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Greentrees Village, Inc.

A Fifty-Five and Older Community

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Community Yard Sale Set For September 12th.

At the March board meeting, the Board set Saturday, September 12th as the date for the annual Greentrees Village community yard sale. The date coincides with the City of Florence' city-wide garage sale which runs the same weekend.

Cameras at the Gates

Greentrees now has cameras at the entrance gates that all owners and residents can watch. There is a link to the new cameras on the home page of the Greentrees website. Go to www.greentreesvillage.org and click on the **Amenities and Events** button. On the drop down menu, click on **Live Video**. The link will take you to four live cameras, two on the river and two on the gates.

Poker

Homeowner David Catano is looking for residents who might want to play poker on Tuesday nights in the Clubhouse Coffee Room. If you are interested in playing, give David a call at 541-997-9902.

GTV Recycling

 by David Johnsen

There have been changes in the recycling of Greentrees Village pill bottles and batteries. After separation is made from our bottle container, all bottles, batteries, etc are taken to non-profit Garten in Eugene. Garten is an organization that helps people with Down Syndrome. Corks and large screw-top cans are still taken to the City of Florence. Printer cartridges, cell phones and small electronics are collected by the Genealogist Society.

The recycle bins are located in the Clubhouse Atrium, close to the table tennis and pool table. The recycle program has been a huge success. We appreciate all of

Greentrees Village resident's cooperation in this endeavor. Let's keep up the good work.

Greentrees Facebook Page

 by Samantha Strausser

The Greentree's Facebook page is up and running! Search "Greentrees Village Inc" when you're in Facebook and post away. Can't wait to see your pictures of Greentrees activities and pics of where ever you may roam. It's the perfect place to announce meetings, ask questions, post pics of your pets or favorite flower, etc. Please 'like' our page so you can see the postings on your home page and don't forget to 'comment' on your neighbors pictures, etc. and just have fun with it.

Architectural Committee Tips

 by RB Taylor

Once again we are faced with the change of "Spring", coming upon us, and with it the need to cut back the vegetation that invades us each year.

As a reminder, the bins at several locations around the park are provided for each of us to put our cuttings into, but they are limited to the amount they can hold and we ask that you not overfill them. The bins are normally picked up on each Tuesday and sometimes on Thursday each week. If you hire someone to cut back the growth around your lot, please make sure that they take the waste to the recycling plant and not dump it in the bins. The commercial contractors that cut back the growth in the lots normally have enough material to fill more than one bin at a time. You do the math - we only have a short period of time each year to clean up the over growth and we have 567 lots that would like to put their clippings into the bins. Please be considerate.

I would also like to remind everyone that if you are planning on making additions to your home or lot, you need to check with the Architectural Committee to see if you need to obtain a permit. Generally a permit is required if you are planning to add any type of addition that would change the coverage of the lot. If you are concerned that the association may be overstepping their authority, please review the CC&Rs, and the By-Laws which describe the powers and duties of the BOD, and the Architectural Committee which is authorized by ORS94.630.

From the President by George Lyddon



April showers will bring the May flowers, bugs, birds, ground squirrels and cats. We watch with delight as nature blooms with new life and fragrance. However, it becomes disheartening when we see our neighbors cat bound out of our shrubbery with a bird in its mouth. For those who let their cats

roam free, your neighbors would deeply appreciate your restraining their roaming activity.

Construction on Rhododendron Dr. will start in July-August time frame. Its expected that the completion will be in Sept/October. The path way will be started sometime in 2016.

The Computer Club by Pat Miller

Microsoft has never been good with nomenclature. Outlook Express turned into Windows Mail, which turned into Windows Live Mail. Meanwhile, Hotmail became Outlook.com. But there's still a thing called Outlook which is not the same as Outlook Express or Outlook.com.

Windows Live OneCare (which started life as Windows OneCare Live) was a security tool, eventually replaced by Microsoft Security Essentials. Microsoft also has for years had Windows Defender, an anti-spyware scanner. But Windows 8 introduced another completely different Windows Defender, a real-time anti-malware tool, which is actually just a renamed Microsoft Security Essentials. Oh, and there's also Windows Defender Offline (different from both of the other Defenders).

So is it a surprise that Microsoft made a mess when naming Windows 8 (at least I think so)? Gone are the days of "Service Pack 1, 2 or 3" that we had with previous versions of Windows. To replace that, the wise folks in Redmond went with an 8.x format, which may sound good at first. Windows 8 was followed by Windows 8.1. But the next big release wasn't Windows 8.2—it was Windows 8.1 Update 1.

