



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents

January 2026

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

**MTHOA BOARD CANDIDATES**—Those candidates running for the Board of Directors; Todd Rush, Larry Lapinski, Bruce Dzinski, and Rick White, will be at our January 21 meeting. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves and give us a little information about themselves and why they would like to serve on the Board. Please plan to attend the Board meeting to meet the candidates and hear what they have to say.

**SUMMARY OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE CHANGES**—In this year’s packet given out prior to the annual meeting, there will be a summary sheet of any changes that were made to the Policies and Procedures that are kept in the “blue book” given to each homeowner. Those changes will be available on the website, [myrtletracesc.org](http://myrtletracesc.org) and will be able to be printed from the website to be placed into the “blue book”. Copies will be made available at the Clubhouse in case there is an issue with printing yourself.

**HOA MONTHLY DUES INCREASE**—Please remember that **dues will increase to \$95 per month, beginning on January 1, 2026.** As mentioned at the November meeting, the increase garnered from the dues will be designated to be split between our reserve funds for road improvements and lake maintenance. This will bring our total yearly contribution to roads and lakes to \$46,620 to each account.

**2026 ROAD AND LAKE PROJECTS**—There will be some road and lake projects coming up in 2026. Lakes Oriole and Bunting will be cleaned (dredged), and paving projects are planned for the 100 block of Cedar Ridge, Linden Circle and Beechwood Court. As these projects near and dates are proposed, residents involved will be notified by the Property Committee so they will be aware when to expect a little disruption in their area. Thank you in advance for your patience!

**DRIVING SPEED**—Just a reminder that our roads are not made for NASCAR qualifications. Recently, someone almost drove through my front yard on Myrtle Trace Drive, driving at a high rate of speed and blaring his/her horn passing my neighbor as he was turning left into his driveway. Not only did he endanger himself and my neighbor, but had someone been walking along the road, they would have had no chance to get out of the way. It was getting dark and visibility was poor. Unfortunately, I was not able to recognize the driver or the car. So, please, tone it down on our roads before someone gets killed.

**THANK YOU**—January marks the countdown to the end of my stint on the Board. I want to thank each and every one of you for letting me represent you on the Board. It has had its ups and downs, but many more ups than I expected! I want to thank you for your patience, and thank you for making the Board meetings easier, as I hate speaking in public! I would like to also thank Joe, Fred, Judy, Donna, and Debi for putting up with long work sessions and being my sounding boards and always offering up their opinions and advice.

**AGAIN, MONTHLY HOA DUES WILL INCREASE TO \$95.00 BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2026. See Page 7 in this issue of News and Views for more details.**

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**843-248-1520 or call 911**

**Myrtle Trace Mailing Address**  
101 Myrtle Trace Drive  
Conway, SC 29526

## TRACERS ON THE GO!

Thursday, January 22

Time: 10:00 am

**FIRST WATCH**

4632 Factory Stores  
Tanger Outlets, MB

## ROMEO'S

Friday, January 16

Time: 7:45 am

**WOODHAVEN PANCAKE HOUSE**

2600 S. Kings Hwy  
Myrtle Beach

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES NAMED

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that Bruce Dzinski, Lawrence Lapinski, Todd Rush and Rick White are candidates for the Board of Directors. Their photos and resumes will be included in the information packets for the Annual Meeting.

The candidates will be introduced at the Board meeting on Wednesday, January 21st, and will have an opportunity to make brief comments at that time.

**ANNUAL MEETING HOMEOWNER PACKETS**—The Annual Meeting Planning Committee will be assembling the meeting packets on Saturday, January 17, 2026. The packets will be distributed to the owner-resident black newspaper tubes that same day, weather permitting,

If you will be unable to retrieve your packet on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact either Mary Schaeffer at 843-347-6897 (Email [RPM-MARYJ@AOL.COM](mailto:RPM-MARYJ@AOL.COM)) or Joe Martin at [843-347-2823](tel:843-347-2823) (Email [JMJ109@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JMJ109@YAHOO.COM)) to arrange delivery.

More information on the February 7, 2026 Annual Meeting can be found on page 3 in this issue of News and Views.

Thank you to the Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association for the hospital donation made in memory of my son,  
Ronald Diamond, Jr.  
Your kindness, friendship, generosity and prayers have helped me during this difficult time.  
Blessings to all of you.

Ronald Diamond and Family



On December 18, The Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch Group donated \$130.00 to The Shepherd's Table Community Kitchen and Pantry.

