



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents June 2012

## BOARD BRIEFS

### EMERGENCY EVACUATION

During the second week of May, our immediate area experienced a widespread brush fire. Adding to our concern were erroneous taped phone messages to many of our residents directing them to evacuate their homes. Fortunately, the fire was brought under control well before the need to evacuate became a reality.

However, the Board is concerned about possible needs of residents who might require assistance to leave their homes should a real evacuation order be initiated by Horry County Emergency Management. The following guidance has been supplied by Horry County Fire & Rescue: If a real evacuation order is initiated and you receive a phone call to evacuate, and you need assistance, call 911 and give your name and address to the operator. The operator will immediately contact fire & rescue personnel who will be dispatched to your home to assist you.

### POOL ACCESS

Now that our pool season is well underway, we would like to remind everyone that the lock on the pool gate has the same combination as the front door lock at the Clubhouse. If you need the combination, please contact any Board member.

### MYRTLE RIDGE ENTRANCE

The Board has approved the formation of a committee made up of representatives from the ARC, Property Committee and Garden Club to develop plans to beautify our entrance at the intersection of Myrtle Trace Drive and Myrtle Ridge Road.

### MYRTLE TRACE GENEROSITY

Once again, our community has displayed outstanding generosity. During the Food to Fight Hunger Drive on May 12th, the mail carrier had to make two trips to the collection center dropping off our donations. The carrier stated that Myrtle Trace is the best community in the area for charitable contributions.

### SCAMS

Enclosed with this issue of the News & Views is a press release from the Coastal Carolina Better Business Bureau dealing with unscrupulous door to door solicitations. In view of the scams recently conducted in our community, we feel this is worthwhile reading.

### SUMMER TRAVEL

With summer almost here, many of us are planning trips. The Board hopes you have a great time but, more importantly, please return home safely to your Myrtle Trace family!

## News & Views

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July Deadline - 6/22/12

July Delivery - 6/30/12

## Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Saturday,

June 9, 2012

10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

Dress in Summer Wear

For our Fun in the Sun Party

Please RSVP to

Diane Connolly

347-1304 or

WeRBeachN@sc.rr.com

Don't forget to bring non-perishable goods for CAPS and wear your name badge.



## R O M E O ' S

### June Schedule

June 1st

I H O P

US 501 @ The Legends

June 15th

BOB EVANS

US 501 @ River Oaks Drive

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

With summer now upon us, it is time for the outdoor activities to gear up so get your calendars out and note all the upcoming events. Many of these events the Activities Committee will offer for free to residents or for just a few dollars.

A lasagna supper is on tap for June 29th. Look for the flier in this issue. On Thursday, June 28th, Dick and Jody Sievers will once again be organizing a night at a Pelicans game. A flier is in this issue of News & Views. Our June Pot Luck Supper is scheduled for the 8th with Rob & Terri Macker running the event. The Myrtle Trace Dining Out group will be going to the Bone Fish Grill on Tuesday, June 19th. Fran and Jack Touhy will be organizing this outing. The next MT Coffee Klatch will be held on June 9th. Note the details in this issue as well. On June 16th Steve Sands will be running the next Sock Hop. This free event is open to all residents for the price of a shared appetizer. What a great deal!

There is a flier in this issue for the 4th of July party. This is also a free event for residents (guests are just \$2.00 each) asking only that residents bring a dish to share. Please see exact details on the enclosed flier.

Some activities are discontinued for the summer. Bingo has ended and will resume in September. Computer classes have also ended and may begin again in October depending on need. Learn a Game with Bonnie Longnecker will discontinue for the summer. If you have a game you would like to teach come the fall, please contact Bonnie. Friday Movie Night and Sunday Game Night will both continue through the summer.

The next meeting night for the Activities Committee is Monday, June 11th at 7:00. Come join us!

