



News from the Board Ed Huyer, President

New Board Members: At the August 5, 2026 Annual Meeting two new board members were elected; Kathy Belcher and Larry Koehler. We now have a full board with 5 members, the first time since last fall. They bring experience, knowledge and energy to the board so we know they will be great additions.

Budget Savings: Since the price of everything is going up, the board is actively looking for ways to save money. In August the board identified old paper files that we we're paying to keep in storage. The board sorted through 16 boxes of files, and consolidated the records that we needed to keep down to 3 boxes that we will store ourselves. This will save our community about \$120 per month!

Shutter and Door Color Recommendations: On August 9th an email went out giving everyone a chance to recommend new colors for our shutter and door color palette. That email explains how to submit colors for consideration. The deadline to submit colors is Noon on September 1. The Modification Committee will then review all submissions and forward their recommendations to the Board for a final decision.

Compliance Visits: Compliance visits will begin again this fall. Plan now to have your home and yard spruced up by the beginning of October. Also, remember that there can be no decorations on or around your mailbox post except for a mailbox cover. Issues identified the most during compliance visits are weeds in driveways, walks, and garden beds, and houses needing to be pressure washed. If you normally hire a pressure washing company, they book up fast so don't wait to get on their schedules.



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Jennifer DenDanto Chair

The Harlequins was a good time, but so very hot! We will book them for the fall next year I think!



We are having a few events in September.

On 9-16, we are having a **SEA GLASS CRAFT** (see flyer).

On 9-19 we are planning a **Heritage** pot luck where you bring a dish that represents your culture! (see flyer).



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

This past month we lost another neighbor, Wade "Sandy" Baird . We send thoughts and prayers to his family.

Many thanks to those neighbors who donated to the Sunshine Fund at our Annual Meeting, and also at the August Ladies Luncheon. We do not receive a budget from the Board, and instead rely on the generosity of you all to fund our work.

I am sure that there are folks who have had illnesses or hospitalizations that we are not aware of. We send best wishes and value your wish for privacy.

Please reach out to any member of the committee Berri Lowman on Trawler Bay, Janet Petchalonis and Ginni Boam on Sand Ridge, Eileen Sause on Rudder Court and Linda Downes and Jean Grady on Helms Way.



FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

We hope you are all enjoying your Summer. Our Fall Firewise Event will take place on Friday, October 9th at 6:30 PM in the clubhouse. Captain Rainbolt will present wildfire safety information and answer any questions you may have.

Refreshments will be served, as well as Firewise handouts and a raffle. Please make every effort to attend this informative session by sending your RSVP to Colleen Meitzler at cbomer12@yahoo.com.

We will also have a Fall Clean-up in November. Information will follow in upcoming Gatepost articles. Please remember to complete and submit your Firewise Activity Sheets so we receive credit for our efforts for our Firewise Grant.

Please take a moment to review our Firewise Safety Gatepost flyer on hurricane safety.

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Grounds Maintenance and Beautification Committee

Glen Daniels, Chair

July was a real, well, just plain HOT month with many days of 100 degree-plus (Heat Indexes.) Then August rolled in and said "Here, hold my beer."

We countered with "We'll just start earlier." August was not impressed. But we still got fire ants controlled, weeds sprayed, and dead branches picked up.

So we're going to call this a win for the Dirt Band. We have also been blowing off the pool deck if we see that it's starting to look shabby. No extra charge for that. You're welcome.

Enjoy the upcoming cooler weather.

MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Ellen Witalis, Liason

The MTS Modification Committee now consists of 4 residents who work with homeowners on property changes. They are Bob Alexson and Linda and Pat Downs on Helms Way, plus Joe Marron on Trawler Bay Court.

There is no Chairperson at this time so two Board of Directors members...Larry Koehler and Ellen Witalis...are helping the Committee. All requests have been handled promptly

We're urging you to volunteer for the important role of Chair for the Committee. Adding another member will make requests even easier and faster to process. Please contact any of us for more information. We're glad to help.

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Jane Eisserer at 1011 Rudder Ct. Jane comes to us from Sarasota Springs, NY.

Jane can be reached at 845-464-0882 and janeeisserer@gmail.com.
She enjoys golf and gardening.

We are also pleased to welcome Monroe and Mary M. Bryant at 827 Helms Way.
They come to us from Woodbridge, Va.

Monroe can be reached at 703-505-7240 or monroebryant@verizon.net.
Mary can be reached at 703-296-2020 or marym.bryant@verizon.net



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

In August we read **I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU** by Rebecca Makkai. This novel is a combination of a tragic murder mystery on a prep school campus and a response to the "ME TOO" movement. The slow beginning led to many details about the campus students and activities in the early 1990's, but the solving of the mystery led to the final court case social failure. We gave it a 6 1/2 rating.

September's book is **THE LIONS OF FIFTH AVENUE** by Fiona Davis. MS Davis is known for basing her novels around New York City landmarks, and this historical mystery covers the New York City main library. At the center of the story is the idea of the power of books to link the past to the present.

For October we chose **WHEN CRICKETS CRY** by Charles Martin. Mr. Martin is the author of over 16 novels based in the South and often with a well-chosen inspired theme. This story details a surgeon who tries to find his way after a terrible mistake during an important surgery. A few of us were lucky to meet and greet him at an author's luncheon several years ago. He was a very good speaker.

November's book will be another historical fictional dual timeline novel. **A FALL OF MARIGOLDS** by Susan Meissner is a story about a scarf and 2 very different women in New York City each facing tragic losses exactly 100 years apart.

