



## Clean Cubes make recycling fun

What collects trash and recycling, is solar powered and calls the Solid Waste staff when it's full? Our new Clean Cube smart containers at Plyler Park on Ocean Boulevard.

The pair shown above have been installed as a test, to encourage more people to properly dispose of trash and recycling. Two stand-alone recycling cubes are being installed at Eighth and Ninth Avenues North.

The devices have built-in compactors to reduce the number of collections required. And when they are full, they'll call for a pickup. The Cubes even say "thanks" when you make a deposit, providing encouragement to keep Ocean Boulevard clean.



## Thousands of beach grass sprigs help build sand dunes

A contractor recently planted 180,000 beach grass and sea oats sprigs along Myrtle Beach's shoreline. The grass is being planted next to the current sand dunes and on both sides of new sand fencing that was installed after last year's beach renourishment.

The grass and sand fencing will trap windblown sand, anchor it in place and cause the sand dunes to grow. Remember that it's illegal to disturb the sand dunes, sea grasses or sand fencing.

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## Two new K-9s join the police department

Myrtle Beach's newest four-footed crime fighters are Goggles and Bek. The new K-9 officers are on the job with their human partners, PFC Kenny Harlow and PFC Chris Turner.

Goggles, shown at left below, is a Lab/Healer mix, while Bek is a Belgian Malinois. They bring the number of K-9s on the force to five, joining Cees, Daisy and Kelly.

Bek is trained in drug detection, tracking, article searches and criminal apprehension, while Goggles is trained in explosives detection and tracking.

They barked the oath of office in February and can be seen around Myrtle Beach on duty and greeting the public at various events.



## PROGRESS REPORT Spring 2019

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# PROGRESS

## REPORT

## Report coyote sightings and encounters online

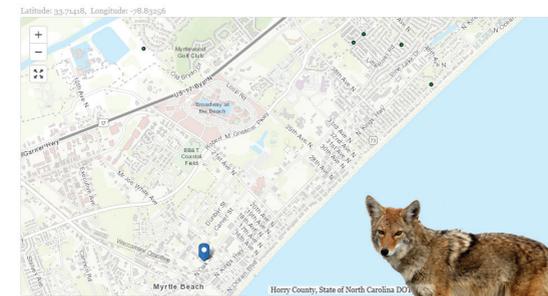
Increased concern about coyote sightings locally prompted the City of Myrtle Beach to establish a response plan for the invasive critters.

Residents are urged to keep a close watch on their pets and to avoid actions that might attract coyotes, such as leaving food outside or failing to secure garbage containers.

The city also established a \$15,000 fund for emergency action and created a web page where residents can report coyote sightings.

If you see a coyote in your neighborhood, we want to know about it. As shown below, a handy reporting form tracks the sightings and helps identify areas where coyotes frequent.

The form has five intensity levels of coyote contact: observation, sighting, encounter, incident and attack. The reporting form is available on the city's website, [www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com). Look for the "I Want to.../Report.../Coyote Sighting" page.



### Complete Form

Add this information to the map.

[Submit Entry](#) [View Existing Entries](#)

## Focus on public safety pays off with excellent statistics for 2018

Myrtle Beach Police Chief Amy Prock reported to City Council that 2018 saw a 17.1 decrease in Part 1 crimes in the City of Myrtle Beach. She attributed the significant improvement to more officers on the street and new technology which quickly catches lawbreakers, sometimes in minutes.

With more than 800 security cameras watching roads, intersections, parks and other public places, the Police Department can readily identify and locate subjects. The system also deters crime. ...see **Police**, page 2



## Next step is implementing new downtown master plan

The Myrtle Beach City Council has adopted a new downtown master plan, shown above, as a general blueprint for revitalizing the city's central business district.

A consultant helped create the plan after six months of public input and meetings. It identifies four distinct downtown districts: Oceanfront, Kings Highway, Historic Main Street (along Broadway Street) and Arts Districts.

Recommendations include a new library and children's museum, a new City Hall, a relocated art museum, a performing arts center, mixed-use areas with retail and residential properties, offices, apartments, an entryway feature and a central plaza.

The plan includes the realignment of US 501 along Seventh Avenue North. That project is funded through RIDE III and will occur in the next few years. Council now will set priorities and identify partners and funding to bring the new downtown plan to life. ...see **Nance Plaza**, page 2

## Barc Parc welcomes small dog area, plus new rules

Small dogs have a place of their own at Barc Parc South, off Mallard Lake Drive. The 33,000 square foot addition allows small dogs to roam freely with dogs of similar size.

The improvements include new fencing, gates, benches, picnic tables and a doggie water fountain. Funding for the expansion was provided by the City of Myrtle Beach and a South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism PARD grant.

Barc Parc South offers three areas: one for small dogs (the dog's back must be 16 inches tall or less), one for large dogs and one for all dogs that includes the lake. Barc Parc North, adjacent to the Claire Chapin Epps Family Y, near 62nd Avenue North, also has large and small dog sections.

Three new rules are in place. First, children under age eight are not allowed inside the parks. Second, all dogs using the parks must be spayed or neutered. Third, the parks are "no smoking" areas, and that includes "no vaping."

Finally, Barc Parc South will be closed for maintenance every Monday morning from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m., while Barc Parc North will be closed every Thursday morning from 6:30 to 11:00 a.m. for maintenance.



## Nance Plaza facelift makes space more event friendly

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At least one downtown area already has been updated. Nance Plaza, at the corner of Kings Highway and Ninth Avenue North, recently received an attractive new fence, new entryway signage, new landscaping and other enhancements.



