



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

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

BOARD BRIEFS

GATE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Barcode readers have been selected for vehicle identification and activation of the vertical lift gates which will be installed. The chosen contractors have met with our project team to establish their interdependent work schedules. Delivery of the reader and gate equipment will occur in four to six weeks; in the interim all the site preparation will have been accomplished. The paving contractor will excavate the turn around areas for the gate contractor to trench below that level for compacted burial of conduit between the readers and the gates. Then the paving contractor will return to place a compacted coquina base course in the turn around areas. In the meantime, another contractor will dig a trench from Cedar Ridge Lane for the electrical contractor to lay conduit and power supply to the gate site. Concurrently, Santee Cooper will install an underground power line for their new street lamp and will bore under the existing roadway for conduit to the lamp and the gate equipment. The gate contractor will then install concrete bases for that equipment and curbing around a service island between the gates. The electrical contractor will have installed the necessary panels and boxes enabling connection of all equipment at the service island. To complete the preparatory work, the paving contractor will install an asphalt binder course, tack coat and a compacted asphalt surface course in the turn around areas. Upon delivery of the equipment, the gate contractor will complete the installation and demonstrate its proper operation.

By the time the gates are operable, the barcode labels should have been affixed to authorized vehicles. Those vehicles prohibited from parking on the properties will not be labeled, and not more than two vehicles per property will be authorized. The Association will physically attach the labels in the appropriate location on the driver's side rear window. A photo copy of the authorized vehicle's registration document is required. You may use the copier at the Clubhouse for this purpose. Each registration should be copied on a separate sheet of paper and the copies should be presented to the volunteers who come to your residence to affix the label(s). After the volunteer records the serial number of the installed label on the photo copy, it becomes the Association's permanent record. You will be informed in advance of the date(s) the volunteers will be in your neighborhood for this purpose. Residents who are to be out of town or otherwise unavailable at that time should contact one of the individuals listed below for further instructions. We ask that you prepare the registration photo copy as soon as practicable after reading this advice.

Submittal of copies of renewal registrations will be required only when new license plates have been issued. In the event you later dispose of an authorized vehicle, leave the label on the vehicle. It cannot be removed without making it unreadable, and we will simply delete that serial number from the control unit making it useless. The same process will apply to replacement of damaged labels, but in addition to making the damaged serial inoperable, the volunteer will remove the damaged label when installing the replacement. An efficient procedure for the labeling of eligible new vehicles will be established and published in the near future.

Should you have concerns or questions not addressed here, you may contact any of the following residents: Jim Wilkison, Project Coordinator; Lyle Kershner, Property Committee Chairman; Dan Seeds, Contract Administrator.

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Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004
July Deadline - 6/19/09

OLD TELEPHONE BOOKS

I would again like to thank all the Myrtle Trace residents for your thoughtfulness in giving me your old telephone books for Waccamaw Elementary School. We collected a record 772 telephone books this year. It couldn't have been done without you. The school gets \$.15 per book and the students receive a free Wendy's frosty plus discount coupons for Marble Slab Creamery (Buy One, Get One Free), Aunt Anne's Pretzel BOGO and Jungle Fun a free \$5 game card with the purchase of a game card.

I have placed in your paper box the coupons for the people that signed up for them. If you did not receive yours please let me know. I still have about 50 of all the discount coupons and the Wendy Frosties left. Any one wanting one or an additional one please let me know. Again thank you for your support.

John Brunk

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 Jeanne Bredbeck, David Day, Frances Driggers, Tom Dubauskas, Thea Letsch, Marilyn McDonough, Dick Salews and Dick Sievers. Drop in and see the outstanding "work" of your neighbors.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Summer is almost here and everyone is looking forward to warm days at the pool, trips to the beach and visits with families and friends. Your Activities Committee has been busy with preparations for our "Luau Poolside Party" to kick-off the season here in Myrtle Trace. There has been great response and all reservations were filled the first week. At press time we are all hoping that the weather will cooperate and we'll be blessed with a beautiful evening to share with neighbors and friends.

There will be no Bingo during the summer months. Bingo will resume on Friday, September 11, 2009. The next Clubhouse Movie will be "Wild Hogs" starring John Travolta, Tim Allen, William H. Macy and Martin Lawrence and it will be shown on Friday, June 26th. Our Get Acquainted Social will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009 so mark your calendars now. More information will follow in the August News and Views.

