



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents November 2008

BOARD BRIEFS

CONTROL OF THE ROADS 2008

In September 2007, the Association filed suit against Horry County to rescind the “right-of-way easements” to our roadways we had granted the County in 1994. We expect that a favorable ruling in our suit would call for the County to execute the quit claim deed(s) canceling their right-of way easements and establishing our responsibility for all further maintenance of our roads.

On October 9, 2008 the Board delivered to each residence an update on this matter explaining that an alternate method of obtaining the enabling quit claim deed(s) may be possible and the Board agreed to pursue this opportunity while the suit remains active until filing of the necessary deed(s). The following is a reprint of the article in the October 2007 issue of News & Views which should be helpful for new owners and a memory jogger for the rest of us.

CONTROL OF THE ROADS

There has been much discussion about our suit against the County to “close the roads”. That is the legal term directly out of South Carolina State Law. It’s time for plain talk. Our objective is to regain control of our roads. The county intends to use its “right-of way easement” to open Myrtle Trace Drive to through traffic both ways between Myrtle Ridge Drive and Burning Ridge Road. As in 1999, we continue to oppose such use of our roadways as being unsafe and exceeding the design standards to which we built them. We paid for construction of these road surfaces as part of the purchase price of each building lot.

The County was granted “right-of-way easement” to make use of our paved surfaces and areas to either side of those surfaces in return for County assumption of responsibility to maintain the pavements. The land underneath and alongside the roadways was not conveyed to the County, the County made no payment to defray the cost of the original road surfaces, and we consider the County’s current intentions to be an abuse of the “right-of-way easement” introducing perilous conditions to our community. County officials have stated and our attorneys confirm that we can regain control only by rescinding the “right-of-way easements” through the court action to “close the roads”.

In March of this year we contacted our insurer and inquired about any impact on our liability coverage or premium in the event the Association were to assume responsibility for maintenance of the community’s roadways. We were advised that there would be no impact on coverage or cost, but the underwriter would not renew our policy in the event we failed to maintain the roadways. We are confident that our community’s standard for property management will ensure maintenance of the roadways at a level equal to or superior to what the County has provided.

If our court suit is successful, maintenance of our roadways will be at Association expense. The Covenants state that the annual assessment “may be increased by the Board of Directors without approval by the membership by an amount not to exceed Ten Percent (10%) of the maximum annual assessment of the previous year.” A dues increase of \$5.00 per month from 518 member owners will provide \$31,080.00 per year before allowance for interest earnings on these funds. By 2012, we will have set aside a fund totaling \$155,400.00, before interest, to be applied against the expenditure of \$85,000.00 to repave Phase VIII

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Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004
December Deadline - 11/21/08

Thank You

We want to thank our Myrtle Trace friends for the cards and kind words in the loss of Al's grandson, Jake Gagnon. The interest you have taken in this special child has always been much appreciated.

Al & Cherie Hall

We just want to thank all of our friends and neighbors, especially those on Hickory Drive, for all their calls, cards and food during Basil's recuperation following surgery. Myrtle Trace is truly a wonderful and caring community.

Basil & Betty Boggs



CONWAY SENIOR CENTER

The Conway Senior Center has established a program of morning activities including lunch for seniors each week on Monday through Friday. All seniors are welcome provided they are able to eat and use the bathroom without assistance. If five or more persons are interested, the Center will provide transportation. The Center is located on Mill Pond Road between US 501 and Highway 378 (turn left at Appleby's). To express an interest or for info, please call Carole Reeder at 347-1619.

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

roadways. Another \$5.00 per month dues increase at that time will provide a fund balance, before interest, of \$381,200.00 against which \$304,000.00 is to be applied to repaving Phases I through VII in 2017. These figures do not include provisions for interest earnings or cost escalation. Our projections using a 3% compounding interest will produce an additional \$50,750.00 over this interval, an amount which should cover rising costs.

Further this fund will be able to cover the cost of road patching, and a card access gate at the intersection of Myrtle Trace Drive and Myrtle Ridge Drive. This would allow all of our residents the convenience of a second access. It was made clear to the Board both by legal counsel and by representatives of the County Council that we had but two options with regard to Myrtle Trace Drive: we could continue to have County maintenance of the roadways thereby granting control to the County and removing the gates to allow for public access; or we could assume maintenance of the roadways ourselves, thereby returning control to the Association. The Board chose the latter option. The Board's decision was based on the community's support for the gates as evidenced at our last Annual Meeting, as evidenced by the overflow crowd at the County Council meeting of January 16, 2007, and as evidenced by 11 months of discussion with residents. The message was made clear to the Board that this community wanted to exercise control over traffic on Myrtle Trace Drive in order to protect and preserve the Myrtle Trace community and property values. If our Court case is successful we will have control of our roads and will be able to install a card access gate for the use of our residents at the intersection of Myrtle Trace Drive and Myrtle Ridge Drive.