This will provide over 500 hot meals in their community kitchen.

*WAY TO GO LADIES!*

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Our *MT Line Dancing Group* performed a Christmas show at Brookdale Conway on 12/12.

The Ladies of the community were treated to *Breakfast* on December 13<sup>th</sup> which was cooked by several of the men in the community. Thank you, gentlemen.

I hope that everyone had a chance to ride around the community to see all of the beautifully Myrtle Trace *Decorated Homes and Mailboxes*. I rode through the community on December 13<sup>th</sup> to see the homes and luminaries. There were many homes and streets displaying the luminaries.

Santa visited the *Cookie Swap* on December 14<sup>th</sup> to share the cookies that were baked and handed out gifts to those we attended.

*Christmas Music Bingo* on December 19<sup>th</sup> was well attended and everyone had a great time sharing the delicious food, playing music bingo, Christmas Trivia and participating in the gift exchange which was full of laughs.

Thank you to all who made all of our activities during 2025 such a success.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Santo Perry*

## MYRTLE TRACE MINI-GOLF

The Myrtle Trace Mini-Golf group finished the fall, 2025 season on November 19<sup>th</sup> with a final game at Shipwreck Island, followed by lunch at Logan's Steakhouse. We had 26 players that played at least half of the scheduled games this season.

As a group, we played a total of 235 games and we scored 255 holes-in-one for the season. Our top hole-in-one player was Judy McGill with 21 holes-in-one. Joe martin was our leader for the most holes-in-one in a single game with 7.

The spring, 2026 season will begin on March 11. Watch for more information in the February issue of News and Views.

## TRAVEL CLUB JANUARY MEETING

SUNDAY, January 11

2:00 p.m.

The Clubhouse

Panama Canal Review

ALL WELCOME!

ENJOY CARDS,  
GAMES, LINE  
DANCING AND  
MUCH MORE  
THROUGHOUT  
THE MONTH

See the Clubhouse Activities Calendar in News and Views for dates and times

## ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2026

The MTHOA Annual Meeting will be held in the Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium at Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Directions to the venue will be included in the meeting packets.

The meeting will start at 2 PM on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Registration starts at 1 PM. Voting members of the community will be electing two (2) members to the Board. We encourage all residents of the community to attend the meeting and, if an owner, vote for two candidates for the Board.

For those voting multiple proxies there will be early registration available in the Clubhouse on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11 AM to 1 PM, and from 3 PM to 5:30 PM. Proxy holders will receive the official ballot at the meeting. All voting takes place at the meeting.

## **P**ROPERTY COMMITTEE

- **2026 POND MAINTENANCE**

Many Myrtle Trace stormwater retention ponds are 40 years old and still function well during storms. However, sediment deposited in the ponds has accumulated over the years and may impact the effectiveness of the ponds. During the December 2025 meeting, the HOA Board approved funding for a project to remove sediment from 2 ponds: **Bunting and Oriole**. Bunting pond flows behind Myrtle Trace Drive and Boxwood Lane and continues behind Cricket Court. Oriole pond is located behind Berry Tree Lane and Hickory Drive and flows into Bunting.

The dredging process will make use of a “hydro rake.” This is the boat with paddlewheels that was used for the 2025 dredging project. Materials removed by the rake will be deposited along the shoreline of the ponds. The material will be allowed to drain water back into the ponds, but barriers will be installed to prevent sediment from accompanying the water. The material will then be hauled from the property and properly disposed of.

The start date for the project is still being scheduled but is estimated to be January, 2026. We ask all residents to be patient during the completion of this project. We will make every effort to minimize the inconvenience, but given the scope of the work, there will be noise and some traffic disruption. The goal is to keep the ponds functional as well as aesthetically pleasing.

- **2026 ROAD REPAIR**

The HOA Board has approved milling and repaving of 3 streets in our community: **The 100 block of Cedar Ridge Lane, Linden Circle and Beechwood Court**. During the project, the contractor will provide traffic control services and will try to minimize inconvenience to residents. However, it is recommended that you work with a nearby neighbor if you have appointments scheduled during the project. The milling and paving machines are large and work quickly but may block traffic while working. Please work with the traffic control contractors who can help get you on your way. The paving contractor has not yet provided an estimated start date. Members of the Property Committee will notify residents along the affected routes once a start date has been specified.

