



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents June 2010

BOARD BRIEFS

COMMON GROUND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Many of our Homeowners have asked the Board to please explain the Maintenance Agreement and why we have it. Approximately seventeen years ago, some Homeowners began tending to the common areas (Common Property) that border their lawns (both front, back and sides if the person owns a corner property). Unfortunately, that never should have been allowed since the common area did not and still does not belong to the Homeowner. In the past two years, 152 Homeowners have undertaken some maintenance of the Common areas. Today, of these 152 properties, some wish to fertilize, but not to mow. Some wish to mow, but not to weed. Some want to put on weed and fertilize, not mow and the combination goes on and on. This has resulted in a multitude of maintenance problems.

Due to these problems, the Property Committee asked the Board to revert back to the Covenants, which state the MTHOA takes care of the Common Area. Our Attorney recommended that the Board strictly follow the Covenants. The Board, realizing that years have passed where many were doing an excellent job of tending to the common areas, came up with a compromise; an all or nothing approach. The Homeowner would either agree to mow, weed and feed all lawn areas in the common grounds, which abut their property, or the MTHOA takes care of it. In all cases, the Homeowners are responsible for watering the common grounds lawn areas adjoining their residences. The Association's Attorney stated that if the MTHOA gives permission to Homeowners to care for the Common Property, an official agreement must be written up to absolve the MTHOA of liability. The agreement is also to state what lawn care the Homeowner who signs the agreement is responsible for. This is how the Maintenance Agreement came to be. The following are the questions the Board has received on the Maintenance Agreement:

1. If we sign the Maintenance agreement and we have a hurricane or gale force winds are we responsible for disposing of the debris?

NO. The post storm policy is unchanged. After a hurricane or gale force winds, each Homeowner or their Agent clears the debris off their property and Common Property and puts it near the street for Hardee Maintenance to pick up. Regular everyday cuttings from lawns, bushes, trees and leaf raking are the responsibility of the Homeowner/Agent to remove.

2. If we do not sign the Maintenance Agreement can we still mow the common area when we mow our lawn?

YES. You may still mow but you are not allowed to weed or feed. The Common Property in all cases belongs to the MTHOA and Hardee Maintenance will continue to mow, weed and fertilize.

3. How can we tell where the common property starts?

The Common Property adjoining your home extends 33 feet from the center of Myrtle Trace Drive or 25 feet from the center of other roadways to approximately where the electrical boxes and water meters are. Measuring from a cul-de-sac may be different as with rear Common Properties. If you are not sure, please contact your Phase Representative. Their names and numbers are on the back of the Association's Telephone Directory.

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July Deadline - 6/19/10

July Delivery - 6/28/10

COUNCIL OF PAST

PRESIDENTS

The Myrtle Trace Council of Past Presidents held its quarterly meeting on May 20th in the Clubhouse. The highlight of the meeting was a discussion on the Common Area maintenance program with current Board President, Cathy McElroy. Cathy explained the need for changes to the program and answered questions.

The Council, consisting of the 14 living past presidents of the MTHOA, meets quarterly in February, May, August and November.

COMPUTER CLASS STAFF

GOES ON VACATION

Computer classes have been suspended for the summer as the instructors and the "students" take a break for summer. The next class is tentatively scheduled for October 4th in the Clubhouse.

In the meantime, anyone needing help with a problem may call Bruce (234-1236), Jim (347-6400) or Ted (347-3004) and they will try to help you. The rest of you, please think of topics you'd like to cover in the fall.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Well, it looks like the warm weather is finally here!! Spring rains have washed away most of the pollen and neighbors are starting to come out of hibernation to enjoy some of the offerings in and around Myrtle Trace. Your Activities Committee has been busy planning summer events but we could use some new members with fresh ideas to join us. Volunteers are the heartbeat of our community and we appeal to old and new residents alike to come to our next meeting on June 14th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

Charlene Rose conducted our May meeting, with 13 members present. Committee reports were as follows: The English Tea and Fashion Show, attended by 80 ladies, received rave reviews from everyone. A personal thank you goes to Alta Fox, Pat Hargreaves and Dee Sharp for working with me on this endeavor; Due to poor response it was necessary to cancel the Dinner Cruise planned for Memorial Day; Fifty + residents enjoyed "Dining Out" at *Gauchao's*; Bingo, Pot Luck, Movie Night and Ladies Coffee Klatch continue to be well attended.

If you are looking for some entertainment for Dad on June 22nd, be sure to sign up for an "Evening with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans" hosted by Jack and Mary Ann Mehl (flier in this issue). There will be no Bingo in June, July and August. The Yesteryear TV presentations will also resume in September. Movie Night will be June 25th at 7:00 PM, and will feature Sandra Bullock in her award winning performance in "Blind Side" (****PG-13, 2009). Free soft drinks and popcorn for everyone!! "Dining Out" for June will be a noon luncheon at *Gershon's Deli* on the 17th (sign up in this issue). Please refer to the calendar for other scheduled events.

