unfortunately, happens all too often.

MORE NEWS

On February 3rd at our annual meeting I will retire from my position on your Board. It’s been a good three years that passed quickly and saw no natural disasters (no, I’m not taking credit for that). But thanks to the people I’ve had the pleasure of working with our Association is fiscally strong, well maintained and a great place to live. I hope to see you at the annual meeting where I get to talk to you for the last time and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on your Board of Directors. Hope to see you on the 3rd at HGTC.

Nancy Seeds

BUDGET REPORT FY 2023

Fiscal year 2023 ended on December 31, 2023. Time seems to fly by.

FY 2023 revenue was 101% of plan while operating expenses were 94% of plan. Accurate budget projections and careful expense management contributed to this positive performance. All major expense categories showed a surplus when compared to budget.

Myrtle Trace reserve funds total \$535,098 and are held in accounts with 4 local banks. The funds are held in checking accounts and certificates of deposit. Reserve fund account balances are reviewed monthly to make sure that we comply with the FDIC regulations for insured deposits. Myrtle Trace’s financial position remains strong as we begin a new year.

Bob Ebling

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

THE EARLY HISTORY OF OUR MYRTLE TRACE DEVELOPMENT by Tom Allen

Tom Allen was the architect of most of the homes in our community. Tom and his wife were the first residents and lived on Cricket Court when the rest of our neighborhood was being dug out of the pine forest and underbrush.

Those who attended Tom's slideshow and talk presentations during October's 40th Anniversary Celebration were extremely impressed with his firsthand knowledge of our history and his skill of presenting it in a vibrant and entertaining manner.

TOM WILL BE GIVING THE PRESENTATION AGAIN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14th!

If you missed it in October or just want to hear and see it again, **WATCH FOR THE FLIER WITH DETAILS IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF NEWS AND VIEWS!**

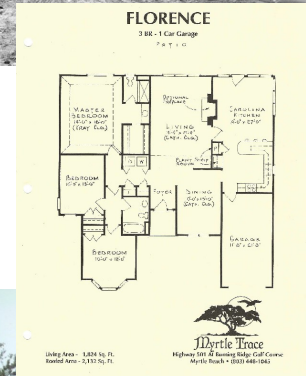
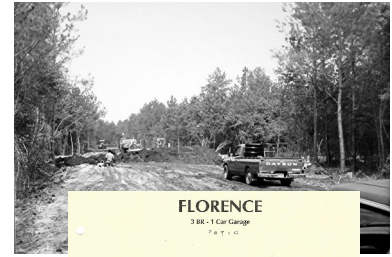


Photo Source: Tom Allen

COMING SOON—ARTIST OF THE MONTH

The Myrtle Trace Gallery of Ageless Art, enjoyed by many during our 40th anniversary celebration in October, was such a success that we are planning to initiate a monthly exhibit of artwork from among our talented Myrtle Trace artists.

The plan is to showcase up to four works of art from a different artist each month. Estimated starting date is March 1.

Longtime residents may recall that years ago we had an artist of the month event in the Clubhouse. The artwork is for the viewing pleasure of our residents and is not a sale. Works would rotate out each month for a new artist's work with, hopefully, a photo and short biography of the artist featured in News and Views.

At this time we are considering only works that can be hung on the four hooks already on the walls. All types of mediums are eligible, such as pen & ink, pastels, colored pencils, graphite, oil, acrylic, water-color paintings, photography, collage, and fabric art.

We are looking for feedback from resident artists to determine interest level and to reserve months for your display. Please contact Vicky Moyer (803-288-4160, moyerjv@yahoo.com) to get on the list.

Looking forward to seeing Your Art!

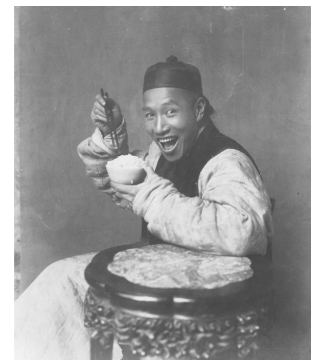
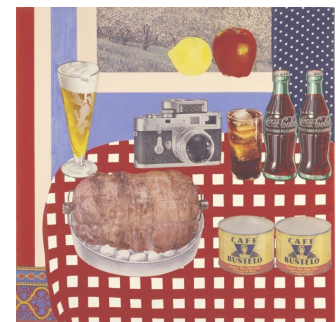


Photo Source: Stock

MYRTLE TRACE PHOTO WORKSHOP

PRACTICAL PHOTO SOLUTIONS



BY TERRY MONAHAN

**Thursday, February 1, 2024
10am – noon
Myrtle Trace Clubhouse**



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

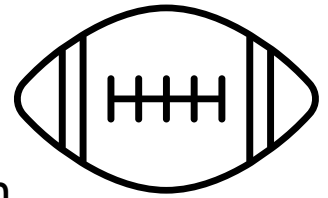
- Options in setting up your digital camera or camera phone
- Photographing in available light
- Photographing people
- Photographing places
- Photographing objects

