



**APRIL
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GATE POST**



News from the Board

Joyce Jalbert, President

Roof: The roof repair was completed on March 14th. The work was performed by Monarch Roofing. The cost was \$973.00 and they replaced the corner eave drip edges.

Clubhouse Floor: Cruz Maintenance is repairing the floor by the sliders. The floor planks were separating. When removing the molding, the workman discovered that the planks were moving because of water coming in from under the sliders. He removed all the pavers outside, pushed back the sand, and re-corked that area. The next step is to reinstall some planks. The cost was \$599.00

Waccamaw Compliance Visits: The BOD has decided to send out an email to the community each month informing everyone when the Compliance Officer will be in the neighborhood and what she will be looking for specifically. This visit she will be looking for HVAC Surrounds that may need attention and Propane Tanks that are visible from the road. As you know, propane tanks must be surrounded by bushes that cover them completely or by a surround just like your HVAC has. If you decide to install a surround, you will need to fill out a Modification Form.

Spring Clean Up: Yup, it is that time of year again. Do your shutters, mailboxes, doors or columns need to be painted? Do you have weeds (dreaded weeds) in your beds or driveway or shrubs that need to be trimmed? I don't know about you but I have all of the above going on. UGH! So now is the time to start addressing some of these issues. Don't forget if you're painting anything make sure you fill out a Modification Request Form.

Hope to see everyone at the next BOD Meeting on **April 2, 2025.**





CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

The knife sharpener from The Sharper Edge had a busy day and is thankful for our support.

On **March 15th** we had a St. Patrick's Day pot luck dinner. Twenty four people attended and all of the dishes were delicious.

Don Nadler and Babe Robinson will be power washing the pool deck the beginning of April. After that, the pool furniture can be brought out from storage. We need help cleaning the pool furniture on Saturday, **April 12th at 10 am. Bring your own cleaning supplies.**

The pool officially opens on **April 15th**



From **NOON til 2 pm** the Clubhouse Committee will provide a free hot dog, chips and water to those who want to come down and eat poolside(or inside if the weather is inclement).

May 3rd at 5 pm we will have a Fiesta night at El Patio. See flyer for further details



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

We send our best wishes for speedy recoveries to Eddie Renner and Henry Heavens who both recently were hospitalized. And also to Joan Warden who continues to recuperate in rehab. Other of our neighbors have also had medical issues that they prefer not to share and we respect their wish for privacy

If you are aware of anyone who might need some sunshine please contact any of the committee members: Ginni Boam and Janet Pechalonis of Sand Ridge Road, Berri Lowman on Trawler Bay, Eileen Sause of Rudder Court and Linda Downes or Jean Grady of Helms Way.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Donna Burns

Just wanted to say thank you for all the well wishes and dinner I received after my hip replacement.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Don Nadler

With warmer weather, we can all get out and do our outside maintenance and upkeep. Remember there is a list of what needs to have Committee approval available on the MTS HOA website or in your Modification Guidelines manual.

Some things are obviously in need of getting approval, such as painting a driveway, or getting a new roof, but some may not be as obvious. Adding awnings to the back of the house, putting up an arbor or trellis, or installing a water fountain may not spring to mind as something that requires approval.

As always, if in doubt, fill it out! We are always willing to advise you if your project does or does not need an application.

Enjoy the nice weather.



MTS DIRT BAND

Glen Daniels

We have begun our fire ant control at the Burning Ridge entrance of Sand Ridge and the Clubhouse. There was a downed Myrtle Tree at the rear of the Clubhouse lawn after one of the recent big storms. It was too large for the Dirt Band to tackle. The BOD liaison contacted Hardee Landscaping, and they were able to promptly clear the debris.



We are still looking for another homeowner to join us in our efforts to keep MTS looking good. If you're interested, I can be reached at 330-907-1074, or email me at glen.daniels2814@gmail.com



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

MTS Firewise Annual Spring Yard Clean-up

May 12 - 16, 2025

The Firewise Committee will again hold our annual Spring community clean-up. This is your opportunity to spruce up your yard, remove leaves, pine straw and trim trees and shrubs. Your yard debris, bags and any branches (neatly stacked) will be picked up at the front edge of your property between **May 12 - 16**.

We have a limited supply of bags and gloves left, which will be available for pick up at the clubhouse on May 9th at 10:00 AM. Please complete and submit your activity sheet at the conclusion of your yard clean up so we can remain a Firewise Community.

Please contact any Firewise Committee member with any questions.

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

We strive to be a Firewise and Environmentally Friendly Community.

Firewise Committee

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh

Each year MTS elects new members of the MTS Board as required by our Covenants. We have a rotating system of replacing members on a 3 year term for each. This year we will need 2 candidates.

Waccamaw Management will send all of our residents details for filing an application for a position on the Board in June. If you're interested in becoming a Board member we need people who are dedicated to upholding all the regulations of our community. Working together means we contribute our time and commitment as a team for the benefit of all of us.

