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To: Myrtle Beach Media
From: Public Information Department
Date: December 17, 2021
Re: Meeting Schedule and Agendas

1. Next week's [meeting schedule](#) is attached.
2. **The City of Myrtle Beach is adding 36 parking spaces at Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street, thanks to acquisition of an adjacent lot.** Work is underway to pave the new parking area, just west of the recreation center. The total cost for the project is \$225,000. Work is expected to take approximately 60 days, weather permitting.
3. **Myrtle Beach's Workforce Housing Advisory Board seeks two individuals from the financial sector with commercial and consumer lending experience to join the committee.** Two employees of a financial institution located within Horry County are needed with knowledge about opportunity zones, low-income census tract lending and the Community Reinvestment Act. Interested? For more information, call 843-918-1011 or email cpendergross@cityofmyrtlebeach.com. The Workforce Housing Advisory Board, an "ad hoc" group, is open to everyone and provides assistance to City Council and staff in the planning, development, implementation and assessment of all projects where public/private partnerships exist to address the need for workforce housing.
4. **A Blue Star Memorial plaque dedication is set for 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 20, in Warbird Park, 150 Farrow Parkway.** The Myrtle Beach Garden Club sponsored the marker. Local Blue Star Mothers will attend the ceremony.
5. **Everyone's invited to celebrate Christmas at Charlies Place on Carver Street with an evening of games, live music, and more from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 20!**

This free event takes place at Charlie's Place, 1420 Carver Street. For information, see <https://tinyurl.com/bde8b49e>.

- 6. Most city offices and facilities will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 23-24.** However, Chapin Memorial Library and city recreation facilities will be open on Thursday, December 23, but will be closed on Friday and Saturday, December 24-25. *Solid waste and recycling will be collected on the usual Monday-through-Thursday schedule during the Christmas week.* Questions? Contact the Solid Waste Division at 843-918-2160.
- 7. Winter Wonderland at The Beach, 812 North Ocean Boulevard, will have adjusted hours on Friday and Saturday, December 24-25, due to the Christmas holiday.** On Friday, December 24, the ice skating rink is open from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. only, with no light display admission option. Both the lights display and ice rink will be closed on Saturday, December 25. For more information, see <https://www.winterwonderlandatthebeach.com/>. The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (MBACC) and the City of Myrtle Beach created the festival to provide a new family-friendly holiday attraction. The city's Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Department and Special Events staff will produce the event.

Marketing and presenting sponsors include: the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce; Visit Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Southwest Airlines; and, Myrtle Beach International Airport. Platinum sponsors include SkyWheel Myrtle Beach, Gay Dolphin Gift Cove, HARIBO, and Santee Cooper. Also, HTC is a gold sponsor and silver sponsors include Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach and Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum. Bronze event sponsors include Coastal Carolina National Bank, 44 & King Southern Pub, Sea Dip Ocean Front Resort and Magnolia Row.

- 8. The City of Myrtle Beach understands that more solid waste is generated during the holiday period.** To accommodate our customers' needs, we will pick up extra bags of solid waste and trash placed beside your pelican during the period from Monday through Thursday, December 20-30. This exception is only valid during this two-week window. All other rules remain in place for solid waste service.
- 9. Looking ahead, City offices and facilities will be closed on Friday, December 31, to observe the New Year's Day holiday.** The city's library and recreation facilities will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday December 31, and remain closed on Saturday, January 1. *However, solid waste and recycling will be collected on the usual Monday-through-Thursday schedule.* Questions? Contact the Solid Waste and Recycling Division at 843-918-2160.
- 10. Beginning in January, the City of Myrtle Beach will pick up natural Christmas trees at curbside to take them to be recycled.** In late February, the trees will be ground by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, and the resulting landscaping mulch will be available to the public for free. The annual effort helps give trees a second life. It also saves valuable space in the landfill. Place trees at the curb, but not in the travel lane, and don't cover any utility meters or boxes. Also, remember to remove all decorations and tree stands! No wreaths, please. If you don't want to wait for curbside pickup, you may take your tree to the city's drop-off point at the Jake Abraham Solid Waste Transfer Station, 3221 Mr. Joe White Avenue. Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 843-918-2000.

- 11. The Myrtle Beach Fire Department offers both COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots at weekly clinics.** Staff administer the free vaccinations to registered individuals from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the City Services Building, 921 North Oak Street. To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/MBFDVaccine>. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your appointment to allow for pre-screening. For information, call 843-918-1255.
- 12. A comprehensive list of activities and city events is available on our [Events](#) webpage.** This file of city-related festivals, programs and more is updated weekly.
- 13. Three dozen youngsters got to “Shop with a Hero” last Saturday, and that’s the subject of our [Photos of the Week](#).** Myrtle Beach firefighters and police officers treated the kids to clothes, shoes and toys during the annual “Shop with a Hero” event at Target on Seaboard Street. The Police and Fire Departments raised more than \$5,000 to support these children and their families. All posed for a big group photo before the kids teamed up with a hero to check needs off their list, fill their carts and head to the checkout. It’s safe to say that the grown-ups had as much fun as the children!
- 14. Did you know...** That the Myrtle Beach Police Department collected its biggest donation totals ever in 2021 for the Grand Strand Humane Society as part of the Angel Tree program? In total, donations included: more than 2,400 pounds of dry dog food; 251 pounds of dog biscuits; nearly 500 pounds of dry cat food, 9 containers of kitten formula; more than 1,200 cans of cat food; 318 pounds of cat litter; more than 25 pet beds; \$600 in monetary donations; and, an abundance of blankets, leashes, harnesses, collars, toys and cleaning supplies.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
MEETING SCHEDULE
December 20-26, 2021**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

- **1:00 p.m.** – Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication, Warbird Park, 150 Farrow Parkway
- **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** – Carver Street Businesses' Christmas on Carver Street Event, Charlie's Place, 1420 Carver Street
- **6:00 p.m.** – Booker T. Washington Neighborhood Watch, Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street
- **6:00 p.m.** – Palmetto Greens Neighborhood Watch, 2900 Mashie Drive

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- **6:00 p.m.** – Seaside South Neighborhood Watch, Sixth Floor Banquet Room, Coral Beach Resort, 1105 South Ocean Boulevard

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

- No Meetings Scheduled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

- **Christmas Holiday Observed** – City Offices and Facilities Closed, Recreation Centers and Chapin Memorial Library Remain Open (*No Changes to Weekly Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Schedule*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **Christmas Holiday Observed** – City Offices and Facilities Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **Christmas Holiday Observed** – City Offices and Facilities Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

- No Meetings Scheduled