The MTS Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Clubhouse at 6:30 P.M. Every MTS resident is welcome to our meetings even if you've not read our book of the month. Come out to join us and our discussion about books.

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NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Late August and early September is back to school for much of the East Coast so we don't receive many requests to borrow items. It's also the time the CLOSET gets an overhaul. Old and unused items are donated and damaged pieces end up in our disposal areas.

If you have children's items you'd like to give to the CLOSET for your neighbors to use please let me know. There will be room for them soon.

Contact me at:

Ellen Witalis 843-47-7101, 843-503-1662, elplusp@aol.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 or Text 203-558-4013 or email petchco@sbcglobal.net.



MTS COMMUNITY YARD/GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD!!! 8 AM UNTIL NOON. RAIN OR SHINE.

There is a \$3.00 advertisement fee per participating household for local advertisements and balloons.

Contact Barbara Volante if you plan to participate.

843-234-2852 H

843-421-2513 cell



BUNCO (DICE GAME)

Ladies Bunco will be held on **Wednesday, September 9th at 6:15.** Please RSVP to Eileen at (203) 494-7643 by **September 4th.** Snacks are welcome.



CANASTA GROUP

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



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1 – Jean Grady
 3 – Kathy Coleman
 5 – Marty Roche
 7 – Greg Glynn
 10 – Helen Hajnal
 12 – Marilyn Cangialosi
 12 – Diane Timpson
 12 – Janine Laviano
 15 – Joan Warden
 15 – Susan Hooker

BIRTHDAYS

20 – Jean Williams
 21 – Rick Thornburgh
 21 – George Naumann
 24 ---Richard (Pop) Mendres
 25 – Pat Nacheber
 28 – Don Edwards
 29 – Bill Dagle
 29 – Tom Matthews
 30 – Rick Becker

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Frank & Elizabeth Ricupero
 10 – Barry & Mary MacGregor
 20 – Rick & Nancy Thornburgh
 24 – Pete & Angel Mangarelli
 27 – John and Michelle Maylock
 27 – Bob and Deb Medeiros
 -----John & Jennifer Zacharek

MTS HERITAGE DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00- 7:00 PM



Please join our remarkable and diverse MTS community in a dinner celebration of each our individual heritages. What does this mean (you ask)? Well, it could be one of several recipes/dishes that best represents you and your life experiences or background. It could be a family favorite recipe that was passed down through the generations representing the country from where your family immigrated. If your family was a “Heinz 57 mix” of cultural backgrounds, it could be the one dish that everyone expected to be served at a family gathering. It could be a region of this country with which you identify. I would choose creole since I am part German, French, and Scotch/Irish (Heinz 57) and grew up in New Orleans.

Please bring a one dish (appetizer, salad, soup, side dish, main dish, dessert....) that can serve 8-10 people in normal portions. Since people like to sample a variety, this should allow up to 40 sample size portions. We hate for food to be wasted after you worked so hard! Tea and water will be provided.

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Belcher with a text (502-523-1197) or email (kbelcher314@gmail.com) by September 13. PLEASE include the following info so I can make a card for your dish:

Name of Dish: _____

Representing: _____ (region, country.....)

Cooked by: _____



MTS Firewise Community Meeting Horry County Fire Department Friday, October 9, 2026 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 October 2 to cbomer12@yahoo.com.

SEA GLASS ART CLASS

Join us for this sea glass craft on Wednesday, **September 16th from 2-5**

Space is limited for 20 guests with a small fee of **\$3.00**.

Sea glass is donated by Deb Medeiros but if you have your own and want to use it, bring it with you.

We will have all supplies needed. We will also have snacks and drinks.

Please RSVP by **September 10 to Donna Burns @ 610-823-1990**



SEPTEMBER Ladies Birthday Lunch

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15 at 12 Noon

DUCATIS 900 Cipriani Drive Myrtle Beach

Join us to wish a Happy Birthday to our September Birthday Ladies



1st Jean Grady

10th Helen Hajnal

12th Diane Timpson

15th Susan Hooker

20th Jean Williams

25th Pat Nacheber

3d Kathy Coleman

12th Janine Laviano

12th Marilyn Cangioli

15th Joan Warden

**RSVP by September 10 to Ginni Boam 843-855-1243
or Jean Grady 508-479-5727**



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SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS TODAY.

Get in the spirit of giving early this year by attending the Carolina Opry Christmas show.

Proceeds will be donated to TUNNEL TO TOWERS Foundation (T2T.org).

November 14, 2026 at 1:00 and 7:00 PM



<https://tco.show/T2T>



If you would like to help in any way for this worthwhile cause or are having problems ordering tickets contact Robin or Bob Gillis 541 Sand Ridge Road at 781-858-8424 or gillisb73@yahoo.com



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

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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SEPTEMBER



2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Water Aerobics 9AM BOD Mtg 9AM	CHCP Mtg 10:30AM	Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Water Aerobics 9 AM 		Water Aerobics 9AM Bunco 6:15		Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Clubhouse booked for a private party
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Water Aerobics 9AM	Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	Water Aerobics 9AM Sea Glass Craft 2-5 Book Club 6:30 Mr Softee 7PM		Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Heritage Dinner 5-7 PM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Water Aerobics 9AM		Water Aerobics 9AM		Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
27	28	29	30			
	Water Aerobics 9AM	Bingo 6:30 PM	Water Aerobics 9AM			

