

# GREENTREES

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### Check Drop Box

Greentrees is installing a check drop-off box in front of the Clubhouse for owners to put their monthly assessment checks in. The idea came from an owner who has a difficult time getting from his car into the Clubhouse. The secured box will be located at the bus stop bench near the front parking lot of the Clubhouse.

If you have a hard time getting to the Clubhouse (or if it's pouring down rain) feel free to put your monthly check in the new drop box. Checks only, no cash please! And be sure that your lot number is written on your check so that we credit the correct account. The drop box will be emptied on a daily basis. The check drop in the Greentrees Library will continue to be used as well.

### Phone Books Available

Lane County yellow pages are available in The Greentrees Library. Some years ago, The GTV Board stopped the distributor from delivering phone books door-to-door in Greentrees because it was felt that the phone books delivered to unoccupied homes potentially marked them for thieves as easy targets. Since that time, we have had the phone books delivered to the Clubhouse. If you would like a 2016 phone book, you can pick one up in the Greentrees Library.

### Attention All Gardeners

 by Faye Walters

It's time for the second annual *Greentrees Village Garden Tour* and we are looking once again for gardens, large or small, to tour. Last year's tour was great, so we're doing it again.

If you would like to share your garden with friends and neighbors, this is your opportunity. Even if your garden was on last year's tour, we all know things change, so do it again. Host a garden, get new ideas, and maybe even inspire others.

The garden tour is for residents and their guests only. The entrance gates will not be open to the public. The tour is on Saturday June 25th beginning at 10:00 AM and going until 2:00 PM.

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

Like last year, hosts may serve refreshments or sell plants and garden related handmade crafts during the tour. No yard-sale type items may be sold. Host sign-up sheets, guidelines and host selling forms will be at the Clubhouse from May 1st thru June 20th. There will also be a free drawing for hosts and guests. The prizes will be on display at the Clubhouse.

A "hosts only" meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday June 22nd in the Clubhouse.

We know this year will bring out some really nice gardens. Thanks to all the residents for their special participation.

### The Bears Are Out and Active

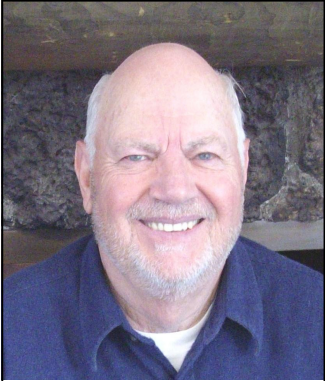
The black bears are out, and they are hungry. Recently, one Greentrees resident had some apples in their car trunk and accidentally left the windows partly down. A black bear got in thru the window and ripped out the back seat to get to the apples in the trunk.

If you live in Greentrees, you may never see a bear. But there are many places in our community where frequent bear sightings occur. Most bears become active a half-hour before sunrise, take a nap or two during the day, and bed down for the night an hour or two after sunset. However, some bears are active at night to avoid people or other bears.

If you see a bear, what you should do depends on the situation. If a bear approaches you or poses a threat to you or animals you own, act immediately to scare it away. Make as much noise as possible by yelling loudly. If you are with other people, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

Most importantly: *Do Not Feed The Bears!* Feeding them may cause them to lose their natural fear of us and become too aggressive. When they become comfortable enough around people that it leads to aggression, they either need to be relocated or killed.

## From the President by Fred Burns



Fred Burns

One day of the year, we have a beautiful opportunity to give back to the people who have given us so much - our moms.

We love them (at times, maybe not so much) and as we get older, sometimes we become them.

Whether she carried you or is a non-blood related woman who has loved you

like her own, most people can identify a person who they can be thankful for on this holiday. So Mom, this one's for you...

We would like to invite you and your family to enjoy *Mother's Day Breakfast* on May 8th from 9 to 11a.m. in the Recreation Hall. The cost is \$5 per person. We will be serving biscuits and sausage gravy, baked eggs, mimosas, orange juice and coffee. We will also have a special gift for the ladies.

We hope we can count on your support to make this a wonderful day. Please check the lists in the Clubhouse and sign-up. We can use your help.

### **The Activity Committee** by Carol Fisher & Faye Walters

The St. Patrick's' Day dinner was hosted by Jeff Myers and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Jeff and all the volunteers for a job well done. The Costco sponsored treats at the monthly Coffee Social were both well attended and yummy. The next activity is the *Mother's Day Breakfast* being hosted again by Fred and Sharon Burns on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM (see Fred Burn's article above). Last year's breakfast was wonderful, and I'm sure this year's will be too.

June brings a new *Father's Day Lunch* hosted by Jim and Faye Walters on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. There will be a baked potato bar with all the fixin's and a big pot of chili. Be sure to sign up so we have enough potatoes. Cost is \$5 per person. Signup sheets will be out June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The second annual Garden Tour is underway. Recruiting flyers and signup sheets are out now.

Lots going on and lots to do. Please come to the activities meetings at 1:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Conference Room off the Library with your ideas and volunteer, if you can, to give some of your free time to help put on these events. Thanks to all, and see you at the events.

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

Apple recently announced it won't be releasing any more security patches for its media player, QuickTime for Windows, although it will keep supporting QuickTime on Mac. QuickTime for Windows already has two known bugs that could allow hackers to run malicious code on your computer if you open the wrong file or visit the wrong website.

