



Reporting street lights that are out

One of our most frequently asked questions is, "Who do I notify if a street light is out?" Santee Cooper provides street lights in the City of Myrtle Beach.

If you see a street light that isn't working, call 888-769-7688 or use the online form at <https://app.santeecooper.com/Forms/SC0336.jsp>.

Each street light pole has a tag on it to identify the location. It's helpful if you can provide that pole number as a reference when reporting the outage.



Pet hours restricted in summer

From May 1 through Labor Day each year, dogs are allowed on the beach only before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. At all times, they must be on a leash of seven feet or shorter, and you must pick up after them and properly dispose of the waste.

In fact, the city requires pet owners to pick up after their pets whenever they are off the owner's property. Free waste bags are available at many parks and public spaces.

Violations are misdemeanors, subject to a fine of up to \$500 and/or 30 days in jail, upon conviction. Please be a good pet owner.



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GRAB AND GO

A 'go bag' can make all the difference in an emergency. Here's how to be ready to run at a moment's notice

1 BASIC ELECTRONICS

Pack an extra phone charger in case you're fortunate enough to have electricity, and a portable battery pack in case you're not. Also stash a long-lasting LED flashlight. Pack a small hand-cranked or battery-operated AM/FM radio (with extra batteries).

2 PERSONAL NEEDS

While getting ready for a typical day, list every toiletry you use, then buy a travel-size version of each. Pack backup eyeglasses, as well as a first-aid kit, baby wipes and a multipurpose tool with a knife and can opener.

3 CLOTHING

Pack a few days' worth. Include layers you can add or remove, plus lightweight rain gear and waterproof boots.

4 MEDICINE

Pack about three days' worth of each of your prescriptions. If you need larger items, such as an oxygen tank, make sure you have a portable version.

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This illustration from Horry County Emergency Management provides helpful ideas for creating a "go bag" as part of your pre-hurricane preparations. The time to do this is now, before the storm threatens.



8 THE PERFECT BAG

Think small and portable. A backpack is ideal, but a lightweight suitcase with wheels will also do. Just remember you may literally be running with it.

7 PAPERWORKS

Fill a zip-top waterproof bag with photocopies of your birth certificate; driver's license; Social Security and Medicare cards; power of attorney and will; any marriage, adoption or naturalization certificates; proof of address, insurance, medical and immunization records; and information about your credit and ATM cards.

6 FOOD AND DRINK

Bottled water is essential. Granola or energy bars are great because they are small and filling, and they come in a variety of flavors.

5 CASH

In addition to enough money for a few days, include small bills and a roll of quarters. If you need to buy something out of a vending machine, you'll have coins.



PROGRESS

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September 11 memorial moving to Warbird Park

Work is underway at Warbird Park in the Market Common district to make room for the September 11 Memorial, which features a steel beam from one of the World Trade Center towers.

The steel beam was donated by retired New York City firefighters in appreciation for the hospitality that Myrtle Beach provided to New York fire and police departments after the September 2001 terrorist attacks.

The Unity Memorial on 29th Avenue North has been dismantled, awaiting relocation to the new site on Farrow Parkway this summer. Plans call for the new memorial location to be ready for the 20th anniversary ceremony later this year.



Hurricane season is here... Now is the time to prepare

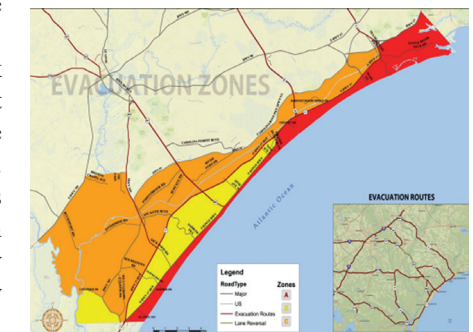
Living by the coast is great, but hurricane season is a fact of life every June through November. Advance preparation is the key to your family's safety if a hurricane threatens the Myrtle Beach area this summer.

The first step is to "know your zone," as shown on the map below. Evacuation routes and other hurricane safety tips are posted on www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com.

Know in advance where you'll go if an evacuation happens. Have important papers ready in a "go bag," and keep a hurricane kit handy with things you'll need in an emergency.

