



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

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

BOARD BRIEFS

EVENING WITH THE BOARD

Don't forget the "Evening With The Board" to be held on June 18, 2007, right after the Potluck dinner. It is your opportunity to discuss any topic with your Board of Directors, and receive updates as to what is happening in and around Myrtle Trace.

NEWS & VIEWS

The News & Views, the official communication vehicle of the Board, is always looking for news items of interest to our residents. If you have any suggestions to improve, add or make our paper more informative and interesting, please contact Editor Ted Ackley or any Board member to discuss your thoughts.

GATES

Myrtle Trace is in a "crisis" mode on the gate issue. Horry County Council again failed in its effort to maintain the encroachment permit for the gates. It is sad to say, but it is all political, and not judged on safety considerations, engineering and merit as it should be. The Chairperson and our Representative on the Council, are in a position of accepting the fallout from previous decisions, i.e., the airport, golf course land deals and other votes that have no bearing on Myrtle Trace. Ours is a highly charged political issue, and they can not call in any "favors" from fellow council members. The Board has obtained an attorney conversant with the State and County laws to assist us in the pursuit of alternative measures if and when the gates are opened. The opening of the gates could happen as early as June 19, 2007, at the second reading of the ordinance, postponed from May 15th. Some of our neighbors from Myrtle Trace South are relentless in the pursuit of their goal of opening the gates on Myrtle Trace Drive, and, after speaking with the President of their association, there seem to be no conciliatory avenues that we can pursue to change their minds.

RUMORS

We have all heard the rumors about Walmart and Home Depot coming to our neighborhood, and we all have many concerns. At this writing they are only rumors. A site plan has been issued for Walmart, but nothing formal has come through the County planning department as to permits, or public discussion periods. Home Depot continues to be talked about, but the County does not have a site plan in house, and we have no knowledge of land transfers at this time. Our main concerns are noise and light pollution and traffic. If you have other concerns, please communicate them to the President, or any Board member.

FOUNTAINS

There have been pros and cons on the reinstallation of the fountain in Lake Bunting. The Board realizes that the fountain produced an excessively high column of water, a spray area which was too wide and too much over-spray. The Board is addressing these problems, and will try to make the fountain more "aesthetic," as is its intended purpose. The Board has also addressed the problem of the level of the lakes. As you know, we are experiencing a severe drought, and the pumping of the water to maintain our lake levels is at an all time high. We are monitored by the State, and do not want to jeopardize our ability to withdraw from the aquifer, or face a fine. The fountains are to be turned off during periods of drought and high winds to prevent the loss of water.

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Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004

July Deadline - 6/22/07

BOWLING

At the league banquet in April, there was a suggestion that the league consider bowling at Surfside Bowling Center next fall. The league officers were asked to explore the possibility and report back to the league.

There will be a brief meeting of all the bowlers on Thursday, June 14th, at 11:30 AM in the Clubhouse to review the findings and consider a move to Surfside. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

MYRTLE TRACE OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

For many years, one of the most popular activities in Myrtle Trace was the annual golf tournament. With the demise of the Links Group, many of the Myrtle Trace golfers moved on to other golf courses. In recent months, many former members have returned to Burning Ridge. It may be time to reinstate the Myrtle Trace Tourney. It would be a Captain's Choice format for both men and women. Golf would be followed by refreshments and the awarding of prizes.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Jack Barnum (347-7031), Don Samsel (347-3271) or Ted Ackley (347-3004). If enough interest is shown, we will plan to hold the tournament in early August. Please let us know of your interest by June 22nd.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

A threatening weather forecast resulted in the cancellation of our Casino Boat Cruise which had been planned for early May. Another trip will probably be planned for a later date. The Sunday Game Nights, Bingo, Potluck Dinner, Newcomers' Luncheon and Memorial Day Picnic were enjoyed by all who attended.

June activities will feature "An Evening With The Board" and a Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game. Details on both of these events will be found elsewhere in this issue of News & Views.

Pat Paxson still has a few Myrtle Trace shirts for sale. Anyone interested should call Pat at 347-1609.

Kitty Kenney has agreed to serve as Chairperson for the Newcomers' Club for the coming year. Their first function will take place in September.

Potluck Dinners will continue all summer and the next one will be held on June 18th at 5:30 in the Clubhouse. Several events are planned for next fall including a Get Acquainted Social on September 16th, Casino Night on October 13th and a Veterans Day celebration on November 11th.

Many thanks to those who have served on the Activities Committee during the past year. We're looking forward to working with several new members including Kitty Kenney, Ron & JoAnn Grove, Suzanne Owens, Maureen Lowndes and Louise Wells.

Our next Activities Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 4th at the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend and share their ideas for the upcoming year.

