

# GREENTREES

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Newsletter

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## President's Message

Happy 2024, everybody!

In the Board of Director's meeting on January 9th, we seated the new BOD, and then the Directors elected the 2024 officers. Sally Ott was elected Vice President, Leslie Shaw was elected Treasurer and Michael Peaslee was elected Secretary. New Directors are Nancy O'Neill in District 3, Jack Swanson in District 5, Leslie Shaw in District 7 and Diane Greer in District 9. You can count on each Officer and each Director to work hard for Greentrees Village and I can tell you, we hit the ground running working very hard.

The entire board would like to offer last year's Directors our thanks for their service to our beloved Greentrees. Leaving the Board was Lou Manzi, Michele Smith, Leslie Shaw left District 5 and was elected in her own District 7, and Ron McCrary.

Our pledge to you, the residents of Greentrees Village Inc., is to offer you as much transparency as we possibly can, with the understanding that we cannot discuss employee issues, legal matters, specific lot owner issues and the like for confidentiality reasons. Please attend your District Meetings when you can, feel free to attend different District meetings too! I also encourage you to attend our BOD meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm in the Recreation Hall.

Here's to a truly wonderful 2024!

*Carley*



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## See and Be Seen

by Jack Stephen

In my efforts to find a subject for this monthly article, I asked my fellow residents what was on their minds. The greatest concern that everyone said was Greentrees' security. We all must admit that we live in a soft-gated community. The entry gates keep out vehicles, yet anyone on a bike or on foot has access. The homes on our perimeter may not have fences. Two ways that you can increase security are with signage and with a motion-activated outside light.



As to signage, a program called Neighborhood Watch is available to our residents. It encourages your local neighbors to watch out for one another with phone and contact information. Posting a Neighborhood Watch sign in your front yard is against our Rules and Regulations. However, Neighborhood Watch decals (available for sale in the office for a small fee) placed in the windows facing property entry areas may help deter trespassers.

See and be seen. Another issue of concern to our community members has been the cars (or should we say their drivers?) that don't seem to see the residents who walk for exercise or with their pet. This can happen during the day or night. As of February 1, I will have reflective yellow safety vests for sale in the GTV office. I can buy them on Amazon in a ten pack. I will offer them at my cost of \$4.00 each. If they sell out, I will order more. Local pet stores also have similar reflective vests for pets along with reflective safety leashes. There are also small, flashing lights that can easily clip onto your clothing or your pet's collar or leash.

On another safety note, don't forget your emergency water supply and flashlights. We all saw the winter storm that hit our state last month. Be prepared.

Did you know that we have an emergency response team in our community? The Greentrees Emergency Response Team (GERT) meetings are open to all. The next meeting is February 8 in the Multipurpose Room. Come and find out more about what is happening so you can be prepared for a disaster.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk with me at any of the GTV meetings.

## Bingo Update

by Diana Lindsley

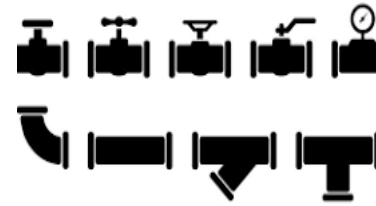
**There have been some questions about Bingo and why it is currently on hiatus.**

While we had the appropriate licenses and permissions from the city, it was discovered that we also needed a license from the state, as our monies exceeded what was permissible from the state. Therefore, we have applied to the state of Oregon for the appropriate licenses. As is common with government, it may take some time; the state has said it may take up to 60 days for the license to be received. We do not believe it will take that long and will inform everyone when the license is received and we can resume playing.

