



AUGUST 2024
GATE POST

News from the Board

Joyce Jalbert, President

As we will be having our Annual MTS Meeting vs a regular Monthly BOD Meeting, this month's News from The BOD will be a little different.....

I would like to take this time to express to you all that it has been my honor to serve on the Myrtle Trace South Board of Directors for the past 3 years.

I believe that along with my other BOD members, we have accomplished some significant issues for the betterment of our neighborhood.

Along the way, I have met many great neighbors that I can now call my friends. From strawberry picking, to the Georgetown Road trip, to the many Dunkin runs, and fun lunches.

A huge shout out to my fellow BOD members for making this journey a little easier. We have shared some fun and also dealt with some not so fun issues. But here we are still standing.

I am confident that your new BOD will continue to do good things for our community.

And Lastly...

Be Kind...Be Calm...Be Happy...Always

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

If you wish to run for a position on our Board of Directors (BOD) and you missed the earlier deadline for applying, you will now need to be present at our Annual meeting and Election scheduled for **Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 7PM** for that opportunity. We need at least one more homeowner to step up to fill the slate of five (5) Directors.

Whether you are running for a position on our BOD or not, we highly recommend you attend the annual meeting, as well as other monthly BOD meetings. There you can learn firsthand what is or is not going on in our community. And the monthly meetings also give you the opportunity to present topics or ask questions to the BOD directly.

Hope to see you at the Annual meeting and future monthly BOD meetings.

NOTE: This will be the last Gatepost article from the Nominating Committee until next year.

Respectfully submitted.

Dave Gilman and Nancy Thornburgh.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Gary Hunt

Air conditioning unit surrounds

Let's talk a little about these surrounds.

According to the MTS Modification Guidelines the HVAC must be shielded from view. Shielding material/structures must be low maintenance such as fiberglass, composite, pressure treated wood painted white or to match the color of the house, or white PVC vinyl. **No lattice screens are allowed.**

As the head of the Modification Committee I must visit homes from time to time. I have noticed there are about eight surrounds that do meet the Modification Guidelines. Five of these surrounds do not match the color of the house at all. One, I cannot tell what the color is and two match the colors of the shutters of that house.

Before you do anything outside of your house, please read your Modification Guidelines. This will help you prevent problems in the future.

For the homeowners that have propane tanks they must be shielded from view of all streets. I know of three that I can see on Sand Ridge. If Waccamaw Management ever stops looking at just shutters, doors and mailbox numbers, these tanks could be a problem.

The Modification Committee does not go looking for violations, we do not turn anyone in, that's Waccamaw Management's job. The slogan **WHEN IN DOUBT FILL IT OUT** means that the Modification Committee will be reviewing your request to see that it meets all modification guidelines. This should mean that you will never see a violation letter.

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Janet Pechalonis

Often times, when an injury occurs or a special need arises, medical equipment may be necessary for a short period of time. Many of our residents have walkers and wheelchairs as well as other items in their homes which they no longer use. These very generous folks are willing to lend, on a temporary basis, to those in need, when a family is in a situation of caring for others. If you are in need of borrowing, please contact me

Janet Pechalonis by phone: **843-349-0093** – text **203-558-4013** – or email petchco@sbcglobal.net.

Although, I do not have the equipment in my home, I will direct you to the person who may have what you need.

Thank you for your donations.



DIRT BAND

Paul Witalis

The Dirt Band continues to maintain its weed control and fire ant eradication efforts.

Roundup weed and grass killer was applied to the clubhouse flagpole and circle garden beds and to the perimeter of the pool deck.

Fire ant killer was applied to fire ant nests around the clubhouse grounds and driveway and to the grounds at the MTS Burning Ridge entrance.

The Dirt Band also worked to remove grass and weeds that were growing in the seams of the sidewalk at the Burning Ridge entrance.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

August is here, and for many of our grand and great children it's the last month for visiting us here in Myrtle Trace South before school begins.

If you plan to have young visitors this month let me know if you need to borrow anything from the Closet.

Contact me at 843-347-7101, 843-503-1662, or elplusp@aol.com.



Sunshine Committee News

Jean Grady

It's hard to believe that we are headed into August already! The summer is quickly slipping by us. I for one will be happy to get some cooler weather!

July has been a quiet month for the Committee. Several folks are recuperating from surgery, including Henry Heavens and Frank Grady. We hope they are doing well. Some other neighbors continuing their rehab include Barbara Volante, Suzanne Gilman. Ken Trinkley and Jeanne Renner. Other folks may also have been experiencing illnesses or hospitalizations that the Committee is unaware of. We value everyone's privacy and realize some people prefer to keep these matters to themselves.

