



**SEPTEMBER
2024
GATE POST**

BOARD BRIEFS

Myrtle Trace South Board of Directors is pleased to announce your newly elected/appointed members

President - Michelle Maylock

Vice President - Dave Gilman

Secretary - Ellen Witalis

Director at Large - Li Korotky

Director at Large - Ginni Boam

Treasurer - Position open, please step forward to fill

Committee Liaisons – Please note that some have changed

Clubhouse/Pool Committee – Ellen Witalis

Firewise Committee – Li Korotky

Grounds Maintenance – Michelle Maylock

Hardee – Michelle Maylock

Nominating Committee – Ellen Witalis

Modification – Dave Gilman

Ponds – Michelle Maylock

In order to better prepare the BOD to answer questions/concerns from the community, the BOD is implementing the '**Request to Speak at Board Meeting Form**'. This form will be attached to the end of Gatepost. There will no longer be an 'Open Forum'. Those persons from the community wishing to address the BOD must fill out this form and return to Secretary (Ellen Witalis) no later than the Wednesday before the BOD meeting. Only those persons who have completed the form shall be permitted to address the BOD. Further instructions are located on the form.

BOLO – Beavers have been seen in Myrtle Trace again, hopefully MT trees appeal to them more than MTS trees.

One of your new Board of Directors first tasks is to prepare a budget for 2025. We will begin that task with Cristina, the second week of September.

Compliance Officer will be around soon! Is your mailbox, mailbox post and mail tube a nice glossy black color? Is your HVAC surround the color of your siding or white vinyl? Are your mailbox numbers the same font and color as Gary Hunts? Have you painted your shutters in the last five(5) years? Has your house been power- washed in the last two(2) years? Have you recently sprayed your driveway cracks/ flower beds for weeds? If you've answered no to any of the above questions and you don't want a violation letter to soon arrive, tick tock.

We appreciate your patience with our garbage company as they are having issues with personnel and mechanical problems. Continue to put out your can for Thursday pick up.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

The August 22nd Annual Meeting to elect two (2) new Board of Directors resulted in one new resident (Li Korotky) being elected. Welcome to the Board Li. We are still very much in need of one (1) additional resident to step up and join our BOD. If you have any interest at all, please contact any of our BOD members ASAP.

Our new President is Michelle Maylock, Vice President Dave Gilman, Secretary Ellen Witalis and Director at Large Li Korotky. Ginni Boam has volunteered to act as another Director at Large on a temporary basis. The BOD and Waccamaw Management will attempt to fill the role of Treasurer on an interim basis.

The new BOD Liaison/Chairman of the Nomination Committee is Ellen Witalis. and while Nancy Thornburgh has kindly agreed to stay on the committee for the coming year, we are still in need of one more volunteer. If you have any interest at all, please contact either Ellen or Nancy for further information.

Respectfully submitted.
Dave Gilman and Nancy Thornburgh



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Gary Hunt

TREES Let us do this one more time.

Before you can take down a tree in this community you must fill out a modification form.

Trees can only be removed with the approval of the Modification committee or the Board.

Trees must be either Diseased or Damaged or pose imminent danger to a homeowner or their property.

Removal of trees must include the removal of the stump or stump grinding to or below ground level. If you claim the tree is diseased, we will need a report from a licensed arborist stating that fact.

I would like to say to the long-term residents of this community. "The Modification guidelines are like a living document that changes slowly over a period of time".

You might not be able to do what you could ten years ago.

WHEN IN DOUBT FILL IT OUT.



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.



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

Our Backpack Buddies Back to School supplies drive was a huge success. Thank you to all who contributed. We took 10 bins/boxes/large bags to Backpack Buddies.

There will be an End of Summer pool party on Wednesday, September 18th. The Tamed Beast BBQ truck will be at the clubhouse from noon til 2 pm. See flyer for details. Please RSVP by September 15th to Kathy Nadler with your order.

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 pm we will play Bingo. Come out and enjoy the fun.

