

THE RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

The vibrant Rhododendron flowers begin their bloom in May, and by June the Florence area is a bounty of colors. The sight is a cause for celebration and *The Rhododendron Festival*! It has long been the major annual event for Florence. It began as an idea in 1906 of Mayor Dr. George Edward, for an event to promote a then isolated Florence. It was a plan to bring folks from afar for a festive town celebration! And come they did – arriving for the event by horse drawn stagecoach, then by train, then automobile. And thus, the legacy began. The Rhododendron Festival has since become one of Oregon's oldest celebrations.



In 1908 decorated boats paraded on the Siuslaw River with the coronation of a Queen Rhododendra taking place on a barge. Today, Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast are selected with a pageant and coronation held at the Florence Event Center. Princesses and Jr. Princesses are included to complete the Rhododendron Festival Court.



Each year there are no shortages of activities to entertain, excite and satisfy your appetite. Enjoy eventful days of a Rhododendron flower show, Rhody Run, Arts and Crafts, and award-winning Clam Chowder. A festive carnival with rides, games, food and entertainment is on hand. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the closed streets in Old Town during the remarkable Rhody Classic Car Show n' Shine.

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*Princess Leslie Erskine's Dress
from 1972 Rhody Court*

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RHODY FESTIVAL CONTINUED

Get an up-close look at the one-of-a-kind cars! Take in their street cruise to view them stroll by. A festival parade with floats, clowns and marching bands through town is a sight worth seeing! Past events featured a dog mushers mail run, beach stagecoach ride, and 2 appearances by the Budweiser Clydesdale Horses. One year a couple even held their wedding on the street amidst the festivities.

With all the activities and celebrations, the Rhododendron Festival attendance has grown each year, with over 35,000 in recent years.

The festival is held every third weekend in May, with various event activities taking place throughout the week.



Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

RHODIES ON THE RIVER EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday—May 10th

Coronation Night—7PM
Florence Event Center

Thursday—May 15th

Davis Shows Carnival—3PM—closing
Port of Siuslaw Parking Lot

Friday—May 16th

Maple St Old Town Vendor Fair 1-5PM
Maple St between Bay & 1st
Rhododendron Quilt Guild's Quilt Show
10 AM - 4 PM
Old School Furniture off Hwy 101
Davis Shows Carnival 12PM - 11PM
Port of Siuslaw Parking Lot

Saturday—May 17th

American Legion Post 83 Rhody Poker
Run - Registration—8AM - 11AM
Bike Run Begins at 11AM
Three Rivers Casino
Rhody Run—5K or 10K Run/Walk
Registration 7:30AM - Race 9AM
Florence Events Center
Rhody Cruisers—Rhody Days Car Show
& Shine 9AM - 2PM
Siuslaw Middle School
Maple Street Old Town Vendor Fair
10AM - 5PM
Maple St between Bay and 1st

Saturday—May 17th Continued

11th Annual Rhody Days Arts Festival
10AM - 5PM
Florence Events Center
Coast Radio Car Cruise 6PM
Bay Street - Old Town
Rhododendron Quilt Guild's Quilt Show
10AM - 5PM
Florence Events Center
Rhododendron Show & Sale 10AM - 5PM
American Rhododendron Society
Siuslaw Chapter
Florence Event Center
Chicken Barbeque & Pie/Bake Sale 11 AM
Elks Lodge (Open to the Public)
Davis Shows Carnival 11AM - Midnight
Port of Siuslaw Parking Lot
Junior Parade Staging 11AM Parade Noon
Sponsored by Siuslaw Fire & Rescue
Miller Park
Kiwanis Kids Games (Following the
Junior Parade)
Siuslaw High School - Field

Sunday—May 18th

Rhody Parade Day Public Breakfast
7 - 11AM
Elks Lodge
Rhody Parade Day Chicken BBQ 11 AM
Elks Lodge
Rhododendron Show & Sale 10AM - 5PM
American Rhododendron Society's
Siuslaw Chapter
Florence Event Center
Grand Floral Parade - Noon
Hwy 101 from 27th South to
Old Town East via Kingwood & Bay St
Radio Broadcast KCST-FM 106.9 11:45AM
Maple Street Old Town Vendor Fair
10AM - 5PM
Maple St between Bay and 1st St
10th Annual Rhody Days Arts Festival
11AM - 4PM
Florence Events Center
Davis Shows Carnival Noon - 11PM
Port of Siuslaw Parking Lot




Rhody Days
MAY 15TH - 18TH
FLORENCE, OREGON
2025

EDITOR NEEDED FOR VILLAGE VOICE

With a heavy heart, I must step down as editor of the Village Voice. We urgently need one or two volunteers to take on this vital role. The June Village Voice cannot be published until this position is filled. Training will be provided if needed. Please step forward to keep our community's voice alive!

