



## 19 complete winter CPA Class

Nineteen local residents graduated from Class 41 of the Myrtle Beach Citizens Police Academy this March. The Citizens Police Academy covers topics such as crime scene investigation, K-9 units and emergency vehicle operations. Students even have a chance to ride-along with police officers during the nine-week course.

They come away with a behind-the-scenes look at the Myrtle Beach Police Department and the knowledge that our officers are very nice people! Mayor Brenda Bethune and Police Chief Amy Prock presented the diplomas to Class 41 participants.

Congratulations to all: Lauren Balogh, James Brawley, Deborah Bumpas, Alexa Dungee, Patricia Dungee, Joyce Ford, Clyde Garrison, Hui “Hanna” Jung, Day Kelly, James Kenny, Donald Matre Jr., William McClure, Karen Merkel, Heather Moore, Thomas Muller, Bettie Olivieri, Frank Pallares, Michael Snow and Nicholas Weidl.

## Sea turtle nesting season begins May 1; do not disturb!

Sea turtles typically nest between May 1 and October 31. Turtles often come ashore at night, returning to the same beach where they were born to lay their eggs.

It is illegal under federal and state law to disturb sea turtles, with fines of up to \$15,000 for anyone who does. If you see a nesting turtle, stay away! Sea turtles are protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Further, the Marine Turtle Protection Act states that “no person may take, possess, disturb, mutilate, destroy, cause to be destroyed, sell, offer for sale, transfer, molest or harass any marine sea turtle or its nests or eggs at any times.”

Do not disturb, touch, shine a light on or otherwise interfere with sea turtles, their nests or the hatchlings. Contact the rangers at Myrtle Beach State Park if you see a turtle or a crawl sign.



Sign up for the weekly **Friday Fax** email to receive meetings and agendas for the coming week, along with city-related news and events. Visit <http://cepurl.com/idi4uX> to put your address on the Friday Fax list. Like and visit our Facebook page, too: [www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment](http://www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment).



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## ‘Check My Beach’ for timely information

Grand Strand residents and visitors have a great resource for beach-going information. The “Check My Beach” website offers details about water quality testing, rip currents, beach safety tips and more.



The site provides timely, accurate and useful information directly to beach-goers. The Grand Strand’s swim season is May 1 to October 1. Visit [www.checkmybeach.com](http://www.checkmybeach.com).



## Seasonal rules begin May 1

Several beach and boardwalk rules change for the season when May arrives. From May 1 through Labor Day, dogs and bicycles are allowed on the beach only before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.

At all times when dogs are allowed on the beach or boardwalk, they must be on a leash of seven feet or shorter, and you must pick up and properly dispose of their droppings.

## PROGRESS REPORT Spring 2023

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# PROGRESS

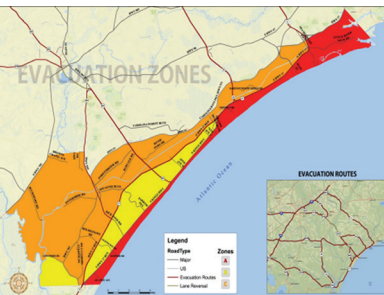
## REPORT

## Hurricane season returns June 1... Are you ready?

For coastal residents, hurricane season is a fact of life every year, from June through November. Advance preparation is the key to your family’s safety if a hurricane threatens the Myrtle Beach area this summer.

The first step is to “know your zone,” as shown on the map below. Evacuation routes and other hurricane safety tips are posted on [www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com](http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com).

Know in advance where you’ll go if an evacuation happens. Have important papers ready in a “go bag,” and keep a hurricane kit handy with things you’ll need in an emergency, such as insurance and medical records.



**Know your zone!**  
If a hurricane threatens, officials may order an evacuation of zones A, B or C, depending on the storm’s path and its expected storm surge strength.

Include enough supplies in the kit for all family members to have a minimum of three days’ food, water, medicine and other critical items. Of course, batteries and flashlights are vital, too, in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Do not forget your pets! Have an evacuation plan for Fido and Felix, too, as most shelters do not accept pets. Do some advance research on pet-friendly hotels or accommodations in areas away from the coast.

When the time comes, fill the car with gas and check in with relatives when you get to your destination. Having a family contact point will keep everyone posted.