On October 1st, payment is due for the Greg Rowles Christmas show on November 9th at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$34. each. I still have a couple tickets left.

On Saturday, October 19th at 6:30 pm we will have a Trivia night. Come and show off your trivia knowledge.

Saturday, November 9th at 1:30 pm Greg Rowles Christmas show. If you need a ride, come to the clubhouse at noon to carpool.

On Saturday, November 30th at 10 am we will decorate the clubhouse and put up our Christmas trees. We need lots of help so please consider helping. Our military tree will have ornaments representing the 50 states. Please purchase an ornament from Amazon or Ornamentally You and bring it to the clubhouse so we can add it to our tree. We are hoping to get ornaments for all 50 states.



DIRT BAND

Paul Witalis

The Dirt Band continues to maintain its weed control and fire ant eradication efforts at the clubhouse grounds and MTS entrance areas. Roundup weed and grass killer was applied to the clubhouse flagpole and circle garden beds, and to the perimeter of the pool deck and the gardens adjacent to the clubhouse.

Fire ant killer was applied to nests found at the MTS Burning Ridge entrance and also to nests found at the clubhouse grounds and driveway edges. Fire ant kills reported for this period were 193,687. This brings the year to date total to 1,1668,337.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Summer vacations are over and our grands and great grands are back in school. If you anticipate young visitors for our autumn season we have many items available for you to borrow.

And it's not too early to plan for Thanksgiving company.

Let's look forward to enjoying some great weather for visitors soon.

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



Welcome Committee

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer and Carmen DenDanto and Richard E. Mendres at 1035 Rudder Ct. They come to us from Goshen, New York. Jennifer & Carmen have 2 children, enjoy billiards, reading and games.

Jennifer can be reached at 845-649-0206 and jdendanto@gmail.com.

Carmen can be reached at 845-649-0207 and Carmen_nooch@yahoo.com.

Richard can be reached at 845-61370 and rmendres1244@yahoo.com.



Editor's Corner

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHT—The full Harvest Moon will appear just after sunset on Tuesday Sept. 17th, peaking at 10 PM. This year it is also a Supermoon.

Please use the forms at the end of the Gatepost for Firewise activity, Modification requests and Committee Volunteers . These forms are revised occasionally as needed.

IMPORTANT—Please see the new form at the end of the Gatepost –
“REQUEST TO SPEAK AT BOARD MEETING”

Just a reminder – You can list household items for sale in the Gatepost.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!!!



Sunshine Committee News

Jean Grady

As we close in on the end of summer, we send out well wishes to several of our neighbors. Joan Warden is recuperating after a fall, and Rick Thornburgh is rehabbing after surgery. We hope they are both making progress and doing well.

Sadly we must also offer our deepest sympathies to Diane Feeney and Eileen Tressler on the recent passing of their sister and our neighbor Lucille Meese. Please also remember Lucille's children in your thoughts and prayers.

There may be other neighbors who have medical issues we are not aware of, as we respect everyone's privacy. If you know of someone needing a little Sunshine, please don't hesitate to contact one of the committee members: Berry Lowman on Trawler Bay, Janet Pechalonis and Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge, Betty Petrakovitz and Eileen Sause on Rudder Court, and Linda Downes and Jean Grady on Helms Way.

Heartfelt thanks to all of the attendees at this year's Annual HOA meeting who so generously supported the Sunshine Committee with your donations. We are very grateful.

NOTES OF THANKS

FROM --Rick Thornburgh

Thank you to friends and neighbors for food, phone calls and visits during my "house arrest" following surgery. Special thanks also to Linda Downes and the Sunshine Committee for the delicious meal and the use of medical equipment. Once again, MTS shows why it's such a great community to live in!



FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT

Colleen Meitzler

We hope you all enjoyed your Summer. The MTS Annual Fall Clean-up Event is scheduled for the week of November 11TH through November 15TH. Bag pick up will take place November 8TH. Please see the flyer in this month's Gatepost.

