



News from the Board

Joyce Jalbert, President

Cruz Maintenance repaired the Helms Way/Clubhouse Street Sign the second week of May. They had to make all new boxes for the signs as the old ones were falling apart. They painted the entire sign and post.

Cruz Maintenance also replaced the fascia on top of the cupula on the Clubhouse roof. They had to replace the boards up there as they were rotten. The cost of both jobs was \$1125.00. The work turned out great!

It was reported to the BOD that the sprinklers on Sand Ridge were not working well. Jean Grady reported this to Karlene Hardee and it was determined that the clock of the sprinkler system was not working. Kenny replaced the clock for \$50.00. Thank you Kenny!

We had a CD expiring on May 20, 2026. Its value is \$16,490.21. Cristina from Waccamaw Management sent us over the rates from multiple banking institutions. We went with her suggestion going with Edward Jones at a rate of 3.95 for 12 months. They had the best rate.

Thank you, Cristina for all the work you do for us!

Happy Father's Day!

See you all at the next MTS BOD Meeting on June 3, 2026 at 9am.





CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

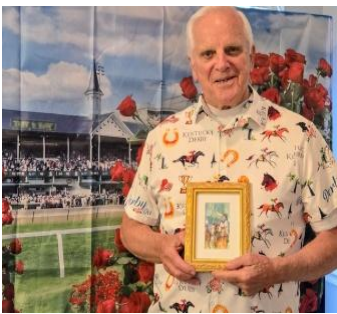
Jennifer DenDanto Chair

Wow, the year is flying by! The pool is open! The grills are full of gas. We do check them on occasion, but if you should notice that a tank is getting low or runs out, please contact me. As a reminder to all, please leave the fans on in the clubhouse 24/7...they keep the cool air down!

We are looking to sell the Ping Pong table. We would like to give all residents 1st opportunity before we list it on Facebook Marketplace. There is a broken wheel which I believe is easily replaceable. We are looking to get around \$100 for it (\$ is negotiable). If you are interested, please let me know.

Thank you to all who donated food to the Food Pantry & thank you to Donna Hunt for delivering it! Also a big thanks to all who donated to backpack buddies! Deb & I made sure that was delivered!

The Kentucky Derby Party was a huge success! We had such a good time! Kathy took the blind betting. Andy donated so many decorations & was touched by the dedication to his wife Peggy. The hat contest was well received! Cheryl....your hat was high enough! We hope to have an even bigger turnout next year! Thanks to all who donated items & those who volunteered their time.



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE , Continued

June has a few fun events! Mr. Softee is due to be here on **June 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM**. Please come out & enjoy a frozen treat!

We are having a Paint & Sip on **6-24-26 from 2-6 PM**...please see flyer for RSVP details.

We are also having a Pool Party on **July 4, 2026 from 2-6**. We hope to see you there



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

This past month we have lost several of our long time neighbors. Eileen Tressler formerly of Sand Ridge passed away after a brief illness. Please keep her daughters and her sister Diane Feeney in your thoughts and prayers.

And our deepest sympathies go out to Barb Stypinski of Sand Ridge on the loss of her husband Jerry after a lengthy illness.

We have not had any reports of illnesses or hospitalizations, but we know that does not mean there weren't any. Please know we're sending warm thoughts to anyone experiencing health difficulties of any kind.

If you are aware of anyone who needs some Sunshine, please contact anyone on the committee: Berri Lowman on Trawler Bay, Janet Pechalonis or Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge, Eileen Sause on Rudder Court and Linda Downes or Jean Grady on Helms Way.



A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone who sent food, cards, flowers, and who called with care and concern to make sure I was ok, when my Jerry passed. I knew 22 yrs ago, that this place was home, and still is. I can't imagine being anywhere else. I have the best friends and neighbors here.

Barbara Stypinski



Grounds Maintenance and Beautification Committee

Glen Daniels, Chair

If you find any issues with landscaping etc. in the Common areas of the neighborhood, please let a member of the Grounds Maintenance crew know so we can get them taken care of. We appreciate having additional eyes to help identify issues that can affect us all.

