



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents July 2007

BOARD BRIEFS

EVENING WITH THE BOARD

We had approximately 100 residents turn out for the “Evening With the Board.” County Councilman Carl Schwartzkopf was on hand to answer questions concerning our gates and it was very heartening to have a large gathering. Items that the Board has accomplished, as well as future plans, were discussed. Thank you for your attendance. If you have questions arising from that evening, please contact any board member. A big “Thank you” goes to Tom Gray and Nancy Murphy for the planning of the evening.

MISSION STATEMENT

At the June meeting of the Board, a Mission Statement (published elsewhere in this issue) was adopted and is now part of the **Policy Manual**. It will serve to identify the responsibilities of the **Board** and our **Committees**.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

A new effort to collect e-mail addresses is announced. If you would like your e-mail address published in the Myrtle Trace Directory, for use by the Board and your neighbors, please contact Ted Ackley with that information. This is strictly a **volunteer submittal** and any questions may be directed to any board member.

2008 ANNUAL MEETING

The next Annual Meeting has been set for **February 9, 2008**. It will be held at the Conway campus of Horry – Georgetown Technical College. This will be more convenient for all attending. More information will be published at a later date.

DROUGHT

As you know, we have been in a drought situation which, with the recent rains, has subsided somewhat. During the period without rain, the well pump in Lake Oriole broke down. This added to our lakes having their lowest level in many years. The pump has been repaired and we can once again use it to maintain our water levels.

THE FOUNTAIN

The fountain on Bunting Lake will be placed back in service with the spray pattern reduced in height and spread. Hopefully, this will produce a quieter spray and a more esthetic pattern. These modifications were accomplished at the seller’s expense. A timer will be activated to limit the operation to hours that are not offensive to surrounding neighbors.

IRRIGATION GUIDELINES

A recent review of requests for sod and irrigation reimbursements, has revealed that our guidelines have been misunderstood or inconsistently applied. Published in this issue of News & Views are the revised guidelines defining responsibilities and the basis for reimbursement. Over the next two months, Board Representatives will be verifying the current arrangements for reimbursement. Any changes arising from this application of the guidelines will be discussed with effected owners and corrected amounts will take effect in the year 2008. In the meantime, annual reimbursements scheduled for November 2007 will remain at the same amount as last year.

News & Views

Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004

August Deadline - 7/20/07

BOWLING

Members of the Myrtle Trace Bowling League met last month to consider the option of moving the league to the Surfside Bowling Center next fall. Following a presentation by Larry Nowak, Proprietor of Waccamaw Bowling Center during which he addressed the concerns of the bowlers, the members attending voted to stay at Waccamaw.

During the meeting, there was considerable discussion with respect to the declining size of the league. At its peak, the league had 30 teams of four bowlers each. Last year, we had 13 teams of three bowlers each. It was decided to extend invitations to senior bowlers in Myrtle Trace South, Forest Lake Estates, Ridge Lake, The Commons, West Ridge, Kingston Greens, Willow Trace and Lakeside Crossing.

Larry Nowak offered to sponsor a Free Open House to all interested parties including current Myrtle Trace bowlers and non-bowling Myrtle Trace residents. No sign-up is necessary - just show up on July 14th between 9:00 and 11:00 am. The bowling and shoes are free.

MYRTLE TRACE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

With only 37 golfers expressing interest in playing in a Myrtle Trace Open Golf Tournament, the "committee" has decided to discontinue any further planning for a tourney this year.

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

THE GATES

For those residents who could not be with us at the "Evening With the Board," and for all of those who still have questions concerning the situation with the gates, the following is a short synopsis of Carl Schwartzkopf's remarks to us that evening.

Carl informed the audience of the Infrastructure & Regulation (I & R) Committee's desire to keep the gates **closed**. However, knowing that it is a political decision, he could not promise the Council's vote in our favor to retain the gates in place. But he said by delaying the vote until the September 4, 2007, meeting of the Council, we have gained time in which to further evaluate our options, and consider other alternatives that we have discussed with our attorney.

