



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents April 2010

BOARD BRIEFS

SPEEDING

Many years ago, when it first became necessary to adopt speed limits for our streets, careful consideration was given to the demographics of our residents and the expected use of the streets. It was determined that 25 miles per hour would be the appropriate limit. Almost all residential communities maintain limits of 25 MPH or lower. Over the years, 25 MPH has proven to be a reasonable limit and the vast majority of our residents drive at the limit or no more than three or four miles over. Unfortunately, however, a small segment of our community continues to exceed the limit by more than five miles per hour with a few traveling as fast as 45 MPH.

The Board continues to receive complaints about speeding and the issue cannot be ignored. As our community ages, our reflexes get a little slower and the risk of an accident becomes higher. Most of us have to back out into traffic lanes every time we leave home and the possible appearance of a speeding vehicle adds to the stress. Previous boards have periodically asked our residents to obey the speed limit more consistently without much success. This Board repeats that request. In the meantime, we are filling out the necessary paperwork with Horry County to contract for local police to patrol our streets. This will cost Myrtle Trace \$30.00 per hour for a minimum of four hours totaling \$120.00 for each instance.

In addition to the ongoing problem with speeders, the disregard for the stop signs at busy intersections has become a more prevalent issue. These signs are there for the safety of everyone who uses our streets. Again, the majority of our residents follow the rules but a small segment of the community seems determined to ignore the stop signs.

It is the Board's hope that each of us will do our best to observe the speed limit and comply with the stop signs so that no additional action will be necessary. We owe it to our friends and neighbors.

THE GATES

Our gates at the end of Myrtle Trace Drive have been in operation for a little over eight months and they have been an outstanding success. They have operated as designed without fail with the exception of one breakdown resulting from a nearby lightning strike. In that instance, the gate was locked in the open position to forestall any inconvenience.

The approaches to the gates from both directions are clearly marked to identify the street as a PRIVATE road for use by authorized vehicles only. Yet, several unauthorized vehicles attempt to pass through the gates every day. On many occasions, some of our residents have been observed assisting these unauthorized vehicles by "escorting" them through the open gates. This action encourages the "trespassing" drivers to continue to try to tailgate through the gates on other occasions. The Board would appreciate it if our residents would refrain from assisting unauthorized vehicles at the gates.

MEET THE BOARD

The Board invites you to join them on Monday, April 19, at 6:45 PM, (following Potluck) for an informal discussion. The Board will present a brief program, listen to your concerns, and attempt to answer your questions. Hope to see you there.

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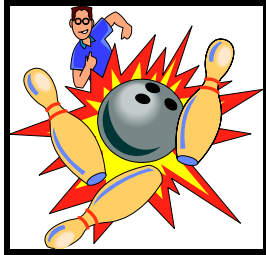
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MYRTLE TRACE BOWLING

With only four weeks of bowling remaining, the Silver Foxes (Steve Sands, Janet McGrady & Joe Paglierani) remain in first place but Déjà vu (Pat Searles, Fred Searles & George Thompson) is closing in on them only 51/2 points behind. The Crackerjacks (Andy Lindh, Rob Macker & Jack Peachey) are just 7 points back.

Plenty of high scores have been bowled led by Barry Moore (252, 655) and Jerry Campbell (253, 555). Other highs go to Tom Marek (231, 594), Nelson Fisher (212, 571), Ted Ackley (214, 543), Mike Lakatos (540), Bruce Williams (536), George Thompson (528), Norm Heindel (224, 525), Jack Peachey (525), Joe Paglierani (524), Dan Hayes (220), Therese Moore (202, 510), Millie Van Slaars (493) and Yvette Campbell (192, 488).

The high average bowlers are Barry Moore (170), Jerry Campbell (167), Ted Ackley (165), Therese Moore (157), Yvette Campbell (152) and Francine Charming (143).

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Happy Easter from the Activities Committee. It is beginning to look like spring around the neighborhood with the flowering trees and the azaleas getting ready to bloom.

