



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents Dec. 2009



## BOARD BRIEFS



### THE GATES

Horry County has recently installed “intersection warning” signs on Myrtle Ridge Drive approaching the Myrtle Trace Drive intersection from each direction. This should create a safer environment at the intersection.

### NIGHT-TIME WALKERS

With the end of Daylight Saving Time and the normal shortening of the daylight hours, many of us are walking after dark. Please accept this reminder to walk on the left side of the road facing traffic and please wear light colored clothing and carry a light. We don't want any mishaps.....

### CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBORS

Many of us have lawn service contractors caring for our yards on a regular basis and, from time to time, we have roofers, carpenters and other contractors working on our property. It will be deeply appreciated by your neighbors if you ask all contractors to refrain from starting work prior to 7 AM.

### ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars, the Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, February 13th, 2010, at the Horry Georgetown Technical College Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium. Registration will commence at 1:00 PM and the meeting will convene at 2:00 PM.

In addition to reports from the Board and various committees, we will be electing two Board members to replace Tom Gray and Tom Dovey whose terms expire in 2010. The Nominating Committee is happy to announce the candidacy of Peter Bevan, Sally Herstein and David Paxson. Their pictures and resumes will be in your packets for the Annual Meeting. The packets will be mailed in early January.

### BUDGET MESSAGE FOR 2010

The Board has adopted the budget for next year as detailed in the enclosure to this issue of News & Views. This budget includes a dues increase of \$5 a month, raising the annual obligation to \$720.00, payable at \$60.00 per month.

Five years ago the Association's Boards started looking at the need for a dues increase and determined that since our cash reserves accumulated over the previous years exceeded our funding needs, no dues increase would be necessary for as many as five years into the foreseeable future. At that point all 518 properties had been sold and with no additional dues payers, our income was essentially fixed. However, our annual cash needs continued to increase. In those years when our expense and funding needs exceeded that year's income,

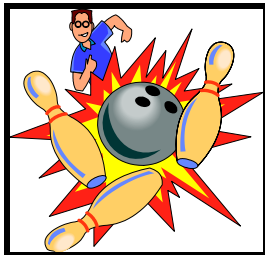
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*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah & Happy Holidays !!!*

# News & Views

Editor

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January Deadline - 12/18/09



## MYRTLE TRACE BOWLING

With three weeks to go, Unforgettable (Jack Mehl, Lynn Peachey & Norm Heindel) has a six point lead over the Hot Shots (Pat Fisher, Tom Gayer & Charlie Conklin). Three points further back is Ten Spot (Lois Totura, Ben Duvall & Jim Sanders).

High scores since the last report have been bowled by Ted Ackley (221,586), Jerry Campbell (211,569), Dan Hayes (207,568), Norm Heindel (224,566), Barry Moore (201,558), Nelson Fisher (544), Mike Lakatos (540), George Thompson (219,535), Yvette Campbell (182,491), Therese Moore (181,479), Pat Fisher (478) and Francine Charming (184).

With 36 games bowled the average leaders are Ted Ackley (168), Barry Moore (167), Jerry Campbell (165), Therese Moore (155), Yvette Campbell (154) and Francine Charming (146).

The first half will end on December 17th and the bowlers will take two weeks off for the holidays.

MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE  
[www.myrtletracesc.org](http://www.myrtletracesc.org)

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met on November 9, 2009 with 24 persons attending. We welcomed new members Dale Carroll and Betty & Bill Roessler.

Our regularly scheduled events continue to be well supported. Bob Owens was the instructor for approximately 25 enthusiastic students at the "Beginners Computer Class" on November 2nd. The "Coffee Klatch" was attended by 45 ladies, and a table full of fabulous food was prepared for almost "standing room only" at "Pot Luck". Bingo continues to be popular, but attendance was down for "Movie Night" and "Old TV Shows". Myrtle Trace saluted over 90 veterans on Nov. 8th for their service to our country. Steve Sands took lots of pictures and has prepared a DVD of the event for purchase, so give him a call if interested. We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. The Clubhouse will be decorated for the holidays on November 30th at 7:00 pm. Please come and join in the fun and bring any old decorations you'd like to contribute. Our stuff is looking pretty sad.

December will be a busy month for all of us but don't forget luminary night on Dec. 5th. Get in touch with Pat Paxon if you need bags or candles. Bingo will be December 11th at 7:00 pm and the December "Coffee Klatch" will be on Friday, the 11th at 10:00 am. Pot Luck will be on Monday night, December 14th at 5:30 pm. This month's movie will be "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" (\*\*\*\*R), a hilarious holiday spoof starring Steve Martin and John Candy, and will be shown on Friday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. Celebrate the New Year December 31st at the Clubhouse from 9:00 pm till ?? Details and sign-up sheet are in this issue. Our next activities meeting will be December 14th, following Pot Luck.