US Cert (United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team) has released an alert that Windows users should uninstall QuickTime immediately. Apple also recommends the uninstall.

Google Earth has undergone a lot of changes since we last had it as a class subject. Parker Kendall, the Earth expert, will bring us up-to-date in our May 4<sup>th</sup> class.

Basic Win10 special classes continue in May.

Class schedule – come join us.

- 5/4 Google Earth
- 5/11 Windows 10 Extra
- 5/18 Jep Norwood
- 5/25 Windows 10 Extra

The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team's web site is at [www.us-cert.gov/](http://www.us-cert.gov/).

### **School Speaks to Board**


At the Greentrees board of directors meeting in April, two members of the Siuslaw School District spoke to the board concerning the school district bond that is coming up for election in May.

School Superintendent Ethel Angal and Siuslaw High School Principal Kerri Tatum explained to the Board their belief that the district needs to pass the \$39.6 million bond to build a new high school in Florence. If the bond is passed by the voters, the State of Oregon will grant four million dollars to the project.

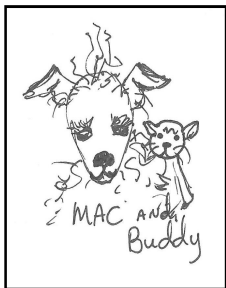
The Siuslaw High School was built in 1968 and does not meet present day code, especially concerning earthquake protection. It is an 'open' campus, being that it has seventeen entrances and no cafeteria. In addition, some of the class rooms have no heating or air-conditioning. It has received a "Poor" rating on the *Building Condition Assessment*. Cost of repairs would meet or exceed the cost of new construction.

Following the presentation there was a question and answer period with board members and members of the audience. Taxpayers could expect to pay an estimated \$1.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value of their property, or \$0.31 more than the current rate, if the bond passes.

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3:00pm	<b>3</b> Coffee Social 9:30am Property Comm. 10:00am Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm-9:00pm	<b>4</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Acc meeting 10:00am Computer class 11:10am re: Google Earth Activity Comm 1:00pm	<b>5</b> Friendship Club 9:30am-12:30pm Finance Comm. 10:00am Rhody Quilters 10:00am-4:00pm Bunco 1:30pm - snacks A-L	<b>6</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	<b>7</b> Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
<b>8</b> Mother's Day Breakfast 9am - 11am	<b>9</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3:00pm	<b>10</b> BOD Meeting 1:00pm Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm-9:00pm	<b>11</b> Pool Closed Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Computer class 11:10am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am	<b>14</b> Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3:00pm	<b>24</b> Tuesday Luncheon out- Noon Chen's Family Restaurant Bridge 1:00pm Flying Needles & Hooks 3-5pm	<b>25</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Computer class 11:10am	<b>26</b> Friendship Club 9:30am-12:30pm	<b>27</b> Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Pot Luck 6:00pm All Residents Welcome	<b>28</b> Bocce Ball 11:15am Bingo 7:00pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Office Closed Pickle Ball 8:30am-10:30am Exercise Class 10:00am Gabbers & Dabbers 1-3:00pm	<b>31</b> Bridge 1:00pm Poker 6:00pm-9:00pm			Swimming Pool Schedule: Water Aerobics M-F at 8:00am	

## Buddy & Mac



April showers bring May flowers. We certainly have had a real Oregon winter this year and they are saying we will have more of them. So get your pets some good raincoats, they are going to need them! I'm smart enough to have my toilet indoors. Mac wants to go out even in hail storms. Dogs are really crazy. That said, we are also in for real Oregon summers - hotter and harder on our pets. Keep the water bowls full, shade areas for your pets always available, remember hot asphalt can burn paws, and please don't leave them in your car or in the back of an unshaded truck. Thank you from all the furry ones who count on you.

Meanwhile, I can see from my windows that there are lots of new people and pets in Greentrees. I hope they will follow the rules about poop pick-up, leashes and being good neighbors with their pets. This is such a nice community when everyone tries to get along. We have enough conflict in the world and politics, that we sure don't need it next door or in our neighborhoods. Even forgetting to pick up feces in your own yard can cause unhealthy problems for your pets, and the smell doesn't stay in your yard. Stopping to smell the roses could become very unpleasant for your neighbors and for folks walking by.

*Tip of the month:* Before you adopt a pet, spend time at the Humane Society Shelter. Find out if you are allergic or fearful or whatever before you bring home an animal. Taking a pet back after it's been adopted is a terrible thing for you and the pet. So, walk a dog or sit with the cats and then make the decision about adoption... forever home means *forever* for us. And walking a dog in an Oregon downpour, or having a furry cat named Velco sitting on your lap 24/7 is part of the price you pay for having a pet love you more than anything else in the world.

Happy May, and Mother's Day.

Your friend, Buddy, the wise and wonderful cat.

## In Memoriam



**Forrest Leff**, lot 155

6/28/24 - 3/17/16

## Scotch Broom is in Bloom

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 is classified as a noxious [invasive species](#). The shrubs commonly grow in disturbed areas and along utility and transportation [rights-of-ways](#). The prolific growth of this species after timber harvest inhibits reforestation by competing with seedling trees. It is estimated it is responsible for \$47 million in lost timber production each year in [Oregon](#).

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



## Welcome New Residents

**Art & Colleen Starkey**, lot 93

**Julie Cox**, lot 431

**Everett & Alice Collier**, lot 136

**Desiree Johnson**, lot 431

**Murl Long**, lot 198

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