



News from the Board

Joyce Jalbert, President

The BOD article for the Gate Post this month is an Invitation to all MTS Residents to attend the Annual HOA Meeting.

This meeting will be held on August 6, 2025 at 7pm at the Clubhouse.

The Annual Meeting is very different from the monthly meetings.

There are five objectives to this meeting. They are as follows:

- To waive (or not) the reading of the minutes from the 2024 Annual HOA Meeting.

- To accept the minutes of the 2024 HOA Meeting.

- To vote on the Tax Resolution.

- The Election of new BOD Members.

- The reading of the Presidents Letter.

All motions, seconds, and approvals of the above are done by those in attendance.

This is a GREAT opportunity to meet the new BOD Members and also to get a summary of what the BOD has accomplished over the last year.

The current BOD hopes to see you all there!

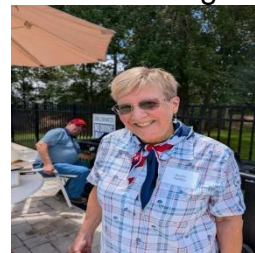
**Be Kind.. Be Calm..
Be Happy... Always**



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

We had a full house for our July 4th picnic. The food was delicious and the pool was refreshing.



On July 16th Mr. Softee came to the clubhouse parking lot. 34 people attended and enjoyed ice cream.
July 26th through July 31st we collected school supplies for Back Pack Buddies. Thank you to all who donated.

We have tickets to go see 'Tootsie', a comedy based on the movie with Dustin Hoffman, at the Theater of the Republic on Main Street in Conway, on **Friday, August 8th at 7:30 pm**. The ticket cost is \$33.75 per person. If you are interested in going, please contact Kathy Nadler at 843-591-0185 **before August 1st** to reserve a ticket and make payment.

No Mr. Softee on **August 20th**. The next date is **September 17th at 7 pm**, the last visit this summer.

August 20th from 7-10 pm the Harlequins, a duet that plays a wide variety of music, will be performing poolside. This event is free and paid for by the Clubhouse Committee out of the money we have raised from Bingo and raffles. Bring your own snacks and drinks. If you want, bring a lawn chair and bug spray. Come and sing and dance the night away. Should be a fun time.

August 26th at 6:30 Bingo.

On September 9th from 9-2 pm "A Sharper Edge", a professional sharpening service will be in the clubhouse parking lot. Bring your knives, scissors, shears, hand tools, yard tools, mower blades, etc. to him to be sharpened.

On September 30th at 6:30 pm Bingo.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

We are sending Jay Stiltner continued best wishes for a speedy recovery after his recent hospitalization and surgery.

Other neighbors who have had health issues request privacy, but we continue to send positive thoughts in their direction.

If you know of any neighbors needing some sunshine please contact any member of the committee: Janet Pechalonis and Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge, Berri Lowman on Trawler Bay, Eileen Sause on Rudder Court or Linda Downes and Jean Grady on Helms Way.

We will be doing our fundraiser at the Annual Meeting on August 6th. There will be a receptacle at the sign in area where you can drop off cash donations. Our community members were very generous last year when we did this and the Committee is extremely grateful for that. It enables us to function throughout the year, since our committee does not receive funding through any other source. We are most appreciative of all donations.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Anne McOwen, Chair

We are happy to announce that we finally have our newest committee member and are pleased to welcome Susan Hooker to our group. Our committee members are: Anne McOwen, Joe Marron, Bob Allexon, John Maylock and Susan Hooker.

The intense heat has slowed down the number of requests we are receiving but cooler temps are in the not so distant future when I am sure things will pick up again.

Contractors seem to take much longer to acquire permits, schedule jobs, complete projects, etc. so if you are anticipating any exterior projects we ask that you check the most recent guidelines (of 9/2023 and the three page addition to the guidelines of 1/2025) which can be found on the MTS HOA website or the Guideline Manual to see if a request is needed.

