



News and Views

Myrtle Trace

A Newsletter by Myrtle Trace Residents for Myrtle Trace Residents Nov. 2009

BOARD BRIEFS

THE GATES

Last month, just after we had printed 570 copies of the News & Views reporting that our new gates were performing perfectly, Mother Nature stepped up and reminded us who is in charge here!! A lightning bolt struck nearby causing a power surge which disabled the inbound gate. This occurred on a Friday evening and when the problem could not be resolved on Saturday morning, a decision was made to leave the gate open at least until Monday. The repairs were completed promptly on Monday morning and the normal routine was restored. The open gate over the weekend did not appear to result in any additional traffic.

MYRTLE TRACE GREETERS

For many months, Ron & Bonnie Longnecker have served as the official greeters of new residents in Myrtle Trace. Their role is to welcome the new residents and provide them with valuable information relating to available services, the MTHOA organization and an overview of the covenants. Whenever a home is sold, they are notified regarding the new owners. Often they are told that the home will be rented but the identity of the renters is rarely known. The arrival date of the new owners is also often unknown.

Ron & Bonnie need the help of all of us. Whenever you see someone new (owners or renters) moving into your neighborhood, please give the Longnecker's a call at 347-2632. They will appreciate your help.

PALM VIEW APARTMENTS

A few weeks ago, a developer, Scott A. Redinger, Inc., of Wilmington, NC, filed a re-zoning request with the County for a 2.72 acre parcel of land on the south side of Myrtle Ridge Drive. With financing provided by the John H. Wellons Foundation, Inc. of Dunn, NC, in collaboration with HUD, the developer proposes to build a 34 unit one-bedroom apartment community for lower income seniors in the Conway area. The Foundation has sponsored 32 similar projects in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia since 1981. The exact location of the site is adjacent to Myrtle Ridge Drive just west of Walden Lake Road. Walden Lake Road is the entrance to Lakeside Crossing west of the main entrance.

The development, known as Palm View Apartments, will feature five single-story clusters of six units each and one cluster of four units. A large community building will contain a large meeting room, kitchen, living room/library, craft room, computer room and laundry. Occupancy will be limited to persons 62 years of age or older. The annual income limits are 50% of the area median income which in 2009 is \$17,550 for one person and \$21,000 for two people.

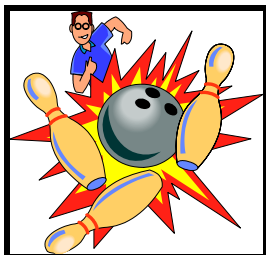
The developer has been holding informational meetings for the surrounding properties and the Board has been represented at both of these meetings. It does not appear that the project will have any negative impact on Myrtle Trace.

The re-zoning request must first go to the County Planning Board and, if approved, go before the County Council for three readings. If there are no major delays, the developer plans to commence construction in 2011 with occupancy planned for January 2012.

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Editor

Ted Ackley 347-3004
December Deadline - 11/20/09



MYRTLE TRACE BOWLING

At the mid-point of the first half, the league is being led This Close (Marion Ragona, Fred Paul & Marlene Paul) with 37 points followed closely by Unforgettable (Jack Mehl, Lynn Peachey & Norm Heindel) with 35 points. Hot Shots (Pat Fisher, Tom Gayer & Charlie Conklin) and Lakeside Girls (Francine Charming, Rae Cagnino & Therese Moore) are tied for third with 34 points. Ten Spot (Lois Totura, Ben Duvall & Jim Sanders) and Lucky 3 (Dan McManus, Chuck Connors & Nelson Fisher) are tied at 32 points.

High scores so far have been rolled by Ted Ackley (223, 578), Jim Sanders (577), Barry Moore (569), Nelson Fisher (210, 549), Dan Hayes (223, 520), Charlie Conklin (222), Yvette Campbell (216, 530) and Therese Moore (500).

The high averages so far belong to Jim Sanders (169), Barry Moore (165.7), Ted Ackley (165.5), Yvette Campbell (154), Therese Moore (153) and Francine Charming (148).

