



News from the Board

Joyce Jalbert, President

The BOD is pleased to announce that we are now fully staffed. Our newest member is Michelle Gagnon who lives on Sand Ridge with her husband George. She has lived in our neighborhood for a little over 3 years and is anxious to get involved. When she read the email asking for volunteers, she knew the time was right for her.

Names and Email addresses of the BOD are as follows:

Joyce Jalbert, President, jalbjoy@yahoo.com, Dave Gilman, V President, dagemailbox@aol.com,
Li Korotky, Treasurer, Korotky2012PT@gmail.com, Ellen Witalis, Secretary, elplusp@aol.com
Michelle Gagnon, Director At Large, MGPERCY11@gmail.com

Special Notes: Anyone needing to get reimbursed from Waccamaw please submit your receipts to LI Korotsky 762 Helms Way.

If anyone has issues/questions for the Hardees, please don't hesitate to email me or text me at 248-770-4488 as I am the new contact point with the Hardees.

If you need an email sent out to the neighborhood, please contact Dave Gilman.

A Very Special Thank You

The BOD would like to recognize Dawn Tucker, Don Nadler, Steve Burns, and Ann (Rossi) McOwen for also having volunteered to serve on the BOD. We appreciate you and would encourage all of you to run for the BOD next August.

Important Information

The BOD has decided to roll back a couple of items. First, we are not going to require a form to be filled out to speak at the BOD Meeting. We are returning to the Open Forum Concept. We do ask that you limit your comments to 5 minutes.

We want to take a second look at the mailbox reflector issue. Dave Gilman as Modification Committee Liaison has reached out to Gary Hunt and his team to come up with the standard on color, size, and location on pole. Dave also asked Gary and his team to come up with a standard for reflector poles. The BOD thought it was important that residents have the ability to protect their mailboxes but with uniformity. So please stay tuned. More information to come.

****Hope to see everyone at the November 6th BOD Meeting****

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



November 11, 2024

Myrtle Trace South is pleased to be hosting once again a Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, **November 11, 2024 at 11:00am** at the Clubhouse in honor of all our neighbors, friends, and relatives who have served our country.

We will have a table set up so that you can showcase a picture of yourself or loved ones who served in the military.

We will begin the morning with the raising of the flag and the Pledge of Alliance before moving inside to start the festivities.

A light snack will be provided.

Veterans, please RSVP to Joyce Jalbert at jalbejoy@yahoo.com

Everyone, please plan on attending this very special morning.

May God Bless the USA



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MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Gary Hunt

As the head of the Modification Committee, I would like to answer the questions I have been asked by the entire community.

#1 Are fire pits allowed? **No, not at this time.**

#2 Can I have a roof color other than Black or Dark Charcoal? **No.**

#3 What happens to the Violation Fine monies that are collected? **The monies received from Violation Fines gets applied to our HOA's Reserve Fund.**

#4 How long will it take for my Modification request to be approved? **Although the Modification Committee has up to 45 days to review and approve/disapprove a request, the vast majority are completed in 3 or 4 days.**

So far this year one request was approved in 45 minutes, another in 54 minutes, a couple in over a month, and one has been going on since last Thanksgiving.

Remember that it is very important that you complete a Modification Request and submit same to the Modification Committee for review and approval before you start your project.

WHEN IN DOUBT FILL IT OUT



DIRT BAND

Paul Witalis

The Dirt Band has pruned shrubbery at our Burning Ridge and Myrtle Ridge entrances. The shrubs in the flagpole garden were also trimmed.

The Dirt Band continued its weed control and fire ant eradication programs. Weed and grass killer was applied to the clubhouse flagpole and circle garden beds and to the perimeter of the pool deck and to the gardens adjacent to the clubhouse.

Fire ant killer was applied to nests at the clubhouse grounds and driveway edges. Fire ant kills for this period were 147,554. This brings the year to date total to 1,532,897..



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

The pool was closed on October 15th for the year. Furniture was stored and a gift card was given to our pool attendant.

Trivia night was held on October 19th with 20 people attending, including 4 new neighbors. It was lots of fun. The winners were Ed and Connie Huyer and Buzz and Susan Hooker.

Mr. Wolf from A Sharper Edge was here on October 23rd for your Fall sharpening needs. I hope you took advantage of his services. He comes twice a year.

On **November 9th at 1:30** we will be going to the Greg Rowles Christmas show. Wear something festive. If you need a ride, contact Kathy Nadler at 843-591-0185.

November 11th at 11 am will be our Veterans Day ceremony led by Nick Brown and Joyce Jalbert. See flyer for details.

Our Fall Food Drive will be held **November 17-23**. See flyer for details.

On **November 30th at 10 am** we will be decorating the clubhouse and putting up our Christmas trees. We need lots of help. One tree will have ornaments representing the states that our community members are from. Please purchase an ornament from Ornamentally You or from Amazon for the state you are from and give it to Kathy Nadler so we can add it to our tree.

