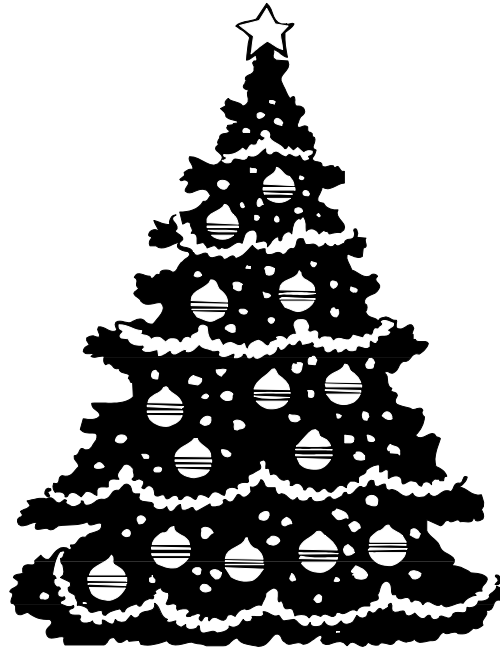




News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents December 2011



BOARD BRIEFS

2012 BUDGET

The Board of Directors at its November meeting adopted the 2012 budget for the Association as detailed in the enclosure. After a careful review of current and projected income and expenses, the Board approved a dues increase of \$5 a month, raising the member obligation to \$65.00 per month. Our revenue needs continue to increase as expenses exceed income.

Myrtle Trace facilities, pool, clubhouse, and storm water retention ponds were built over 20 years ago and are in need of maintenance and repair. One facility that must be improved in 2012 is the pool. Next year's budget includes funding to resurface the pool. Chlorination of the pool water is another issue that will be addressed. During the summer, the pool was periodically closed because of chemical imbalances associated with chlorination. Next year, an automatic chlorination system will be installed that will chlorinate the pool water and control chemical levels to the recently revised DHEC limits. The new system will probably eliminate the pool closures.

Over the years, the banks of our storm water retention ponds have been deteriorating and need to be stabilized. Funding has been included in the 2012 budget to stabilize pond banks that are eroded and are a safety concern. At the same time, operating expenses such as outdoor lighting (street lights), miscellaneous electricity, water usage, grounds and buildings maintenance supplies continue to increase.

The 2012 budget is designed to ensure that our Association will be able to meet expenses, and maintain our facilities in a manner consistent with sound fiscal planning.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah & Happy Holidays !!!

News & Views

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January Deadline - 12/23/11

January Delivery - 1/3/12

COMPUTER CLASS

December's computer class will be held on December 5th. We don't know what the program will be yet but we'll figure something out! Maybe how to send e-cards.

Join us at the Clubhouse at 7:00 pm. We will try to answer any computer related questions.

Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Friday,

December 9, 2011

10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

Please RSVP to

Pat Paxson

347-1609 or

pathp@aol.com

Favors, entertainment, door prizes and food provided. Please bring \$ for raffle and 50/50 and non-perishable goods for CAPS

R O M E O ' S

December Schedule

December 2nd

COASTAL ALE HOUSE

Wacc. Med. Park

December 16th

WOODHAVEN PANCAKE

Kings Hwy @ 24th Ave. South

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

I am sure that everyone will agree with me that Cathy McElroy and the Myrtle Trace Players outdid themselves once again. The play "Who Stole The Maltese Squirrel" was sold out for all three performances and all the reviews have been outstanding. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Our Veterans' Day celebration was also a huge success and we thank Beth Crow and her committee for their hard work. The program this year was especially heartfelt. Every day we reap the benefits of our Veterans and we are proud to have so many in our community. It was our privilege to honor them.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner sold out in less than three days and everyone had a great time. Hopefully, we can work on this for next year as well.

Luminaries will be on December 10th (rain date December 11th). Be sure to listen for the carolers that will be riding around the neighborhood on a float. If you need help setting up your luminaries, please call Steve Sands at 331-3180.

The Ladies Coffee will be on December 9th Pot luck will be on the 19th with a comedy skit and a visit from Santa. We will not be having a movie or a "Learn to Play" demonstration in December.

Don't forget to save the date for the Sock Hop on January 14th and the Mardi Gras on February 18th. Both these events should be a lot of fun.

The next Activities Committee meeting will be held on December 12th. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

Bobbie Sands



MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

NOVEMBER 19, 2011

Additions:

Lindenberg, Rich & Maureen 102 Bentwood Circle 222-4877

Williamson, Bill & Anne 221 Candlewood Drive 234-3727 ME

Corrections:

E-Mail:



GARDEN CLUB

As mentioned in the last issue of News & Views, there will be a Holiday Table Arrangement Workshop event which will be held at 2PM on Thursday, Dec 1st at the Clubhouse. Nancy Murphy will be the instructor and attendance is limited to the first 20 persons who register.

Now that colder weather is upon us, the probability of severe insect or disease outbreaks is greatly lessened. And just because many plants have gone dormant, the need for adequate moisture in the root zone is still a “must” if you are to have healthy plants next Spring. Be sure to regularly check the soil moisture and irrigate as needed – your plants will respond accordingly.