## New downtown murals bring art and activity

Several murals downtown support the city’s Arts & Innovation District. This mural at 522 Broadway Street was painted by Tommy Simpson for the city and the Myrtle Beach Downtown Alliance. It’s titled, “Give a child some paint,” and children helped paint it.



## Lifeguard rules change for 2023; shading rules do not

The Myrtle Beach City Council has amended the beach franchises to require lifeguard-only service, beginning this summer. Beach lifeguards will no longer rent chairs and umbrellas. Instead, rentals will be conducted by other staff.

The updated franchise agreement also changes the hours of lifeguard service. Previously, lifeguards worked from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year, the hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., when the beach is busier.

However, the City of Myrtle Beach is not changing its shading device rules. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, only circular umbrellas are allowed, at or above the high tide line.



## Beach renourishment, yes, but not this summer

Myrtle Beach is getting more sand, but not in time for this summer. The US Army Corps of Engineers awarded \$56 million to the Grand Strand for a full beach renourishment to repair damage caused by Hurricane Ian last fall.

The federal government is funding 100-percent of the renourishment expense for nearly 27 miles of our coastline.

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# Futrell Park improvements include splash pad, new playground and a walking trail, near Mr. Joe White Ave

Park improvements are near the top of the list this year, and Myrtle Beach's Futrell Park is no exception! New amenities include a splash pad for kids to enjoy during hot weather, along with a completely new playground. Futrell Park is adjacent to Fire Station No. 1 on Mr. Joe White Avenue. It's centrally located and is part of the Booker T. Washington neighborhood. The playground and splash pad are scheduled to open in April. The larger playground has all-new equipment, plus a high-tech artificial surface that's cooler than traditional playgrounds. The new splash pad will provide water activities for youngsters during warm weather.



Futrell Park has a new playground and splash pad for kids, thanks to a community conversation on re-imagining the space. Residents came to City Council in March to thank Council and unveil the plans for the next phase: a walking and fitness trail around the pond, with funding from Habitat for Humanity.



The Futrell Park improvement idea began with a conversation in the neighborhood about revitalization, led by Habitat for Humanity during the past 18 months. Read more about the residents' ongoing vision to re-imagine Futrell Park at <https://futrellpark.com/>. Residents who participated in the community discussion came to City Council in March to talk about the next phase. Habitat will provide a grant for a new walking and fitness trail around the Futrell Park pond later this year.

## Sign up for emergency notifications

Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for a new notification system to quickly learn about emergencies and other events that can affect the city. Called Regroup, the system is the quickest way to stay up-to-date during hurricanes, special events and other need-to-know occasions. Visit <https://embeds.regroucloud.com/orgs/cityofmyrtlebeach/signupembed> to sign-up for selected alerts, or use the QR Code in the graphic. 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 large special events that may affect traffic, as well as any urgent public safety messages and changes in city service schedules.



**JOIN THE**  
**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH'S**  
EMERGENCY MESSAGING SYSTEM TODAY!



you can join REGROUP messaging two ways:

1. CLICK THE LINK in the text above

2. SCAN the QR code with your smart phone



REGISTER NOW!



Be a safe driver, biker and walker! Everyone has a responsibility to obey the laws and share the right-of-way with care and consideration.



## New dune crossovers coming this year

The City of Myrtle Beach has an ambitious schedule of replacing 14 sand dune crossovers this spring. The completed walkway shown above is at 73rd Avenue North. Work also is underway at 51st Avenue North and other locations. Note that street ends may be closed while construction is occurring.



## Look for restrooms soon in popular parks

Modular public public restrooms are being installed in several of Myrtle Beach's most popular parks. The pre-fabricated restrooms are lifted into place, then connected to the city's permanent water and sewer systems. The units have two accessible bathrooms, with sinks and water fountains. The restroom shown above is at Valor Memorial Garden in The Market Common. It's next to the pergola, near Hackler Street and Howard Avenue. More bathrooms will be installed later this year at Midway Park, Futrell Park, Warbird Park and New Town Bark Park.



### THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL

REMEMBER AND HONOR  
MAY 25-28, 2023

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VISIT THE WALL AT  
THE FIELD NEXT TO  
CRABTREE MEMORIAL GYM  
1004 CRABTREE LANE, THE MARKET COMMON

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THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL WILL ARRIVE TO THE FIELD IN THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, MAY 25. IT WILL BE OPEN 24/7 TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL IT LEAVES AT 3:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MAY 28. THE WALL IS 3/8 SCALE OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL IN WASHINGTON D.C. IT STANDS SIX FEET TALL AT THE CENTER, AND IS ALMOST 300 FEET LONG. ADMISSION IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

OPENING CEREMONY  
FRIDAY, MAY 26 AT 1:00 P.M.

REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY  
SATURDAY, MAY 27 AT 2:00 P.M.

CLOSING CEREMONY  
SUNDAY, MAY 28 AT 1:00 P.M.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

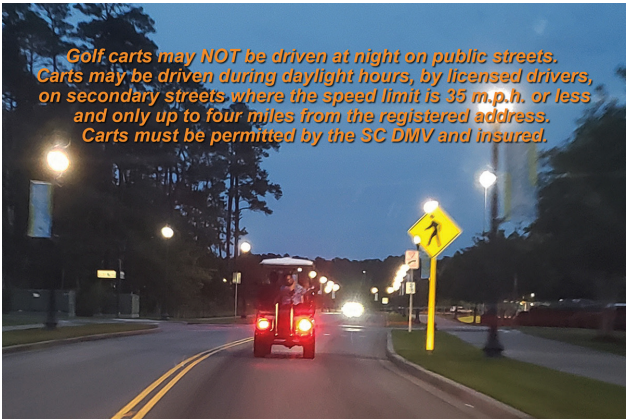
WANT TO VOLUNTEER? EMAIL KAREN AT [KCLEVINSON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KCLEVINSON@GMAIL.COM). GENERAL QUESTIONS... CALL 843-918-1054 OR 843-232-2441.

VET CENTER SUPPORT SERVICES WILL BE AT THE WALL 24/7. PATRONS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE WALL AT ANY TIME, DAY OR NIGHT.

## State regulates how golf carts may drive on streets

Golf carts are allowed on public streets, but state law regulates how and when they may be used and who is allowed to drive one. When used on the road, golf carts must be insured and registered with the SC Department of Motor Vehicles. Here are the operating rules for golf carts on the street:

- Only by a licensed driver.
- Only when insured and registered.
- Only during daylight hours.
- Only on secondary roads where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less.
- Only up to four miles from the registered address.
- Not on primary roads (Kings Highway or US 501).
- Not on sidewalks, bike lanes or multipurpose paths.
- Not with more people than seats in the golf cart.
- Not by unlicensed children of any age.



Golf carts may NOT be driven at night on public streets. Carts may be driven during daylight hours, by licensed drivers, on secondary streets where the speed limit is 35 m.p.h. or less and only up to four miles from the registered address. Carts must be permitted by the SC DMV and insured.

## 2023 Military Appreciation Days Schedule of Events

- Horry County Junior ROTC Drill Meet** – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 6, Pelicans' Stadium
- Military Family Members' Social** – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6, Pelicans' Stadium
- Myrtle Beach Pelicans' Military Appreciation Night** – 6:05 p.m., Saturday, May 20, Pelicans' Stadium
- Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall** – May 25-28, adjacent to Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium
- Military Appreciation Days Parade** – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 27, The Market Common (Parade Registration Deadline is May 12)
- Family Picnic and Military Exhibits** – 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 27, Valor Memorial Garden
- Jack Platt Veterans March and Battlefield Cross Ceremony** – 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 29, Ocean Boulevard, from 16th to Ninth Avenues North
- Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony** – 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 29, Myrtle Beach Convention Center
- Festive Brass Concert Performance** – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, Ballroom ABC, Myrtle Beach Convention Center



## Myrtle's Market opens for spring

Myrtle's Market is open at the corner of Mr. Joe White Avenue and Oak Street, offering fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade treats and handmade crafts. Market hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, with plenty of free parking.

## Renourishment approved

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The Corps of Engineers said the City of Myrtle Beach will receive 650,000 cubic yards of sand, or the equivalent of 65,000 dump trucks' worth. New sand fences and sea grass will be added afterward. Actual pumping of sand is not expected until late this year, at the earliest. The Corps' design-and-coordination phase will take six to nine months, so we will not have a new beach in time for this summer. In all, the South Carolina will receive \$97 million in federal funding to replenish Hurricane Ian's damage.