





BOARD BRIEFS

Michelle Maylock, President

Whew, lots going on in our neighborhood right now:

- *Wildlife removal expert (Larry) attempting to remove two alligators in pond nearest clubhouse.
- *Receiving bids for having clubhouse parking lot and street cleaned, cracks treated/sealed, asphalt applied, and pavement markings reapplied.
- *Receiving bids for replacing street sign posts. Current posts/street sign holders noted to have dry rot.
- * Receiving bids and working with Storm Water to fix electrical problem on Sand Ridge Road at white fencing.
- *Join Myrtle Trace and other developments in close proximity to work on shared issues.
- * Working with Modification Committee on updates/changes to Modification Guidelines.
- * Investigating ways to save money on electric costs.
- *Negotiating service contracts to complete 2025 budget.
- *County Road Department attempting to acquire 'object markers' for stop signs, STOP painted on our roads at intersections of Sand Ridge & Trawler Bay and Sand Ridge & Helms Way, and a speed hump on Sand Ridge between intersection of Trawler Bay and current speed hump near white fencing.
- *Requesting more police patrols through Sergeant Graham, Horry County Traffic Unit.
- *website updated with latest information

Reminder: We're still in the midst of Atlantic Hurricane Season, June - November.

American Red Cross recommends having:

Go-Kit: 3 days of supplies that you can carry with you. Include backup batteries and chargers for your devices (cell phone, CPAP, wheelchair, etc.)

<u>Stay-at-Home Kit</u>: 2 weeks of supplies. Stores and pharmacies might be closed. Have a 1-month supply of medication in a child-proof container. Keep personal, financial, and medical records safe.

Homeowners are encouraged to visit our website to access important information . www.myrtletracesouth.org Password: mtshoainfo2013

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

As we move forward into fall, we are still short ONE board member. As summer slows down for all of us, we should consider what we can "bring to the table".

Do you have skills that could help the BOD? Things like friendliness, organization, promptness? Our BOD is looking for you!

Please think seriously about becoming our next Board Member!! Contact me-Nancy Thornburgh, or Ellen Witalis, and let's talk!

Thanks, Nancy Thornburgh 989-798-1782 Ellen Witalis 843-503-1662



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Gary Hunt

If you hire a contractor to work on the outside of your house, you are going to need to provide a copy of a business license and proof of insurance when you submit your Modification Form. Before you fill out a Modification Form go to your modification guidelines and read the paragraph that pertains to your project, you will save yourself time.

The Modification Guidelines have changed slowly over the years, you really need to read them.

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

In September, the fire extinguisher in the club house was replaced with a newer one. Also a 2nd sandwich board was purchased to replace a broken one.

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

On Wednesday, October 23rd from 9 am – I pm Clarence Wolfe of "A Sharper Edge" will be in the clubhouse parking lot offering professional sharpening services. He will sharpen knives, scissors, shears, hand tools, yard tools, and mower blades just in time for fall cleanup. In addition he owns "Welcome to Memory Lane", a business to digitize your old video memories (VHS, 8 mm film, etc.) to a thumb drive in an MP4 format.

Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 pm is Bingo. NO BINGO IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.

<u>Saturday, November 9th</u> at 1:30 pm Greg Rowles Christmas show. If you need a ride, come to the clubhouse at 12:30 to carpool.

<u>November 17th – 23rd</u> we will have a fall Food Drive. Bring food to the clubhouse. See flyer in next month article for details.

<u>On November 11th</u> at 11 am will be our Veterans Day ceremony. Details in next Gatepost. All veterans who attend will be given a gift card as a small thank you for their service. We are asking the veterans or their family to bring photos to share.

<u>On Saturday, November 30th</u> at 10 am we will decorate the clubhouse and put up our Christmas trees. We need lots of help so please consider coming. One tree will have ornaments representing the states that our community members are from. Please purchase an ornament from <u>Ornamentally You</u>, or from <u>Amazon</u> for the state you are from and bring it to the clubhouse so we can add it to our tree. We are hoping to get ornaments for all 50 states.

On December 7th from 2-4 pm we are planning a cookie exchange with hot chocolate, tea and coffee.

If you are interested, please contact Barb Volante for further instructions at 843-234-2852.