Windows 8.1 was an optional update, but the Windows 8.1 Update is mandatory. Those who did not install Windows 8.1 won't get the Windows 8.1 Update.

Confusing? Yes. So you think here's another reason to switch to Linux Mint that you've been hearing about as

the liberation from Microsoft. Consider this:

Linux Mint releases a new operating system about every 6 months; some stay in beta, some go into Long Term Support (LTS), but even the LTS versions are soon declared obsolete.

The first version, Ada, released in 2006 was followed by Barbara. You would think that the next version would be a "C" name, but no, Linux used 3 B's and 2 C's, before getting on with the alphabetical bandwagon. Following Ada and Barbara, we have Bea, Bianca, Cassandra, Celena, Daryna, Elyssa, Felicia, Gloria, Helena, Isadora, Julia, Katya, Lisa, Maya, Nadia, Olivia, Petra, and Qiana [release 17]. But was the next release 18 with an R name? Nope, it was Rebecca 17.1. Go figure!

The Activity Committee by C. Fisher & F. Walters

The first dinner of the year was a grand success, thanks to chairmen Jeff Myer and Cheryl Devoe. 57 guests were served a lovely dinner of corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes with ice cream for dessert. The meal was delicious. The Greentrees Five entertained with dance music with an Irish flair. A thank you goes to Joan Long and the band.

There were 56 homes sold last year in Greentrees Village, and the Activity Committee would like to invite all the new home owners to come to our meetings. Volunteering to help at an event like serving a dinner, helping at the Hot Dog Social on July 4th, or helping at the Flea Market on July 18th is a great way to meet your neighbors. We hope you will attend these events even if you can't volunteer.

April, the Coffee Social is on the 7th in the Coffee Room. Bunco is at 1:30 on the 2nd and 19th in the Recreation Hall, and the Potluck is on April 24th. The next meeting of the Activity Committee is on April 8th at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room.

Mother's Day Breakfast in May by Fred Burns

Fred and Sharon Burns are hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 10th. We will be serving sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes and orange juice. Breakfast will be served between the hours of 9 and 11 AM. The cost to enjoy this wonderful breakfast will be \$5 per person.

We hope to see you all there; mothers, daughters, fathers and friends.

Please sign up early so we can get a good count of groceries to buy. We can use your help on this activity, and ideas you may have to make the day fun for all.

Award winners show at Backstreet Gallery



Greentrees Village resident Bill Johnson is featured along with artist Jan Woodford in April art show.

Backstreet Gallery presents Bill Johnson (Greentrees Village resident) and Jan Woodford, the artists who won the *Best of Show* awards for last December's *Little Dickens Show*. Their new exhibition will be mighty, but not miniature. The reception is on April 11th from 3-5 PM during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour. Refreshments will be served.

Bill Johnson entered several Little Dickens Shows and won awards at each show for his 3D pieces.

He has been artistic since childhood, when he loved to draw hot rods. At Pasadena City College, he began to take art and design classes. He pursued a career in the aerospace industry. Later he worked in residential design and graphic arts.

Workshops like *Artist Is You*, *Art and Soul* and an assemblage class with Michael de Meng have influenced his present day art.

He expresses himself by gathering discarded objects that he finds in thrift shops and garage sales then transforms and assembles them into freestanding sculptural pieces. Machine parts, clocks, watches, dials, meters, gears and chains are a few of the items you might find pieced together in his unique sculptures.

Jan Woodford loves to work in series. Her most recent endeavor is her masterfully executed seascapes. She is equally adept at portraiture. Jan coordinates the *Figure Eight Artists* who meet biweekly with a live model.

Come enjoy their distinctive creations during April at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. open daily 10-6PM.

Greentrees Volunteer Needed by Ken Stone

Greentrees Village needs one or two volunteers who can represent our community at the West Lane Emer-

gency Operations Group (WLEOG). Greentrees is an associate member of this organization which is made up of community leaders from all of Western Lane County.

The purpose of WLEOG is to bring together all relevant public and private organizations in the area to develop plans of action in the event of a major disaster. This includes preparedness before the event, education of the public on personal preparedness, response during a disaster, and plans for both short and long term restoration of info structure.

The WLEOG is unique on the Oregon Coast and as a result of its actions so far we are the most prepared area in Oregon. Much has been done already, but there is more to do in the future.