*Joyce Macphee*

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

### ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

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#### Additions:

Gardiner, Walter & Marjorie	223Candlewood Drive	347-0768 TX
Hernest, Mark	210 Beechwood Court	973-362-8628 NJ
Hickman, Chris & Regina	124 Myrtle Trace Drive	304-377-2183 WV
Whitson, Joanne	124 Hickory Drive	806-930-1956 TX

#### Corrections:

#### E-Mail:

Salews, Alice	asalews6@aol.com
Salews, Richard	rsalews6@aol.com

## GARDEN CLUB

Spring has just about sprung and we need to think about how best to care for our plants during the rigors of our Carolina summers (heat, humidity, and the possibility of another drought summer). There is no doubt that water is one of the most essential needs of plants during this particular season. Properly fertilized, rapid growth of our landscape requires ample soil moisture for optimum development. Without water, plant growth simply will not take place. The following guidelines may help you to ensure that your landscape plants will come through the summer with flying colors:

- water 2 or 3 times per week for at least 30 minutes (check soil moisture with your finger or a table knife or screwdriver – it should enter the soil easily).
- apply the water early in the morning – watering during the heat of the day will NOT “burn” the plants, but will evaporate more quickly.
- do NOT water just before sunset – water remaining on the plants during the night encourages the development of both fungal and bacterial diseases.

And don't forget this – plants also wilt rapidly when the soil is waterlogged – the symptoms closely resemble those of when there is not enough water in the soil – check the soil moisture as described above.

“There is always something for which to be thankful. “

Charles Dickens

*Paul Alexander*

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## CAREGIVERS & BEREAVEMENT GROUP

For the past 5 years, the Caregiver's group in Myrtle Trace has been a source of comfort, friendship and information to those who are caregivers for spouses, parents and siblings. As the years have passed, so have many of the caregiver's loved ones. Due to the strong camaraderie of the group which remains an integral part of their support systems, the group has since evolved into one of: Caregiver's & Bereavement.

As a past Hospice Social Worker, I conducted many bereavement and caregivers groups. This group is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of their loved one or is presently taking care of a relative or spouse.

The group meetings are completely confidential, and are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:00PM – 4:15PM in my home at 110 Ashwood Circle. There is no charge or fee for these sessions.

If you are interested in joining us, please call me at 347-5360.

*Cathy McElroy*

## *Thank You*

Thank you for your cards, prayers, food, flowers and visits following the passing of our beloved daughter, Pam. We are so blessed to live in this caring community. We are thankful and appreciative for your many acts of kindness. God Bless you.

*The Day Family - David & Nancy and David Kim*

Thanks to everyone who helped us with the Welcome Spring Breakfast. There were those who helped to set up after the Movie on the 27th, our early bird chefs, servers and those who helped with cleanup. Special thanks to our florists, Mary and Phil Baker, who donated and arranged our lovely spring bouquet centerpieces.

*The Activities Committee*



DRAWING  
WITH  
CATHY



*Come join us in the*

*Clubhouse on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:00-12:00 for a fun time learning to draw!*

All you'll need is a sketch pad (approx.) 9”X12”, a couple of #1 or #2 pencils, a pencil sharpener, a gray kneaded eraser (Michael's sells them), and a few tissues for shading.

Bring a small vase or jar with 1 or 2 flowers & foliage plus a large handkerchief or piece of cloth

or

A favorite large object to draw!  
Any questions, please call Cathy  
McElroy at 347-5360

# MYRTLE TRACE-MART

## I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Indoor/Outdoor Noz to Noz Pet Home. 30" x 21" x 23" Like new - \$50.00. HP 20" flat screen computer monitor - 2011 model. Like new \$95.00. 30 gold rim stemware-3sizes-\$10.00 per set or \$25.00 for all. Please call Jane at 347-5167. (4)

SELL - New Dyson bladeless 10" fan - new in the box. \$100.00. NuWave Infrared cooker. \$25.00 Please call George at 347-5167. (4)

SELL - Sirius-XM Radio home receiver and car receiver (for cassette player) system. \$35.00. Please call Nona at 347-1959. (4)

SELL - 2007 Honda Civic Hybrid. 4 door with stereo radio, CD player, AC, new tires and new battery. Kept in a garage. Approx. 36,000 miles. One owner. \$13,900. Please call Norm or Sandy at 234-0611. (4)