The Activities Committee hopes you've enjoyed this past year and the special events we've planned for you. We want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and look forward to many more good times with our neighbors in Myrtle Trace.

*Suzanne Owens*

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

NOVEMBER 21, 2009

### Additions:

Allison, Patricia	100 Cricket Court	
Hostetler, Kent & Vicki	101 Holly Springs Court	331-1009
Nichols, Linda	103 Boxwood Lane	331-3286 SC
Roessler, Bill & Betty	122 Birchwood Lane	331-3909 PA

Changes: NONE

Deletions: NONE

### E-Mail:

Roessler, Bill & Betty [wroessler@sc.rr.com](mailto:wroessler@sc.rr.com)



## GARDEN CLUB

It has been decided to continue the "Plant Problem Clinic" as regular feature of the scheduled monthly meetings of the Garden Club. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, December 3rd at 2 pm in the Clubhouse.

The fall planting of new plants in the garden was finished in early November with the addition of several dozen bulbs which will produce both summer and fall blooms for next year - you may want to look for them as you stroll through the garden.

Now is a good time to perk up your camellias and azaleas by giving them a "dose of salts". That's right - a dose of Epsom Salts (magnesium sulfate) at the rate of 1 Tablespoon per gallon of water. Drench the root zone with this mixture in fall and once again in early spring for best results.

"There's only one way to fail, and that's to quit." Brian Hays

*Paul Alexander*

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## I REMEMBER THAT !!!

The November trivia winner was Faye Wittes whose name was randomly drawn from the list of residents who submitted the correct answer. The question was: Name Ernest Borgnine's boss in McHale's Navy..... The answer: CAPTAIN BINGHAMTON

Here is the question for December:

Who played Sgt. Ernie Bilko?

Send your answers to Steve Sands by phone (331-3180) or by e-mail (SSands3@sc.rr.com) by the deadline December 15th. The prize this month will be a \$5.00 gift certificate to Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant. The winner will be announced in the January issue of News & Views.

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## ART IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Myrtle Trace residents are now enjoying a variety of work by our artists and hobbyists. Currently on display in the Clubhouse is the work of David Day, Tom Dubauskas, Leah Kaufman, Thea Letsch and Marilyn McDonough. Drop in and see the outstanding "work" of your neighbors.

For a special Christmas treat, Cecile Britt and Audrey Pratt will be displaying their "Holiday Santas".

## *Thank You*

I would like to send a personal 'THANK YOU' to each of you in Myrtle Trace who have sent cards, food, telephone calls, visits supporting me and well wishes for Bill's recovery during this difficult period of his sickness. But, there are just too many to thank. Myrtle Trace is truly a beautiful place. Love ya all!!!

*Charlene Rose*



## DON'T FORGET !!!

Luminaries on Saturday, December 5th. Let's have a great showing throughout the community.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A reminder for Myrtle Tracers the holiday season is here and many of our residents will be away visiting relatives and friends. Please make sure to have a neighbor empty your newsbox of advertising tabloids while you are away.

If you are having overnight guests for the holidays, ask them to lock their vehicles at night.

If you see strangers walking in your neighborhood, remember the non-emergency telephone number 248-1520. The police will respond. The neighborhood drivers will patrol the entire Myrtle Trace streets during the holiday season.

*Jack Von Deck*

# MYRTLE TRACE-MART

## I WOULD LIKE TO.....

**BUY** - Quality bass fishing equipment. Please call John at 347-7086. (10)

**SELL** - Two (2) Long Bay Symphony tickets for January 31, 2010. Program: Classical Greek Masters, cello soloist, seats E 33 and 34, down front on left. \$ 15.00 each. Call Jack or Fran Tuohy 234-1530 (10)

**FIND** - Someone who has the experience, equipment and software to edit and add sound to mini-cam videotapes. I would like to work along side someone who could do this for \$\$\$. Timing is not a problem. Please call Dick Collett at 347-0007. (10)

**RENT** - 2 BR condo in a gated community in the SC foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Golf, tennis, walking trails and pontoon boats available. One week minimum. Please call Dick at 347-0007. (10)

**SELL** - Two for the price of one !! Theatre of the Republic tickets to Holiday on Main Street on 12/10/09, 8:00 pm, front row balcony - \$18.00. Please call Adam at 347-7196. (11)

**SELL** - TruValue Gas lawn mower/mulcher with bagger & gas can. \$25.00 Please call Charlene AT 234-1730. (11)

**SELL** - French doors, pair, solid wood, excellent condition. 36" x 80" - 15 panes, hardware installed. \$100 Please call Jeanne at 347-1040. (11)