Suzanne Owens

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS

MAY 21, 2010

Additions:

Rau, Richard & Patricia	103 Dogwood Circle	540-327-6892
Socha, Ronald	112 Berry Tree Lane	347-1481

Changes:

Deletions:

Lang, Ramona	112 Berry Tree Lane
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E-Mail:

Samsel, Don	dsamsel@sccoast.net
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GARDEN CLUB

“Spring has sprung; the grass is rizz; I wonder where the girlies izz”. (anonymous).

Most of the spring planting has been done in the Myrtle Trace garden, fertilizer has been applied and quite a bit of trimming and pruning of the older plants has been accomplished. The unusually cold winter we experienced did not seem to have adversely affected the garden plantings and it is expected that we shall have the usual great display of summer, fall, and winter color by our blooming plants.

The Garden Club will meet at 2PM on Thursday, June 3rd at the Clubhouse and a “Plant Swap” will be featured as well as a stroll through the garden to check out some of the newer plantings. If you have some plants which you would like to share with other Tracers or if you would like to pick up some new plants for your landscape, be sure to attend. All we ask is that your “swap” plant be in a suitable container and that you identify the plant as to its proper name (i.e.: species or variety name). There is no cost to anyone participating in this event. If this new program is successful, it may be offered in September or October so that plants best suited to be replanted in the fall months may be featured.

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.”
Cicero

Paul Alexander

I REMEMBER THAT !!!

The May trivia winner was Mary Maurer whose name was randomly drawn from the list of residents who submitted the correct answer. The question was: “What was the name of the Chinese cook on Bonanza?” The answer was “Hop Sing”.

The June question: Who played Mr. Peepers?

Send your answers to Steve Sands by phone (331-3180) or by e-mail (SSands3@sc.rr.com) by the deadline June 15th. The prize this month will be a \$5.00 gift certificate at Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant. The winner will be announced in the July issue of News & Views.

Thank You

Thank you all!

To all of my friends that wished and prayed for my return to good health, I'm back, this time for good, I hope! Thank you again...

Bruce Tenney

Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Saturday, June 12, 2010

10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

Please RSVP to Charlene Rose
at 234-1730
or southernroses@aol.com

Please bring non-perishable
goods for CAPS

TRICKSTER BRIDGE

PLAYERS WANTED

We welcome (and need) bridge players for the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month at the Clubhouse. You will play with the partner you bring. Sign up if you would like to play - no commitment to play every time. We are a friendly bunch. If interested, please call Renzo Falcinelli at 347-6727.

MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE
www.myrtletracesc.org

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Two (2) exterior wood framed glass doors from the Camden model. Best offer. Please call Ernie at 347-3574. (4)

SELL - 19" TV, \$30 - works well, Wii Fit, \$30 - used very little, Cannon Scanner - new - \$30. Please call Jim or Dale at 347-0329. (5)

GIVE AWAY - golf-themed table lamp. Base is a golf bag with a golf umbrella-like shade. Please call Jim or Dale at 347-0329. (5)

FIND - Myrtle Trace golfers who would like to play in a tournament with Myrtle Trace South and Burning Ridge golfers on a date to be determined. Please call Norman Hargreaves at 267-2802 or 347-6050. (5)

BUY - A 5' or 6' artificial Christmas tree. Also interested in old ornaments. Please call Ron at 234-1814.

SELL - Noritake fine china service for fourteen (14). Six (6) pieces per place setting plus nine (9) serving pieces. Great gift to yourself OR for a grandchild's upcoming wedding! \$120.00. Please call JoAnn at 234-1814. (5)

BUY - A working refrigerator. We will pick it up. Please call Beth at 222-4712 (6)

GIVE AWAY - Casablanca ceiling fan with 4 green light globes and 5 blades. All parts and in working condition. Free to good home. Please call Ann at 347-5017 evenings. (6)

SELL - Assorted golf clubs including Big Bertha drivers, fairway metals, RAM Sr. irons (3-W), Wilson Staff irons and a pro size Ram golf bag. Please call Scott at 331-1026. (6)

SELL - Pro-Form 590 LS Crosswalk Treadmill (barely used) paid \$670 asking \$250. Wooden rocking chair with cushion - paid \$150 asking \$60. Old fashioned style gold frame mirror - 43" X 30" Paid \$120 asking \$60. All in excellent condition. Please call Eva at 347-8766 Monday - Friday, 9am - 7pm. (6)

Pot Luck Dinner

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2010 - 5:30 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

MEET AND GREET FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

ENJOY THE BEST MEAL IN TOWN !!

WELCOME ONE AND ALL !!

CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

COMMON GROUND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

4. Since Al Hardee's men have not been taking care of 152 homes, will they charge us more now that they have to tend to more houses?

NO! Our Contract with Mr. Hardee states, among other things that he is to tend to all Common Property, but none of the 518 individually owned properties.

5. If a tree located on Common Area falls on the Common Area I am maintaining or on my property, am I responsible for removing it?

