BOARD BRIEFS

One of the things that sets Myrtle Trace apart from many of the other developments around us is our trees. Our community was designed to blend in to the pine forest and when building our houses Hall Development preserved as many of the trees as possible. This treed environment is one factor that has attracted many of us to Myrtle Trace. But trees have a natural lifespan that is sometimes shortened by disease or storms and some have to be removed to protect the trees around them or because their root systems threaten surrounding areas. So while we have money in our budget to remove trees on the common ground when necessary, we also have money set aside in our budget to plant trees. The questions are, where do we plant trees and what trees should we plant?

Last year a **TREE PLANNING COMMITTEE** was formed as a subcommittee of the Property Committee to address these questions. They have consulted with a horticulturist with the Clemson Extension and a representative from the South Carolina Forestry Commission to identify what and where to plant trees and shrubs in Myrtle Trace. They also studied the issue of the Bradford Pear trees which are scattered throughout the community and are reaching the end of their natural lifespan.

Their study has been presented to the Board and will be posted on our Myrtle Trace website so it's available to our homeowners. You'll find it under "Covenants, Policies, Procedures and Reports". Look for item 19 under Reports.

Aside from recommending trees and shrubs that are native to the area or that do well here, the horticulturist strongly recommended that we plant in the fall so that the root systems have a chance to develop before the summer heat. So, we will take that advice and set our shovels aside for the next few months while we spend some time identifying areas of the common ground where trees have been removed and where it makes sense to plant replacements, and determining what those replacement trees and shrubs will be. With the help of the Tree Planning Committee and some patience, we will work together to preserve one of our most valued assets – our treed environment!

LANDSCAPING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Now that the buildings on Pear Tree Circle have been painted, it's time to turn our attention to the landscaping in front of the Clubhouse and near the pool area. Thanks to Hardee Maintenance, the old pine straw has already been removed and the current plantings will be moved to other areas around the Clubhouse. The beds have been filled with mulch and annuals will be planted for some summer color while we wait to plant new shrubs in the fall. Once again, we are grateful to the Tree Planning Committee for their research on what and when to plant and look forward to working with them to upgrade the landscaping around the Clubhouse. The plan is to have the work completed before our 40th anniversary celebration in October.

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TRACERS ON THE GO!

May 24, 2023 Time: 12:00pm

HOP N' WICH

1029 3rd Ave Conway

ROMEO'S

May 19, 2023 Time: 7:45am

VICTORIA'S COUNTRY COOKIN'

1102 3rd Avenue S Myrtle Beach

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met on Monday, April 10, and we, again, had new members to welcome. Thank you for your participation. The more the merrier!

Upcoming events include:

- Activities Committee Meeting—Monday, May 8 at 7pm at the Clubhouse.
- Community Service Event—Sunday, May 21 at 2pm. Horry County Emergency Services will do a presentation regarding personal safety and emergency prevention. Reserve your seat. See flier inside this issue for details.
- Memorial Day Picnic—Memorial Day Celebration—Sunday, May 28 from 11am-2pm. See flier inside this issue.
- **Dancing in the Park**—Sunday, June 4 from 2:00-5:00pm. Featuring the Mike Duva Quintet and Rentko's Polish Food Truck. See flier inside this issue.
- Myrtle Trace 40th Anniversary October Events

From late September through the month of October, we will celebrate our anniversary with many events including Oktoberfest, a Potluck, an Art Show, Car Show, Craft Fair and presentations and displays depicting the history of our development and HOA. A Halloween Dance will end the month on a fun note.

Just as a reminder, the Activities Committee meets each month, except July, at 7pm in the Clubhouse. More information on all upcoming activities to come in future issues of News & Views.

Bob Smith

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—AS OF 4/24/23

Additions:

Fordyce, Michael 236 Candlewood Dr. 717-660-5029
Fordyce, Darlene 236 Candlewood Dr. 717-504-0811
Gagliano, Steve & Leila 103 Hickory Dr. 843-492-1087
Ibsen, Karl F. 102 Bentwood Cir. 631-774-4601
Woods, Sally 113 Myrtle Trace Dr. 865-456-4604

<u>Changes/Corrections:</u>

Budner, Bob bdbud@sccoast.net

Gascoigne, Diane pegofmyheart1124@gmail.com

Jans, Donald 605-261-8007

E-mail:

Fordyce, Michael & Darlene mtford@gmail.com Ibsen, Karl F. kibsen58@yahoo.com

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SPORTS COMPLEX:

Shuffleboard Court. New handrails will be installed around part of the shuffleboard court for safety.