**BUY** - Pistols. Colt-Browning Ruger and German Luger (P-08). Please call John at 347-7032. (11)

**SELL** - Old cameras, old watches, antique fire extinguisher, misc. tools and Mardi Gras coins (1966, 1969, 1979). Please call John at 347-7032. (11)

**SELL** - Stone patio set including a 25" dia. round pedestal table and two (2) 14" X 36" benches with inlaid tops. Set for \$125.00. Two (2) like new hose reels - \$25.00 for both. Please call Joan at 236-6689. (12)

**RENT** - To own. 2 B/R, 2 bath, one car garage on Lake Bunting. Built in book shelves, casement windows, tiled patio. Please call 234-0105. (12)

**SELL** - Upright Frigidaire freezer. Commercial grade - four shelves. Please call 234-0105. (12)

**SELL** - Proform Cross Walk treadmill with incline. Incl. Users manual and DVD. Asking \$125.00. Schwinn AirDyne exercise bike. \$35.00. Please call Charlene at 234-1730. (12)

**SELL** - Ladies Sun Retro bicycle w/basket. Excellent condition. \$100.00 Please call Peter at 234-2315 (12)

**SELL** - Hewlett Packard printer Model 8426. \$30.00. Please call Bill at 347-0842. (12)

**SELL** - Component stereo system consisting of Realistic stereo receiver, CA 2 speed turntable, SONY double tape recorder, Paradigm speakers & David Clark headphones. \$25.00 Call Bill at 347-0842. (12)

**SELL** - Epson Stylus Photo R200 color printer - \$30.00. Wireless network card for a laptop - \$10.00 Please call Steve at 331-3180. (12)

**SELL** - DVD of the 2009 Veterans Day celebration at the Clubhouse. 19 minutes of photos and videos. \$5.00 per disk. Proceeds will go to the Activities Committee. Please call Steve at 331-3180. (12)

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## HOSPICE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION.

Just a little reminder. I am still collecting for the Mercy Hospice Christmas Collection. Myrtle Trace is the only group that helps the hospice families at Christmas. We try to bring a little joy into the lives of children that are dealing with the loss of a parent. If not for us there will probably be no presents under their tree due to medical expenses. I know times are hard but if you can help it will be greatly appreciated by the families and Hospice. Please get your donations in by December 15th.

You may drop off a check made out to Carolyn Peachey and marked for "Hospice Donation". My address is 103 Walnut Circle or I can pick it up. If you have any questions, please call me at 347-5810.

*Lynn Peachey*

## BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

we made up the difference from our cash reserves – thus deferring a dues increase, but decreasing our reserves. We have now reached the point where it would be fiscally irresponsible and imprudent to allow our reserves to be depleted any further.

The 2010 budget projects annual income to be earned (\$379,836.00) and the expenses to be incurred (\$333,809.00) resulting in net ordinary income of \$46,027.00. Other income and expense items, such as fund interest and taxes, leaves us with Net Income of \$45,659.00.

This enclosure also contains a list of major repairs and replacements. The Association sets aside monies in annual increments to be applied to significant future expenditures. This practice increases property values by keeping common properties in good repair and eliminates the need for “special assessments”. At yearend 2009 the Major Repairs and Replacement Fund or Designated Fund will approximate \$91,549.00.

Last year we also began setting aside and investing funds to cover replacement of road surfaces. At yearend 2009 the fund for Road Resurfacing will approximate \$62,883.00. In 2010, an additional \$31,080.00 (plus interest) will be added to the Road Resurfacing Fund. This \$31,080.00 (plus interest) will be transferred from the \$45,659.00 in Net Income shown in the budget, leaving approximately \$15,000 to increase the operating reserve.

This budget is designed to ensure that our Association will be able to meet foreseen and unforeseen expenses, continue to maintain our property values, and continue to contribute to our designated funds and reserves in a manner consistent with the sound fiscal planning practiced by previous Boards.



### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Sometime during this coming winter, Al Hardee’s crew will be trimming all tree branches that hang over into the common areas at the front property line. Only those low hanging branches that interfere with mowing the common area will be trimmed. No trees will be sculpted or reshaped as a result of this trimming. Any homeowners who want to do the trimming themselves should do so no later than the first week of January 2010. The crew will also be doing root pruning along all roadway edges where there are trees. This is to prevent root damage to the road surfaces.

The cutoff date for requesting replacement sod in the common areas in front of homes and along lake banks is March 15, 2010. This year requests must be in writing and placed in the MTHOA mail slot at the Clubhouse entrance. As in the past, any area where sod is requested must have an inground sprinkler system installed. Those areas where sod has been replaced within the past five years will not be considered for sod replacement at this time. If you request sod and the Committee denies your request, you will receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You may appeal the decision, in writing, to the Committee at its April meeting. It is extremely important that, once the sod is in place, the property owner keeps it soaked for at least ten (10) days after placement in order for the root system to take hold.

