



News *and* Views

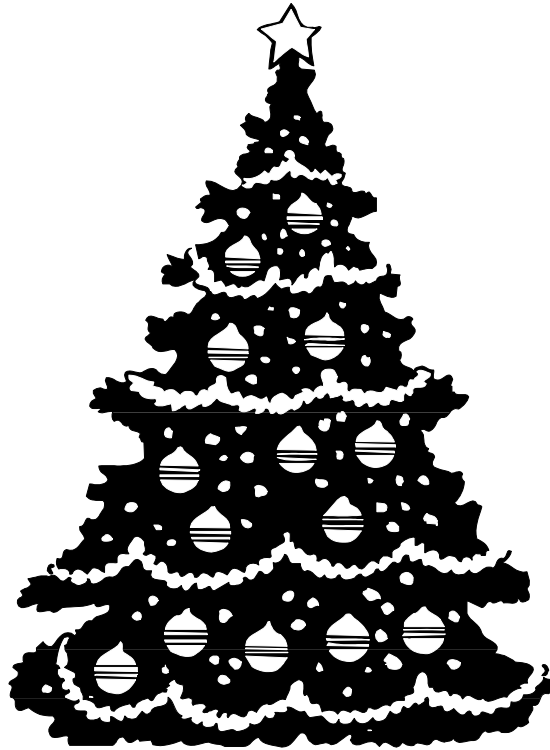
Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents December 2008

BOARD BRIEFS

GATES UPDATE

In a flier sent to each resident in October, the Board explained how it agreed to accept a settlement on the gate issue while still proceeding with the court case. As you will recall the lawsuit was the only way we could rescind the "right of way easement" to our roadways in order to maintain the closed gates. At the October meeting of the Horry County Council a similar but different settlement with Forest Lake's HOA narrowly passed the first of 3 readings. Our Board made the decision to defer our settlement agreement until the Forest Lakes case is resolved. We the Board felt the need to distinguish and distance ourselves from the Forest Lakes decision. The second reading of the Forest Lakes proposal narrowly passed at the



November 18th meeting of the County Council. The third and final Forest Lakes reading at County Council will be at the December Council meeting. The

outcome of that meeting will determine our next steps.

We feel we have a very strong case going forward and be assured we are continuing with the court case until such time as an acceptable solution can be reached with the County.

ANNUAL MEETING

The final meeting of the Nominating Committee was held on November 12. The Committee approved three nominees as Board candidates for the one open position. The candidates are Cathy McElroy of Ashwood Circle, Charlene Rose of Cricket Court, and William Rose of Mayberry Lane (no relation). Their photos and resumes will be included in the Annual Meeting packets which will be distributed in early January.

Season's Greetings To All !!

News & Views

Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004
January Deadline - 12/20/08

Thank You

HEARTFELT THANKS

Many thanks for all your warm thoughts, prayers, kindnesses and cards sent to our family upon the death of my wife, Elaine. Also, thank you to those who attended her Memorial Service on November 22nd. She was proud to be a part of the Myrtle Trace community and she would have been more than pleased to know her many friends were there. Thank you, too, for your kindnesses expressed on my behalf as I continue to recuperate.

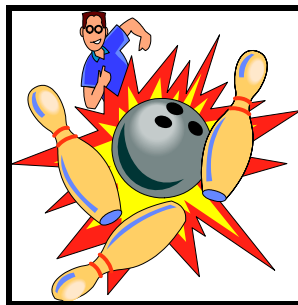
George Smith & Family

I want to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards, flowers, food, gifts and support that I received before, during and after my recent lung cancer operation. Words can not describe the feeling of being in a giant hug that I have felt. I hold you all dear to my heart. Thank you again.

Mary-Frances Williams

We want to thank all our friends and neighbors for all they did for us - prayers, visits, cards, food and phone calls during Paul's recent surgery. Thank you all so much. We sure are blessed. Myrtle Trace is a wonderful place to live.

