





News from the Board Joyce Jalbert, President

BOD News: The BOD would like to officially thank Michelle Gagnon for coming back on the BOD. As you know Michelle assumed the position of Treasurer from Li Korotky. Michelle will also fulfill the remainder of Li's BOD term. Thanks so much, Michelle for helping us out. You can contact Michelle at MGPERCY11@gmail.com.

Ed Huyer has been working diligently on getting quotes for creating 2 more handicap parking spots at the Clubhouse and also the resealing of the entire parking area. We are close to making a decision on this matter...stay tuned.

Waccamaw Compliance Visit: Waccamaw completed their September 2025 Compliance Visit on September 4th. As you are aware, the BOD gave a 2 month hiatus to everyone in regards to the compliance visit. This was of course due to the extreme heat that we were experiencing. The BOD advised everyone that the visits would resume in September and that Waccamaw would be specifically looking for weeds in garden beds and driveways and also overgrown bushes. Would you believe that after giving everyone a break AND informing everyone when they would be coming around, we still had 36 out of compliance residents.

Why and How does that affect ALL of us... each time a compliance letter goes out it costs ALL of us **\$15 a letter**, charged by Waccamaw for administrative fees. So, we (the neighborhood) spent **\$540** to remind people to get their yard work done. So come on everyone...let's work together...and keep our neighborhood looking beautiful. Do your part!

The next Waccamaw Compliance Visit will be **the week of October 6th** and they will again be looking at yard maintenance and also house power washing.

Hope to see you at the next BOD Meeting, October 1st at 9:00am





CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Kathy Nadler, Chair

On September "A Sharper Edge", Mr. Clarence Wolfe, came to the clubhouse for your sharpening needs. He wants to thank everyone who came and wants you to know that he will be at the Carolina Forest Rec Center every Wednesday afternoon if you need something sharpened.

Mr. Softee made his last visit here on September 17th and 24 people partook of his ice cream treats.

Aquarobics is done for the summer. Try our exercise class in the clubhouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am

On October 11th from noon until 2 pm we will have a Corn Hole tournament on the side yard of the clubhouse. Come and give it a try or just come and watch. We have other yard games for you to try too.

The pool will close on **October 16th** for the winter. We will put away the pool furniture on **October 17th at 9 am**. If you can come and help, please do so.

On **October 17th from 6-8 pm** we are going on the Conway Haunted Walking Tour. I have one ticket left for \$25, if you are interested.

October 28th at 6:30 pm we will play Bingo. Come and enjoy the fun.

November 7th at 1:30 pm is the Alabama Theater Christmas show. Tickets are \$35. each. If you want tickets, let Kathy Nadler (843-591-0185) know and pay her by October 17th. Tickets will then be purchased and handed out.

A Fall Food Drive will be held **November 17th-23rd**. Food will go to Catholic Charities and Backpack Buddies. Boxes will be in the clubhouse and in various driveways around the neighborhood for your convenience. No expired food please.

November 29th at 9 am we will be decorating the clubhouse inside and outside for the holidays. We can use extra hands to accomplish this task. Come and join the fun.

December 13th will be our catered Christmas dinner in the clubhouse. Further details will be in the next Gatepost or an eblast.

We want to thank Victor Mirabito for repairing a broken refrigerator bin for us.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

We are sending our best wishes to Fran Glynn for her continued recovery and rehabilitation after a recent hospitalization.

The community has otherwise been quiet over the past month. For those of you who are experiencing issues but wish to maintain your privacy, we wish you the very best and hope that you are back on your feet in no time.

We are headed into flu season, and Covid rates have been on the rise. Vaccinations are available to the over 65 residents of S.C. at our local pharmacies. Protect yourself and your neighbors.

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





MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Anne McOwen, Chair

Cooler temperatures are finally here and so is the increase in home projects. So I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some things.

I know we say "If in doubt, fill it out" but there are some simple routine maintenance projects that do NOT require a request such as removing old, dead or diseased plants/bushes, removing old stone/mulch or pine straw and replacing with stone/mulch/pine straw or replacing sod. We do ask that you refer to your guidelines and, of course, if it involves removing a tree or installing Curbscapes or border blocks (required when stone is installed), then a request would be necessary. Also, keep in mind that you should contact the 811-Call before you dig number to avoid cutting any lines that would incur a HUGE fine. And please keep plantings 5' from the property line to allow for mature growth.