Whenever anything on or in common property is broken or needs attention, please contact the Chairman of the Property Committee so corrective action can be expeditiously taken. We do not do a daily check of all common property within the Association and, therefore, sometimes we are not aware of a requirement for action.

*Lyle Kershner*

# TV SHOWS FROM YESTERYEAR

Remember ???

*The Best Of*

*Sid Caesar*

Join Steve Sands for a trip down memory lane on Saturday, December 19th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Clubhouse while he presents an hour & a half show from his collection of old TV shows.

Admission is free and the evening promises to be a blast from the past!!!

## *Pot Luck Dinner*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

5:30 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL MYRTLE TRACERS

ENJOY THE BEST MEAL IN TOWN

*FOLLOWED BY*

*Grandma's Pocketbook Bingo*

WITH

BONNIE LONGNECKER



# Myrtle Trace Dining Out

Thursday, December 17, 2009

5:00 PM

## Driftwood's Seafood & Steak

10799 Hwy 707, Unit 15

Murrells Inlet SC

843-650-3278

### Early Bird Menu

All served with Hushpuppies,

Choice of Two Sides Unless Specified. Non-Alcoholic Drink and Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Cake!

#### From the Fryer!

Butterfly Shrimp	\$8.95	Popcorn Shrimp	\$7.95
Whole Catfish	\$7.95	Sea Scallops	\$9.95
Flounder Fillet	\$8.95	Deviled Crab	\$7.95
Catfish Fillet	\$8.95	Oysters	\$8.95

#### Fried Platter!

Choose 2 or 3 of the following fried for \$10.95  
(shrimp, scallops, deviled crab, fish, or oysters)

#### Broiled Options!

Choose 1, 2, or 3 of the following for \$10.95  
(shrimp, scallops, deviled crab or fish)

#### For the Early Landlubber!

Chicken Strips	\$7.95	Cheeseburger	\$7.95
Chicken Alfredo	\$8.95	Hamburger Steak	\$7.95
Shrimp Alfredo	\$9.95	Prime Rib Dinner	\$10.95

Side items: French Fries, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rice & gravy, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Applesauce, Fried Okra

Please RSVP with \$1.00 per person\* by December 14<sup>th</sup>

To

**Al & Faye Wittes**

**185 Glenwood Dr.**

(Deposit in box at front door.)



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Any questions please call**

**Al or Faye at:**

**234-0592**

\*Deposit will be refunded at restaurant on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ALL Myrtle Trace residents are welcome! Join us for good food and conversation with your neighbors. If you would like to come but don't have a ride or don't want to go alone, please call Bobbie or Steve Sands at (843) 331-3180.**



*The Activities Committee invites you to come and celebrate the arrival of the New Year*

**WITH A SAFE AND INSANE NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**

**Thursday, December 31, 2009**

**Starting at: 9:00 pm**

*Get-Acquainted games upon your arrival at 9:00, Karaoke from 9:30 – 10:30 and conversation and dancing to your favorite tunes from 10:30 until midnight.*

*Noise makers, party hats and a*

**CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT**

***BYOB and an Hors d'œuvre to be shared at our appetizer table***

*Cost: \$5.00 to cover the cost of set up, champagne toast*

*Dress is casual and we encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible.*

*For more information contact: Steve or Bobbie Sands at 843-331-3180*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_ X \$5.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to:

“MT Activities Committee”


And deposit it into the basket at

186 Glenwood Drive

**NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 20, 2009!!!!**

# MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

# December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>CALENDAR</b></p> <p>Pat Paxson – 347-1609</p> <p>Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>9:30 PARTY SETUP</b> 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble <b>2:00 GARDEN CLUB</b> 6:00 King's Poker <b>7:00 MTS MTG</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>9:00 GARDEN CLB WORK PARTY</b> <b>5:00 LUMINARIES</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>5:00 LUMINARIES (Rain Date)</b> 7:00 Game Night</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg <b>7:00 BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling <b>10:00 PROP. COM.</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE</b> 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>10-12 MT LADIES COFFEE</b> 1:00 Canasta <b>7:00 BINGO</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00 Bridge</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg <b>4:00 ARC COM.</b> <b>5:30 POT LUCK</b> <b>7:00 ACTIV. COM.</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>9:00 MTS BRKFST</b> 9:30 Open Bowling 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>9:00 BOARD MTG</b> 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble <b>5:00 DINING OUT</b> 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge <b>7:00 MOVIE NITE</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>7:00 OLD TV SHOWS</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta <b>3:00 CAREGIVERS GROUP</b> 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poke</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 6:00 King's Poker</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>CHRISTMAS</b></p> </div>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:00 Bridge</p>
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