Include enough supplies in the kit for all family members to have a minimum of three days' food, water, medicine and other critical items. Of course, batteries and flashlights are vital, too, in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Do not forget your pets! Have an evacuation plan for them, too, as most shelters will not accept pets. Do some advance research on pet-friendly hotels or accommodations.



Are you ready for a hurricane?

When the time comes, fill the car with gas and have a plan to check in with relatives when you get to your destination. Having a family contact point is a good idea.

Arts & Innovation District makes progress downtown

Myrtle Beach's new Arts & Innovation District is taking shape between Kings Highway and Oak Street. Six building facades are being restored now on Ninth Avenue North.

One will become the HTC Aspire Hub, a cowork space for entrepreneurs and artists, as shown in this illustration.

A new and expanded Nance Plaza reopened earlier this year, along with new adjacent businesses. Utility upgrades and parking area improvements are next for the A&I District.

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Bridge Crossing

New beach rules affect digging and surf fishing

The Myrtle Beach City Council has updated the beach laws for surf fishing, hole digging and children's tents. The beach is a great recreational asset used by millions of people each year, and the amended rules are intended to make it safer for all.

Holes that are deeper than two feet are no longer allowed on the beach, and no holes can be left unfilled. Beachgoers are responsible for replacing any sand they dig out before leaving the beach.

The rule reads, "To help prevent personal injury and to allow public safety, emergency and beach cleaning vehicles to conduct necessary activities on the beach while minimizing the risk of damage to equipment, it shall be unlawful for any person to dig a hole or trench on the beach and then depart the area of digging without having first filled such hole or trench. No hole or trench on the beach shall be deeper than two feet."

A new rule prohibits the use of metal shovels for recreational digging. Plastic shovels, as well as metal scoops used by those who metal-detect on the beach, are still allowed.

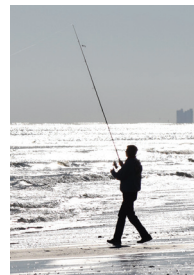
City Council also updated rules for surf fishing, giving swimmers the priority and right-of-way over those wishing to fish from the beach. Here's how that new law reads:

"It shall be the responsibility of the person fishing to maintain a minimum distance of 50 feet from persons in the water. Persons in the water shall have the right-of-way.... Fishing shall not be permitted in front of any franchisee's established umbrella line."

Council also expanded the definition of a shading device for children. The new size allowed for infants and kids is a bit larger than before, with maximum dimensions of four feet wide, three feet deep and three feet high.

Canopies and tents any larger are prohibited from Memorial Day through Labor Day. During the summer months, the city has an "umbrellas only" policy.

For more information about beach rules, see www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com.



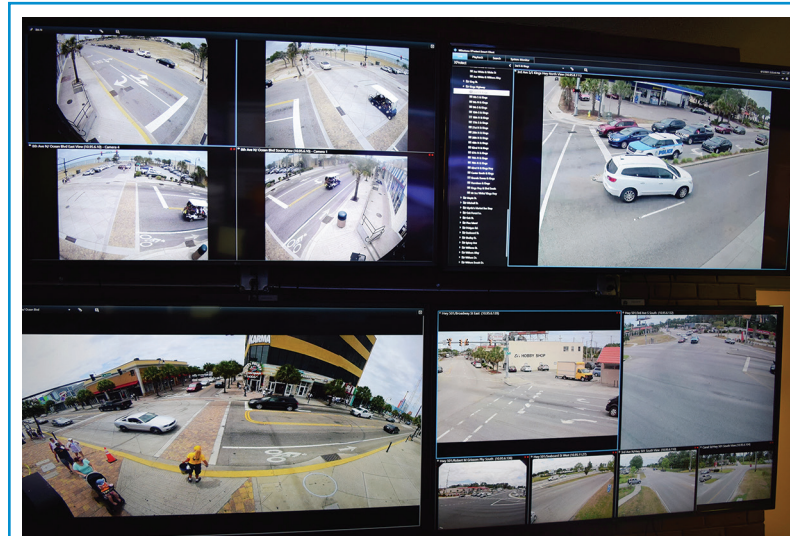
Grant received for new bridge at Thunderbolt Park

The City of Myrtle Beach has received a \$100,000 grant from South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism to build a pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the outfall of the Thunderbolt Park lake along Farrow Parkway. The site is just west of the International Technology and Aerospace Park.

