



## Warbird Park gets a Gold Star

Thanks to the Myrtle Beach Garden Club, Gold Star families now have a memorial at Warbird Park. A crowd gathered May 1 for the dedication ceremony off Farrow Parkway.

Jim and Susan Harvey, whose son was killed in Afghanistan during 2011, unveiled the marker. The bronze plaque honors Gold Star families who lost a loved one while defending the country in the Armed Forces.

The Garden Club provided the Gold Star marker, and President Allyson Hirsch says members will maintain landscaping around it.

## Sand dune repairs underway

New sand fencing has been installed along the length of Myrtle Beach to trap windblown sand and create new dunes. The next step is to plant thousands of seagrass sprigs to further build back the dunes that were lost to Hurricane Ian's storm surge last fall.

The sand fencing is an emergency step to make sure that we build new dunes as quickly as possible. The City of Myrtle Beach will receive a full beach renourishment, but not this summer.



Engineering and mobilization likely will occur this fall, with actual pumping of sand onto the beach expected sometime in 2024.



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## New restrooms in place at Midway Park

Midway Park on South Kings Highway is sporting new restrooms, as pictured below. The modular building offers two accessible restrooms for park patrons.



Midway Park is popular with pickleball players, but it also offers tennis courts, a tennis hitting wall and a basketball court. The park is at 1910 South Kings Highway.



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# PROGRESS REPORT



## Making a splash at Futrell Park

Kids of all ages, along with a few grown-ups, had a blast at the grand opening of the Futrell Park Splash Pad and Playground in early June. As you can see by the smiles above, everyone had a great time.

The new splash pad is the first of its kind in a Myrtle Beach park. It's free and open to the public daily, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Splash pad safety regulations are posted.

The improvements at Futrell Park also include a new playground with an artificial grass surface that's cooler than traditional playgrounds. Still to come are public restrooms and an enhanced walking trail.

The Futrell Park improvement project began with a neighborhood conversation about revitalization, led by Habitat for Humanity. Habitat also provided a grant for the walking trail, with five fitness stations.

Futrell Park's splash pad and playground are receiving daily use with warmer weather. Read more about the effort to reimagine Futrell Park at <https://futrellpark.com>.

*The playground at Futrell Park in the Booker T. Washington neighborhood*



## Dune crossovers reconstructed

Half a dozen dune crossovers were rebuilt this winter and spring, but 15 more that were damaged by Hurricane Ian last fall still must be replaced.

The City of Myrtle Beach budgets \$200,000 yearly to replace dune crossings on a regular schedule. Shown here is one of the newly rebuilt crosswalks in a residential neighborhood.



Another 15 crosswalks which were damaged or destroyed by storm surge last fall when Hurricane Ian struck will be completely replaced in coming months. Insurance is covering the cost of 12 of those replacements.



## Flag banners create patriotic ITAP entry

US flag banners line Airpark Drive off Farrow Parkway in Myrtle Beach. The city installed the banners ahead of Military Appreciation Days at the suggestion of the Cresswind Neighborhood and the Myrtle Beach Vet Center.

In all, 32 banners give a patriotic look and feel to the International Technology and Aerospace Park, or ITAP, home to the new VA Clinic in Myrtle Beach. The banners will be displayed year-round.





Coventry Boulevard has a new look, with signs and flashing lights to alert drivers to watch for pedestrians in this residential area.

## New lights and markers alert drivers to pedestrians

Slow down, and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists! That's the message from the City of Myrtle Beach, and new signs and flashing lights are in place on Coventry Boulevard to remind motorists that they must share the road.



The flashing lights indicate a pedestrian crossing, as do the bright yellow signs. Please drive the speed limit (it's 35 miles per hour on Coventry) and yield to pedestrians and cyclists.

Drivers, riders and walkers all have a responsibility to watch out for each other. They share the right-of-way, and each person plays a role in providing a safe environment for all.

Reminder: Bicyclists must stop at all traffic signals, too, just like a car. Bicycles cannot run through stop signs or stop lights!

