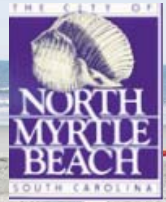


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St. Pat's Day Parade & Festival March 17

The 24th Annual North Myrtle Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival will be held March 17 on Main Street. The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. and the festival runs



from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It offers food, arts and crafts, live entertainment and more. Last year, an estimated 25,000 people enjoyed this family oriented event.

New Law Regulates Smoking in NMB

On March 7 a law regulating smoking in North Myrtle Beach becomes effective . The prohibition of smoking encompasses:

(A) All enclosed areas, including buildings owned, leased or operated by the City, are subject to the provisions of the new law.

(B) Smoking is also prohibited in all enclosed places in North Myrtle Beach, including but not limited to: (1) Aquariums, galleries, libraries and museums. (2) Areas available to the general public in businesses and nonprofit entities patronized by the public, including but not limited to, banks, laundromats, professional offices and retail service establishments. (3) Bars. (4) Bingo facilities. (5) Child care and adult day care facilities. (6) Convention facilities. (7) Educational facilities, both private and public. (8) Elevators. (9) Gaming facilities. *(Continued on Back)*

Community Prayer Breakfast is March 27

The 3rd Annual Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast will be held March 27, 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m., at the J. Bryan Floyd Community Center. During the free, inter-

denominational prayer service, leaders from North Myrtle Beach places of worship will come together to pray for North Myrtle Beach residents, visitors and leaders; local, state and federal elected officials; members



of the Armed Forces; and other groups. A free continental breakfast is served as part of the event. In early March, a program detailing event activities will be available under "New & Noteworthy" on City's website homepage at www.NMB.us.

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Sign up for free Nixle alerts at www.Nixle.com. Our Public Safety Department uses the Nixle system to alert residents to crimes, fires, significant accidents and other emergency situations developing within the City limits. When you sign up, you determine which alerts you want to receive and for what specific area. You will not receive ads or other junk mail. It is free and you can unsubscribe at any time.

City Council Budget Retreat March 5-6

City Council and department heads will meet at Wampee Plantation Conference Center in Moncks Corner, SC March 5-6 for their FY 2013 Budget Retreat. We will share retreat highlights in the next issue of



Currents and, the proposed FY 2013 Budget will be posted under the "New & Noteworthy" section on the City's website at www.NMB.us.

6th Ave South Project

The project at 6th Avenue South and Highway 17 will continue through March and perhaps into early April. The project involves the installation of lefthand turn lanes, new traffic signal mast arms, sewer line work, the removal of old overhead lines, sidewalk installation, and more.

Information Sources!

Visit us at www.NMB.us for press releases, meeting agendas, department reports and more. Tune in to **Channel 15** on Time Warner Cable for 24-hour city news, job postings, and more. Tune into **WNMI 98.7 FM** for news, job announcements, and more. Join us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**, too!

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(10) Health care facilities. (11) Hotels and motels. (12) Lobbies, enclosed hallways and other common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, trailer parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes and other multiple-unit residential facilities. (13) Polling places. (14) Public transportation vehicles, including buses and taxicabs, under the authority of the City, and ticket, boarding and waiting areas of public transportation facilities, including bus, train and airport facilities. (15) Restaurants. (16) Restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, enclosed hallways, and other common-use areas. (17) Retail stores. (18) Rooms, chambers, places of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings under the control of an agency, board, commission, committee or council of the City. Exceptions: campground spaces, lodgings, or sleeping accommodations furnished by any hotel, inn, tourist court, tourist camp, motel, campground, condominium complex, structure owned or rented as timeshares or residence. (19) Service lines. (20) Shopping malls. (21) Sports arenas, including enclosed places in outdoor arenas. (22) Ballparks, athletic fields and other sporting venues when in use for athletic competitions or public performances, public parks, amphitheaters; except in designated smoking areas. (23) Theaters and other facilities primarily used for exhibiting motion pictures, stage dramas, lectures, musical recitals, or other similar performances.

(C) Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of places of employment without exception. This includes, without limitation, common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, enclosed hallways, medical facilities, cafeterias, employee lounges, stairs, restrooms, and all other enclosed facilities.

(D) This prohibition on smoking must be communicated to all existing employees by the effective date of the new law (*March 7, 2012*) and to all prospective employees upon their application for employment. (*Continued Below*)

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Exceptions: Smoking may be permitted in the following places or under the following circumstances: (1) Private residences, unless used as a child care, adult day care, or health care facility. (2) Retail tobacco stores as defined in the new law. (3) Religious ceremonies where smoking is part of the ritual. (4) Campground spaces, lodgings or sleeping accommodations furnished by any hotel, inn, tourist court, tourist camp, motel, campground, condominium complex, structures owned or rented as timeshare, or residence. (5) Designated smoking areas for public parks, ballparks, athletic fields or other sporting/athletic venues when in use for athletic competitions or public performances, amphitheaters.

Outside Distance from Doors, Etc.: When smoking outdoors, smoking must be conducted at a reasonable distance from any door, window or ventilation system so that smoke does not enter the building through them when they are active.

E-Cigarettes: Please be aware that e-cigarettes are not regulated by this ordinance. Their mention was removed prior to final passage of the ordinance.

COMPLETE ORDINANCE: The complete ordinance, which includes definitions of the words, terms and phrases that are included in the new law, and information on violations and penalties, is available under the "New City Laws" section on the homepage of the City's website at www.NMB.us.