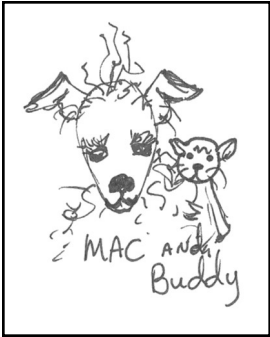


Buddy & Mac



Hi again. You know, pets do get older, and we often need our parent's help to remember our limitations. My sister Jasmine had a seizure last week and her legs are kind of wonky now, but she doesn't seem to know it. We have to help her get up and down a bit, and be more gentle with her. Although, she's actually louder and crankier when it's time to eat, go to bed, get off Mom's lap, or just because ??? She's sure not growing old gracefully!

We all tend to slow down as we age, and that includes your pets. Walking should take us all a little longer, so we can stop and smell the roses or check that all important pee-mail. Dogs may need Arnica or other medications for their hips and legs. Cats can always use a teaspoon of plain yogurt daily for tummy health. I feel sadness for my friends whose parents don't understand their changing needs as they add years, and continue to expect them to carry on as usual. Warmer beds for older pets, and keeping older cats inside more is a kindness. Your vet can help you with the do's and don'ts, or check the net for advice, but most of all listen to your heart, because that will help us all age safely and gracefully together.

Tip of the month: Be aware that some Christmas snacks, or decorations that look like snacks can provide great temptations for your not so discerning pets. We are often worse than human children at getting into things. Maybe a tree with cat or dog treats would be a nice change this year and I, for one, would be delighted with that idea! Whoohoo!!!!

Meowy Christmas and a Purrfect Holiday to all!!!
Buddy the Handsomely Dashing Tabby

In Memoriam



Robert Fletcher (lot 20) - 12/4/29 - 10/10/15

Jim Furniss (lot 573) - 10/2/27 - 10/21/15

Lorraine Dierling (lot 525) - 5/11/57 - 11/3/15

Christmas Dinner

Hosted by the Activity Committee

December 25th at 4:00 PM
In the Recreation Hall.
The Activity Committee will provide the ham and scalloped potatoes. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Residents: Free - Guests: \$5

Welcome New Residents

Rich & Debra Harris, lot 685
Shannon Warren & Chris Lehievre, lot 25
David & Lea Ann Russell, lot 542
Peggy Jo Glidewell Walman, lot 96
Sherri & Regene Wittenberg, lot 57

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2016 Assessments

You will soon be receiving information about your 2016 annual assessment in the mail. Copies of the 2016 Greentrees Budget will be mailed to all owners by December 2nd along with a survey from the Board and a statement of your account through 2015 with the dues for 2016 added. The monthly assessments will be going up to \$212 per month next year.

The statement will be printed during the last week of November, so if you make an assessment payment late in that week or thereafter, it will not show on the statement.

This is the only billing you will receive from the Association for 2016. You may pay your assessment monthly, quarterly or annually, whichever is convenient for you.

November Food Drive

Led by Fred Burns, residents donated and volunteers collected over fourteen hundred pounds of food for Florence Food Share during the November food drive. Several hundred dollars in cash was also contributed.

Florence Food Share is a private, non-profit, emergency food box pantry whose mission is to alleviate hunger in West Lane County. They provide emergency food to low income, disabled, seniors, unemployed and under-employed individuals and households in the area of Mapleton, Swisshome, Florence, and Dunes City.

Thank you all for your generous contributions to help feed the hungry in Florence. Thanks also to the Greentrees elves who collected the donations: Ken Stone, Jerry Hernandez, Larry Elliott, Bruce Littlepage, Jeff Meyers, Kathy McGregor, Vicki and Ralph Martin, Jim and Faye Walters and Fred and Sharon Burns.

Toys for the Soroptimist Society *by Peg Patton*

Each year the Soroptimist Society collects and distributes toys to families in Florence, and Greentrees has

helped for many years. The Christmas tree is now up in the Recreation Hall. Please bring an unwrapped toy and place it under our tree. In mid December, we will take the toys to the SOP distribution center. The toys need to be unwrapped so the elves can place them on the proper age-appropriate tables (the wrapped packages under the tree are for decoration only).

Club Election

The Computer Club will be electing officers at their December business meeting on December 2nd. 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.

Bunco *by Larry Elliott*

There will no longer be a sign up sheet for Bunco in the Library. Game time is at 1:30 PM on the first Thursday and the third Sunday of each month. The cost is \$4. The money is used for cash prizes. People with last names which begin with A-L should bring a snack on the first Thursday. Those with last names which begin with M-Z should bring a snack on the third Sunday. If you are new to this game, pick up an instruction sheet in the Clubhouse Library.

Thank you!

Greentrees Village Association wishes to thank Joel and John van Adrighem (lot 35) for their time, expertise and labor in installing the new electronic locks on the Clubhouse doors. The van Adrighems saved the Association thousands of dollars by volunteering their time and knowledge. Thank you so much!



From The President *by George Lyddon*



As I conclude my term as your President, I want to say thank you to all of you who have contributed to the well being of Greentrees Village.