If you are aware of anyone in need of a bit of Sunshine, please contact any of the committee members: Ginni Boam and Janet Pechalonis on Sand Ridge Road, Berry Lowman on Trawler Bay, Eileen Sause and Betty Petrakovitz on Rudder Court and Linda Downes and Jean Grady on Helms way.



FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT

Colleen Meitzler

We hope you are all enjoying your summer. Since we have not had much rain and everything is very dry, please remember to keep your lawns and landscaping areas watered and be extremely careful when grilling outdoors.

Please remember to complete and submit your **Firewise Activity Sheets** so we receive credit for our efforts and continue to qualify for our Firewise Grant.

The committee will be sending out information soon regarding dates for our Fall Firewise Event (mid-late October) and our Fall Clean Up (mid-late November).

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and please take a moment to review our Firewise Safety Gatepost flyer.



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

Our 4th of July picnic was a blast. 50 people attended. The food was delicious and the pool refreshing. Leftover food was taken to the fire department.



Only 15 people attended Mr. Softee on July 11th due to inclement weather.



"Don't be scammed",

The informational session, held at the clubhouse on July 19th was very informative. About 30 people attended the presentation on ways to recognize and avoid scams. Sgt. Jill Domogauer from the Horry County Police Department had handouts that gave phone numbers and addresses for various state and local agencies that can be helpful if you are a victim of a scam.

August 4th -10th we will be collecting school supplies for Backpack Buddies. See flyer for details.

August 8th at 6:30 pm Mr. Softee will be here for the last time this summer.

August 27th at 6:30 pm we will be playing Bingo.. Come and join us for a fun evening and chance to win a gift card!

Sept 18th from noon til 2 pm we are having an End of Summer BBQ. See flyer for details.

Sept 24th at 6:30 pm we will be playing Bingo.

Oct 19th at 6:30 pm we will play Trivia. Bring your own snacks.

On Nov 9th we will be going to the new **Greg Rowles Christmas Show**. I have sold 30 tickets and was able to get 10 more. If you have not signed up for this event, please do so now by calling Kathy Nadler at 843-591-0185. Our group rate tickets are **\$34.00**.



BOOK CLUB

Jean Grady

July's selection was **The Women** by Kristin Hanna. Set during the Viet Nam war, it is the story of a young woman who graduates from college as a Nurse , and whose brother is sent to serve in Viet Nam. His friend tells her that "women can be heroes too" and that causes her to make a life altering decision. She joins the Army Nurse Corps to follow her brother to Viet Nam.

The main character "Frankie" McGrath has led a sheltered life and is in for an awakening when she arrives. This story accurately portrays the chaos and destruction of war. It also highlights the importance of relationships and friendships that occurred during her "tours of duty". She made lifelong friendships with her fellow nurses, Yet nothing prepares her for the country she returns to. Or the changed woman she has become.

For those of us who lived through that period of time, this book was a sometimes difficult read. Hannah accurately portrays what the war was like for the medical staffs tasked with saving those that they could. She also vividly depicts the country they all returned to-a nation divided over the war, not grateful for those who served in it, and a country broken by politics. All this made even more difficult for Frankie and her fellow nurses as they were told that "no women were in Viet Nam".

This book is also about resilience. How the bonds of friendship can carry Frankie through her darkest hours and into the light. How she can continue to serve others who are as wounded as she once was.

Hannah is an exceptional writer who has written a number of books based on historical events. We rated this a Ten. If you have not read one of her books, we highly recommend her.

The August read is the classic **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith. If you like to read ahead, in September we will be reading Lisa See's newest book, **Lady Tan's Circle of Women**

Book club meets the third Wednesday at 6:30. Join us!



Editor's Corner

Printing hints – Many of the articles and pictures in the Gatepost are in bright color. If you print the Gatepost you can use less color ink if when you go to print you select grayscale (which of course is not in color) and select double sided which uses less paper.

Have a great summer!!



MTS LADIES SOCIAL

Please join us for our monthly Ladies Social on **Thursday August 8th at 2:00pm.**

We will be enjoying just a wonderful relaxing afternoon.

