



News from the Board Ed Huyer, President

Keep an Eye Out for New Residents Moving In: It has come to our attention that it is now taking up to 2 months before we are informed about new residents moving into our community. This is caused by delays in the filing of home sales documents in the county. We don't want our new neighbors waiting that long for a visit from the MTS Welcome Committee. So please help us out. If you see someone moving in, share the address with an HOA board member, Angel Mangarelli, or Suzanne Gilman.

Shutter and Door Color Project Complete: We would like to thank the members of the Modification Committee, Bob Allexon, Linda Downes, Pat Downes, and Joe Marron for all the time and work they put into this project. We now have a palette with four new colors (20 total), and updated color names and codes. An eblast with the new palette went out to everyone in September.

Compliance Visits: Compliance visits will begin again in October so be sure your home is ready. Things that are regularly looked for are overgrown weeds in sidewalks and driveways, garden beds not being maintained, houses needing pressure washing, oversized yard ornaments, holiday decorations put up too early or left up too late, decorations on or around mailbox posts, and oversized mailboxes. If you are unsure of something, check the Modification Guidelines and CCRs. Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

2027 Budget: Over the past month, the Board of Directors has been working hard to find ways to save money on the 2027 budget. It is a challenge in today's economy. We are still waiting to see if there will be changes to some expenses, such as utilities and service contracts. We hope to have it finished soon. You can also help us save. If you are still mailing HOA dues payments directly to Waccamaw Management or sending payments through your bank, the payment coupons and envelopes Waccamaw Management sends you, are paid for by the HOA. If you have not already done so, please contact Waccamaw Management to set up automatic bank drafts. You can expect a letter in November with the 2027 budget and payment coupons and envelopes (if you continue to use them).



CLUBHOUSE POOL COMMITTEE

Jennifer DenDanto Chair

Hello neighbors! The summer is winding down & it's been a fun one at the clubhouse! The Harlequins played in August & have agreed to come back next year. We are going to schedule them a little later, maybe October so that it is not so hot! It was still a really good time! We had our 1st ever **Heritage Dinner** event in September! Can I just say....**WOW!** Everyone who made a dish & shared why that dish is meaningful to them did an **AMAZING** job. The food & conversation was all outstanding...thank you all!



MTS HERITAGE DINNER **Tonight's Menu Selections**

Offering

Irish Soda Bread
Cranberry Bean Soup & Cornbread
Canadian Meat Pie
Jambalaya Creole
Pirogues
Hungarian Goulash
Colcannon
Green Banana Salad
Eggplant Parmesan
Yellow Squash Casserole
Chicken Paprikash
Pecan Pie
Sugar Cream Pie
Better than Sex Cake
Heaven & Earth Potatoes
Baken Ziti
Linguica Peppers & Onions
Cheesecake
Golabki
Coconut Cake
Stuffed Bread
Crawfish Cornbread Creole

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Ya'all Enjoy Now



We hope to see everyone out for a Trivia night on **October 17 from 3-5!** Get your teams of 4 or less together for a fun time!

We also have Sharper Image coming on **October 13, 2026 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Please bring any kind of blade you may need to have sharpened!

Finally, the pool is due to close on **10-14-26.** There can be no swimming until the pool reopens in the spring. We do have some missing & cracked tiles in the pool. We plan on having this matter fixed while the pool is closed for the summer.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

Jean Grady

Speedy recovery wishes go out to Bob Alexon who had a recent hospitalization. Hoping he's feeling better soon.

Caring thoughts also go out to all of our other neighbors who may have experienced an illness, surgery or hospitalization. Know that we are sending positive thoughts your way.

If you are aware of anyone needing a little sunshine, don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our committee: Berri Lowman of Trawler Bay, Janet Pechalonis and Ginni Boam of Sand Ridge, Eileen Sause on Rudder Court and Linda Downes or Jean Grady on Helms Way.

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FIREWISE COMMITTEE

Colleen Meitzler

Happy Fall! The MTS Annual Fall Clean-up Event schedule information will be in the November Gatepost. We are working on the middle of the month as our target dates.

Our Fall Firewise Event is scheduled for October 9th 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.



