Mountain bike trail reopens with new routes, jumps and features

Myrtle Beach’s A-10 Mountain Bike Trail received a makeover this spring, much to the delight of the local cycling community. The 1.2 mile wooded trail is tucked beside Bare Parc South, near Seagate Village and The Market Common.

The A10 is named for the A10 Warthog planes which were a common sight (and sound) when the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base was operational. Like many other parts of the Market Common area, the location was part of the former Air Force Base property.

As is often the case with Mother Nature, the trail became overgrown and needed maintenance. This spring, volunteers and city staff spent about 500 hours clearing the trail and building new jumps and bridges for riders to enjoy.

Just bring your bike and follow the signs for a lively adventure through the woods. Note that the riding direction on the course reverses every other day to even out trail wear.

Ready for hurricane season?

With all the challenges of 2020, let’s not forget that hurricane season runs through November 30. We’ve had a few close calls in recent years, so residents and businesses should be alert and ready.

The first step is to “know your zone” and be prepared to act if a hurricane threatens. Have your important papers ready, prepare an emergency kit and know where you’ll go in an evacuation. Evacuation routes are posted on www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com, along with other hurricane-related safety tips.

Include enough supplies in your hurricane kit for all family members to have a minimum of three days’ food, water, medicine and supplies. Do not forget your pets! Have an evacuation plan for them, too. Of course, batteries and flashlights are vital.

When the time comes, be sure to fill the car with gas and have a plan to check in with relatives when you get to your destination.

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City names new park for Shelley Family

It’s not often that someone donates a whole park, but Robert Shelley has given Myrtle Beach a park in his family’s memory. City Council unveiled the Shelley Park sign in late July.

The park honors the Shelley Family’s many contributions to Myrtle Beach. Plans for the park at 405 Balsam Street include improvements to the existing playground, along with stormwater detention for the neighborhood.

Lids must be closed’ among new solid waste rule changes

The Myrtle Beach City Council recently approved updates to the Solid Waste ordinance to encourage customer compliance, improve community appearance and deter illegal dumping. Here’s a quick summary of services and rules for residential customers, effective August 1, 2020.

Lids on solid waste containers must be closed completely, and no additional garbage may be placed outside or on top of the pelican. If you regularly have more garbage than will fit in your pelican, you will be required to pay for an additional pelican.

Another change is that bulky junk will be limited to two cubic yards per week. Any more than two cubic yards per week will not be collected.

The customer will have to remove the excess until the following week, take it to the city’s transfer station on Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or request call-back service at the established rates.

Standard Residential Service

- Once-per-week collection of one garbage and one recycling cart (or shared residential dumpster) for the monthly service charge and container fee.
- New volume limit of two cubic yards of bulk waste per week. Materials greater than two cubic yards will be tagged with a warning notice informing the property owner that corrective action is needed. (Two cubic yards is equivalent to a pile three feet high, three feet wide and six feet long.)
- No volume limit on weekly yard waste.
- Call-ahead request for service of electronic devices and tires is included in monthly service. (Limit of two tires off the rim per week.)
- Service to each additional garbage roll cart container is an additional charge.
- New service charges for call-back services outside the regular weekly service level.

Masks required in public

Myrtle Beach residents and visitors are required to wear a cloth face mask in stores and restaurants, as well as in public spaces at overnight accommodations. Customers must wear a mask in enclosed areas of retail stores, grocery stores, pharmacies, personal care businesses, professional services and gyms and fitness centers, among other locations, with limited exceptions. Retail, restaurant and accommodation staff also must wear face masks whenever they are in public areas or working with the public.

Failure to wear a mask when required is a civil infraction with a fine of up to $100.
Solid waste rules updated

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- Monthly landfill tipping fees will be adjusted based upon the Horry County Solid Waste Authority’s FY 2020-21 rate increase.