SELL - One male and one female Next - La Jolla new bikes with helmets. \$35.00 each or both for \$60.00. Please call Ray at 655-3030. (4)

Buy - A small two-door auto 4 to 8 years old. Please call 234-1814. (5)

SELL - Decorative folding Oriental wall fan measuring 72" by 36". \$60.00. Neutral colored 3 light chandelier with rattan shades. \$45.00. Please call Bonnie at 347-2902. (5)

SELL - A TV tuner card for your computer. Allows you to watch TV while computing. Will only fit on newer computers. Price includes installation of the card. \$40.00 Please call Steve at 331-3180. (5)

TO BUY - A cat tree. Please call Arlene at 347-2055. (6)

SELL - Commemorative State Quarters. Complete set or individual states to complete your collection. Uncirculated. Please call Dolores at 347-0382. (6)

SELL - Black & Decker Model CM1936 19 inch cordless mulching rear bag lawn mower. 36 volt removable top outside mount battery. Excellent condition—used less than half a season. New cost \$400.00. Asking \$250.00. Please call Fred at 347-3918. (6)

### MYRTLE TRACE-MART

is a service of the News & Views which accepts NO responsibility for any claims made in an ad. Ads for businesses conducted by Myrtle Trace residents will not be accepted. Items will be published for three months unless cancelled or renewed.

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

For help with your summer (and year-round) gardening questions, Clemson University is an excellent resource. The Garden Club has arranged a link to help you access information. Go to the Myrtle Trace web site ([www.myrtletracesc.org](http://www.myrtletracesc.org)) and click on "useful links". Click on "Lawn and Garden Tips" and then "Clemson University Home & Garden Information Center". There you will find lots of useful information to help with your gardening projects.

We have an abundance of wildlife in our ponds. Turtles are burrowing under the banks and soon there will be more of them. This seems to be a statewide problem and we are trying find ways to remedy the situation. Ducks and geese are increasing. They may be pretty but do not help our ponds. Beavers and possums have been sighted. Feeding of wildlife is prohibited in Myrtle Trace, so please do your part and do not feed them.

*Malcolm Macphee*

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PICNIC & POOL PARTY



Myrtle Trace Clubhouse & Pool

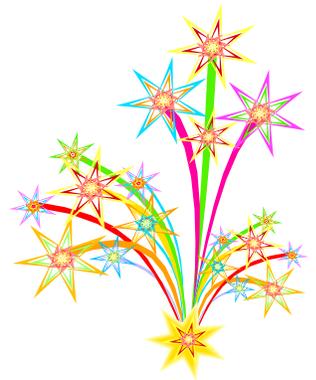
Wednesday, July 4th, 2012

1:00 PM



FREE TO RESIDENTS OF MYRTLE TRACE

\$2.00 per guest



Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Fixings, Beer,  
Wine and Soft Drinks

Courtesy of your Activities Committee

## NO CARRY OUTS

Bring a side dish to share

If your last name begins with

A-H bring a side – for example:

beans, deviled eggs, veggies.

I-Q – bring a salad – for example:

potato, tossed, macaroni.

R-Z - bring a dessert

Deadline to sign up is June 28th

Residents' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests @ \$2.00 ea.: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks for guests payable to  
"Myrtle Trace Activities Committee"  
and deposit it and this form to  
Joyce Macphee  
207 Butternut Circle  
By June 28th.

## **BBB Scam Watch: Door-To-Door Sales**

*May 1, 2012 - Myrtle Beach, SC*

With warmer weather approaching, the Better Business Bureau of Coastal Carolina would like to warn consumers of potential door-to-door scams that are making their way back into the area.

A classic scam is the door-to-door magazine sales. Typically, young men or women (ranging from late teens to early twenties) will come to your door, giving a sales pitch that may have to do with raising money for a trip overseas for their school. They may also say that they are raising money for their high school or college, or they are raising money to go to college. Who wants to deny a young person their dream of college? These salespeople may even have laminated ID badges to show you, along with a sad story. They might also tell you that they are being judged on how well they do with their presentation. Finally, the catch will come... you have to purchase something, which is usually a magazine subscription. Sadly, most consumers that end up giving their money away for those subscriptions will never receive a magazine or see their money again.

