



Welcome New Residents

Sue & Ben Lindelof, lot 211

Glenna Cole, lot 640

Tracie Nash, lot 700

Roy & Verna Simms, lot 651

Mike Nielson, lot 84

Linda Aurich, lot 551

William & Cynthia Grable, lot 12

Robert & Maggie Warne, lot 632

Gene Olson, lot 632

Crystal Roberson, lot 608

In Memoriam



Eric Baldwin, lot 26 passed 10/13/16

Dick Benson, lot 692 3/21/41 - 10/30/16

Wilma Sidebottom, lot 129 10/23/24 - 10/27/16

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Christmas Dinner at Greentrees

Sponsored by the Activity Committee

Hosted by Larry & June Elliott

December 25th at 4:00pm

In the Recreation Hall.

The Activity Committee will provide the ham and mashed potatoes and gravy.

Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Music by Jeff Lovzjog

Residents: Free - Guests: \$5

Holiday Hot d'ouvrge

Poltluck

December 16th from 2pm - 4pm

In the GTV Recreation Hall.

Bring your favorite finger food.

Music by the Greentrees Five.

Sing along.

Most outrageous sweater contest.

Free raffle



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2017 Assessments

You will soon be receiving information about your 2017 annual assessment in the mail. Copies of the 2017 Greentrees Budget will be mailed to all owners by December 2nd along with a statement of your account through November 2016 with the dues for 2017 added. The monthly assessments will be going up one dollar to \$213 per month next year. The statement will be printed during the middle of November, so if you make an assessment payment late in the month, it will not show on the statement. This is the only billing you will receive from the Association for 2017. You may pay your assessment monthly, quarterly or annually, whichever is convenient for you.

Toy Collection for the Soroptimist Society

By Peg Patton

For over 30 years the Soroptimist International of Florence has collected and distributed toys to families in Florence for Christmas. This will be the third year that Greentrees has participated. Last year we collected 130 toys!

The Christmas tree is now up in the Recreation Hall, waiting for presents. Please bring an unwrapped toy and put under the tree. The toys need to be unwrapped so the elves can place them on age appropriate tables for the parents to choose from (the wrapped packages under the tree are for decoration only). I will gather the toys and deliver them to the elves on December 13th, after the board meeting.

Military Museum Recruits Volunteers

by Cal Applebee

Do you like conversing with other individuals? Do you have an interest in military heritage? If the answer to either is yes, we invite you to consider joining our ranks as a Volunteer at the Oregon Coast Military Museum. Opened in July 2015 after a seven-year effort to honor the over 20% of Florence area residents who are Veterans, we are currently open three days a week – Thursday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are located



The art bench in front of the GTV Clubhouse made by local artist Timothy Robins, and purchased with donations from 23 Greentrees Owners

on Kingwood Street next to the Florence Municipal Airport. We are looking for Volunteers who can work in either the gift shop and admission desk, or in the display area as a docent, assisting visitors as they wander through the displays. We would like to be able to open more days each week with additional Volunteers. Hours scheduled are flexible with your availability. Please stop by during our open hours and meet Chief of Staff Geoff Cannon and check us out – or visit our website: www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com, or call us at 541-902-5160.

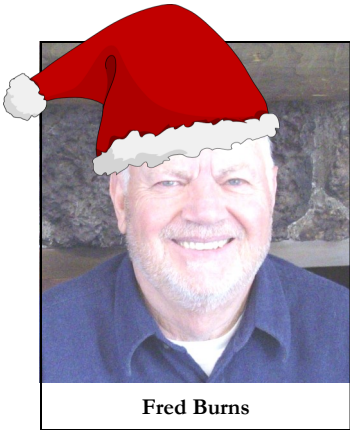
Computer Club Election

The Computer Club will be electing officers at their December business meeting on December 7th. If you are interested in running for office or voting in the club election, please plan on attending at 11:10 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Gas Thief

Two residents have reported to the GTV Office that they have had gas stolen out of their cars. One owner caught the thief in the process. Apparently he is a young man, about 5' 8," wearing a dark hoodie. He is on foot, carrying a five gallon gas container. In both cases he came very early in the morning.

From the President by Fred Burns



Fred Burns

As I conclude my 2016 tenure as President of the Greentrees Village Board of Directors, I would like to thank the board members, committee members, club members and all of the people who so generously give of their time to help make Greentrees a better place to live. I especially wish to thank the new volunteers who have

come forward this year, and encourage all of you to become more involved with your association. Greentrees will only be as good as we make it.

We will elect new officers to the Greentrees Board in January, and it will be a busy year with our continuing waterline project and the road work we will be doing in 2017.

I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and the very best in 2017.

December Craft Circle News

Our first craft circle featured Spirit Dolls, or Comfort Dolls - little muslin stuffed figures that are decorated with whatever its owner wants to say: love, loss, joy, anything personal to that person. We used ribbon, embroidery, beads, fabric paints and more.

A great group of seven crafters really enjoyed working on our projects and visiting too. Not one of the dolls was the same which reflects how individual we all were.

This month, on the 2nd Sunday of the month in the Multi-Purpose room from 2 to 4pm, Della Ault will teach a beading project. She will have a complete kit for \$5.00 and excellent instruction on how to make a pair of beautiful earrings. Don't miss out on this craft circle!

If you have something you love to do and would like to teach it to others... let the office know please. We aren't getting older, we're learning new "creative outlets."