On **December 7th from 2-4 pm** we will have a cookie exchange with hot chocolate, tea and coffee. Please contact Barb Volante at 843-234-2852 if you want to participate. She will give you further info. Make extra cookies so that we can take some to the Fire Department.

On **Saturday, December 14th** we will have a catered Christmas dinner. See flyer for details. We are busy making plans for next year's activities. If you have an activity idea, please let us know.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh

Thank you to everyone who stepped up and volunteered for positions on the BOD! It's a great feeling when people come forward when needed.

Please feel free to contact me, Nancy Thornburgh 989-798-1782, or Ellen Witalis 843-503-1662, or any Board member, with any Nominating questions or concerns.

Enjoy your beautiful fall!



FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT

Colleen Meitzler

Thank you to everyone who attended the Firewise Home Safety Meeting on October 18th. Captain Timothy Rainbolt presented an informative and entertaining session and did a fantastic job identifying all the emergency services, situations and roles that Horry County Fire Rescue performs on a daily basis.

Many residents have inquired about fire blankets. Four blankets were raffled off as door prizes at our Firewise Event. For anyone interested in purchasing a fire blanket, please visit Prepared Hero's website at order.preparedhero.com.

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 for detailed information.

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 on Thanksgiving safety.



EDITOR'S CORNER



Daylight Savings Time On Sunday November 3rd we will be changing back to daylight savings time. At 2AM the time will go back one hour to 1AM. Hope you're all up at that time watching the clock.

Email Addresses: If you change your email address please send an email to mtsgatepost01@aol.com and also update your address in the Town Square App.

WINTER IS COMING – There are many folks in need of warm clothing and blankets for the soon to be cold months ahead. Please open your hearts and donate clean, no longer used clothing to those organizations collecting for the needy (churches, temples, local organizations, shelters, etc.)

And don't forget to stay warm & healthy.



Sunshine Committee News

Jean Grady

This has been a quiet month for the Committee. We send best wishes to Russell Tozar of Trawler Bay who is recuperating from surgery. Continued speedy recovery!

If you are aware of anyone needing some Sunshine, please reach out to any of the members of the committee: Berry Lowman of Trawler Bay, Ginni Boam and Janet Pechalonis of Sand Ridge Road, Eileen Sause and Betty Petrakovitz on Rudder Court, or Linda Downes and Jean Grady of Helms Way.

We send our condolences and deepest sympathies to Rose Kepler on the passing of her husband John. The Keplers have lived in MTS for more than twenty years. John bowled and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He could often be seen walking on Helms Way with his various dogs, a faithful companion. Please keep Rose and her family in your prayers.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Kathy Mathewson

Christmas Angel shopping this year will be **Monday November 18th**. We will meet at Walmart located on 151 Myrtle Ridge Rd in the garden section at 10:30.

Lunch will follow at the **Grumpy Monk** located on Hwy. 501.

We will be providing 3 families from Waccamaw Elementary with gifts and food for Christmas.

We are still in need of shoppers and monetary donations for this community event. If you would like to be an Angel shopper you can call me at **843-234-1687** or e-mail me at anja178@aol.com. Monetary donations can be dropped off at my house at 557 Sand Ridge Rd after October 25th..

Please join us in providing our 3 families from WES a wonderful Christmas.



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.



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

October's book was **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Allison Pataki. What an amazing life this woman lived as she started out working in her father's barn packaging cereal by hand. Inheriting millions from her family she lived a glamorous life, but suffered many heartbreaking losses. None of us knew how much she contributed to America over the years. We gave this book our rating of 9 1/2. A very good read.

November's book will be a family history as well, but this time it will be historical fiction based on the life of an early American midwife named Martha Ballard. **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawson is a true story of a woman living in Hallowell, ME who serves as the town's doctor as well as its midwife since the town is too far from Boston and too small to employ its own physician. MS Ballard is called to investigate a dead man pulled from the ice on the Kennebec River. Her discovery puts her into a scandal and trial that changes everything in her town's society and history.

For December we'll put our schedule on hold since so many of us travel or have visitors. At November's meeting we'll choose our books for both January and February.

Our book club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M.. Everyone is invited to join us even if you've not read our book of the month. At the end of each meeting we rate our book and choose our reading for the next few months. If you like to read and enjoy discussing books please come out on Wednesday nights to join us. We welcome all MTS residents.



MTS LADIES SOCIAL

Ladies Social **Thursday, November 14 at 2 pm**

Hostesses: Kathy Nadler and Kristy Robinson.

RSVP by **November 12** to either Kristy at 843-349-0679 or Kathy at 843-591-0185.

We will be doing a small crafts project.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Thanksgiving is almost here. If you'll need supplies or toys for visiting grands or great grands please let me know as soon as possible. Our Pac 'N Play is already booked for the week, but we do have a stroller, high chair, some toys and games, and a monitor available if you need it. Plans change all the time so we may be able to help you.



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Call or email me at: Ellen Witalis, 843-347-7101 or elplusp@aol.com



WELCOME COMMITTEE

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Digna and Donald Hall at 534 Sand Ridge Rd. They come to us from Charlotte NC. Digna is originally from the beautiful island of St. Lucia and Donald from Rochester. They have 2 children.