One alternative would be the privatizing of all of our roads, including Phase VIII, which means we would buy the roads back from the County and have TCD's (traffic calming devices) generally called "speed humps" installed. Three or four areas along Myrtle Trace Drive are being considered for placement. The County is considering a cost attached to the buying of the roads. We would then be responsible for the cost of their maintenance, and the costs of liabilities associated with the roads.

We also have the option of going before a Judge with a petition for retention of the gate, but it would then be put it back in the public arena, and we could not be guaranteed a "favorable" Judge to hear the case.

At the last I & R meeting, the MTHOA Board requested that the gates remain in place until the construction is completed at Wal-Mart, to better address the impact of the proposed "frontage road" on traffic in the area. The committee agreed to consider the request.

Carl said that personal letters from residents would be a good attention-getting tool. Look for the postal addresses of all County Councilmen and the Chair, posted on the Clubhouse bulletin boards. E-Mails are not advised, as they get so many, the impact of a "personal" letter holds more weight. Please provide copies of your letters to the Board so we may have a file of all letters for future use. Thank you

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

JUNE 23, 2007

Additions:

Crosson, Tom & Marie 125 Hickory Drive 347-0478 NJ

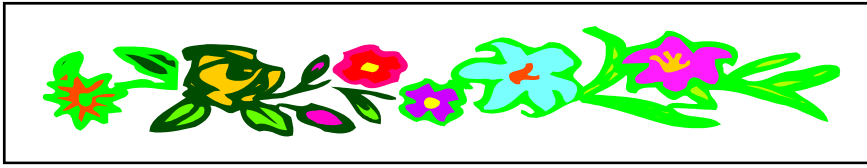
Corrections:

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E-Mail:

Ellis, Roy & Nancy

Rhellis1@sccoast.net



GARDEN CLUB

There was no meeting of the Garden Club in June since so many people were out of town, and there is no meeting planned for July. The garden, however, continues to thrive and the older plants are producing many flowers for our enjoyment. For example, the deep blue hydrangeas bordering the west end of the swimming pool are the prettiest they have ever been.

It is also obvious that the spring planting has been successful and all of the new plants seem to be thriving - in spite of the very low amount of rainfall that we have had during April and May. Our volunteer irrigation people have done a great job to ensure continued growth and development of these newly-planted specimens and their's is a labor of love - many thanks to them.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, August 2nd at 2 PM in the Clubhouse. This will be an important meeting since we will be discussing what plants we will be considering for the fall planting - please plan to attend and bring your suggestions.

“With a garden, there is hope.” Grace Firth

Paul Alexander

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

During the summer and fall, we have many guests in our homes or we have get-togethers in our neighborhoods. Tables and chairs from the Clubhouse may be checked out for brief periods. Please fill in the appropriate information on the checkout sheet which is located on the back of the storeroom door. You are asked to return the furniture promptly since it may be needed for the next event. The pool is going well and we want to thank Charlene Rose and her many pool monitors who keep the pool going on a day to day basis. The pool starts early with exercise class and ends on Friday evenings with a social hour. Plan to attend and meet more of your neighbors.

Ron Crow

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Our committee met on June 4th. We discussed the upcoming year 2007-2008 beginning with our September 16th Get Acquainted Social chaired by Suzanne Owens and Maureen Lowndes. We have had a fantastic and fun-filled 2006-07 thanks to our wonderful committee. Bingo (Charlene Rose & Dan Briggs) and the Newcomers Dinners (Kitty Kenney) will begin again in September.

In July there will be a Pot Luck dinner at the Clubhouse on Monday, July 16th at 5:30 pm. Plan to bring a dish to share, your own drink and table service and join us. Our next Activities Committee meeting is on August 6th. Have a great summer. See you at the pool.

Beth Crow

Thank You

Again I would like to thank all my Myrtle Trace friends for their prayers, cards and extreme support. I am recovering very well due to your prayers and support. Thank you again.

