

## Jr. ROTC Drill Meet kicks off Military Days



The month of May begins with the third annual Horry County Junior ROTC Drill Meet, where drill teams from local high schools compete for top honors. The event is held in the parking area at TicketReturn.Com Stadium, home of the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. The free, family event is a great opportunity to meet our young men and women and watch them demonstrate their ROTC training skills.

After the Drill Meet, everyone's invited to the Military Family Members Social at the Pelicans' Picnic Area. If you have a loved one in the military, or about to join, this event is a great opportunity to meet other military families. Blue Star Mothers of Coastal Carolina and other groups will be on hand to greet you during the lunch.



*Please join the Blue Star Mothers of Coastal Carolina for a Military Family Members Event*  
Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 12 o'clock noon at the Pelicans Baseball Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC. Exhibits and information from area Recruiters, the Red Cross, Blue Star Mothers and a variety of Veterans Organizations and groups. Lunch will be served.

Military Appreciation Days continue with the Parade and big Family Picnic on Saturday, May 26. The parade on Farrow Parkway is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. PGBA, Inc., sponsors the Family Picnic in Valor Memorial Garden.

This year's Grand Marshal is Deshauna Barber, the 2016 Miss USA and a captain in the Army Reserve. You'll meet her at the picnic, following the parade.

The month-long celebration is a "thank you" to our dedicated service men and women, and their families, for all that they do.



Deshauna Barber

## Bring in your pelican containers

Myrtle Beach's residential solid waste staff begins work at 6:00 a.m. weekdays, collecting trash, garbage, recycling, bulky junk and yard waste from curbside. City code requires that bins or rollout containers for solid waste and recycling be placed at curbside in time for your collection on the designated pick-up day.



Don't leave me here!

Likewise, city code also specifies that rollout carts and other containers should be removed from curbside by 11:00 p.m. on your collection day. In other words, don't leave your

pelican or recycling container at curbside all week! Your neighbors won't like it, and it's a violation of the solid waste ordinance.

Please remember to pull your carts and bins back from curbside once your solid waste and recycling have been emptied.

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## Military Appreciation Days 2018

**Horry County Junior ROTC Drill Meet**  
9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 5  
Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Parking Area

**Military Family Members Social**  
12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 5  
Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Picnic Area

**Military Appreciation Days Parade**  
10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 26  
Farrow Parkway

**Military Appreciation Family Picnic**  
Following the Parade, Saturday May 26  
Valor Memorial Garden

**Veterans' March on Ocean Boulevard**  
9:00 a.m., Monday, May 28  
16th Avenue North to Ninth Avenue North

**Memorial Day Ceremony**  
11:00 a.m., Monday, May 28  
Myrtle Beach Convention Center



Sign up now for Myrtle Beach's weekly e-mail for news and events. The **Friday Fax** provides upcoming meetings and agendas. Send your address to [info@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:info@cityofmyrtlebeach.com). Be sure to like and visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment](http://www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment).

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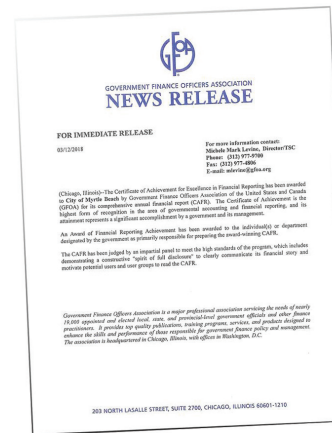
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## REPORT

### Myrtle Beach honored for 30th year of financial excellence

For the 30th consecutive year, Myrtle Beach has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

"The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and the attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management," according to the news release from the GFOA.



Each year, a public accounting firm audits the city's books according to standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The auditors have consistently said that Myrtle Beach's financial statements present the city's financial condition in a manner that is fair in all material respects, which is known as an "unqualified opinion."

To receive the Certificate of Achievement, Myrtle Beach's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the GFOA's highest standards and "spirit of full disclosure." The city's financial management team has now received the award for three consecutive decades, an outstanding record.



### Robot lifeguards to the rescue this summer

What's four feet long, remote controlled and can save someone from drowning? It's EMILY, a new water safety rescue device coming to Myrtle Beach this year.

Thanks to financial support from the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the city is purchasing four of these remote controlled lifesaving robots at a total cost of \$56,000.

The robots will be carried by Myrtle Beach Fire Department EMS crews which are on the beach every day and provide rescue services and EMS care. The city has added additional EMS crews to the beach every year for the past three years to improve water safety and public service.

### Savannah's Playground wins MASC award

Savannah's Playground at Grand Park in The Market Common has won another statewide award. The Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) honored the playground with this year's Achievement Award for Public Service.

The \$1.5 million project was the brainchild of former Mayor John Rhodes. It includes play structures and equipment that are ADA compliant and enabling for children of all abilities.

Project funding was received from a variety of sources, including the city, the county, the state and the M. B. Air Base Redevelopment Authority.