Our Fall Firewise Event is scheduled for October 18th. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this informative session. More information will follow in the next Gatepost.

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.

Please take a moment to review our Firewise Safety Gatepost flyer.



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

Our August book was a "classic" read. We had chosen **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** by Betty Smith from the long list of American classic books. Many of us had read it in high school, but this time around it was not a huge success. It received a "middling" vote. Next time we'll select a more generally recognized novel.

The book for September will be **Lady Tan's The Circle of Women** by Lisa See. This New York Times best selling author has written an historical novel about a 15th century woman doctor who works within her "circle" to treat other women with the help of her relationships and privilege. Relating the network of women physicians in ancient China helps the author draw attention to those in the medical profession now to listen and understand the concerns of women today.

MS See is the author of several wonderful books about Chinese history and is part of a Chinese American family from Southern California. Several of us were able to hear her speak in person about her own family and the history of women doctors in the Ming dynasty of China. Truly an experience for those of us who love her stories. We hope you will enjoy this one.

The MTS Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M., and everyone is welcome even if you've not read our book of the month.

October's book will be **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Allison Pitake. MS Post was the heiress to the famous cereal company and became the chair of the business after the death of her father. This is another historical fiction that we're looking forward to reading. We hope you enjoy this novel and join us for a conversation and discussion on October 16th.



MTS LADIES SOCIAL

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
2 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE**

R.S.V.P. BY SEPTEMBER 10TH TO:

**JOYCE JALBERT AT jalbejoy@yahoo.com
OR SHARON GILBERT AT sharon.gilbert1938@gmail.com**



September Birthdays

1 – Jean Grady	18- Peggy Hodges
3 – Kathy Coleman	19 Joan Burke
5 – Marty Roche	20 Jean Williams
7 – Greg Glynn	21 Rick Thornburgh
10 – Helen Hajnal	21 George Naumann
12 – Marilyn Cangialosi	25 Pat Nacheber
12 – Al Darrone	28 Don Edwards
12 – Janine Laviano	29 Bill Dagle
15 – Joan Warden	29 Tom Matthews
15 – Susan Hooker	30 Rick Becker
18 – Ruby Sorrentino	

September Anniversaries

1 – Frank & Elizabeth Ricupero
10 – Barry & Mary MacGregor
20 – Rick & Nancy Thornburgh
24 – Pete & Angel Mangarelli
26 – Jerry & Barbara Stypinski
27 – John and Michelle Maylock
27 – Bob and Deb Medeiros
-----John & Jennifer Zacharek



The semi-annual community yard sale

will be held on **Saturday, OCTOBER 4TH!** Time----8am until noon.

\$3 per participating household for advertisements.

Please contact Barbara Volante for additional info/details.

besvt48@gmail.com 843-234-2852 home-----843-421-2513 cell

SEPTEMBER LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17 AT TWELVE NOON

THE FAMOUS TOASTERY 2500 OAKHEART RD CAROLINA FOREST
(ACROSS FROM OLLIES)

Hosted by Ginni Boam and Jean Grady

We will be celebrating the following ladies and cake will be served

9/1: Jean Grady

9/15: Susan Hooker

9/3: Kathy Coleman

9/18: Peggy Hodges

9/10: Helen Hajnal

9/18: Ruby Sorrentino

9/12: Marilyn Cangioli

9/19: Joan Burke

9/12: Janine Laviano

9/20: Jean Williams

9/15: Joan Warden

9/25: Pat Nacheber

Please RSVP by Thursday September 12 to:

Ginni Boam ginnib64@aol.com or

Jean Grady auntiejean13@msn.com





MTS Firewise Annual Fall Yard Clean-up

November 11-15, 2024

The Firewise Committee is having its annual Fall Community Clean-up.

This is your opportunity to clean debris from your yard using Firewise safety strategies. These include raking, removing leaves and pine straw from your yard and landscape areas, trimming trees and shrubs and cleaning gutters.

Your debris, bags and any branches (neatly stacked) will be picked up at the front edge of your property between November 11-15.