You may also e-mail me at **ar1166@sccoast.net** with your questions or, as always "if in doubt, fill it out"! We do our best to turnaround requests within 5 days as long as all necessary documentation is provided. Rarely, but it does happen, it may take upwards of 45 days.

Requests can be e-mailed to me (**ar1166@sccoast.net**) or deposited in my mail tube at **571 Sand Ridge Road** but still ask that you let me know by e-mail so I know to look for it.

As always, we ask you to be vigilant when it comes to all outside maintenance so our community continues to be a beautiful and enjoyable place to live!



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

We hope you are all enjoying your summer. Since we have had very hot temperatures and landscapes may be dry, please remember to keep your lawns and landscaping areas watered and be extremely careful when grilling outdoors.

Please remember to complete and submit your **Firewise Activity Sheets** so we receive credit for our efforts in case we qualify for our Firewise Grant in July.

The committee will be sending out information soon regarding dates for our Fall Firewise Event (mid-late October) and our Fall Clean Up (mid-late November).

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and please take a moment to review our Firewise Safety Gatepost flyer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh



GREAT NEWS!!!

The nominating committee is pleased to say that we have had several people apply for positions on our BOD.

We're still looking for more volunteers on several committees. Please consider joining us!

Nancy Thornburgh 989-798-1782

Ellen Witalis 843-503-1662



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

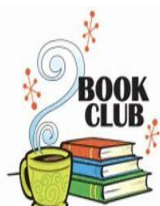


AUGUST 14, 2025 2 PM. AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Join us for our afternoon social plus a new craft project from Donna Burns, our MTS craft specialist, and Kathy Belcher. We'll be water coloring greeting cards for you to keep.

Kathy will provide the materials necessary. Due to the nature of the activity, there is a limit of 12 for this special project social.

Kathy Belcher and Donna Burns will be the hostesses. Please RSVP to Kathy Belcher as soon as possible so Kathy will have all the supplies ready. Kathy's phone is 502-523-1197 and her email address is kbelcher314@gmail.com. This will be a fun time for everyone. Hope to see you there!



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

July's book was The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin. It received a solid vote of 9 from us. This story of a grumpy bookstore owner, a mysterious child left at his shop, and a 2nd chance at life that he never saw coming gives the reader a wonderful glimpse at a quiet and well lived life. Put this one on your must read list.

August's book will be The Booklover's Library by Madeline Martin. This historical novel is about a mother and daughter in wartime England. Legal restrictions at the time prevented widowed mothers with children from most employment. Mother and daughter find their way through their community and a bookstore to survive during the dark times of WW II.

In September we'll read The Second Life of Mirielle West by Amanda Skenandore. In this novel Los Angeles socialite Mirielle is diagnosed with leprosy and exiled to a hospital in rural Louisiana for a cure in the 1920's. The author, as well as the topic, are both new to us so we're especially looking forward to reading this story.

We'll start with an update on neighborhood activities and then have our discussion and rating of our book of the month. We welcome all our MTS residents even if you've not read the book for conversation and book reviews. Please come to listen and participate at any of our meetings.

PLEASE NOTE: The MTS Book Club will meet **this August on Tuesday the 19th** at 6:30 due to conflicting activities at the clubhouse. **The regularly scheduled meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month should resume in September.**



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

We're almost at the end of summer so many schools will be returning to classes soon. If you have little people visiting during these hot months before school starts we always have beach items for you to borrow.

All our supplies are in my garage. If you want to check them out please let me know in advance. We still have much of our original items that were handed down to me by the prior Closet keeper. We also have newer supplies that were donated more recently.