MYRTLE TRACE WEBSITE
www.myrtletracesc.org

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee met on October 12, 2009. Everyone was pleased with the record attendance to recent events and are excited and working hard on upcoming functions.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Terri Macker for organizing the flu shot clinic. This was a great service to our community, with 180 shots given. Hopefully we can repeat this next year. "Welcome to Hollows Trace Manor" was a complete sell-out for all three performances. A standing ovation goes to Cathy McElroy, the cast, the crew and especially Lyle Kershner who constructed the scenery. The Ladies Coffee Klatch and Bingo continue to be well attended and approximately 65 goblins, ghouls, witches and "fools" will attend the Halloween Party hosted by Ron and JoAnn Grove.

The monthly Computer Class will be November 2nd at 7:00 PM. The program will be on Computer Basics. Our Salute to Veterans will be Sunday, November 8, 2009, from 3:00-5:00 PM. See the sign-up in this issue. Pot Luck will be Monday, November 16th at 5:30 PM, with children's' lap blankets made by Myrtle Trace crafters on display. Movie night will be Friday, the 20th, at 7:00 PM with the feature "Pearl Harbor", (PG-13 ****) starring Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett and Kate Beckinsale.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Check your calendar for other regularly scheduled events. The next Activities Meeting will be Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested is invited to join us.

Suzanne Owens

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, Tom Dubauskas, Leah Kaufman, Thea Letsch, Marilyn McDonough, Monica McGinty and Dick Sievers. Drop in and see the outstanding "work" of your neighbors.

A painting of the Myrtle Trace logo by Dee Sharp has been added to the display.

MYRTLE TRACE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

ADDITIONS / CORRECTIONS / DELETIONS
OCTOBER 24, 2009

Additions:

Gilliam, Jim & Sue	202 Glenwood Drive	347-4252 OH
Johnson, Audrey	113 Cedar Ridge Lane	331-1039 PA

Changes: NONE

Deletions: NONE

E-Mail:



GARDEN CLUB

The fall planting has gone very smoothly and, before the end of October, all the new plants will have found a home. To date, the rock garden has been upgraded by Judy Beam (new plants plus some “new” rocks) and new garden plants including: Queen Charlotte Anemone(4), Cat’s Whiskers (4), Ylang Ylang Tree (2), Super Size Elephant Ear (1), Blue Taro (1) and new annuals (many).

Just an aside - flowers of the Ylang Ylang tree are used in making Chanel No. 5 perfume for the ladies - be sure to check them out when they are in bloom.

It has been decided to continue with the Plant Problem Clinic at the Clubhouse meeting on November 5th at 2 PM, so be sure to bring a specimen or two so that we can try to identify what may be the cause of your concern.

“He who plants trees loves others besides himself.” Thomas Fuller

Paul Alexander

I REMEMBER THAT !!!

The October trivia winners were Bill & Alice Bethel whose names were randomly drawn from the list of residents who submitted the correct answer. The question was: Name Ben Cartright’s three sons in Bonanza. The answer: ADAM, HOSS & LITTLE JOE
Here is the question for November:

Name Ernest Borgnine’s boss in McHale’s Navy.....

Send your answers to Steve Sands by phone (331-3180) or by e-mail (SSands3@sc.rr.com) by the deadline November 15th. The prize this month will be a \$5.00 gift certificate to Eggs Up Grille. The winner will be announced in the December issue of News & Views.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!

The GOOD news - we don’t need any of your time or money !! We need fifty (50) residents who will be willing to receive the News & Views via e-mail. The plan is to send you the December issue via e-mail and also deliver your printed copy. Then, beginning in January, we’ll just send the e-mail version and it will be sent the evening *before* the normal delivery starts. If the program proves to be popular, we’ll add all the additional residents who wish to join the program. Anticipated benefits include quicker delivery, reduced printing expense, delivery will not be affected by the weather, reduced workload for the distributors and the photos and clip art will appear in color.

At a later date, we will probably offer to send you a direct link to the News & Views on the Myrtle Trace website.

Anyone wishing to participate in this program is asked to notify Ted Ackley (tedack@sccoast.net or 347- 3004) by November 19, 2009, and provide him with your e-mail address.

Thank You

To all my Myrtle Trace friends,
You are amazing! I’m sure that it is all your good thoughts and prayers that have pulled me through all of my recent trials. I thank you and I love you!

Pat McManus



TAXPAYERS’ PROTEST RALLY REPORT

Twelve Myrtle Tracers went to Washington, D.C. as part of a group of 76 from the Grand Strand to attend the Taxpayer’s Protest Rally on September 12, 2009, at the U.S.Capitol. There were 1.7 million people there. We took many pictures and made them into a streaming video that runs about 7 minutes.