Please contact me at 661-706-1669, if you would like to volunteer.

Best wishes,
Diane Greer



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GREENTREES COMMUNITY YARD SALE

MAY 30th and 31st

It's that time of year again for our community yard sale on May 30th and May 31st. The gates will be open to the public from 9 AM to 3 PM each day. Sales will take place at individual homes. Please limit your items to garages and driveways – nothing should be in the streets. Ads will run in the Siuslaw News, so expect heavy traffic.



After the sale is over, you can reach out to Jeff Myers at 541-997-2978 to donate your unsold or other items to the Greentrees Flea Market to be held in July.

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HELP WANTED

Did you know that Greentrees is run by volunteers? Currently there are many opportunities for you to volunteer. Why not show up at the next meeting and see if you can help?

Activities Committee (Interim: Patty Harrison) organizes potlucks, holiday events, and more. They seek a chairperson and event volunteers. Meets third Monday monthly, 11 AM, multipurpose room.

Architectural Control Committee (Chair: Nick Woodworth) approves building permits. Construction knowledge is a plus, but not required. You must be a homeowner in Greentrees to serve on this committee. Meets first Thursday monthly, 1 PM, conference room.

Communications Committee (Chair: Diane


Greer) handles the Village Voice, email blasts, Official GTV FB page, and GTV website. They need an editor, advertising agent, writers, photographers, and proofreaders. No experience needed—training provided. Meets first Thursday monthly, 2 PM, conference room.

Ad-Hoc CC&Rs and Bylaws Review Committee (Chair: Diana Lindsley) proposes updates to governing documents. They need one homeowner per district, and are still looking for a volunteer from Districts 3 and 5. Meets third Friday monthly, 1 PM, multipurpose room.

To volunteer for any of these committees, simply show up at the next meeting and ask how you can help. Volunteers are warmly welcomed! They will be very glad to see you.

Laura Belala

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SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATE FORUM

All GTV residents are invited to attend GTV sponsored Non-Partisan Candidates forum for Siuslaw School District Positions 2, 4 and 6.

When: Thursday, April 30th

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Greentrees Rec Hall

We are a senior community with no children in the Siuslaw School District, but our taxes pay for our public schools and these candidates have agreed to come and speak about our K-12 schools and how they would best serve the students. Please submit your questions to me in an email if you are unable to attend : Leslie Shaw - lsshaw1601@gmail.com. Remember: your vote is your voice.

Leslie Shaw

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greentrees' next event is the Mother's Day Luncheon, set for May 11th. Our Activities team has welcomed some fresh faces and creative ideas—come join the excitement!

The Clam Chowder Cook-Off was a blast, with new residents jumping in on the fun. More competitions are in the works for later this year, so keep an eye out for updates on our potluck lineup! Bring a dish to share, your own table settings, and a big appetite—adult beverages are welcome too.

Karaoke Night was a hit and a fantastic new addition. We're already excited for the next one on May 9th at 6 PM

We're still looking for hosts for upcoming events, including Coffee Socials, potlucks, a Flea Market chairperson, and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner hosts—opportunities are open!

For more details or to volunteer, reach out to Patty Harrison at LionPatty@aol.com or 541-461-2639 (call or text).

Patty Harrison

EMERGENCY RESPONSE RADIO TEAM

Greentrees Emergency Response Radio Team is looking for residents to join the team. We test once a month and you do it from the comfort of your own home.

GERT provides the radio and the training.

All districts need to be represented for the whole of GTV to be helped in the event of an emergency/disaster. Call Kristel for details 541-997-0909.

Kristel Buechner

CC&Rs AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The formation of the new Ad Hoc Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) and Bylaws committee has raised a few questions from residents, especially how it compares to the Rules and Regulations committee of the last couple years. The CC&Rs and Bylaws are legally binding documents that govern how Greentrees works. Any changes to these require a vote of the homeowners. The CC&Rs are the most stringent and require a 75% vote of the membership (homeowners) to make changes. The Bylaws require 'only' a 50% + 1 vote of the membership (homeowners). The CC&Rs and Bylaws also require review by our attorney to ensure we meet state and federal laws. The Rules and Regulations are voted on by the board and are not legal governing documents.