Maureen C. Lowndes

To all my neighbors and friends, Thank you for all the cards, meals, and prayers for my recent illness. I am on the mend and feeling better. You are the best. Love,

Cressie McDonough

My seven weeks in NY/ Med Star were made so much better thanks to family and friends. All the yummy snacks, flowers, visits, cards and phone calls made my stay so much easier. It's so nice to have such nice friends at Myrtle Trace. Thank you,

Sue Smith



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

July

JAY SHARP

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Canon Hi 8mm Video Camcorder with 2 tapes, bag and all accessories. 4 years old - excellent condition. Used for about 10 hours. \$150.00. Garmin Street Pilot c330 GPS with extra antennae. Used for 18 months - excellent condition. \$275.00. Please call Jim at 254-7225 or visit 186 Glenwood Drive. (3)

SELL - Solid wood kitchen table, light finish, 48" round with leaf and 4 solid chairs. Call 347-2190 for more info or to take a look! (4)

SELL - 1996 white Oldsmobile Cutlass. 89,052 miles. Good condition. Best offer will be accepted. Please call Ron or Beth Crow at 222-4712 or 347-1895 (4)

SELL - dark pine sewing machine cabinet. 28" W x 24" D x 29" H with folding shelves which expand the work area to 69" across. Several drawers with brass drawer pulls. Asking \$50.00. Please call Carol at 347-1880 (6)

SELL - A several year-old Baldwin 'Funster' electric organ in excellent condition with double keyboard, and foot pedal keyboard, volume control foot pedal, has 16 registers, 9 rhythm selections. Mahogany finish, 39" L X 21" D X 34" H. Bench included. Adam 347-7196. \$250.00. (6)

FIND - someone to RENT my home in Myrtle Trace with an option to buy. 2 B/R, 2 bath, handicapped accessible, with a garage. On the water with trees, a new roof and Corian counter. Call 234-0105 (6)

BUY - HO and other scale electric trains. Please call Ron at 234-1814. (7)

SELL - 2000 Cadillac Seville STS Sedan. 65,000 miles, excellent condition, Bronze Tan with Beige leather interior. Car-Fax and Warranty. \$ 11,900 Or Best Offer. Please call Gary at 251-3693. (7)

SELL - Lifestyler 1100 Treadmill. \$100. Please call 347-4689. (7)

SELL - 2005 Dodge Caravan mini-van. New - \$25,000. Excellent condition. 30,000 miles. \$13,000 or best offer. Must sell.

Please call 347-7667. (7)

SELL - Beige 33"x22"x8" Corian type twin bowl kitchen sink with matching single lever faucet, like new-\$275.00 (fits Myrtle Trace kitchens). (2) maple swivel bar stools-\$75.00 each. Excellent condition. Please

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

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Alice B. Brown, 80, wife of Clayton R. Brown, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2007, at Greenwood, South Carolina. In addition to her husband of 56 years, she is survived by her daughter Deborah of Germantown, Maryland, daughter Patricia of San Diego, CA and son James of Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Clayton and Alice resided on Mayberry Lane in Myrtle Trace for almost 20 years before moving to an assisted living facility in Greenwood. Clayton and Alice were outstanding contributors to Myrtle Trace. After serving for several years on the Architectural Review Committee including a few as Chairman, he served as Accounts Payable Officer for ten years.

Clayton can be contacted at 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646 or by e-mail at cbrown@wesleycommons.org.

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

The newly formed Council of Presidents held its second meeting on Thursday, May 17. Bill Fox, Chairperson, presided over the meeting and Ron Longnecker, Secretary, presented the minutes from the previous organizational meeting. Nine of the twelve members of the Council were present.

Jay Sharp, President of the MTHOA, was the guest speaker. In addition to thanking the group for their interest in Myrtle Trace, Jay brought the Council up to date on Board agenda items that are significant at the moment.

Members of the Council proposed the following Mission Statement for the group: The Mission of the Council of Presidents of Myrtle Trace shall be: 1. To serve as a helpful resource to the Board of Directors. 2. To tap into the corporate memory and knowledge of our members as part of that resource. 3. To funnel new information to the Board regarding issues potentially impacting our community.

The group decided that the Council will meet quarterly on the third Thursday of the month beginning on August 16. The Council of Presidents is composed of Past Presidents of the Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association who still reside in Myrtle Trace.