NO. Such a tree will be removed by the Association. Notify your Phase Representative or the Property Committee Chairman.

6. If, after reading this article, I decide that I'd like to care for all the Common Area that abuts my property, whom should I contact?

Please contact, in writing, the Chairman of the Property Committee. The letter can then be placed in the HOA slot at the left of the Clubhouse door.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

The Myrtle Trace Clubhouse will be used for voting June 8th in the South Carolina Primary Election. Voting hours are from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. You must have a driver's license or voter registration card to vote. The Clubhouse will also be used for the Runoff Election on June 22nd. The General Election will be held on November 2nd. The deadline for General Election registration is October 2nd. If you want more information on the elections, go to www.scvote.org.

IRRIGATION

All home sites in Myrtle Trace have irrigation systems. If you need assistance in locating or operating your system, please contact your Property Committee Phase Representative and assistance will be provided. The names and phone numbers of the Phase Representatives are listed on the back page of our community directory.

WAL*MART

WAL*MART is the largest company in the history of the world. It employs 1.6 million people and is the world's largest private employer. Most of them speak English. WAL*MART is bigger than Home Depot, Target, Kroger, Sears, Costco and K-Mart combined. It now sells more food than Kroger and Safeway combined and they did this in only 15 years. They now sell more food than any other store or supermarket chain in the world.

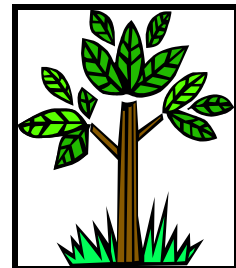
WAL*MART has approximately 3,900 stores in the United States – an increase of 1,000 during the past five years. About half of them are supercenters. Ninety percent (90%) of all Americans live within 15 miles of a WAL*MART.

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 526 books this year - a little short of 772 telephone books last year. A special thanks to Donna Budner for telephone books from her place of work. The school gets \$.15 per book and the students receive free Wendy's Frosties, plus an Aunt Anne's Pretzel BOGO. The school also has the chance of winning one of three cash prizes up to \$2500 for the most books collected. Waccamaw collected 1500 books due to your thoughtfulness and has a shot at winning one of the prizes.

Any one wanting a Wendy's coupon, please give me a call (347-0158) and I will gladly deliver one to you. Again thank you for your support.

John Brunk



Myrtle Trace Night at BB&T Coastal Field



Myrtle Beach Pelicans

Vs

Frederick Keys

(Baltimore Orioles Farm Team)



Fathers Day

Sunday

June 20, 2010

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)



**Fireworks
after the
game!!**

Pelicans Game

June 20, 2010

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.

(Must be received by 6/06/2010)

For more information contact:

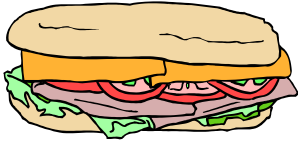
Jack & Mary Ann Mehl

234-1297

MYRTLE TRACE DINING OUT

JUNE 17, 2010

Gershon's



NY DELI

“The Best Sandwiches this side of New York”

****12:00 NOON****

3140 BUS HIGHWAY 17

SOUTH GARDEN CITY, SC 29576

(1 BLOCK NORTH OF INLET SQUARE MALL – ON WEST SIDE NEXT TO
SURF BEVERAGE)

843-357-DELI (3363)



AUTHENTIC NEW YORK STYLE DELI

Please note - this is LUNCH

The menu includes items anywhere from Sandwiches to Soups , Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. It even has “lighter side” items. So, you can see, there is something for everyone.

Join us for Lunch on June 17th.

Make checks payable to
"Myrtle Trace Activities Committee"
Drop check or cash to:
Steve & Bobbie Sands
186 Glenwood Drive
No later than June 10, 2010

Names: _____
Address _____
Number: _____ X \$ 1.00 = Amount _____

Money will be refunded at the restaurant

MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OPEN BOWLING Tuesday 9:30		1 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	2 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	3 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 Garden Club 6:00 King's Poker	4 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	5 9:00 Garden Club Work Detail
6 7:00 Game Night	7 12:30 Mah Jongg	8 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED ELECTION DAY 6AM-7:30PM	9 9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	10 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg	11 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta	12 10:00 MT Ladies Coffee 7:00 Bridge
13 7:00 Game Night	14 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 ARC MTG. 7:00 ACT. COM.	15 9:00 MTS Brkfst 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	16 9:00 MTHOA BD MTG. 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	17 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg	18 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge	19
20 6:05 Pelican's Baseball 7:00 Game Night	21 12:30 Mah Jongg 5:30 POT LUCK	22 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED ELECTION DAY 6AM-7:30PM	23 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:30 Men's Poker	24 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 4-6 MT Choral Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg	25 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta 7:00 MOVIE NITE	26 7:00 Bridge
27 7:00 Game Night	28 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 ARC MTG.	29 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker	30 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	CALENDAR Pat Paxson - 347-1609 Alternate Ted Ackley - 347-3004	EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE M - F 7:45 - 9:00	