



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

June 2023

## BOARD BRIEFS

### TRESPASSING AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

At our last meeting the major topic of discussion was safety. As a result, you will see a number of suggestions and comments throughout this edition of News & Views relating to our safety as a community and your safety and security as a homeowner. While trespassing, break-ins and attempted break-ins are not new to Myrtle Trace, they are a problem for all of us and are something we should be aware of and guard against. Much like a hurricane, it's not a disaster unless you get a direct hit. Unlike hurricanes, though, there are some things we can do to prevent being a target.

The Property Committee suggested and the Board approved new signage throughout the community. Our current "no trespassing" and "no soliciting" signs, while attractive, are not doing the job and are easily removed. We will be installing new permanent signs indicating that this is private property and that there is no trespassing, no fishing, no soliciting, etc. We will be working with Tom Gray and the Property Committee to determine the content and placement of the signs.

We've been informed by police that "no trespassing" signs must be visible in order for the police to enforce the restriction. But the sign is only half of the solution - we must be willing to do our part. When we see trespassers on our private property, and that includes illegal solicitors, non-resident fishermen or prowlers or suspicious activity, we have to be willing to notify the police by calling the non-emergency police # (843-248-1520) and also inform our Neighborhood Watch Committee. Reporting the frequency of these incident calls to the police can result in extra police patrols in our area.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST

As a service to our members and our community, the Association keeps a confidential list of emergency contacts and phone numbers. You can designate a number of family members or friends who we can contact should you have a medical emergency or if something happens to your property while you're away and we want to get in touch with you. Often we have had irrigation systems go "rogue" while the homeowner is travelling and before we can respond we need information from you or someone you designate as a contact. Forms are available near the phone in the Clubhouse and Susan Granger is the contact Board member if you have questions.

### MULTI-COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

We have been invited to join other Burning Ridge communities in a joint blood drive sponsored by Myrtle Trace South and the Red Cross. The drive is scheduled for Friday, July 14, at the Myrtle Trace SOUTH Clubhouse from 10am to 2pm. If you can be a donor, please contact Susan Granger (518-779-8933) to sign up and schedule an appointment. This is an opportunity to participate in a life-saving project with our neighboring communities. Information on the blood drive will be posted in the Clubhouse.

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## News & Views

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## TRACERS ON THE GO!

June 28, 2023  
Time: 5:00pm

### INDULGE ITALIAN EATERY

4999 Carolina Forest Blvd.  
Forest Crossing  
Myrtle Beach

## R O M E O'S

June 16, 2023  
7:45am

### EGGS UP GRILL

2246 US 501  
Food Lion Plaza  
Conway

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met on Monday, May 8, and the following activities and events were discussed and acted upon:

- **Community Picnic**—July 4th, from 12noon-4:00pm at the Clubhouse area. Everyone will bring their own food, drinks, seating, tables and service. See flier inside this issue for more details.
- **Housekeeping**—A sub-committee was formed to clean up and organize the Activities materials in the Clubhouse storage room. They will meet to accomplish this task.
- **Volunteers Needed**—We need people to commit to volunteer for the Anniversary events in September and October. Help is needed to set up and tear down events, decorate and more.

Events will begin with an **Oktoberfest** on September 23, followed by Myrtle Trace **History Presentations** and displays with photos and stories about the beginnings of Myrtle Trace, a **Potluck, Open House, Art Show, Car and Cycle Show, Craft Fair** and **Halloween Dance** throughout the month of October.

Every resident will get a free photo calendar of the month of October showing all the Anniversary events plus historic photos of Myrtle Trace. Details on these events in future issues of News & Views.

Note: No meeting in July.

*Bob Smith*

**TRAVEL CLUB MEETING—ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**June 11, 2:00pm**  
**Clubhouse**

## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY UPDATES—AS OF 5/22/23

### Additions:

Todd, Michael	227 Candlewood DR	845-542-1525
Todd, Letty	227 Candlewood DR	845-561-2909

### E-mail:

Todd, Michael	miket.gartner@gmail.com
Todd, Letty	ltodd4936@gmail.com

### Corrections:

Driver, Steve	wdriversb@gmail.com
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**NON-EMERGENCY POLICE PHONE NUMBER**  
**843-248-1520**

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

**OPEN POSITION:** The Property Committee is looking for a Phase #6 rep. Meet your neighbors and be a part of one of the most integral committees in Myrtle Trace. If interested, please contact Liz Maass. A job responsibilities guide will be given to you for your review and questions.