## GTV HOA Water Project

During the January Board Meeting the GTV Water Project was approved by the 2023 board. This project is a multi-year project that will be done in phases over the next few years. Several residents on the East side have already had their saddle and shutoff valve replaced. In addition to the new saddle and shutoff valve, a gauge which will allow us to measure water usage by lot will also be installed. Phase I will be finishing the East side and will be completed in the Spring and the West side installations will begin in the fall. The next two phases will be the rest of the West side over an 18 month period in 2024 & 2025. The schedule may vary somewhat due to unforeseen issues, which may slow or accelerate progress.

by Diane Greer



## What's the Story on Alcohol at Greentrees

By Diana Lindsley and Diane Greer

While we have allowed and served alcohol, primarily beer and wine, since the beginnings of Greentrees Village, we have recently realized there may have been some issues. Rules change throughout time and while the city of Florence allowed us to serve beer and wine without a license because it was private property, the requirement is at the state level. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) requires a license for anyone to serve or sell liquor.

We also needed to find out from our insurance company where GTV stood in this matter. After our insurance broker, Donovan, looked into this, he found that our insurance already covers us for 'byob' under our current policy.

As our residents make up this community of ours, we wanted to hear what your thoughts were. We offered two alcohol forums; Wednesday, February 7th at 6 pm and Thursday, February 8th at 2pm. Our insurance agent was able to attend the Thursday forum by phone. We had good attendance at both events and there was a lot of good discussion from all points of view on this.

The good news is that during our discussion with our insurance broker, we heard that we are already covered and there is no need to increase our policy. It was suggested that we add this to our Rules and Regs. This will be added by the Ad-Hoc committee who is reviewing the Rules and Regs. This will mean that our residents who bring guests to GTV events and imbibe in drinking will be responsible for their guests.

We will also be able to continue to offer beer or wine as door prizes for the potlucks, bingo or other events. The bottles cannot be opened or consumed at the event. It is required that the door prize be taken home to be consumed or brought to the next event as your 'byob'.

## February Potluck

By Mary Hamilton

The February Potluck will be hosted by Charles and Elizabeth Lugg. It will be held on Friday, Feb 23 at 5 PM in the Rec Hall.

Potlucks are a great way to meet your friends and neighbors in Greentrees Village on the 4th Friday of the month. Think about being the **Host for March!** You'll have a \$50 budget from the Activities Committee to purchase door prizes which can double as décor.

Maintenance sets up the tables and chairs and the Host greets guests, calls tables to go to the food tables and draws the door prizes. Just like having a house party – you'll make sure tables are cleaned at the end of the event and the kitchen is tidy and locked.

When preparing a dish, make it one that serve 8-12 people can enjoy a



scoop of. Bring your own place setting, glass and silverware along with your drinks; beer and wine are allowed. If your dish has nuts or milk, please have a note by the dish to warn people with allergies.

Up to 65 people could be at each potluck, so get ready to have fun and meet your neighbors.

**Please call the office to host the March 29th potluck.**

## Greentrees Greenhouse and Community Garden Spaces

By Daniel Baxter

OK all y'all, get crud under your fingernails, smudges on your foreheads, and maybe a few sore muscles and grow some stuff. Visit the greenhouse and see where you might like to start some seedlings or try to winter over a special plant. Check outside and scheme a garden plot for others to envy...oh, say about four foot by four foot. Flowers, food, what the heck, anyone want to build a scarecrow?

But, but, but," I don't have time!" So share a plot (dare I say it... ask a neighbor?), sponsor a spot, bribe some of your grandkids, or even throw an unused tool at some greenthumb hanging out at the greenhouse. (Continued on page 8)

## Group Corner



**Luncheon out!** – This group meets at local restaurants at 11:30am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. On Feb 21, they will meet at Linda Did It Deli & Espresso at 11:30 AM. The signup sheet is in the library. Contact Jude Stendahl at 763-792-2312 for any questions. All are welcome to attend!

**Scrapbooking / Paper Crafting Group!** – This group is back for 4 months! Meetings will generally be on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Rec Hall. Meeting Feb 18 in the Rec Hall. Contact Joy at jplummergang2015@gmail.com for information or to attend.

**Acoustic Guitar Jam** – The Informal ‘jam’ sessions will be every Thursday at 10AM in the Multi-Purpose room (2nd Thursday in the Rec Hall). Playing mostly a “seasoned” variety of folk, rock, and country music, we attempt some strumming, pickin’, and singin’. Bring your wooden box with strings and share some music. Contact: Dan Chagnon, 541-621-6293.

