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# Media Advisory

**To:** Myrtle Beach Media  
**From:** Kaycey Hall Vrettos  
**Date:** December 15, 2023  
**Re:** Meeting Schedule and Agendas

1. Next week's [meeting schedule](#) is attached.
2. Myrtle Beach's free Winter Wonderland at The Beach walk-through light display is *closed until further notice due to Sunday's forecasted inclement weather*. The [National Weather Service](#) has issued a hazardous weather conditions alert and a Coastal Flood Watch for Horry and Georgetown Counties. Sunday's outlook includes tropical-storm-like winds, rain and storm surge. Today, Parks Division crews worked to unplug and relocate the lighted elements and electrical boxes for safe storage. Although subject to change based on the outcome of the storm, city staff anticipate reinstallation work to begin Monday, with the lights up and running mid-week next week.
3. **With news of the approaching storm, Santa Claus and Myrtle Beach Fire Department personnel have decided to reschedule Day Two of its annual "Santa Detail" Ride Along event.** Stops will now take place between 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16 (Day One), and Saturday, December 23 (Day Two). The Fire Department provides a big red sleigh, better known as a fire truck, for the annual occasion. Children are welcome to meet Santa and firefighters as they make stops in Myrtle Beach's neighborhoods. To download the updated schedule, visit <https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/MBFDSantaDetail.pdf>.
4. **Congratulations to Myrtle Beach's Ryan Caputo on winning the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association's Young Professional of the Year award!** Myrtle Beach Recreation District Manager Ryan Caputo was recognized at Wednesday's SCRPA Conference for his outstanding service in the Parks and Recreation field. He is the second city employee to receive this award; City of Myrtle Beach Parks, Recreation and Sports

Tourism Director Dustin Jordan won the award in 2018. Congratulations, Ryan Caputo, and thank you for being “First in Service.”

5. **As a reminder, Myrtle Beach offers seven-day and year-long parking decals for non-residents.** Paid parking is enforced year-round, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. daily, in the City of Myrtle Beach. In addition to the [Resident Parking Decal Program](#), several options are available, including seven-day parking passes, annual guest placards, annual non-resident employee decals and annual non-resident decals. For details, including eligibility requirements, exclusions and prices, see our [Parking Meters & Non-Resident Decal Options](#) webpage. *(Note: In South Carolina, vehicles with valid handicap hangtags/plates or Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, Medal of Honor or recently-issued military license plates park for free at public-operated parking meters. To learn more, visit the [Parking Meters & Non-Resident Decal Options](#) webpage.)*
6. **Every year, the City of Myrtle Beach’s Youth Sports Division hosts its annual Winter Attire Donation Drive for Horry County kids in need.** In partnership with Backpack Buddies and Help 4 Kids, donations are distributed to students in Horry County Schools. Items requested include non-perishable food items and new coats (all youth sizes), hats, scarves, gloves and blankets to keep local kids warm through the winter season. Donations are graciously accepted through Friday, January 12, 2024, at two locations: Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium, 1004 Crabtree Lane, and Pepper Geddings Recreation Center, 3205 North Oak Street. Questions? Contact PRST Supervisor Kirk Gallion at [kgallion@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:kgallion@cityofmyrtlebeach.com).
7. **The 25th annual United Bank Holiday Invitational is set for Wednesday through Friday, December 20-22, 2023.** Games will take place at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, 2101 North Oak Street, and John T. Rhodes Myrtle Beach Sports Center, 2115 Sports Center Way. Teams from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia will compete in 2023 tournament. For information, including a game schedule, see <https://www.beachballclassic.com>.
8. **City of Myrtle Beach offices and facilities will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26, 2023, to observe the Christmas holiday.** Solid waste and recycling collections will follow the schedule below. Unsure of your zone? During non-holiday weeks, Zone 1 is collected on Mondays, Zone 2 on Tuesdays, Zone 3 on Wednesdays and Zone 4 on Thursdays. To search a specific address, visit the Solid Waste Services GIS Map at <https://arcg.is/iOuCr>.

**2023 Christmas Week Collection Schedule**

Monday, December 25 – No Service

Tuesday, December 26 – Zone 1

Wednesday, December 27 – Zone 2

Thursday, December 28 – Zone 3 and Zone 4

9. **The 43rd annual Beach Ball Classic is set for December 27-30, 2023, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, 2101 North Oak Street.** Teams from Canada, Arizona,

Georgia, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia will compete in the 2023 tournament. See <https://www.beachballclassic.com> for information and game times.

- 10. 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.
- 11. The City of Myrtle Beach is hiring!** If you possess a "First in Service" attitude with a passion for public service, we want you to join our team. To view current openings, visit <https://bit.ly/CityofMyrtleBeachJobs> and bookmark the webpage. Want to receive email notifications? See <https://bit.ly/CityofMBJobAlerts>, select the job categories of interest and submit the form.
- 12. The annual Garden of Hope Tree Lighting – complete with singing children and Santa’s arrival – moved indoors to Mary C. Canty Recreation Center this year, and that’s the subject of our Photos of the Week.** Students from the Myrtle Beach schools performed, much to their parents’ delight. A crowd of 400 attended the show, which featured (as always) Santa’s arrival and a photo session with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. As you’ll see, Santa and youngsters go together like cookies and milk. The city’s Neighborhood Services Department hosts this outstanding event annually. To view these photos and more, visit our [Photos of the Week Library](#) webpage.
- 13. Did you know...** That, each year, the Myrtle Beach Police Department collects donations to benefit the Grand Strand Humane Society as part of the Angel Tree program? Thanks to countless generous donors in 2023, Police Department staff collected the following: 1,135 cans of wet cat food; 335 pounds of dry cat food; 310 pounds of cat litter; 172 ounces of dry kitten formula; 1,488 pounds of dry dog food; 60 cans of wet dog food; 218 pounds of milk bone treats; 115 new blankets; and, various toys, treats, leashes, collars and litter boxes.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 18-24, 2023**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

- **6:00 p.m.** – Booker T. Washington Neighborhood Watch, Charlie’s Place, 1420 Carver Street
- **6:00 p.m.** – Carrie Mae Johnson Neighborhood Watch, Charlie’s Place, 1420 Carver Street
- **6:00 p.m.** – Harlem Neighborhood Watch, Charlie’s Place, 1420 Carver Street
- **6:00 p.m.** – Palmetto Greens Neighborhood Watch, 2900 Mashie Drive

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

- **6:30 p.m.** – Emmens Preserve Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – The Highlands Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – The Market Common Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – Meridian at The Market Common Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – The Reserve Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – Seagate Village Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – Sweetgrass North Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – West Lake Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- **6:30 p.m.** – Withers Preserve Neighborhood Watch, General Robert H. Reed Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

- **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** – [Day Two of Myrtle Beach Fire Department's Annual "Santa Detail" Ride Along Event](#), Myrtle Beach Neighborhoods

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

- No Meetings Scheduled