Paul & Barbara DiAngelantonio



BOWLING

The Myrtle Trace Bowling League is enjoying an exciting battle for 1st place during the first half of the schedule. With three matches to go, 11 of the 14 teams are within 6 points of the leaders - the Silver Foxes (Betty Ackley, Harry Caldwell & Joe Paglierani). One point behind are (JYG) (Yvette Campbell, Gloria Ninke & Jerry Campbell), Strikers (Pat Fisher & Nelson Fisher) and Good Job !! (Pat Searles, Fred Searles & George Thompson). Another half point behind are the High Rollers (Millie Van Slaars, Ken Van Slaars & Ted Ackley). The Splitters (Mike Lakatos, John Kubala & Barry Moore), Ten Spot (Lois Totura & Ben Duvall) and the Lakeside Girls (Francine Charming, Rae Cagnino & Therese Moore) are within 5 points of the leaders.

The men are starting to register high scores but the women are still struggling. The ladies' highs are 198 and 508 both rolled by Therese Moore. Other good scores have been bowled by Yvette Campbell (179, 487), Betty Ackley (480) and Francine Charming (480). The men have done much better so far led by Barry Moore (205,597) followed by Dan Hayes (235,595), Jack Peachey (219,579), Joe Paglierani (226,575), Ted Ackley (239,571), Nelson Fisher (213,556), Jerry Campbell (553), Mike Lakatos (531), Ken Van Slaars (200,528), Bob Kirk (201,525), Frank Shilling (222,521) and Charlie Conklin (230,510).

The high average leaders are Jerry Campbell (171), Ted Ackley (167), Joe Paglierani (166), Therese Moore (151), Yvette Campbell (149) and Francine Charming (138).

Three matches remain during the 1st half and then the league will be off after December 18th until January 8th. Both regular bowlers and substitutes will be needed to start the 2nd half. Anyone interested should contact : League Secretary Ted Ackley at 347-3004.

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS
NOVEMBER 22, 2008

Additions:

Corrections:

Delete:

E-Mail:

Stiegler, Ken
Stiegler, Betty

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blstiegler@sc.rr.com

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!



LAKE CORMORANT AS SEEN FROM
JUNEBERRY LANE

LUMINARIES

Date: Saturday Dec. 13

Rain Date: Sunday Dec. 14

Time: Setup to start: 4:00 PM Lighting of Candles: 5:00 PM

SUPPLIES NEEDED

White Lunch Bags #6 (Available from Charlene Rose at 2 cents per Bag)

2" Votive Candles (Available at Dollar Stores, CVS, and Walgreen's)

Sand or Kitty Litter (Approx. 2" per Bag)

Bags should be set up about 5' to 8' apart on the road alongside your property line. **Tops of bags should be turned over twice which will prevent bags from catching fire.** If you cannot be home, please ask your neighbors to set up and light your candles so that we can create a continuous line of lights. Let's work together to get a 100% participation this year. This is a great time to join or meet your neighbors for a street, block, or house party. Residents on each street should work together to select an organizer or block captain. Any questions? Contact Charlene Rose, 234-1730. Upon retiring for the evening, please extinguish your candles.

MYRTLE

TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Southwestern oil painting 51" wide x 41" high of two Indian or Mexican pots on a rock wall. \$40.00. (A photo of the painting is posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse) Two (2) small occasional tables 16" high. Gold colored heavy metal bases with glass tops. 25" in diameter. \$35.00 each. Please call John Tuttle at 347-7032. (10)

SELL - Thomas Trianon Organ. Solid state electronic organ. Good condition. \$100.00 Please call Ron or Beth at 347-1895. (10)

SELL - Red & Black Golf Bag with 7 left-handed ladies clubs: Tour Edge Reaction II Woods #s 1 & 3; Irons 3, 5, 7 & 9, plus putter. All in excellent condition, seldom used. \$75 or best offer. Christmas gift? Call Carol at 347-1880. (11)

SELL - INVACARE Home Oxygen Filling station. Almost new - complete set \$2,200.00 Please call Brad at 347-9212. (12)

SELL - 6 drawer mahogany desk. 2 deep drawers, 3 shallow drawers and 1 center drawer. Glass top. Excellent condition. \$50.00 or best offer. Please call Bill at 234-1730. (12)

TRADE - two (2) twin size Craftmatic adjustable beds for a queen size regular bed or will **SELL** for \$1,000.00 or best offer. Sheets & headboards included. Please call Dale or Jim Carroll at 347-0329 (12)

SELL - 27" SONY Trinitron flat CRT TV. Like new with remote. Cost \$600 - asking \$150. With oak stand \$200. Perfect as a primary or secondary set. Please call Roger at 347-3699. (12)