**Pickle Ball** – This is a small group that meets at 8:30 AM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They encourage anyone who wants to learn the game to come, watch, and learn. Extra paddles are available.

**Quilt Group** – We will continue to make lap quilts for the Christmas Giving Tree. Feb 16 we are taking a field trip to the Oregon Quilt Festival in Salem! Regular meetings will be in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10 AM - 12 noon, meeting the 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting – Feb 23, the week after the quilt festival trip. All abilities are welcome! If you would like to donate supplies, we love to have them. We will make easy blocks and put together quilts for the children of Florence. Please contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623 for more information.

**Book Club** – This group meets at 2PM on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Multipurpose Room. Rather than everyone reading the same book, each month members are encouraged to bring a book that they have read or are reading. For more information, please contact Charles Lugg at 541-590-3871 or Don McGehe at 541-590-3421.

**Other Groups?** – If you belong to a group and would like to share your group information, please contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623 to get your group activities added to the Group Corner section.

## Jim Negri’s – At The Movies Genres for the month are WESTERNS and DRAMAS



### **Support Your Local Sheriff -- 1969**

A small-scale gold rush erupts in a Colorado town after treasure is found in a grave. The area quickly becomes a magnet for criminals and other ne'er-do-wells, but everyone is too intent on searching for gold to consider law and order. When Jason McCullough (James Garner), a clever and supremely laid-back gunslinger, wanders into town, he becomes the de facto lawman, aided by local eccentric Jake (Jack Elam). McCullough's ingenuity is tested, however, when he runs afoul of the tough Danby gang.

### **Ten Wanted Men -- 1955**

Rancher John Stewart (Randolph Scott) prefers to resolve problems without falling back on violent solutions. However, fellow cattleman Wick Campbell (Richard Boone) isn't so peaceful, and he hires a team of armed mercenaries, led by ruthless Frank Scavo (Leo Gordon), to rid him of any possible competition. After narrowly surviving an attack from Scavo and his men, Stewart has little choice but to fight back in order to save both his ranch and his family, including nephew Howie (Skip Homeier).

### **True Grit -- 2010**

After an outlaw named Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin) murders her father, feisty 14-year-old farm girl Mattie Ross (Hailee Steinfeld) hires Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), a boozy, trigger-happy lawman, to help her find Chaney and avenge her father. The bickering duo are not alone in their quest, for a Texas Ranger named LaBoeuf (Matt Damon) is also tracking Chaney for reasons of his own. Together the unlikely trio ventures into hostile territory to dispense some Old West justice.

### **12 Years A Slave -- 2014**

In the years before the Civil War, Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), a free black man from upstate New York, is kidnapped and sold into slavery in the South. Subjected to the cruelty of one malevolent owner (Michael Fassbender), he also finds unexpected kindness from another, as he struggles continually to survive and maintain some of his dignity. Then in the 12th year of the disheartening ordeal, a chance meeting with an abolitionist from Canada changes Solomon's life forever.

### **31 North 62 East -- 2009**

The British Prime Minister leaks the location of an SAS team in Afghanistan to secure a multi-million-pound arms deal.

### **Antwone Fisher -- 2003**

The touching story of a sailor (Derek Luke) who, prone to violent outbursts, is sent to a naval psychiatrist (Denzel Washington) for help. Refusing at first to open up, the young man eventually breaks down and reveals a horrific childhood. Through the guidance of his new doctor, he confronts his painful past and begins a quest to find the family he never knew.

### **Apartment Zero -- 1988**

In a rundown area of Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the dawn of the 1980s, Adrian LeDuc (Colin Firth) owns both a struggling movie theater and a shabby apartment building filled with eccentric, squabbling tenants; his institutionalized mother (Elvia Andreoli) adds further pressure. To make ends meet, Adrian takes in a roommate, Jack Carney (Hart Bochner), but soon begins to suspect that the quiet American is responsible for a series of political assassinations that are rocking the city.