The current CC&Rs were last reviewed and updated in 2004. The Bylaws were last updated in 2018, with an amendment made in 2021 to section 4. The current ones can be found on the GTV website at <https://www.greentreesvillage.com/documents> There have been some changes to the state and federal laws since these were put in place. These changes must be incorporated into the CC&Rs/Bylaws. In addition, as times and situations have changed, these must be added to or changed to reflect these situations.

This committee was formed to review and suggest revisions to the CC&Rs and Bylaws, and bring them to the homeowners for review and a vote. The committee is made up of a member from each district and chaired by Diana Lindsley.

Diana Lindsley—Chair

"A mother's love is like no other, it knows no boundaries and transcends all obstacles." - Unknown

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FINANCE UPDATE

This article addresses the Reserve Account and the Reserve Spend. Every year the annual budget contains the Reserve Account (RA) funding allocation - for 2025 it's \$503,000. It is funded from the Operations Account (OA) and from interest earned on *all* the HOA's CDs. For 2025, the OA contribution is \$437,000 and the CD interest is \$66,000. Over the course of the year the monthly allocation from the OA is a percentage of the monthly dues received. Due to prepaids in the early part of the year this amount fluctuates, but the monthly average is \$36,417. The CD interest depends on maturity dates and payout frequency, but the monthly average is \$5,500. The total average monthly contribution of \$41,917 is noted in the Treasurer's Report at the monthly Board meeting and the total reserve funds, both cash and CDs, are on the front page of the Balance Sheet that is provided to all attendees at the monthly Board meetings.

In November, the Property Committee (PC) forwards to the Board a list of projects to be funded from the RA in the coming year. That project list is called the Reserve Spend (RS). Currently, the RS needs to consider the \$300,000/yr loan repayment, from the RA, for the Waterworks project until it concludes in approximately 2028. It also needs to consider the intermittent cash flow from the CD interest so that expenses don't exceed resources. With 60% of the RA funding Waterworks thru 2028, this will mean a tight RS, but the HOA needs to maintain its assets as rust doesn't sleep. Throughout the year, the RA expenses are routinely monitored by the Property & Finance Committees and by the Board.

Tony Furst
Finance Chair

GTV PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Who the members are:

Fred Burns: Former H.O.A. president, board member, treasurer, amongst other titles at GTV. Fred as a long term resident provides a historical presence as well as providing a voice of reason.

Ron McCreary: Like Fred, Ron is a long-time resident who has occupied many positions at GTV. Ron's professional career in the public sector provides us with a unique perspective that most of us with private sector experience do not have.

Nick Woodworth: Another fairly long term resident, Nick spent many years as a Facilities Manager for the Siuslaw School District. His GTV offices include district representative as well as board member. Nick also serves as chair of the Architectural Control Committee.

Tony Furst: A man of few, but carefully chosen words, Tony is a very effective chair of the Finance Committee as well as a contributor on the Property Committee. His experience at prior H.O.A.'s is invaluable.

Andy Anderson: Andy brings a sense of "blue collar" reality to the group. As a plumbing contractor, Andy can best relate the reality of physically turning a wrench on a raining day standing in a foot of mud. He tells it how it is and we are grateful for that.

Judith Haworth: As our newest member, Judith has expressed a strong desire to be a part of The Reserve Study administration. She has extensive knowledge of reserve studies through analysis of studies at other H.O.A.s.

Deborah Baxter: A civil engineer by education and career, Deborah's forte is the understanding of the physical aspects of GTV infrastructure. We look forward to her expertise.

Jack Stephen (Co-chair): Jack spent his career as a Facilities Manager for a variety of large scale hospitality facilities. His understanding of large scale mechanical systems is invaluable.

Tom Shaw (Co-chair): An architect by education and career, Tom spent a good portion of his Career in the "design/build" sector of commercial and multi-family projects.

"The best place to cry is on a mother's arms." — Jodi Picoult

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GERT

Greentrees Emergency Response Team (GERT) meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1 PM in the Multi-purpose Room or Rec Hall and all residents are warmly invited to join.

May is National Wildfire Prevention Month, a time to take proactive steps to safeguard your home and property. Create a defensible space around your home, ensure a hose with a water source can reach all areas of your property, and keep N95 masks on hand to reduce smoke exposure. Designate a room that can be sealed off with an air purifier to serve as a safe space during heavy smoke, even if no evacuation order is issued. Develop and practice a family emergency plan, keep water and an emergency bag ready with copies of insurance and important documents, and don't forget to include provisions for your pets.

Kristel Buechner
GERT Trainer/Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Greentrees Village thrives on robust communication, largely driven by our dedicated Communications Committee.