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MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS
OCTOBER 22, 2008

Additions:

Amarando, Lou & Joyce

109 Myrtle Trace Drive 609-602-3275 NJ

Corrections:

Delete:

E-Mail:

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Due to the Wal*Mart construction, some questions have been asked regarding structural and living fencing along periphery areas of the community. Both are acceptable under the Homeowners Guidelines and Restrictions and can be installed upon approval of a written request (ARC Project Request form) available in the Clubhouse. We would be happy to assist homeowners in determining appropriate plantings or placement of either type of fencing.

Pat Hosford

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A purse was stolen out of a home in a neighboring development on October 14th. The owner of the home left their garage door open. The thief came into the home while the owner was sleeping on the couch. The purse was later found with the money missing. All the credit cards were still in the purse. The thief could have stolen other items of value but was afraid the person on the couch would wake up.

The lesson here is that you should keep your garage door closed except when you are working in the garage. The neighborhood watch patrols notice that a few Myrtle Tracers still leave their garage doors open. A good habit to get into is to leave your garage door closed all the time. With all the construction going on we are vulnerable for strangers walking or riding through Myrtle Trace looking for easy targets to rob.

Jack Von Deck

BOARD BRIEFS (CONT'D.)

NEW FRONTAGE ROAD

It has come to our attention that Horry County is in the process of purchasing property for a frontage road along US 501. The plan calls for a paved road from the new Wal*Mart east to West Perry Road. We know that Wal*Mart has plans to pave a service road to Myrtle Ridge Drive. The county will have to acquire rights-of-way along the corridor. This would connect Myrtle Ridge Drive to Walgreen's on West Perry Road. Larry Hamilton, the County's road planning manager has been quoted as saying "we're just now making our first contacts with property owners". The prospect of future linkage to Singleton Ridge Road must also be considered. In light of these developments, the Board has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to study what must be done to protect our entrance at Burning Ridge Road and US 501.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work planning for the annual meeting which will be held at the Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium (Building 1100) on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Registration will open at 1 PM and the meeting will convene at 2 PM. After reports from the Board and various committees, we will be electing one member to the Board for a three year term, to replace Jack Mehl whose term expires in 2009. Residents who wish to be considered by the Committee for nomination to the Board of Directors of the Association should contact any committee member before November 11, 2008. Members of the Committee are: Sheilah Reynolds (Chairperson), Don Boutcher, John Brunk, June Darville, Kay Dubauskas, Joe Martin, Dan Schaeffer, and Dot Silvernail.



Lake Osprey as seen from Myrtle Trace Drive

MYRTLE

TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - Dark blue leather recliner. Good condition. \$100.00 Please call Yvette at 347-4383. (10)

SELL - 20" Symphonic TV with remote. \$15.00. Queen size sleeper couch - never slept on. \$100.00.

George Foreman outdoor grill - used once. \$15.00. All items in excellent condition. Please call Myron or Fran at 234-0032> (10)

SELL - Southwestern oil painting 51" wide x 41" high of two Indian or Mexican pots on a rock wall. \$40.00. (A photo of the painting is posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse) Two (2) small occasional tables 16" high. Gold colored heavy metal bases with glass tops. 25" in diameter. \$35.00 each. Please call John Tuttle at 347-7032. (10)

SELL - Thomas Trianon Organ. Solid state electronic organ. Good condition. \$100.00 Please call Ron or Beth at 347-1895. (10)

SELL - Hewlett Packard Deskjet computer printer. Brand new—never used. Retail \$69.99. Asking \$30.00. Please call Ken at 347-0068. (10)

SELL - Two (2) Long Bay Symphony tickets for "Rhapsody" featuring Adam Nieman on the piano. Left front orchestra seats. Performance Nov. 9, 2008. Both for \$25.00. Please call John Tuohy at 234- 1530. (10)

SELL - Red & Black Golf Bag with 7 left-handed ladies clubs: Tour Edge Reaction II Woods #s 1 & 3; Irons 3, 5, 7 & 9, plus putter. All in excellent condition, seldom used. \$75 or best offer. Christmas gift? Call Carol at 347-1880. (11)

ARTIST OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

PAT DUVALL - *WATERCOLORS*

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The October meeting of the Activities Committee was held Monday the 27th in the Clubhouse. Everyone in attendance was still very excited over the success of our first "Murder, Mystery and Mayhem" production. Both nights were "standing room only". A special "thank you" to chairpersons Kathy McElroy and Mary Frances Williams and all those who worked so hard on this event.