<u>POOL:</u> Pool season officially opens May 1st. Enjoy and please mind all the posted pool rules. The emergency phone is located on the wall opposite the sign-in desk.

STOP SIGNS: You will notice that our stop signs are getting a facelift.

MAIL TUBES: For Myrtle Trace's 40th Anniversary, homeowners are repainting their faded mail tubes and mailboxes back to their original black color. We thank these residents for pride in our appearance.

FISHING: Residents and their guests: Fishing in our ponds is restricted to **catch and release only**.

Liz Maass

INTERESTED IN PLAYING CANASTA?

If interested, we would like you to join us. What is canasta? It's a card game similar to Hand and Foot or Rummy. It is played with a partner in tables of four. We play with two standard decks of cards. Players score points by making melds (or canastas) consisting of seven of the same rand or five of the same rank with two wilds. Special, natural canastas may also be formed by having all seven of either: aces, sevens, or wild cards.

If you have never played canasta, join other Myrtle Trace residents on Friday afternoons at 1pm in the Clubhouse. Watch us play, and if you are interested in learning, we will work with you and teach you how to play. Myrtle Trace Rules are provided. We are a friendly group with a good sense of humor and patience. We all had to learn the Myrtle Trace Rules of play.

Questions? Contact Laura DiFiore at 847-508-0041, or just stop by on a Friday at 1pm. We welcome all new players.

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REMINDER

Spring has sprung in Myrtle Trace. The flowers are in bloom, the birds are chirping and Myrtle Trace walkers, as well as drivers, are out in full force in their springtime finest and enjoying the fresh, almost pollen-free air.

When driving through our community, please remember that the speed limit is only 25 mph and there are stop signs along Myrtle Trace Drive. Keep your speed to 25 mph and come to a full stop at the signs. The last I knew, none of our mailboxes have the name: "Mario Andretti". We are retired. We should not be in a rush to go anywhere. And walkers, please walk facing the traffic. You never know when Mario Andretti is going to be barreling down Myrtle Trace Drive! Please stay cautious. When a car is coming towards you, give that car the right of way and move over onto the grass which is common ground. No one will yell at you for trespassing! If you are walking 2 or 3 abreast, please form a single file when a car is approaching. Our roads are narrow. I would be willing to bet that if you try to play a game of "chicken" with a car, the car is going to win and we really don't want that.

Bikers, you must follow the rules of the road. Ride with the traffic and obey the stop signs, as well. Let's be careful out there!

Debbie Rebocho

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

- <u>SELL</u> 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)
- <u>SELL</u> 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)
- <u>SELL</u> Like new, 3-wheel Desoto Classic Trailmate bike. Call Lynn at 732-492-3036 for details. (4)
- <u>SELL</u> 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)
- <u>SELL</u> Brand new Golf Range Finder and a right-handed assortment of golf iron/clubs with bag. All for \$40.00! Call peter at 843-516-9803. (5)
- **SELL** Brand new, never used, blue Transport Wheelchair. Original cost: \$175.00. Selling for \$85.00. Other handicap items available. Contact Bruce at 843-234-1236. (5)
- <u>SELL</u> Twin size, metal bed frame/rails and white wicker headboard. Used. In good condition. \$50.00. Call Carol at 585-880-8925. (5)
- <u>SELL</u> Portable propane heater table for patio. \$50.00. Contact 843-855-3971 for more information. (5)
- <u>SELL</u> DeWalt 12" Compound Mitre Saw. Mounted on folding portable RIDGID stand. Stores vertically against wall. Includes extra 12" fine cut blade, fine work clamp, dust collection bag and operator's manual. \$120.00. Call Jack at 843-234-1530. (5)
- <u>SELL</u> Devillbis 5 HP, 20 gallon air compressor. Delivers 12.2 CFM. Operates on 220V, 60Hz. Includes lubricator and air filters, hoses, air tools, impact wrench and paint spraying guns. \$150.00. Call Jack at 843-234-1530. (5)
- SELL Horizon RC-30 stationary bike. \$40.00 or best offer. Call Bob at 843-446-9845. (5)