Steve Sands will be showing "TV Shows of Yesteryear" in the Clubhouse on the following Saturdays, June 20th, July 18th and August 15th from 2:00 until 3:30. Steve has a wide variety of old shows including Amos and Andy, Ozzie and Harriet, Jack Benny, Sid Caesar and many more. Escape the heat of the summer and come out for this free event.

The next computer class will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00. Bob Owens will finish his presentation on computer optimization. There will be no classes in July, August or September, but will resume on Monday, October 5, 2009. Pelican's Baseball Game hosted by Jack and Mary Ann Mehl will be Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009 at 6:05. Sign-up is in this issue. Game nights continue throughout the summer on Sunday at 7:00 and Pot Luck will be the third Monday of each month at 5:30.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun filled summer and look forward to seeing all of you around the neighborhood.

Suzanne Owens

Mary Frances Williams

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS
MAY 23, 2009

Additions:

Ahlers, Michael & Susan	105 Hickory Drive	234-1478 NY
Preslar, Joe & Esther	205 Beechwood Court	234-5558 NC

Changes:

Barber, Bob	100 Hickory Drive	347-5682
Maass, Mitzi	208 Butternut Circle	347-5100

Deletions: NONE

E-Mail: NONE

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

WALMART OPENING

Our new WalMart neighbor is officially scheduled to open on June 17th, but Store Manager Scott Brisson is shooting for a June 10th opening. They expect to hire 400 people overall and at press time they still needed about 200 new employees.

The new store will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to the Superstore, tenants will include Subway, Woodforest National Bank and Smart Style Hair Salon. The layout of this new WalMart differs in that all consumables are in one location, the Food Section of the store. The new design is aimed at making shopping more convenient by including wider aisles and lower shelving.

Another feature of their new concept is a customer pick up station near the entrance to the Merchandise Section. A customer may order over the Internet at Walmart .com and pick up the order at the pickup station. In addition, the Photo Section will be at the entrance so one may drop off and pick up photos without going through the store.

WALKING IN MYRTLE TRACE

We are a community of active adults, many of whom enjoy walking. Whether you walk alone, in pairs or with a dog, you are encouraged to make use of the common ground along our roadways by stepping off the road surface when traffic approaches. The common ground along our streets is defined as 25 feet from the center of the road surface. This common ground, like all the common ground in our community, is for the enjoyment and use of all residents.

BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board has appointed the Nominating Committee for the election of 2010. The Committee consists of: Ted Ackley, Renzo Falcinelli, Sally Herstine, Alice Landry, Ron Longnecker, Joe Martin, Nancy Murphy and Sheilah Reynolds (Chairperson). The Committee is charged with finding candidates to run for two Board positions. The terms of Tom Gray and Tom Dovey will expire in February 2010. Another committee will be formed to conduct the Annual Meeting.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

It has come to the Board's attention that some residents are not quite certain how our HOA operates. When a resident has a concern, suggestion or request, they should contact their area representative if it deals with common property, or submit a request to the ARC if it involves private property. If, after submitting a request to a committee and receiving a response which is not satisfactory, then the Board should be contacted either by submitting a letter addressed to the Board of Directors at 101 Myrtle Trace Drive; or by e-mail at Board@myrtletracesc.org. Conflict resolution between neighbors is not a matter for committees or the Board, unless that conflict deals with the Covenants or the Bylaws. This "chain of command" has worked well for a number of years. The dedication of hundreds of volunteers has kept this caring community the tranquil setting we all choose to call home.

Thank You

To My Many Myrtle Trace Friends

The food was delicious, the flowers beautiful, the cards endearing, and the phone calls, visits and tips were uplifting. But, the most helpful was that you thought of me. For all the above, I give a great, big THANK YOU! I am doing very well with my new knee.

June Darville

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and good wishes while I was recuperating from my recent hip replacement operation in New York. It is so good to be back among all the friendly faces in Myrtle Trace.

Leah Kaufman

A big thank you to Elizabeth Reys-Borkowski for donating a small portable wheel chair and a sit-on walker to our community. The items are located in the Clubhouse store-room and may be signed out by any resident.

POT LUCK DINNER

MONDAY, JUNE 15TH
5:30 PM

NO RESERVATION
NECESSARY

MEET & GREET
NEIGHBORS &
FRIENDS

BRING A DISH
TO SHARE !!