Beth Crow

POKER, ANYONE???

The men's poker group (Wild Card Poker) which meets every Tuesday & Wednesday from 6 pm to 10 pm at the Clubhouse is looking for additional players. Presently, there are only 4 or 5 men who are regular players. We play dealer's choice for nickel, dime, or quarter.

You may come to the Clubhouse on one of those days or call Fred King at 347-9570 for additional information.

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS
MAY 20, 2007

Additions:

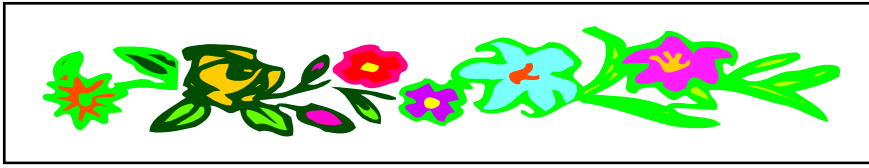
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GARDEN CLUB

The spring planting effort at the Myrtle Trace Garden is just about completed and we hope that all Tracers will take the time to stroll around the Clubhouse and enjoy the many different plantings that have been made. Among these are Double-flowered Mock Orange, Red Cross Vine, Passion Flower, American Wisteria, Bloodgood Japanese Maple, Pink Hydrangea, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Hybrid Lenten Rose, Live Oak (donated by Paula Youngs) and dwarf Gardenia. All of these plants are meant to add further beauty to the garden at various times of the year. While in the garden, be sure to check out the Rock Garden - many new plants have been added to this special feature by Judy Beam.

June is the month when outbreaks of Brown Patch (a fungus disease) and Centipedegrass Yellows (cause unknown) occur. Although both may attack our lawns and common areas, the use of fungicides or other control products is usually NOT suggested. High cost is one factor and another is that neither problem tends to kill large turfgrass areas. Given time, the affected areas usually recover in a matter of two to four weeks.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be held on Thursday, June 7 at 2 PM in the Clubhouse - won't you take the time to join with us? As usual, all suggestions, ideas, and/or comments will be welcome.

“The richest soil, if uncultivated, produces the rankest weeds,”
Plutarch

Paul Alexander

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

A new supply cabinet has been placed in the Clubhouse near the rest rooms for the purpose of storing paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, plastic trash bags, etc..... The cabinet will be unlocked and supplies will be restocked as necessary.

Our pool is open and everyone is invited to enjoy it. Please abide by the Pool Rules which are posted. Charlene Rose is in charge of the Pool Monitors this year and she will appreciate your cooperation. Once again Ken's Pool Service will be keeping the pool clean. A spare key attached to a stick for the Cabana rest rooms may be found in the Clubhouse kitchen near the microwave. The Cabana phone will be operational for the summer.

As someone recently said, we live in a forest. We live on beautiful wooded lots with many trees and shrubs so let's enjoy every minute.

Ron Crow

Thank You

I would like to thank all the Myrtle Trace residents that took the time to supply me with their old telephone books. As usual, you supplied a great many. Waccamaw Elementary turned in 479 books this year and Myrtle Trace supplied 235 of them. Several people left me a note for coupons. The coupons are being mailed to the school and hopefully by the time this is in print I will have them. Again the school thanks you and I thank you for a job well done.

John Brunk

Residents of Myrtle Trace,

Thank you for all the phone books you collected for Waccamaw Elementary. We truly appreciate all your help.

Waccamaw Elementary

Staff & Students



Just a short note to tell you that I felt honored when the fountain was turned on in Bunting Lake right behind our townhouse on Cricket Court. It was my "milestone" birthday that day and it added a personal touch even though it is meant for everyone. Thank you so much for the "gift"! Gratefully,

Susan Winters

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

June

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 - Beige leather couch. Excellent condition. Please call Jean at 347-8807. (4)

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)

GOING TO ENGLAND? - I have 53 Pounds/70 Pence Stirling for sale at 85% of market. Also, a 5 caster, high back executive desk chair, grey tweed, mint condition. \$25.00 Please call Jack at 347-0004 (4)

SELL - 50 +/- American & British cook books. \$30.00 for the entire set. Please call Lois at 347-0004 (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)

SELL - 2 burner propane BBQ grill with cart and Cover. No tanks.\$40.00 Call 234-0105 (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)

BORROW - a high chair and a "Pac & Play" for the visit of our grandchild on June 22—26. Please call Dick or Jody Sievers at 347-6990. (6)

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

COMMON PROPERTY

The process of the deeding of the "Common Property" in Phase VIII, is very close to being completed. Our legal counsel has assured us that it should be completed by early June at the latest. That will place the MTHOA in possession of all parcels for which it is responsible. A job well done will be in order for the Board members who have dealt with this problem for many years. They have stayed the course and finally will be able to see the end result.