This small team produces the monthly Village Voice, secures its advertising, sends weekly and emergency email blasts, updates our Facebook page with GTV events and meetings, and maintains the website with fresh content like BOD minutes, Village Voice editions, agendas, forum presentations, governing documents, and Committee Charters. Managing all this is time-intensive, and we urgently need more volunteers.

Are you passionate about writing, photography, or computers? Quick to learn or skilled in sales? Join us at our monthly meeting on the first Thursday at 2 PM in the Conference Room to help strengthen our community's connections!

Diane Greer
Communications Chair

To register for the 46th annual Rhody Run 5K or 10K Run/Walk visit our website: www.florencehabitat.org or use our QR code below:



WARNING NOTE FROM THE EAST SIDE

Exiting our home on 4/12 was cause for unexpected surprise. There, at the foot of my driveway, was a veritable mountain of material unlike any I had seen before. A guesstimate would put it at about 7 inches high and at least 8- 9 in diameter. Green-brown in color, it resembled the kind of deposit that might have been left had a night wandering Budweiser Clydesdale passed by. But who in Greentrees has horses? Even the greatest of Great Danes could not have managed this prodigious mound! Traffic along 2nd street was slowing to admire the wonder of it all. I quickly reversed direction to retrieve my wife and phone for photographs. On subsequent examination and removal of this evidence I found it to be an admixture of fibrous material and grasses with some whitish flecks. Our nocturnal visitor had apparently been following a mostly vegetarian diet. Perhaps a lingering scent of last night's salmon dinner at our house had stimulated the release of this unwanted residue to be piled in our driveway. Whatever the reason we were beneficiaries of this gift, I'm hoping to use the occasion to remind everyone in Greentrees that Bigfoot or Bear may be lurking in our midst. Best not put garbage cans out before the day of pickup!



Larry Dunlap #61

NEW RESOURCE FLYERS BIN

Check out the new Resource Flyers Bin in the Library. We have had many helpful resources come out and give talks over the last several months. Each of those have wanted to leave flyers for our residents. We have put up bins on the west wall of the Library to house these flyers. Please feel free to check out the flyers and get the help you need.



Diane Greer

GAME ON! - CONTESTANTS

The Hollywood Nights - Game On! fundraiser event for the Florence Food Share has been postponed to June 20th at the Three Rivers Casino. Greentrees will be competing against Florentine Estates again this year, however we are looking for residents to join the team. Please reach out to Diane Greer @ 661-706-1669 if you would like to be a contestant on the Greentrees Team.

Florence Food Share will be selling raffle tickets to audience members before the games begin to allow contestants from the audience to be included on a team. The tickets for attending the GAME ON! event can be purchased online at <https://florencefoodshare.org/upcoming-events/>

Diane Greer

FLEA MARKET VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS

The Flea Market is scheduled for July 19th from 9AM-3PM. To ensure the Flea Market takes place, we will need multiple volunteers to assist and donations of items to sell. Reach out to Patty Harrison at 541-461-2639 if you'd like to volunteer, or contact Jeff Myers at 541-997-2978 to donate items for the event happening in July.

Jeff Myers



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I near the three-month mark in my role as President, I wanted to take a moment to share some reflections and updates. Over these past few months, I've had the opportunity to get to know each committee, sit in on countless meetings, collaborate closely with our office team, attend events, and connect with many of you one-on-one. Every day continues to be a learning experience, and I'm committed to using that knowledge to serve our community to the best of my ability. This role comes with many challenges, but my goals remain clear: to work hard, lead with positivity, and build a strong sense of teamwork. While there is still a lot of work ahead, I have enjoyed the work we have accomplished so far.

Thanks,
Tracie

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

MENU AND SIGNUP

Mother's Day is May 11 and we will honor all mothers in the Rec Hall at 1 PM. The menu is:

Chicken Pot Pie

Green salad bar

Beverages

Dessert

****Donations Accepted****



The signup sheet is located in the library and you must sign up by May 7th so we can get an accurate count for food. If you are in need of a homebound meal, please contact Diana Lindsley at tediana@comcast.net or 541-590-3623 (no texts, this is a landline).

There is also a signup sheet for volunteers. We will need people to help with: kitchen food prep Sunday morning, set up tables, serve, cleanup.

Diane Greer

*"To every woman who
nurtures, loves, and in-
spires:
Happy Mother's Day!"*



MOM

You cried happy tears,
As we came into the light.
Keeping us safe and loved,
By holding us tight.

You taught us how,
To talk and to stand.
Keeping us safe and loved,
While holding our hands.