As associate members we do not have a vote in the organization, but have a seat at the table and can be heard concerning those issues that affect Greentrees Village. This is important because we represent 560 homes in Florence and are the only gated community with a position in this organization.

I have represented Greentrees in this organization for several years, but due to rapid loss of my hearing ability, I need to remove myself from this position. The acoustics in the Fire Station room where this meeting occurs is terrible and compounds my hearing deficit.

The volunteer's involvement is primarily one hour per month (10:00 AM on 3rd Monday), but may involve participation on some committee in the future if you desire.

I hope that Greentrees will continue to be represented in this important organization in the future. If you would like to help out, please contact me, Ken Stone, at: krstone@Yahoo.com.

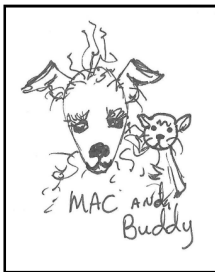
Gabbers and Dabbers by Norma Burkett

April will be the month we can learn how to sell on Amazon for any and all who are ready to sell their wares. Samantha will take us through the steps until we all get it - promise. It may take some of us a while. If you just want to bring a project to show, that's fine too.

Mainly, the Gabbers and Dabbers do a lot of sharing of ideas and showing others how to do something that someone else wants to try. It's a really nice way to spend a few hours. Although we have the Multi-Purpose room from 1 PM until 3 PM, you can come late or leave early. Or miss a few weeks. Retired people should have their own schedule. Right?

We do almost anything crafty. For example; if you have an old lamp shade with a metal frame and want to refresh it, we have some inventive ideas for you, and instructions if you need them.

MAC AND BUDDY



Greentrees' dogs have miles of safe roads to walk on, clean grassy parks and our own river beach when the tide is out. We are the luckiest dogs anywhere!

The only thing we don't have is a safe fenced area to run after balls and Frisbees. Maybe I could learn to play tennis or Pickle Ball.

Lots of parents take us down to the river to throw sticks and balls, but you have to watch out for the currents. And I have to be careful about my hip twisting in the sand. Also, there is the effect the water has on some of us: it can make us have bad tummies. The dead things on the sand can even poison us. When a dog gets really sick after a visit to the river, please take him or her to the vet quickly.

Did you know that many pets have allergies? We sneeze, cough, and are often tired and cranky thanks to the pollen and molds. I'm sure there must be some treatments besides a daily brushing and a good warm face wash. Maybe your parents have some other solutions. We would like to hear them.

We are still hoping for some pictures. Are you all camera shy?

Tip of the month: Too much gas? Try 2 tbsp to 1/2 cup of plain yogurt in our food for dogs, and a tsp. for cats in an ice cream dish. Buddy thinks it's his treat. Felines are so picky. Brita/Pur water in our glass or pottery drinking bowls helps too.

Have a happy and safe Aprill!
Mac.



Greentrees Bingo

Every Saturday Night
at 7:00 PM

Door Prizes, Good Snacks,
and Good Company.
In the Recreation Hall

Welcome New Residents

Stan & Ester Brown - lot 77

Donna Barfoot - lot 582

Pat & Dan Chapman - lot 676

Martha Willits - lot 536

Alvin Willis & Annette Sanders - lot 402

Karl Tarpinian - lot 409

Kate McFall - lot 76

In Memoriam

Lorraine Long, lot 25
passed 02/03/15

Stella Barfoot, lot 582
10/11/25 - 02/13/15

Lavonne Ross, lot 197
09/01/33 - 02/15

Rick Thiergartner, lot 266
03/29/58 - 03/14/15



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Greentrees Village Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2015

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President George Lyddon. All nine board members were present.

Approval of the Board Agenda: G. Lyddon made a motion to approve the Agenda with changes in the order of New Business items, i.e. renumbering. (03-09-15) Rhody Bus Report by Don Patton to (03-02-15). All other items that followed were then renumbered in order. The motion by Mr. Lyddon also corrected the lot number in (03-05-15) Estate Sale, to Lot #509. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: F. Burns moved to approve the BOD meeting minutes of February 10, 2015. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

President's Comments: G. Lyddon thanked members of the audience for attending this board meeting and brought everyone up to date on the City Council. Rhododendron Drive construction/repair will be started around June and be done around October. The engineering study has already been approved. Mr. Lyddon reiterated that Greentrees Village does carry weight with the City and thanked everyone again for doing a fine job and for all their support. Mr. Lyddon said the Council may try to reissue a vote for the gas tax to help fund street maintenance. It will be simplified and marketed in a way that will be a lot more understandable, e.g. if you use 40 gallons of gas a month, it will be approximately \$1.20 more per month with a three-cent increase per gallon. It will be shared by everyone coming into the city of Florence. Mr. Lyddon said his vote would be against it being tied to a bond, and when questioned, said he believed it would replace the current road improvement fee charged by the City.