**FISHING IN OUR PONDS:** Many complaints have come in of people trespassing private property to fish in our retention ponds. No grandchildren, guests and other residents are allowed to trespass on their neighbor's property either. Access to ponds is by our streets only. Also, we have a catch and release policy. Our residents have spotted people bringing coolers and keeping the fish that cost \$10.00 a piece to stock in our ponds to keep them clean. Should you see this happening, please contact the police and your Phase Rep.

**GATES:** Please do not let workman, strangers or relatives access to our gates by going first so the gate will open. That creates more traffic on our stretch of the road and puts more usage on our gates. There are two other exits out of our development. With all the traffic now on Myrtle Ridge Drive, please consider using Burning Ridge and Singleton Ridge roads as an alternative to Myrtle Ridge Drive.

*Liz Maass*

## THANK YOU

My walker and I want to thank those responsible for the paving of Berry Tree Lane. We now have a smooth ride.

*Jackie Blakey*

## MONTHLY LAWN CARE

June – As temperatures rise, our lawns need more water. But it is best to water when the lawn needs it. A good rule of thumb is to give the grass 1 inch of water per week or as needed. Always remember it is best to water deep and infrequently.

*Source:* Brad Fowler, Urban horticulture Agent, Clemson Extension Service

## SAFETY TIPS FOR MYRTLE TRACE RESIDENTS

Here we are, living the retirement life in Myrtle Trace. Life is grand when you are retired with not a care in the world. But that can be far from the truth and reality of today's times. We live in an area that is developing quickly. New construction is everywhere and people are moving in by droves. It is no longer the quiet haven it was 40 years ago. With all the growth and an expanding population, crime is sure to follow. And when that starts to happen, we need to become even more diligent with our safety. Here are important safety tips to protect your home and yourself:

- At night, leave lights on outside. Use motion lights or dusk to dawn lights for security. Put up cameras. Please be considerate of your neighbors, however, when mounting lights, particularly avoiding shining lights in the direction of your neighbor's windows.
- If you see something suspicious, contact the Horry County Police non-emergency number at 843-248-1520. Once you have spoken with officers, contact our Neighborhood Watch Chairperson.
- Let your neighbors know when you will be away for any amount of time. If they see someone in your home they can make the appropriate phone calls. If you have someone checking your home while you are away, let your neighbors know this, as well.
- Piled up newspapers, mail and packages are a tell-tale sign nobody is home. Have a neighbor take in these items daily while you are away.
- Keep your doors locked, especially the door leading from the garage to your home. Lock your car. Your garage opener is a key to your home. Consider removing it from the car while your car is parked outside.
- Make arrangements with your lawn care service to maintain your yard while you are away or in the event you are unable to return to your home in a timely manner following a severe storm.

The bottom line is, we are all responsible for our own safety. We need to use common sense, be aware, be smart, be diligent, and most importantly, stay safe.

*Deb Rebocho*

## MYRTLE TRACE-MART

**BUY** - Collector looking for electric trains and toys made between 1920's and the year 2000. Good condition important. Call Ron at 843-234-1814. (6)

**BORROW** - An artist easel to be used for mounting Myrtle Trace 40th Anniversary historical photos and other materials during the celebration events and presentations later this year. (6)

**SELL** - Dining room table with a glass top and dark walnut legs. 31" h x 40" w x 64" l. Excellent condition. Includes 4 chairs. \$350.00. Leather couch, 7', off-white color, no marks. \$450.00. Contact Ann at 617-838-5930. (6)

**SELL** - Sears Canister Sweeper. Used minimally. Make an offer. Call Bob at 843-446-9845. (6)

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

**SELL** - 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)

**SELL** - Twin size, metal bed frame/rails and white wicker headboard. Used. In good condition. \$50.00. Call Carol at 585-880-8925. (5)

**SELL** - Portable propane heater table for patio. \$50.00. Contact 843-855-3971 for more information. (5)

**SELL** - 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)

**SELL** - 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)

### MYRTLE TRACE-MART

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 or others will not be accepted. Ads will be published for three (3) months unless cancelled or renewed via email or phone call to the Newsletter Coordinator at: [carol.blonowicz@gmail.com](mailto:carol.blonowicz@gmail.com) or 585-880-8925.