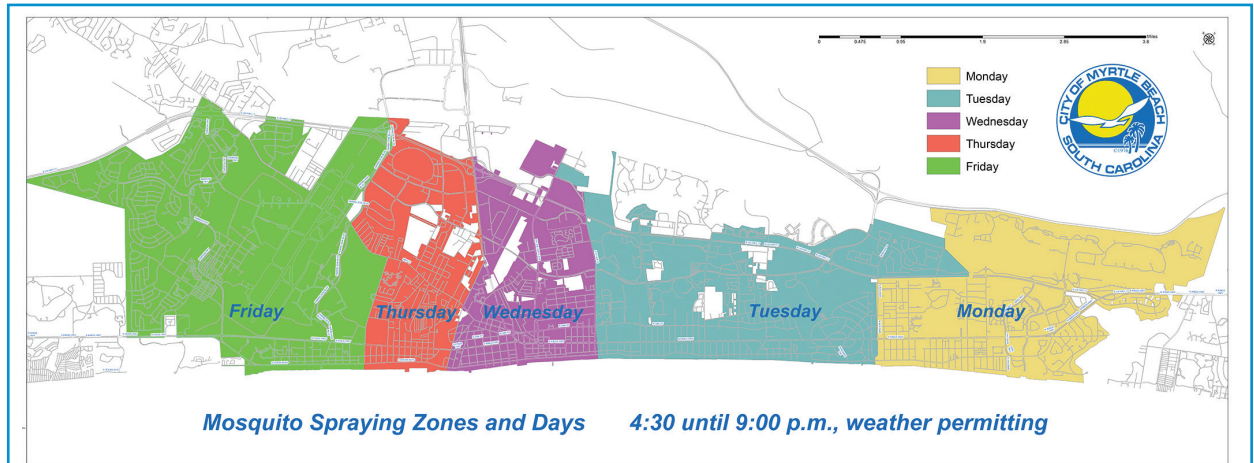
## Receive emergency notifications quickly

Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for MB Alerts, a notification system for emergencies and other events that affect the city.

The alert system is the quickest way to stay up-to-date during hurricanes, special events and other need-to-know occasions.

To sign up for selected Myrtle Beach alerts, use the QR code in the graphic below or visit <https://bit.ly/MBAAlertsSignUp>. Users can choose which notifications they wish to receive via text, email and/or phone call.

In addition to hurricanes, the system can alert residents to special events that may affect traffic, as well as any urgent public safety messages. It also can be used for changes in city service schedules.



Weather permitting, the City of Myrtle Beach sprays for mosquitoes weekly, beginning in May and through the summer. As the map shows, spraying begins Monday in northern neighborhoods, then proceeds southward through the week. Spraying occurs between 4:30 and 9:00 p.m., weekdays, unless conditions are too windy or rainy.



## Horry Co. Historic Commission recognizes living history series

The Horry County Historic Preservation Commission recently honored Myrtle Beach locals and institutions for “Through the Lens of Time,” a live history series featuring recollections of Myrtle Beach’s early days.

Chapin Memorial Library, the Friends of the Library and the Seniors Advisory Committee were recognized by the Commission at a Conway meeting in late May. The history speakers themselves were honored, too, for their contributions.

Pictured here, from left to right, are Martina Corley, Friends of Chapin Memorial Library; history speakers Jack Thompson, Buddy Styers, Mary “Cookie” Goings, Buz Plyler, Ruth Gore and Victor Shamah; and Library Director Jennifer Nassar.

Not pictured are speaker Dino Thompson and Seniors Advisory Committee staff member Mark Kruea.

Stay tuned! Chapin Memorial Library, the Friends of the Library and the city’s Seniors Advisory Committee are planning to continue “Through the Lens of Time” this fall. Expect even more long-time locals to share their experiences growing up in Myrtle Beach.



## Optimists honor support staff

Detention Corporal Heather Boyle of the Myrtle Beach Police Department was named “Support Services Officer of the Year” by the Grand Strand Optimist Club. Heather is an 18-year veteran, working in Detention and Communications. The June award was presented at Pine Lakes International Country Club.

Pictured, left to right, are the nominees: Kellie Hayes, Detective Division Office Assistant; Kyleen Crane, Crime Analyst; Rich Anderson, Senior Court Officer; Corporal Heather Boyle, this year’s award recipient; Corporal Emily King; William Gregg, Crime Analyst; and Police Officer Michael Nissan.

The City of Myrtle Beach thanks the Grand Strand Optimist Club for honoring the Police Department’s Support Services staff with this award for the past 28 years.

## Fireworks restricted by time and place

Myrtle Beach prohibits fireworks at all times on the beach and other public property. Fines for violations begin at \$250 and climb to \$500 for multiple offenses.

Fireworks are allowed on private property between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., subject to the owner’s permission, and until 12:30 a.m. on July 5 and New Year’s Day.

Minors are not allowed to shoot fireworks at any time, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

In addition, it is illegal to shoot or throw fireworks toward any person, animal, structure or vehicle, including golf carts.

It also is illegal to shoot or throw fireworks from a vehicle or discharge personal fireworks within 500 feet of a church, hospital or school or within 300 feet of a gas station or business where flammable goods are sold.



## Date set for SC’s Largest Garage Sale

South Carolina’s Largest Garage Sale returns to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center on Saturday, September 9, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

From castoff to collectible, you’ll find it at the big Garage Sale. Thousands of people turn out for the annual bargain hunt, which fills more than 100,000 square feet of space in the exhibit hall and lobby.

Admission to the Garage Sale is free, while parking at the Convention Center is just \$5.00 per car, per day. The sale began in 1988 and has been held every year except one.

