



JUNE
2025
GATE POST



News from the Board Joyce Jalbert, President

Contractor Signs. Just a quick note about Contractor Signs. Per the Modification Guidelines (page 18), Contractor Signs ONLY can be displayed during the day(s) when the work is being done. It is your responsibility to ensure that this happens. I have had to call Roof Maxx twice now because they have left their signs up for a week. There is no specific verbiage for signs left behind by the lawn care people but it only makes sense not to leave these signs up past the day of work either.

Waccamaw Compliance Visit. Waccamaw will be out the week of June 16th to inspect the neighborhood for weeds in garden beds, driveways, and overgrown trees and bushes. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback that putting out this info to the neighborhood definitely helps the community get ready for their visit. I am happy to report, that Waccamaw only had to send out 2 letters last month. YEAH to you guys!!

Clubhouse Floor. The job of repairing the Clubhouse floor by the sliders is finally finished. As you recall, there was some water damage and the boards were starting to lift. The final cost to repair the damage was \$749.00. Thank you, Cruz Maintenance for doing a great job!

June 4th BOD Meeting Wait..... it's June Already????

Hope to see you all at the BOD Meeting on Wednesday June 4th at 9am.





CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

On **May 3rd at noon** we had a Fiesta luncheon at El Patio. The food was delicious. 18 people attended, including some new neighbors.

May 23rd-29th we held our Spring food drive for Catholic Charities and Backpack Buddies. Thank you to all who contributed.

In May we purchased 2 Umbrella stands, bungee cords for the umbrellas, a battery for the pool clock, and 2 new card tables which we needed.

On **June 21st at 6:30 pm** we will play Team Trivia. Form a team and put your thinking caps on. There will be prizes for the winning team.

On Wednesday, **June 18th at 7 pm** Mr. Softee will be in the clubhouse parking lot for you to purchase your ice cream treats.

Bingo will be played on **June 24th at 6:30 pm**. You can purchase 3 cards for \$6.00 and might win a gift card to a local restaurant, Dunkin Donuts, Walmart or Subway. Come and join us.

July 4th is our annual picnic. See flyer for more information



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Martha Hall after her recent surgery and to Cindy Brown after her recent hospitalization. Many neighbors prefer to maintain their privacy, which we respect.

We send a heartfelt welcome home to Joan Warden who is back home after many months in the hospital and rehab.

We do send our deepest sympathies to Ann Barber's family, cousin Victor who stayed with her, and her great friend and care giver Barbara Volante. Ann recently passed away after a lengthy illness. Ann and her husband John moved to MTS in 2004, and Ann was the guiding force behind the MTS Travel Club, through which many of us visited places like Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon and local venues such as the Charleston Tea Plantation.

We have also learned that long time neighbor, Carolyn Jones, recently passed away at her daughter's home in Massachusetts. Carolyn was a member of the Sunshine Committee for many years.

If you are aware of anyone in need of "Sunshine" please contact any member of the committee: Berri Lowman of Trawler Bay, Janet Petchalonis or Ginni Boam of Sand Ridge, Eileen Sause on Rudder Court, or Linda Downes and Jean Grady of Helms Way.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Dave Gilman

Our top priority at this time is finding another homeowner to join the committee. In addition, the committee needs a new Chairperson. Any homeowner with a computer/cell phone and approx. 2 hrs. a week of spare time should contact Dave Gilman (843-331-9985) to discuss this position in detail.

Please note the following:

- a) Modification Request forms can be found on the wall in the Clubhouse Kitchen or as an attachment at the end of each months Gatepost publication.
- b) Remember to enter your **Lot #** and **Address** on your Modification Request, along with other required information. When and where appropriate, attach samples, color chart, diagrams, materials, copies of the vendors/contractors Business License & Liability Insurance Certificate (generally each is a single page document), or other things as noted in our Modification Guidelines, Covenants or other legal documents.
- c) The committee tries to expedite all requests in a timely manner with most having a decision within 5 business days. However, vacations, work, illness, missing information complexity of the job and other things may delay such up to 45 days. As such, **DO NOT ASSUME OR TELL YOUR VENDOR/CONTRACTOR** you will let them know in a few days or worse, schedule the work to start on such and such date before receiving the Modification Committee's Approval.