LOOKING AHEAD

In further talks with the County Council concerning the building of the Wal-Mart store on our perimeter, we have received assurances that the buffer zone along the Myrtle Trace property lines will increase from the standard 15 feet to 25 feet in addition to the County Ditch and the area needed to maintain the ditch. Wal-Mart has assured the County that they will plant trees along the buffer zone with 10 foot spacing instead of the required 20 foot spacing. The trees will include Leyland Cypress, Holly, Crepe Myrtle and Red Cedar. The Board will also ask for lower ground cover along the buffer to deaden sound.

Council Chair Liz Gilland will intercede on our behalf and petition Wal-Mart to complete the frontage road from Myrtle Ridge Drive to Burning Ridge Road during construction at their expense, to be reimbursed as the other lots are developed.

IRRIGATION GUIDELINES

The owner(s) of each residential property in the MTHOA community is required to provide, at the owner's expense, irrigation of all that area extending from the foundation of the residence to the following boundaries:

1. The edge of a neighboring property.
2. The edge of an adjoining road surface at the front or side of the owner's property between extensions of the lines established in the foregoing description at the front and extension of the owner's rear property line to the roadway at the side.
3. The shoreline edge of an adjoining named lake at the rear or side of the owner's property between extensions at the rear of the lines established in the first description above and extension of the owner's rear property line to the lakeshore at the side.

The Association is responsible for irrigation of property within the MTHOA community which is not covered by the foregoing descriptions. To the extent that certain of these areas can most economically be served by expansion of neighboring residential systems, the Association may, at its expense, arrange to install and maintain the necessary equipment and materials and reimburse the cooperating owner(s) for the water drawn through their meters. Water consumption reimbursements will be based on the number, type and rate of flow of the irrigation heads installed under this arrangement.

MISSION STATEMENT

Board of Directors Myrtle Trace Homeowners Association, Inc.

The five members of the Board of Directors are jointly responsible for the conduct of the Association's affairs in accordance with the Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Reservations and Restrictions set forth in the Declaration dated October 7, 1983. Those responsibilities are further defined in the Articles of Incorporation executed October 25, 1983, on which date the Bylaws were also established to further provide the framework for the exercise of the foregoing responsibilities. The purposes of this legal structure are to provide for maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residence lots and common properties and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents within the Association's properties.

The Board of Directors will appoint members of a Nominating Committee, an Architectural Review Committee and such other committees as deemed appropriate to serve as directed by the Board in fulfillment of the purposes of the Association. Additionally, to that end, the Board may appoint a manager, an independent contractor or such other employees as they deem necessary and prescribe their duties.

The Mission of the Board of Directors is to meet its responsibilities through the effective use of its committees, contractors, volunteers and advisory groups being mindful that the Board is the sole voice and final determinant of all Association actions.

ADOPTED: June 20, 2007



**25 MPH
IN
MYRTLE TRACE

PLEASE !!**

TRAFFIC SAFETY

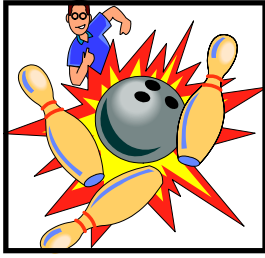
For the past several months, many of us have been concerned about the future of our gates at the end of Myrtle Trace Drive. Among other things, we are worried that thru traffic will create hazardous conditions on Myrtle Trace Drive for walkers, bikers (non-motorized) and drivers. Given the lack of sidewalks and the relative narrowness of the road, these concerns are valid. Add to that the presence of lawn service vehicles and other contractor vehicles and the road is often an “obstacle course” even without any thru traffic.

Our Board of Directors is working hard to explore all options available to us to minimize any negative impact if the gates are removed. We individual homeowners also have an obligation to help improve the traffic situation. More than a few homeowners blatantly ignore the stop signs and many others merely slow down. Some drivers run well in excess of the 25 MPH speed limit. If Myrtle Trace Drive is opened up to thru traffic, how can we expect that traffic to obey our signs when many of our own residents ignore them?

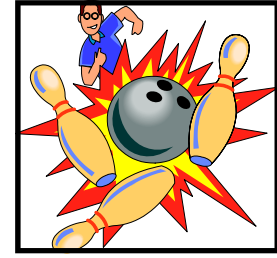
Our speed limit and the few stop signs we have are not in place to aggravate drivers. They are there to try to maintain a safe environment for our walkers, bikers and the drivers as well. With thru traffic there will undoubtedly be occasional police patrols and that could wind up being expensive!

