

# GREENTREES

May

VILLAGE VOICE

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Greentrees Village, Inc.

A Fifty-Five and Older Community

541-997-8674

## **Mother's Day Breakfast on May 10th** by Fred Burns

Fred and Sharon Burns are hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 10th. They will be serving sausage, baked scrambled eggs, pancakes, coffee and mimosas. There will also be a special gift for all the ladies.

Breakfast will be served between the hours of 9 and 11 AM in the Greentrees Recreation Hall. The cost to enjoy this wonderful meal will be \$5 per person.

We hope to see mothers, daughters, fathers and friends there. Please sign up in the Clubhouse Library if you plan to attend.

## **June Street Sealing**

Weather permitting, Coast Pavement will be seal-coating roads in Greentrees Village on June 9th through June 12th.

On Tuesday June 9th, they are scheduled to seal 2nd Street North and 3rd Street North. On Wednesday June 10th, 1st Street West from Middle Street to Skyline Blvd. On Thursday June 11th, they will seal-coat Circle Drive in West GTV, and Center Street from lot 291 to the entrance gates in East GTV. On June 12th they will seal-coat 2nd Street West from Middle Street to River Vista. Of course, this schedule is completely dependent on dry weather.

The roads need to dry for approximately 24 hours before they can be driven on after the seal-coating is applied.

Lots that will be affected by the road work will be notified on the week prior to the work being done. Some residents may need to move their vehicles overnight in order to have access in the morning.

## **Keep Your Dog on a Leash - It's The Law!**

The Board is getting more and more complaints from residents that some of their neighbors are letting their dogs run free, or walk without a leash. In April, the Board fined two residents for that infraction.

The Greentrees CC&R's state: *...a dog, cat or other household pets may be kept, provided the animals are not kept, bred or maintained for commercial purpose. The owner of such pets permitted*

*hereunder shall keep them on a leash or keep them confined to the lot at all times.*

In addition to Greentrees' Rules regarding dogs, the City of Florence also has a leash law which states: *Whenever any animal, other than a healthy cat, is off or outside the private property of its owner or the person in control of it, the animal must be on a leash or tether that is adequate to control the animal. It cannot be longer than 6 feet in length. People are not permitted to allow dogs to run off leash anywhere in the city except on their own property. Leash law violations are punishable by fines of \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation, \$200 for the third violation, \$400 for the fourth violation, and everything after that is \$750.*

If your neighbor is allowing their dog to run without a leash, you may file a complaint in the Greentrees Office, or contact Dan Frazier, Florence Code Enforcement Officer, at 541-997-8237.

## **Scotch Broom is Beautiful, but Noxious**

It is that time of year again when we begin to see Scotch Broom growing throughout Florence. If you see the yellow blooms appearing on your property, it's important that you remove it – roots and all.

The Scotch Broom shrub has become an invasive species throughout the Pacific Northwest, where it competes with native plants, and forms dense stands that are difficult to manage and remove.

Scotch Broom was introduced from Europe as a garden ornamental by early settlers of the Pacific Coast. Its invasive habit and economic costs have landed Scotch broom on the State Weed Board's list of noxious weeds. Its seed can survive in the soil for up to fifty years. So pull it out as soon as you can identify it.

## **New Food Donation Container**

The old cardboard barrel that has been in the Library for many years for collecting donated food for Foodshare has been replaced with a grey plastic container. It is in the same place as the old food barrel - next to the bookshelves. Canned food left in the container will be taken to Florence Foodshare for distribution. No egg cartons, please.

### **From the President** *by George Lyddon*

It's official! Spring is here! The critters are back starting their families, flowers, rhody's and pollen filling the air. Oh yes, the bears too. Which reminds me; how do the bears look so healthy and fat? They only eat veggies right? The coyotes have been singing much more frequently now. That time of year ya know.

The coyotes; are they not carnivores? If you see a bear on your deck you know what they are looking for! But what about the coyote? What is it that they eat? If you have a pet that goes missing its probably not the bear. Don't feed the coyotes either.

### **The Activity Committee** *by C. Fisher & F. Walters*

The committee met in the Conference room at 1:00 PM on April 8<sup>th</sup> with 9 people in attendance. Sharon Burns reported her plans for the Mother's Day breakfast on May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM in the Recreation Hall. Sausage, baked scrambled eggs, pancakes, orange juice and coffee will be served - all for \$5.00.

Faye Walters reported the plans for the Garden Tour in June. The sign-up sheets will be in the Library, along with guidelines and entry forms to participate. The Garden Tour is June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to show off your yard, porch, or patio, please sign-up. Prizes will be drawn for those who attend. There is no charge for entering or participating.