Enjoy the Summer and remember the motto.....**WHEN IN DOUBT FILL IT OUT**



MTS DIRT BAND

Glen Daniels

The Dirt Band has been keeping busy with raking out the Circle garden (thanks to Rick Thornburg,) and getting it ready for mulch. Mulch was purchased from and delivered by Mulch and More, and the Dirt Band crew, along with volunteers Dan McOwen, Tom Bramyer, Joe Marron, and my grandson, Everett Garver-Daniels (he's the shortest one in the picture,) assembled on the 23rd of May to spread it. Joe had so much fun, he has offered to be a regular Dirt Band member. Many thanks to all for a job well done. As you know, nothing says thank you like a good donut, and we all indulged ourselves when we finished.

Joe took on the task of pruning the Sago palms in the Butler Annex parking lot, as well as the big Sago palm by the pool to get rid of the fronds that succumbed to the cold last winter. With that being done, we should see some big improvements in their looks soon.

As always, the fire ants were treated after our heavy rains a little while ago. Several large mounds were treated on Sand Ridge ,as well as numerous smaller ones near the Clubhouse. Looks like we have them under control right now.



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

Thank you to all the Firewise Committee members who assisted with our Spring Clean-up. Thank you to all our MTS residents for picking up your lawn bags and gloves and participating in our Firewise Spring Clean-up. Please remember to complete and submit your **Firewise Activity Sheets** so we receive credit for our efforts.

Welcome to our new residents! Since our meeting was canceled, below is a brief description of what the Firewise Committee handles for our community.

What is Firewise?

Your Firewise Committee is responsible for the tasks below to maintain our status:

- Communicate with the SC Forestry Commission to apply for yearly Firewise Grant
- Complete yearly Firewise Certification Status through NFPA
- Maintain multi-year community risk assessment (completed by SC Forestry Commission)
- Communicate with Local Fire Department and Hardee Maintenance
- Provide monthly Gatepost Article
- Provide monthly Gatepost Report
- Organize Spring/Fall Community Cleanup
- Organize Annual Firewise Community Meeting
- Check conservation areas to be sure they are at Firewise standards
- Collect Firewise activity sheets and record information for grant
- Apply for reimbursement of Firewise costs through SC Forestry Commission Grant
- Inform new residents on Firewise via welcome email

Unfortunately, with Federal budget cuts, we did not receive a grant for this calendar year (we may receive a small grant in July). We will update everyone later this Summer.

With the warm summer weather approaching, grilling season will be in full swing. Please take a moment to review our Grilling Safety Gatepost flyer for tips on safe grilling.

Firewise Committee

Colleen Meitzler	cbomer12@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

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



MTS LADIES SOCIAL

JUNE 12, 2025 2 PM. AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Join us for our afternoon social plus a new craft lesson from Donna Burns, our MTS craft specialist. We'll be adding holiday painted designs on white shirts. Shirts must be all cotton, washed in advance. Shirts can be either tee style or regular shirt style.

White tee shirts are available at Michaels in all sizes at \$3.99 at the rear of the store shelves. Walmart has white tunic style shirts available at \$7.99. Donna will provide all the tools and paint. These will be red and blue holiday designs.



There is a limit of 12 for this special project social.

Ginni Boam and Nancy Thornburg will be the hostesses. Please RSVP to them as soon as possible so Donna will have all the supplies ready.

Ginni's phone is 843-347-5303. Nancy's phone is 989-798-1782. This will be a fun time for everyone.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Happy Father's Day to all our DADS.





BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

Our book for May was When the Jessamine Grows Again by Donna Everhart. This historical novel of a family which tried to stay neutral in rural North Carolina during the Civil War is the heart in a story of sticking to your moral beliefs in spite of circumstances and tragedy. We gave it a rating of 9 & 3/4...highest rating we've given any book. Put this one on your reading list.

