



**DECEMBER 2024  
GATE POST**



## **News from the Board** **Joyce Jalbert, President**

### **Mail delivery Issues**

At the November BOD meeting, there was quite the discussion about the mail delivery problems coming out of our Conway Post Office. While the BOD unfortunately cannot help you with these problems, we do URGE everyone to call and or visit the Post Office to express your concerns. The Conway Post Office is located at 2570 N Main St. Conway. The telephone number is 800-275-8777. Let's flood them with calls and visits!!!

### **Modification Chairman**

A very hearty thank you goes to Don Nadler for volunteering to be our Modification Committee Chairman. Thanks, Don for stepping up. We appreciate you!

### **Calendar Note**

A quick calendar notation: the January 2025 BOD Meeting will not be held on the first Wednesday of the month as that is New Year's Day. It will be held instead on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Hope to see everyone at the last BOD Meeting of 2024, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am

### **Updated Vendor List**

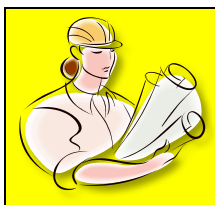
Did you know.... the updated version of our neighborhood approved vendor list can be found on our website. To access the website you go to: [www.myrtletracesouth.org](http://www.myrtletracesouth.org). The password is: mtshoainfo2013. You would click on Community Information, scroll down to Neighborhood Recommended Vendors. There you find vendors to help you with your gardening, painting, power washing, and handyman issues to name just a few.

### **Holiday Wishes**

The MTS BOD would like to wish all of our neighbors a blessed Holiday Season. Please stay safe if you are traveling for the Holidays. We will see you all in 2025.

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





## **MODIFICATION COMMITTEE**

***Don Nadler***

As you may know, I have been asked to chair the Modification Committee to succeed Gary Hunt.

The Committee will be meeting to discuss topics that the Board of Directors has asked us to review such as reflective tape on mailbox posts. Once we have determined what the guidelines will be, we will present them to the board for approval and distribution.

As always, if you are not sure if a modification requires approval of the Modification Committee, refer to the Modification Guidelines that is available on the Myrtle Trace South website. It delineates what does need approval, plus things that do not.

If there is still a question as to whether the Committee needs to review a modification, remember our motto:

**WHEN IN DOUBT FILL IT OUT**



## **DIRT BAND**

***Paul Witalis***

The Dirt Band has installed brighter light bulbs in the overhead porch light at the clubhouse front door.

Two garden path lights were installed alongside the clubhouse entrance steps. The overhead broken porch light at the clubhouse side door was replaced. A burned out ceiling light in the clubhouse was replaced.

The Dirt Band also continues with its weed control and fire ant eradication efforts at the clubhouse grounds and MTS entrances. 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 garden beds adjacent to the clubhouse.

Fire ant killer was applied to nests found on the clubhouse grounds. Fire ant kills reported for this period were 139,831. This brings the year to date total to 1,846,343.



## **CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE**

***Kathy Nadler, Chair***

November was a busy month.

On November 9th, 40 people from our community went to the Greg Rowles Christmas show entitled "Christmas on Main Street". It was an excellent show that was enjoyed by all who attended. Where should we go next year?

On November 11th we had a Veteran's Day celebration which was attended by 40 people. Nick Brown and Joyce Jalbot were our hosts. Pictures and stories of family veterans were shared. Gift cards were given to each veteran who attended. Cupcakes and coffee were served also.



A food drive was held November 17th thru 23rd. Thank you to all who donated. Food was taken to Catholic Charities and Back Pack Buddies.

On November 30th at 10 am we will put up 2 Christmas trees in the clubhouse and decorate both inside and outside. Please come and help us. We always have lots of laughs.

**On December 7th from 2-4 pm** we will have a cookie exchange with hot chocolate and tea. Please sign up with Barbara Volante (843-234-2852) to participate. Make 3 dozen cookies and put 3 in each plastic sandwich bag. Any extras will go to the local fire department.

