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Wednesday, December 16, 2015

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New and updated items in blue!

2015 CresCom Bank Holiday Invitational Girls' Basketball Tournament
Thursday, December 17, through Tuesday, December 22
Myrtle Beach Convention Center

The CresCom Bank Holiday Invitational Girls’ Basketball tournament is December 17 through 22 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. This is a 16-team, national invitation tournament with top high school talent from around the country. Tickets can be purchased at the Convention Center on game day or in advance by calling 843-213-0032. Visit http://www.beachballclassic.com for more. Three women’s college games are part of the action! Here’s the college line-up during CresCom…

- Coastal Carolina University vs. Wake Forest University… 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 18
- University of South Carolina vs. East Carolina University… 1:00 p.m., Sunday, December 20
- University of North Carolina vs. Southern Mississippi University… 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 20

“Choose-a-Palooza” Health and Fitness Fair
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, January 9
Pepper Geddings Recreation Center, 3205 North Oak Street

Want to lose those holiday pounds or get in shape? Then kick off the New Year right with “Choose-a-Palooza” 2016! The event marks the beginning of the popular “Choose to Lose” and “Choose to Move” fitness programs for those who want to be healthier, enjoy group classes and appreciate social interaction with new friends. Attend “Choose-a-Palooza” and meet our fitness instructors, tour our facilities, work out with a day pass, register for “Choose to Lose” or “Choose to Move,” play fun party games, experience fitness demos and more! For details, call Pepper Geddings Recreation Center at 843-918-2280 or visit http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/choose.html.

Let’s Talk About It… “Myrtle Beach: Fact and Fiction” Book Discussion Series
Sign-up Day is Saturday, January 2
Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North

Want to learn more about Myrtle Beach and its history? Then sign up for the Let’s Talk about It series, beginning in January at Chapin Memorial Library. The theme of the book discussion series is, “Myrtle Beach: Fact and Fiction.” Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 2, at the library. Discussion group meetings begin Wednesday, January 20, and continue through February 17 at Chapin Memorial Library. Doors open at 10:00 a.m., with the program at 10:30. Refreshments will be provided by The Friends of Chapin Memorial Library. For more, call Lesta Sue Hardee at 843-918-1275. Let’s Talk About It is a program of the Humanities Council of South Carolina at Chapin Memorial Library. Here are the dates, books and authors to be discussed…

- 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 2 – Registration and book distribution begins
• 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 20 – *Wicked Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand*, by Becky Billingsley

• 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 27 – *Ocean Forest*, by Troy Nooe

• 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 3 – *Legendary Locals of Myrtle Beach*, by Lesta Sue Hardee

• 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 10 – *Murder on the Front Nine*, by Steven McMillen

• 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 17 – *Floating on Air*, by Diane DeVaughn Stokes

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Parade**  
**Saturday through Monday, January 16 through 18**  
Various activities and locations

Myrtle Beach will commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with a weekend full of activities, January 16-18, 2016. It’s the city’s 10th annual celebration. Everyone’s invited to participate in a job fair, musical talent show, the King Day Parade and more. Here’s the full celebration schedule…

• 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 16, 2016 – Business and Opportunity Workshop, Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street

• 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 16, 2016 – Job Fair and Employability Workshop, Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street

• 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 16, 2016 – Statewide Deliberative Dialogue Forum, Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street

• 5:00 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2016 – “Carolina Has Talent” Gospel Explosion: Musical Tributes to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1008 Carver Street

• 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, January 17, 2016 – Civil Rights Sunday: Ecumenical Service, Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1008 Carver Street

• 8:00 a.m., Monday, January 18, 2016 – Corporate and Community Awards Breakfast, Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street

• 11:45 a.m., Monday, January 18, 2016 – 10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade,

**Community Health and Recreation Fair**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016**  
**Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street**

The Neighborhood Services Department will host a Community Health and Recreation Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 23, at Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street. It’s free and open to the public! The fair’s theme is Total Health: Mind, Body and Spirit. Participants will explore both traditional and nontraditional aspects of their health and have the opportunity to visit with many health care providers. Come learn about health care options; children’s, women’s and men’s health; power of attorney and living wills; hospice care; mental health; dental care; holistic health; financial health and more. Free screening and testing includes vision, hearing, blood pressure, HIV and glucose. The Fire Department will conduct first-aid and safety demonstrations. Entertainment for children will include arts and crafts, organized games, basketball fitness and swimming! Instructors will demonstrate techniques in BOSU, Yoga, Qi-Jong, total body workout techniques and aquatics. Enjoy snacks, giveaways, raffles and activities for the entire family! The fair is co-sponsored by Absolute Total Care, Kleenex, Edward Jones Financial and the City of Myrtle Beach. For information, contact Sorah at 843-918-1066 or slarimer@cityofmyrtlebeach.com.