SELL - (2) new 12 piece Spode Christmas dish sets \$50.00 each. (88) piece china set (service for 12) \$150. Please call Jane or George at 347-5167. (12)

GIVE AWAY - Pet Taxi (carrier) for a dog or cat up to 22 lbs. Use in a car or with a shoulder strap. Also, an Easy Rider Car Harness for a dog. Please call Fred or Carol at 347-1618. (12)

BUY - A working sewing machine. Please call Betty at 347-0068 (12)

SELL - Total Gym Gold exercise system. Excellent condition. Cost \$180 will sell for \$100 or best offer. Please call Ken at 347-0068. (12)

GIVE AWAY - Outdoor propane gas grille. Very good condition. Please call Bob at 347-8502. (12)

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

With the holidays, we are gearing down just a smidgen, but just wait until January. Everyone is invited to help us decorate the Clubhouse for the holidays on December 1st at 4 pm. Computer classes will be held on December 1st & 8th. Please bring laptops, if you have them, and lots of questions that you may want answered. Our annual Luminaries will be held on December 13th with a rain date of December 14th. Please refer to the info located in this issue for getting supplies and general instructions. Our community always looks especially beautiful on the night of the Luminaries. Pot Luck will be held on December 15th at 5:30 pm and will be followed by a holiday sing-a-long. Many are looking forward to the News Year's Eve catered dinner in the Clubhouse. This should be a new and fun activity for our community. There will be no Activity Committee meeting or Bingo during December.

Our wish for you this season, is that you all stay safe and healthy, and do join us in January to help us plan fun activities!!

Suzanne Owens

Mary-Frances Williams

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Before we can open the pool next spring we will have to comply with a new Federal mandate that requires we change the two grates over the pool water recycling lines. The newly designed grates will prevent anyone from being trapped by the suction created at these lines. Over the past few years a number of fatalities have occurred by persons being trapped at the bottom of a pool.

Those owners of common areas in front of their homes that will require sod replacement will have to notify the committee chairman (Lyle Kershner) in writing prior to the 20th of April 2009. Last year the requests came in too late in the spring for Al Hardee to plant the sod early enough in the spring to ensure survival before the weather became too hot.

On a few occasions, the Clubhouse door has been left unlocked. If you are the last person to leave please be sure to press the door-lock button in the center of the keypad. Also, during large events when the both front doors must be unlocked please be sure to secure the pins on the left-hand door otherwise locking the right hand door will not be effective in preventing entrance into the Clubhouse.

When any work needs to be done in a common area please contact your Phase Representative. Al Hardee and his crew only take requests for common area work from the Property Committee. There have been instances in the past where a homeowner complains that Hardee did not do what they had requested and if the committee is not aware of the situation necessary corrective action cannot be taken. Al Hardee's crew only does work for the Association in the common areas. Any work done on private property will have to be done by others.

If a homeowner feels that a tree on adjoining common property needs to be removed the request must be made to the Property Committee. Contact your Phase Representative or Lyle Kershner. We will then inspect the tree and contact the ARC for approval and also contract for its removal

Estate Management Services has a boat and a land rig, which they use on different days in the various lakes. If a particular lake does not need any treatment they by-pass it. That does not mean they ignored the lake. We do not want them putting chemicals into lakes that do not require treatment.

Lyle Kershner

LAKE MAINTENANCE

Estate Management Services (EMS) has the contract for maintaining the quality of water in 15 Myrtle Trace lakes with 24.6 acres of water. Their main tool in controlling algae and weed growth is applying specific herbicides which target particular problems. The objective is to apply just enough chemicals to treat the problem without poisoning the water for fish and wildlife, and to minimize the cost of chemicals and applications. The EMS contract calls for twice-a-month visits excluding December, January, and February when one visit per month is adequate. The contract does not require treating each lake each visit, but only when a problem is evident. The chemical applications can control unwanted growth, but not eliminate it. Factors impacting the amount of weed and algae growth include water depth and movement, water temperature, excessive nutrients from fertilizer runoff, grass clippings, and excess waterfowl. In cool weather with abundant rainfall the lakes sparkle with little help. In hot, dry weather maintaining lake cleanliness, even with EMS's technology, is challenging.