June's book will be The Story Left Behind by Patti Callahan Henry. MS Henry's novel is inspired by a true literary history which leads her to another lyrical and enchanting story of mystery and family. MS Henry's books have often had a South Carolina spirit to them and this one does as well.

For July we'll read The Storied Life of A.J. Fickry by Gabrielle Zevin. This novel is a tale of the transformation and second chances of a cranky bookstore owner living on an island. The book was made into a movie in 2022 and is still available on YOU TUBE. We're reading the book first.

August's book will be The Booklover's Library by Madeline Martin. Several of us have heard MS Martin speak about her research and efforts to be sure her stories are accurate. This novel is a story of a mother and daughter torn apart by war, but brought together by, among other things, a shared love of books. It sounds like another success for MS Martin and we're ready to read it.

The MTS Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M.. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 18th at the Clubhouse. Starting off with an update of MTS neighborhood activities we move into our discussion and rating of the book we've chosen for the month. If you've not read the book we always welcome everyone to join us for conversation and book reviews. Please come to listen and participate at any meeting...maybe you'll decide to join us.



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.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

School is out for many communities here in the South and will be soon in Northern states. If you're planning on visitors who will need little people supplies please reach out to me as soon as you can. There's already a reservation for the remaining car seat.

The pink child's chair for the beach, pool, or home was a big hit for the last young lady who loved it. There are other beach items, toys, and simple board games available. Please let me know as soon as your plans are made.

Contact me at:

Ellen Witalis
843-347-7101
elplusp@aol.com
843-503-1662



JUNE

1 – Brenda Tozar
1 – Gail DiMaio
1 – Ken Trinkley
2 – Henry Jalbert
2 – Mary MacGregor
3 – Anna Schwartz
5 – Kathy Becker
5 – Babe Robinson
8 – Won Byun
9 – Maureen Bertolet
11 – Arlene O'Keefe
11 – Jay Casdorff
11 – Joe Schwartz
12 – Teresa Edwards

BIRTHDAYS

14 – Richard Faberman
16 – Bob Medeiros
19 – Laurel Montano
19 – Richard Brown
20 – Bill Humphries
21 – Bonzie Gilbert
21 – John Petrakovitz
26 – Li Korotky
27 – Ed Huyer
28 – Iris Boam
28 – John Wisniewski
30 – Eileen Hajnal

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

5 – Bill & Lois Humphries
8 – Paul & Ellen Witalis
10 – Marty & Janet Roche
18 – Neil & Martha Hall
23 – Joe & Pat Marron

JUNE BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY JUNE 17 AT 11:30 A.M. NOTE TIME

MAGGIE DS 385 SEABORD STREET MYRTLE BEACH



Join your hostesses Ginni Boam and Jean Grady as we celebrate:

Gail DiMaio

Brenda Tozar

Mary MacGregor

Anna Schwartz

Kathy Becker

Maureen Bertolet

Arlene O'keefe

Teresa Edwards

Laurel Montano

Bonzie Gilbert

Li Kirotky

Iris Boam

Eileen Hajnal



We will order off the menu and enjoy Birthday Cake

RSVP by Thursday June 12 to

Ginni Boam: ginnib64@aol.com 843-347-5303

Jean Grady: auntiejean13@msn.com



→ **Fourth of July Community Picnic** ←

**Come join us at the clubhouse
for food and swimming**

Noon until ??

Hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and drinks provided!

Please bring a side dish to share

**RSVP to Kathy at (843) 591-0185 by June 28th
with the number attending and what side dish you will bring**

50/50 raffle

**Show your patriotism by
wearing something red, white or blue!!!**



Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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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)
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	6	7
	Poker 6PM		Board Mtg 9AM	CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Poker 6PM			Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Poker 6PM	Ladies Bday Lunch 11:30 AM	Book Club 6:30PM Mr Softee 7PM	Poker 6PM		Team Trivia 6:30PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Poker 6PM	Bingo 6:30PM		Poker 6PM		
29	30					
	Poker 6PM					

