



# News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents February 2009

## THE CANDIDATES



CATHY McELROY



CHARLENE ROSE

## BOARD BRIEFS

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association Annual Meeting and election of a new Board member will be held on Saturday, February 14, at Horry Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100. We hope everyone has made plans to attend or to deliver their proxy to an attending neighbor or to any Board member. If you cannot attend, it is most important that we get your proxy. Those proxies, along with attendees, determine a quorum which we must have to conduct business. Please bring your packets with you as they will not be available at the meeting. You may have noted that Bill Rose withdrew his nomination. Cathy McElroy and Charlene Rose are both eager to serve so please come and support the candidate of your choice. Your vote is important. You will be given the official ballot at registration. Registration begins at 1 PM with the meeting commencing at 2 PM .

### ROADS AND GATES UPDATE

The January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Infrastructure and Regulations Committee (I&R) approved the draft ordinance providing for Horry County's execution of a quit claim deed transferring responsibility for the maintenance of our roads to the Association. The draft ordinance also requires that we replace the gates we presently have with equipment which will afford passage and controlled access by our residents within one year following the filing of formalizing documents.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> the Horry County Council, without discussion, consented to the first of three required readings necessary for enactment of the ordinance. We anticipate that the second and third readings will receive favorable consideration, and this long process will be completed shortly after our annual meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### MYRTLE TRACE VOLUNTEERS HONORED

On January 24<sup>th</sup> the Association expressed its pride in and respect for the conduct and contributions of our residents in volunteer service to more than forty organizations in the County. One hundred five residents responded to our request for information on their activities. Their hours of service in 2008 totaled 20,538. By any measure of value this record of selfless effort is impressive and its reputation within the greater community has been well earned. To all Myrtle Trace resident

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## News & Views

Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004  
March Deadline - 2/20/09

### *Thank You*

On behalf of our family, we want to say a huge "thank you" for all the kindnesses, help, and prayers extended to us on the deaths of our parents, Elaine and George Smith. It is easy to understand why they loved the Myrtle Trace Community and its residents. What a wonderful group of people!

*The Smith Family*

I want to thank everyone for the cards, visits, gifts and prayers during my illness. My strength is gradually returning. Thanks again.

*Grace Hayward*

I want to thank all our neighbors and friends in Myrtle Trace for your prayers, cards, food, visits and phone calls of concern during Paul's illness. Your support and kindness were over-whelming. We are blessed to live in such a caring community.

*Jenny Jenemann*

We want to thank all our friends and neighbors for the prayers, visits and cards during and after Ron's hip surgery. We very fortunate to live in such a caring community. Thanks again for all your support.

*Ron & Sue Sorrell*

## BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

volunteers, whether or not your efforts are included in these statistics, we salute you and were glad to have met with seventy-eight of you personally at the reception in your honor.

### WAL\*MART UPDATE

Most of us have seen the progress at Wal\*Mart, but few have ventured to the back area between Myrtle Trace and the Wal\*Mart property. The retention ponds are built, the chain link fence is in place, and the trees and shrubbery to eventually screen off the facility are planted. What appears to be a road off Burning Ridge Road directly behind Myrtle Trace is actually the Army Corps of Engineers easement for the drainage ditch. It is not, and will not be accessible to traffic.

### BOWLING

The second half of the season is underway and with three matches bowled the High Rollers (Millie Van Slaars, Ken Van Slaars & Ted Ackley) are leading the pack with 17 out of a possible 21 points. Close behind with 16 points are the Splitters (Mike Lakatos, John Kubala & Barry Moore). The Luckies (Mary Ellen Bess, Jack Mehl & Charlie Conklin) are in third place followed by the Cracker-jacks (Andy Lindh, Rob Macker & Jack Peachey).

Recent high scores have been rolled by Jerry Campbell (223,579), Barry Moore (222,579), Therese Moore (213,571), Tom Marek (213,570), Nelson Fisher (554), Ted Ackley (547) and Bob Kirk (541).

The high averages are being maintained by Barry Moore (172), Jerry Campbell (170), Nelson Fisher (169), Therese Moore (155), Yvette Campbell (152) and Francine Charning (141).

## MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS  
JANUARY 24, 2009

Additions:

Rau, Richard & Patricia                      103 Dogwood Circle                      540-667-1658

Corrections:                      NONE

Delete:                                      NONE

E-Mail:                                      NONE

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Burrrrr !!! We've had a cold January and many outside activities have had to be curtailed. Things have, however, been hopping at the Clubhouse and there was great attendance at the New Years Eve dinner/dance, Bingo, Coffee Klatch, Pot Luck and Chinese New Year party. Many thanks go out to those who continue working hard to make these regular functions a success.

We are happy to welcome Bonnie Longnecker back to our committee. She has agreed to once again chair the "Artist of the Month" program. More information on this will follow. We are still looking for someone to take over the "Myrtle Trace Dining Out Group". Kitty Kenney continues to do a great job and has agreed to stay on until a replacement is found.

Another movie night has been planned for Friday, February 27, at 7:00. This month's feature is "Mama Mia", a musical comedy starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan, (\*PG13). No charge and no sign up. The Horry-Georgetown Tech luncheon is February 25 and is limited to 25 persons. Look for sign-ups in this issue. St. Patrick's Day is around the corner and so far we have no one to organize a party. Contact a committee member if you are interested.

As always, *we need volunteers* so please join us at our next meeting at 7:00 pm on February 23, 2009, at the Clubhouse.

*Suzanne Owens*

*Mary-Frances Williams*



## GARDEN CLUB

Very little to report on with respect to the Myrtle Trace Garden Club other than to hope that the recent low temperature of 23°F did not damage too many of our plants. Of course, this holds true for the ornamental plants throughout our fine community. Mother Nature has strange and awesome ways in which to reward (or punish) us for our attempts to control plant growth.

Don't forget, we will resume our monthly meetings in March on the first Thursday of each month at 2PM in the Clubhouse. Be sure to mark your calendar for the March 5th meeting.

“A February spring is not worth a pin.” American Proverb

*Paul Alexander*

## *Thank You*

Ed and I would like to thank all Myrtle Trace residents who helped make the New Year's Eve Party very successful. From set-up to clean-up the help was wonderful! The food and music were great ! We also want to thank the local businesses who donated door prizes: Ale House, Country Cottage, Eggs Up Grille, Food Lion, Kroger, Nail Spa and Rotelli's Restaurant. It was a most enjoyable evening.

*Ed & Maureen Lowndes*

### Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Saturday  
February 21, 2009  
10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

RSVP TO  
Liz Maass  
At 347-3751  
Please bring  
non-perishable goods.  
50 / 50 Drawing

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

# **MYRTLE TRACE-MART**

## **I WOULD LIKE TO.....**

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

**SELL** - (88) piece china set (service for 12) \$150. 15" LCD Color Computer Monitor \$50.00 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)

**FIND** - The owner of a silver crucifix which I found on Myrtle Trace Drive between Cedar Ridge Lane and Myrtle Ridge Drive early in December. Please call Bob at 347-1210. (1)

**FIND** - The owner of a black golf bag cover found along Myrtle Trace Drive in mid December. Please call Norman at 347-6050. (1)

**SELL** - Computer Armoire w/pull out work surface. 38 1/2" wide X 27" deep and 86" high. Perfect condition. \$125.00. Please call Sandy at 347-8751. (2)

**RENT TO OWN** - Rent to Own - 2B/R, 2 Bath, tile & Corian Kitchen, Garage, on water, in woods, many extras. Please call 234-0105 (2)

**FIND** - Someone to rent my 2 BR, 1,300 sq. ft. town home on Cricket Court in Myrtle Trace. Please call Beth at 347-1895. (2)

**GIVE AWAY** - Seven (7) decorative flags 28" X 40" various themes. Please call Ron at 347-0750 (2)

**SELL** - Farberware Electric Wok, Stainless Steel. Chinese Cook Books. Never used \$15.00. Please call Ron at 347-0750. (2)

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## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The deadline for ordering sod replacement this year is March 15, 2009. Please contact Lyle Kershner, Property Committee chairman, at 347-6315 or lkers108@aol.com if you need sod replaced in the common area in front of your home. We intend to place sod about mid April this year to give it a chance to properly take root before the summer heat takes over. Remember, if we replace the sod, you must keep it thoroughly watered daily for at least 10 days. After that regular watering should suffice.