Mike Reynolds

HOUSE PLANS AVAILABLE

Tom Allen, the designer/draftsman for a majority of the homes in Myrtle Trace is downsizing his office. For the homeowners who do not have a set of plans for their home, and would like a copy for their file, this is an opportunity to acquire Tom's office set.

Tom has plans for about 90% of the homes in Phase I thru Phase VII. (Sorry, no plans for Phase VIII west of Burning Ridge.) Call ahead to inquire if yours is among them. Call 347-3685 or e-mail teadba@scoast.net. For \$5.00, (less than the cost of printing) the plans can be picked up at 111 Berry Tree Lane.

Myrtle Trace Newcomers Luncheon



Wednesday, December 10, 2008
1:00 PM

ROY & SID'S AMERICAN KITCHEN

Market Commons
1160 Farrow Pkwy
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
843-839-9770



Come spend a delightful fun filled time at the Market Commons. Plentiful salads and sandwiches (with great service and smiles) start at \$7.95.

After lunch, see a movie or shop at the many wonderful stores or stroll along the tree and floral lined streets.

Hosted by
Cathy & Frank McElroy

ALL Myrtle Trace residents are welcome! Please come and meet our new neighbors.

Please RSVP to
Cathy McElroy
110 Ashwood Circle
347-5360

RSVP by December 6, 2008

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Number _____ X \$.50 = _____

Thank You

A special thank you to our wonderful cast of "Murder, Mystery & Mayhem Nite." All of you made this play come to life. Impromptu acting is a very difficult medium and all of you not only put your hearts and souls into this production, you believed in making this a fun, unique experience for yourselves and the audience." We especially want to thank you for our flowers for both nights. You touched our hearts.

"Next year, same time, same place!"

Affectionately,
*Cathy McElroy &
Mary-Frances Williams*

HOSPICE COLLECTION

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Collection for the children of Hospice patients I am still collecting money. Make checks payable to Carolyne Peachey and mark them for Hospice Collection. Please drop off by December 10th at 103 Walnut Circle. This is a chance to bring a little joy to families in need. Thank you.

Lynn Peachey

Myrtle Trace Ladies Holiday Coffee Klatch

Friday
December 12, 2008
10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

**MUST RSVP TO ATTEND
LIMIT - 70 PERSONS
RSVP to Pat Paxson
at
347-1609**

GARDEN CLUB

Now that the colder weather is once again upon us, it has been decided that there will be no formal meetings of the Garden Club until March 5th, 2009. In the meantime however, we will remain busy doing the normal tidying up of the garden and we are hoping that there will be some hardy souls in Myrtle Trace who will volunteer to help. We have learned that a few extra man-hours of help can really accomplish quite a bit, so feel free to join with us - the fresh air can prove to be invigorating and enjoyable. In spite of the coming colder weather, please remember that plant life still requires water in the root zone. Since this area rarely experiences frozen soils, it behooves us to water our plants during the winter months (this includes our grasses, as well as trees and shrubs). By doing so, you will end up with healthier, more vigorous plants next spring.

"Who has learned to garden who did not learn to be patient?"
H.L.V. Fletcher

Paul Alexander

JANUARY NEWS & VIEWS

Due to the holidays, the January issue of the News & Views will not be available for distribution until early Saturday morning, January 3rd. Your understanding is appreciated.

Editor

CHANGES !

Change is difficult. It is especially difficult when for years, the person you have known and loved forever becomes ill and your relationship changes. Maybe they can't remember. Maybe they can't handle the responsibilities they had before. Maybe they can't listen to you or be there for you. Maybe their personality has changed. Maybe they are terminal. Maybe they have a physical illness that forever changes the roles in the family. Maybe you've lost or are loosing your best friend.

The Caregiver's Group is a place where you can meet others who are in the same situation and just need a place to share; anxieties, disappointments, loneliness, fears, sorrow and sadness. And cry. It is also a place to find friendships and laugh. Because in every sadness, humor helps us get through the days.

My name is Cathy McElroy and I formed the Caregiver's Group to give the residents of Myrtle Trace a safe, private and confidential place to meet. I am a Licensed Independent Social Worker and am licensed in the state of South Carolina. There is NO charge for this counseling! I believe that "giving back" is essential. The Caregiver's Group was started in 2007 and meets every 4th Tuesday from 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM in my home at 110 Ashwood Circle. Please give me a call at 347-5360 if you are interested or would like to learn more about the group.

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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