Resident's Forum: None.

Correspondence: None.

Financial Report: P. Miller presented the February Financial Report. Cash on hand in our checking/savings account is \$378,626.26. The Reserve Fund has \$384,941.53 for a total balance of \$763,567.79 in checking/savings.

General Manager's Report: Louis Dashofy reported that the new Occupancy Compliance Rule has been very effective not only in removing underage persons but in registration of many adults that we did not know lived here. Several letters have been sent and the six-month time table initiated. Samantha Strausser of the Computer Club has made a new Facebook page for Greentrees Village residents. Thirty new waterlines have been completed, with two more to be done in 2015. Thirty-four new waterlines had been planned but due to cost overruns, the Finance Committee stopped at 32 to stay within budget. A treadmill has been down in the Exercise Room for several weeks. This item is on today's Agenda, (*See New Business (03-07-15) Treadmill Replacement: F. Burns*). The 2014 Financial Review with Jones and Roth is nearly complete. It will be presented at the next BOD meeting and made available to Greentrees Village owners. A tankless water heater for the adult restrooms went out and was replaced with a new one for \$1,400.00. This item is also on today's Agenda, (*See New Business (03-09-15) Replacement of Water Heater: G. Lyddon*). Work will begin soon on the sauna to replace the cedar paneling on the inside and reduce the sauna size by four feet, making room for a heat pump for the Jacuzzi. The exact start date will probably be after the next board meeting. The sauna will be down for about 3-4 weeks at that time. Gate cameras are up and are viewable on the website. Banner Bank has taken over Siuslaw Bank, which is where our main operating account is located. We are not sure of the effect this will have yet and will be getting back to everyone on this.

Committee & Club Reports: (**Architectural Committee:**) R. B. Taylor reported that no permits were issued in the month of February. (**Property Committee:**) W. Fisher reported that other than the aforementioned sauna work and waterline work, the only other thing the Property Committee is working on is getting more information on electronic logs for the Clubhouse. (**Computer Club:**) P. Miller reported that on March 4th, Samantha Strausser gave a Facebook class. The class was very successful and between the voluminous content of Facebook and the attendees wanting more, a Part II class was scheduled for March 11th at 11:00 a.m. Pat thanked Samantha for sharing her knowledge and all her efforts. Pat said the Computer Club is working on other topics from their wish list and hope to soon have a class with a representative from one of the local phone stores. (**Activity Committee:**) F. Walters reported that the Activity Committee meeting was on March 4, 2015. They discussed the St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on March 17, 2015, hosted by Jeff Myers and Cheryl Divoll. If anyone would like to donate an item that could be used for a raffle at the dinner, please contact the office. The dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Clubhouse. The charge for the dinner is \$7.00. (**Bingo Committee:**) No report. (**Art Advisory Committee:**) B. Johnson reported that the current displays by Norma Burkett of Lot #91; June Elliot of Lot #161; Jean Hosking of Lot #103; and Rita Cadagin of Lot #44 will continue through the end of March. The Art Advisory Committee will meet soon to pick new displays for April. *As always, if you would like to display your collection, please sign the sign-up sheet and see Charlotte, in the office, to fill out an application.*

Unfinished Business: (03-08-14) Foreclosure, Lot 9/Lot 9 Sale: G. Lyddon reported that due to illness, the buyer has backed out of the sale and Lot #9 is back on the market at a sales price of \$29,500.00.

