



News from the Board Joyce Jalbert, President

Reserve Study: As many of you know, the BOD had a Reserve Study done in 2023. The Reserve Study reviewed our assets and determined when we need to do any repairs or replacements ie: parking lot repaving, new HVAC etc. This study is ONLY a guide not a MUST DO on when things need to be updated or repaired. A question was asked at last month's BOD Meeting what was on the Reserve Study for 2026. I am happy to report that nothing is in the study that needs to be updated or replaced this year. Next year, the only thing that is in the study is the possibility of having to replace a TCel at the pool. Again, it may not be a must but it will deserve to be looked at. Did you know that all of you can review the Reserve Study on our Web Site?

Hardees: If you have any issues with lawn mowing ie: ruts in my yard, sprinkler head damage etc., please contact Jean Grady, liaison to the Hardees, right away with your concerns. She is quick to call Karlene Hardee and Karlene is quick to act on the issues. You can't wait 6 months and then say they damaged your sprinkler so please contact Jean in a timely manner.

Burn Ban: As we are in a severe water drought, please be aware of smoking while out walking, walking your dog, or even at the golf course. There was a small fire at the course this week and it could have turned very ugly very quickly.

Lake Doctors: Friday April 11th: Thought you would be interested in the type of report I receive every month from The Lake Doctors.

Service Notes & Observations

Good afternoon, today we came to treat ponds one through eight. Upon arrival, we inspected each pond by walking the perimeter of the pond to check for any Shoreline vegetation and in water vegetation some ponds look better than others. Today we saw a little bit of everything. We've seen some shoreline vegetation, and in some of the ponds we saw minor bits of algae and in some, we've also seen some southern Nyad and slender spike rush. We treated said, vegetation with an herbicide and an algicide to knock them back. We also added some beneficial bacteria to some of the plants to eat in the nutrient reduction of them. We also noticed the water levels are low due to the heat and it being the summertime so the vegetation is going to start to grow a lot more. We are going to treat

Service Notes & Observations, continued

them accordingly to prevent it from getting out of hand. Other than that everything seems to be working properly. Thank you and have a nice day. Environmental Conditions Weather: Temperature: Wind Direction: Wind Speed: Sunny 66.88 North 6.2 Humidity: 55.0000 Inspected Pond(s), Beneficial Bacteria Added, Inspected Out Fall Area, Treated for Algae & Invasive Aquatic weeds

Next BOD Meeting is **May 6th at 9am**

Happy Mother's Day



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Jennifer DenDanto Chair

The pool opening was held on 4-15-26. A **BIG** thank you to everyone that came to help with the furniture cleanup and placement.

We had a hat making party & honestly, a good time was had by all!

I hope everyone joins us for our 1st Clubhouse Kentucky Derby Party on **Saturday, May 2, 2026** from **4-7** for a fun day of horse racing!

I hope all of our mothers have a very Happy Mother's Day!

The hats made at the Hat decorating party will be on full display for a contest **on 5-2-26** at our Kentucky Derby Party! (See flyers)

Also in May, **from 5-10 through 5-17** is our food drive. There will be 2 boxes at the clubhouse. One is for food drive & 1 is for Backpack buddies. Please only put snack items that can fit in a backpack in backpack buddies...all other non-perishable in the food drive box please!



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

Finally a quiet month. No illnesses or hospitalizations to report.

Instead I'd like to thank all of the members of this committee who do their best to keep a handle on what's happening in the neighborhood.

Hats off to Linda Downes of Helms Way who delivers all the food and such when someone is in need, and to the other ladies in the group who do their best to report on issues as they arise, so that we can provide a little sunshine and help.

Berri Lowman on Trawler Bay, Janet Pechalonis and Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge and Eileen Sause on Rudder Court.

There are very likely folks in the neighborhood who have some health issues, but as always we preserve your right to privacy. Just know we are sending positive thoughts in your direction.

We just learned that Sid Munoz, one of our former longtime neighbors, has passed away. Sid and his late wife Mary Anne lived on Sand Ridge for more than twenty years and were very active in our community. Please remember his family in your prayers.



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

Happy Spring to all and thank you to our residents who participated in the Spring Clean Up.

Thank you to our committee volunteers for handling the bag and glove pick up at the clubhouse. Through everyone's efforts we are making Myrtle Trace South a beautiful and safe community.

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!



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Anne McOwen, Chair

We are approaching hurricane season in a little over a month and wanted to pass along some information a homeowner gave me regarding roof replacement. This may be a consideration if you are in need of replacing your roof. He told me about the SC Safe Home Grant, which just reopened on April 8th, which can assist a homeowner with grant money towards a more hurricane resistant type architectural shingle which would conform to our guidelines.

You can find out more by checking out the website www.doi.sc.gov/605/sc-safe-home or by calling 803-737-6087 to find out about the Mitigation Grant Program.

I continue to ask that you let me know when you are submitting a request by emailing me at annemcowen5240@gmail.com so I know to look for it or if someone is filling in for me while I am away. I do not get phone messages left on my landline number while away. Thank you!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh



As APRIL draws to a close, the pool is open, the weather is beautiful (mostly!) and Ellen and I watch out our windows to see if any volunteers come knocking! Where are you?