**“Book to Movie” Club**  
**1:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2016**  
**Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North**
Do you enjoy reading books that later become movies? If so, join Chapin Memorial Library's new "Book to Movie" Club! Participants must be 18 years of age or older. The group will meet on the fourth Monday of each month. The club's first meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, at Chapin Memorial Library. Members read the selected book in advance, then join others in viewing a screening of the film based on the book! Discussion will follow. *Jaws*, by Peter Benchley, is the first selected book. For more information, call 843-918-1275 or email cazzola@chapinlibrary.org.

“All That Jazz” Music Seminars  
Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North  
Call 843-918-1281 for information

Join teacher and jazz musician Lloyd Kaplan for seminars discussing the history of jazz music at Chapin Memorial Library. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Deb at 843-918-1281 or warrington@chapinlibrary.org.

- 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 15, 2016 – American Black Musical Influence  
- 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2016 – History of Jazz in America

Friday Films at the Library  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m., every Friday  
First Floor Meeting Room, Chapin Memorial Library

Chapin Memorial Library invites you to join the cinematic fun from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Friday in the first floor meeting room. Participants must be 18 years of age, or older. Popcorn will be served, and you may bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Call 843-918-1275 for more information.

- 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 8, 2016 – Max  
- 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2016 – Vacation  
- 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 – Mr. Holmes  
- 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2016 – Trainwreck  
- 1:30 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2016 – Ricki and the Flash

Military Appreciation Days Parade  
10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 28, 2016  
The Market Common and Grand Park Area

The Military Appreciation Days parade will be held Saturday, May 28, on Farrow Parkway at Grand Park! The Military Appreciation Committee is retuning the parade to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, at The Market Common. Come meet the Grand Marshal that Saturday and enjoy the Big Family Picnic, various exhibits and a live performance by the Andrew Thielen Big Band. Military Appreciation Days is a month-long celebration of our military men and women. Stay tuned for the announcement of the Grand Marshal and other events. Parade entries are being accepted now! For details, an entry form and a parade route map, visit www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/paradeforms.pdf.

Free Legal Clinics  
Chapin Memorial Library  
www.scbar.org/clinics

Chapin Memorial Library hosts free legal clinics on various topics. Topics include fraud, family law, criminal records, divorce, custody, aging and more. The clinics consist of a 30 to 45 minute presentation by an attorney, with a question-and-answer session following. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required. For more information, call the library at 843-918-1295, or the South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Program at 803-799-4015, extension 158.
Applications are being accepted for MyBeach 101, a new, eight-week citizens academy offered by the City of Myrtle Beach. Similar to the Citizens Police Academy, MyBeach 101 will focus on the city as a whole, not just the Police Department. Participants will learn about the city’s services and structure. The initial class size is limited to 18 people, with preference given to city residents and business owners/operators. Classes will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays from January 28 through March 17. Applications are available at www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/mybeach101.pdf and must be returned by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 31. For more information about this new program, contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 843-918-1066.

MyBeach 101 Citizens Academy
Applications accepted now!
First class is Thursday, January 28, 2016

Myrtle Beach’s “Holidays on the Boardwalk” celebration takes place every weekend through January 3. Events are available for all ages and include live music, camel rides, polar express train rides, Santa visits and the festival of lights. Join in the holiday celebration in Plyler Park, on the Boardwalk and along Ocean Boulevard! For more information, visit www.myrtlebeachdowntown.com.

Saturday, December 19
12:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Live Entertainment
12:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Camel Rides and the Polar Express Train Rides
12:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Santa Claus on the Boardwalk
12:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Meet Mrs. Claus, elves, Coca-Cola Bear, Winter Princesses and more!
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Potpourri Performance, Ninth Avenue North, Oceanfront Stage

Sunday, December 20
12:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Camel Rides and the Polar Express Train Rides
12:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Meet Mrs. Claus, elves, Coca-Cola Bear, Winter Princesses and more!
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. – White Christmas with Boardwalk Elvis, Ninth Avenue North, Oceanfront Stage
5:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Community Candlelight Carolina

Daily, December 26 through January 2
12:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Camel Rides and the Polar Express Train Rides
12:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Meet elves, the Coca-Cola Bear, Winter Princesses and Super Heroes

City of Myrtle Beach Holiday Schedules
City Offices and Solid Waste Services
Christmas and New Year’s Weeks

