

Happy New Year: Did You Know...

- The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 B.C
- Forty-five percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions. The top resolutions are: to lose weight, get organized, to spend less and save more, to stay fit and healthy, and to quit smoking. While nearly half of all Americans make resolutions, 25 percent of them give up on their resolutions by the second week of January.
- January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward. He is the god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doors, passages, and endings.
- The song traditionally sung on New Year's, "Auld Lang Syne," means "times gone by"
- The tradition to kiss at midnight isn't a recent invention. According to old English and German folklore, the first person you come across in the new year could set the tone for the next 12 months.



Welcome New Residents

Carley Scibetta, lot 192
Dennis Smith, lot 97
Donald Williston, lot 407
Fernando & Francis Orozco, lot 155
Randy & Susan Magnuson, lot 129
Velinda Mack, lot 71



Greentrees Bingo

Every Saturday Night
at 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Good Snacks,
and Good Company.

In the Recreation Hall

Art Display Cabinets

Do you have items you would like to share with other residents in Greentrees Village? Collectibles? Craftwork? Hobbies? Historic Pieces? Artwork? We would love to display them in our art display cabinets in the Greentrees Clubhouse. Please fill in the form below and return to the Greentrees Office.

For more information, call Norma at 541-997-1107

Name: _____

Lot # _____ Phone # _____

Type of Items: _____

Number of Items _____



In Memoriam

Mike Cross, former owner
Passed 12/17

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS:

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Please submit your news items for the next issue by bringing them to the Greentrees office, or you can email them to:

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A Fifty-Five and Older Community

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Around The Village

2018 Assessments

By now you should have received your 2018 assessment statement from Greentrees Village. Assessments will be \$223 per month beginning in January. If you have not received a statement in the mail, please contact the Greentrees office at 541-997-8674.

2018 Board to be Seated

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 9th, the 2018 Board will be seated. The newly elected Directors will be: District 1 - Fred Burns; District 3 - Wayne Fisher; District 7 - Vicki Martin and District 9 - Bill Johnson. No one ran for District 5 Representative. The 2018 Board will appoint an Alternate to that seat. The 2018 Board Alternates will be Mark Meyers and Fred Miller.

Directors serving the second year of their term will be: District 2 - Jeff Myers; District 6 - Carol Barron and District 8 - Bruce Littlepage. District 4 has no Director at this time.

The Board will also be electing the 2018 board officers when they meet in January.

Automatic Check Payment

A reminder to owners who have their monthly assessment checks automatically sent to Greentrees from their banks: Please contact your banks and have them change the dollar amount to \$223 per month for the 2018's dues. It is easy to forget to change the amount, so change it now while you are thinking about it.

2018 Projects

It's a new year, and time for new projects in Greentrees Village. This year, the association will be replacing the water lines on Second Street South and hopefully resurfacing the road on Fifth Street South. We'll be receiving bids on the resurfacing work later in the year. The schedule for the construction on Second Street has not been confirmed yet, but owners will get plenty of notice prior to the work beginning. Other projects for this year include replacement of the retaining wall near lot



196 and the beginning of the replacement of the Greentrees street signs throughout the property.

One of the first projects residents will see begin is the replacement of two walls around the atrium in the Clubhouse. The existing walls are dry-rotted and need to be reconstructed. The maintenance department will begin the project by removing the existing planter in the atrium and the Property Committee is looking for ideas from residents on what to replace it with. The Committee thinks the area could be better utilized and should be made available for residents to use. Some ideas are to make it a seating area or even a picnic area. If you have ideas on the area, let the office know. Or stop in to a Property Committee meeting. They next meet on January 16th at 10 AM in the Conference Room in the Clubhouse.

Don't Forget

Winter freezes are just around the corner. If you haven't insulated your water pipes for winter yet, do it now before temperatures dip. And if you are leaving Florence for an extended period of time this winter, don't forget to shut off the water main to your lot.

A few years ago a house in Greentrees was ruined in the winter when a frozen water line cracked and flooded the house. By the time the owners returned from an extended trip, the floors and walls were damaged beyond repair. Don't let that happen to you.