On **December 14th** we will hold our Christmas Dinner party catered by Trestle Cafe. All 50 reservations have been filled. Appetizers will be available at **5:30 pm** and **dinner will be served at 6 pm**. Please pay Kathy Nadler \$15. per person if you have not already done so. P.S. **WE NEED RED, GREEN OR WHITE TABLECLOTHS IF YOU CAN LOAN ONE TO US. OUR THEME IS "LIGHT UP THE NIGHT". WE WILL HAVE LANTERNS, CANDLES, ETC ON EACH TABLE. IF YOU HAVE DECORATIVE LANTERNS WE CAN BORROW, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

On **January 25 at 5 pm** we will have a "Soup R Bowl" night. Various soups will be available, along with tossed salad and bread. So far we have ham and bean soup, clam chowder, and pasta fagioli soup. If you want to participate, call Kathy Nadler (843-591-0185) and let her know what soup you will make. We did this last year and had a great variety of soups. **ALL ARE INVITED!**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED TO RAISE THE RENTAL COST OF THE CLUB HOUSE FROM \$25 TO \$50 DUE TO RISING UTILITY COSTS. CONTACT SOMEONE ON THE CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE FOR RENTAL FORMS OR GO TO THE MTS HOA WEBSITE TO GET ONE**



## FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Colleen Meitzler**

Thank you to the Firewise Committee for your time and effort with our Fall Clean-up bag and glove distribution on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our residents for participating in our Fall Clean-up Event and for keeping MTS a Firewise community.

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 Firewise Committee would like to wish everyone a Safe and Joyous Holiday season.

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



### **EDITOR'S CORNER**

**Safety Tips—Dryer sheets** --When you remove items from the clothes dryer check the floor to see if your dryer sheet fell out with the clothes. They are very slippery if you step on them. (I almost slipped across the laundry room floor on a dryer sheet.)



***HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND  
HOLIDAY SEASON***



## **Sunshine Committee News**

***Jean Grady***

The holiday season is upon us, and while we are busy making preparations, some of our neighbors are having to put those preparations on hold. A number of our friends are recuperating or getting ready to.

Donna Dagle is at Pruitt Rehab and nursing facility after a fall. We send our best to her and her husband Bill. Henry Heavens is recuperating after a hospitalization and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Both Joe Triacca and his wife Rose are getting ready for surgery. We hope that both of them have successful procedures and swift recoveries. Also, Susan Hooker is at home recuperating after a hospitalization. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Please keep all of these folks in your thoughts and prayers as we navigate the holidays. For those neighbors who we are unaware of that might be experiencing issues, we wish you well also.

Please contact any member of the committee if you know someone who needs some Sunshine.

Berry Lowman on Trawler Bay, Janet Pechalonis and Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge, Eileen Sause and Betty Petrakovitz of Rudder Court and Linda Downes and myself on Helms Way.



## **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](mailto: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*

November's book was **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawson. MS Lawson is the author of several books. For us this one is near the top of our list. Historical facts are combined with an unusual story of a midwife in the 1700's to 1800's who successfully delivered over 1800 babies without losing a mother when death was often the result of childbirth. Martha Ballard's diary that she kept for so many years still exists, and is the basis for MS Lawson's book. We rated it a 9 1/2. Read it for a true and amazing story of early America.

Our schedule is on hold for December since so many of us travel or have visitors. We selected our book for January, but we'll wait until the new year to pick one for February and possibly March.

Our book for February will be **The Briar Club** by Kate Quinn. MS Quinn is known for her powerful historical mysteries and this one is another outstanding effort. Several women rent rooms in a downtrodden house in Washington, DC in the midst of the '50's postwar cheerfulness. Each has a back story that reveals itself in friendships and secrets of the McCarthy paranoid era.

The MTS Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. except for holiday months. We'll meet on January 15th. Everyone is invited to attend even if you've not read our book of the month. Come out to join us for updates on our neighborhood and good book discussions.



## **MTS LADIES SOCIAL**

**Ladies Social Thursday, December 12 at 2 pm**

Join us for tea coffee & Refreshments Also a craft {Not Christmas}  
Craft provided by Donna Burns. Supplies included. However if you have a  
1in,-3in flat brush please bring!!

Hostesses: Donna Burns and Donna Hunt.

Only room for 12. RSVP to Donna Hunt 410-818-0646 [djhunt722@yahoo.com](mailto:djhunt722@yahoo.com).

SEE ya there!!!