As the years rolled by,
Our personalities grew.
Keeping us safe and loved,
You showed us what's true.

We continued to mature,
Into the adults we became.
Keeping us safe and loved,
With each hurdle we overcame.

We watched you mature,
Into the grandma you so deserved.
Now we keep you safe and loved,
Learned from all we have observed.

Colleen Starkey

KARAOKE / SING-A-LONG

Missed the March Karaoke Night? Join us for another exciting evening on Friday, May 9, at 6 PM in the Rec Hall, coinciding with Mother's Day Weekend. Bring a snack to share, your favorite beverage, and invite your friends and family. Expect a joyful night filled with singing, camaraderie, laughter, fun, and new friendships! Send your song choices in advance to gtv.villagevoice@gmail.com.

Diane Greer

GREENTREES PIE BAKE-OFF

At the May 23rd Greentrees Monthly Potluck, we will be hosting a challenge to all bakers. To enter, please submit your name, email (if available), and phone number to: Patty Harrison LionPatty@aol.com or 541-461-2639 by May 20th.

Since the Clam Chowder Cook-Off was very popular, I would suggest that each participant bring 2 pies, same recipe, so that all who attend are able to taste your product for judging. We know that there are some great men pie bakers here also, so everyone put on your aprons and get cooking!

Patty Harrison

MAINTANENCE DUTIES

Daily- Open and clean Pool and spa, check chemical levels, adjust if needed. Spray down sauna and spa area. Unlock all doors that are not on the automated system. Sweep entries in front of doorways clubhouse, rec hall and exercise room. Make sure all auto locking doors are working as they should. Make coffee and popcorn. Inspect exercise equipment for any problems or safety issues. Make sure coffee and popcorn is full throughout the day. On rainy days check and clean the 30+ storm drains. Keep roads clear of debris and over grown limbs. Trim all hedges around common areas. Keep RV park clear of debris. Mow grass at Triangle park, Dog Park and The Point. When Water Works is happening we help the contractors locate water lines and answer any questions they may have. When the plumber is here at least one of us is helping them pump the water out of the holes and hand them parts to speed the process up. Some days we have to haul gravel if the holes wash out after the plumber does his part. Usually at least two times a day we will get called away from what we are doing to deal with an issue of some sort (broken gate, garbage in road, look at DANGEROUS trees questions about water shut offs, ect.). Every 2 hours we have to check the chemical levels at the spa and every 4 hours the pool. We have an auto system now that adds chemicals when needed but the State of Oregon still requires it to be tested manually. Set up tables for events that are happening that day. There are many other things that pop as well. Also there are several projects that go on monthly and yearly. As well as the projects off of the Reserve Spend that we are able to do in house.

Nightly- After day shift goes home the night shift person locks all doors that pertain to the shop area and turns most of the lights out. Checks all bathrooms for supplies that need replenished. Makes coffee and popcorn if needed. Dust and vacuum as needed. Take out trash and clean main office after it closes. Fills condiments for coffee and cleans pots as needed. Refill coffee container and popcorn container as needed. Keep pump rooms clean and tidy. Refill pool testing chemicals. Clean Rec Hall bathrooms Mop floors and vacuum. Clean any other spots that have gotten dirty that day. Take down tables and chairs from events. Clean Family Pool bathrooms. Refill any supplies that are needed. Dump and clean coffee pots. Clean popcorn machine. Empty all garbage cans. Clean exercise room. Lock all doors after the Clubhouse has closed. Clean Adult bathrooms, replenish supplies. Clean up shop area if needed. There are many other little things that get done in between everything listed. The night person also builds benches and any other little projects that we may need done. Both night shift and day shift answer questions and concerns that resident approach them with. **If any residents ever have any questions or concerns please contact James Tennison at 541-997-1371 / james.gtmaint@gmail.com, Or contact your District Representative.**

James Tennison

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Unregistered vehicles: We have at least 24 unregistered vehicles in the park right now. Rule 20:e No unserviceable and/or unlicensed trailer or motor vehicle of any kind shall be parked for more than thirty (30) days on any property within GTV unless it is covered or enclosed within a building or garage. Also if you cover it, you need to use a car cover not a tarp.

Phase 2 is completed besides the asphalt patching and they are working on it now.

The office is continuing to run smoothly. Don't forget to get your dues in on time to avoid late fees. We are always willing to help you out with your account. Just stop in and we will help you.