The bridge will be near the existing picnic shelter and bicycle repair station and will allow walkers and bikers to cross over to the far side of the Avenger Trail, which circles the lake system there.

The Myrtle Beach Air Base Redevelopment Authority contributed the 25 percent match required for the new grant. Construction of the bridge is expected to begin in 2021.

The city previously received a grant from SCPRT in 2015 to build the trailhead, restrooms, parking and outdoor classroom at that location. The Redevelopment Authority also funded renovations to the building at Thunderbolt Park.



Extensive camera system in place

Did you know that the Myrtle Beach Police Department currently has 1,034 video cameras in place throughout the city to keep a watchful eye on streets, intersections, parks, city facilities and other public places?

The video cameras record what they see so that it can be saved and reviewed. Many feature pan-tilt-and-zoom capabilities, allowing "real time" operators to focus on specific details.



It's illegal to shoot fireworks in Myrtle Beach.



Juneteenth celebrated at historic Charlie's Place

A historic date and place came together on June 19 when the City of Myrtle Beach celebrated Juneteenth at Charlie's Place on Carver Street.

Juneteenth honors the date in 1865 when word of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached the far corners of the United States. It took more than two years before everyone heard that slavery had been abolished.

Myrtle Beach's Juneteenth celebration, sponsored by the city's Neighborhood Services, included music, poetry, dancing and more and welcomed all ages.

Charlie's Place, a museum and business incubator, preserves the economic and musical history of Myrtle Beach's early African American community.

The city recreated the Whispering Pines Motel which catered to travelers during the *Green Book* era. It was next to Charlie's Place, where African American stars performed in the early days of beach music.



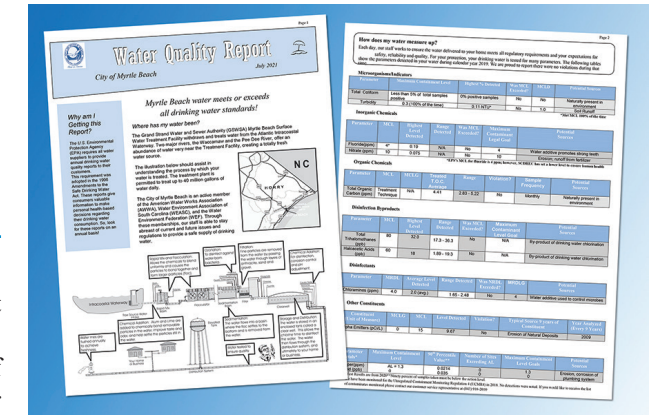
Midway Park scheduled for more pickleball courts

Myrtle Beach's Midway Park on Kings Highway at 19th Avenue South will get a complete makeover in the new fiscal year. The capital project budget for FY 2021-22 includes funding to convert one of the tennis court pods into 10 outdoor pickleball courts. The park is a favorite spot for pickleball players.

The work also includes resurfacing all of the courts (tennis, pickleball and basketball); replacing sidewalks and lights; replacing basketball backboards and goals; replacing or repairing the green fencing around the park; and adding a tennis hitting wall.

Water quality report online

The 2021 Drinking Water Quality Report is available. Myrtle Beach's drinking water meets or exceeds all state and federal water quality standards. To view or download the annual report, see <https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/waterqualityreport.pdf>.



We have a 2021 date for SC's Largest Garage Sale

South Carolina's Largest Garage Sale returns to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on Saturday, September 25, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Last year's event, which would have been the 32nd annual sale, was cancelled due to COVID-19.

From castoff to collectible, you'll find it at the Garage Sale. Thousands of people turn out for the big bargain hunt, which fills more than 100,000 square feet of space. Admission is free, while parking at the Convention Center is just \$5.00 per car, per day.



Would you like to serve?

To be considered for City Council appointment to one of Myrtle Beach's many volunteer boards, commissions and committees, just send a letter of interest and résumé to the City Clerk, PO Box 2468, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578; email it to jadkins@cityofmyrtlebeach.com; or bring it to City Hall, 937 Broadway Street.