I would like to re-iterate that you either call (843-234-1166) OR e-mail me at ar1166@sccoast.net to let me know when you are submitting a request so I know to look for it in my mail tube at 571 Sand Ridge. Also, PLEASE use the most current request form and fill out ALL information including Lot #. Forms can be found in the clubhouse on the kitchen wall, on the website and in the monthly Gatepost.

If you are still unsure whether a request is necessary, please feel free to call me or e-mail me.

Happy Fall Y'all!!!





MTS DIRT BAND

Glen Daniels

We continued with our fire ant control at the Burning Ridge entrance of Sand Ridge and the Clubhouse in August. We have also done cleanup of all the fallen branches around the Clubhouse after storms.

One of our latest projects was to remove 4 tree stumps from the yard at the clubhouse and save the cost of having a stump grinder come in and do it. We also pruned the holly bushes in the flagpole garden circle last week, as well as the bushes at both of the Sand Ridge entrances. If you see any issues in the MTS Common areas, (Conservation areas and the Clubhouse Grounds,) please contact the team at the number below so we can assess and plan how to best address them.

We are excited to announce that Rick Becker has rejoined the Dirt Band. Welcome back, Rick!! If you have questions about the Dirt Band or are interested in joining us, I can be reached at 330-907-1074, or email me at glen.daniels2814@gmail.com.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh



The month of September was a slow month. No new names for nomination yet. Please consider volunteering for a committee...it is fun, and definitely worthwhile! You can contact either Nancy Thornburgh at 989-798-1782 or Ellen Witalis at 843-503-1662

FALL CRAFTERS MARKET -- October 11th 9AM to 2PM

Celebration Presbyterian Church 2300 Carolina Forest Blvd, Myrtle Beach



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

Happy Fall! The MTS Annual Fall Clean-up Event is scheduled for the week of November 10TH through November 14TH. Please see the flyer in this month's gatepost for detailed information.

Our Fall Firewise Event is scheduled for October 24th at the clubhouse at 6:30 PM. 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.



The semi-annual community yard sale

will be held on **Saturday**, **OCTOBER 4**TH! **Time----8am until noon**.

\$3 per participating household for advertisements.

Participants will need to contact/visit Barbara Volante on "FRIDAY", October 3rd between 9 and noon to pay the \$3 fee and receive their balloons at 738 Helms Way.

Please contact Barbara Volante for additional info/details.

besvt48@gmail.com 843-234-2852 home-----843-421-2513 cell



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.

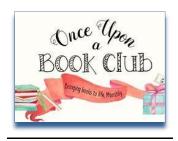
Although, I do not have the equipment in my home, I will direct you to the person who may have what you need. Thank you for your donations.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS
Kathy Mathewson

It is that time of year to mark your calendar for Christmas Angel Shopping. I have set the date for **Monday November 17th. 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 off Hwy. 501 in Conway.

The school will provide us with three 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 @ (843) 234-1687 or email me @ anja178@aol.com. 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.



BOOK CLUB Ellen Witalis

We finished our September book...**THE RED TENT**...with an extensive conversation about its topic and no rating. It is an in-depth historical story of life in the Middle East during the years 1800 BC to 1500 BC that describes the lives of women at the time. Much of it includes Biblical information and stories. Not easy to remember all the names, but a fascinating insight into the times.

October's book will be <u>The Second Life of Mirielle West</u> by Amanda Skenandore. In this novel set in the late 20's and the early 30's the heroine develops leprosy and moves into a Louisiana hospital for treatment. Leprosy and its ultimate cure is not the prime focus of the story. The changes and growth of the characters is more than enough to hold your reading interest.

November's book will be by Adriana Trigiani who has written 18 books, is a playwright, tv writer and producer, and a director/screenwriter. Her newest book, **The View From lake Como**, is already on many best seller lists. She writes stories about Italian Americans with all their immersing family relationships and their constant reinventions. We've read a few of her books and they are always heartwarming.

The MTS Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be on October 15th at Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M.

We're also planning a trip to meet local author Lindsay Gibson on Saturday, October 25 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Celebration Presbyterian Church, 2300 Carolina Forest Blvd. There will be an author presentation, book signing, book sales, and a free luncheon. Call 717-239-9938 to reserve your seat.

The MTS Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us even if you've not read our book of the month.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

The holiday season is just ahead. If you need to borrow items for your little visitors please contact me as soon as possible to reserve what you need. Sometimes certain articles are reserved well in advance.

