



<u>Waccamaw Compliance Visit</u>: Waccamaw Management Company will be coming thru the neighborhood the week of May 7th.

This month they will be looking for weeds in driveways and garden beds. Can someone please make the weeds stop!!!! Also, they will be looking for bushes and trees that need to be trimmed. They will also be following up on last month's visit which was Propane Tanks that need to be hidden from the street view and HVAC Surrounds in need of repair/replacement.

<u>Clubhouse Water Fountain</u>: The Clubhouse water fountain was left on {perhaps the bar was stuck} overnight. When the Exercise Ladies entered the building the next day, there was water everywhere. Soooooo...please when exiting the building, please make sure the water fountain is not left on. Again, a big thank you to the ladies who reported the incident and cleaned up the BIG MESS.

<u>Volunteer Appreciation Night</u>: The BOD is pleased to announce that we will again this year be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation evening. This event is going to be held on **June 3rd at 6:30 pm** at the Clubhouse. Invitations will be sent out in May. We look forward to all of you who volunteer to come out for this event. We APPRECIATE all that you do!

<u>MTS Website</u>: Do you know that you can access community information such as: community recommended service providers, MTS community map, BOD meeting minutes, Covenants and By laws, Modification Guidelines, the Gatepost and much more by going to our MTS Website. You can access this website by going to www.myrtletracesouth.org. The password is mtshoainfo2013. Check it out!!

Hope to see everyone at the next BOD meeting on May 7, 2025





CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

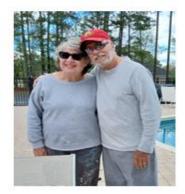
April was all about the pool. Flowers were planted in the pots by Kathy Nadler and Don Nadler. The pool deck was power washed by Babe Robinson and Don Nadler. Pool furniture was cleaned by 9 volunteers (see pictures below). Babe Robinson and Dan McOwen power washed the outside patio and walls. Thank you to all who helped. It looks great! On April 15 we had 20 people come to enjoy hot dogs, chips and a drink at the pool opening party (see picture below). Thank you Donna Hunt for overseeing this event.

May 3rd at noon Fiesta dinner at El Patio. See flyer.

May 23-29 Spring food drive for Catholic Charities and Backpack Buddies. No expired food please. See flyer for more info.

May 27 at 6:30 pm Bingo









SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

We send well wishes to several neighbors after their recent hospitalizations. To Susan and Buzz Hooker of Helms Way and also Richard Mendres on Rudder Court. We hope that you are all on the mend. Also, extending warm thoughts to Joan Warden at Pruitt Rehab.

We also extend our heartfelt sympathies to Arlene O'Keefe on the recent passing of her son.

For other members of the MTS community who might be experiencing illness or treatments of any kind but wish to maintain their privacy, we send caring thoughts to you all as well.

If you know anyone who needs a bit of sunshine, please contact any of our committee members: Janet Pechalonis and Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge, Berri Lowman of Trawler Bay, Eileen Sause on Rudder Court and Linda Downes or Jean Grady on Helms Way.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

As a reminder, Dave Gilman is now the **Acting** Modification Committee Chairperson and non-voting member replacing Don Nadler. Please mail, deliver (610 Trailer Bay Ct) or email (dagemailbox@aol.com) your requests and any attachments to him unless instructed otherwise. Our activity for Modification Requests has begun to pick-up now that Spring is here and our homeowners are busy with sprucing up their homes. Removing weeds, trimming bushes/trees, pressure washing their home, painting their doors, shutters and pillars, replacing a roof, painting or replacing a HVAC surround, etc. are the most common requests.

Remember to anticipate approx. a 5 business day turnaround from the time your modification request and any attachments are received by the Committee until they are reviewed, and approved or denied. And occasionally it may take even longer, so plan accordingly.

We are still very much in need of another Modification Committee member. And we are also in need of a member to step up and Chair the committee. If any of our homeowners have any interest at all or would like to obtain more information on what this important committee does, please contact me. Remember, "WHEN IN DOUBT FILL IT OUT"

Doing our best to keep our community in tip top shape.

Dave Gilman



MTS DIRT BAND

Glen Daniels

We have continued with our fire ant control at the Burning Ridge entrance of Sand Ridge and the Clubhouse. There was a smaller dead tree near the pond which was not salvageable, so the Dirt Band took it down. We have also done our Spring cleanup of all the fallen branches around the Clubhouse. Our next project will be to get the leaves in the circle garden cleaned out prior to putting down fresh mulch.



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



Happy Spring to all!

Please review our Spring Clean Up flyer detailed below in this Gatepost.

The cleanup will be May 12-16. We have a limited supply of bags and gloves for those who really need them. They can be picked up at the clubhouse on <u>May 9th at 10:00 AM.</u> We are not able to purchase bags and gloves for this clean up, as we did not receive the federal grant. With the warmer May weather on the horizon, please take a moment to review our Firewise Safety Gatepost flyer on Electrical Safety. We hope you are enjoying the beautiful Spring weather! Stay safe!