For those of you with crape myrtle plants in your landscape – hold off on any pruning (or shaping) until late February/early March for best results. If you have azaleas or camellias, please do not do any pruning or shaping until AFTER the spring bloom period is finished; otherwise, you will have cut off all the bloom buds which were formed during the past late summer/early fall months.

“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.” Unknown

Paul Alexander



MERCY CARE HOSPICE CHILDRENS COLLECTION

Just a reminder, I am still collecting for the children of Mercy Care patients. Myrtle Trace residents have been very generous in the past and I hope you will be again this year. We provide Christmas presents to children who wouldn't have anything under the tree without our help. Checks should be made out to Carolyne Peachey and marked Hospice Donation. You can drop them off at 103 Walnut Circle before December 10th or I can pick them up. If you have any questions, please call me at 347-5810.

Lynn Peachey

LUMINARIES

Date: Saturday December 10th – Rain Date: Sunday December 11th
Time: Setup 4:00 pm - Lighting the Candles: 5:00 pm
Candles (.16 ea.) & Bags (.02 ea.) are available for purchase from Charlene Rose, 234-1730. SAND IS FREE.

Thank You

We wish to gratefully thank all our wonderful Myrtle Trace neighbors and friends who were so generous with food, cards, errands, visits, transportation and well wishes during our time of need with both of us hospitalized. As we continue to recover, we are reminded of what is so often said about Myrtle Trace people, "They are the best when it comes to caring for and helping fellow Myrtle Tracers". Our love and thanks to all.

Alice & Bill Bethel

We wish to express our thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their show of kindness and their acts of condolence in response to our Son's untimely death.

Joe & Jan Jaworski

My profound thanks and gratitude to all my Myrtle Trace Players for your three spectacular performances in “Who Stole the Maltese Squirrel”. The countless hours of rehearsal, dedication and devotion you put into your performances continue to amaze me. From your Writer, Director and most ardent fan,

Cathy McElroy

On behalf of Carole and myself I want to send a THANK YOU to all our waterarobics friends. What a lovely breakfast by the pool, all the food was excellent. The generous gifts were perfect. Special thanks to Thea for arranging it all. Stay healthy. See you next year.

Luise & Carole

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

FIND - A live-in companion for the winter months. Please call Jeanne Lorenz of Boxwood Lane at 692-1000, Room 1264 (10)

SELL - Inversion table with User Manual. Like new. I will deliver to any Myrtle Trace home and help assemble. More than 50% off average list price of \$95.00. Please call Adam at 347-7196. (10)

SELL - 5 piece hand painted snack table set (new) \$45.00, vertical Houdini cork screw (new) \$18.00, Ninja Master prep Food and Drink maker (new) \$30.00, Back to Basics Blender & Food Processor w/ attachments (new) \$25.00. Please call George at 347-5167 (10)

SELL - Nice set of Ladies Golf Clubs in very good condition. Knight Affinity with light weight graphite shafts. Please call Jean at 347-9461 (10)

SELL - Zone 40 "Wii-like" wireless gaming unit with Craig monitor—great for visiting youngsters. 7 1/2 ft. Colorado Spruce slim line Christmas tree. Seven (7) canvas camper chairs—2 Hunter green, 4 Royal blue & 1 Royal blue 2 seater. Please call Betty at 347-3182 and make offers for any of these items. (10)

SELL - Lady's tan polo shirt with embroidered Myrtle Trace logo. Brand new—never worn! Size—Medium. \$16.00 Please call Ted at 602-1991. (11)

SELL - Sears X-Cargo Sport car top carrier. Sells for \$179.99, selling for \$90. Please call Jim or Dale Carroll 347-0329. (12)

SELL - Complete set of men's custom Riley golf clubs, including irons 2-9, PW, putter, sand wedge, 1, 3 and 5 woods, plus bag. Negotiable. Call Roger at 347-3699. (12)

SELL - Magnavox VHS/DVD Recorder. Like new. \$80 Please call Steve Sands at 843-331-3180 (12)

SELL - 2003 Honda Accord LK, 4 dr - silver. Garaged, excellent cond. 53,000 miles, asking \$8,000. Mah Jongg set. \$35.00. Please contact Mary Ann at 234-1297. (12)

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

The Activities Committee is arranging to have a trailer to carry 10 singers around Myrtle Trace singing Christmas carols during the luminaries. Interested singers please call Steve Sands at 331-3180.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Paul Alexander has resigned from the Committee after many years of service. We thank him for his valuable guidance and are delighted that he will continue to lend his advice on trees and gardens as needed. To replace him as the Phase 5 Representative, we have added George Thompson and to fill Paul's position as the Garden Club Representative we have added Ellen Elliot.

Our street signs are beginning to reappear and they do look good. The process is continuing. Our special thanks to: John Beam, who is heading the project and cleaning the signs; Horace and Diane Jones, who have graciously made their garage available for painting; Earl Lee for coordinating the project; Jayne and Jim Hileman, Tom Dubauskas, Joni Kyes, Renzo Falcinelli and John Dugan for donating time and talents to paint the signs and to Al Hardee's crew for removing and re-hanging the signs.