## BOARD BRIEFS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WILDLIFE IN MYRTLE TRACE

The Department of Natural Resources presented a program on bears last month which was very informative. Pamphlets on bear activity in our area are available at the Clubhouse if you missed the program. While we've had no recent bear sightings, we have foxes who are raising their kits and hunting for moles, rodents, rabbits, etc. The foxes are about to move on to better hunting grounds. However, copperheads are active now and are a danger to all of us and our pets. Watch where you're walking, use a flashlight at night, be vigilant when doing yard work, and watch out for your pets, especially small or older dogs since they cannot tolerate the venom.

Stay safe, enjoy the summer, and join us at the Clubhouse for the next Association meeting on **Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am.**

*Nancy Seeds*

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### “GET ON BOARD”

The Myrtle Trace Past President's Council is holding its second annual “Get On Board” session for all Myrtle Trace residents who would like to learn more about what it means when you serve on the Board of Directors.

Those attending the session will be able to get a “behind the scenes” look at the workings of the Board and those who serve. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have. We will answer your questions and tell you, from personal experiences, the good and rewarding as well as the frustrations one may experience. The session is very informal and we hope you will consider attending.

The “Get On Board” session will be held on **Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 3:00pm.** in the Clubhouse. **SAVE THE DATE!!**

*Past President's Council*

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### DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES NEAR MYRTLE TRACE

Three buildings are nearing completion along Myrtle Ridge Drive. These will be commercial buildings as part of Myrtle Ridge Business Park. The tract adjacent to Vines Plumbing may be developed by Vines. That business is expanding and requires a central warehouse for its service technicians. While any development along Myrtle Ridge Drive increases traffic, a business park's hours may limit traffic to operating hours.

Horry County Council has deferred rezoning requests for the rezoning of the Chatham Crossing and Waters Tract development. These tracts are located beside Postal Way between Gardner Lacy Road and Carolina Forest Boulevard. The proposals request approval for mixed retail development anchored by as many as 1,154 homes. It also includes an additional red light located near Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 501. The proposal is opposed by many Carolina Forest residents and has been deferred at both council meetings in May. Attendance at council meetings will continue as development encroaches on our borders.

*Bob Ebling*

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### NEW RESIDENTS ORIENTATION

The Council of Past Presidents would like to invite our newest residents to the upcoming New Residents Orientation on Sunday, June 25, 2023 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 will be delivered to you a week or so prior to the event.

Also, 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 call Mary Schaeffer at 843-347-6897.



# 40th Anniversary

## 1983 to 2023

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*More interviews with long-time residents who were here from the beginning.*

John and Judy Beam ~ 101 Juneberry Lane

For several years, John came to Myrtle Beach from Pennsylvania with friends to play golf. At that time all there was to do was play golf and go to the beach. One year the wives joined the golfers and by then the Waccamaw Pottery had opened. The pottery ushered in high-rises and malls and soon there was more to do. Judy suggested looking for real estate. They looked at Myrtle Trace and one other retirement community in North Myrtle Beach. They saw a billboard on Hwy 501 advertising Myrtle Trace as one of the ten best retirement communities in the area. When they drove through the community people waved at them which they found unusual coming from the North.

John and Judy bought their home in 1989 and rented it for a couple of years before moving here in 1993. They chose Myrtle Trace because they could get a brand new house and make any changes they wanted to the floor plan. Judy liked that the developer had left so many trees. Being on the water was a big plus, too, as they liked the idea of watching and enjoying the waterfowl.

Both John and Judy were greeters when they first moved in and soon both joined the Property Committee. They started the Garden Club at the Clubhouse in 2002. They retired from the garden club a few years ago but not without leaving their mark! John made all of the 150 stepping stones at the Clubhouse with resident's names.