New Business: (03-01-15) Age Exemption Request: Maria Clark, owner of Lot #277, requested an age exemption be allowed for her tenant, Christopher Perez, age 52. G. Lyddon motioned to allow Mr. Perez to stay six months from the date of occupancy registration with the Greentrees office on March 4, 2015. The six-month period will end on September 4, 2015, allowing Mr. Perez sufficient time to find new housing. Although no fines were instituted against the owner at this time, the Association Declaration Occupancy Rules and applicable fines were reiterated to Ms. Clark, for which she will be responsible if Mr. Perez is still residing at Lot #277 after September 4, 2015. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 2 opposed, (time-sensitive matter) motion passed.* **(03-02-15) Rhody Bus Report:** Don Patton, Lot #282, as a member of the Transit Advisory Committee, reported that about the time he went on the Committee a year and a half ago, a pilot project was started, in which the Casino route was added and the Greentrees route continued. Some ridership was lost due to a change from a consistent 60-minute route schedule and eight trips daily to a confusing 70-minute route schedule and seven trips daily. The Committee has made a recommendation to the City Council to keep Greentrees within the route, and with a few minor changes to the route, go back to a 60-minute schedule. Hopefully, as of April 1, 2015, we will be going back to the 60-minute route with eight trips a day. As of now, the Rhody bus stops at the Medical Center first and then Greentrees. The Committee recommended that the stops be reversed, with Greentrees first and then the Medical Center, which will make more sense and is much easier for Greentrees residents going to the Medical Center. There will be signs with the new schedule. The Committee is attempting to get more grant money and is working with the Tribe, LTD (Lane County Transit District) and the City of Florence in the hopes that there will be more money for another bus. On surveys, the citizens of Florence have requested an expansion of hours to start earlier in the morning than the current start time of 10:00 a.m., so that the service can be utilized by students and people going to work. They also request Saturday routes in order to go to the supermarket or get downtown to Bay Street. The Transit Advisory Committee will meet at the end of March about hooking up with Lincoln County so that we will be able to expand the service. Our core here in Lane County is the only place on the coast that you cannot go either north or south from. One goal is to have ODOT, Lane County and Lincoln County expand the route from Yachats down to Florence so that we will be able to connect north. The Lincoln County system connects with Corvallis and Albany and uses a series of routes to connect all the way up to Astoria. Hopefully, within a couple of years we will be able to get out of Florence. We might even be going over to Eugene on the transit system at some point. Fred Burns thanked Don, on behalf of the Board and residents of Greentrees, for being the driving force in the retention of the Rhody bus. **(03-03-15) CD Purchase:** P. Miller reported that at the March 5, 2015 Finance Committee meeting it was decided that it was necessary to move some money. P. Miller motioned that the Board approve the purchase of Certificates of Deposit, in the amount totaling \$200,000.00, using reserve funds from the Greentrees' Washington Federal Money Market Savings account. The CDs' term shall not exceed 36 months; and shall earn 1.35% interest or higher. They will be purchased from the insured institution which offers the best rate at the time of purchase. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **(03-04-15) Yard Sale Date:** B. Johnson motioned to approve Saturday, September 5, 2015 as the date for the Greentrees Village Yard Sale, to be held in conjunction with the Florence city-wide yard sale that same weekend. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **(03-05-15) Estate Sale, Lot #509:** D. Johnsen motioned to allow Linda's Thrift Store and Estate Sales to carry out an estate sale for Pam and Jim Henderson, Lot # 509, on April 3rd and 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **(03-06-15) 2015 HUD Survey:** P. Patton motioned that each Greentrees Village Board member do the HUD Survey in their district, starting on June 1, 2015. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **(03-07-15) Treadmill Replacement:** F. Burns reported that the treadmill in the Exercise Room has been down for a few weeks. The repairman said it would not be cost effective to repair. At the last Property Committee Meeting, Jim Fleming suggested purchasing a Nordic Track commercial treadmill online at a cost of \$1,599.00 with free shipping. This treadmill has a lifetime warranty on the frame and motor; a five-year warranty on parts and electronics; a two-year labor warranty; excellent reviews and a five-star rating. It is considerably less in price online. F. Burns motioned to approve using Reserve Funds to purchase a Nordic Track commercial treadmill at a cost of \$1,599.00. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **(03-08-15) Consider Appointment of Nick Woodworth, Lot #66, to ACC:** R. B. Taylor moved to approve appointment of Nick Woodworth, Lot #66 to the ACC. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **(03-09-15) Replacement of Water Heater:** An eight-year-old tankless water heater for the adult restrooms went out and was replaced on an emergency basis at a cost of \$1,400.00 by Louis Dashofy. G. Lyddon motioned to approve the purchase price of \$1,400.00 for the already replaced tankless water heater. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.*

Other Business: None.

Announcements: G. Lyddon welcomed everyone to the potluck dinner on Friday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m., hosted by R. B. Taylor of District 3. Mr. Lyddon thanked Ruth Smelly and Betty Turner for making and serving the cake for today's meeting.

G. Lyddon moved to adjourn the meeting. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **Adjournment at 2:00 p.m.**