We need several residents who would like to be on one committee or another! Help our community keep up! Be the change!

Call us, or text, email, get in touch. The only other solution is for us to go door to door, asking for volunteers! We really don't want that! Please spare us! We would love to hear from you!

Thank you!

Contact:
Nancy Thornburgh
989-798-1782

Ellen Witalis
843-503-1662



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

Our book for April was **The 2nd Mrs. Astor** written by Shana Abe. We had a good discussion not just about the Astor family and the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, but also about the lives of the ultra-rich families and the social status of the different economic levels of people in that time period. We rated it a 9.

May's book will be very different. We'll be reading **The Nine: The True Story of a Band of Women Who Survived the Worst of Nazi Germany** by Gwen Strauss. **The Nine** follows the true story of the author's great aunt who led a group of 9 women resistance fighters as they escaped a German labor camp and made a daring 10 day journey across the front lines from Germany back to Paris. We've found many reviews of this book about strong women who endured many hardships, and we're looking forward to reading it.

In June we're reading **The Correspondent** by Virginia Evans. This novel has become very popular as it details the life of a woman in her 70's who decides to write letters to all the people she's known in her life as well as strangers in the news. The connections she makes through her letters reveal her emotions and heartfelt reflections over many years. We're looking forward to this story.

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



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Spring vacations are over so summer vacations will start soon. If you have young visitors who will need beach toys and games let me know. We always have rainy days indoor fun stuff. Our usual little people items are available on a first reserved basis so contact me at 843-347-7101 to sign up.

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



BUNCO (DICE GAME)

Ladies Bunco will be **on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:15**. Snacks are welcome. Twelve players are needed so please RSVP to Eileen Hajnal at **(203) 494-7643** by **May 10th** at the latest.



May Ladies Social

Thursday, MAY 7th, 2:00pm

You are cordially invited to attend May's Ladies Social on Thursday May 5th at 2pm. We will be celebrating Mother's Day AND we will be having a special guest speaker.

The guest is Cheryl Marceda from Renewal Med Spa in Myrtle Beach. She is going to be talking about all the services that she offers in her shop. And maybe, just maybe, she will bring some special treat for us.

Please note that this month's Ladies Social is on the first Thursday of the month rather than the second Thursday. I have a scheduling conflict.

I hope to see you there to honor all our fabulous mothers here in the neighborhood.

Please RSVP to me, Joyce Jalbert at jalbejoy@yahoo.com or 248-770-4488 by May 1.



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.

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.

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.



CANASTA GROUP

The Friday afternoon Canasta group is continuing to play every **Friday at 1PM** at the clubhouse.



EDITOR'S CORNER



Best wishes to all for a Happy Mother's Day



and a Happy Memorial Day



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

BIRTHDAYS

16 – Beverly Casdorff
18 – Steve Carver
19 – Gary Hunt
22 – Kim Brooks
23 – Bonnie Craig
26 – Richard Boam
27 – Jackie Langdon
28 – Linda Watkins

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

MAY Ladies Birthday Lunch

MAY 19th at 12 Noon



Bossy Hen
9707 N Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach



Birthday Ladies

5- Donna Hunt

15-Barbara Beasley

16- Beverly Casdorph

20- Ann Byun

22-Kim Brooks

23-Bonnie Craig

27- Jackie Langdon

28-Linda Watkins

Please RSVP by 5/10 to Jen DenDanto 845-649-0206 or Deb Medeiros at 508-496-7197.

Hope to see you there!

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY



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Come join us for a fun day of horse racing!

Saturday May 2nd

Bring appetizers & mini sandwiches to share!

Bring singles & fives if you want to participate in Blind Cup Betting starting with the **4:00 PM** race & ending after the Derby race at 7:00.

There will be a homemade hat contest!

Please RSVP to **Eileen Hajnal at 203-494-7643 by 4-27-26** with what you are bringing.



Electrical 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.



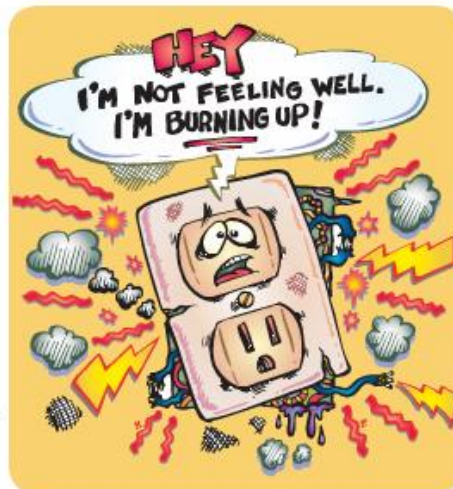
SAFETY TIPS

- 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

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 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) 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

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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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool/Clubhouse Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Maintenance Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firewise Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> 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!

MAY



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Kentucky Derby Party 4PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Senior Exercise 9AM	Board Mtg 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Ladies Social 2PM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Food drive starts		Senior Exercise 9AM	Bunco 6:15 PM	Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Food drive ends		Senior Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	Book Club 6:30	Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Senior Exercise 9AM Bingo 6:30 PM		Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
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