Bob and Doris Wolford – 121 Myrtle Trace Drive

Bob and Doris moved to Myrtle Trace from Pennsylvania in June of 1989. They got quite a welcome! Hurricane Hugo hit Myrtle Beach that September and Bob and Doris had 13 friends staying at the beach. There was a mandatory evacuation for that area so all 13 came to stay with the Wolfords in their new home which now had no power. Then in December there was an ice storm and 15" of snow. What an initiation to the South!

Bob and Doris had vacationed here when their children were small and liked the area. When they were looking for a retirement community, their daughter, who taught at Winthrop in Rock Hill, SC, told them Myrtle Trace was being developed and to check it out. They liked the trees and the ponds and the golf course being so close. It seemed very homey and the size of the homes was good. Bob became active on the Pool Committee and the ARC Committee. Doris worked at and then volunteered at CMC and started the Cuddler Program there. Bob eventually got a job at Hertz Rental Company and the rest is history.



# 40th Anniversary

## 1983 to 2023

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### *A Time To Reflect Continues.*

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 more samples of the questions they will answer:

**Q** Why is the adjacent Burning Ridge golf course important to us? Hint: it has nothing to do with golf.

**Q** When did Burning Ridge Road cease to be a dead end?

**Q** What is the real reason for the man-made lakes? Hint: it's not because they add character.

**Q** When was Myrtle Trace seriously threatened by forest fires?

**Q** Which feature of your house is designed for maximum resistance to hurricane force winds?

**Q** It's 1983 and the first house is built in Myrtle Trace. It served for three years as a model and sales office. During that time it sold and was leased back to the developer to use until he moved into his Phase 111 model/sales office.



These subjects and more will be openly discussed on Sunday, October 1 at 2:00pm and on Thursday, October 12 at 10:00am in the Clubhouse. Mark your calendar. Seating is limited and reservations will be required. Details to follow at a later date.

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY CHORUS

PRESENTS



**"TAPESTRY"**



**A Collection of Your Favorites**

Saturday, July 1, 2023

7:00 pm

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

Please complete the reservation form and  
return it by Wednesday, June 21st for Myrtle Trace Residents

**\$5.00 DONATION PER PERSON**

65 Reservations Accepted for  
Performance

RSVP to Jenny Jenemann 235 Cottonwood Lane by Wednesday, June 21st. Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Number ___ X \$5.00 = _____
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## MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT



Tuesday, June 27, 2023

5:00 PM

Tavern in the Forest

4999 Carolina Forest Blvd

Myrtle Beach, SC



PLEASE DROP OFF

IN WHITE DINING OUT MAILBOX

NEAR THE FRONT DOOR

**RESERVATION BY FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD**

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

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.

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## Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee



Saturday, June 17, 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: Betty Halbert



*MYRTLE TRACE JULY FOURTH  
OLD FASHIONED COMMUNITY PICNIC*

*12:00 to 4:00 at the Clubhouse*

Bring your own food, place settings, chairs, blankets, tables.

Sit outside or inside the Clubhouse, the pool or recreation area.

Play bocce ball, shuffleboard or swim in the pool.

Water, beer and soda will be provided or bring your own beverages.

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## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

Friday, July 14, 2023  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Myrtle Trace SOUTH Clubhouse

Please contact Susan Granger to sign up and schedule an appointment.

518-779-8933 or [susanverbeke@msn.com](mailto:susanverbeke@msn.com)

## Myrtle Trace's Gallery of Ageless Art

**“Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.”**

As part of the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our community,

we are seeking the artists among us  
to display their work at the clubhouse on

**October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We are looking for one of a kind creations that  
would fall under the following categories:

- Painting – oils, acrylics, watercolors
- Sculpting – work designed in 3-D - clay, wood carvings
- Photography – color, black and white – film based or digital
- Hand drawn – pen, colored pencils, ink, charcoal, pastels
  - Printing - Wood cuts, linoleum block, silkscreens
  - Textile Art – Fabric, Fiber
    - Mixed media
    - Pottery

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We know you are out there! Please share your talent with us!