We invite any Myrtle Tracers who would like to see our pictures and hear about our weekend experience to join us at the Clubhouse at 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

MYRTLE TRACE-MART

I WOULD LIKE TO.....

SELL - 27" Sharp TV in good condition. \$100.00 or best offer. Please call Ron at 234-1814 (9)

SELL - Two tickets to the Theatre of the Republic production of "Noises Off" for Feb. 10, 2010. \$15.75 each. Dates may be switched to any day Feb. 11 thru 21. Two tickets to "Cinderella" for March 31st. May be switched to April dates. \$15.75 each. Please call Mary at 347-2221. (9)

BUY - Quality bass fishing equipment. Please call John at 347-7086. (10)

SELL - Two (2) Long Bay Symphony tickets for January 31, 2010. Program: Classical Greek Masters, cello soloist, seats E 33 and 34, down front on left. \$ 15.00 each. Call Jack or Fran Tuohy 234-1530 (10)

FIND - Someone who has the experience, equipment and software to edit and add sound to mini-cam videotapes. I would like to work along side someone who could do this for \$\$\$. Timing is not a problem. Please call Dick Collett at 347-0007. (10)

RENT - 2 BR condo in a gated community in the SC foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Golf, tennis, walking trails and pontoon boats available. One week minimum. Please call Dick at 347-0007. (10)

HIRE - A part-time Nurse for A.M. and P.M. bedtime rituals. Please call Jeanne Lorenz at 347-1040. (11)

SELL - White 1993 Mercury Sable sedan. 71,000 miles - original owner - excellent condition. Please call Jean at 234-0731. (11)

SELL - Two for the price of one !! Theatre of the Republic tickets to Holiday on Main Street on 12/10/09, 8:00 pm, front row balcony - \$18.00. Please call Adam at 347-7196. (11)

SELL - Full size Serta box spring & mattress with a bed frame. Like new, asking \$50.00. Please call Marie at 347-5787. (11)

SELL - High back executive chair. Beige fabric, swivels & tilts. Please call Ted at 347-3004. (11)

SELL - TruValue Gas lawn mower/mulcher with bagger & gas can. \$25.00 Please call Charlene AT 234-1730. (11)

SELL - French doors, pair, solid wood, excellent condition. 36" x 80" - 15 panes, hardware installed. \$100 Please call Jeanne at 347-1040. (11)

BUY - Pistols. Colt-Browning Ruger and German Luger (P-08). Please call John at 347-7032. (11)

SELL - Old cameras, old watches, antique fire extinguisher, misc. tools and Mardi Gras coins (1966, 1969, 1979). Please call John at 347-7032. (11)

HOSPICE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION.

The Activities Committee is pleased to once again sponsor the 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 Carolyne 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 my home at 103 Walnut Circle or call and I will pick it up. Please do so by November 20th so that we have time to shop and wrap the gifts. If you have any questions please call me at 347-5810.

Lynn Peachey

ONE MORE BOARD BRIEF

TREASURERS REPORT, THIRD QUARTER 2009

Our Total Current Assets are \$185,103.64 of which \$179,535.53 are cash equivalents in certificates of deposit, money market and checking accounts, petty cash and receipts not yet deposited on the last business day of the month.

Total Current Liabilities are \$32,153.12. They are \$26,688.00 of deferred fee income representing amounts received from homeowners for prepaid dues and \$3,465.12 accrued expenses payable representing amounts not yet billed for services provided to us in September.

Total Equity of \$152,950.52 represents the Association's holdings in funds for major repairs and replacements, operating funds and the impact of negative net income to date in 2009 (-\$29,282.04), the result of paying for the new gates out of previously retained earnings and rising costs of normal operating expense.

In summary, we will preserve our funding for future needs and are fortunate that our members meet their dues obligations responsibly. For further information or questions please call Dan Seeds, 347-6615.