Let's all take a deep breath and consider honoring our stop signs and our community speed limit!





LET'S GO BOWLING



Way back in 1985, the first residents of Myrtle Trace formed a bowling league. As more homes were built, the league expanded reaching a high of 30 teams of four bowlers each. Over the years, however, we've gotten a little older and without a big influx of new residents, the league has gotten smaller. Last year, we had 13 teams of three bowlers each.

The Myrtle Trace Bowling League would like to extend a cordial invitation to the residents of the Burning Ridge area including Myrtle Trace South, Forest Lake Estates, Ridge Lake, The Commons, West Ridge, Kingston Greens, Willow Trace and Lakeside Crossing to join us for the 2007-2008 season. The league bowls on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at the Waccamaw Bowling Center and, since it is a Senior League, all bowlers except spouses must be at least 50 years old. Spouses of any age are welcome. The league uses 100 % handicaps so bowlers of all skill levels can be competitive. The season will begin on August 30th.

Waccamaw Bowling Center and the Myrtle Trace League would like to invite current league members and all interested residents of the Burning Ridge area to attend an Open House at the bowling center on Saturday, July 14th from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Bowling and shoes will be free to all attendees. Come on out, have some fun and get all the details about our league.

Waccamaw Bowling Center is located on US 501 just west of the Waterway behind the Country Inn & Suites. For additional information, please call League Secretary Ted Ackley at 347-3304. We hope to see you at the Open House !

ARE YOU READY ?

COME TO THE CLUBHOUSE FOR A
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

FOR MYRTLE TRACE RESIDENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 17TH, 2007 AT 10:30A.M.

CONDUCTED BY

ED PIOTROWSKI, WPDE CHIEF METEOROLOGIST

AND

RANDALL WEBSTER,

HORRY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST COME ,
FIRST SERVED BASIS AS SPACE IS LIMITED

SPONSORED BY THE MTHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING RESERVATION FORM AND
DROP IN THE BASKET AT 248 COTTONWOOD LANE
DEADLINE JULY 12TH!

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

NUMBER TO ATTEND _____

Sun Cruz Casino Boat Trip



Sponsored by Myrtle Trace Activities Committee

Wednesday, August 8, 2007

9:30 AM bus pick-up at our clubhouse
5:00 PM return to our clubhouse

Space is limited, so we encourage you to make your reservation early

Please be sure to have a valid picture ID with you to board the boat

If you do not have a driver's license, you may obtain a picture ID at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles without obtaining a license

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\$8.00 per person cost includes

- Transportation to and from Boat
- Sun Cruz boarding pass
- Buffet lunch or breakfast
- A token voucher

SUN CRUZ CASINO DAY

I/We would love to go:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Person(s) x \$8.00 PP = \$ _____

Please make your check payable to MT Activities Committee and remit it with this completed form to:

Mike & Sheilah Reynolds
177 Myrtle Trace Drive
843-347-0787

NO LATER THAN AUGUST 3rd, 2007

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 Game Night	2 12:30 Mah Jongg	3 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	4 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Flouhouse's Pkr.	5 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 7:00 Mah Jongg	6 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	7 9:30 Open Bowling
8 7:00 Game Night	9 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 McNell's Pkr. 7:00 ARC Mtg.	10 10:00 Prop. Com. 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Pkr.	11 9-11 Reserved 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:00 King's Pkr. 6:30 Flouhouse's Pkr.	12 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 7:00 Mah Jongg	13 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta	14 9-11 Bowling Open House 7:30 Bridge
15 7:00 Game Night	16 12:30 Mah Jongg 5:30 Pot Luck	17 9:00 MTS Brkfst. 10:30 Hurricane Mtg 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 Kings Poker 7:00 McNell's Pkr.	18 9:00 MTHOA BOARD MTG. 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:00 King's Pkr. 6:30 Flouhouse's Pkr.	19 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 7:00 Mah Jongg	20 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	21 9:30 Open Bowling
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As of: 6/22/2007						