Ellen Witals 843-347-7101 elplsp@aol.com



Hand and Foot Canasta Group.

The Canasta group is continuing to meet on Fridays at 1:00pm in the clubhouse. There have been good turnouts with 3 tables of players each week, but there is still room for more.

Any residents (men or women) who would like to play, please come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. No experience is necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Huyer at ehuyer1 @verizon.net or (606) 301-1191. Everyone is responsible for their own snacks and drinks.



OCTOBER

- 1 Nancy Thornburg
- 1 Ken Hajnal
- 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

BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- 24 Ronald Adkins
- 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

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- 20 Russell & Brenda Tozar
- 21 Rod and Char Martins
- 24 Jim & Joanne Malonson
- 26 Frank & Jean Grady
- 28 John & Mary Ann Wisniewski
- 30 John Parker & Diane
- Timpson
- 31 Joe & Anna Schwartz



MTS Firewise Annual Fall Yard Clean-up November 10-14, 2025

The Firewise Committee will again hold our annual Fall community clean-up.

This is your opportunity to clean debris from your yard using Firewise safety strategies. These include raking and removing leaves and pine straw from your yard and planted areas, trimming trees and shrubs, and cleaning gutters.

Your yard debris, bags (no plastic bags please) and any <u>branches (neatly stacked)</u> will be picked up at the front edge of your property between <u>November 10-14.</u>

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

Colleen Meitzler <u>cbomer12@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





MTS Firewise Community Meeting Horry County Fire Department Friday, October 24, 2025 6:30 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 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 <u>October 10th</u> to <u>cbomer12@yahoo.com</u>.



EDITOR'S CORNER



HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL







Thursday, October 9th at 2 pm

Hostesses: Kathy Nadler and Susan Hooker

RSVP to Susan Hooker 843-591-9891 by October 7th

We will have apple cider and play Pictionary

Come and enjoy the fun!!

LADIES OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON AT HOP N WICH

1029 3RD AVE, CONWAY



Tuesday, October 21st at <u>11:30 am</u> (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)

Hostesses: Kathy Nadler and Susan Hooker

RSVP to Kathy Nadler 843-591-0185 by October 17th



October Birthdays:

1st Nancy Thornburgh
7th Candyce McLeod
10th Gail Jones Allen
14th Liz Ricupero
17th Ellen Witalis
22nd Sharon Sorrels

5th Berri Lowman 9th Kathy Nadler 11th Rose Kepler 15th Bonnie Manning 18th Gail Lukens 31st Lois Humphries



- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.
 The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



Have activities that

keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.





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.

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contracted personnel, etc.				
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I affirm that the information I have provided on this form is a	ccurate.			
Print Name Address		Date		
Signature	Phone/E-mail			
Return this form to your Firewise Board contact at a Monthly H	HOA meeting, comm	nunity event or mail tube:		

MYRTLE TRACE SOUTH (MTS) HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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 #: DESCRIBE THE MODIFICATION PROJECT (use additional pages if necessary): DESIRED START DATE:______EST. COMPLETION DATE:____ 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 MUST BE NOTED. ONLY COLORS APPROVED BY THE MTS MODIFICATION COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE USED) PLANS: ATTACH LAYOUT, DIAGRAMS, SURVEY AND/OR PLANS FOR THE PROJECT IF CONSTRUCTION RELATED ATTACHMENTS: PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR ANY ATTACHMENTS: YES 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) All applicable permits that may be required by law are obtained prior to start of the modification; c) any commercial contractor(s) used is/are licensed and insured; d) For any roof work projects, the homeowner must include copies of the contractors' business license, and liability and/or workers compensation insurance with this Modification Request Application; e) The Modification Committee, at its discretion, may ask to view permits, proof of insurance and licensing for construction, retaining wall, drainage alteration, or other substantial modifications by contractors; f) 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 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!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Board Mtg 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Poker 6PM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Community Yard Sale 8 to noon
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	Poker 6PM	Senior Exercise 9AM		Senior Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM Poker 6PM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Cornhole Tournament 12 to 2
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	Poker 6PM MAPPY COLUMBUS DAY	Senior Exercise 9AM	Book Club 6:30	Senior Exercise 9AM Poker 6PM Pool closes	Pool Furniture 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM Haunted Tour 6 to 8	
19 20	21	22	23	24	25	
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