The wrought-iron-looking fence adds a decorative touch, along with a sense of security if young people are playing there. Look for more public events at this park.

Nance Plaza features a dynamic fountain and is a focal point of the downtown area. It's named for Daniel Wayne Nance and Mary Ellen Todd Nance, one of Myrtle Beach's founding families in the early 20th century.

Dozens of Nance descendants gathered in March for rededication of the improved plaza. A bronze plaque honoring the Nances is on display near the fountain.

## Police and technology work together to improve safety

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In addition to the camera system, the Myrtle Beach Police Department has automated license plate readers at each of the entrances and exits to the city.

During calendar year 2018, these read and processed 23.5 million license plates, returning alerts on more than 70,000 for violations ranging from an expired tag to vehicles wanted in connection with serious crimes.

Better lighting also improves public safety, and with that in mind, the city has worked with Santee Cooper to upgrade street lights, especially in high-traffic areas. As shown below, Kings Highway is much brighter, now that LED lights have been installed.

Ocean Boulevard and other streets also have received the LED upgrades. LEDs are more energy efficient, too.



South Kings Highway in Myrtle Beach is brighter at night thanks to new LED street lights installed by Santee Cooper.



Sign up 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). Like and visit our Facebook page, too, for more information: [www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment](http://www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment).

## 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.



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 your 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 carts and bins back from curbside once your solid waste and recycling have been emptied. Other items, such as bulky junk and yard waste, also should not be placed at curbside until just before your scheduled pickup day.

Finally, remember that yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, etc.) must be placed in paper bags at curbside on your collection day. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority is no longer accepting yard waste in plastic bags. Unlike plastic, paper bags can be composted along with their contents, saving space in the landfill.

## Myrtle Beach protects hives

Did you know that Myrtle Beach now offers beekeepers a way to register hive locations so that spraying for mosquitoes won't happen nearby?

To register a hive, call the Public Works Department at 843-918-2000 and provide the details. During the warm months, the city sprays for mosquitoes weekdays, weather permitting, covering the city each week.

Exceptions to the "no spray" zone for areas adjacent to bee hives could include a high mosquito count in the area or nuisance complaints for mosquitoes.



Myrtle Beach's "air force" just received a new coat of paint. Three planes on permanent display at Warbird Park on Farrow Parkway recently were repainted to US Air Force specifications. The planes are an A-10 Warthog, an A-7D Corsair and an F-100 Super Sabre.

**Military Appreciation Days**  
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Myrtle Beach celebrates Military Appreciation activities during the month of May with a full schedule of events. Meet Thomas, decorated US Army veteran-turned-country-musician, will arrive as our 2019 Grand Marshal for the Military Appreciation Days parade on Saturday, May 25. Join us as we honor the men, women and families of our Armed Forces during May.

After Hogshead, SSGT Thomas volunteered for one more enlistment, becoming the Third Ranger Battalion as part of an elite special operation called Task Force Ranger, October 3, 1993. Thomas and the fellow Rangers distinguished themselves in an 18-hour firefight that would later be included in the book and movie Black Hawk Down. Nineteen Americans died and 75 were wounded in the worst urban combat for US troops since WWII.

After Hogshead, SSGT Thomas volunteered for one more enlistment, becoming an assistant team leader for a team recon team and earning his master parachutist rating with more than 400 military freefall jumps. In 1997, Thomas traded the military boots for a microphone and now works full-time as an award-winning country music artist and songwriter in Nashville. Our **Grand Marshal** announcing Thomas as this year's Grand Marshal is a Saturday, May 25, and travels Howard Avenue and of the biggest and best event **Parade, Entry Forms and Band Entry Forms** are available now, so sign up!

**MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS**

- Colonel Robert Hawkins Veterans Volunteer Service Award • Nominations due by April 1, 2019
- Horry County JROTC Drill Meet • 9:00 a.m. - Saturday, May 4, Pelicans Stadium, JROTC programs from Horry County Schools
- Myrtle Beach Pelicans Baseball Game honoring military veterans (submit ticket return form by Friday, May 17, 1:00 p.m.)
- Myrtle Beach Pelicans Baseball Game honoring military veterans (submit ticket return form by Friday, May 17, 1:00 p.m.)
- American Legion Veterans Luncheon • Friday, May 17, 12:00 p.m., Pelicans Stadium

[www.militaryappreciationdays.com](http://www.militaryappreciationdays.com)

## Military Appreciation Days 2019

**Horry County Junior ROTC Drill Meet**

9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 4

Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Parking Area

**Military Family Members Social**

12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 4

Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Picnic Area

**Military Appreciation Days Parade**

10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 25

Farrow Parkway

**Military Appreciation Family Picnic**

Following the Parade, Saturday May 25

Valor Memorial Garden

Meet Grand Marshal Keni Thomas

**Veterans' March on Ocean Boulevard**

9:00 a.m., Monday, May 27

16th Avenue North to Ninth Avenue North

**Memorial Day Ceremony**

11:00 a.m., Monday, May 27

Myrtle Beach Convention Center



Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 12 o'clock, noon  
at the Pelicans Baseball Stadium  
21st Ave. @ Robert Grissom Pkwy, Myrtle Beach, SC  
Exhibits and Information from area Rgnveters,  
the Red Cross, Blue Star Mothers and a variety  
of Veterans Organizations and groups.  
Refreshments will be served