City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas, and Friday, January 1, for New Year’s Day. Here is the solid waste and recycling collection schedule for Monday through Friday, December 21 through 25… Collections will be made in Zone 1 as usual on Monday, December 21. Collections will be made in Zone 2 as usual on Tuesday, December 22. Zone 3 and Zone 4 will be serviced on Wednesday, December 23. No collection services will be offered on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25. Solid waste and recycling collections will be made on the regular schedule from Monday through Thursday, December 28-31, with no service on Friday, January 1. Questions? Call the Solid Waste Division at 843-918-2160.
The 35th annual Beach Ball Classic Boys’ Basketball tournament is December 26 through 31 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. This is the nation’s premier high school holiday basketball tournament! Tickets can be purchased at the Convention Center on game days or in advance by calling 843-213-0032. Visit http://www.beachballclassic.com for more about teams and game times.

Upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meetings
Various Times, Dates and Locations

The following Neighborhood Watch meetings are scheduled for the next few weeks. Call Crime Prevention Officer Henry Bresadola at 843-918-1806 for more information.

- Carolina Breeze Neighborhood Watch – 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, 100 Cedar Street
- Emmens Preserve Neighborhood Watch – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- The Highlands Neighborhood Watch – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- The Market Common Neighborhood Watch – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- The Reserve Neighborhood Watch – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- Seagate Neighborhood Watch – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- Withers Preserve Neighborhood Watch – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane
- Booker T. Washington Neighborhood Watch – 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 21, Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, 971 Canal Street

Myrtle’s Market Holiday Schedule
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., December 19 and 23
Mr. Joe White Avenue and Oak Street

Enjoy the holiday spirit at Myrtle’s Market... Many vendors are back for the holidays! Some 20 specialty vendors will be on hand, offering a variety of fruits, local honey, desserts, flowers, sweet treats, holiday decorations, candles and handmade arts, crafts, jewelry and clothing. Here’s the Myrtle’s Market Holiday Schedule…

9:00 to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 19 (Photos with Santa, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 23 (Photos with Santa, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Holiday vendors may include: Angel's Centsational Candles, Cedars Edge Crafting, Chef's Homemade, Flowers and Crafts by Wanda, Gentleman's Cult, Handmade By Monika, Handmade Jewelry By Darlene, Indigo Farms, It Makes Scents, JJ Farms, Mountain Man Honey, One Stop Hippie Shop, Origami Owl, Pallet Art By Tammy, Sunny Skies Alpaca, Sweet Generations Baked Goods and Trudi's Needle.

Community Garden Committee
5:30 p.m., Monday, December 21
Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North
Interested in learning about gardening, sharing garden tips or having a garden plot at the Garden of Hope? Join us at Garden Committee meetings at Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North. These monthly meetings are open to the public. The last meeting in 2015 will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, December 21. The Garden of Hope on Carver Street offers available plots for planting vegetables, fruits and flowers. Beginning in 2016, meetings will take place at 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Senior Bingo at Canty Recreation Center
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., every Tuesday through April 26
Mary C. Canty Recreation Center

Come have fun and win a prize during Senior Bingo at Mary C. Canty Recreation Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., every Tuesday. Participants are asked to bring a $1 gift for the prize table. The Mary C. Canty Recreation Center, formerly Canal Street Recreation Center, is located at 971 Canal Street. Call 843-918-1465 for more information.

Senior Friday Movie Schedule
Call 843-918-2380 for information
Base Recreation Center, 800 Gabreski Lane

Enjoy a free movie for adults and seniors every Friday at 3:00 p.m. at the Base Recreation Center. Soft drinks and popcorn are available for $1 each.

- 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 18 – Love and Mercy (PG-13)
- Friday, December 25 – Base Recreation Center Closed
- Friday, January 1, 2016 – Base Recreation Center Closed
- 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 8, 2016 – Aloha (PG-13)
- 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2016 – I’ll See You in My Dreams (PG-13)
- 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 22, 2016 – The Age of Adaline (PG-13)
- 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2016 – Hot Pursuit (PG-13)

Senior Dances at Base Recreation Center
Various Dates and Times
Call 843-918-2380 for information

The Base Recreation Center offers numerous dance opportunities throughout the year for the “over 50” crowd to meet new people, socialize with old friends and dance the night away. The popular senior dance events feature both couple dancing and line dancing. Base Recreation Center welcomes and encourages senior single dancers to attend. Call 843-918-2380 for more information.