The Activities Committee met on Monday, March 8th with 16 members attending. Our regular monthly activities continue to be well attended. The St. Patrick's Day dinner hosted 64 persons and everyone enjoyed the dinner, dancing and especially the performance of the Rock'N'Ettes. A good time was had by all.

Join in the many April activities beginning with the Computer Class on April 5th; Bingo on April 9th and the Coffee Klatch with Ladies from Phases 3 & 4 hosting on April 16th. There will be an opportunity to "Meet Your New Board of Directors" on April 19th following the Pot Luck Dinner. This month Clubhouse Movies will be the presentation of "August Rush" with Keri Russell, Jonathan Rhys Meyer and Robin Williams on April 20th. The Dining Out Group will be going to the Black River Grille in Myrtle Beach on April 22nd. Don't forget the Mixed Chorus which meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Clubhouse from 4:00-5:00 PM. More voices are welcome. A Fashion Show & English Tea will be held on April 28th at the Clubhouse at 2:00 PM. Make your reservations early.

Preparations are underway for a two-hour dinner cruise to be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st on the Jungle Princess. Mark your calendars and save the date.

We welcome new members so please come and assist us in planning new and exciting events.

Alice Landry



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Spring is here at last. This is a reminder to close your garage doors when you are at home. Burglars are always looking for items to take from garages.

Phase VIII was raided last August. Many unlocked cars had items taken from them. Fortunately, the burglars were caught and many of the items were returned to their owners. Remember to ask your overnight guests to lock their vehicles.

The Neighborhood Watch has fifteen regular drivers and most have been with the program for over two years. Due to the recent illnesses of some of our drivers, we are adding two more drivers. We have regular drivers and subs and we are looking for two subs at this time. We meet every two months at my home to receive a new driving schedule. If you are interested, please call me at 234-2763.

Jack Von Deck

GARDEN CLUB

After a very cold winter season, warm weather will be with us before too long and, along with that, we may expect to see the appearance of many of our usual weed and insect problems. One insect which causes much concern in Myrtle Trace is the Eastern Tent Caterpillar. As the eggs hatch and the larvae emerge, they migrate to the outer forks of the host tree and quickly build a large "nesting" web which provides protection for them. It is quite rare for these insects to kill a tree so the use of chemical sprays is not recommended. Should a tree on your property become infested, simply use a "jet" type nozzle on a garden hose and blast the nests apart. Without their nesting site, the larvae will soon die or be eaten by birds or other predators.

As a reminder, the Garden Club will meet on Thursday, April 1st at 2 pm in the Clubhouse. The Plant Problem Clinic will be held at that time so be sure to join us and have your questions and/or plants on hand. Weather permitting, we meet at 9 am each Saturday to do general cleanup of the garden and all Tracers are invited to help.

"No garden is without weeds."

Thomas Fuller

Paul Alexander

Pot Luck Dinner

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010

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5:30 PM

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE
MEET AND GREET FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS**

ENJOY THE BEST MEAL IN TOWN !!

**Meet Your Board Members
Immediately Following Dinner**

I REMEMBER THAT !!!

The March trivia winner was Walter Hansen whose name was randomly drawn from the list of residents who submitted the correct answer. The question was: Name the two actors on the Steve Allen "Man in the Street" skit who went on to star in sitcoms. The answer was Don Knotts and Tom Poston.

The April question: "You'll wonder where the yellow went when you brush your teeth with ????????"

Send your answers to Steve Sands by phone (331-3180) or by e-mail (SSands3@sc.rr.com) by the deadline April 15th. The prize this month will be a \$5.00 gift certificate at Eggs Up Grille. The winner will be announced in the May issue of News & Views.

Thank You

I would like to thank the ladies of Phases I and II who did such a terrific job on the February coffee. Also, thank you to the ladies from other phases who pitched in to help. You were all great and I really appreciated everything you did. Thanks again.

Joyce Remaly

Thank you to everyone who donated can openers for the Shepherd's Table in Conway. Thanks to all you generous Myrtle Tracers, it will be much easier to prepare food for those in need.

Diane Gascoigne



To the Residents of Myrtle Trace,

What a joy to perform for such an enthusiastic group of people. You made us feel so welcome with your clapping and singing along to our routines. And the generous donation is so greatly appreciated. Thanks so very much. It is so nice to be appreciated for what we do.