Call:

**Nancy Southard – 843-347-3885**

or

**Diane Gascoigne – 843-234-1499**

for additional information and registration



### NOTES

Deadline to register – August 1, 2023

No craft items, kits, or items made from manufactured patterns will be considered.

Also, this is an art show, not an art sale.

| MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES                                                        |                                                           |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                     |                                                                          | June                                                                            |  | 2023 |
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| Sunday                                                                         | Monday                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                         | Thursday                                                            | Friday                                                                   | Saturday                                                                        |  |      |
| <b>CALENDAR</b><br>Pat Paxson - 347-1609<br>Alternate<br>Ted Ackley - 347-3004 | <b>League Bowling</b><br>Thursday 10:00                   | <b>Mini-Golf</b><br>Tuesday 10 AM<br><b>Water Aerobics</b><br>8:00-8:45 AM                    | <b>Chorus</b><br><b>Thursdays</b><br>3:30pm                                                                                       | <b>1</b><br>1:00 Grove Poker<br>6:30 Tracer's on the Go Mtg.        | <b>2</b><br>1:00 Canasta<br>3:00 Queen's Mah Jong                        | <b>3</b>                                                                        |  |      |
| <b>4</b><br>2:00 <b>Swing Into Spring Dance</b><br>6:30 Game Night             | <b>5</b><br>6:30 Bunco                                    | <b>6</b><br>1:30 Mah Jongg<br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br>5:30 Men's Poker                            | <b>7</b><br>12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg<br>12:30 Bridge<br>4:30 Mt Texas Holdem                                                       | <b>8</b><br>1:00 Grove Poker<br>5:30 Men's Poker<br>6:30 Mah Jongg  | <b>9</b><br>1:00 Canasta<br>3:00 Queen's Mah Jong<br><b>7:00 Bingo</b>   | <b>10</b><br>10:00 Reserved - PD<br><b>Celebration of Life For Mary Francis</b> |  |      |
| <b>11</b><br>2:00 Travel Club<br>6:30 Game Night                               | <b>12</b><br>3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b><br>7:00 <b>ACT. COM</b> | <b>13</b><br>9:30 <b>PROP. COM.</b><br>1:00 Mah Jongg<br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br>5:30 Men's Poker | <b>14</b><br>12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg<br>12:30 Bridge<br>4:30 Mt Texas Holdem                                                      | <b>15</b><br>1:00 Grove Poker<br>5:30 Men's Poker<br>6:30 Mah Jongg | <b>16</b><br>7:45 <b>ROMEOS</b><br>1:00 Canasta<br>3:00 Queen's Mah Jong | <b>17</b><br>10:00 <b>Ladies Coffee Group</b>                                   |  |      |
| <b>18</b><br>6:30 Game Night                                                   | <b>19</b>                                                 | <b>20</b><br>1:00 Mah Jongg<br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br>5:30 Men's Poker                           | <b>21</b><br>9:00 <b>MTHOA</b><br><b>BD MTG.</b><br>12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg<br>12:30 Bridge<br>4:30 Mt Texas Holdem<br>7:00 Bunco | <b>22</b><br>1:00 Grove Poker<br>5:30 Men's Poker<br>6:30 Mah Jongg | <b>23</b><br>1:00 Canasta<br>3:00 Queen's Mah Jong                       | <b>24</b><br>1:00 Queen's Book Club                                             |  |      |
| <b>25</b><br>3:00 <b>New Residents Orientation</b><br>6:30 Game Night          | <b>26</b><br>3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b>                         | <b>27</b><br>1:00 Mah Jongg<br>1:00 Hand & Foot<br><b>5:00 Dining Out</b><br>5:30 Men's Poker | <b>28</b><br>12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg<br>12:30 Bridge<br>4:30 Mt Texas Holdem<br>5:00 Tracer's OTG Dinner                          | <b>29</b><br>1:00 Grove Poker<br>5:30 Men's Poker<br>6:30 Mah Jongg | <b>30</b><br>1:00 Canasta<br>3:00 Queen's Mah Jong<br><b>7:00 Bingo</b>  |                                                                                 |  |      |