Stop by the club house on November 8 between 10 AM and 11 AM to pick up your leaf bags, work gloves and a blank Firewise Activity Sheet. Please complete and submit your activity sheet at the conclusion of your yard clean up.

****Reminder: NO PLASTIC BAGS OR CONTAINERS****

We strive to be a Firewise and Environmentally Friendly Community.

- Funding for this event is provided by the FW Grant

Please contact any Firewise Committee member with any questions.

Firewise Committee

Colleen Meitzler	cbomer12@yahoo.com
Bruce Conway	bconway1@yahoo.com
Glen Daniels	glen.daniels2814@gmail.com
Gail Di Maio	gedimaio@gmail.com
Bruce McConnell	bruce.mcconnell1@gmail.com
Dennis Vander Ryk	joggerman46@yahoo.com





GET READY!

HURRICANES

The intensity of hurricanes that will hit land is measured in terms of categories that relate wind speeds and potential damage. Even less intense storms can cause damage in areas that have not prepared in advance.

Before

- Prepare your evacuation plan, including pets, transportation routes and destinations.
- Keep all trees and shrubs well trimmed and clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Determine how and where to secure your boat.
- Consider building a safe room.
- Stay informed! Listen to a NOAA weather radio or check local forecasts and news reports regularly.
- Cover your home's windows with pre-cut plywood or hurricane shutters. Tape does not prevent windows from breaking.
- Bring in all outside furniture, decorations, garbage cans, etc.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.
- Fill the bathtub or buckets with water to use for cleaning and flushing toilets.
- Keep your gas tank at least 3/4 full at all times.
- Keep your emergency supplies kit, including water, and copies of important documents, in a waterproof, portable container, in an easily accessible location

Evacuate under the following conditions:

- If local authorities tell you to evacuate, follow their directions.
- If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure, which are particularly hazardous no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If you live in a high-rise building.
- If you live on the coast, on a floodplain, near a river, or on an inland waterway.
- If you feel you are in danger.
- If you live in an area below sea level.

During

- If you choose not to evacuate, stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors. Notify out-of-area contacts of your decision. Close all interior doors and secure and brace exterior doors. Keep curtains and blinds closed. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level. Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.
- Don't be fooled by a lull in the storm—it could be the eye of the storm and winds could resume.

After

- Be aware of flooding and tornadoes.
- Stay out of flood waters, if possible.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- If you evacuated, do not return to your home until local authorities say it is safe.



**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



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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MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

REQUEST TO SPEAK AT BOARD MEETING

Complete and return to BOD Secretary no later than Wednesday, one week before the next BOD meeting

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Comments/Concerns/Questions briefly stated:

The Myrtle Trace South Board of Directors greatly values your opinions. Please follow these guidelines when speaking to the Board at our BOD meeting.

All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a whole, not to any individual Board member. Individual's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Speakers should stay on topic.

Rudeness, vulgarity or remarks disrespecting the personal dignity of any individual will not be permitted. Only persons who have completed this form shall be permitted to address the BOD. No individual will be permitted to relinquish his/her time to another person. Individuals may not address other members of the public in attendance.

The Board of Directors will discuss your concern(s) at our next workshop and take any necessary action.

Myrtle Trace South
Board of Directors

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 LABOR DAY Water Aerobics 9AM	3	4 Board Mtg 9AM Water Aerobics 9AM	5 CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM	6	7
8	9 Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	10	11 Water Aerobics 9AM	12 Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM	13 Water Aerobics 9AM	14
15	16 Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	17 Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	18 Water Aerobics 9AM BBQ 12noon -2PM Book Club 6:30 PM	19 Poker 6PM	20 Water Aerobics 9AM	21
22	23 Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	24 Bingo 6:30 PM	25 Water Aerobics 9AM	26 Poker 6PM	27 Water Aerobics 9AM	28 Clubhouse Reserved 2-5 PM
29	30 Water Aerobics 9AM Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM					