



Stadium construction on track for autumn

The illustration at left shows how Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium will look once the \$5.4 million renovation and expansion is complete this fall. Note the new press box tower to the right and the new support building on the left.

The work also includes new seats for the home grandstand, new aisles and handrails on the grandstand, a new entryway, new field turf on the playing surface and a new rubberized running surface on the all-weather track.

May events celebrate military men, women and local heritage

Myrtle Beach has a full slate of activities this May to celebrate Military Appreciation Days. National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos is our 2017 Grand Marshal for the parade on Saturday, May 27. The parade steps off at 10:30 a.m. and travels Howard Avenue and Farrow Parkway. Parade entry forms are available now, so sign up!

- **Horry County High Schools' JROTC Drill Meet**, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 6, Pelicans Stadium
 - **Military Family Members Event (Blue Star Mothers)**, 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6, Picnic Area, Pelicans Stadium
 - **Military Appreciation Dinner-Dance**, 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25, Ballroom, Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel (Tickets are \$30 per person, available at City Hall or from the Vietnam Veterans of America. Call 843-918-1008.)
 - **Myrtle Beach Pelicans Baseball Game**, honoring veterans, 7:05 p.m., Saturday, May 13
 - **Military Appreciation Days Parade**, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 27, Farrow Parkway, The Market Common
 - **Family Picnic, Live Music, Exhibits**, 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 27, Valor Memorial Garden
 - **Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony**, 11:00 a.m., Monday May 29, Plaza, Myrtle Beach Convention Center
- For more, visit www.militaryappreciationdays.com.



*Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 12 o'clock noon
at the Pelicans Baseball Stadium
21st Ave. @ Robert Grissom Pkwy, Myrtle Beach, SC
Exhibits and Information from area Recruiters,
the Red Cross, Blue Star Mothers and a variety
of Veterans Organizations and groups.
Refreshments will be served*



Move pelicans, please

City Code requires that bins and rollout containers for solid waste and recycling be placed curbside by 6:00 a.m., in time for your collection on your designated pick-up day.

The code also specifies that rollout carts and containers should be removed from curbside no later than 11:00 p.m. on your collection day. Your neighbors will thank you!

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New technology takes law enforcement to next level

Criminals and scofflaws, beware. Myrtle Beach uses more than \$2 million worth of high technology equipment to fight and prevent crime. The new tools include nearly 800 video cameras installed at intersections and other locations around the city.

The cameras have been a great resource in tracking suspects and solving crime. Better yet, criminals need to know that the cameras are keeping constant watch on the city. Misbehave, and you're likely to be on video, resulting in rapid arrest.

The newest high-tech tools are Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs), which silently keep watch over city entrances and exits. The readers see license plates and send alerts when they spot vehicles with violations in the system or that are wanted in connection with a crime.



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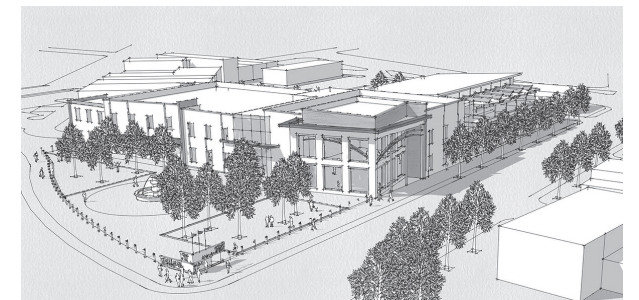
As shown in the example above, Automatic License Plate Readers sound an alert when a vehicle with a violation is spotted. With safety in mind, Myrtle Beach also has installed nearly 800 surveillance cameras at intersections and public spaces throughout the city.

"Our officers are having good success with the cameras," said Myrtle Beach Police Chief Warren Gall. "When something happens, they can monitor the location from multiple angles and usually identify the person and the vehicle very quickly."

The city plans to expand both the camera system and the ALPRs. Currently, cameras cover major intersections, most city facilities, street end parking areas in residential and commercial locations and most of Ocean Boulevard.

ALPRs eventually will cover all of the entrances and exits to and from the City of Myrtle Beach. Data from the system goes to the State Law Enforcement Division in Columbia. Access to the information is tightly controlled.

Today, "technology" also means "peace of mind."



New library and children's museum site will bring revitalization to core area

In late January, the City of Myrtle Beach announced plans to relocate Chapin Memorial Library and the South Carolina Children's Museum to a new facility at the corner of Ninth Avenue North and Nance Plaza, which fronts on Kings Highway.

"First, we provide a new destination and attraction for residents and visitors, who will come take part in the library's programs and enjoy the activities of the children's museum," said Mayor John Rhodes in making the announcement.

"And second, in providing a new home for the library and children's museum, we spur private reinvestment in the central business district by bringing more traffic, more life and more people to this area," the mayor added.

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Parking decals available

Renewing your car's parking decal is easier, thanks to an on-line registration system. The parking decals are good for two-year periods and are available for personal vehicles which are registered inside the city limits and on which city property taxes have been paid. That property tax payment counts as your payment for public parking.

Just visit www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/decal.html to complete the on-line registration. Be sure to follow directions. Or, take your tax receipt and registration to the parking office on the first floor of the Pavilion Parking Garage, Ninth Avenue North and Kings Highway.



Bike, pedestrian improvements made

Myrtle Beach is making it safer for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the city. New sidewalks were installed along US 501, from Alder to Seaboard Street. A portion of Ocean Boulevard was restriped to include bicycle lanes, and the new Third Avenue South, from US 501 to Kings Highway, also features bicycle lanes.