- **WINTERIZATION OF RESIDENCES**

During the December, 2025 cold weather, several homes experienced damage from frozen and broken water pipes. Some of the residences were unoccupied with the homeowners residing in other states. Please take the time to winterize your home. Most local hardware stores, as well as larger retailers, sell outdoor faucet covers. The cover is much less costly than a plumbing repair. Turn off your irrigation system for the cold months. If you are traveling to warmer climates during the winter, consider shutting off the water to your home prior to departing. Please check on neighbors who may need assistance preparing for cold weather.

*Bob Ebling*

**BOARD BRIEFS**—*continued from page 1*

**CLUBHOUSE RENTAL UPDATE**

At the December 17, 2025 Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted 3-1, with 1 recusal, in favor of eliminating the \$50.00 non-refundable deposit required for **private** Clubhouse rentals. Therefore, the policy/guideline will be updated to reflect this change. The contract will also be updated.

Going forward, when renting the Clubhouse for **private** events, we are going to remind those renting that we expect that they will supply their own linens, paper towels, plasticware, etc., as has been assumed in the past. This verbiage will be added to the written contract. The \$100.00 refundable deposit will remain in effect for **private** events.

If there is any question regarding this change, please contact any Board member or the Property Committee Chairman.

**TRUCKS VS. SUVS**

Recently the question has arisen about the newest vehicles such as the Hyundai Santa Cruz. These vehicles have open cargo areas, much like a truck. The difference is, they are classified by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a SUV, and the registration issued by the DMV shows SUV on the registration. Because of that, these vehicles are permitted to be parked in driveways. If you own a truck, such as a Ford F150 and it is registered by the DMV as a truck, per our covenants, it is not permitted to be parked in the driveway. Our suggestion would be, when considering the purchase of a vehicle with open cargo space, check with the DMV to find out which classification the vehicle falls into. If it is registered as a truck, it will have to be garaged.

**ONE LAST BOARD BRIEF NOTE**—If anyone would like to address the Board at the annual meeting, the question/comment must be submitted in writing to the Board and signed. No anonymous submissions will be considered. The deadline for submission is January 17, 2026.

Happy New Year to all and may 2026 be good to you!

*Deb Rebocho, President*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Nominating Committee asked and four residents answered the call. Residents will have four candidates to choose from when they vote for two new Board members at the annual meeting in February. Two candidates were found by the Nominating Committee and two had attended the Welcome Aboard session.

Your four candidates are: Bruce Dzinski, Larry Lapinski, Todd Rush, and Rick White. Residents can review their resumes as they will be included in the annual meeting packet which will be distributed in January. Thank you to all of these candidates for offering their time and energies to Myrtle Trace. Residents can meet the candidates at the January 21, 2026 MTHOA Board meeting.

Thank you too, to this year's Nominating Committee for their time and searching: Dusty Rhodes, Leon Buckley, Colleen Carter, Joann Grove, Tina Hurley, Cheryl Manzella, Roger Price, Santo Perry and Nancy Seeds.

Many thanks and a round of applause to all of you!

*Donna Ebling, Nominating Committee Chairperson*

**January Artist of the Month—Shari Jones  
- A returning artist featured in 2025 -**

I have always dabbled around art in one medium or another. I work with paper and scrapbooking materials to create greeting cards. I like to paint, whether it is a wall, a piece of furniture or a painting. With watercolors, you are never sure what the paint will do and that is what makes it interesting to me.

I enjoy experimenting with different techniques and textures while adding bits and bobs from nature and our travels.

I want my work to make people smile.

*See Shari's work displayed at the Clubhouse during the month of January*



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**M**YRTLE TRACE MART

**SELL**—Vintage Hallmark Keepsake Collectible Lighthouse Series Christmas ornaments in original boxes—\$10.00 each. Other nautical Christmas ornaments—\$1.00 and up, each. Call Catherine at 843-347-5306. (12)

**SELL**—Lawnmower, robot mower. \$125.00. Ferrex pressure washer with attachments. \$50.00. Both used but in good condition. Call 717-504-0811. (11)

**SELL**—8' aluminum stepladder. \$75.00. 4' aluminum stepladder. \$35.00. Skill saw with table. \$100.00. Gemstone rock tumbler, older. \$20.00. FREE Assorted truck hitches. Contact Glenda at 563-940-2960. (11)

**SELL**—Pet Gear Happy Trails Pet Stroller. Zipper-less entry, easy fold, removable liner, storage basket and cup holder. Like new, pristine condition. Used once. Paid \$143.99. Asking \$30.00. Call Marcia at 843-331-3249. (12)

**BUY**—Selling your car? I will buy your car for cash. Call Curtis at 774-291-9291. (12)

**BORROW**—Cold Therapy System; use following knee and/or shoulder surgery. Call Jerry at 585-760-9552. (11)

## Happy New Year everyone! Just a couple of reminders:

Please make sure that you put any HOA correspondence in the correct place at the clubhouse. Nothing should be put in the mailbox on Myrtle Trace Drive except what is delivered by the post office.