It has been noticed that some mailbox posts in the community appear to be quite weak because of wood rot. It may be a good idea to inspect your mailbox post to be sure it is solid. If you determine that you need a replacement please contact Karen Bevan 234-2315. After submitting the \$25.00 fee with her she will issue a work order to the maintenance crew who will install the new post and re-secure your mailbox and paper tube.

The storage room in the Clubhouse is currently undergoing a major reorganization to gain better utilization of the space. During the process, we have determined that we have 9 folding tables and four (4) 2-drawer file cabinets which will no longer be needed. There are four (4) 30" X 60" tables, two (2) 30" X 72" tables, two (2) 30" X 96" tables and one (1) folding octagonal poker table. The tables and file cabinets are available for any Myrtle Trace homeowners who want them. Just call me at 347-6315.

*Lyle Kershner*



The Wal\*Mart project as seen from the rear of the park between 154 and 156 Myrtle Trce Drive. The water in the foreground is the County Ditch.

## RECYCLE YOUR BEVERAGE CANS

Beryl Barletta is still collecting aluminum beverage cans for Habitat For Humanity. She has a large carton for deposits on her front porch at 123 Birchwood Lane.



## HOSPICE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

On behalf of the Activities Committee and myself I would like to thank everyone that donated to the Mercy Hospice Christmas Collection. We collected a total of \$868.91, plus some stuffed animals and toys from Bridge and Canasta Groups, individuals and \$178.91 from the Murder Mystery Night. I would also like to thank Alice Landry and Fran Tuohy for all their help. I couldn't have done it without them. We shopped for 11 children ages 18 months to 17 years old. Everyone received clothes, toys and gift cards depending on their ages. Mercy Hospice greatly appreciated our incredible generosity to the children. The director said, "we brought some joy to the children who have known too much sadness in their young lives and they wish that our kindness and generosity will come back to us many times over"

*Lynn Peachey*



The Activities  
Committee  
Presents:  
*"Lunch at Horry-  
Georgetown  
Technical  
College"*  
Wednesday,  
February 25, 2009  
12:00 noon

This  
delicious  
meal will  
be  
planned,  
prepared  
and  
served by  
students of  
the  
Culinary  
Department  
Cost is  
\$10.00 per  
person

Space is  
limited  
to only 25  
Myrtle Trace  
diners, so early  
reservations  
are suggested!

Gratuities is  
optional

No refunds  
after  
February 17th.



- \*Smoked Trout Remoulard
- \*Goulash Soup
- \*Panzella Salad
- \*Pork Tenderloin  
w/Sweet Potato Puree
- \*Seafare Beggar's Bundle

## Lunch at Horry- Georgetown Technical College

Wednesday  
February 25, 2009

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

(please type or print clearly)

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 ea.  
= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to  
"Activities Committee" and deposit  
it and this form into the basket at  
239 Candlewood Drive,  
**AND PICK UP YOUR PARKING  
PASS.**

**NO LATER THAN  
February 17, 2009**

For more info: Mary-Frances & Bruce Williams 234-1236

## US 501 ENTRANCE

The Ad Hoc Committee that was established to try to maintain the appearance of our entrance to Myrtle Trace from Rt. 501 along Burning Ridge Road has been researching many topics. This is a synopsis of what has been accomplished so far.

The ownership of the properties on each side of the Burning Ridge Road entrance has been established. Each property owner has been contacted and asked about their plans for the future development of the property. Mr. Maynard (owner of the property along Rt. 501 on the south or east side of Burning Ridge Road) had the trees on his property removed because of the fire. At this time, there are plans to develop the property, but he has no businesses interested for immediate development. He believes it will be at least a year before there is any serious interest. Mr. McMillan (owner of the property along Rt. 501 on the north or west side of Burning Ridge Road) has no immediate plans for the sale or development of this property.

The tree removal on the Maynard property was our immediate concern. We were successful in preserving a 30 ft. section of trees located on the state easement area as a buffer between our entrance on Burning Ridge Road and the future development site on the corner of Rt. 501, at least temporarily. We will be exploring ways to save and perhaps enhance that area in our future meetings.