The Computer Club *by Steve Lyon*

This past December 6th saw the Computer Club hold its annual business meeting chaired by Collette Bailey. Primary task was to elect officers for 2018: President – Steve Lyon; Co-Vice Presidents – Jim Fleming and Gene Fisher; Treasurer – Lea Rudd; Secretary – Gary Smith. In addition, Advertising Coordinator is being transitioned to Jay Musson. Other business included finalizing 2017 spending and 2018 budget; both approved.

The club voted to purchase a new Windows computer to be donated to Greentrees Association for use in the Coffee Room. This Greentrees HOA computer will be available by mid-January. Thus the older computer (9 years old) will be retired.

Our meeting schedule for the coming month is:

January 3 – Windows system maintenance. Ideas to help keep your computer running smoothly and quickly. Bring your ideas on how you keep your computer clean.

January 17 – Jep Norwood. This is our monthly update on Windows systems and security. He is also there to answer your Windows questions.

All meetings run 11:10 to 12:10 and take place in the Multi-Purpose Room.

I am always looking for meeting topics and encourage your participation. These meetings are for all of us to learn and share what we should know about technology: computers, laptops, tablets, smart phones, and more.

Finally, it is with great appreciation that I extend a heartfelt thank you to Connie Goddard for her years of service as our club Treasurer. Her attention to detail ensured an accurate and current accounting. Likewise a sincere note of appreciation to Collette Bailey for her year and a half as president where she kept the meetings scheduled and user focused.

The Activity Committee

The Activity Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the 2017 activities such a success. The committee had it's best year ever for fund raising, and some of the money earned from the annual flea market and other functions will carry over into 2018 to fund more activities this year. Thank you to Fred and Anderson Miller for hosting the Christmas dinner, and to all the other volunteers who helped make the dinner a success.

The Activity Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the Conference Room of the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas for future activities. Come join us and help to make 2018 the best year ever for activities in Greentrees Village.

Automatic Gate Passes Available

Greentrees has automatic gate passes available in the office for residents to purchase. The passes will allow the gates to open without rolling down the window on most cars. The passes require a \$30 deposit, which is refundable if the passes are returned in good condition. We have gotten in our new passes, so residents may purchase as many as they need.



The Christmas Toy Drive

Thank you Greentrees residents for the most successful toy drive ever!


During the months of November and December, Greentrees residents donated 199 toys to the local Soroptimist Society, an international volunteer organization, who distribute the toys to needy children in the Florence area at Christmas time.

A big thank you to Peg Patton, who headed up the toy drive, and to everyone who contributed.



January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Clubhouse and Maintenance shop closed	2 Coffee Social 9:00am Bridge 1:00pm	3 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am ACC Meeting 10:00am Computer Class 11:10am Activity Comm. 1:00 French Club 1:00pm	4 Friendship Club 9:30-12:30pm Finance Comm. 10:00am Bunco 1:30pm - snacks A-L	5 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	6 Bocce Ball 11:15am
7 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	8 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	9 BOD Meeting 1:00pm Bridge 1:00pm Card Exchange 1:00pm	10 POOL CLOSED Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am French Club 1:00pm	11	12 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	13 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
14 Craft Circle 2-4pm	15 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	16 Property Comm. 10:00am Bridge 1:00pm	17 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Computer Class 11:10am w/Jep Norwood French Club 1:00pm	18 Friendship Club 9:30-12:30pm Rhody Quilters 10:00-4:00pm Bunco 1:30pm - snacks M-Z	19 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	20 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
21	22 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	23 Luncheon out 11:30am At Traveler's Cove Bridge 1:00pm Flying Needles & Hooks 3-5	24 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am French Club 1:00pm	25 Friendship Club 9:30-12:30pm	26 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Pot Luck 6:00pm All Residents Welcome	27 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
28	29 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	30 Bridge 1:00pm	31 Pickle Ball 8:30-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am French Club 1:00pm		Swimming Pool Water Aerobics M-F at 9:00am All Residents Welcome	