MODIFICATION COMMITTEE

Larry Koehler, Liaison

While we continue looking for a Modification Committee Chairman, I will be filling in. For now, please send your Modification Requests to me, either by email to [**mxxman@gmail.com**](mailto:mxxman@gmail.com) or in my mail tube at 600 Trawler Bay Ct.

If you are looking for a way to get more involved in our community, consider joining the Modification Committee. It is not time consuming and you learn a lot about our community and neighbors. Our primary responsibility is reviewing Modification Requests to be sure they conform to the Modification Guidelines. We usually only have 3-5 requests per month so the time commitment is small. And with 4 experienced committee members, the learning curve is easy.

If you want to find out more, email me at the address above or call me at **516-225-1668**. I hope to hear from you!



Grounds Maintenance and Beautification Committee

Ellen Witalis, Liaison

Since the beginning of our Myrtle Trace South neighborhood the MTS DIRT BAND has stepped in whenever and wherever it was needed to help keep all of MTS looking beautiful. The DB Volunteers have hung holiday decorations, planted 2 circle gardens, washed MTS fences with the help of other neighbors, trimmed shrubs, killed ants around the Clubhouse and pool areas, and mulched all around the Clubhouse grounds.

They did all of this with **only 1 hour per week as volunteers**. Several of them have now reached their 2nd retirement age. The community needs this group to continue so that we don't have to pay our landscape company to do these light chores.

Can you help now with our gardening needs? No work when the weather is either too hot or too cold. Only simple yard work with tools and supplies provided. And an opportunity to serve your neighbors and friends which is satisfying and rewarding.

Contact any member of the Board of Directors for more information. **MTS needs you.**





WELCOME COMMITTEE

Angel Mangarelli and Suzanne Gilman

We are pleased to welcome Jim and Kelly Henry at 804 Helms Way. They come to us from Illinois and North Carolina. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

Jim can be reached at 216-777-0815 and jmhenry1966@gmail.com. He enjoys golf and dirt track racing.

Kelly can be reached at 843-698-0106 and klg7494@yahoo.com. She enjoys decorating and the beach.

We are also pleased to welcome Jim and Julieann Sturgis at 606 Trawler Bay Ct. They come to us from Bullville New York.

Jim can be reached at 845-234-5178. Julieann can be reached at 845-234-3671 and julieannsturgis@yahoo.com.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



All residents are encouraged to submit information to the Gatepost such as:

- Favorite recipes
- Health & Safety tips
- Neighborhood events
- Household items for sale
- MTS resident's moving sales

Please send your submissions to mtsgatepost55@gmail.com

NEW RESIDENTS

As Ed Huyer has stated, **please** let us know if you become aware of new neighbors so that the Welcome Committee can arrange a welcome visit.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS

It is that time of year to mark your calendar for Christmas Angel Shopping. I have set the date for **Monday November 16th. 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](tel:8432341687) or e-mail 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.

Thank-you
Kathy Mathewson

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LADIES SOCIAL



Thursday Oct 8th 2pm

It's FALL you,all! Join us for a Fun afternoon of Games , Prizes.
Homemade snacks by Debbie-

Hosted by Debbie Moffit & Donna Hunt
RSVP-Donna [410-818-0646](tel:4108180646)....Debbie [1-703-731-9175](tel:17037319175)



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CAROLINA OPRY CHRISTMAS SHOW



<https://tco.show/T2T>

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

SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS TODAY.

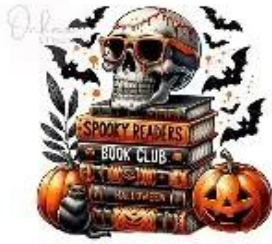
Get in the spirit of giving early this year by attending the Carolina Opry Christmas show.

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



If you are unable to attend the show but would love to
"FILL A SEAT" with a deserving Veteran ---

BEFORE ordering tickets you **MUST** contact
Robin Gillis at Ellsen@comcast.net to receive the Veteran's
name. That will allow the Vet to get their tickets at "Will Call".
THANK YOU!