Residential Service Requirements

- Lids must close. All waste must be contained within the containers used.
- No additional refuse may be placed next to or on top of the container for collection.
- If additional capacity is needed to contain refuse for collection each week, additional containers will be provided at the established rate.
- Materials must be set out no earlier than 6:00 a.m. on the day before collection, and no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection.
- Roll carts must be pulled back to the residential structure 11:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Carts may not be left at the curb throughout the week.
- Yard waste may be set out at any time; leaves and clippings must be in paper bags for pickup.
- Customers will pay a separate charge for call-back services. See the rate schedule.
- Ineligible material must be removed from the right-of-way within 48 hours of the day of collection.
- Garbage, recycling, bulk waste and yard waste must all be neatly separated and contained within the proper container, where applicable.
- Bulk waste and yard waste should be kept in a neat pile away from telephone poles, parked cars, sprinkler heads, water meter covers, etc.
- Yard waste (limbs) must be sized no larger than four inches in diameter or four feet in length.
- Loose yard waste (grass clippings, leaves and weeds) must be placed within paper bags.

Standard Residential Service Charges

- $28.80 per month, plus a $2.00 container fee = $30.80 per month for standard once-per-week collection service of one garbage and one recycling roll cart (or shared residential dumpster), plus two cubic yards of bulk waste, yard waste and call-ahead service for electronic devices and tires (limit two tires per week).

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Maintaining your yard and the right-of-way is required

- Not everyone is aware that owners and occupants of property in Myrtle Beach are responsible for maintaining not only their yards, but also the adjacent public right-of-way, too.

Section 17-4 in the City Code addresses maintenance of property. Specifically, it says owners and occupants “shall maintain their property in a clean and litter-free manner.”

It further states that they also are responsible for the adjacent sidewalk, grass strip, curb-and-gutter and right-of-way, up to the edge of the street. This includes keeping the grass trimmed to the pavement’s edge.

Recreation center hours change during COVID-19

Due to space limitations and other restrictions resulting from COVID-19, Myrtle Beach’s three recreation centers offer the following hours to members only. Swimming pools and showers remain closed. All three centers are closed on Sunday.

Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium
1004 Crabtree Lane
Monday through Friday – 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mary C. Canty Recreation Center
971 Camel Street
Monday through Thursday – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pepper Geddings Recreation Center
3205 North Oak Street
Monday through Friday – 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rules change for solid waste service

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Call Back Service Charges

- “Call-back service” refers to each incidence of unscheduled service above and beyond the standard rate for which the customer has subscribed.
- $90.00 for garbage or recycling call-back.
- $115.00 for yard or bulk waste call-back.
- Plus current landfill disposal charges per cubic yard collected.

Non-Compliant Collection Issues

- Excessive volume of materials.
- Comingled or mixed materials.
- Improperly prepared materials.
- Roll carts not pulled in from the curb to the home or business in a timely manner.
- Materials set out off schedule.
- Setting out ineligible or inaccessible materials.

Enforcement Procedures

- A warning notice will be posted on the property informing the owner of the corrective action that needs to occur. First steps are communication, customer awareness and voluntary compliance.
- 48 hours later, the code enforcement officer will follow-up on these locations to be sure that the corrective action has occurred.
- If not, the city can take corrective action and bill the property owner in accordance with the Schedule of Solid Waste Fees and Charges. The property owner will be informed that violations may result in a citation and restitution.

Preliminary designs are complete for the new Solid Waste Transfer Station on Mr. Joe White Avenue Extension. This open-top facility will provide much-needed extra capacity. Construction begins in November and will take about 8 months. The existing Transfer Station was built in 1977.

Masks are required in public places

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The city’s order requiring masks in public is in place through Labor Day, unless lifted earlier or extended.

Exemptions from Myrtle Beach’s mask requirements include when on the beach, when walking, when doing indoor or outdoor physical activity, in vehicles (except public transportation), in an unenclosed area of a retail or foodservice establishment while actually eating, when working in a private office, within the same household as other family members or when an underlying medical condition precludes wearing a mask.

Businesses where staff members are repeatedly cited for not wearing masks may be declared public nuisances and have their business licenses suspended.

Signs are posted in our parks and public beach accesses reminding everyone to practice safe social distancing. Outdoors, masks are not required if you can keep a safe distance away.

Lights Out! Sea Turtles Dig the Dark.