Grand Strand USA Dance Chapter’s monthly dances… Base Recreation Center hosts monthly dances on various dates for the Grand Strand USA Dance Chapter.

Saturday, January 9
Saturday, February 13
Saturday, March 5
Saturday, April 9
Saturday, May 14
Saturday, June 11
Saturday, July 16
Saturday, August 13
Saturday, September 10
Saturday, October 8
Saturday, November 12
Saturday, December 10
Topics Trivia
4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North

Chapin Memorial Library hosts Topics Trivia, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., every fourth Tuesday of the month, through December. Players must “show what they know” in this fun and fast-paced competition. A team consists of one to six players, who answer questions from different topics, such as literature, geography, sports, television, history and movies. The team with the most points is the winner! Contact Laura at reference@chapinlibrary.org or call 843-918-1295 for more information.

- 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 22

Knitting and Crochet Group
2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Fridays
Chapin Memorial Library, 400 14th Avenue North

Chapin Memorial Library offers knitting and crochet classes in the first floor meeting room every Friday afternoon. Learn basic knitting and crochet skills or get help with an existing project. Please bring your own supplies. Volunteers are needed to teach and assist with programs, creating displays, and other library activities. Please call Briget at 843-918-1275 for more information.

Area Business Disaster Recovery Symposium
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2016
Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel

Save the Date! Prepare for the unexpected at the next Area Business Disaster Recovery Symposium, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 29, at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel. The symposium focuses on how businesses can prepare and recover from disasters, including fires, ice storms, tornadoes, power outages, hurricanes and flooding. For more information, please call 843-918-1069.

FIRST Robotics Regional Competition – Volunteers welcome!
Thursday through Saturday, February 24 through 27, 2016
Myrtle Beach Convention Center

The Myrtle Beach Convention Center again will be the site of the Palmetto Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, Thursday through Saturday, February 24 through 27, 2016. More than 60 teams of high school students from South Carolina and the East Coast will build their own robots to compete in this fast-paced event. Teams warm up Thursday, February 24, with robot inspections and practice rounds, followed by the high-energy tournament on Friday and Saturday. Admission is free! The public is invited to watch talented students put their math, science and engineering skills to work. All 12 Horry County high schools are expected to field a team. Past and prospective volunteers need to register at https://my.usfirst.org/FIRSTPortal/Login/vims_login.aspx.

Art Exhibits – “South Carolina’s Agricultural History: Indigo and Rice”
Through January 7
F.G. Burroughs-S.B. Chapin Art Museum

“Rice: Paintings by Jonathan Green” and “Indigo: Works in Denim by Jim Arendt,” two coordinating exhibits open September 29 at the Franklin G. Burroughs – Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum. Both explore the effects of two lucrative South Carolina agricultural products. At the time of the American Revolution, South Carolina was one of the richest colonies thanks to rice, a highly valued food crop, and indigo, prized by Europeans as a dye for fabrics. Museum hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free,
but donations are welcomed. The art museum is located at 3100 South Ocean Boulevard. For more information, call 843-238-2510.

“David Shriver Soliday: Remnants of the Rice Culture...” Representing the legacy of rice, this exhibition features aerial photography of old Lowcountry rice fields by David Shriver Soliday of Charleston, SC. Eighteen works from Green’s “Rice” series, inspired by the artist’s Gullah ancestry and relation to rice cultivation, join Soliday’s exhibit. A small collection of Lowcountry rice culture historical artifacts also will be onsite for viewing.

“Works in Denim by Jim Arendt...” Representing the legacy of indigo, this exhibition features works by Jim Arendt, Coastal Carolina University’s Rebecca Randall Bryan Gallery director and recipient of the 2013 ArtFields inaugural Grand Prize. His denim pieces are life-sized portrayals of close friends and family members. Moreover, his use of denim as a primary medium celebrates the resilience and thriftiness of rural people and their values.

19th Annual Myrtle Beach Marathon
March 3 through 5, 2016
Registration is underway...
http://www.mbmarmarthon.com

Registration is underway for the 19th annual Myrtle Beach Marathon and accompanying events, to be held March 3-5, 2016! The marathon itself is Saturday, March 5, 2016. For more information about this popular race weekend, which includes a full marathon, a half marathon, a marathon team relay, a 5K and a one-mile fun run, visit http://www.mbmarmarthon.com.

Fireworks! Various Locations in Myrtle Beach

Thursday, December 31, 8:00 p.m. – Broadway at the Beach
Thursday, New Year’s Eve, 12:00 a.m. – The Market Common

For more events in the Myrtle Beach area, visit http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/things-to-do/events/.