Our next committee meeting to plan future events is Wednesday, May 6, 2015 in the Conference room.

### **Computer Club** *by Pat Miller*

Last month I shared some about Microsoft (MS) nomenclature and the operating system releases up to 8.1. As you've probably heard, MS is readying a new operating system for release sometime this summer. You would figure that Windows 9 is what we will get. Wrong! It's Windows 10 (Win10). MS will also be releasing a new browser with Win10—working name Spartan. With this news, speculation is that Internet Explorer (IE) is dead. Don't believe it.

Some things to know: (1) If you want a Win7 computer, you should move soon as the availability of Win7 is threatened with 10's release. (2) It has been confirmed that existing Win7 and 8.x devices can get a free upgrade to Win10. (3) Win10 will require an Outlook.com email account. You won't have to use it for email, but you will need it to use your computer.

You'll be getting more info on Win10, Spartan and the demise of IE in future articles. And you can always come join us in class to hear more. May class schedule:

5/6 Tablet Workshop      5/20 Jcp Norwood

### **Ham Radio For Survival** *by Frank Miles*

One essential need for survival preparation is communication. Many unlicensed means are available such as CB or FRS radios, but these are basically line-of-sight radios. This means that the range is severely limited under normal situations. CB, essentially 11 meter band, can sometimes have extended range with "skip" or across water but the wave length does not get the bounce off the ionosphere needed for long distance communications. For this reason, many "preppers" are

now turning to the Amateur Radio service to provide communication capabilities.

For a long time Amateur Radio was avoided due to the licensing requirement of Morse code proficiency. Morse code is no longer a requirement, and many people are obtaining their licenses. There is still a learning curve to obtain a license, including some technical knowledge on radio wave theory, FCC rules, and "best practice". Many local "Ham" clubs give classes and administer the tests. There are usually no expenses for the classes other than the purchase of a manual for \$30 and \$14 for the test and license. Licenses are issued by the FCC and are good for 10 years.

There are three levels of license available. The beginning license, Technician class, gives the licensee use of the UHF and VHF bands plus voice communication on the 10 meter band from 28.3 megahertz to 28.5 megahertz. General class license is the next step, and gives the holder privileges on sections of all bands available to Amateur radio. The ultimate license is the Extra class, giving the holder full privileges on all permitted bands. The Extra license requires a serious knowledge of electrical theory and practical application.

The Amateur radio motto is "When all else fails...". Besides voice communication, the Amateur radio operator has a choice of several digital modes and Morse code. Voice transmissions can be via FM, AM, or AM sideband. Morse code and digital modes such as PSK31 and packet send a narrow signal and can punch through where voice communication is lost.

Equipment can be as basic as a hand-held radio for 2 meter/70 centimeter frequencies to HF (short wave) radios costing from under \$1,000 to several thousand dollars. Likewise, antennas can be as simple as a "rubber duck" on a hand held to a multi-band beam antenna on a rotator atop a 100 foot tower. Antennas are limited only by the space and support structures one has, and the thickness of ones wallet. Simple antennas are frequently home made. Power can be as little as 5 watts or as great as full legal limit or 1500 watts at the antenna. Repeater stations give UHF/VHF communications a boost by relaying a signal through an antenna usually on the highest object in the area. This could be a tall building or a natural feature such as a mountain top or tall tree. In addition, since many of the radios will run off of 12 volts DC, mobile communications are easily installed. In an emergency a radio can be run off a battery and the battery can be recharged by a generator, an automobile, or solar panels. Hand held radios usually have long shelf life lithium-ion batteries, and can be run with a dry cell battery pack if recharging is impossible.

This is a quick overview but we have a number of "hams" in Greentrees and a local club, Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club (COCARC) all of whom can provide further information. COCARC gives a beginning class annually with the test for an FCC license at the end. For additional information contact Frank Miles at 541-999-0023, or for class information contact Bill Herbner at 541-997-0442 or email at K7BBH@w7flo.com.

### Calling All Gardeners! *By Faye Walters*

We're having a Greentrees Village Garden Tour and we need YOUR garden, large or small. If you would like to showcase your garden this is your opportunity. Visit with friends and neighbors. Host a garden and bring inspiration to others, visit a Garden and bring inspiration home. **The garden tour is for residents and their guests only.** The entrance gates will not be open to the public.

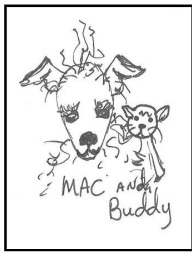
The tour is being held Saturday June 20th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Garden hosts need to sign-up at the clubhouse and be available at their garden during the tour.