We are trying to plan a Christmas dinner for <u>December 14th</u>. Further details to follow in next Gatepost.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN RENT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR PARTIES? WE RECENLY HAD A BIRTHDAY PARTY, A WEDDING, AND BABY SHOWER. IT COSTS ONLY \$25, PLUS A REFUNDABLE \$100 CLEANING DEPOSIT. MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH KATHY NADLER, CLUBHOUSE CHAIRMAN AT 843-591-0185.



DIRT BAND

Paul Witalis



The Dirt Band continues to maintain its weed control and fire ant eradication efforts at the clubhouse 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 gardens adjacent to the clubhouse. Fire ant killer was applied to nests at the clubhouse grounds and driveway edges.

Fire ant kills reported for this period were 219,006. This brings the year to date total to 1,385,343.



Ellen Witelie

The holiday season is almost here. If you expect visits from grand or great grandchildren please let me know what you may need for a happy visit. There's an umbrella type stroller, a high chair, pac n' play, a child's small chair (pink), and assorted toys. There's also a room monitor set.

Please contact me at either 843-347-7101 or elolusp@aol.com



WELCOME COMMITTEE

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Laurie and Richard Cartney at 542 Sand Ridge Rd. They come to us from Rapid City, SD. Laurie & Richard have 2 children and 1 grandchild. Laurie enjoys crafts and reading, Richard works at the VA and enjoys movies.

Laurie can be reached at 605-219-4075 and lauriecartney02@gmail.com Richard can be reached at 605-877-2916 and reartney@email.com



FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT

Colleen Meitzler

Happy Fall! 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.

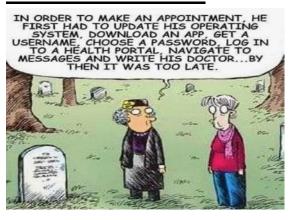
Our Fall Firewise Event is scheduled for <u>October 18th at the clubhouse at 6:00 PM</u>. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this informative session with Captain Timothy Rainbolt from the Horry County Fire Department.

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.



EDITOR'S CORNER





FOR SALE:

ASUS Chromebook laptop, model C424M. Info can be seen at https://www.asus.com/us/laptops/for-home/chromebook/asus-chromebook-c424/techspec/ Like new, \$150. Call Don or Kathy at 843-591-0185.

PET HELPERS WANTED:

If anyone is interested in caring for a dog or cat (feeding and/or walking) at the owner's home please contact the Gatepost **@mtsgatepost01@aol.com**



Sunshine Committee News Jean Grady

We extend our condolences to Gary and Sandy Watts on the recent loss of their son. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

It has been a relatively stable health month, at least as far as the committee is aware. We hope that our very own Betty Petrakovitz is feeling better after a recent illness. Also, we understand Joan Warden is home and continuing to improve in her rehab.

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you are aware of a neighbor who needs some TLC from the Sunshine Committee. Contact Berry Lowman on Trawler Bay, Ginni Boam or Janet Pechalonis on Sand Ridge, Eileen Sause and Betty Petrakovitz on Rudder Court, or Linda Downes and Jean Grady on Helms Way.

We respect the privacy and confidentiality of all of our neighbors and understand that some folks prefer to keep things to themselves.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS
Kathy Mathewson

It is that time of the year to mark your calendar for **Christmas Angel Shopping**. I have set the date for **Monday November 18th. at 10:30.** We will meet in the garden section at Walmart located on 151 Myrtle Ridge Rd. Lunch will follow at **The Grumpy Monk**.

To all of our new MTS residents here is some information regarding this community event: Christmas Angels works in conjunction with Waccamaw Elementary School, which is located in Conway. The school provides us with families who are in most need of clothing and food for the holiday season.

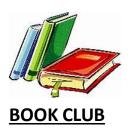
If you would like to be one of our shoppers you can call me <u>@ (843) 234-1687 or e-mail me @ anja178@aol.com</u>.

If you are unable to shop but would like to donate I do accept monetary donations which will go towards food for our Waccamaw families. Monetary donations can be dropped off at Kathy Mathewson's 557
Sand Ridge Rd.

Please join us for this most worthy cause.