Treasurer's Report—Quarterly Report Q1 FY 2023

The Myrtle Trace HOA realized a net operating profit of \$23,642 during the first quarter of the fiscal year. A combination of accurate budget projections and careful expense management contributed to this positive performance. All major expense categories showed a surplus when compared to budget. A review of our operating plan permitted the movement of excess operating funds to reserve funds. \$66,427 was distributed to reserve funds (savings) in March, 2023.

Myrtle Trace reserve funds total \$548,144 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.

Bob Ebling, Treasurer

BOARD BRIEFS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN MYRTLE TRACE?

At our recent Board meeting the Board approved the installation of aerators in Tern Lake (the pond alongside Burning Ridge Road). The necessary electrical hook-up is already in place and three aerators will be placed in the pond with the possibility of an additional aerator if needed.

By the time you read this, the road resurfacing on Myrtle Trace Drive at the gates and on Bentwood Circle should be complete. In preparation for that road project, we placed reusable signs throughout the community informing residents that the gates would be closed on April 24 and 25. The residents of Bentwood Circle were visited by a member of the Board and given specific information about how the road resurfacing would affect them.

In preparation for the eventual milling and paving of Myrtle Trace Drive, we commissioned a study by Geometrics Consulting to determine the condition of the road bed. The good news is that the road bed is in good shape and no major work is needed on the road bed before we mill and repave Myrtle Trace Drive. Incidentally, the report also states "Based on our experience with similar roadways and traffic, we have projected an average daily traffic volume of 1,500 vehicles, and that the traffic will be primarily light residential traffic."

As of April 1, we've had a "changing of the guard". Debi Perry had finished training and is now our Administrative Consultant. Among other duties, she interacts with our auditors, keeps tabs on your money, provides financial reports to the Board, writes contracts and acts as general advisor to the Board. Many thanks to Jim Luneke who served in this position for over 7 years. Jim is neither gone nor forgotten and will be available for questions and advice. We wish him well in his "retirement" and thank him for a job well done. We hope to see him at our monthly Board meetings and riding his bike around Myrtle Trace.

DEVELOPMENT AROUND MYRTLE TRACE

As promised, members of the Board have attended area meetings to get and share information on development around our community. Information, beyond what we all can see ourselves, is hard to come by but here's what we know so far.

- ◆ On Myrtle Ridge Road Vines is expanding and is building a warehouse for their business and three other business lots next to it − one of which will be a lunch spot.
- On <u>Postal Way</u> preparations are under way for the addition of 1100 housing units and a possible "Market Common" type development. Postal Way will be widened to a three lane road.
- On the <u>Service Road</u>, which will connect Burning Ridge Road to Myrtle Ridge Road and beyond, building lots have been delineated. The zoning is commercial.

Rotaries will be built in many of these areas to control the increased traffic and the local Homeowners Associations, as well as Myrtle Trace, will be questioning the County about drainage and perimeter shielding.

MAY BOARD MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 AT 9AM – HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Nancy Seeds



40th Anniversary 1983 to 2023

Interviews with long-time residents who were here from the beginning.

Ted Ackley-120 Juneberry Lane

Ted and Betty moved to Myrtle Trace from Olney, Maryland, in 1991. A couple of years before Ted was due to retire, he saw a brochure on the bulletin board at his place of employment about Myrtle Trace. Ted had a cousin in Little River and she told him he should come check out Myrtle Beach. They had briefly thought about Florida since Betty wanted to be close to the ocean but they decided Florida was too hot and opted for South Carolina where there was the ocean and much more.

Ted said there were two options for moving into Myrtle Trace at the time; build your own home or buy an existing home. There were no existing homes available at that point and they liked the idea of choosing a model to be built and having the option to make any modifications they so desired. The price was right and everything seemed so nice. Nothing else they looked at even came close to Myrtle Trace. They liked the feeling that they would belong to something and liked that Myrtle Trace developers were building in and around the trees and not stripping them all away.