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 <u>branches (neatly stacked)</u> 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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Dennis Vander Ryk <u>joggerman46@yahoo.com</u>

A NOTE OF THANKS

This is a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful swim group and the love and kindness they showed in organizing my wonderful open house party! I was so overwhelmed with the group of you that came, phone calls, cards and goodbyes we all shared.

We are mostly settled in our new home and doing well. Megan is back at work and feels she will enjoy her new job. Beth and I are going swimming at an outdoor heated pool. She is three minutes away! Granddaughter has been here and will graduate next month.

I continue to get lost but always find my way back home!

Again to everyone--thanks for sharing the last twenty years. MTS continues to be a fantastic community! One last comment to the swim group, keep going to the pool!!!

Love and good health, Sharon and family

sharon.gilbert@gmail.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh

Another month has gone by, and we are excited to have spring on our doorstep! A new season, and a new attitude, I hope.

We are in need of people to serve on our BOD.

Without being pushy, we really ask for help from all of you. If you have an interest in helping our community, by serving on the BOD, we want you! Please contact myself, Nancy Thornburgh, or Ellen Witalis, and we can talk! This is a wonderful community, and we want to keep it that way, by encouraging our residents to volunteer on any committee that interests them.

Thank you for your consideration!

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





See you all there.

MTS LADIES SOCIAL

Ladies' Social will be **Thursday**, **May 8 at 2 pm** at the Clubhouse.

Please join us for our monthly social gathering. Come out to enjoy a fun time with your friends and neighbors. Joyce Jalbert and Ellen Witalis will be your hostesses for the afternoon. Please RSVP to Joyce at 248-770-4488 or jalboy@yahoo.com; Ellen Witalis at 843-347-7101 or elplusp@aol.com.



For April we read Sandwich, a novel by Catherine Newman. This story is about 3 generations of a family on their annual family vacation. It covers the family's relationships, a midlife crisis, and the cyclical ups and downs of motherhood. We voted it an 8 and a half...a high recommendation for our reading group.

The book for May will be When the Jessamine Grows Again by Donna Everhart. MS Everhart has written an authentic novel about a North Carolina woman who opens her home and farm to soldiers from both sides during the Civil War. She is called out for treason by the nearby townspeople and the Home Guard. However, she remains true to her convictions and that her family will survive. Ultimately she faces greater tests as the war continues. We try to plan ahead so the book for June will be The Story She Left Behind by Patti Callahan Henry. This novel revolves around an illustrator and single mother who tries to find the truth about her mother who vanished after leaving a book she had written in an invented language. MS Henry has written 18 novels that are all best selling.

The MTS BOOK CLUB meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at <u>6:30 PM</u>. Our next meeting is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 21</u>. All residents are invited even if you've not read our book of the month. Come out and join us for good book talks.



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 <u>petchco@sbcglobal.net.</u>

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.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms and Happy Memorial Day to all!



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Schools will be ending classes soon for their summer break. If you're planning for young visitors this summer please contact me as soon as you know your schedules. There is already a reservation for dates in June. It's always better to reserve ahead; we can always make changes as needed.

Contact me at: Ellen Witalis 843-347-7101 843-503-1662 elplusp@aol.com



Anniversary

MAY

- 1 Howard Eckler
- 1 Larry McClure
- 5 Donna Hunt
- 6 Ted Volante
- 6 Richard Bryant
- 9 George Gagnon
- 15 Andy Szmagalski
- 15 Barbara Beasley
- 16 Beverly Casdorph

BIRTHDAYS

- 18 Steve Carver
- 19 Gary Hunt
- 20 Ann Byun
- 22-Kim Brooks
- 23 Bonnie Craig
- 26 Richard Boam
- 27 Jackie Langdon
- 28 Linda Watkins

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02—Robert Brunner
 - & Rebecca Headley
- 12—Ron & Linda Kautz
- 12---Ken & Eileen Hajnal
- 13---Won & Ann Byun
- 19---Bruce & Ellen Conway
- 22---Al & Marilyn Darrone
- 23---Jeff & Teresa Edwards
- 25---James & Grace LaTorre
- 27---George & Michelle Gagnon
- 27---Donald & Digna Hall

Myrtle Trace South Food Drive

WHEN: May 23 thru May 29

DROP OFF at the Clubhouse

Food Donations Benefit the Catholic Charities, and the "Back Pack Buddies" program



The Catholic Charities 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 check the expiration dates on your donated items

Thank you for your donations!