There is some interest on the part of the Horry County to begin plans to develop a 501/Burning Ridge Road/Service road connector to Wal\*Mart. Our committee met with Carl Schwartzkoff regarding the development of this road. He assured us that nothing was close to being in the development stage for this intersection. He provided us with names of resource people to keep us updated on any future planning. We will contact them on a regular basis to keep us "in the loop" regarding any planning.

*Pat Hosford*

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## AUTOMOTIVE KEY PADS

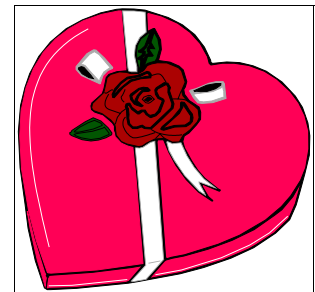
Two stories have been circulating on the Internet lately which bear repeating. One is a very logical suggestion and the other is a warning.

Most key pads have a "panic" button which will cause the vehicle's horn to blow. It can serve as a "burglar alarm" in your home to scare off an unwanted intruder.

The warning is a story which has been checked out and does not appear to be a hoax. Apparently, some of our ingenious criminal element have developed a small electronic device which is capable of receiving the signal transmitted by the key pad when it is used to lock a vehicle. The thieves can sit in a car in a parking lot watching for a victim to leave the vehicle. The device can then clone the signal and use it to unlock the car. This can permit the vehicle to be entered and ransacked without breaking and entering. While there are no specific instances reported, in today's high tech age, it is certainly within the realm of possibility. The bottom line is - use the locking button in the vehicle to lock the doors when you leave.

## PHONE NUMBER

When Don Boutcher first moved into Myrtle Trace several years ago, he received a phone number from Horry Telephone. That number was 347-2830. Don subsequently left Myrtle Trace to take an extensive trip around the country in his motorhome. He terminated his phone service and the number was put into the inactive category by HTC. After the standard waiting period, the number was put back into the "available" category and eventually issued to George Ruff on Candlewood Drive. Meanwhile, Don returned to Myrtle Trace and was issued a new number (347-5448). Apparently, a few of our residents are still using the old number to reach Don Boutcher. George Ruff hopes you will start using Don's new number !!



## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT !!

If you will be unable to attend the MTHOA Annual Meeting on February 14th, please give your proxy to a neighbor, a friend or one of the Board members.

We have two (2) enthusiastic candidates for one seat on the Board of Directors and they both deserve your support. Don't let them down !!

# MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

## February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>4:30-TILL</b> <b>SUPER BOWL</b> <b>POT LUCK DINNER</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg	<b>3</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>4</b> 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>5</b> 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble <b>7:00 MTS MTG</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	<b>7</b> 9:30 Open Bowling
<b>8</b> 7:00 Game Night	<b>9</b> 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg <b>4:00 ARC COM.</b> <b>7:00 BEGINNER</b> <b>COMPUTER CLASS</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 PROP. COM.</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 PHS. 8</b> <b>COFFEE</b> 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>12</b> 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 7:00 Mah Jongg	<b>13</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta <b>7:00 BINGO</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 Open Bowling <b>MTHOA</b> <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b> <b>1:00 Registration</b> <b>2:00 Call to Order</b> 7:30 Bridge
<b>15</b> <b>12-4 RESERVED</b> 7:00 Game Night	<b>16</b> 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg <b>5:30 POT LUCK</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 MTS BRKFST</b> 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	<b>18</b> <b>9:00 MTHOA</b> <b>BOARD MTG.</b> 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker	<b>19</b> 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 7:00 Mah Jongg	<b>20</b> 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	<b>21</b> 9:30 Open Bowling <b>10-12 MT LADIES</b> <b>COFFEE</b> <b>KLATCH</b>
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<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>CALENDAR</b></p> <p>Pat Paxson – 347-1609</p> <p>Alternate            Ted Ackley – 347-3004</p> </div>			<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE</b>  <b>M - F 7:45 - 9:00</b></p> </div>			