Ted and Betty had their first appointment with a salesperson in 1989 and by 1991 they had moved in. Both Ted and Betty liked to golf and bowl and that was enticing. Soon, each of them had a group of golfers to play with; Betty with new girlfriends and Ted with new men friends, as well as playing with each other.

The opportunity to become involved in the community appealed to Ted and it didn't take him long to get involved in Myrtle Trace. In 1992 he was asked to co-chair the Property Committee and by 1993 he was the chairperson of the committee. This included attending monthly Board meetings so Ted decided he might as well run for the Board which he did in 1994. There were six other candidates at the time. He won and became a Director-at-Large and then became President of the Board for two and a half years.

In 1991, "News and Views" started and by approximately 1995, Ted was the editor. Fifteen to eighteen years ago he came editor of the Myrtle Trace Phone Directory. He has just recently retired from both of those positions. They have never regretted their decision to move to Myrtle Trace.

Nancy Murphy-107 Moss Circle

Donald and Nancy moved here from Mt. Airy, Maryland in 1988. Donald had retired and Nancy was still working and loved her job. She wasn't really ready to move but they set out on a trip to Florida to look at retirement property. They didn't stay very long. One reason was the heat. On their way back they saw a bill board with Walter Cronkite's picture on it advertising Myrtle Trace. They got off Highway 17 and came to check it out. Donald was mesmerized. Soon after they returned home to Mt. Airy they received a phone call saying the price of lots was going up considerably so they told their salesperson to choose a treed lot for them and they began to build.

Phase IV, where they bought, was still a coquina road at that time and farther down Myrtle Trace Drive was still dirt. Every night there were clusters of deer everywhere. Nancy said Myrtle Trace was a very close-knit community and people all came from someplace else to retire. They looked after one another and it was like a big family. They had parties all the time.

Nancy joined a Myrtle Trace ladies golf group called the Flying Ladies and she is now the only one in the group still residing in Myrtle Trace. Nancy has been on every committee in Myrtle Trace and has been on the Board twice, once serving as President in 1999.

Myrtle Trace has offered her 35 years of joy and happiness. She says it's the people that make Myrtle Trace wonderful and the atmosphere is created by the people who live here. "It's a bit of magic".



40th Anniversary 1983 to 2023

A Time To Reflect.

Think about the vision and the resources needed to plan and transform a thick forest of pine trees and dense myrtle undergrowth to this picturesque and tranquil community of over 500 residences. *It took* 15 years to build. Are you at all curious about how it evolved? Did you ever wonder what motivated homeowners to build here?

If you are interested in learning more about Myrtle Trace's growth and development, you will have an opportunity to chat with those most familiar, including the designer of most of our homes. Here are samples of the questions they will answer:

- Q How did the name "Myrtle Trace" come about?
- Where is the highest point in Myrtle Trace and how high above sea level is it? Yes, we are on a slope. How does our elevation compare to our neighbors?
- Why does Myrtle Trace *not* have lengthy power outages?
- The Covenants have been changed only once. When? Why?

It's 1983 and construction has begun. Any idea which of our streets these are?





Would you like to see more photographs of Myrtle Trace taken the year construction began?

These subjects and more will be openly discussed on Sunday, October 1, in the Clubhouse, beginning at 2:00pm. Mark your calendar. Seating is limited and reservations will be required. Details to follow at a later date.



ADMISSION FREE FOR RESIDENTS

Guest admission \$5.00 per person Guests under 2 years old are free

All reservations must be made no later than <u>Saturday</u>.

<u>May 20th</u>. Guests who are not Myrtle Trace residents may be reserved between May 20 to 23.

To make your reservations, cut out this RSVP slip and place into an envelope with the cash or check. Checks must be made payable to Myrtle Trace Activities. Bring to the front door of the Perrys at 125 Berry Tree Ln. -OR- the Rebochos at 136 Myrtle Trace Dr.

Refunds of admission must be requested at least 7 days prior to the event (May 21st) unless extreme emergency exists.