Our flags were stolen just before Veterans Day but were replaced in time for the celebration. The lines were cut. We have modified the locking mechanism to prevent a recurrence.

Malcolm Macphee

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT 'D.)

SHORTER DAYS, LONGER NIGHTS

With the onset of shorter daylight hours now upon us, residents are reminded to wear light colored clothing and carry a flashlight when walking our streets during the dark hours. Residents walking their dogs during these hours should always walk facing oncoming traffic. If necessary, move onto the adjacent common area for the safety of you and your pet. Please remember driver vision after dark is not as good as during daylight hours, so please stay alert to traffic activity.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

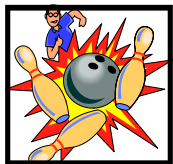
The Board would like to extend a special thanks to the Activities Committee for staging the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner for our community. It was a really special event! And the Committee provided almost all of the funding.

NEWS & VIEWS FLIER GUIDELINES

At its November meeting, the Board approved guidelines for the publication of fliers with the News & Views. The purpose of the guidelines is to ensure consistency and uniformity and to outline the normal publication schedule. The guidelines are posted on the Myrtle Trace website in the Policies & Procedures section.

STREET SIGNS

Our unique wooden street signs have been gloriously rejuvenated! Thanks to the efforts of John Beam, Tom Dubauskas, John Dugan, Renzo Falcinelli, Jayne Hileman, Jim Hileman, Diane Jones, Horace Jones, Joni Kyes and Earl Lee, the signs look "better than new"! Once again, our multi-talented Myrtle Trace residents contribute to the betterment of our community. The Board thanks you all.



BOWLING

The first half of competition is almost finished with only three matches remaining before the champion is determined. The Silver Foxes (Janet McGrady, Steve Sands & Al Robertson) are leading the league with 49 points. Close behind with 48 points is This Close (Marlene Paul, Marion Ragona & Patti Baldari). Tied for third place with 47 points are the Fishermen (Pat Fisher, Tom Gayer & Charlie Conklin) and the Crackerjacks (Jack Peachey, Jeannie Maturi & Tony Maturi). Three other teams are within 5 points of the leaders.

High scores bowled recently include Nelson Fisher (218,550), Horace Jones (539), Barry Moore (201,538), Bill Roessler (528), Jerry Campbell (210,520), Tony Maturi (519), Jack Peachey (501), Chuck Connors (205,500), Tom Gayer (231), Charlie Conklin (203), Therese Moore (211,553), Yvette Campbell (517) and Janet McGrady (489).

High averages to date are being maintained by Barry Moore (169.77), Jerry Campbell (169.61), Tony Maturi (167), Therese Moore (163), Yvette Campbell (151) and Betty Roessler (139).

The first half will end on December 15th and the bowlers will go on "vacation" until January 5th.

MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE

www.myrtletracesc.org



The Myrtle Trace Community Chorus

Presents

“Voices of Christmas”

A Collection of Musical Favorites

Saturday Evening, December 17, 7:00PM

AND

Sunday Afternoon, December 18, 3:30PM



Admission----\$5.00/Person

(Reservations will be accepted for 75 people for each concert)

Reception to Follow



Check One of the Following Dates

(if performance is sold out for the date you circled, you will be called regarding availability for the other concert).

Saturday, December 17, 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 18, 3:30

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of People X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to Lee Besemer, MTCC. Put reservation form and cash or check in basket at 115 Timberline Drive, Bill and Alta



WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

Happy Holidays to all Myrtle Tracers

Remember to bring your own place setting, drinks, and a dish to share.

For this Pot Luck please bring a \$1.00 wrapped gift for Santa's Bag.

Featuring- Christmas Cheer with Dan Briggs and Jay Sharp

And
SANTA



MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004</p>	<p>OPEN BOWLING Tuesday</p>	<p>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE M - F 7:45 - 9:00</p>		<p>1 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 6:00 MTS MTG</p>	<p>2 7:45 ROMEOS 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>3 9:00 Garden Club Work Detail 7:30 Bridge</p>
<p>4 7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>5 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 BEGINNERS COMPUTER CLASS</p>	<p>6 10:00 PROP. COM. 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker</p>	<p>7 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>8 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>9 10:00 MT LADIES COFFEE 1:00 Canasta 7:00 BINGO</p>	<p>10 5:00 Luminaries 5:00 Neighborhood Caroling</p>
<p>11 12:00 RESERVED MTCC Dinner 12-9pm</p>	<p>12 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.</p>	<p>13 9:00 MTS Breakfast 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>14 9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>15 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>16 7:45 ROMEOS 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>17 12:00 RESERVED MTCC Concert 7pm</p>
<p>18 12:00 RESERVED MTCC Concert 3p (9am-7pm)</p>	<p>19 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 5:30 POT LUCK</p>	<p>20 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>21 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>22 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>23 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>26 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 ARC MTG.</p>	<p>27 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 3:00 Caregivers Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>28 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>29 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 5:30 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>30 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>31 New Years Eve</p>