"Game Nights" continue to be well attended and are held every Sunday at 7:00 PM. Bingo for November will be the 14th at 7:00 pm. November Pot Luck is the 17th at 5:30 pm. No need to sign up; just bring your own table service, drinks and a dish to share. Crafters meet every Thursday morning at 9:00, to work on group and/or individual projects, and invite anyone interested to join them.

Great interest has been shown in the computer classes, taught by Jim Wilkinson, Bob Owens, Bruce Williams and Ted Ackley. A computer is now in the Clubhouse for all residents to use. Internet access is provided, but you will need to have your own account set up to do e-mail. Please contact one of the instructors for help with this. Due to the election, the next class will be November 10th at 7:00 PM.

We will be honoring our Myrtle Trace veterans again this year on Sunday afternoon, November 9, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Clubhouse. A sign-up is in this issue of the News & Views. Luminaries night will be Saturday, December 13th, with Sunday the 14th as the rain date. Charlene Rose has all the bags and candles. Please assign street captains to pick up and distribute. A very special evening is being planned for New Years Eve, with a sign-up also in this issue.

The next meeting of the Activities Committee will be Monday, November 24th at 7:00 pm. New members and ideas are always welcome so *please* join us.

Suzanne Owens

Mary-Frances Williams



VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

To all U.S. military personnel, veterans, and those who have given their lives in defense of our Country.

Sunday, November 9, 2008

3-5 PM

Myrtle Trace Club House

Cost \$4.00 per person

All Myrtle Tracers are invited
to Honor or be Honored

3:00 PM Snacks, Wine, Beer, Soft Drinks
& Music

4:30 PM Veterans Tribute



Name _____

If Military, Branch & dates of service _____

Phone _____

Name _____

If Military, Branch & dates of service _____

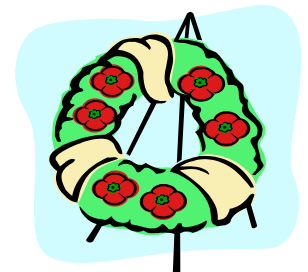
Phone _____

Please make your check payable to

Myrtle Trace Activities Committee and drop off

at the home of Ron & Beth Crow, 106 Walnut Circle.

_____ person (s) X 4.00 = _____



Myrtle Trace Newcomers Dinner

Thursday, November 13th 2008
5:30 PM



Villa Mare Restaurant

4999 Carolina Forest Blvd, Unit 4
Carolina Forest

(Forrest Crossing Shopping Center at intersection
of Carolina Forest Blvd and River Oaks Drive)

843-903-8654



Hosted by
Joe & Joanne Martin
106 Laurelwood Lane

Dinners start at \$13.50

**ALL Myrtle Trace residents
are welcome! Please come
and meet our new neighbors.**

Please RSVP with .50 per person
in the basket at
Kitty Kenney's Home
159 Myrtle Trace Drive
Cell: 301-728-4324

RSVP by November 9, 2008

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Number _____ X \$.50 = _____

HOSPICE CHRISTMAS

The Activities Committee is pleased to sponsor a HOSPICE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION. In previous years Myrtle Trace has been very generous in giving to this worthy cause.

We want to make the holidays special for children that are dealing with the tragedy of a dying parent. You can give as a group (Bridge, Canasta, Bowling, Golf, Singles, etc) or as an individual. In past years we have given gifts and gift certificates for clothes and toys depending on the age of the child.

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor, please make your check payable to Carolyn Peachey and marked for "Hospice Donation". Also, let me know the name of the group involved with the gift. You may drop it off at Alice Landry's home, 135 Myrtle Trace Drive or my house, 103 Walnut Circle (after Nov 13). Please do so by November 20th so we have time to shop and wrap the gifts. If you have any questions call Lynn Peachey or Alice Landry. Thank you.