I would like to thank Rick Becker, Rick Thornburg and Dennis Vander Ryk for shouldering the load while I was away. They kept the fire ants at bay, and have spent time trimming the hollies in the flagpole garden. Weed control has also been maintained. I appreciate their willingness to hop into the fray whenever they are needed - Guys like this are hard to find.

There were no additional expenditures in March or April, so we're still riding high on our budget with a balance of \$940.00

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Daniels

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HARDEE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Hardee Crew is in full swing for the season. It's been a difficult spring with the prolonged drought making for delayed growth of the lawns. We appreciate your understanding for the delay in getting onto a routine schedule.

But now that we seem to be on a weekly roll, we ask that you not impede the mowers. Please keep the usual schedule in mind and not use your sprinklers so as to prevent the lawns from being too wet for the mowers to ride out on without potentially creating ruts which lead to complaints.

A few neighbors choose not to have the Hardee Crew mow their yard. We ask that you be mindful of your neighbors and don't impede the mowers from easily accessing their properties.

Also, if you are a dog owner whose pet frolics in the back yard, please be sure that you pick up after them before the mowers are due so that they are not tossing dried dog feces everywhere. We greatly appreciate your help and understanding.



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! 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:

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

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.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Anne McOwen, Chair

Projects are ramping up with many performing much needed maintenance as some houses are approaching 30 years of age in the near future. Keeping our community fresh, updated and appealing helps everyone preserve their property values. We ask that you take a good look at what may need to be done to your home, check the guidelines and submit a request if warranted. Once approved, you have 6 months to perform the work before you would need to file for an extension.

Many things fall under the category of "routine maintenance" or "replacement" as original equipment does eventually wear out so that may or may not necessitate filing a request. If unsure, please don't hesitate to email me at annemcowen5240@gmail.com.

With summer right around the corner, members of our committee, like the rest of us, travel, etc. so please email me if you will be dropping off a request. If I am not around, another member can pick up your request, otherwise it may get delayed.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh



This month Waccamaw Management will be sending out information about applying for a position on the MTS Board of Directors. We encourage you to consider applying for one of the 2 open positions. It's important that neighbors participate in the day to day running of our community. We want to keep Myrtle Trace South a vital and thriving neighborhood. Your help will make that happen.

Look for the mailing from Waccamaw in the weeks ahead. If you have questions about the application process please contact us.

Nancy Thornburgh 989-798-1782
Ellen Witalis 843-503-1662, 843-347-7101



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

May's book was a very different one for us. **The Nine: The True Story of a Band of Women Who Survived the Worst of Nazi Germany** by Gwen Strauss. It almost reads as a documentary of the horrors of WWII and its impact on Europeans who desperately tried to resist Nazi attacks. Nine young women resisters escaped a death camp in a harrowing journey on foot to safety in France. The book includes photos of the women and descriptions of their lives after escaping. It is an amazing story plus detailed history of long ago events. We gave it a solid 8 rating.

In June we're reading **The Correspondent** by Virginia Evans. This novel unfolds completely as correspondence. The letter writer is a snippy retired lawyer who writes letters to reconnect with people she has known as well as to prominent strangers. She confronts a difficult past event, and learns to find forgiveness in new connections. This story has become a best seller as a word of mouth sleeper hit. We're looking forward to this book.

July's book will be **Women of a Promiscuous Nature** by Donna Everhart. This story is based on the long buried history of NC State Industrial Farm Colony for Women. It is a tale of women wrongly imprisoned in a system designed to break them. We've read several of MS Everhart's books that have all been very good. This one promises to be as well.

In August we plan to read **I Have Some Questions For You** by Rebecca Makkai. In this story a film professor returns to her New England boarding school and finds memories of a decades old murder. The author is new to us and we're anxious to read and review her work.

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



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

It's June so most schools are now out for the summer break. We've already had visitors using the pool in our good weather. If you'll need equipment for young visitors please contact me as soon as you've made your plans. Tell me what you need and we probably have it. Reservations are a good idea.

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



June Ladies Social

Thursday, June 11th, 2:00pm

Please RSVP to Ginny 843-855-1243. or Donna. 610-823-1990 by June 4



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.



