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Media Advisory

To: Myrtle Beach Media
From: Kaycey Hall Vrettos
Date: December 22, 2023
Re: Meeting Schedule and Agendas

1. Next week's [meeting schedule](#) is attached.
2. **City of Myrtle Beach offices and facilities will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26, 2023, to observe the Christmas holiday.** The solid waste and recycling collection schedule is listed 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, see our Solid Waste Services GIS Map at <https://arcg.is/iOuCr>.

2023 Christmas Holiday 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

3. **Beginning Tuesday, December 26, City of Myrtle Beach solid waste customers are encouraged to place natural Christmas trees curbside to participate in the county's annual "Grinding of the Greens" tree recycling program!** The city's Solid Waste staff pick up the natural trees and deliver them to the Horry County Solid Waste Authority for recycling through January 26, 2024. In February, HCSWA grinds the trees into chips and the resulting landscaping mulch is available free of charge for pickup. Rather than having the natural trees end up in a landfill, the program allows every tree to serve a secondary purpose. As a reminder, remove all lights, tinsel, ornaments and stands, and place trees curbside. Be sure that the trees do *not* block travel lanes, utility meters or boxes; no wreaths, please. Or,

bring bare trees to the city's Jake Abraham Solid Waste Transfer Station, 3221 Mr. Joe White Avenue, during regular drop-off business hours (3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays). When the free mulch is ready in February, interested individuals are asked to bring containers to the HCSWA facility, 1886 Highway 90, in Conway. Questions? Contact the Horry County Solid Waste Authority at 843-347-1651 or info@solidwasteauthority.org.

- 4. The Myrtle Beach Police Department hosts a wreath-laying ceremony in memory of fallen Police Officer Joe McGarry on Friday, December 29, at 10:00 a.m.** The annual event takes place at the fountain behind Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center, 1101 North Oak Street. All are welcome to attend. The somber occasion marks the 21st anniversary of PFC Joe McGarry's murder.
- 5. Spaces are still available for the next session of the MyBeach 101 Citizens Academy, set to begin on January 25!** Classes take place on Thursday evenings, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Historic Myrtle Beach Colored School Museum and Education Center, 900 Dunbar Street. Each year, the Neighborhood Services Department hosts a general government series that provides a behind-the-scenes look at the City of Myrtle Beach's daily operations. The eight-class program gives participants a chance to learn about the city's daily operations. Sessions include appearances by department directors, city staff and elected officials. Topics also include the history of Myrtle Beach and how each of the departments within the city operates, including Fire, Financial Services, Police and Public Works. To download the application, visit <https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/mybeach101.pdf>. Questions? Send an email to neighborhoodservices@cityofmyrtlebeach.com.
- 6. The 43rd annual Beach Ball Classic is set for December 27-30, 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.
- 7. Ring in 2024 at BEI's 11th annual "A Southern Times Square" New Year's Eve celebration at The Market Common's Town Center on Sunday evening, December 31.** This year's event features live music by The Painted Man Band; food, beer and wine vendors; activities for kids; a ball-drop countdown; and, a drone lights show! Tickets are required for all attendees, regardless of age. For everyone's safety, this is a clear-bag-only event; no weapons, pets, chairs and outside food will be allowed. Visit <https://nyemarketcommonmb.com/> for ticket distribution information, a map and vendor offerings.
- 8. Looking ahead, City of Myrtle Beach offices and facilities will be closed Monday, January 1, to observe the New Year's Day holiday.** The solid waste and recycling collection schedule is listed below.

2024 New Year's Day Holiday Week Collection Schedule

Monday, January 1 – No Service

Tuesday, January 2 – Zone 1
Wednesday, January 3 – Zone 2
Thursday, January 4 – Zone 3 and Zone 4

- 9. The Myrtle Beach Fire and Police Departments will cohost a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the John T. Rhodes Myrtle Beach Sports Center, 2115 Sports Center Way.** All presenting donors will receive an American Red Cross t-shirt! To schedule an appointment, see <https://www.redcross.org> and enter “CITYMB” as the sponsor code.
- 10. The Myrtle Beach Fire Department hosts a special movie night for kids and families at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, January 6, in the training building at Fire Station No. 3, 2108 South Kings Highway.** The evening includes a free showing of the movie “Fireheart” with popcorn provided by Belfor. Questions? Call the Fire Department’s Administration Office at 843-918-1192.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Myrtle Beach Police and Fire personnel treated 30 youngsters to “Shop with a Hero” at Target on Seaboard Street two weekends ago, and that’s the subject of our Photos of the Week.** The departments raise money throughout the year so that each child has \$200 to spend on clothes, toys and gifts. Called “Shop with a Hero” for obvious reasons, our city elves have as much fun (maybe more) as the kids do! Santa’s Helpers – dressed as police officers and firefighters – picked out pajamas, shoes, socks, pants, games, dolls and more this year with their young friends, as you’ll see. “Thank you” to Target for hosting the annual event. To view these photos and more, visit our [Photos of the Week Library](#) webpage.
- 14. Did you know...** That the Myrtle Beach Convention Center’s ballroom is officially named the “J. N. Ramsey Grand Ballroom,” in honor of his donation of land for the original building? Ramsey was mayor of Myrtle Beach from January 1950 to December 1953. After his time in office ended, Mr. Ramsey bought the land and gave it to the city. The Myrtle Beach Convention Center first opened in 1967 as a civic center, just a few years before Ramsey’s passing in 1973. To provide additional exhibit space, the facility has been expanded three times: 1976, 1994 and 2003. In October 1994, the 30,000 square foot ballroom was “dedicated to the memory of Jasper Newton Ramsey in grateful appreciation for his untiring and dedicated service,” including “his unselfish gift of the land parcel which became the site for the original Myrtle Beach Convention Center on which this new Grand Ballroom is now located.”

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
MEETING SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 25-31, 2023**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **City Offices and Facilities Closed** – Christmas Holiday Observed (*Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Schedule: Zone 1 on Tuesday, Zone 2 on Wednesday, and Zone 3 and Zone 4 on Thursday*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

- **City Offices and Facilities Closed** – Christmas Holiday Observed (*Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Schedule: Zone 1 on Tuesday, Zone 2 on Wednesday, and Zone 3 and Zone 4 on Thursday*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

- No Meetings Scheduled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- No Meetings Scheduled

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

- **10:00 a.m.** – Annual Wreath-Laying Ceremony for Fallen Myrtle Beach Police Officer Joe McGarry, Memorial Fountain, Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center, 1101 North Oak Street

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

- No Meetings Scheduled

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- No Meetings Scheduled