As shown above, “sharrows” were added to several roads where pavement wasn’t wide enough for designated bike lanes. This one is on in the Cabana Section, indicating that riders and drivers should share the road.

The city’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee has named the multipurpose paths throughout the Market Common district. The southernmost trailhead of the East Coast Greenway, on Kings Highway, near Seagate Village, has been named for retired Myrtle Beach Planning Director Jack Walker.

Finally, the committee designed the logo shown here, and City Council has approved its use to designate Myrtle Beach as bicycle-and-walking-friendly.



Superblock will see new life with library and children’s museum

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Some of the existing buildings in the Superblock, which is bounded by Kings Highway, Main Street, Oak and Broadway Streets and Ninth Avenue North, are vacant or in need of repair.

Plans call for demolishing structures along Ninth Avenue North and Nance Plaza, then rebuilding a new, two story library and children’s museum. Parking will be in the center, with building facades and entrances on all sides.

To date, the city has purchased the Superblock properties on the open market, at fair market value prices or greater. Construction of a new library and museum is still two years or so away, but City Council is ready for progress.

The community has talked about the need for a new library for a decade. The current Chapin Memorial Library at the corner of Kings Highway and 14th Avenue North was built in 1948 and has outgrown its space. Plus, library services have changed through the years, with Chapin now hosting activities and programs, in addition to providing Internet and other electronic library services.



“I am confident that a new, modern library, coupled with an interactive children’s museum, will be the catalyst needed to bring renewed economic vitality to this historic area of our city,” Mayor Rhodes said.

Building designs shown are illustrations only.

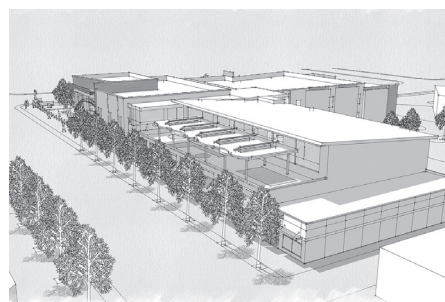
Fannie Brown is honored

Retired teacher Mrs. Fannie Brown is the City of Myrtle Beach’s “Volunteer of the Year” for 2016. Brown was surprised with the award during the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in January. The city has 600 volunteers who donate their time to making Myrtle Beach great.



Brown created after-school and summer programs at the Historic Myrtle Beach Colored School Museum and Education Center. She also serves as its volunteer executive director.

The nomination states that Mrs. Brown “remains committed to education and works tirelessly on behalf of the next generation to help them become successful citizens and leaders.”



33rd class completes Police Academy

Myrtle Beach’s 33rd session of the Citizens Police Academy celebrated their graduation with ceremonies at the Law Enforcement Center Annex,. Taught by the Myrtle Beach Police Department, the Citizens Police Academy gives a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement. The class meets on Monday for 10 weeks.

Graduates of Class 33 include Jim Andrew, Patty Appling, Rob Faro, Marian Graham, Steven Jordan, Susan Keller, Pat Loomis, Tana Mason, John Moore, Susan Murphy, Marilyn Patton, Pam Rochelle, Julie Schroll, Sandra Sharpe, Joe Shepard, Tish Singleton, Patricia Smith, Cole Williams, David Williams, Donna Williams, Jerry Williamson and Melinda Williamson.

Drop off your expired, unused and unneeded prescription drugs in a secure box at the Ted C. Collins Law Enforcement Center, 1101 North Oak Street.



Myrtle’s Market returns

Enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables at the farmers market, three days a week, beginning

Wednesday, April 19. Vendors also offer desserts and handmade crafts. For information, call 843-918-4906. The market is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at the corner of Mr. Joe White Avenue and North Oak Street.

Dates set for 2017 Garage Sale

South Carolina’s Largest Garage Sale returns to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on Saturday, October 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. From castoff to collectible, you’ll find it at the 29th annual sale.



Thousands of people turn out for the big bargain hunt, which fills more than 100,000 square feet of space at the Convention Center. Admission is free. Parking at the Convention Center is \$5.00 per car, per day.

Want to sell your items? Please note that on-line vendor registration for the 280 available spaces will begin at 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2017. That’s a revised date.

<https://www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment>

Get weekly e-mail updates

Sign up for Myrtle Beach’s three weekly e-mails for city news and events. The Friday Fax provides a list of upcoming

meetings and agendas, while the Events and Recreation e-mails focus

on city-related activities and recreation programs.

Send your e-mail address to info@cityofmyrtlebeach.com. Be sure to visit and like our Facebook page for more information about Myrtle Beach: www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment.



Brochure addresses nuisance wildlife

Myrtle Beach may be an urban area, but we still have wildlife all around us. With that in mind, the city has created a publication called “Controlling Coyotes in Urban Areas.” It’s available in two print-on-demand formats, as a tri-fold brochure or a two-page flyer. Visit the city’s web site or the *Notes* section of the city’s Facebook page for more information.

Feeding coyotes is illegal. City Code prohibits creating a neighborhood nuisance by feeding wildlife. However, the presence of a free buffet in the form of pet food, compost or garbage may tempt coyotes into yards and create the impression that these places are bountiful feeding areas. Secure garbage and feed pets indoors, or else bring their dishes in immediately after feeding. And watch pets closely, especially at night.

Relocating nuisance wildlife is illegal, so moving them is not an option. Property owners may contract with a licensed trapper to catch and euthanize coyotes. For more information, see the brochure.