I would like to thank Louis for his patience and dedication to Greentrees, to the office staff who take care of the daily activities, and to our maintenance staff who work

to keep things operational.

I want to thank the board members whose collective efforts keep Greentrees Village running smoothly, and thank you to the over sixty volunteers who help to provide holiday meals and chair various club activities so vital to the health and well being of us all.

It has been an interesting and fulfilling two years. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

The Computer Club *by Pat Miller*

I hope you enjoy every minute of your holiday season, perhaps including the Greentrees Thanksgiving and Christmas potlucks. Remember to take time during the rush of the holiday season to enjoy yourselves.

We have to take time away from the holiday frenzy to take care of our year-end business. In place of our December 2nd class, we will hold a business meeting. Primary items of business are election of 2016 officers, and approval of the 2016 budget. The volunteer advertising coordinator and blogger positions are open. Come on out, support your club.

December schedule

12/2 Business Meeting

12/16 Jep Norwood

Wishing you a Happy Holiday season,

a very Merry Christmas,

and a fun New Year's

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

Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM there will be a potluck hors d'oeuvres and dessert holiday party. Bring your favorite finger food or dessert and enjoy the Christmas music provided by Joan Long and the Greentrees Five. If you haven't already brought an unwrapped toy for the needy, you can bring one at this time. Come and enjoy this festive party.

Christmas dinner will be served on Christmas day at 4:00 PM. The Activity Committee will provide ham and scalloped potatoes. The side dishes and desserts are potluck. Please bring a side dish, such as yams, salad, vegetables, rolls cranberry sauce or dessert of your choice. Those of you who can help, please sign up to help decorate the tables, serve the meal or clean up the kitchen afterwards. This is a free dinner for all Greentrees residents. Guests are \$5.

Halloween Party *by Bill Johnson*

If you didn't attend the Greentrees Halloween Party and Potluck you missed a really fun time.

I would like to thank all that attended and those who helped make it a success. A very special thanks to Wayne Fisher and my wife Beverley for helping me with the main entree; to Rob Wells our official photographer, and Gary Smith who took care of the music and movies. I also want to express my appreciation to non-Greentrees residents Joe and Pamela Henry as Master of Ceremonies and Maggie Free as Celebrity Judge. As mentioned, Rob Wells took photos at the party. If you are interested in viewing or printing them you will need to go to the Greentrees Village Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/greentreesvillage/>

On the left side of the page is a post by Gary Smith which gives you a link to the photos. Or you can access the Greentrees Facebook page from the search on your own Facebook page.

See you next Halloween!

Christmas Fun Facts

The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.

Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.

Because of their pagan associations, both the holly and the ivy and other green boughs in home decoration were banned by the sixth-century Christian Council of Braga.

Contrary to popular belief, the poinsettia is not poisonous, but holly berries are.

There are approximately 21,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States.

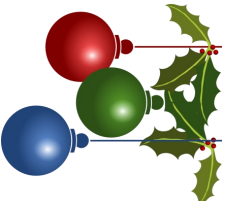
In Germany, *Heiligabend*, or Christmas Eve, is said to be a magical time when the pure in heart can hear animals talking.

Christmas purchases account for one in six of all retail sales in the U.S.



December 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE: Water Aerobics M-F at 8:00am	1 Coffee Social 9:30am Property Comm. 10:00am Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm - 9:00pm	2 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am ACC meeting 10:00am Hula Lessons 11:00am Computer class 11:10am Business Meeting Activities Comm. 1 pm	3 Friendship Club 9:30-12:00pm Finance Comm. 10:00am Rhody Quilters 10:00-4:00pm Bunco 1:30pm - Snacks A-L	4 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	5 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
6 Holiday Party 2:00pm	7 Pickle Ball 9-10:30pm Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	8 BOD Meeting 1:00pm Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm - 9:00pm	9 Pool closed Pickle Ball 9-10:30pm Exercise Class 10:00am Hula Lessons 11:00am	10	11 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	12 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
13	14 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	15 Applique Society 9:30am Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm - 9:00pm	16 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Hula Lessons 11:00am Computer class 11:10am w/Jep Norwood	17 Friendship Club 9:30-12:00pm Rhody Quilters 10:00-4:00pm	18 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Ladies Luncheon - Noon Spice Restaurant	19 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
20 Bunco 1:30pm Snacks M-Z	21 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	22 Tuesday luncheon 12:00pm <i>Rosa's Mexican Restaurant</i> Bridge 1:00pm Flying Needles & Hooks 3-5 Poker 6:00pm - 9:00pm	23 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Hula Lessons 11:00am	24 Quilting Group 9:00-4:00pm Friendship Club 9:30-12:00pm GTV Office closes at noon	25 Christmas Dinner Potluck - 4:00pm Office & Maintenance closed 	26 Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
27	28 Pickle Ball 9-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3pm	29 Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm - 9:00pm	30 Pickle Ball 9-10:30pm Exercise Class 10:00am Hula Lessons 11:00am	31 Friendship Club 9:30-12:00pm New Years Eve GTV Office closes at noon		