Hosts may serve refreshments and sell plants and garden related handmade crafts during the tour. No yard sale items may be sold. Sign-up sheets, tour guidelines and host selling forms will be at the clubhouse May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 17th. There will be a free drawing for hosts and guests. The prizes will be on display at the clubhouse. Garden tour signs, highlighted maps and a drawing ticket will be delivered to each garden prior to the tour. A 'hosts only' meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on June 17<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse.

The success of the Garden Tour depends totally on resident's participation. If there's anything more enjoyable than spending time in my garden, it's spending time visiting someone else's. I always come away inspired.

### Buddy & Mac



My turn this month! Me... Buddy the cat.

Because of the mild winter, there are so many flying and crawling bugs to watch from my windows. The bad news is Tent Caterpillars are eating the evergreen trees, and the slugs are making my parent very unhappy. She's out there picking off slugs, putting out pots of beer and trying to save her flowers. Kind of fun to watch,

really. Humans are interesting creatures.

Mac is going camping with our other parent more often. Sure makes the house quieter. I sort of miss the big guy when he's gone. My sisters are fun to play with, but Mac is far easier to get into trouble. Although Naughty Lulu doesn't need any help getting into trouble; She does that all by herself. She's the feline in the house that wants outside, and boy does she get yelled at for that idea. I can't understand why she wants out there. I was starving and full of fleas and ticks when they rescued me from the shelter. Everything I love is inside our home: food, laps, petting, toys and a lovely soft bed - even a clean place to go potty. What more could a guy want? I've truly got it made.

Tip of the month: Got a barking problem? Get a *Petsafe* unit from Amazon.com. It sure helps with Mac charging the door and barking. It's sound activated, and only hurts his ears a bit. You can even take it on walks.

Have a lovely May - *Buddy & Mac*

### Welcome New Residents

**Pam Thomas & Susan Irvine**, lot 553  
**Joel & John Van Adrighem**, lot 35  
**John & Kathy Grobey**, lot 106  
**Clarence & Peggy Harrington**, lot 307  
**Diane Logan & Tony Cox**, lot 197  
**James & Mary Hamilton**, lot 96  
**Travis & Deidre Henderson**, lot 658  
**Cotton & Brenda Stark**, lot 658  
**Kregg & Kathryn Walbom**, lot 429  
**Phyllis Holmes & Charles Kelso**, lot 403

### In Memoriam

**Chris Twisselman**, lot 279

2/11/53 - 2/9/15

**Jack Hunter** (previous owner)

5/15/25 - 3/20/15



# BINGO



## Greentrees Bingo

Every Saturday Night  
at 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Good Snacks,  
and Good Company.

In the Recreation Hall



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	<b>SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE:</b> Water Aerobics M-F at 8:00am				<b>1</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00	<b>2</b> Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 7:00
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	<b>5</b> Appliqué Society 9:30 Property Comm 10:00 Bridge 1:00 Poker 6-9	<b>6</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Coffee Social 9:30 Exercise class 10:00 ACC Comm. 10:00 Hula lessons 11:00 Computer class 11:10 Activity Comm. 1:00	<b>7</b> Friendship Club 9:30-12 Finance Comm. 10:00 Rhody Quilters 10-4 Bunco 1:30 A-L	<b>8</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Snooker 1:00	<b>9</b> Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 7:00
<b>10</b> Mother's Day Breakfast 9-11am \$5.00	<b>11</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	<b>12</b> Appliqué Society 9:30 BOD meeting 1:00 Bridge 1:00 Poker 6-9	<b>13</b> Pool closed Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Hula lessons 11:00	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Ladies Luncheon at Pomodori at noon	<b>16</b> Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 7:00
<b>17</b> Bunco 1:30 M-Z	<b>18</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	<b>19</b> Appliqué Society 9:30 Property Comm 10:00 Bridge 1:00 Poker 6-9	<b>20</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Hula lessons 11:00 Computer class 11:10 w/Jep Norwood	<b>21</b> Friendship Club 9:30-12 Rhody Quilters 10-4	<b>22</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Pot Luck 6:00 All Residents Welcome	<b>23</b> Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 7:00
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm  <b>Memorial Day</b> Office closed	<b>26</b> Appliqué Society 9:30 Tuesday luncheon out Fresh Harvest 12:00pm Bridge 1:00 Poker 6-9	<b>27</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00 Hula lessons 11:00	<b>28</b> Friendship Club 9:30-12 Quilting Group 9-4	<b>29</b> Pickle ball 9:00 Exercise class 10:00	<b>30</b> Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 7:00
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