*The Rock'N'Ettes
Sherry Althoff*

Thanks to all who made the Charity Garage Sale a success. \$300 was raised for Mercy Hospice and Fostering Hope of Conway.

*Bonnie Longnecker
Maureen Lowndes
Charleen Rose*

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Ladies in-line roller blades and knee pads. Size 7. \$50.00. Please call Debi at 843-333-5364 (weekdays) or 347-9165 (evenings). (2)

SELL - Lanes Leather Essentials: two (2) tan leather chairs and ottomans. Two years old - excellent condition. Original cost \$575.00 per set. Asking \$250.00 per set. Please call 347-3061. (3)

SELL - Set of men's golf clubs \$50.00. Tripod camp chair \$5.00. Double camping chair w/ carrying case \$15.00. Toshiba DVD player \$25.00. Please call Trish at 347-6982. (3)

SELL - Two (2) exterior wood framed glass doors from the Camden model. Best offer. Please call Ernie at 347-3574. (4)

SELL - DVD of the 2010 St. Patrick's Day Party. Relive the memories or see what you missed. \$5.00 per disk. Proceeds will go to the Activities Committee. Please call Steve at 331-3180. (4)

GET - Your favorite song installed as the ring tone on your cell phone. No charge! Please call Steve at 331-3180. (4)

MYRTLE TRACE-MART
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for any claims made in an ad. Ads for businesses conducted by
Myrtle Trace residents will not be accepted.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee maintains the common property in Myrtle Trace. This includes mowing, fertilizing and weed control. Some homeowners would prefer to maintain the common areas around their property themselves. Those so desiring are asked to notify the Chairman of the Property Committee in writing no later than April 30, 2010. As of May 1, 2010, a homeowner who chooses to take responsibility for any aspect of common area maintenance will assume the responsibility for all maintenance of all the common area surrounding their property. Included are the common areas at the front of the property, the common area at the side, if any, and the lake banks, if any. Until that date the current procedure will remain in effect. The homeowner's maintenance shall include mowing, watering, fertilizing and weed control. The association will hold such homeowner responsible for any deficiencies in the maintenance of these common areas. No material other than grass will be permitted to be placed in any of these common areas.

All Myrtle Trace homeowners are responsible for the watering of property in accordance with the established IRRIGATION GUIDELINES.

This spring there will be a change to the planting of the area in the cul-de-sac at the end of Berry Tree Lane. The change is necessitated because the existing trees, which were planted too near the edge of the planting bed, are causing the break-up of the roadway around the planting area. The change will not take place until the flowers on the existing trees have ceased blooming. At that time, all the existing trees will be removed and the area re-landscaped. One ornamental flowering tree will be planted in the middle of the area and small shrubs planted around the tree with annual or perennial plants or flowers planted around the perimeter of the bed. Mulch similar to that placed on the beds at the entrance will be used to cover the ground.

The asphalt patching of our roads will begin early this month. The road sub-committee will be working with Al Hardee's crew to prepare the areas to be repaired and with a hot asphalt patching contractor to do the actual repairing. We expect this work to be completed by the third week of April.

Lyle Kershner

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT
22 APRIL 2010



Black River Grill

1000 S. Commons Drive
Myrtle Beach

Located in Front of Lowe's 17 By pass

Early Bird Specials 4-6P.M.

(Must be seated by 4:30 pm)

ENTREES \$9.95

Entrees served with side salad, vegetable medly, and wild rice.

Grilled Marinated Chicken

8 oz marinated chicken breast
grilled to perfection

Grouper

8 oz filet of grouper,
fried, grilled, or blackened

Fried Shrimp

6 Jumbo butterflied shrimp
fried to a golden brown.
Served over French fries

Coconut Shrimp

6 jumbo shrimp breaded
With sweet coconut. Served
with a pineapple plum Dipping sauce.



Shrimp Pasta

Penne pasta tossed in a
Rich creamy Alfredo sauce,
or traditional marinara.