RSVP FORM
NAME
NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING
How many guests over 2 yrs. old ?
Amount enclosed for guests



DANCING IN THE PARK

Sunday, June 4, 2:00pm — 5:00pm, Myrtle Trace Clubhouse (will move indoors for inclement weather)

Music performed by

The Mike Duva Quintet

Mike Duva - Saxophone, Paul Murtha - Trumpet, Judy Duva - Piano, Steve Martinez-Acoustic Bass, Michael Knight - Drums





FOOD TRUCKS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT



RENTKO'S POLISH FOOD TRUCK – London Broil Steak Sandwiches and Polish Food MR. SOFTEE – Ice Cream Truck

ADMISSION \$15 PER PERSON

MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS

- 1. Fill out the RSVP form?, put into an envelope along with the total amount of admission in cash or check.
- 2. Make checks payable to Myrtle Trace Activities.
- 3. Put envelope into the red lockbox at the front door of Bob & Cathy Smith at 134 Myrtle Trace Dr.
- 4. Myrtle Trace resident's reservation deadline is Friday, May 26th.
- 5. Outside guests may reserve between May 26^{th} and May 31^{st} .
- 6. Refunds may be requested until Sunday, May 28, after that only for extreme emergencies.

RSVP for Dancing in the Park	
NAME:	_
NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING:	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$	

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

5:00 PM

Indulge



4999 Carolina Forest Blvd

Myrtle Beach, SC

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

RESERVATION BY FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Please drop this reservation	า off to	off to	ation off t
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Sue Rudnicki

138 Myrtle Trace Dr

843-347-5757

Name:

Number of People: X \$2.00 =

Phone Number:

Money will be refunded at restaurant.



MT POTLUCK DINNER

MAY 15, 2023 AT 5:30 PM

Pear Tree Circle - Clubhouse

Come and join your neighbors with a springtime carnival celebration, enjoy some libation and good food with friends! BYOB and place settings

WHAT TO BRING, IS THIS YOUR BIG QUESTION?? THEN FOLLOW THE ALPHABET:

A to G - bring a salad or appetizer.

H to 0 – bring a main dish.

P to Z – bring a dessert (yeah something yummy)!!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE RSVP FORM AND

BRING IT TO: 141 MYRTLE TRACE DRIVE

BY MAY 12TH

NAME:	
# ATTENDING:	



Hurricane Season Is Upon Us!

Join us at the Clubhouse on

Sunday, May 21st, at 2:00 pm

Thomas Bell, Deputy Director of Public Information for
Horry County Emergency Management Services will be talking
to us about hurricane preparedness and many other major disaster events.

Learn how Emergency Management prepares for hurricanes, floods, and ice storms.

Learn how we can prepare our own home and community for the upcoming hurricane season.

Bring your questions on May 21st!

Please call or email Jean Hohenberger to reserve your seat!

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



WATER AEROBICS

Begins Monday, May 15th

EVERY MORNING MONDAY THRU FRIDAY AT 8:00 AM AT THE MYRTLE TRACE POOL

COME JOIN US!

For questions or further information, call: Patty Tims (843) 786-9898 -or- Sue Rudnicki (843) 617-0485

MYRTLE	MYRTLE TRACE ACTI	IVITIES		V	May	2023
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chorus Thursdays 3:30pm	1 10-11:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bunco	2 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	3 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	4 1:00 Grove Poker 6:30 Tracer's on the Go Mtg.	5 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg	6 10:00 MTLCK SOLD OUT
7 2:00 Travel Club 6:30 Game Night	8 10-11:30 Bible Study 3:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.	9 9:30 PROP. COM. 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	10 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 7:00 Bunco	1.0 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker 6:30 Mah Jongg	12 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 3:00 Queen's Mah Jongg 7:00 Bingo	13
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28 11:00 Memorial Day Picnic 6:30 Game Night	29 10-11:30 Bible Study	30 1:00 Mah Jong 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:00 Dining Out 5:30 Men's Poker	31 12:00 Chinese Maj Jong 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 6:30 Men's Poker	CALENDAR Pat Paxson – 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004	League Bowling Thursday 10:00	Water Aerobics 8:00-8:45 AM