A NOTE OF THANKS From Joan Warden

I would like to thank everyone for their get well wishes and prayers. Through a freak accident I broke my right leg and hip. I am still in a wheelchair but gradually getting stronger. The support from this community is amazing. Thank you again.



Ellen Witalis

Our September book was a great choice. All of us rated it between #9 and #10. Lisa See is a well-known author of Chinese family inspired books and **Lady Tan's Circle of Women** is one of her best. It's a good choice for your reading list.

For those who like to read ahead November's book will be <u>The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post</u> by Allison Pataki. Marjorie Post was the heir to the famous cereal company and was the original owner of the Mar-a Lego Club in Florida.

The MTS 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 each book and choose our reading for the next few months. If you like to read and enjoy discussing books plan to come out with us. We welcome everyone.

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MTS LADIES SOCIAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024 2 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE







COME MAKE A SEASONAL CRAFT

ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED
HOMEMADE GOODIES AND A MAKE IT & TAKE IT
R.S.V.P. BY OCTOBER 8th TO:
ELLEN WITALIS AT 843-347-7101 OR JANET ROCHE AT 843-347-0116



Happy Anniversary

October Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Thornburgh
- 2 Joe Sansoni
- 3 Robert Johnson
- 5 Berri Lowman
- 7 Glen Daniels
- 7 Candyce McLeod
- 9 Kathy Nadler
- 10 Gail Jones Allen
- 11 Rose Kepler
- 11 Bill Gray
- 13 Sharon Gilbert
- 14 Liz Ricupero
- 15 Bonnie Manning

- 15 Dennis Vander Ryk
- 17 Ellen Witalis
- 18 Gail Lukens
- 18 Donald Hall
- 20 Joe Marron
- 22 Sharon Sorrels
- 23 Linda Kautz
- 24 Ronald Adkins
- 24 Betty Petrakovitz
- 31 Lois Humphries

October Anniversaries

- 1 Bob & Joan Warden
- 7 Tony & Nancy Guinto
- 8 Bill & Betty Stebler
- 11 Jay & Beverly Casdorph
- 12 Dave & Suzanne Gilman
- 16 Carmen & Jennifer DenDanto
- 20 Russell & Brenda Tozar
- 21 Rod and Char Martins
- 24 Jim & Joanne Malonson
- 26 Frank & Jean Grady
- 28 John & Mary Ann Wisniewski
- 31 Joe & Anna Schwartz



The semi-annual community yard sale

will be held on **Saturday**, **OCTOBER 5**TH! **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





MTS Firewise Community Meeting Horry County Fire Department Friday, October 18, 2024 6:00 PM

The Horry County Fire Department provides many services to MTS. The Firewise Committee invites our residents to attend an information meeting presented by Captain Timothy Rainbolt from the Horry County Fire Department speaking about how they can help our residents stay safe and what to do in case of a fire emergency.

Coffee and dessert will be provided as well as several door prizes and informational handouts.

We look forward to seeing you at this event. We are grateful for the Fire Department and especially Station #23, as they have been so supportive of the needs of our community.

Please RSVP by October 4 to cbomer12@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER LADIES LUNCHEON



Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Time: 12 noon

Place: Sea Captain House

3002 north Ocean Blvd Myrtle Beach, sc. 29577

Please come join us to celebrate the October Birthday Ladies

1st. Nancy Thornburg
5th. Berri Lowman
7th. Candace McCleod
9th. Kathy Nadler
10th. Gail Jones Allen
11th. Rose Kepler
13th. Sharon Gilbert
14th. Liz Ricupero
15th. Bonnie Manning



15th. Bonnie Manning
17th. Ellen Witalis
18th. Gail Lukens
22nd. Sharon Sorrels
23rd. Linda Kautz
24th. Betty Petrakovitz
31st. Lois Humphries

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 10th to

Kathy Mathewson at 843-243-1687 or anja178@aol.com or

Iris Boam at 847-347-3582 or miloam@yahoo.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 <u>cbomer12@yahoo.com</u>
Bruce Conway <u>bconway1@yahoo.com</u>

Glen Daniels <u>glen.daniels2814@gmail.com</u>

Gail Di Maio <u>gedimaio@gmail.com</u>

Bruce McConnell <u>bruce.mcconnell1@gmail.com</u>

Dennis Vander Ryk joggerman46@yahoo.com





7 Ways Residents Can Reduce the Risk that their Homes & Property Will Become Fuel for a Wildfire

#1

Clear

Clear off pine needles, dead leaves & anything that can burn from your rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios & along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.