Chicken Pasta

pasta tossed in a Penne
rich creamy alfredo sauce,
or traditional marinara

Crab Cake

A 4oz Maryland style crab
Cake made with blue crab
Backfin meat

Prime Rib

8 oz cut of our slow
roasted, perfectly
seasoned, certified
black angus prime Rib.

Grilled Shrimp

6 Jumbo shrimp lightly
seasoned with old bay and
grilled to perfection.

Please RSVP with \$1.00 per
person* by April 19th to
Charlene Rose
230 Cricket Court

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Number ____ X \$1.00 = ____

Any questions please call
234-1730

* Deposit will be refunded at
restaurant

FASHION SHOW

by: *Dress Barn Women's and Dress Barn Petite & Missy*



ENGLISH GARDEN TEA

April 28th

Myrtle Trace Clubhouse

2:00 PM

Cost: \$12.00/person

(Reservations will be limited to the first 90 guests)

Checks should be made out to
MT Activities Committee and
deposited in the basket at:

Suzanne Owen's house
230 Candlewood Drive
by April 15th

Deposit this form with your check

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

CLUBHOUSE CLIMATE CONTROL

The temperature in the Clubhouse is controlled by two thermostats which are located near the kitchen door and near the library. Each may be set independently of the other since they control the two units which provide the heating and cooling. During the spring and fall, in particular, residents arrive at the Clubhouse and often immediately adjust the thermostats upward or downward to become comfortable. Then, when they leave the Clubhouse, they often forget to reset the thermostats. This results in many hours of unnecessary heating or cooling.

With the cost of electricity continuing to rise, the Board has decided to try a "lockbox" system on the thermostats to minimize the wasted energy. These boxes will be installed sometime during April and four residents will be assigned to provide thermostat adjustments as needed for the comfort of the Clubhouse users. Their names and phone numbers will be posted next to the thermostats. Since the adjustments take an hour or so to take effect, Clubhouse users anticipating a need should contact the "adjusters" in advance. The thermostats will normally be kept at 72 degrees and the adjuster will reset them to 72 after the event.

OTHER BOARD ACTION

At its March meeting, the Board approved the following expenditures:

- \$1,860 to install depth markers at the pool as required by DHEC.
- Authorized the Property Committee to enter into a contract not to exceed \$5.50 per sq. ft. to patch pot holes along Myrtle Trace Drive.
- Authorized the Neighborhood Watch Committee to purchase two (2) additional magnetic "patrol" signs for a total not to exceed \$100.00.

MYRTLE TRACE ARTISTS

The Artists of the Month for April are Judy Beam and Paul Alexander.

Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Friday, April 16, 2010

10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

Please RSVP to Cathy McElroy at 347-5360
or Cathylcsw@scoast.net

Please wear name badge,
bring non-perishable food goods
for CAPS & \$\$\$ for 50/50

MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEMS

As we age and become less agile, opportunities for accidents at home occur more frequently. Whether you live alone or with someone, you should have a plan so there is someone designated to check on your well-being should an emergency occur. Living alone, a buddy system whereby a daily phone call from a neighbor, is an easy way to ensure intervention should a situation arise.

If needed, do any neighbors have a key to access your home? Is there a list of emergency phone numbers prominently displayed? Listing family contacts with the HOA or a neighbor should be a must.

Some Myrtle Tracers have a Personal Emergency Alert System. With the push of a button, an outside service responds to your need through a voice box attached to your phone line. They will initiate proper action whether you are able to converse with them or not. These services are listed under Medical Alarms in the Yellow Pages or may be available through your home alarm system provider. The system cost ranges from about \$30 to \$40 per month and is activated by pressing a button on a bracelet or necklace device.

The time to enact a personal emergency plan is now before a crisis occurs.

Kay Dubauskas

MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE
www.myrtletracesc.org

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center">CALENDAR</p> <p>Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center">EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE M - F 7:45 - 9:00</p> </div>		<p>1</p> <p>9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 7:00 MTS MTG</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Garden Club Detail</p>
<p>4</p> <p align="center">EASTER</p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLASS</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta 7:00 BINGO</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 Bridge</p>
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