You can contact me at 843-347-7101, 843-503-1662, and elplusp@aol.com

Ellen Witalis



AUGUST

2 – Joe Triacca
6 – Colleen Meitzler
7 – Tony Antonucci
7 – Joyce North
8 – Dave Gilman
13 – Barbara Stypinski
14 – Jim Malonson
17 – Don Nadler

BIRTHDAYS

18 – Vonnah Lett
22 – Mary Ann West
24 – Michelle Gagnon
25– David Tucker
27—Donna Sohl
30 – Bob Gardner
31-- Robert Brunner

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

9 – Mark & Michele Lee
14 – Gary & Donna Hunt
24 – Joe & Marilyn Cangialosi
24 – Dean and Susan Michael
27 – Howard & Janet Eckler
28 – Don & Kathy Nadler
30 – Gary & Sandy Watts
31- Dan & Anne McOwen



MTS DIRT BAND

Glen Daniels

Since the July BOD meeting, the Dirt Band has been less busy than usual, due to some travels out of state and medical issues. We have managed to keep up with the weed control efforts at the Clubhouse, and some fire ant control has been accomplished. The recent storms and high winds have given us plenty of fallen branches to contend with.

We are still looking for some more homeowners 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

AUGUST LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th @ 11:30 am (note change in time); we suggest carpooling, to downtown Conway.

CRAFTY ROOSTER 1125 3rd Ave., Conway



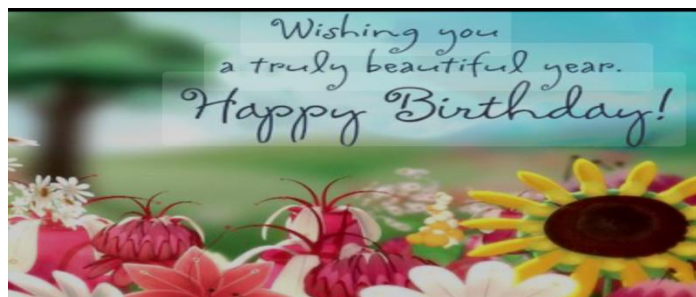
Join our hostesses Debbie Moffitt and Kathy Belcher as we celebrate the birthdays of:

Colleen Meitzler Joyce North Barb Stypinski Vonnah Lett

Mary Ann West Michelle Gagnon Donna Sohl

RSVP by Thursday August 7th (restaurant needs time to schedule waitresses) to:

Debbie Moffitt djmoffitt2853@yahoo.com or call (703) 731-9175





HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

GEICO encourages you take these steps to prepare yourself, your loved ones, and your car from dangerous weather.

Review your emergency plan

Review your plan with everyone in your household and make sure everyone knows about the safest location in the home.



Check your supplies

Be sure to you have necessities such as water, blankets, first aid kits, flashlights, batteries, radios and any pet care items.



Set up an out-of-town contact

It's important to have an out-of-state friend or family member as a contact, so they can check on your whereabouts.



Secure important documents

Make sure documents such as insurance cards, IDs and other pertinent information are placed in a secured water-proof container.



Figure out your evacuation route

Make sure you know your evacuation route before the storm hits and keep a full tank of gas.



Be aware of your vehicle's surroundings

Make sure your vehicle is safe. If possible, move your vehicle away from trees or other objects that may damage it in a storm.



Follow official instructions

Follow all instructions from your local authorities regarding evacuation or other safety procedures. Check radio, television or other media for emergency information.



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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 (MTS) HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES

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

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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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AUGUST



2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Aquarobics 9AM	
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	Aquarobics 9AM		Aquarobics 9AM MTS Annual Board Meeting 7 PM	CHCP Mtg 10:30AM	Aquarobics 9AM Tootsie @ Theatre of Republic 7:30PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Aquarobics 9AM		Aquarobics 9AM	Ladies Social 2PM	Aquarobics 9AM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Aquarobics 9AM	Ladies Bday Lunch 11:30 Book Club 6:30	Aquarobics 9AM Harlequins 7PM		Aquarobics 9AM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Aquarobics 9AM	Bingo 6:30 PM	Aquarobics 9AM		Aquarobics 9AM	
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