### **Bon Voyage -- 2003**

An actress, a writer, a student, and a government worker band together in an effort to escape Paris as the Nazis move into the city.

### **Bourne Ultimatum -- 2007**

A former CIA assassin continues his quest to fill in memory gaps. When a 'Guardian' reporter stumbles onto his trail, the man spies his chance to blow the Blackbriar black-ops brigade wide open. With some very powerful people intent on keeping their skeletons buried, he is in more danger than ever before, as his former paymasters send a series of elite killers after their reformed ex-colleague.

### **Highlander Unholy Alliance -- 1994**

Xavier St Cloud returns, killing Immortals with the help of mortal mercenaries who shoot their prey, making his kill easy. His next target is MacLeod but, warned by Dawson, Mac and Charlie, he manages to escape death - though the dojo is all but destroyed in the gunfight.

### **The Last Samurai -- 2003**

Capt. Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise) is an American military officer hired by the Emperor of Japan to train the country's first army in the art of modern warfare. As the government attempts to eradicate the ancient Samurai warrior class in preparation for more Westernized and trade-friendly policies, Algren finds himself unexpectedly affected by his encounters with the Samurai, which places him at the center of a struggle between two eras and two worlds.

## GERT NEWS

by Kristel Buechner, GERT Coordinator

Emergency preparedness and fire safety are always priorities and, with GERT, there is no exception. Emergency fire blankets are vital in aiding in fire suppression, they are also reusable, and require no messy clean up like with a fire extinguisher. You may want to have a fire blanket in many different places throughout your home such as, the kitchen, garage/shop, your vehicle, fire pit, BBQ, boat, and your to-go bag, just to name a few.

What is one of the things a fire needs? OXY-GEN! When laying a fire blanket over a fire, it suffocates the fire. NOTE: Fire Blankets are made of special flame-suppressant materials - using a regular blanket to attempt to smother or to shield yourself from fire can lead to severe burns.

GERT is looking at placing a large order of fire blankets. With a large group order we're hoping for discount through a vendor. The two blanket sizes we are offering are: 3x3 ft at \$7 each, and 6x6 ft at \$38 each. We hope to see much lower prices with a larger order. If you are interested, I will be attending District Meetings and the Board Meeting with a sample of the blanket, or you can contact me directly if you would like to order. Kristel Buechner, GERT Coordinator, at 541-997-0909.

## Let Us Hear From You

by Diane Greer, District 9 Rep

We have a new board in place for 2024 and we would like to hear from our residents. There are many ways for you to get the word out: District Meetings; email your District Representative or any District Rep of your choice; a phone call to your District Representative, Resident's Forum during the monthly board meeting.

Each representative holds a District meeting once a month or every two months. Most of the district meetings are set up in a round table format so all attendees can see all others. These district meetings are provided to let the representative give information to their residents, but also for the representative to get feedback from the residents. Ideas, concerns, questions and comments are all welcome at the district meetings as long as it is done in a calm and respectful fashion. All District Meetings are listed on the calendar and at the end of every weekly email blast.

Emails to District Representatives can be sent anytime, but please don't expect a response in the middle of the night or on weekends. Your Representative will get back to you as soon as they can.

Phone calls should be made only during business hours. If there is an emergency outside of business hours, please look at the GTV website or your directory for emergency contact information.

Each HOA Board Meeting, held monthly, has a Resident's Forum where you can turn in your name and topic and, if enough time allows, you will be given 3 minutes to speak on the topic you wrote down. Please note, the more residents who wish to speak the longer the meeting can be. We try to limit this section to 15 minutes total.

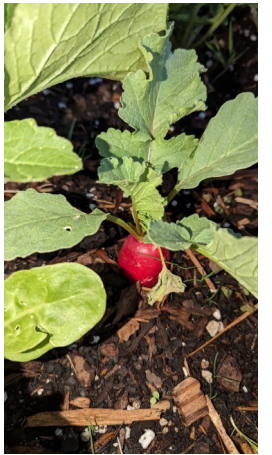
## Greentrees Greenhouse and Community Garden Spaces

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Which brings to mind an irrigation situation: There ain't none! Any drip irrigation items at the back of some garage shelf might find purpose in the garden zone. And I do know this guy who enjoys playing with watering systems. Hint, hint!