The Florence Regional Art Alliance by Bill Johnson

If you read the Siuslaw News or listen to one of our local radio stations, you have probably noticed that a lot of the local creative and artistic events are sponsored by the FRAA.

The FRAA is the Florence Regional Art Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting artistic mediums including literary, performance, visual, culinary crafts, public art and others. FRAA members have established a vibrant art center at 120 Maple Street in Old

Town. This center/gallery offers members space to display and sell their art. It is also a place to take and teach classes, and to gather to support arts of all kinds. A schedule of upcoming events, along with additional information about the center, can be found online at: www.fraaoregon.org or on Facebook.

If you would like to join the FRAA, stop by the Art Center on Maple Street, or download an application from the FRAA website.

The Activity Committee by Faye Walters

The Activities Committee met on November 7th. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the veterans at the Veterans Appreciation Dinner. We had a very good turnout. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, Greentrees employees and the VFW who came in support, to share their time and talents that were so crucial to having this successful event. It made a big difference. We can't thank Bruce and Pam Littlepage enough for cooking our great meal. Tony Glover and Jan Thomas running the check-in table. Debbie Glenzer, Leslie Shaw and Kathy McGregor were the servers. They also, along with Sharon Burns, Carol Fisher, Brenda Kessler, Sharon McKee and I made the cookies for the desert. The wonderful music was played by Ralph Martin and the MC was Vicky Martin. They also donated a beautiful and much appreciated handmade Veterans plaque. There were loads of help after the dinner to clean up too.

The next event will be the Thanksgiving dinner. Hosting the dinner will be Sarah Bower and Thomas Fausone. The volunteer sheet and dinner sign-up sheet is out. They will be serving turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls and cranberry sauce. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or desert.

Please look for the Christmas tree in the recreation hall for the annual Soroptimist children's Christmas toy drive which Peg Patton is coordinating. All gifts are to be donated unwrapped.

We're happy to announce that we'll be having a holiday hors d'oeuvres party on December 16th from 2-4pm. It is being hosted by owner Joan Long and the Greentrees Five will be playing. Please bring a favorite finger food to share.

The Christmas Dinner will be on December 25th and is hosted by Larry and June Elliot. Please bring a side dish or desert.

We'll be working on the 2017 activities calendar at the December 7th Activities meeting. We welcome all residents to come and bring their ideas to host an activity or to just help out with one.

The Computer Club by Collette Bailey

We have had a donation recently of a 32" TV/monitor for our computer lab. It came from Larry Anderson in Lot 665. It's very nice and we thank Larry for that wonderful donation.

November 23: We will not have a class on the 23rd due to the holidays.

November 30: This is the 5th Wednesday this month and we will plan on having a class. I am going to demonstrate how to digitize our cassettes and vinyl records. If you have LPs and cassettes that you really want on your computer, this is the time to learn how to do it.

December 7: This is our yearly business meeting and I hope we will have lots of people there. Subjects we will be addressing will be the budget, new officers, an idea I have for a photo contest, and whatever other new business anyone wants to bring up.

December 14: No class on the second Wednesday of the month.

December 21: Jep will be back and will finish upgrading the lab computer from an older version of Linux to the latest version, which is Mint 18.

December 28: No class on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

DVD Donations Wanted

In November, Greentrees stopped accepting video tapes for our lending library and began collecting DVDs instead. So few residents were borrowing the tapes that it was decided to phase them out and ask residents to bring in their DVDs instead. Residents who have DVD's that they no longer need or watch are encouraged to bring them to the Library and share them with your neighbors.

Greentrees Roadwork Delayed

It looks like the Association will not be doing the scheduled road construction work on the 400s this year as planned. Despite the Board approving the \$69,000 project and accepting a bid from Johnson Rock Products out of Coos Bay, the project has been delayed due to the construction on Rhododendron Drive and by inclement weather. The contractor has agreed to honor their bid price through next Spring. The Association hopes to do the 2-inch asphalt overlay on the roads in Greentrees Village North prior to Summer 2017.

Newsletter on Web Page

Just a reminder, the Greentrees Village monthly newsletter is always available on-line. You can read the current newsletter and also newsletters from past months

and years at www.greentreesvillage.com. You may also read and download the Association's Rules, Bylaws, CC&Rs and ACC forms from the site.

The Missing Five Dollars

A Christmas Story

George worked for the Post Office and his job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses. One day just before Christmas, a letter landed on his desk simply addressed in shaky handwriting: "To God". With no other clue on the envelope, George opened the letter and read:

Dear God,

I am an 93 year old widow living on a state pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had in the world and no pension due until after Christmas. Next week is Christmas and I had invited two of my friends over for Christmas lunch. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. God; can you please help me?

George was really touched, and being kind hearted, he put a copy of the letter up on the staff bulletin board at the main Post Office where he worked. The letter touched the other postmen and they all dug into their pockets and passed the hat around. Between them they raised \$95. Using an officially addressed Post Office envelope, they sent the cash on to the old lady, and for the rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of the nice thing they had done.

Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter simply addressed to 'God' landed in the Sorting Office. Many of the postmen gathered around while George opened the letter. It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your generosity, I was able to provide a lovely luncheon for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends of your wonderful gift - in fact we haven't gotten over it and even Father John, our parish priest, is beside himself with joy. By the way, there was \$5 missing. I think it must have been those thieving fellows at the Post Office.

George could not help musing on Oscar Wilde's quote: 'A good deed never goes unpunished.'