James Tennison

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CLAM CHOWDER COOK-OFF

Congratulations to our own GTV Board Member Nick Woodworth for capturing the 1st place spot at the March Potluck Clam Chowder Cook-Off! There was some fierce competition with John Hunt capturing 2nd place and Miki Shishido taking home 3rd. Prizes were awarded: \$40 Fred Meyer (FM) gift card, \$30 FM gift card, and \$20 FM gift card for 3rd place. Our board President and Vice President both participated also. Thank you all! There was a fantastic turnout for the festivities as well. Great to see some new faces attending!

Activities committee will be discussing some future events for potlucks. Maybe a Chili Cook-Off in the fall? Potato salad challenge at the 4th of July Hot dog BBQ? A Pie Bake-Off? Attend Activities Committee or let us know your ideas.

Patty Harrison -LionPatty@aol.com

1ST PLACE CHOWDER WINNER NICK WOODWORTH

Nick was born in Coos Bay, Oregon. Lived in Florence, completed his school years here. He and Lynn both worked for the school district, moved to Greentrees in 2003. Nick started cooking at an early age, Mom was a single parent and he helped by cooking dinner for the family. Hamburgers and hot dogs are still some of his favorite meals!

Nick enjoys working in the yard, wood-working, and used to play a lot of tennis and pickleball. He joined the GTV Board in 2017 and the ACC in 2021. Thank you Nick for your service to our community.

Congratulations to Nick for his 1st Place Clam Chowder winning recipe in his first ever cooking competition! I think we will see more of his cooking skills in future challenges....

Patty Harrison

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Nick's Clam Chowder

Ingredients

6 slices bacon (uncooked), diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 onion, diced
1/4 cup butter
1 pkg. Idahoan Butter & Herb Mashed Potatoes
(substituted for flour)
3 (8ounce) jars clam juice
1 qt. half-and-half
4 cups minced clams
Ground white pepper, to taste
Put it all in a big pot and cook slowly, stirring occasionally to avoid burning at the bottom.

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CLAM CHOWDER 2ND AND 3RD PLACE

JOHN HUNT

The March Potluck in Greentrees Village was a culinary highlight, featuring a spirited clam chowder cook-off that drew residents together to celebrate delicious food and friendly competition. Among the entrants, John Hunt proudly secured the 2nd place award for his chowder. A dedicated resident of Greentrees for the past 18 years. He hoped to attract more residents to the potluck with his flavorful dish.

John devoted an entire day to crafting an impressive total of 10 gallons of clam chowder—a labor of love he admits may have been a bit too much, though he was pleased to report that it all disappeared quickly. He utilized a large stirring paddle, specially made for him by another resident, to mix the ingredients and ensure nothing stuck to the pot.

After the judging, a few fellow residents shared with him that they would have cast their votes for him for 1st place had it not been for the slight grittiness of the clams. John had meticulously washed them, believing them to be perfectly clean. Despite the feedback, he expressed contentment with his 2nd place finish.

A passionate cook, John has honed his skills over the years at the Mill Casino's BBQ Cook-Off and has traveled extensively across the United States for various BBQ competitions. He looks forward to contributing his culinary talents to more events in Greentrees in the future.

"Motherhood: all love begins and ends there." — Robert Browning

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*Picks up in front of the
Greentrees Clubhouse*

MIKI SHISHIDO

Miki Shishido, born in 1966 on Maui, is a third-generation resident and the fifth child of a Portuguese mother and Japanese father. His mom worked as a telephone operator, manually connecting calls, while his dad was a principal, coach, and self-taught handyman with endless skills. Miki's passion for food and cooking emerged early, inspired by the fusion of his parents' cultural recipes and traditions.

Before his teaching career, Miki made just one trip to the mainland. He taught 5th grade for 31 years and has spent the last 16 years traveling across the continental U.S., with New York, Florida, and New Orleans among his favorite spots. An avid golfer, Miki dreams of playing renowned courses, with Augusta's Masters Golf Course at the top of his list. He and his partner, Karen Twitchell, also a golf enthusiast, settled in Greentrees four years ago. Miki's 96-year-old mother was thrilled when he won third place in the local Clam Chowder Competition.

Patty Harrison



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GROUP CORNER

Join a club/group/game and meet new people who have your same interests.

Luncheon out! –This group meets monthly at various restaurants around town. They will taking a break for the summer because of lack of interest. Please contact Jude Stendahl, lot 204, at 763-792-2312 or jude.stendahl@gmail.com for any questions. All are welcome to attend! Signup sheet in the library.

Knit / Crochet Group – The group meets the first Friday of each month at the Multi-Purpose Room at 1PM. Next meeting May 2nd. All knitters and crocheters welcome! Please contact Carol Parish for more information.

