



News from the Board Joyce Jalbert, President

Waccamaw Compliance Visits: About a year ago, the BOD thought it would be a kinder gentler thing to do to give the neighborhood a “heads” up when Waccamaw would be doing their Compliance Visit. While we couldn’t give you an exact date (because we were relying on Cristina’s schedule) we could give you at least the week she would be coming out. Going forward **we will NOT** be sending out an email announcing her visit date. We have received multiple “snarky” replies complaining about the visits. Those emails are unnecessary and some of them down right mean. Remember: 25 years ago, the original homeowners (many are still here) came up with guidelines to keep the “integrity” of the neighborhood pristine and we are just following your original guidelines and wishes.

Pond Restocking: The BOD has just started talking about getting the big ponds restocked with carp. We have already reached out to Caleb at Lakes Doctors for pricing and recommendations. He believes it will help with the pond vegetation. We will not do this until it gets cooler and we get considerably more water in the ponds. Stay tuned...

August 2026 Annual Meeting: Please put the August 2026 Annual meeting on your calendar. The date for the meeting is **Wednesday August 5, 2026 at 7PM**. The sole purpose of this meeting is to hold the election for the two open BOD seats. Also, the President’s Letter on the accomplishments of the BOD will be delivered. **There is NO open forum at this meeting.**

See you at the July 1, 2026 BOD Meeting
Happy 4th of July





CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Jennifer DenDanto Chair

Things have been running smoothly with the clubhouse!

The water in the pool is the perfect temperature (in my opinion...lol).

We will be having a 4th of July party on the 4th! The committee wanted to give the community a party without a commitment, but so many of you have offered to make something.....thank you so much!

We will be raffling off 2 beautiful patriotic wreaths made by our own Dianne Timpson!

There have been several inquiries to offer different activities at the clubhouse such as presentations & different types of social gatherings. We do like a lot of the ideas that people give to us, but don't always have the time to implement them. If you have an idea for the clubhouse that serves the community I am happy to coordinate dates with you so that there are no conflicts with any other Club or group that may be using the clubhouse.

There are several clubs not run by the committee such as Canasta, Book Club, Senior exercise, water aerobics & in the past there was a poker club.

If there is something you really want, please feel free to take charge & make it happen. I will work with you in every capacity to coordinate dates & then putting your event on our calendar.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

We happily report another quiet month in our neighborhood, with no one reporting illnesses or hospitalizations, and thankfully no deaths.

Please reach out to anyone on the committee if you know of a neighbor who needs a little sunshine, we are here to help. Contact 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.



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

We hope you are all enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

Please remember to keep your lawns and landscaping areas watered. With the warm summer weather approaching, grilling season will be in full swing, and it is important to keep any heat away from your homes and landscaping.

Please remember to complete and submit your Firewise Activity Sheets so we receive credit for our efforts and continue to receive our Firewise Grant.

The committee will be sending out information soon regarding dates for our Fall Clean Up and a Fall Firewise Event.

Enjoy the upcoming July 4th Holiday and many of us will attend a fireworks event, so please take a moment to review our Fireworks Safety Gatepost flyer.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis and Nancy Thornburgh



Hello Fellow Residents!

How is your summer going so far? Are you busy? All kinds of things to do?

What about fall coming? And winter? Will you be bored? Looking for something to do? We've got the perfect idea! Join a committee! Run for a position on the BOD?

There are lots of committees that need help...**YOUR** help would be greatly appreciated! Meet new people, make new friends, learn more about our wonderful community!

Nancy Thornburgh 989-798-1782

Ellen Witalis 843-503-1662, 843-347-7101

SAFETY TIP

Know where the water in your house can be turned off.

One of our neighbors recently had a leak by the washing machine and quickly had the good sense to shut off the water coming into the house.

If you want to shut off **just** the water **in your house**, you **may** have a Yellow colored Valve-Switch on or near the top of your Hot Water Heater that can be turned/closed. This **may** turn the water off going into your entire house. **If in doubt, ask a Plumber.**

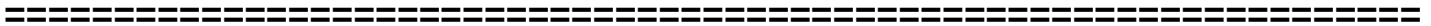
If you need to shut off **all** the Water in and outside (including sprinklers) of your House, there is a box buried in the ground near the front of your yard (typically covered with a Green or Black cover) that has a Shut-off valve or Faucet/Spigot in it. You can open that box and turn **all** the water off there, although you may need a special tool to do this.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Anne McOwen, Chair

It has been a slow month for requests but if you are anticipating a project, be sure to refer to the most current Guidelines, found on the MTS website, and please fill out all the information including your Lot number on the Modification Committee Request Form.