Myrtle Trace Ladies

Coffee Klatch

Saturday

November 14, 2009

10 - 12 noon at the Clubhouse

Please RSVP to

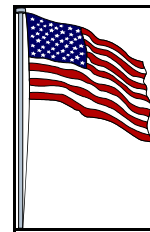
Dee Pocaro

at 855-0869

or

dpocaro@sc.rr.com

Please wear name badge, bring non-perishable food goods, \$ for 50/50



CHARITY AUCTION

Six acrylic portraits by Cathy McElroy were seen during the Murder Mystery last month at the Clubhouse. They are Albert Einstein, Bride of Frankenstein, John Wayne, Phantom of the Opera, Mona Lisa, and Blackbeard. Now one or more can be yours.

They will be on display in the Clubhouse from November 1st until 7 pm on November 6th. The paintings are named and numbered.

To bid, write your name and bid a Bid Sheet on the table.

The sheets will remain on the table until 7 pm on the 6th.

Bids must be in \$5.00 increments starting at \$25.00. The highest bidder for each painting at 7 pm on the 6th will receive the painting.

The proceeds of the auction will be donated to:

Mercy Hospice of Horry County

Churches Assisting People

Wounded Warriors Project

This is an Activities Committee event chaired by Bonnie Longnecker.

TV SHOWS FROM YESTERYEAR

Remember ???

Rowan & Martin's Laugh In
Jack Benny

Join Steve Sands for a trip down memory lane on Saturday, November 21st from 1:30 – 3:00 pm in the Clubhouse while he presents an hour & a half show from his collection of old TV shows.

Admission is free and the afternoon promises to be a blast from the past!!!

Pot Luck Dinner

Monday, November 16, 2009

5:30 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

MEET & GREET FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Display of Crafts

By

THE MYRTLE TRACE CRAFTERS

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Illuminate Our Community Demonstrating Unity

LUMINARIES

Date: Saturday, Dec. 5

Rain Date: Sunday Dec. 6

Time: Setup to start: 4:00 PM

Lighting of Candles: 5:00 PM

Supplies Needed

White Lunch Bags (Nos. 5-10) - (Available at Sam's Club or Costco's)

2" Votive Candles (One Per Bag) -
(Available at Dollar Stores, CVS, Walgreen's or through Pat Paxton at \$0.12 each)

Sand or Kitty Litter (Approx. 2" per bag)

Bags should be set up about 5' to 8' apart on the road along side your property line. **Tops of bags should be turned over twice which will prevent bags from catching fire.** If you can not be home, please ask your neighbors to set up and light your candles, so that we can create a continuous line of lights. Let's work together to get 100% participation this year. This is a great time to join or meet your neighbors for a street, block, or house party. Residence on each street should work together to select an organizer or block captain.

Any questions? Contact . Pat Paxson 347-1609

UPON RETIRING FOR THE EVENING, PLEASE EXTINGUISH YOUR CANDLES.



VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

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

Sunday, November 8, 2009

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 _____

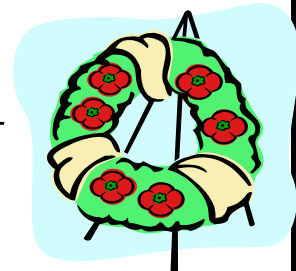
If Military, Branch & dates of service _____

Phone _____

Name _____

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MYRTLE TRACE ACTIVITIES

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1- 7:30 Cottonwood Block Party 7:00 Game Night	2 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 7:00 BEGINNER COMPUTER CLASS	3 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNeill's Poker	4 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) King's Poker 6:00 Men's Poker 6:30	5 9-11 Crafters 1:30 Scrabble 2:00 GARDEN CLUB King's Poker 6:00 7:00 MTS MTG	6 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge 6-7 Charity Auction	7 9:00 GARDEN CLB WORK PARTY Open Bowling 9:30 4:00 Veterans Day Tribute Setup
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15 7:00 Game Night	16 9:30-11 Bible Study 12:30 Mah Jongg 5:30 POTLUCK	17 9:00 MTS BRKFST 1:00 Mah Jongg Duplic. Bridge Canasta 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 McNeill's Poker	18 9:00 BOARD MTG 12:30 Bridge (Easy Aces) 6:30 Men's Poker	19 9-11 Crafters 10:00 Bowling 1:30 Scrabble 6:00 King's Poker 7:00 Mah Jongg	20 9:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Canasta Duplic. Bridge 3:00 COMMUNICATIONS COM. 7:00 MOVIE NITE	21 9:30 Open Bowling 1:30-3 OLD TV SHOWS
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