Dues – Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, the monthly dues will increase from \$90.00/month to **\$95.00/month**. Once again, I am providing you with a chart to put on your refrigerator, etc. Please note that you can pay in advance if you want – quarterly, annually, etc. **Also, if you have already paid in advance for 2026 using the old amount, please submit payment for the difference.**

### Schedule of Payments

1 month	\$95.00
2 months	190.00
3 months	285.00
4 months	380.00
5 months	475.00
6 months	570.00
7 months	665.00
8 months	760.00
9 months	855.00
10 months	950.00
11 months	1,045.00
12 months	1,140.00

Many people are having their banks send us their HOA dues using **Bill Pay** instead of having to remember to write a check themselves. That may be a good option for some of you. Unfortunately, we are not equipped to offer automatic electronic payments. This is the information that you will need to provide to your bank to set up your payments:

- Make checks payable to – **Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association (MTHOA)**
- Mail checks to – **101 Myrtle Trace Drive, Conway, SC 29526**
- Indicate **frequency** and **amount** of payments – monthly, quarterly, etc.
- Choose the **date** that you want the checks to be issued keeping in mind that dues are payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

***A reminder for those of you that are already having your bank send us your dues - you will have to increase the monthly amount to \$95.00***

**Mailboxes** – Please take a look at your mailbox to see if it needs to be spruced up. Many have faded to grey, or your nameplate may be old, etc. Please contact me if it needs attention! Please make a check out to MTHOA for the appropriate amount (below) and leave it in the HOA box at the clubhouse. Hardee Maintenance does all the work for you! Unfortunately, you have to purchase the paper tubes yourself. Many people have found tubes on Amazon that are black plastic and very durable.

Mailbox \$17.00

Nameplate - \$10.00

Post - \$25.00



Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions! Jean Hohenberger - 843-349-8395

## 2025 House and/or Mailbox Decorations Winners

Congratulations to all the homeowners who decorated their homes and mailboxes for the holiday season of 2025. We had a plethora of choices within each category. Each NW driver made several trips along our streets to complete their task. The final choices will be designated by a colored balloon on the owner's mail post. Please take some time this week to stop and congratulate these homeowners.

The winners will be listed in FB "The Chatter" for Myrtle Trace, allowing all to view and congratulate the homeowners. In addition, they are listed in the January issue of News and Views for the official record. Each homeowner will be presented with a certificate for their category along with balloons for their mail post which will allow all of Myrtle Trace to locate the winners.

Thank you all for participating and making the holiday season a joyous one.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING HOMEOWNERS

#### HOUSE CATEGORIES

**SIMPLY ELEGANT:** Less is more; the visual impact is pleasing to the viewer, very traditional decorations.

**WINNERS: VALERIE YOUNG & FAMILY of 101 BIRCHWOOD LANE**

**FUNTASTIC:** Whimsical and enjoyable, brings back your childhood view of the holiday and the visit to candy land.

**WINNERS: TED & DEBORAH BLACK of 110 MAYBERRY LANE**

**CRAFTY CREATIVE:** Decorations take you back to the hand-made era (but don't need to be), an enjoyable memory of the talented woodworker.

WE HAVE A TIE:

**WINNERS: EUNICE FREEMAN of 229 CANDLEWOOD DRIVE**

**RANDAL & LAURA SOEDER of 118 MAYBERRY LANE**

**GAUDILICIOUS:** Truly outrageous and overdone, funny and eye-catching, you go back for 2nd & 3rd looks.

**WINNERS: HARRIET SLONIM & PETER DRAGONE of 100 WALNUT CIRCLE**

#### MAILBOXES CATEGORIES

**TRADITIONAL/CRAFTY:** Decorations show a theme of elegance but cute to the eye.

**WINNERS: EMMA COOK & CLAUDINE WHITE of 190 GLENWOOD DRIVE**

**GAUDICILIOUS:** The homeowner has outdone themselves with a wild theme but still shows the spirit of these holidays.

**WINNERS: LIZ MAASS-KATHY & MARK DULHAGEN of 121 BIRCHWOOD LANE**

# MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

## Rotelli Pizza & Pasta

201 Graduate RD – Unit 109 - Conway

Tuesday, January 20 – 4:00 pm



A full-service restaurant offering everything from the usual Italian fare of pizza, pasta and paninis to specialty sandwiches and wraps. Rotelli's features a wide variety of chicken, veal, steak and seafood dishes, as well as an extensive wine list.