BUNCO (DICE GAME)

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



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 Father's Day



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
- 9 – Maureen Bertolet
- 11 – Arlene O'Keefe
- 11 – Jay Casdorff
- 11 – Joe Schwartz
- 12 – Teresa Edwards
- 14 – Richard Faberman

BIRTHDAYS

- 15 --Wayne Blythe
- 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
- 29 – Serafina, Margaret
- 30 –Eileen Hajnal
- 30 – Bob Gillis

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

ALLY IS BACK

Please adhere to this sign posted by the lake near our pool.



This picture was taken recently by one of our residents, Pete Mangarelli.



PAIN'T & SIP



Please come join us on JUNE 24,2026 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM for an afternoon of relaxation & fun!

Please bring your favorite drink & wine glass. We will provide all snacks & supplies!

Space is limited to 20 people. Please RSVP by June 20, 2026 to either Digna Hall (704)239-4418 or Kathy Belcher (502)523-1197.

4th of July Pool Party!

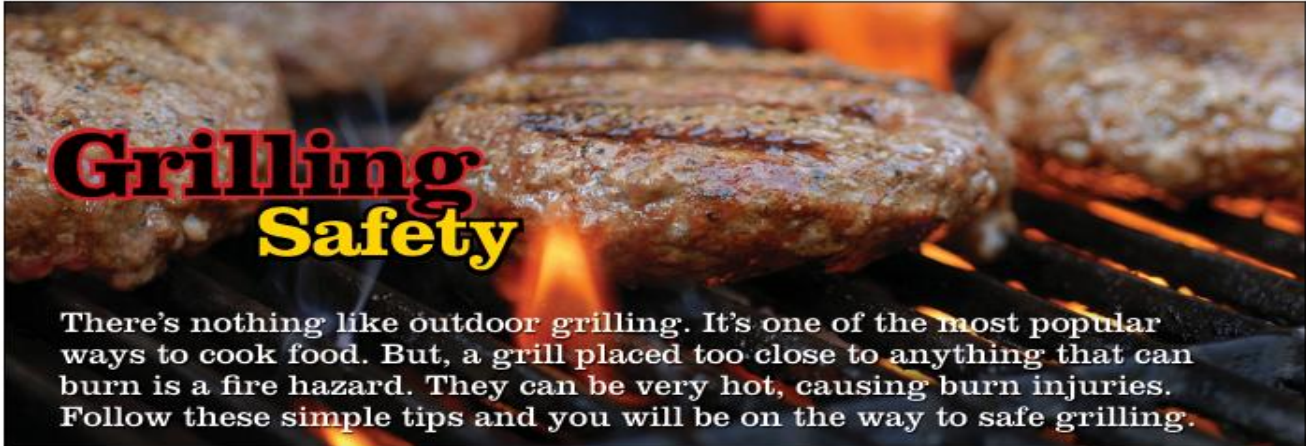


When: **July 4, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Come join us for hotdogs, hamburgers & sides provided by the Committee. We will have corn hole, badminton & other lawn games. It should be a fun day!

Please RSVP to **Jen DenDanto (845)649-0206**.

Hope to see you there!



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.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Come join us for the June **Ladies Birthday Luncheon** to be held at the

Blue Sky Family Restaurant

(also known as the Spring House Family Restaurant)

3841 US-17 N Business, Murrells Inlet

June 16th at 11:30 AM.

It is about a 30-minute drive. Bring a sweater as it can be chilly there at times.

Hostess are Connie Huyer and Kathy Nadler.

RSVP to Kathy by **June 13th** at kathynadler@hotmail.com or (843) 591-0185.



June Birthdays

1st. Gail DiMaio	12th. Teresa Edwards
1st. Brenda Tozar	19th. Laurel Montano
2nd. Mary MacGregor	21st. Bonzie Gilbert
3rd. Anna Schwartz	26th. Li Korotky
5th. Kathy Becker	28th. Iris Boam
9th. Maureen Bertolet	29th. Margaret Sarafin
11th. Arlene O'Keefe	30th. Eileen Hajnal

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

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!

JUNE



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Senior Exercise 9AM	Board Mtg 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Senior Exercise 9AM	Bunco 6:15 PM	Senior Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Senior Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 11:30	Book Club 6:30 Mr Softee 7:00PM	Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
 1 st Day of Summer		Senior Exercise 9AM Bingo 6:30 PM	Paint & Sip 2-6	Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
28	29	30				
		Senior Exercise 9AM				