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - 2007 Ford Taurus. 4 door, 32,000 miles, gray, CD player. Excellent condition. Please call Rita at 347-5052. (5)

RENT - 2 BR, 2 bath, immaculate condominium in gated community on 18,000 acre lake at foothills of SC Blue Ridge Mountains. Pristine 18 hole golf course, tennis courts, paved walking trail, pontoon boats, pools available. Country Club dining available. One week minimum. Call Dick at 347-0007. (5)

SELL or RENT: Beautifully landscaped 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in Phase VIII of Myrtle Trace. The house is located on a quiet cul de sac, bordering a lake with nature preserve behind the lot. Available immediately. Please call (843) 767-1886. (6)

SELL - 1993 Cadillac Allante convertible with a Northstar Engine. Excellent condition. 37,000 miles. Please call John at 347-7086 (6)

BUY - A king size headboard. Please call Dick at 347-2596 (6)

SELL - Rattan frame swivel chair with new floral print cushions. Excellent condition. Great for a Carolina Room. Only \$99. Fully enclosed entertainment center. Unique beveled glass door. Quality piece of Stanley oak furniture. Originally \$775, asking \$195. Must see. Please call Dick @ 347-0007. (6)

MYRTLE TRACE-MART
is a service of the News & Views which accepts NO responsibility
for any claims made in an ad. Ads for businesses conducted by
Myrtle Trace residents will not be accepted.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Myrtle Trace Board of Directors has approved an Architectural Review Committee recommendation regarding tree removal on homeowner property. When the homeowner requests a tree removal, ARC members review that request on site with the homeowner. Permission to remove the tree is given if the tree meets the listed criteria in the Homeowners Guidelines and Restrictions. (pg. 10) A sticker is then issued and placed on the newspaper box designating a tree removal at that location. A number is placed on the sticker indicating the number of trees to be removed. The homeowner may then contract with personnel who will remove the tree or trees. This allows other committee members to identify approved tree removals.

Homeowners removing trees without (1) submitting the Project Request Form and (2) follow-up visitation and approval by the ARC will be subject to the System of Fines already approved for other architectural violations. This System of Fines has a \$50 fine for failure to submit a Project Request Form and a \$45 fine for violation of the Homeowners Guidelines. A \$3 daily fine is also possible for failure to restore the property to a condition deemed satisfactory by the ARC. This would mean possibly replanting a tree of a size to be determined in each individual situation and as the situation warrants. Homeowners removing trees other than those approved for removal shall be subject to the \$45 fine, the possible \$3 daily fine and the restitution of another tree. This policy will be in effect immediately.

Pat Hosford

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

By the time you read this, our annual major outbreak of the Eastern Tent Caterpillars on many of the trees in Myrtle Trace will have taken place and the eggs for next year's generation will have been laid. However, this brief article is intended to reassure you that even though the spring feeding frenzy of the fuzzy little critters left many trees looking very ragged, they will recover nicely. Of course, the sight of the remaining webs which remain will be apparent for a few more weeks and keep many homeowners fearful that the affected tree may die. If the webs are that unsightly and you want to get rid of them, simply use an adjustable garden hose spray nozzle and "blast" the webs out of the tree with a directed stream of water. The use of insecticides is NOT a viable way in which to try to control these worms. Nor is the "old-timers" method of burning out the webs advisable simply because of the potential fire hazard.

And a final word of caution - we may reasonably expect another caterpillar outbreak toward the end of summer. However, the culprit will be the Fall Webworm. These worms build their webs at the tips and ends of tree limbs, whereas the Eastern Tent caterpillars build their webs in areas where limbs grow from the main trunk of the host tree. Again, the use of insecticides is not advisable nor practical. A jet nozzle and your garden hose should be all that you need.

Paul Alexander

GARDEN CLUB

For all plant lovers (especially those who are interested in day-lilies) - the June 4th meeting of the Garden Club will feature Professor Ed Zahler, a local breeder of daylilies. Professor Zahler has been breeding daylilies for more than 30 years and has introduced several new cultivars to the general public. This will be a great opportunity to learn the proper care and cultivation of one of the great flowering plants of this area. The meeting will be at 2 PM in the Clubhouse

Now that spring has arrived, be alert to some of the insect problems which inevitably share the good weather with us (see the article about webworms appearing above). Another pest of concern this time of year are the many species of aphids which attack a wide range of plants. Most of us know about aphids on roses, fruit trees and a multitude of other plants, and how they cause leaves to become twisted and deformed. However, many of us do not know that aphid waste secretions also attract many forms of disease-causing organisms such as fungi and bacteria. A notable example of this is the Sooty Mold fungus which grows on many ornamental plants. While not a killing type of fungus, it develops a black, sooty crust over entire leaves or smaller limbs of Crepe Myrtles and other flowering plants which are prized in our community. This crust formation can be scraped off with a fingernail, so that it is easily identifiable. The use of a fungicide is NOT recommended, but 2 or 3 applications of Sevin insecticide at label recommendations will control the aphids and stop further sooty mold outbreaks.

