



## Mountain bike trail reopens with new routes, jumps and features

Myrtle Beach's A-10 Mountain Bike Trail received a makeover this spring, much to the delight of the local cycling community. The 1.2 mile wooded trail is tucked beside Barc Parc South, near Seagate Village and The Market Common.

The A10 is named for the A10 Warthog planes which were a common sight (and sound) when the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base was operational. Like many other parts of the Market Common area, the location was part of the former Air Force Base property.

As is often the case with Mother Nature, the trail became overgrown and needed maintenance. This spring, volunteers and city staff spent about 500 hours clearing the trail and building new jumps and bridges for riders to enjoy.

Just bring your bike and follow the signs for a lively adventure through the woods. Note that the riding direction on the course reverses every other day to even out trail wear.

## Ready for hurricane season?

With all the challenges of 2020, let's not forget that hurricane season runs through November 30. We've had a few close calls in recent years, so residents and businesses should be alert and ready.



The first step is to "know your zone" and be prepared to act if a hurricane threatens. Have your important papers ready, prepare an emergency kit and know where you'll go in an evacuation. Evacuation routes are posted on [www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com), along with other hurricane-related safety tips.

Include enough supplies in your hurricane kit for all family members to have a minimum of three days' food, water, medicine and supplies. Do not forget your pets! Have an evacuation plan for them, too. Of course, batteries and flashlights are vital.

When the time comes, be sure to fill the car with gas and have a plan to check in with relatives when you get to your destination.



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## Check ahead, as event dates are uncertain this fall

Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand host events year-round, but COVID-19 has made this year different. Many events were postponed this spring, with tentative dates set for late summer and early fall.

However, due to continued high numbers of COVID-19 cases, the rescheduled dates still may be uncertain. Check ahead to see whether the event has been postponed or rescheduled again to a later time.



*City Council wants to hear from you! We created an email address specifically to encourage public input to the Myrtle Beach City Council. Do you have something to say? Send your email message directly to Council at [dearcitycouncil@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:dearcitycouncil@cityofmyrtlebeach.com). All seven members will receive your email.*

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## REPORT

## 'Lids must be closed' among new solid waste rule changes

The Myrtle Beach City Council recently approved updates to the Solid Waste ordinance to encourage customer compliance, improve community appearance and deter illegal dumping. Here's a quick summary of services and rules for residential customers, effective August 1, 2020.

Lids on solid waste containers must be closed completely, and no additional garbage may be placed outside or on top of the pelican. If you regularly have more garbage than will fit in your pelican, you will be required to pay for an additional pelican.



*Overflowing garbage containers are no longer allowed in the City of Myrtle Beach. Lids must be closed, and no garbage may be piled outside the cart.*

Another change is that bulky junk will be limited to two cubic yards per week. Any more than two cubic yards per week will not be collected.

The customer will have to remove the excess until the following week, take it to the Horry County landfill, take it to the city's transfer station on Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or request call-back service at the established rates.

### Standard Residential Service

- Once-per-week collection of one garbage and one recycling cart (or shared residential dumpster) for the monthly service charge and container fee.
- New volume limit of two cubic yards of bulk waste per week. Materials greater than two cubic yards will be tagged with a warning notice informing the property owner that corrective action is needed. (Two cubic yards is equivalent to a pile three feet high, three feet wide and six feet long.)
- No volume limit on weekly yard waste.
- Call-ahead request for service of electronic devices and tires is included in monthly service. (Limit of two tires off the rim per week.)
- Service to each additional garbage roll cart container is an additional charge.
- New service charges for call-back services outside the regular weekly service level.

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## City names new park for Shelley Family

It's not often that someone donates a whole park, but Robert Shelley has given Myrtle Beach a park in his family's memory. City Council unveiled the Shelley Park sign in late July.

The park honors the Shelley Family's many contributions to Myrtle Beach.



Plans for the park at 405 Balsam Street include improvements to the existing playground, along with stormwater detention for the neighborhood.

## Masks required in public

Myrtle Beach residents and visitors are required to wear a cloth face mask in stores and restaurants, as well as in public spaces at overnight accommodations.

Customers must wear a mask in enclosed areas of retail stores, grocery stores, pharmacies, personal care businesses, professional services and gyms and fitness centers, among other locations, with limited exceptions.

Retail, restaurant and accommodation staff also must wear face masks whenever they are in public areas or working with the public.

Failure to wear a mask when required is a civil infraction with a fine of up to \$100.

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The city's restrooms at Withers Alley on Ocean Boulevard are much brighter and more inviting, thanks to a new paint scheme. This year's Leadership Grand Strand Class XL came up with the idea and completed the work.

## Public restrooms get a makeover, thanks to LGS

A big "thank you" to Class 40 of Leadership Grand Strand for painting and improving the city's public restrooms at Withers Alley, across from the Myrtle Beach SkyWheel. Each year, the Leadership Grand Strand class completes a public project as a team-building exercise and as a way to give something back to the community.

This year, LGS Class XL wanted to spruce up the public restrooms on Ocean Boulevard. Class members designed the colorful makeover and then completed the painting themselves. The final product is both lively and welcoming for our Boulevard guests.