Lynn Peachey

Myrtle Trace Ladies Coffee Klatch

Wednesday
November 19, 2008
10—12 noon at Clubhouse

PLEASE RSVP
to Fran Tuohy
at
234-15309

GARDEN CLUB

Several telephone calls were made to me during the first 2 or 3 weeks in October concerning pine needle yellowing and, in many cases, what the homeowner considered to be "excessive" dropping of needles. After visiting several properties, it was determined that what was occurring was a normal sequence of events. Pine needles, as with all plant foliage, only have a given life expectancy. With the majority of the southern pines, needle life expectancy is no more than 2 years, so what Myrtle Tracers were seeing was not out of the ordinary. Incidentally, some of the callers had confused our native cypress trees with pine trees. Both the bald cypress and the pond cypress trees are deciduous and always shed all of their needles each fall, whereas pine trees retain the majority of their needles throughout the winter months. The Garden Club will meet on Thursday, November 6th at 2 PM in the Clubhouse. It is hoped that the coming of cooler weather will encourage Myrtle Tracers to become more active in our efforts to improve the condition of the garden - why not join with us and enjoy the beauty of our great outdoors.

"Bulb: potential flower buried in Autumn, never to be seen again!" Henry Beard

Paul Alexander

LOVE LIGHTS

Conway Medical Center Auxiliary will once again be sponsoring the Love Lights program, the proceeds of which provide mammograms for women who cannot afford them. For \$5.00 per name you can honor or memorialize a loved one. A book is maintained in the lobby with the names of those being honored or memorialized., and a tree will be erected with lights representing each name. A tree lighting ceremony, to which all are invited, will be held on November 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the main lobby of the Hospital. Forms will be available in the main lobby after November 16th. For further information you may call 234-5469 and someone will return your call.

WAKE UP TO FITNESS

A new season of morning exercise has begun at the Clubhouse. The music plays at 7:45 each morning, Monday through Friday, allowing for 45 to 60 minutes of light, aerobic activity to start the day. Three days per week (M-W-F), the workout follows one of the DVDs from the exercise library. Tuesday and Thursday, Kathleen DiMarino leads routines designed for mature bodies with warm up, light aerobic, and cool down segments. The first Tuesday of each month participants bring a mat or a towel for an all-stretch class. On Fridays, Pat Paxson adds country line dancing to the schedule at 9 AM.

There are benefits for the mind and body in staying active. It is important to strengthen bones, aid posture and work muscles in order to achieve cardiac fitness and to avoid falls. Whether you prefer country or jazz, South Pacific or the Four Seasons, wake up to exercise each morning at the Clubhouse. All are welcome.



Champagne Toast

**DOOR
PRIZES**



MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

November 2008

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 9:30 Open Bowling</p>
<p>2 7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>3 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 3-6 ELECTION DAY SETUP</p>	<p>4 ELECTION DAY CLUBHOUSE OPEN ONLY TO VOTE</p>	<p>5 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>6 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 7:00 MTS MTG.</p>	<p>7 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>8 9:30 Open Bowling 7:30 Bridge</p>
<p>9 3:00-5:00 VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE 7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>10 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 ARC COM. 7:00 BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS</p>	<p>11 10:00 PROP. COM. 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>12 9:30 PHS. 8 COFFEE 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>13 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 5:30 NEWCOMERS Villa Mare 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>14 10-12 MT LADIES COFFEE KLATCH 1:00 Canasta 7:00 Bridge</p>	<p>15 9:30 Open Bowling</p>
<p>16 7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>17 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 5:30 POT LUCK</p>	<p>18 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>19 9:00 MTHOA BOARD MTG. 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>20 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 7:00 Mah Jongg</p>	<p>21 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge</p>	<p>22 9:30 Open Bowling 7:30 Bridge 1-6 RESERVED</p>
<p>23 7:00 Game Night</p>	<p>24 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 4:00 ARC COM. 7:00 ACTIV. COM.</p>	<p>25 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 3:00 Caregivers Grp 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNell's Poker</p>	<p>26 12:30 Bridge (Old Tricks) 6:00 King's Poker 6:30 Men's Poker</p>	<p>27 THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>28 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta</p>	<p>29 9:30 Open Bowling 12-4 RESERVED</p>
<p>30 7:00 Game Night</p>					<p>EXERCISING - CLUBHOUSE M - F 7:45 - 9:00</p>	