In the last months greenhouse space replaced lingering plants, planters appeared, weeds disappeared, and most recently, the days lengthened enough that some of those early spring crop seeds need planting. Garden spaces, paths with wood chip mulch, rich compost for soil amendments, ADA accessible garden areas, raised beds, experimental beds (SIP, vertical, etc) and a bunch of other pipe dream gardening ideas actually started flowing last season and just might start filling our small garden pond. Got thoughts? Better yet, got energy? Either way, share 'em.

The hope to stake out garden spaces paths by March or earlier remains the agenda and a local tree service promised delivery of wood chips. The current beds need replacing and the soils replenishing although one is already seeded with potatoes from seasons past. Plants want to grow NOW so sort your seed packs, find those old starter trays, and make sure the seals on your mister didn't get ruined because you left something in them last year.



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### UPDATE

The cracks in the Recreation Hall floor have been filled. Thanks to Maintenance and the Property Committee for making this happen.



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# GREENTREES ACTIVITES

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 am Music Jam	2	3 1 pm District 7 Mtg
4	5 12:30 pm GERT Radio Test 1 pm Bunco	6 10 am Property Committee Mtg 1 pm Card Exchange	7 10 am Finance Committee Mtg 1 pm Bridge 1 pm Communications Committee Mtg 6 pm Alcohol Forum	8 10 am Music Jam 1 pm GERT 1 pm Architectural Committee Mtg 2 pm Alcohol Forum	9	10 1 pm Districts 4&5 Mtg
11	12 10 am Activity Committee Mtg	13 10 am Senior Moments Coffee Club 1 pm Board of Directors Meeting	14 Pool Closed 1 pm Bridge	15 10 am Music Jam 3:30 pm Districts 1&2 Mtg	16 10 am Quilt Group Road Trip 3 pm District 3 Mtg	17
18 10 am Paper Crafting Workshop	19 1 pm Bunco	20 4 pm District 6 Mtg	21 11:30 am Luncheon Out 1 pm Bridge	22 10 am Music Jam 2 pm Book Club	23 10 am Quilt Group 5 pm Pot Luck	24 1 pm Districts 8&9 Mtg
25	26	27	28 1 pm Bridge	29 10 am Music Jam		

## Event locations

Daily (weekdays):

Water Aerobics, at the Pool, 8 AM

Mon /Wed / Fri:

Pickle Ball, at the court, 8:30 AM

Exercise Class, Rec Hall, 10 AM

Tai Chi, Rec Hall, 9 AM

Rec Hall:

All District Meetings

Board Meeting

Scrap Booking Group

Bunco

Card Exchange

Potluck

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Multi-Purpose Room:

Property Committee

Finance Committee

Communications Committee

Activity Committee

Quilt Club

Music Jam

GERT

Conference Room:

ACC Committee

## Tidbits

**Recycling:** The Activities Committee collects bottles and cans with deposits. All the funds go to the Activity Committee to offset the costs of events. There is a blue barrel in the Rec Hall to collect your donations. We thank you for your help in supporting GTV events.

**New Residents** are reminded they need to check in with the Office within 7 days of moving in to be registered and obtain the Welcome package.

**HOA Fees:** Reminder that the HOA fees for 2024 are **\$270 per month** or \$3,240 per year. You can pay your dues monthly, quarterly or annually.

**Dumpster Use:** It's getting to be that time of year when we are cleaning up yards and getting yard debris. A reminder that **ONLY** yard debris should be in the dumpsters (no trash or plastic bags). There is a fine for doing that. Branches should be kept to under 3 inches and 3 feet long.

**Directory info:** Is your directory information correct –names, phone numbers and email address? The Office needs correct information in order to contact you.

**Email list:** We send out regular weekly communications, as well as emergency / important information as needed via email to all residents signed up for the email list. To add your name to receive this valuable email, contact Diana Lindsley with your name, lot number and email address.