## New website provides easy access to city information, documents and more

The City of Myrtle Beach's homepage has a new look, and it runs well on a mobile platform, too. Visit [www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com) to see for yourself. The page went live in January and has been well received so far.

The new site provides easy access to all of the previous files and documents, along with several new features. These include a comprehensive calendar of events and meetings, a document center and a handy "I want to..." section. The page follows an intuitive format, with dropdown menus for additional information.

Supporting materials for City Council agenda items also are available for the first time on the city's new web site. Just go to the Meeting Schedule page, the City Council page or the City Council agenda page and follow the links.



## City Council wants to hear from you!

A new email address is specifically designed to encourage public input to the Myrtle Beach City Council members.

Do you have something to tell the Council members? Just send your email to [dearcitycouncil@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:dearcitycouncil@cityofmyrtlebeach.com). All seven members will get your message.

## Big sale is October 6

The 30th annual South Carolina's Largest Garage Sale is set for Saturday, October 6, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center and the Myrtle Beach Sports Center. Stay tuned for details!



## City Council meetings and workshops now are televised

If you can't get to the Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center for the City Council meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday each month, you can still watch them on your local cable system.

Myrtle Beach has broadcast its regular Council meetings for more than 25 years, but starting this February, workshops are being televised, too. Check your local cable system for the Public Information channel.



## Paying city utility bills is faster

Need to make a payment in a hurry? See the Online Services page on the city's web site for the IVR Customer Portal, which allows a one-time payment without creating a user account. Already have a user account or want to create one? Then use the Utility E-Services method.

Or, call 844-571-2888 and use the free pay-by-phone feature, 24-hours a day. We also offer handy drop-off boxes, a drive-through window and automatic draft payment options, including paperless.

## Myrtle Beach co-sponsors 'Train to Work'

Looking for a career, but need more education in a particular field? The City of Myrtle Beach has partnered with Horry-Georgetown Technical College to offer training in six career tracks: hospitality, culinary, electrician assistant, plumbing assistant, certified nurse's aide and retail. The city is providing \$20,000 to cover the class cost, including transportation, books and tools, for in-city residents.

## Barb Prescop is 2017's Volunteer of the Year

Barb Prescop became part of the Myrtle Beach family in 2013, when she attended the Citizens Police Academy. Today, Prescop puts in an estimated 20 hours a week on behalf of the Police Department and its staff. She is a devout ambassador for the city, attending and organizing Police Department functions.



Myrtle Beach has more than 500 volunteers who help make possible the city's many services. Each year, one person is selected as the Volunteer of the Year, and the award is announced during January's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Barb Prescop was surprised to learn that she'd won, but very deserving of the award.

Barb and a handful of CPA graduates created the CPA Alumni Association in 2014 to help and support the Myrtle Beach Police Department. For example, Prescop helps with traffic checkpoints, prepares holiday meals for officers who are on duty, works parades to free up officers for other duties and organizes hospitality suites for big events.

Food is a big part of what she does, and it's safe to say that our police officers eat well thanks to her volunteer efforts. But her main mission is the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.



With the city's new website online, we discontinued the weekly Events email. However, that weekly file still exists online as a .pdf. Look under "I want to / Download / City Events File." And see the Recreation pages for all of the recreation activities.



## Grant makes bulk recycling better

Myrtle Beach has expanded its bulk recycling options at the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Mr. Joe White Avenue Extension. Thanks to a \$34,000 grant from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, we have new recycling containers and can accept new materials.

In addition to electronic waste (computers, printers, monitors and TVs) and scrap metal, the city now accepts clean scrap wood and used tires at the Transfer Station. Of course, the city still offers curbside pickup of recycling for our residential customers, but the new dropoff containers make self-service much easier.

Recycling not only helps preserve natural resources and reclaim valuable materials, but it also lowers the cost of disposal. The city saves the tipping fee for every ton on waste that we keep out of the landfill. Questions? Call the Solid Waste Division at 843-918-2160.



## 35th class graduates from CPA

Graduation ceremonies were held March 26 at the Law Enforcement Center Annex near The Market Common for Class 35 of the Citizens Police Academy. The 10-week class is offered twice a year. Students meet Monday evenings for a behind-the-scenes look at the Myrtle Beach Police Department, including ride-alongs with officers and in-class lessons.

Members of the 35th CPA Class included Darlene Barrie, Christian Byers, Alicia Cartrette, Cookie Graga, Barbara Guthinger, Martina Herriott, John Hudock, Michael Johnston, Meg King, James Luibl, Paul Mall, Kendall McGee, Pamela Ann Morse, Vincent Padavano, Cynthia Reaves, Michael Robertson, John Rollins, Verena Schnyder, Barbara Slife-Shipley, Becky Small, David Smith, Anna Stone and Thomas Warling.



**Myrtle Beach sprays for mosquitoes each weekday, weather permitting. You can help control mosquitoes by eliminating standing water.**