Come join us at El Patio Restaurant on May 3rd at noon 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

Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale (CMBS)

Residents, here is a brief review of CMBS. It is taken from a fact sheet from Clemson Cooperative Extension. https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/crapemyrtle-bark-scale/

CMBS (acanthococcus lagerstroemiae) arrived in TX in 2004 through infected crepe myrtles from Asia. It spread to OK,AR,CA,MS,GA,NC and VA until it arrived in SC in 2019. It was in Columbia last summer and now here in Horry County. These tiny insects look very similar to mealybugs if you use a magnifying glass. They like to feed under loose, exfoliating bark of the crepe myrtle producing copious amounts of honeydew causing the leaves, branches, and trunk to be covered with black sooty mold that grows on the honeydew. This make control difficult with either pesticides or predators (lady beetles or mealybug destroyers in large quantities-when was the last time you saw a lady beetle in this area?) The fact sheet discusses how to use pesticides. Sprays can be used to control but drenches with systemic insecticide products are safer and easier to use. The factsheet lists the effective insecticides. Calling Clemsen at 888-656-9988 and speaking with an agent can help you decide which product to use and where you can find them. I used the drench method to preemptively protect my crepe myrtles. Using an empty gallon milk jug, a Dollar tree bucket with a pour lip and a 4 cup measuring cup (dedicated to this project), made up 3 batches of the liquid after measuring the diameters of the trunks of each of my 3 crepe myrtles. I applied the evening before my irritation system would run. This scale causes aesthetic damage and while will not kill the plants, it will reduce the plant's vigor, number of flowers, flower cluster size, and leaf out occurs later than healthy plants. If you prefer not to treat preemptively or after disease is present, once the plant is highly infested you can cut the crepe myrtle off flush to the ground. Promptly cut up the branches and trunk, placing in garbage bags for trash pickup. DO NOT PLACE on the curb for brush pickup or take to the recycling in the brown yard waste bags. If you have professional removal of the crepe myrtle, please be sure the company will dispose of properly. Some companies may have access to burning which is also an acceptable disposal method. The stump will send up sprouts quickly. The fact sheet gives guidance how to regrow the crepe myrtle. It also discusses the best location for new crepe myrtles and care of new plantings. This nasty "little bug" will attack other plantings like privet and boxwood. The fact sheet has the complete list.

Crepe Myrtles are so pretty and an important part of our landscape so hopefully this article alerts you to the trouble coming and you download the factsheet for the specifics need to fight this invasive pest. Luckily, this invasive pest has a treatment because so many reaching our shores have no cures.

Thank you to Anne L Haun Rymski for submitting this article.

Die Greice Safety

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffeemaker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.



SAFETY TIPS

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified private inspector or in accordance with local requirements.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, microwave ovens, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month according to the manufacturer's recommendations. You do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when heat builds up near things that burn. This can happen when a hot light bulb is near things that burn, such as cloth or paper, or a cord has been placed under a carpet.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- Use a light bulb with the right number of watts. There should be a sticker that indicates the right number of watts.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- · Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- · Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet





NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



May Ladies Birthday Luncheoz 12.00 magn 12:00 noon

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Uptown Bistro & Bakery

6901 N Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach



Join us as we celebrate these lovely ladies born in the month of May:

5 – Donna Hunt

15 – Barbara Beasley

16 – Beverly Casdorph

20 - Ann Byun

22 – Kim Brooks

23 – Bonnie Craig

27 – Jackie Langdon

28 – Linda Watkins

Hostess is Michelle Maylock. To ensure accurate seating, please RSVP to MookieZ000j@aol.com by Tuesday, May 13, 2025. It's understandable that plans change, If yours do, please update your hostess ASAP.



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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contracted personnel, etc.		
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I affirm that the information I have provided on the	nis form is accurate.	
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Return this form to your Firewise Board contact a	at a Monthly HOA meeting, comm	nunity event or mail tube:

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 PI	ROJECT (use additional pages if necessary):
DESIRED START DATE:	EST. COMPLETION DATE:
PROVIDE THE PER	TINENT INFORMATION LISTED BELOW
LOCATION OF PROJECT:	
PROVIDE: MARKUP, SURVEY, HOUSE PLANS, PI	HOTOGRAPH, LANDSCAPING LAYOUT OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS
MATERIALS:	
DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS, PROCHING	S. HIEDGITE INFORMATION AND/OD CAMBLES CHOULD BE BROWNED
DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIALS, BROCHURE	S, WEBSITE INFORMATION AND/OR SAMPLES SHOULD BE PROVIDED
COLORS:	
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PLANS: ATTACH LAYOUT, DIAGRAMS, SUR	YEY AND/OR PLANS FOR THE PROJECT IF CONSTRUCTION RELATED
ATTACHMENTS: PLEASE CHECK APP	ROPRIATE BOX FOR ANY ATTACHMENTS: YES NO NO
that: a) the HOA may not be held respons done; 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 lible 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 ation project.
Signature of Homeowner Please deliver this con	Date Signature of Homeowner Date npleted 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 Myrt	tle Trace South Homeowners' Association, Inc.
Please place an \mathbf{X} next to the committee(s) you ha	ve 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	on)
Your EXPERIENCE:	
What TALENTS/GIFTS do you have that lead you	
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!

Rev. 8/30/24

MAY



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDA
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	Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM	Board Mtg 9AM	55+ Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM	Pickup bags/gloves 10AM	18
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MOTHER'S DAY	Spring Cleanup begins Poker 6PM	55+ Exercise 9AM	1 100	55+ Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM	Spring Cleanup ends	
18 19 Poker 6PM	20	21	22	23	24	
	55+ Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	Book Club 6:30PM	55+ Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM	Food Drive begins		
Poker 6PM 55+ Exercise 9A Bingo 6:30 PM	27	28	29	30	31	
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