Your hostesses are Joyce Jalbert and Sharon Gilbert

Please RSVP to Joyce at jalbejoy@yahoo.com



See You There



August Birthdays

2 – Joe Triacca	17—Don Nadler
6 – Colleen Meitzler	18—Vonnah Lett
7 – Tony Antonucci	22--Mary Ann west
7 – Joyce North	24—Michelle Gagnon
8 – Dave Gilman	25—David Tucker
13 – Barbara Stypinski	30---Bob Gardner
14 – Jim Malonson	31---RobertBrunner
15 – John Kepler	

August Anniversaries

9 – Mark & Michele Lee
14 – Gary & Donna Hunt
24 – Joe & Marilyn Cangialosi
24 – Dean and Susan Michael
27 – Howard & Janet Eckler
28 – Don & Kathy Nadler
30 – Gary & Sandy Watts

**Come join us on September 18th
from noon until 2 PM for the**

End Of Summer Party



**The Tamed Beast BBQ Food Truck
will be in the Clubhouse parking lot**

Choices for dinner will be:

Pulled pork, mac and cheese, cole slaw and corn \$13.00

Brisket, mac and cheese, cole slaw and corn \$16.00

BBQ Chicken, mac and cheese, cole slaw and corn \$13.00

**RSVP to Kathy Nadler at 843-591-0185 by September 15th
with your choice**

BYOB or the food truck will have sodas for sale.

Water will be provided by the Clubhouse



Summer Safety Tips



Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics and the Fourth of July.

Fire safety



Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn.



If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200 F and cause third-degree burns.



Use propane, charcoal and wood pellet barbecue grills outdoors only. Indoor use can cause a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.

Place your grill well away from siding and deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not store or use a grill on a porch or balcony.



Use chimineas, outdoor fireplaces, and fire pits outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from your home or anything that can burn.

Summer Safety Tips



Activity safety



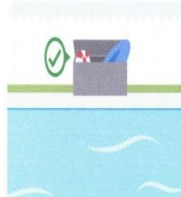
Never swim near a boat, marina or boat launching ramp.



Always use U.S. Coast Guard-approved life safety jackets.



Adults need to stay with children when they are around water.



Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you get out of the pool.



Always swim with a buddy.



Always wear a bike helmet and bright clothes when cycling so people can see you. Put reflectors on your bike.

Ride with both hands on the handlebars. Ride in single file with traffic. Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights.



For more information and free resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

AUGUST LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, August 20th at noon

Come join us for the August Ladies Luncheon at

Bob Evans on 3384 Waccamaw Blvd, MB

Hostesses are Gail Di Maio and Joyce Jalbert

RSVP to Joyce at 248-770-4488 or [jalbejoy@yahoo.com](mailto:jalbjoy@yahoo.com) by August 16th

Happy Birthday

Leah Adkins	6 th	Vonnah Lett	18th
Colleen Meitzler	6 th	Mary Ann West	22 nd
Joyce North	7 th	Michelle Gagnon	24th
Barb Stypinski	13 th	Donna Sohl	27nd



Once again, the **Clubhouse and Pool Committee** is requesting that the community help support children in need of school supplies for the upcoming school year. Below is a sample list of items that Backpack Buddies are hoping to have donated so they can give needy children a supply of essential school items.

While this is not a complete list, it will serve as a basis for selecting items that will be appropriate for school kids.

We will be collecting these items during **August 4th thru the 10th** at the Clubhouse. We are looking forward to the generosity of the community in this important drive as it has been in the past.



- Backpacks - note that schools are requiring backpacks to be clear plastic only
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Paper (lined)
- Pocket Folders
- Tab Dividers
- Pencils
- Pens
- Pencil Pouches/Boxes
- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Index Notecards
- Scissors
- Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Clorox Wipes



MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

FIREWISE ACTIVITIES MATCHING FUNDS RECORDING SHEET

Can be used to record activities for matching funds and other Firewise Communities/USA

What qualifies for matching funds for Firewise grants? Any time or money you spend on your home and/or surrounding property for the purpose of reducing the probability of wildfire loss. Examples of activities that will qualify related to homes and outbuildings are:

Dryer vent cleaning, pruning, mulching, tree trimming/limbing, weed abatement/spraying, replacing combustible mulches with stone/gravel, leaf raking and removal, pine needle/pine cone removal, cleaning gutters, grass cutting, grass irrigation, edging, time spent hauling vegetation to landfill/dump sites, meetings, presentations, cost for purchase or rental of chain saw/hedge trimmers, cost or protective eyewear/earplugs.