#3

Screen & Seal

Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents 8 other openings and burn the home from the inside out. Walk around your house to see what openings you can screen or temporarily seal up.

#5

Trim

Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house and attachments, and any overhanging branches.

#7

Close

If ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows 8 doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors.

Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings and burning the house from the inside out.

#2

Store Away

Store away furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants & other decorations from decks, porches & patios. These items catch embers and help ignite your home if you leave them outside.

#4

Rake

Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence is a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away.

#6

Remove

Walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats – anything that can act as a large fuel source.



NFPA has many more tips and safety recommendations on its websites, including www.firewise.org.



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)
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Total Number of Hours/Minutes		
To record your costs, please fill in the following and attach a contracted personnel, etc.	copy of any Invoi	<mark>ices</mark> from stores,
ACTIVITY	DATE PERFORMED	COST OF ACTIVITY
Total Costs of Invoices		φ.
Please attach a copy of invoice(s)		\$
I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is a	ccurate.	
Print Name Address		Date
Signature	Phone/E-ma	nil
Return this form to your Firewise Board contact at a Monthly I	HOA meeting, comn	nunity 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 #:		
	ROJECT (use additional pages if necessary):		
DESIRED START DATE:	EST. COMPLETION DATE:		
	FINENT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW		
LOCATION OF PROJECT: PROVIDE: MARKUP, SURVEY, HOUSE PLANS, PH	HOTOGRAPH, LANDSCAPING LAYOUT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS		
MATERIALS:			
DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS, BROCHURES	S, WEBSITE INFORMATION AND/OR SAMPLES SHOULD BE PROVIDED		
COLORS:			
A LISTING OF THE COLOR(S), SWATCHES, BROCCOLOR WHERE APPLICABLE.	CHURES OR SAMPLES ATTACHMENTS MUST BE NOTED AND AN APPROVED		
PLANS: ATTACH LAYOUT, DIAGRAMS, SURV	VEY AND/OR PLANS FOR THE PROJECT IF CONSTRUCTION RELATED		
ATTACHMENTS: PLEASE CHECK APPL	ROPRIATE BOX FOR ANY ATTACHMENTS: YES NO NO		
that: a) the HOA may not be held responsitions; b) any commercial contractor(s) use required by law are obtained prior to start may ask to view permits, proof of insuran	ting full responsibility for the modification project and acknowledge ible for any injuries or damage resulting from the modification being ed is/are licensed and insured; c) All applicable permits that may be of the modification; d) The Modification Committee, at its discretion ce and licensing for construction, re-roofing, retaining walls, drainage ions by contractors; e) The Modification Committee has the right to ration project.		
Signature of Homeowner Places deliver this completed	Date Signature of Homeowner Date		
Please deliver this completed	form to: GARY HUNT - 722 HELMS WAY		



MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

	would like t	to be considered to serve as a
(Print Your Name)		
member of the following committee(s) of the My		neowners' Association, Inc.
Please place an X next to the committee(s) you h	nave an interest in:	
() Pool/Clubhouse Committee	() Grounds M	aintenance Committee
() Modification Committee	Nominating	g Committee
() Firewise Committee	() Ponds Com	mittee
() Sunshine Committee	() Welcoming	Committee
Your OCCUPATION: (if retired, former occupation)	tion)	
Your EXPERIENCE:		
What TALENTS/GIFTS do you have that lead you	ou to apply to serve o	n the above committee(s)?
Signed:		Date:
Property Address:		
Please complete and veture this form to		

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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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 addres 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.	
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Chair Exercise 9AM Payment due for Greg Rowles show	Board Mtg 9AM	Chair Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM		Semi-annual Yard Sale 8AM to Noon
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Private Party 12Noon til 7PM	Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	Chair Exercise 9AM		Chair Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Mahjong 1PM Poker 6PM	Chair Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	Book Club 6:30 PM	Chair Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM	Fall Firewise Community MTG 6PM	Trivia Night 6:30
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
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