# **LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**



**DECEMBER 10, 2024 12 NOON**

**Travinia**

**4011 Deville Street**

**Market Common**

**Myrtle Beach**



## **BIRTHDAY LADIES**

**Dec 3 Rebecca Headley**  
**Dec 8 Ginni Boam**  
**Dec 9 Kristy Robinson**  
**Dec 9 Angel Magarelli**  
**Dec 13 Roberta McNally**  
**Dec 13 Anne Huan Rymski**  
**Dec 16 Ginger Bubniak**

**Dec 16 Evie Flanagan**  
**Dec 18 Anne McOwen**  
**Dec 19 Susan Michael**  
**Dec 24 Pat Marron**  
**Dec 29 Pat Edwards**  
**Dec 31 Ellen Conway**  
**Dec 31 Katherine Belcher**

**We will be ordering off the menu and everyone will pay for their own lunch.**  
**Dessert will be provided to celebrate our MTS Ladies' Birthdays.**  
**Hope you will join us!**

**Hosted by Ginni Boam and Ellen Witalis**

**R.S.V.P by Dec 4 Ginni Boam 843-855-1243**  
**or**  
**Ellen Witalis 843-347-7191**



## **NANA'S CLOSET**

***Ellen Witalis***

We already have requests for items from the Closet for the Christmas holiday weeks. There are still a few toys and puzzles left if you need some indoor entertainment for little people, and there's also a toddler sized golfing set for backyard fun.

Call or email me if you have questions. There might be something available at the time you need it.

Call or email me at: Ellen Witalis, 843-347-7101 or [elplusp@aol.com](mailto:elplusp@aol.com)



## **WELCOME COMMITTEE**

***Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman***

We are pleased to welcome Richard Faberman and Jessica Klauber at 819 Helms Way. They come to us from Lake Ariel, PA. Richard enjoys golf and fishing. Jessica enjoys walking.

Richard can be reached at 516-851-5250 and [richfaberman@gmail.com](mailto:richfaberman@gmail.com)

Jessica can be reached at 516-263-6233 and [jaklaub@gmail.com](mailto:jaklaub@gmail.com)



### **December**

1 – Bob Allexon  
1 – Wade Baird  
2 – Frank Grady  
3 – Rebecca Headley  
7 – Richard Weston  
8 – Ginni Boam  
8 – Jim Coleman  
9 – Kristy Robinson  
9 – Angel Mangarelli  
13 – Roberta McNally  
13 – Anne L Haun Rymski  
16 – Evelyn Flanagan  
16 – Ginger Bubniak

### **Birthdays**

18 – Anne McOwen  
19 – Susan Michael  
21 – Bruce McConnell  
24 – Alan Cox  
24 – Pat Marron  
24 – Russell Tozar  
27 – Tony Guinto  
29 – Bill Cowell  
29 – Pat Edwards  
30 – Joseph Salkiewicz  
31 – Ellen Conway  
31 – Neil Hall  
31 – Katherine Belcher

### **December Anniversaries**

5 – Rich & Maryann Lockyer  
12 – Richard & Ginni Boam  
15 – Buzz & Susan Hooker  
16 – John & Betty Petrakovitz  
18 – Pat & Linda Downes  
26 – Eddie & Jeanne Renner  
28 – Tony & Kathy Antonucci





# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



**NATIONAL FIRE  
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource  
on fire, electrical and related hazards



## 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)
<b>Total Number of Hours/Minutes</b>	→→→→→→→→	

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
<b>Total Costs of Invoices</b> 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

HOMEOWNER 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):

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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: **Don Nadler - 518 Sand Ridge Rd**



# 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](mailto:elplusp@aol.com)**

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

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# DECEMBER

# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Poker 6PM	3 Chair Exercise 9AM	4 Board Mtg 9AM	5 Chair Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM	6	7 Cookie Exchange 2-4PM
8	9 Poker 6PM	10 Chair Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12PM	11	12 Chair Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM	13	14 Xmas Dinner Party 5:30PM
15	16 Poker 6PM	17 Chair Exercise 9AM	18	19 Chair Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM	20	21
22	23 Poker 6PM	24	25 	26 Chair Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM	27	28
29	30 Poker 6PM	31 