"Nature does nothing uselessly." Aristotle

Paul Alexander

JUNE COMPUTER CLASS

Our next class will take place on Monday, June 1st. It will be the previously planned session on COMPUTER OPTIMIZATION. We will go over temporary internet files and how they help and hinder your computer. Plus, we will discuss good and bad cookies. We will talk about junk files and remnants of uninstalled program files and how they affect your computer. The registry and utility programs will also be covered. We will download, install, set up, and run a utility program.

Included will be download sites for free utility programs which can be used to keep your computer healthy and speedy.

At the end of the program we will have a fifteen minute period reserved for general questions and discussion.

We hope you will join us. Those of you who have laptop computers are asked to bring them along. Tell your friends. All are welcome.

Jim, Bob, Bruce & Ted

Myrtle Trace Ladies

Coffee Klatch

Saturday

June 20, 2009

10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

Please RSVP to

Liz Maass

at 347-3751

or

lizmaass@sc.rr.com

MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE

www.myrtletracesc.org

TV Shows from Yesteryear



Remember?

Amos and Andy
Ozzie and Harriet
Jack Benny
(and many more)



Join Steve Sands for a trip down memory lane on Saturday, June 20th, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the clubhouse while he shows three one-half hour shows from his collection of old TV shows. Admission is free and the afternoon promises to be a blast from the past!!! Additional shows will be shown in July and August.

Myrtle Trace Night at BB&T Coastal Field



Myrtle Beach Pelicans

Vs

Frederick Keys

(Baltimore Orioles Farm Team)



Fathers Day

Sunday

June 21, 2009

Game starts 6:05 pm

We have a block of "Reserved Seats" at \$8.00 each for Myrtle Trace residents. Tickets will be delivered to your home prior to the game.

(No Refunds)

Bruce



**Fireworks
after the
game!!**

Pelicans Game

June 21, 2009

Names: _____

Number attending: _____ X \$8.00ea.
= \$ _____

Make your check payable to "Myrtle Trace Activities Committee" and deposit it and this form into the basket at
238 Candlewood Dr.

For more information contact:
Jack & Mary Ann Mehl
234-1297

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>CALENDAR</p> <p>Pat Paxson – 347-1609</p> <p>Alternate Ted Ackley – 347-3004</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:30 Mah Jongg</p> <p>7:00 BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1:00 Mah Jongg</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p> <p>Canasta</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces)</p> <p>6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9-11 Crafters</p> <p>1:30 Scrabble</p> <p>2:00 GARDEN CLUB</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing</p> <p>1:00 Canasta</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 GARDEN CLB WORK PARTY</p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling</p>	
	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30 Mah Jongg</p> <p>4:00 ARC COM.</p> <p>7:00 ACTIV. COM.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 PROP. COM.</p> <p>1:00 Mah Jongg</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p> <p>Canasta</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE</p> <p>12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks)</p> <p>6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9-11 Crafters</p> <p>1:30 Scrabble</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing</p> <p>1:00 Canasta</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling</p> <p>1-6 RESERVED</p> <p>7:00 Bridge</p>
	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:30 Mah Jongg</p> <p>5:30 POT LUCK</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00 Mah Jongg</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p> <p>Canasta</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 BOARD MTG</p> <p>12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces)</p> <p>6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9-11 Crafters</p> <p>1:30 Scrabble</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing</p> <p>1:00 Canasta</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling</p> <p>10-12 MT LADIES COFFEE</p>
	<p>21</p> <p>6:05 DEPART FOR PELICANS GAME</p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:30 Mah Jongg</p> <p>4:00 ARC COM.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00 Mah Jongg</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p> <p>Canasta</p> <p>3:00 CAREGIVERS GROUP</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks)</p> <p>6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9-11 Crafters</p> <p>1:30 Scrabble</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Line Dancing</p> <p>1:00 Canasta</p> <p>7:00 MOVIE NITE</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 Open Bowling</p> <p>10-7 RESERVED</p> <p>7:00 Bridge</p>
	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:30 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00 Mah Jongg</p> <p>Duplic. Bridge</p> <p>Canasta</p> <p>6:00 King's Poker</p> <p>7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>SWIMMERCISE - POOL</p> <p>M - F 8:00 – 8:45</p>		<p>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE</p> <p>M - F 7:45 - 9:00</p>	