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# Media Advisory

**To: Myrtle Beach Media**  
**From: Kaycey Hall Vrettos**  
**Date: August 25, 2023**  
**Re: Meeting Schedule and Agendas**

1. Next week's [meeting schedule](#) is attached.
2. **Drivers, expect lane closures and detours this weekend along Mr. Joe White Avenue, from US 17 to the Frontage Road, in Myrtle Beach.** City crews, plus a contractor, are replacing the valves on a 36-inch and a 20-inch sewer line beneath the roadway. Road work will occur during daytime and nighttime hours. If possible, avoid the area or plan additional time to get to your destination with a traffic navigation app.
3. **The city has extended the application deadline for Myrtle Beach's Poet Laureate position to 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 15!** Appointed by City Council, this two-year position will be the poetic voice of the city, working to promote cultural heritage, literacy and creative writing among residents of all ages. Duties will include appearances at civic events, schools, community centers and libraries. For salary information, additional details and an application, see <https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/poetlaureate.pdf>. Questions? Contact Brian Schmitt at [bschmitt@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:bschmitt@cityofmyrtlebeach.com).
4. **City of Myrtle Beach offices and facilities will be closed Monday, September 4, to observe Labor Day.** However, solid waste and recycling will be collected on the regular Monday-through-Thursday schedule. Questions? Call 843-918-2160.
5. **The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is partnering with the City of Myrtle Beach to host a free overdose response training seminar.** The event is set for Thursday, August 31, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., at SCDHEC's Myrtle Beach Office, 927 Shine Avenue. Attendees will learn how to recognize an overdose and administer life-

saving Narcan. Space is limited, so sign up today. Visit <https://bit.ly/OverdoseTraining23> to register. Questions? Send an email to Community Engagement Manager Jessica Piezzo at [piezozjl@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:piezozjl@dhec.sc.gov).

- 6. Join fellow community members to commemorate International Overdose Awareness Day with a special event on Thursday, August 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The event takes place in Chapin Park, 1410 North Kings Highway, and includes free food, speakers, recovery resources and support services. See <https://bit.ly/OAD23> to RSVP.
- 7. The fifth annual Waves of Praise Gospel Festival returns September 1-2 to the Burroughs & Chapin Pavilion Place in Myrtle Beach.** Admission is free! Bring the whole family to enjoy gospel music, food, arts-and-crafts vendors and more. The 2023 festival includes Grammy, Dove and Stellar Award-winning recording artists, with performances by Donnie McClurkin, Shirley Caesar, Luther Barnes, Damon Little, and Doc McKenzie and the Hi-Lites. The event also features the Myrtle Beach Mass Choir, which consists of choir members from churches within Myrtle Beach's city limits. Dozens of regional and local artists will grace the stage, too. For more information about the festival, visit <https://www.mbwavesofpraise.com/>.
- 8. The inaugural FAST Fest, a free, educational tech conference, is set for September 2 in Myrtle Meta Beach!** The event is 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2, at Horry-Georgetown Technical College's Grand Strand Conference Center, 950 Crabtree Lane. See <https://bit.ly/FastFestMB2023> for a list of topics and to register. To learn more about the event, visit <https://fastfest.live/>.
- 9. A comprehensive list of city-related activities, events, festivals and recreation programs is available online.** The [Events](#) webpage, a downloadable PDF file, is updated weekly.
- 10. Young people swam, biked and ran last Saturday at Pepper Geddings Recreation Center, and that's the subject of our Photos of the Week.** Myrtle Beach's 13th annual Kids' Triathlon let young athletes test themselves in the pool, on their bicycles and then on foot, in a race to the finish line. More than 30 kids, ages eight to 17, completed the course, showing that they are probably more fit than most adults. Many of the participants had just completed the week-long Kids' Triathlon Camp, where they practiced these skills and transitions between events. Many thanks to the coaches, parents and volunteers who came out Saturday, August 19, to make this event possible. To view these photos and more, visit our [Photos of the Week Library](#) webpage.
- 11. Did you know...** That Myrtle Beach's City Hall was completed in 1949 and opened in 1950 and has been used for that purpose since then? Funds for construction were approved by President Roosevelt in 1941 as part of the Works Progress Administration. Through the years, City Hall has been expanded and renovated.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
August 28-September 3, 2023**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

- **8:30 a.m.** – Department Directors’ Meeting, Conference Room, City Services Building, 921 North Oak Street
- **6:00 p.m.** – Citizens Police Academy Graduation Ceremony, Warren S. Gall Police Annex, 3340 Mustang Street

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

- **3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** – SCDHEC’s Overdose Response Training Event, Environmental Affairs Office, 927 Shine Avenue
- **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** – International Overdose Awareness Day Event, Chapin Park, 1410 North Kings Highway

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

- **5:00 p.m.** – Myrtle Beach Police Department’s “Stock the Care Closet” Donation Drive Ends, Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center, 1101 North Oak Street
- **6:00 to 11:00 p.m.** – Fifth Annual Myrtle Beach Waves of Praise Gospel Festival, Burroughs & Chapin Pavilion Place, 812 North Ocean Boulevard

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

- **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.** – Free FAST Fest Tech Conference, HGTC Conference Center, 950 Crabtree Lane
- **2:00 to 11:00 p.m.** – Fifth Annual Myrtle Beach Waves of Praise Gospel Festival, Burroughs & Chapin Pavilion Place, 812 North Ocean Boulevard

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

- No Meetings Scheduled