**Bring your camera or phone with batteries charged, a flash, a tripod
if you have one and be prepared to take pictures!**

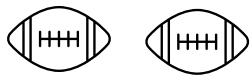
RSVP with an email to: terrymonahan@yahoo.com

SUPERBOWL PARTY

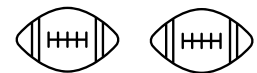
FEBRUARY 11, 2024. 6 PM - Game is Over



Come out and enjoy the game at the clubhouse with fellow Myrtle Trace residents that enjoy football, good food, and to just having a good time. Bring your favorite football food or snacks to share. BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages).



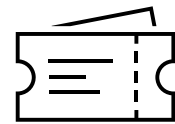
Best Superbowl Chili Contest



Bring a pot of Chili for all to try. All attendees of the party will receive one (1) ballot to vote for **"Best Superbowl Chili of Myrtle Trace"**. All ballots will be tabulated, and a winner will be announced at half time. Hot Dogs and some fixings will be provided so you can make Chili Dogs if you desire.



Door Prizes and Football raffles



Please complete this reply ----->
If you plan on attending the event and/or entering the Chili Contest. Insert reply in red box on porch of 1214 Loblolly Lane. See you there!

\$ Texas Holdem Table Available \$

SUPERBOWL PARTY FEB. 11, 2024

I plan to attend and can bring a dish or snack to share. I understand this is a BYOB event.

Name _____

Name _____

I want to enter the Chili Contest

YES NO

MYRTLE TRACE TRAVEL CLUB

NEXT MEETING-SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024

LET'S SET-UP FUTURE TRIPS!

Sunday, March 3 2:00 p.m. TRAVEL CLUB ENJOYS A COMEDY PLAY

Arcadia, Tom Stoppard's "richest, most ravishing comedy" (NY Times), is a dazzling, witty masterpiece of misunderstanding and quest for knowledge, resonating across centuries and a Tony Award winner.

April 1809, a stately home in Derbyshire...Thomasina, a gifted pupil, proposes a startling theory, beyond her comprehension. All around her, the adults, including her tutor Septimus, are preoccupied with secret desires, illicit passions and professional rivalries.

Two hundred years later, academic adversaries Hannah and Bernard, are piecing together puzzling clues, curiously recalling those events of 1809, in their quest for an increasingly elusive truth.

10177 N King's Hwy

Inside MB MALL

at DREAMHOUSE

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 tickets: longbaytheatre.com \$32 pp

Tour of Historic Plantations & Homes

Saturday, April 6, \$60 per person

Ticket Pre-sale dates: Feb 12-March 15

Founded in 1729, Georgetown, South Carolina, is located in the heart of the South Carolina lowcountry. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the region became home to many indigo and rice planters who once exported so much rice that Georgetown County was once the wealthiest county in the United States. Though indigo and rice are no longer major exports for the region, many of the plantations, town houses, and gardens left by the planters remain and have been preserved by Georgetown's present-day residents. The Tour of Historic Homes and Plantations gives tour-goers a unique opportunity to tour properties, many of which are generally closed to the public.

Once a year event: <https://www.princegeorgeplantationtours.com>

Future Travel Discussions: August-Alaska Cruise

October- Cherokee Casino Trip

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 2024 Noon

(Lunch during Winter)



Sneaky Beagle

5040 Carolina Forest Blvd Myrtle Beach

PLEASE DROP OFF RSVP AND PLACE IN THE
WHITE DINING OUT MAILBOX NEAR FRONT DOOR
NO LATER THAN THURS. FEB. 22ND.



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.

Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee

Saturday, February 17, 2024



10:00 AM

Clubhouse



Catered by Phases 3 & 4

*Remember to wear your Name tag and bring
money for 50/50*

Door Prizes

Hostess: Betty Roessler, Sue Rudnicki, Teresa
Eisenhardt, Cheryl Manzella, Ann Golden, & Liz
Maass

RSVP to Liz Maass at 843-431-4533

by Wed, Feb. 14th

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES					February		2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Carol Blonowicz	League Bowling Thursday 10:00	LINE DANCE Fridays 10 AM		1 10:00 Photo w/ Terry 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Tracer's on the Go Mtg.	2 1:00 Annual Mtg. Preregistration 4:00 Clubhouse Closed	3 1:00 Registration For Annual Mtg. 2:00 Annual Meeting @ HGTC 4:00 Bd. Reception	
4 3:00 New Residents Orientation 6:30 Game Night	5 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bunco	6 1:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	7 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	8 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	9 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mahjong 7:00 Bingo	10	
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