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# Media Advisory

**To: Myrtle Beach Media**  
**From: Kaycey Hall Vrettos**  
**Date: December 22, 2022**  
**Re: Meeting Schedule and Agendas**

1. Next week's [meeting schedule](#) is attached.
2. **According to weather forecasts, Myrtle Beach will experience extreme cold in the coming days.** New Directions welcomes anyone who is homeless to come indoors for a warm place to sleep at both the men's and women's emergency shelters. Speaking of going indoors, please remember to bring in any pets who otherwise would be outdoors. Below is a helpful list of cold weather safety tips. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.
  - Check on elderly neighbors and relatives to be sure they are comfortable.
  - Bring pets indoors or provide a warm shelter for them.
  - Space heaters need space! Keep everything at least three feet away from them.
  - Non-electric portable heaters should be properly vented.
  - Never leave space heaters unattended! Turn heaters off when leaving or going to bed.
  - Never plug an electric heater into an extension cord.
  - Do not use an oven to heat your home.
  - Use a study fireplace screen on a fireplace; have your chimney cleaned and checked at least once a year.
  - Have working smoke detectors in all bedrooms and on every level of your home.
  - If traveling extended distances, pack a blanket and additional warm clothing.
  - Close crawl space vents.
  - Disconnect the garden hose from the spigot.
  - Insulate around outside spigots.
  - Leave a light on in the utility room.
  - Allow a trickle of water to run from a faucet.

- 3. The 41st annual Beach Ball Classic returns to Myrtle Beach December 27-30, with 16 teams in two brackets.** Games take place at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, 2101 North Oak Street, and John T. Rhodes Myrtle Beach Sports Center, 2115 Sports Center Way. Participating boys basketball teams include: Accelerated Prep (CO), Balboa (CA), BFL Prep (WA), Central Pointe (FL), Dorman (SC), Durango (NV), FT. Erie (Canada), George Rogers Clark (KY), J. Addison (Canada), Jonesboro (GA), Myrtle Beach (SC), PHH Prep (AZ), Roman Catholic (PA), Socastee (SC), Tampa Catholic (FL) and The Skills Factory (GA). For additional details, including game times and ticket information, visit <https://www.beachballclassic.com/>.
- 4. In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Officer Joe McGarry's tragic death, the Myrtle Beach Police Department hosts a remembrance ceremony and 2.63-mile family walk on Thursday, December 29, 4:00 p.m.** The event takes place at the Warren S. Gall Police Annex, 3340 Mustang Street. All donations collected will go to the PFC Joe McGarry Foundation. Questions? Contact [pdsocial@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:pdsocial@cityofmyrtlebeach.com).
- 5. The popular "A Southern Times Square" New Year's Eve Celebration is set for Saturday, December 31, 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at The Market Common.** This year's event features live music by Charlotte-based Alternate Take Band; food, beer and wine vendors; live coverage of New York City's Times Square on a jumbo screen; special guest emcee Duane Farmer; and, a spectacular ball-drop at midnight. For the 2022 event, a laser show will replace last year's fireworks show and the stage will be located in the town center front of Barnes & Noble. For guests' safety, this will be a clear-bag event and attendees must present a ticket to enter. Attendees also need to bring IDs and leave beach chairs at home. To learn more, see <https://nyemarketcommonmb.com/>.
- 6. City of Myrtle Beach offices and facilities will be closed Monday, January 2, to observe the New Year's Day holiday.** The closures include the Jake Abraham Transfer Station, Chapin Memorial Library and the city's four recreation facilities. The solid waste and recycling collection schedule is listed below. Unsure of your collection zone? During non-holiday weeks, Zone 1 is collected on Mondays, Zone 2 on Tuesdays, Zone 3 on Wednesdays and Zone 4 on Thursdays. Call 843-918-2160 for information.

**Solid Waste & Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule**

- Monday, December 26 – No Collections
  - Tuesday, December 27 – Zone 1
  - Wednesday, December 28 – Zone 2 and Zone 3
  - Thursday, December 29 – Zone 4
- 7. Beginning in January, the City of Myrtle Beach will pick up natural Christmas trees at curbside to take them to be recycled.** In late February, the trees will be ground by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, and the resulting landscaping mulch will be available to the public for free! The annual effort helps give trees a second life. It also saves valuable space in the landfill. Place trees at the curb, but not in the travel lane, and don't cover any utility meters or boxes. Also, remember to remove all decorations and tree stands! No wreaths, please. If you don't want to wait for curbside pickup, you may take your tree to the city's drop-off point at the Jake Abraham Solid Waste Transfer Station, 3221 Mr. Joe White Avenue.

- 8. Spots are still available for “Choose to Move,” an eight-week fitness program at Pepper Geddings Recreation Center, 3205 North Oak Street!** The popular challenge begins Saturday, January 7, and partakers receive an unlimited pass to the facility’s gyms, classes and pools. Participants track progress and create goals with fitness trainers. Cost is \$30 for current members, \$60 for non-member city residents and \$100 for non-member non-city residents. For information, contact Samantha Vititoe at [svititoe@cityofmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:svititoe@cityofmyrtlebeach.com).
- 9. A comprehensive list of city-related activities, recreation programs, festivals and events is available on the city's website.** The [Events](#) webpage is updated weekly.
- 10. The Myrtle Beach Fire Department hosted Santa Claus on a tour of Myrtle Beach last weekend, and that’s the subject of our Photos of the Week.** Dozens of girls and boys were in awe as Santa visited their neighborhoods in a big red fire truck, Saturday or Sunday, December 17-18. Santa Claus posed for pictures with anyone who asked, and also took note of what each child wants for Christmas. Santa and his firefighting helpers visited all of the city’s residential areas. This annual Myrtle Beach Fire Department tradition is a treasured one! To view these photos and more, see our [Photos of the Week Library](#) webpage.
- 11. Did you know...** That Myrtle Beach’s Chapin Memorial Library offers free library cards to city residents and U.S. military members or veterans? Plus, library cards are free to residents of Horry County, as well as residents of Darlington, Dillon, Georgetown, Marion, Marlboro and Sumter Counties, which are part of the Palmetto Overdrive Consortium. Non-city residents of any of the above locations are welcome to a 90-day library card for \$8, or a yearly library card for just \$20. (Additional family members are \$2 for the 90-day card and \$8 for the annual card.) Accepted forms of photo identification include a driver’s license, passport and school or employer identification. Accepted forms of proof-of-address include a driver’s license, paid property tax receipt, vehicle registration, utility bill or official copy of a bank statement. If lost, card replacements are \$2. See <https://www.chapinlibrary.org/> for more information.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
MEETING SCHEDULE  
December 26, 2022-January 2, 2023**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

- **Christmas Holiday Observed** – All City Offices and Facilities Closed

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

- **4:00 p.m.** – Myrtle Beach Police Department hosts Officer Joe McGarry Remembrance Ceremony and Family Walk, Warren S. Gall Police Annex, 3340 Mustang Street

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

- No Meetings Scheduled

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

- **New Year's Day Holiday Observed** – All City Offices and Facilities Closed