Volunteer activities also qualify for Firewise matching funds. Volunteer activities can include: attending Firewise Board Meetings, attending Firewise community events and preparation for wildfire.

To record **your time**, please fill in the following:

ACTIVITY	DATE PERFORMED	AMOUNT OF TIME (HRS : MINUTES)
Total Number of Hours/Minutes	→→→→→→→→	

To record **your costs**, please fill in the following and **attach a copy of any invoices** from stores, contracted personnel, etc.

ACTIVITY	DATE PERFORMED	COST OF ACTIVITY
Total Costs of Invoices Please attach a copy of invoice(s)	→→→→→→→→	\$ _____ .__

I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is accurate.

Print Name

Address

Date

Signature

Phone/E-mail

Return this form to your Firewise Board contact at a Monthly HOA meeting, community event or mail tube:

Colleen Meitzler 721 HW**Dennis Vander Ryk-1044 Rudder Ct***Gail DiMaio-787 Helms Way***
Glen Daniels-1020 Rudder Ct

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MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

MODIFICATION REQUEST APPLICATION FORM

HOMEOWNERS MUST RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL BEFORE WORK CAN COMMENCE. THE MODIFICATION COMMITTEE AND/OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) WILL REVIEW YOUR REQUEST AND RETURN AN ANSWER WITHIN 45 DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS WRITTEN REQUEST.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ LOT#: _____ PHONE: _____

PRIMARY E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SECONDARY E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX #: _____

DESCRIBE THE MODIFICATION PROJECT (use additional pages if necessary):

DESIRED START DATE: _____ EST. COMPLETION DATE: _____

PROVIDE THE PERTINENT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW

LOCATION OF PROJECT: _____

PROVIDE: MARKUP, SURVEY, HOUSE PLANS, PHOTOGRAPH, LANDSCAPING LAYOUT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS

MATERIALS: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS, BROCHURES, WEBSITE INFORMATION AND/OR SAMPLES SHOULD BE PROVIDED

COLORS: _____

A LISTING OF THE COLOR(S), SWATCHES, BROCHURES OR SAMPLES ATTACHMENTS MUST BE NOTED AND AN APPROVED COLOR WHERE APPLICABLE. _____

PLANS: ATTACH LAYOUT, DIAGRAMS, SURVEY AND/OR PLANS FOR THE PROJECT IF CONSTRUCTION RELATED

ATTACHMENTS: PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR ANY ATTACHMENTS: YES ☐ NO ☐

By signing this application, you are accepting full responsibility for the modification project and acknowledge that: a) the HOA may not be held responsible for any injuries or damage resulting from the modification being done; b) any commercial contractor(s) used is/are licensed and insured; c) All applicable permits that may be required by law are obtained prior to start of the modification; d) The Modification Committee, at its discretion, may ask to view permits, proof of insurance and licensing for construction, re-roofing, retaining walls, drainage alterations and other substantial modifications by contractors; e) The Modification Committee has the right to conduct on-site inspections of the modification project.

Signature of Homeowner

Date

Signature of Homeowner

Date

Please deliver this completed form to: **GARY HUNT - 722 HELMS WAY**



MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

_____ (print name) would like to be considered to serve as a member of the following committee of the Myrtle Trace South Property Homeowners' Association, Inc.

☐ Pool/Clubhouse Committee

☐ Grounds Maintenance Committee

☐ Modification Committee

☐ Nominating Committee

☐ Firewise Committee

☐ Ponds Committee

☐ Sunshine Committee

☐ Welcoming Committee

OCCUPATION: (if retired, former occupation) _____

EXPERIENCE: _____

What gifts do you have that lead you to apply to serve on this committee?

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Property Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete and return this form to:

Linda Downes 800 Helms Way Conway, SC 29526

ldownes4@gmail.com

On behalf of the BOD of MTS, thank you for "stepping up" to serve in our community!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Backpack Buddies start	Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM		Water Aerobics 9AM Annual Board Mtg 7 PM	Poker 6PM Ladies Social 2 PM Mr Softee 7:00 PM	Water Aerobics 9AM	Backpack Buddies end
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM		Water Aerobics 9AM	Poker 6PM	Water Aerobics 9AM	Clubhouse Reserved 6 -11 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	Ladies Birthday Lunch 12 Noon	Water Aerobics 9AM Book Club 6:30 PM	Poker 6PM	Water Aerobics 9AM	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	Bingo 6:30 PM	Water Aerobics 9AM			Clubhouse Reserved 12- 8 PM