BOOK CLUB

Ellen Witalis

September's book was **The Lions of Fifth Avenue** by Fiona Davis. MS Davis is recognized for basing many of her novels around the history of New York City landmarks. At the center of this book is the history of the New York City Library and the specific years of 1913 and 1993. We enjoyed the vivid descriptions of NYC and the NYPL as well as the dramatic story connecting both years.. We rated it an 8.

October's book will be **When Crickets Cry** by South Carolina based author Charles Martin. Many of his books are set in the Charleston area. This novel is the story of a reclusive doctor with a painful past and a young girl waiting for a heart transplant. Some of us have met him at an author's luncheon where he was an excellent presenter. We're looking forward to reading this story.

November's book will be **A Fall of Marigolds** by Susan Meissner. Another dual timeline novel connects a marigold patterned scarf owned by a woman in 1911 at the time of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire and a woman working in a fabric store who witnessed the collapse of the World Center Towers in 2011. Each woman deals with the traumatic events through the history of the scarf.

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.



NANA'S CLOSET

Ellen Witalis

Holiday season is around the corner. If you need to reserve any items from the **CLOSET** please plan ahead. Some of December is already booked, and Thanksgiving will be here before we know it.

Contact me before the busiest weeks are filled so you'll be able to select what you need.

Ellen Witalis

elplusp@aol.com, [843-347-7101](tel:843-347-7101) or [843-503-1662](tel:843-503-1662)



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.

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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, October 14th at 6:15**. Please RSVP to Eileen at (203) 494-7643 by **October 10th**. Snacks are welcome.

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CANASTA GROUP

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



OCTOBER

1 – Nancy Thornburgh
1 – Ken Hajnal
2 – Joe Sansoni
3 – Robert Johnson
5 – Berri Lowman
5 – Jane Eisserer
7 – Glen Daniels
8 – Paul Hoeker
9 – Kathy Nadler
10 – Gail Jones Allen
11 – Rose Kepler

BIRTHDAYS

13 – Jim Henry
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
7 – Jim & Kelly Henry
8 – Bill & Betty Stebler
11 – Jay & Beverly Casdorph
12 – Dave & Suzanne Gilman
16 – Carmen & Jennifer DenDanto
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

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS



The Senior Plus Exercise Group for women and men will begin again at the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, October 6, from 9am to 10am** and continuing every Tuesday and Thursday, same time.

This class is NOT Aerobics. This class is gentle, easy-to-follow movements to help the body move and stay moving without pain.

A variety of DVD's are used to enhance upper body and lower body movements, cardio to get the heart rate up a bit and balance which is so important as we age. No exercises are done on the floor. A chair and standing are the norm. The use of chair-only is always an option.

Comfortable clothing and non-slip shoes are the only equipment needed. All are invited to try this easy class. See for yourself how good it feels to keep your body moving safely.

Eileen Sause
Ebsause4@sccoast.net

LADIES OCTOBER BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON **AT THE OLIVE GARDEN ON 501**

Tuesday, October 20th at 12:00 pm

Hostesses: Kathy Nadler and Susan Hooker and Connie Huyer

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

October Birthdays:

1st Nancy Thornburgh
5th Berri Lowman
10th Gail Allen
14th Liz Ricupero
17th Ellen Witalis
22nd Sharon Sorrels



3rd Jane Eisserer
9th Kathy Nadler
11th Rose Kepler
15th Bonnie Manning
18th Gail Lukens
23rd Linda Kautz

Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- 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.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

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.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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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
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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OCTOBER



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Community Yard Sale 8-12
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Water Aerobics 9 AM	Senior Exercise 9AM	BOD Mtg 9AM Water Aerobics 9AM	Senior Exercise 9AM CHCP Mtg 10:30AM Ladies Social 2PM	Water Aerobics 9AM Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM Firewise 6:30PM	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Water Aerobics 9AM 	Senior Exercise 9AM Sharper Image 10-4	Bunco 6:15	Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	Trivia Night 3-5
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Senior Exercise 9AM Ladies Bday Lunch 12 Noon	Book Club 6:30	Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Senior Exercise 9AM Bingo 6:30 PM		Senior Exercise 9AM	Hand and Foot Canasta 1PM	