## Recreation center hours change during COVID-19

Due to space limitations and other restrictions resulting from COVID-19, Myrtle Beach's three recreation centers offer the following hours to members only. Swimming pools and showers remain closed. All three centers are closed on Sunday.

### Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium

1004 Crabtree Lane  
Monday through Friday – 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Mary C. Canty Recreation Center

971 Canal Street  
Monday through Thursday – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Pepper Geddings Recreation Center

3205 North Oak Street  
Monday through Friday – 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Solid waste rules updated

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• Monthly landfill tipping fees will be adjusted based upon the Horry County Solid Waste Authority's FY 2020-21 rate increase.

### Residential Service Requirements

- Lids must close. All waste must be contained within the containers used.
- No additional refuse may be placed next to or on top of the container for collection.
- If additional capacity is needed to contain refuse for collection each week, additional containers will be provided at the established rate.
- Materials must be set out no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection, and no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Roll carts must be pulled back to the residential structure by 11:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Carts may not be left at the curb throughout the week.
- Yard waste may be set out at any time; leaves and clippings must be in paper bags for pickup.
- Customers will pay a separate charge for call-back services. See the rate schedule.
- Ineligible material must be removed from the right-of-way within 48 hours of the day of collection.
- Garbage, recycling, bulk waste and yard waste must all be neatly separated and contained within the proper container, where applicable.
- Bulk waste and yard waste should be kept in a neat pile away from telephone poles, parked cars, sprinkler heads, water meter covers, etc.
- Yard waste (limbs) must be sized no larger than four inches in diameter or four feet in length.
- Loose yard waste (grass clippings, leaves and weeds) must be placed within paper bags.

### Standard Residential Service Charges

• \$28.80 per month, plus a \$2.00 container fee = \$30.80 per month for standard once-per-week collection service of one garbage and one recycling roll cart (or shared residential dumpster), plus two cubic yards of bulk waste, yard waste and call-ahead service for electronic devices and tires (limit two tires per week).

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Preliminary designs are complete for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station on Mr. Joe White Avenue Extension. This open-top facility will provide much-needed extra capacity. Construction begins in November and will take about eight months. The existing Transfer Station was built in 1977.

## Maintaining your yard and the right-of-way is required

Not everyone is aware that owners and occupants of property in Myrtle Beach are responsible for maintaining not only their yards, but also the adjacent public right-of-way, too.

Section 17-4 in the City Code addresses maintenance of property. Specifically, it says owners and occupants "shall maintain their property in a clean and litter-free manner."

It further states that they also are responsible for the adjacent sidewalk, grass strip, curb-and-gutter and right-of-way, up to the edge of the street. This includes keeping the grass trimmed to the pavement's edge.



This maintenance rule is reinforced in Section 10-33, which reads, "It shall be unlawful for any responsible person to permit or maintain rank growth, the accumulation of yard waste, debris or any and all other objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter of whatever nature on the lot or parcel of real estate property and the abutting public way for which they are responsible within the city."

The goal of these rules is to maintain both your private yard and the adjacent public land in such a way that it preserves property values, prevents blight and enhances the quality of life for all citizens.

It takes just a little more effort to trim bushes, pick up litter, mow the grass and otherwise keep the right-of-way neat at your property, but the results are worth it.



Signs are posted in our parks and public beach accesses reminding everyone to practice safe social distancing. Outdoors, masks are not required if you can keep a safe distance away.

unenclosed area of a retail or foodservice establishment while actually eating, when working in a private office, within the same household as other family members or when an underlying medical condition precludes wearing a mask.

Businesses where staff members are repeatedly cited for not wearing masks may be declared public nuisances and have their business licenses suspended.

## Rules change for solid waste service

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### Call Back Service Charges

- "Call-back service" refers to each incidence of unscheduled service above and beyond the standard rate for which the customer has subscribed.
- \$90.00 for garbage or recycling call-back.
- \$115.00 for yard or bulk waste call-back.
- Plus current landfill disposal charges per cubic yard collected.

### Non-Compliant Collection Issues

- Excessive volume of materials.
- Comingled or mixed materials.
- Improperly prepared materials.
- Roll carts not pulled in from the curb to the home or business in a timely manner.
- Materials set out off schedule.
- Setting out ineligible or inaccessible materials.



### Enforcement Procedures

- A warning notice will be posted on the property informing the owner of the corrective action that needs to occur. First steps are communication, customer awareness and voluntary compliance.
- 48 hours later, the code enforcement officer will follow-up on these locations to be sure that the corrective action has occurred.
- If not, the city will take corrective action and bill the property owner in accordance with the Schedule of Solid Waste Fees and Charges. The property owner will be informed that violations may result in a citation and restitution.



Turtle Time is May 1-October 31, and that means:

Turning out beachfront lights after dusk.

Not disturbing nesting females or hatchlings by using flashlights, lanterns or flash photos.

Filling in holes and removing beach chairs, umbrellas and sports equipment at day's end.



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