FLAGS

As you may have noticed, two of our three flags at Burning Ridge Road and Myrtle Trace Drive were recently stolen. We do not know who, or how, but we have been assured that steps to prevent it from happening again have been taken. They are costly to replace, mainly in time, material and the re-installation, due to the necessity of a "boom crane" to restring the halyards.

WATERFOWL

As you know, we have taken the brunt of negative publicity in the newspapers concerning waterfowl and the ordinance to ban their feeding, with a fine, if cited, attached. Your Board did not ask the County or our representative for this help. We have maintained, over the years, our own policy on the feeding of waterfowl, and it is generally adhered to within the community, without outside law enforcement being necessary. The ordinance was approved by the County Council.

CHECK THE MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE!

www.myrtletracesc.org

The News & Views is the MTHOA Board's primary means of communicating with our residents. However, since the News & Views is only published monthly, the timeliness of the information is somewhat limited. From time to time throughout the year, it becomes necessary to reach everyone and the new website provides a good source of pertinent information.

Jim Wilkison and Bruce Williams have done an excellent job of creating and maintaining a very informative website. Jim is the Webmaster and Bruce provides the photographic content.

At the present time, the site contains the identities and photos of virtually all of the key volunteers who keep our association running smoothly. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses (if any) are also listed.

In addition to "up-to-the-minute news flashes", the site contains several useful items of information. Calendars for the coming months are presented showing the known scheduled activities. A street map of Myrtle Trace is provided (and you all thought Myrtle Trace Drive was a straight road!!!). There is also a satellite map covering the entire Conway area. Past issues of the News & Views are also on file and may be printed if desired.

Extremely convenient is a current WPDE weather forecast for the Grand Strand and the inland counties updated very frequently.

The website is not intended to replace the News & Views. Rather, it is intended to compliment our monthly newsletter.

www.myrtletracesc.org

Go there today!!

AN EVENING WITH THE BOARD

ATTENTION

"New Or Interested" Myrtle Trace Residents

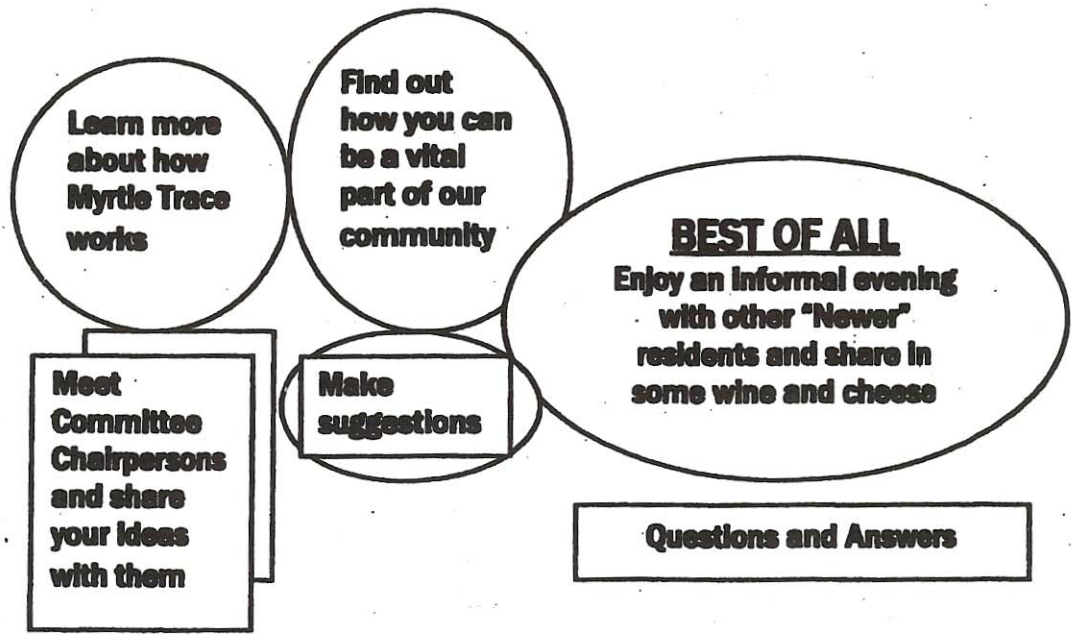
(If you've have lived here only a few months or twenty-five years, this is you)

AN INVITATION TO

What: "An Evening with the Board

When: Monday, June 18, 7:30 PM

Where: Myrtle Trace Clubhouse



Please complete the form below and drop it in the basket at the Grays, 117 Boxwood Lane, or the Murphys, 107 Moss Circle by Saturday, June 9th. This will help us know how many to plan for.

I/We Will Attend: _____
