

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT FOR 2025

The Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions established the Myrtle Trace Retirement Community in the mid to late 1980's. This Master Declaration of Covenants, established what was named, at that time, the Architectural Control Committee. This name was changed to the more user-friendly Architectural Review Committee (ARC) in 1989 when Tom Allen (Chair), Lyle Kershner and Bill Miller assumed the responsibility of over-seeing home-owner requests for projects related to the exterior of their properties. Eileen Oesterle and Al Orth were added to the committee in 1989, and the committee began to develop a one-page ARC Guideline document with broad categories such as: Exterior Painting, Landscaping, Lawn and Garden Ornaments, Tree Plantings and Screen Porches. By 1990, this document became a 4-page document, expanding upon the original. From this foundation, the current ARC Homeowner Guidelines and Restrictions have evolved into the current 13-page document. The user will notice that many of the original headings such as Exterior Expansion, Additions and Alterations still exist.

These original committee members were dedicated to retaining the original concept of Glenn Hall (the Myrtle Trace developer) that the homes blend with the natural beauty of the land. It was not the intent of the Committee to act as an inhibitor of innovative changes or additions, but to ensure that nothing is done to diminish or alter the basic character and esthetics of Myrtle Trace. The current Mission Statement of the Architectural Review Committee, as follows, reflects that same philosophy:

“The mission of the Architectural Review Committee is to work in conjunction with the Myrtle Trace Board of Directors to enforce the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions. This document has the express purpose of maintaining the original intended appearance of the Myrtle Trace Community. Through the enforcement of the Homeowner’s Guidelines and Restrictions, it is the responsibility of the ARC to oversee the modifications and changes in appearance to the residential structures and homeowner properties in the Myrtle Trace Community.”

Thank you to the following members of the Architectural Review Committee for their service in 2025: Santo Perry-Co-Chair, Todd Rush-Vice-Chair, Colleen Carter, Susan Granger, Karen Harmelin, Jenny Jennemann, Anne Kongvold, Dave Smyth and Lisa Vawter. Also, a multitude of thanks to Terry Eisenhardt, our secretary, who is invaluable and to Tom Allen for providing the historical data.

Pat Hosford-ARC Co-Chair