

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1, 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The Communications Committee was formed about sixteen years ago soon after the MT website was created. The Committee's purpose was, and is, to coordinate the efforts of many volunteers who perform various duties to keep our residents well-informed.

NEWS AND VIEWS:

The News & Views is the primary source of current information about our community. It reaches every resident and every homeowner. You can also find it posted on our Web Site. Carol Blonowicz is our Newsletter Coordinator. The scheduled delivery date for the upcoming month is always listed in the News and Views in the box on the upper left-hand corner of Page 2.

Our News & Views carriers are: Lydia Baraga, Bob & Donna Ebling, Jean & Joe Glavan, Anne Kongvold, Phoebe Lee, Kathy Lindh, Cathy McElroy, Marie Reger, Sheilah Reynolds, Nancy Seeds, Doug O'Neil and Mike & Joanna Wilcox.

WEB SITE:

Joseph Martin is our Webmaster and Bruce Williams provides assistance. We needed to migrate our site for technical reasons but also wanted to streamline and refresh our site. And for the last few months we've been working with our Web Site consultant, Charles Engle, who is confirming we will be going live by the end of 2024 as he's completed our upgrades, changes and revisions, all of which have been approved by the BOD. Much time and effort was put into your web site to improve its appearance, make it easier to navigate, and provide up to date information and we encourage you to utilize this very important resource.

IN MEMORIAM:

Whenever you see the Myrtle Trace flag lowered, which is done by either Sue Rudnicki, Dave Rudnicki or myself, a resident has passed away. The name of the deceased may be found in the In Memoriam section of the web site and it will also be posted at the Clubhouse entrance for three days. The HOA also offers to donate to a charity of the family's choosing.

GREETERS:

Our official greeters, Donna Ebling & Pam Reinhart, visited 30 new families or individuals during the past year (through November 2024) compared with 35 during the previous year. There have been occasions when the greeters were not aware of a new resident moving in; therefore, it would be appreciated if you would let Donna or Pam know when you get a new neighbor.

DIRECTORY DATABASE/TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:

Linda Guest, with assistance from Lina Janovitz, maintains our community directory database. Linda also prepares all address labels and registration forms for the Annual Meeting, and with Linda and Lina's assistance, Nancy Southard, Directory Coordinator, publishes a new Myrtle Trace phone directory in April and October.

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FLIERS/COMMUNITY CALENDAR/CLUBHOUSE:

Jeanie Rhodes edits the News & Views fliers and Pat Paxson prepares and maintains the Community Calendar which is found on the back page of the News & Views each month. Pat also handles private reservations for the use of the Clubhouse. We also maintain the bulletin board outside the entrance to the Clubhouse. Dennis Arena, manages the Clubhouse copier. Please contact Dennis or myself with any questions prior to any major printing projects or repair issues.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM:

We were so grateful for Jon Bourne's service to our community in maintaining the database for our Emergency Alert System. This service was used to inform residents of potentially dangerous situations impacting residents or the community such as wildfires or evacuations. Since Jon's passing, we have been in the process of updating the existing database and deciding on a new administrator. We will be keeping the community up to date on this issue and will continue to keep you informed of any situations impacting Myrtle Trace.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (NW)

While the NW team is not a formal security patrol, they were formed to alert visitors, delivery & service drivers that the MT community maintains a presence to ensure nothing is out of the norm. At the present time we have 16 drivers and 1 substitute driver. We remind everyone that an unknown intruder on your property requires a 911 call. The non-emergency police number is always posted in the News & Views. We appreciate the support of all our neighbors and the HOA and always welcome anyone who wishes to join the team. You may contact Ann Golden, NW Coordinator, if interested.

Our NW Drivers are: Leon Buckley, Mary L'Heureux, Herb & Lydia Baraga, Jeanne Niziol, Jim Pace, Karen Riley, Stu Sides, Liz Maass, Judy Koudelka, Linda Guest, Steve Driver, Henry Harrison, Philip Doherty, Jenny Jenemann, Linda Dey and Ann Golden

I would like to thank all the Committee members, in particular, our Co-Chair, Santo Perry, along with our News & Views carriers, Neighborhood Watch Drivers, Greeters, Web site personnel, Directory and Database/Telephone Directory volunteers for their valuable service. They all do a great job. Our Committee assignments are listed on the back page of the Myrtle Trace Directory. Please feel free to call any of us if you have questions or need information.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnsen-Schaeffer,

Communications Committee Chairperson