RSVP to Susan Granger at [susanverbeke@msn.com](mailto:susanverbeke@msn.com) or 518-779-8933

RSVP Deadline: January 17<sup>th</sup>

Please be punctual and arrive by 4pm

# SUPER BOWL PARTY

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026 @ 6 PM - Game is Over**

Come out and enjoy the game at the Clubhouse with fellow Myrtle Trace residents that enjoy football, good food, and just having a good time.

Bring your favorite football food or snacks to share. BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverages).



## **Best Super Bowl Snack Contest**



All attendees of the party will receive one (1) ballot to vote for “**Best Super Bowl Snack of Myrtle Trace**”. All ballots will be tabulated, and a winner will be announced at halftime.

## **Door Prizes and Football Raffles**

Chances are available for the Football Pools. Chances for \$1.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00 a square. Contact Leon Buckley for chances.

Please complete this reply ----->  
if you plan on attending the event.

Please insert reply in red box on  
porch of 1214 Loblolly Lane.

See you there!

**\$ Texas Holdem Table Available \$**

SUPER BOWL PARTY FEB. 8, 2026

I plan to attend and can bring a dish  
or snack to share. I understand this  
is a BYOB event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I want to enter the Best  
Super Bowl Snack Contest

YES

NO

**ESTATE PLANNING and LEGALITIES:  
PARTNERS, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS and OTHER RELATIONSHIPS**

**Sunday, February 1, 2026 – 1PM at the Clubhouse**



- Your will is made, other legal documents are in order, you named your children as heirs; what about your partner? Do they have legal rights to your estate?
- Does your partner have the right to continue to live in your house even if you named your children as heirs? Can they kick your partner out? Who gets the life insurance? Who makes funeral arrangements?
- Have you done estate planning for family heirs **and** your partner?

A local estate planning attorney will discuss the legalities of relationships vs. marriage and help you navigate these sensitive issues. A Q&A session will follow.

**RSVP by Thursday, January 29, to Donna Ebling: [debling@sccoast.net](mailto:debling@sccoast.net) or Ann Golden: [akg.mtd141@gmail.com](mailto:akg.mtd141@gmail.com) to ensure adequate seating.**

# January 2026

## MYRTLE TRACE CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>CALENDAR</b>                      Pat Paxson – 347-1609                      Alternate                      Carol Blonowicz                      585-880-8925                 </div>				<b>1</b> 1:00 Grove Poker	<b>2</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta	<b>3</b> 12:30 Hand, Knee, & Foot
<b>4</b> 11:30 Shuffleboard Party 6:30 Game Night	<b>5</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Bunco	<b>6</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>7</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	<b>8</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>9</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta 7:00 <b>Bingo</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 2:00 Travel Club 6:30 Game Night	<b>12</b> 10:00 Bible Study 3:00 <b>ARC MTG.</b> 7:00 <b>ACT. COM.</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 <b>PROP. COM.</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>14</b> 12:00 Chinese MajJongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem	<b>15</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>16</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta	<b>17</b> 9:00 <b>Annual</b> <b>MTG Packet</b> <b>Construction</b>
<b>18</b> 1:00 <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Luncheon</b> 6:30 Game Night	<b>19</b> 10:00 Bible Study 6:30 Tracer's on the Go Mtg	<b>20</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand & Foot 2:00 Past Pres. Mtg. 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>21</b> 9:00 <b>MTHOA</b> <b>BD MTG.</b> 12:00 Chinese Maj Jongg 12:30 Bridge 4:30 Mt Texas Holdem 7:00 Bunco	<b>22</b> 1:00 Grove Poker 5:30 Men's Poker	<b>23</b> 10:00 Line Dance 1:00 Canasta	<b>24</b> 12:30 Hand, Knee, & Foot 1:00 Queen's Book Club
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