Please consider helping MTS continue to be a well-run, attractive, and enjoyable living community. We need you.





BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

In March we read the best seller *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marian Kamali. A story of the lifelong friendship of 2 women dominated by the political history of Iran. It's been on the New York Times best books list for many months. We gave it an 8.5 rating.

In April we'll read *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman. This book is about a family of several generations, including the "sandwich age", spending a week's vacation in Sandwich, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. It sounds to us as something we may all have experienced during our lives.

May's book will be *When the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart. During the Civil War some Southerners wished to remain neutral. This historical novel is about one family in North Carolina who risked their lives to remain true to their moral beliefs. The author is known for careful historical research as well reflecting the mood of the time. One reviewer describes it as a thoughtful portrayal of a very difficult issue...meaningful today as ever.

The MTS Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M. All neighbors are invited to attend even if you've not read our book of the month. Come out to join us and enjoy conversation and interesting book reviews with your neighbors.



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.



MTS LADIES SOCIAL

Ladies Social at Clubhouse Thursday, April 10 at 2 pm.



Hostesses: Kathy Nadler and Barb Volante

Bring a mug or teacup for coffee or tea Come and join us.

RSVP to **Barb Volante at 843 234 2852 or Kathy Nadler at 843 591-0185 by April 8th.**

We will play Left, Right, Center, an easy dice game.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Vendor Recommendations Requested

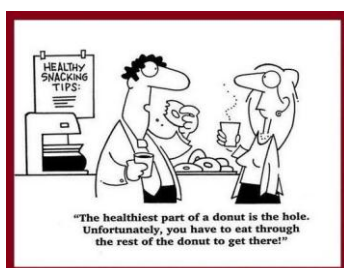
1. Dryer vent cleaning
2. Driveway/walkway painting

It would be helpful to the community if our residents would recommend some of the handymen who are on our list of recommended vendors/handymen posted on the MTS website who they've used for the above services. If you have used other vendors/handymen, not on the list for these and other services that you would recommend, please send your recommendations with the name and phone # of the vendor to:

Mts_gatepost01@aol.com

Thank you for your assistance.

Reminder—The Gate Post is available to list items in your home that are for sale, your favorite recipes and helpful hints.





NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Easter school break is here this month. We have both a grand and a great grandchild visiting us from NH at the end of the month. They don't need any of our little people supplies, but if you do please contact me as soon as possible for your request.

Beach season will be here soon and we do have beach toys to share as well as baby items including a room monitor.

Contact me at:

Ellen Witalis

843-347-7101

843-503-1662

elplusp@aol.com



APRIL

5 – Sandy Watts
8—Patrick Downes
11– Joseph Pechalonis
12 – Jeanne Renner
12 – Miriam Coward
13 – Laurie Cartney
14 – Linda Downes
14 – Jay Stiltner
15 – Bruce Conway
18 – James LaTorre

BIRTHDAYS

18 – Mary Ann Wisniewski
19—Steve White
20 – Jerry Stypinski
21 – Ruth Graham
22 – Michelle Maylock
23 – Penny Cortez
27 – Bill Stebler
28 – Joe Cangialosi
28 – Gary Watts
29 – Jeff Edwards

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Bruce McConnell &
Colleen Meitzler
6 – Henry & Mary Heavens
6 – Ken & Lesley Trinkley
6 - Richard & Ella Bryant
8 –Dave & Dawn Tucker
9 – Chris & Iris Boam
12 – Rick & Kathy Becker
13 – Don & Pat Edwards
17 – Glen & Denise Daniels
26 – Corbett & Connie Hall
27 – George & Maureen Bertolet

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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

MTS LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 22 (Note date change)

Noon at the Olive Garden

Celebrating April birthdays



5- Sandy Watts

18- Mary Ann Wisniewski

12- Miriam Coward

21- Ruth Graham

12- Jeanne Renner

22- Michelle Maylock

14- Linda Downes

23- Penny Cortez

RSVP to Kathy Nadler at 843 591-0185 or Susan Hooker 843-591-9891
or Connie Hoyer 703-853-4283 by **April 15th.**

**Come join us at El Patio Restaurant on
May 3rd at 5 PM for an early
Cinco de Mayo festival night!**



**Order off the menu.
Please let Kathy Nadler know by May 1st
if you are coming so we have a head count.
843-591-0185 or Kathynadler@hotmail.com**

El Patio, 2394 E Highway 501, Conway



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

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):

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:

☐ Pool/Clubhouse Committee

☐ Grounds Maintenance Committee

☐ Modification Committee

☐ Nominating Committee

☐ Firewise Committee

☐ Ponds Committee

☐ Sunshine Committee

☐ 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		55+ Exercise 9AM	Board Mtg 9AM	55+ Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM		55+ Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM		Clean Pool Furniture 10AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Pool Officially opens. Hot dogs and chips 12-2PM	Book Club 6:30PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon		55+ Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM		Yard Sale 8-12 
27	28	29	30			
	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Bingo 6:30 PM				