Scrapbooking / Papercrafting Group! Papercrafting / scrapbooking is taking a break for the summer. Contact Joy at jplummergang2015@gmail.com for information.

Pickle Ball – This is a small group that meets at 8:30AM 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 –Next meeting will be May 16 at 10AM. All abilities are welcome! If you would like to donate supplies, we'd 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 usually meets at 2PM on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room. Next meeting will be May 22 at 2PM. 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.

Game Night – Game night is held on Saturday evenings, from 5-9PM in the Rec Hall. Bring your favorite board games or come join in the fun, even play pool – there are several games happening. Bring some snacks to share. Contact Diane Greer at 661-706-1669 for more information.

Bunco – Bunco is held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in the Rec Hall. It's a quick play dice game that is easy to learn. Bring snacks to share. Contact Diane Greer 661-706-1669 or Betty Hayes 541-590-3810 for more information.

Poker – A small group meets Thursdays in the Coffee Room for a friendly game of poker from 5:30 –8:30PM. Buy in is \$10. For more information contact Bing Ott at 541-968-8273.

Other Groups?

– If you belong to a group and would like to share your group information, please contact the office at 541-590-3003 or email gtvweb-master57@gmail.com to get your group activities added to the Group Corner section.

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AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

GENRE: THRILLER, TRAVEL, WAR

The Island -- 2005: Futuristic thriller about a contained, seemingly utopian facility in the mid-21st century. The residents hope to be chosen to go to the Island - the last uncontaminated place on Earth, but when one inhabitant discovers that there are sinister forces at work, he and a female friend make a daring escape.

Mona Lisa -- 1986: George is a small-time crook just out of prison who discovers his tough-guy image is out of date. Reduced to working as a minder/driver for high class call girl Simone, he has to agree when she asks him to find a young colleague from her King's Cross days. That's when George's troubles just start.

The Pelican Brief -- 1993: Taut thriller about a young law student whose legal brief about the assassination of two Supreme Court justices causes her to be targeted by killers. She realizes just how accurate her accusations have been when her lover and mentor is murdered. Forced to go on the run in New Orleans, she is aided by a journalist who helps her unravel a conspiracy involving senior government figures.

Poseidon Adventure, The Blackbeard -- 2009: This thrilling double feature begins with a daunting remake of the 1972 blockbuster about a terrorist who sets off a bomb on a luxury liner on New Year's Eve, leaving only a handful of surviving passengers in *The Poseidon Adventure* (Adam Baldwin, Steve Guttenberg. 2005/173 min.). Follow that up with *Blackbeard* (Angus Macfayden. 2006/169 min.), the true tale of the dastardly pirate who terrorized the seas in the 18th century.

Premonition -- 2007: Linda Hanson (Sandra Bullock) has an idyllic life, until one day she receives word that her husband (Julian McMahon) has died in an auto accident. However, when Linda wakes up the next morning and finds Jim beside her, she assumes she has just had an unusually vivid dream. Soon she finds out that what she experienced was not a dream, and she must battle time and destiny to save her family.

The Prestige -- 2006: Period thriller set in Edwardian London where two rival magicians, partners until the tragic death of an assistant during a show, feud bitterly after one of them performs the ultimate magic trick - teleportation. His rival tries desperately to uncover the secret of his routine, experimenting with dangerous new science as his quest takes him to the brink of insanity and jeopardizes the lives of everyone around the pair.

Unbreakable -- 2007: A security guard, having been the sole survivor of a high-fatality train crash, finds himself at the center of a mysterious theory that explains his consistent physical good fortune. When news of his survival is made public, a man whose own body is excessively weak tracks him down in an attempt to explain his unique unbreakable nature.

TRAVEL...Germany, Swiss Alps and Travel Skills: Join host Rick Steves on a 2½-hour wander through Germany and Switzerland - plus 90 minutes of valuable on-location travel tips - packed into eight half-hour "Rick Steves' Europe" TV shows. Starting in the Rhineland, you'll tour a lived-in castle and take a scenic river cruise. You'll shop at an open-air market in Munich, then get an insider's tour of "Mad" King Ludwig's remarkable castles - and climb to another that's been all but forgotten. In Berlin you'll see the amazing architectural (and cultural) changes taking place since the wall tumbled down, and in the Black Forest you'll dip into a classy mineral spa. And in the heart of the Swiss Alps, you'll get a taste of village life, joining a volunteer fire department on a Heidi rescue drill. Your trip starts all over again with Rick's popular 90-minute "Travel Skills Special" - filmed on location throughout Europe.