Grounds Maintenance and Beautification Committee

Glen Daniels, Chair

June was a real pip, with many days of 100 degree-plus Heat Indexes. We managed to get in some weed control and fire ant treatments, but the weather was nearly as responsible for the results of the treatments as we were with the sprays. Now that we've had a bit of rain we'll likely see an increase in pest activity, but we're ready and willing to go on the offensive.

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



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

June's book was a winner for us. We gave **The Correspondent** by Virginia Evens a solid 9 rating. This book follows a 73 year old woman as she navigates regret, the loss of her eyesight, and new gentlemen friends all through her sharp and smart correspondence. She writes to everyone and anyone, stranger or friend, and expects an answer. She usually receives one. You'll enjoy this unique book.

This month we're reading Donna Everhart's **The Promiscuous Women of North Carolina**. MS Everhart is the author of several historical novels that are based in North Carolina. This story uncovers the 1940's real life "American Plan" which was designed to control, arrest, and mandate the incarceration of women under the umbrella of public health and morality. An interesting topic for reading.

In August we'll read **I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU** by Rebecca Makkai. This mystery murder story is about a film professor who returns to her NE boarding school to teach a course, and finds herself examining an unresolved murder from the 1990's. The novel blends a whodunit with a #MeToo situation.

We've selected September's book for everyone who likes to read ahead. It will be **The Lions of Fifth Avenue** by Fiona Davis. It's another historical fiction story set in the New York Public Library. It sounds very good for all us avid readers.

The MTS book club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is July 15 at 6:30 P.M. We welcome all our MTS neighbors even if you've not read our book of the month. We look forward to seeing you there.

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NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Summer's biggest holiday is this month. If you expect young visitors contact me ASAP. There's an umbrella stroller, pac n' play, high chair, and lots of beach and pool games and toys.

Contact me at:

Ellen Witalis 843-47-7101

843-503-1662

elplusp@aol.com



WELCOME COMMITTEE

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Renee and Paul Hoeker at 542 Sand Ridge Rd. They come to us from Athens, GA.

Renee can be reached at reneecmidgett@yahoo.com and 757-536-4085.

They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

They enjoy cards, games, sports, movies and museums.

AND

We are also pleased to welcome Michael (Barry) Savarese and Mariza at 545 Sand Ridge Rd, Barry is a native of South Carolina.

Barry can be reached at barrysavarese@yahoo.com and 843-635- 0870.

He enjoys pickle ball and bass fishing.

Mariza enjoys running and cycling.



JULY LADIES' SOCIAL

THURSDAY, JULY 9

2 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE

CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250 BIRTHDAY

**R.S.V.P. TO ELLEN WITALIS
843-503-1662, elplusp@aol.com**

**OR
JOYCE JALBERT
248-770-4488, [jalbejoy@yahoo.com](mailto:jalbjoy@yahoo.com)**

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.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

EBLASTS

Reminders are sent to the community regarding social events at the clubhouse and various community activities via **Eblast**. **When you receive an Eblast, please respond to the individual(s) indicated in the email or the attached flyer..**

DO NOT respond to the mtsgatepost55@gmail.com. Emails received in response to an eblast **will not** be answered or forwarded to the appropriate recipient.

Thank you

Best wishes to all for a Happy 4th of July!!





BUNCO (DICE GAME)

Ladies Bunco will be on Wednesday, July 8th at 6:15 at the clubhouse. Please RSVP by July 5th to Eileen Hajnal at 203-494-7643.

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CANASTA GROUP

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

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JULY

5– Martha Ray
5 – Maryann Lockyer
5 – Jessica Klauber
6 – Lesley Trinkley
8 – Pete Mangarelli
8 – Barry Savdrese
10 – Amanda Gray

BIRTHDAYS

13 – Larry Koehler
14 – Betty Stebler
15 – Bob Warden
17 –Mariza Savdrese
22 – Jan Eckler
22 – Cheryl Simmons
23 – Eddie Renner
31 – Tom Brameyer

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2 -- Allan & Kim Brooks
4 – Larry & Kathy McClure
8 – Stu Weber & Janine Laviano
17 – Joe and Kim Sansoni
21 – Greg & Fran Glynn
28 – Alan & Maureen Cox
30 – George & Cheryl Nauman

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!



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
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 (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!

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JULY



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Board Mtg 9AM Water Aerobics 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM	Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Pool Party 2 to 6 
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Water Aerobics 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM	Water Aerobics 9AM Bunco 6:15 PM	Senior Exercise 9AM Ladies Social 2PM	Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Water Aerobics 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM	Water Aerobics 9AM Book Club 6:30 Mr Softee 7:00PM	Senior Exercise 9AM	Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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