Digna enjoys reading, sewing and painting. She can be reached at 704-239-4418 and dignasline@me.com.

Donald enjoys sports. He is also a playwright. Donald can be reached at 704-309-5991 and halldon33@icloud.com.

We are also pleased to welcome Katherine Belcher at 704 Helms Way. Katherine comes to us from Louisville, Kentucky. She has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. She enjoys painting and card games.

Katherine can be reached at 502-523-1197 and kbelcher314@gmail.com

NEW RESIDENTS

If you see new neighbors moving in please contact Suzanne Gilman or Angel Mangarelli or email the Gatepost @ mtsgatepost01@aol.com so that we can welcome them and provide them with important community information.



November Birthdays

1– Char Martins	14 – Daniel McOwen
1 – Kim Sansoni	16 – Joanne Malonson
2– Fran Glynn	17 – Deb Medeiros
3 – Donna Burns	18 – Digna Hall
4 – Eileen Sause	24 – Janet Starosto
8 – Grace LaTorre	25 – Flower Saenz
10 – Buzz Hooker	30 – Diane Feeney
14 –Allan Brooks	-----John Zacharek

November Anniversaries

8 – Bob & Jane Gardner
11 – Babe & Kristy Robinson
15 – Steve and Donna Burns
24 – Frank & Peggy Hodges
26 – Andy & Peggie Szmagalski
27 – Henry & Joyce Jalbert
30 – Jim & Kathy Coleman



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





November Ladies Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, November 12th

Please note: This is the **second** Tuesday

Time: 12 noon

Place: **El Patio** 2394 Highway 501 Conway

BIRTHDAY LADIES

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1-Charolette Martin | 16-Joanne Malonson |
| 1-Kim Sansoni | 17-Deb Medeiros |
| 2-Fran Glynn | 18-Digna Hall |
| 4-Eileen Sause | 24-Janet Starosto |
| 3-Donna Burns | 25 –Flower Saenz |
| 8-Grace LaTorre | 30-Diane Feeney |

Please RSVP by Thurs, Nov 7th to:

Arlene O'Keefe 843-234-1358

Scbch1@aol.com

Janet Roche 843-347-0116

Marty_jan@mindspring.com

**We hope you can attend to celebrate the
November Ladies!**

Myrtle Trace South Fall Food Drive

WHEN: 11/17 thru 11/23

**Food Donations To Benefit the local
Catholic Charities Food Drive
and Back Pack Buddies.**

Bring food to clubhouse.

**(If you can not bring it, we will pick it up.
Contact Kathy @ 843-591-0185)**



The Catholic Charities Food Drive can take any non-perishable food items.

Back Pack Buddies need fruit boxes, fruit cups, pudding, and after school snacks.

Non Perishable Items Only please.
Thank you for your donations

The Clubhouse and Pool Committee
would like to invite you to a Christmas Party.

It will be a dinner party, with the food
catered by the Trestle Cafe in Conway.



Date: Saturday, December 14th .
Appetizers will be at 5:30, dinner promptly at 6:00
with dessert to follow.
Cost will be \$15 per person.

The menu will be baked chicken, baked ham, mac and cheese,
garlic roasted red potatoes, steamed vegetables, tossed salad,
rolls and butter and a Christmas cake,

Sangria punch, coffee and water will be available. BYOB.
We will have a 50/50 raffle.

Seating will be limited to 50 people,
reservations and payment are due by November 30th.

Contact Kathy Nadler at 843-591-0185 for reservations and payment.

Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



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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 RC**Gail DiMaio-787 HW
Glen Daniels-1020 RC**Bruce McConnell 721 HW

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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

_____ would like to be considered to serve as a

(Print Your Name)

member of the following committee(s) of the Myrtle Trace South Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Please place an **X** next to the committee(s) you have an interest in:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool/Clubhouse Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Maintenance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firewise Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming Committee |

Your OCCUPATION: (if retired, former occupation) _____

Your EXPERIENCE: _____

What TALENTS/GIFTS do you have that lead you to apply to serve on the above committee(s)?

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Property Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete and return this form to:

Ellen Witalis - 1023 Rudder Court - 843-347-7101 - elplusp@aol.com

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

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NOVEMBER

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Begins	4 Poker 6PM	5	6 Board Mtg 9AM	7 CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM	8 Pickup Leaf Bags 10 to 11 AM	9 Greg Rowles Xmas show 1:30
10	11 Leaf Bag Curb Pickup Veterans Day Tribute 11AM Poker 6PM	12 Leaf Bag Curb Pickup Ladies Bday Lunch 12PM	13 Leaf Bag Curb Pickup	14 Leaf Bag Curb Pickup Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM	15 Leaf Bag Curb Pickup	16
17 Food Drive begins	18 Xmas Angel Shopping 10:30 Poker 6PM	19	20 Book Club 6:30 PM	21 Poker 6PM	22	23 Food Drive ends
24	25 Poker 6PM	26	27	28 	29	30 Xmas tree decorating 10AM