Other door-to-door scams might include salespeople claiming to be from an alarm company, cable or telephone company, roofing repair, driveway paving, or home improvement.

### **Tips to avoid the door-to-door scam:**

**Don't let them in your house.** While there are legitimate salespeople that still make door-to-door visits, consumers should be very cautious by not allowing any unexpected guests into their home. If someone comes to your door that you do not know, you should ask who it is through a **closed** door. If it's a solicitor and you don't want to talk to them, simply tell them to leave. If you do open the door, don't open it wide and don't invite them in. They may say things like: "Can I use your phone to contact my sales manager", "Can I get a glass of water", "Can I use your bathroom" or "It's really hot out here, can we go inside and talk where it's cool?" If you tell them "no" and they still won't leave you alone, one suggestion is to yell "fire" or anything to get other people's attention. If you feel like you are in danger, you should immediately call the police.

**Pay attention and listen carefully to what they say.** If you think that the salesperson may be lying, ask for the name of their school, company, or association that they are representing, along with their contact information. Verify that this salesperson is actually associated with the group, and then verify that the company is legitimate by checking with the Better Business Bureau at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) or by contacting SC Consumer Protection at [www.sccconsumer.gov](http://www.sccconsumer.gov) or NC Consumer Protection at <http://www.ncdoj.gov/consumer.aspx>

Ask the salesperson to give you everything in writing, including return or warranty information. Tell them that you'd like to verify everything first, then get back to them. If you don't feel comfortable or see a neighbor being harassed by a salesperson, call the police.

**Don't be pressured into anything.** Salespeople will try using high pressure sales techniques in order to get you to buy their product. Hold your position, and don't allow

them to win you over with words like “this offer is only valid for today”, or “I won’t be in this area again”. A door-to-door salesperson will try to keep you talking so long that you’ll finally wear down and say “yes.” They hope that you will just “give- in” so that you can get rid of them. The [Federal Trade Commission’s Three-Day Cooling-Off Rule](#) gives the customer three days to cancel purchases over \$25 that are made in their home or at a location that is not the seller’s permanent place of business. Along with a receipt, salespeople should also include a completed cancellation form that customers can send to the company to cancel the agreement. By law, the company must give customers a refund within 10 days of receiving the cancellation notice.

### **What to do if you have already been scammed:**

- If you happen to have the company’s address and telephone number, you should try contacting them first to cancel the subscription or services that you agreed to, and ask for a refund.
- If you paid cash for one of these door-to-door scams, there isn’t much that can be done to retrieve your money since there is no way to trace it. If you paid by check, you can try contacting your bank and cancelling the check. You should also warn the bank that a potential scammer has your check, and you might want to change the account number.
- If you paid by credit or debit card, contact the bank or credit card issuer immediately. Explain to them what happened, and you might have to cancel the card. You may also want to continue to monitor charges to your card so you can dispute any purchases you did not make.
- If the company continues to contact you and demand payment after you’ve cancelled, send them copies of the cancellation letter along with a cease and desist letter. You may have to contact an attorney, and threaten them with legal action if they continue to harass you by saying they will report you to a credit bureau.
- You can contact and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov) or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357); TTY: 1-866-653-4261.
- You can file a complaint with the BBB by visiting our website at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

*Kathy Graham is the President/CEO of the BBB of Coastal Carolina. She can be reached at 843-488-0238, or by e-mail: [kathygraham@coastalcarolina.bbb.org](mailto:kathygraham@coastalcarolina.bbb.org)*

*The mission of the Better Business Bureau is to promote, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, protect and assist the general public. Contact the BBB by phone at (843)488-2227, or <http://myrtlebeach.bbb.org/> or [investigations@coastalcarolina.bbb.org](mailto:investigations@coastalcarolina.bbb.org)*

# MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

4:30 PM

## *Bone Fish Grill*

17 Bypass

Surfside Beach

All Myrtle Trace residents are welcome!



Join us for good food and conversation with your neighbors.

Half off Drinks before 6 pm

Doors open at 4:00 pm

Hosts:

Francine and Jack Tuohy

234-1530

Drop form and \$1.00 per person  
to

Francine & Jack Tuohy  
209 Butternut Circle

No later than Friday, June 15th

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

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

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

Money will be refunded at the  
restaurant



# Myrtle Trace Night at BB&T Coastal Field

Myrtle Beach Pelicans

VS

Carolina Mudcats



Thursday, June 28, 2012

Gates open at 6:00 pm

Game starts at 7:05 pm

We have a block of 30 "Reserved Seats" in section 207 at \$10.00 each for Myrtle Trace residents.

Pick up your tickets at the Will-Call window the night of the game.  
(No Refunds)

BEER \$1.00

For more information please contact  
Dick & Jodie Sievers  
347-6990

Pelicans Game  
June 28, 2012

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending:

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to  
"Myrtle Trace Activities  
Committee" and deposit it and  
this form in the basket at 189  
Glenwood Dr.

Due by June 21, 2012



# Lasagna Dinner

Friday, June 29, 2012

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Homemade Mexicali Lasagna & Traditional Lasagna  
Salad (Blue Cheese or Italian Dressing)  
Garlic Bread  
Surprise Dessert  
Coffee/Hot or Iced Tea or B.Y.O.B.

**Come join us for a delightful evening with friends, relatives and neighbors**

**Unable to attend, place your pick-up order!**

Cost is \$4.50 Per Person

Event Coordinator:

Charlene Rose

234-1730



Please reply before Tuesday, June 25th

to

Charlene Rose – 230 Cricket Court

Make checks payable to

“Myrtle Trace Activities Committee”

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those Attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

# POT LUCK DINNER

**FRIDAY** June 8, 2012

PLEASE NOTE-----Day and Date change due to elections!

5:30 pm

MEET AND GREET FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

ENJOY THE BEST MEAL IN TOWN

BRING YOUR OWN PLACE SETTING AND BEVERAGE

AND A DISH TO SHARE-no reservation needed

Hope to see Y'All for the Best Meal in Town

Hosted by: Rob and Terri Macker

# Second Myrtle Trace



## SOCK HOP

Saturday, June 16, 2012

7 PM Clubhouse

**COST: FREE!!**

**Contests - Prizes - Fun**

**BRING APPETIZERS AND DRINKS FOR YOUR TABLE**



Live DJ

(As opposed to a dead DJ)

Requests will be taken for  
All your favorite songs

Wear your Poodle skirts and tan shoes

Reply to  
Steve & Bobbie Sands  
186 Glenwood Dr  
331-3180

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CALENDAR</b> Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004	<b>OPEN BOWLING</b> Tuesdays 1:30	<b>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE</b> M - F 7:45 - 9:00	<b>CHORUS</b> Thursdays 3:30pm	<b>WATER AEROBICS</b> M - F 8:00 - 8:45	<b>1</b> 7:45 <b>ROMEOS</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>4</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Clubhouse Closed</b> <b>District 68 Election</b>	<b>6</b> 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>7</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>8</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta 5:30 <b>POT LUCK</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 Garden Club Work Detail 10:00 <b>MT LADIES COFFEE</b> 7:00 Bridge
<b>10</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>11</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 <b>ACT. COM.</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Clubhouse Closed</b> <b>General Election</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 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 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	<b>16</b> 7:00 <b>Sock Hop</b>
<b>17</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>18</b> 10:00 <b>Draw w/ Cathy</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg	<b>19</b> 9:00 SINGLES Brkfast 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>20</b> 9:00 <b>MTHOA BD MTG.</b> 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>21</b> 9-11 Crafters 1:00 Grove Poker 1:30 Scrabble 5:30 King's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	<b>22</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta 7:00 <b>MOVIE NITE</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 Bridge
<b>24</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>25</b> 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b>	<b>26</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 3:00 Caregivers Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>27</b> 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>28</b> 9-11 Crafters 12:00 <b>RESERVED</b>	<b>29</b> 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge 6:00 <b>Lasagna Dinner</b>	<b>30</b>