WAR...What Price Glory -- 1952: Longtime rivals in the Marines, Capt. Flagg (James Cagney) and Sgt. Quirt (Dan Dailey) are stationed together in France during World War I. Soon the two tough military officers are competing for the hand of pretty local girl Charmaine (Corinne Calvet). Flagg and Quirt get into plenty of trouble, but their playful brawling eventually gives way to camaraderie, particularly when the realities of war set in as the soldiers head back out to the battlefield.

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Back in 2000, our own village had a few Rhododendron flower floats in the annual parade. You can see more photos if you click on the "Our Community" icon on the top of the "Greentrees Village" web page. Then click on "Our History" to see the book written by two residents. Many other photos of the float entries can also be seen.

Jack Stephen

- I love how we don't have to say out loud that I'm your favorite child.
- I got all my good qualities from you, Mom! Isn't it lucky you had more than enough for both of us?
- Raising me undoubtedly tested all of your parenting skills. You passed with flying colors!
- A mother's work is never done—but today, you deserve a rest. In fact, take the rest of the week off!
- Man, I'm so happy this is where the stork dropped me!
- Boy, I landed in a good nest.
- Thanks for always loving me, even through all of my awkward phases.

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IMPORTANT—UPDATE THE OFFICE

If you have changed your phone number, email address, or moved, please stop by the office and update your contact and emergency information. Up-to-date information is important to have in case of an emergency. It also helps keep our GTV directory current.

Office Staff

PET OF THE MONTH

Kitty, the charming queen of elegance! After losing her beloved human and arriving at OCHS, she's eager to find a cozy home of her own. Sweet and serene, Kitty is the perfect low-maintenance roommate—no remote hogging or judgment here (unless dinner is late!). If you're looking for a gentle companion who will grace your life with her regal presence, Kitty is ready to move in and steal your heart!



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Event locations

Daily (weekdays):

Water Aerobics, at the Pool, 8 AM

Mon /Wed / Fri:

Pickle Ball, at the court, 8:30 AM

Tai Chi, Rec Hall, 9 AM (M/W)

Exercise Class, Rec Hall, 10 AM

Rec Hall:

Board Meeting

Bunco

Card Exchange

District Meetings

Game Night

Potluck

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Poker

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Multi-Purpose Room:

Activities Committee

Finance Committee

GERT

Knit & Crochet Group

Papercrafting /

Scrapbooking

Property Committee

Quilt Club

Woman's Group

Conference Room:

ACC Committee

Communications Committee

Tidbits

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The date for payment of dues without incurring late fees is the 25th of the month. Payments made on the 26th or later will incur a \$25 late fee as well as interest.

HOA Fees: Dues for 2025 are \$318 / month.

Recycling: The Activities Committee collects bottles and cans with deposits. All the funds go to the Activities 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.

Dumpster Use: A reminder that ONLY yard debris should be in the dumpsters. There is a fine for putting trash or plastic bags in the dumpster. Branches should be kept to under 3 inches and 3 feet long.

Directory info: Is your directory information correct –name, phone number and/or email address? The Office needs correct information in order to contact you.

May

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1 PM ACC 2 PM Communications Committee 4 PM Districts 4,6, 7 5:30 Poker	2 2 PM Knit & Crochet group	3 5 PM Game Night
4	CINCO DE MAYO 5 12:45 GERT Radio test 1 PM Bunco	6	7 1 PM Bridge	8 1 PM GERT 5:30 Poker	9 6 PM Karaoke / Sing-A- Long	10 5 PM Game night
11 11 AM Mother's Day Appreciation Lunch	RECYCLE DAY 12	13 10 AM Property Committee	14 <u>Pool Closed</u> 10 AM Finance Committee 1 PM Bridge	15 5:30 Poker	16 10 AM Quilt Group 1 PM CC&R's & Bylaws Ad-Hod Committee	17 10 AM Coffee Social 2 PM Districts 8 & 9 5 PM Game Night
18 11 AM Activities Committee 1 PM Bunco	19 11 AM Activities Committee 1 PM Bunco	20 1 PM Board Meeting	21 12 PM Luncheon Out 1 PM Bridge	22 2PM Districts 1 & 3 5:30 Poker	23 5 PM Potluck	24 5 PM Game night
25	RECYCLE DAY 26	27	28 1 PM Bridge 2 PM District 2	29 2 PM District 5 5:30 Poker	30 9 AM – 3 PM GTV Yard Sale	31 9 AM -3 PM GTV Yard Sale 5 PM Game Night

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