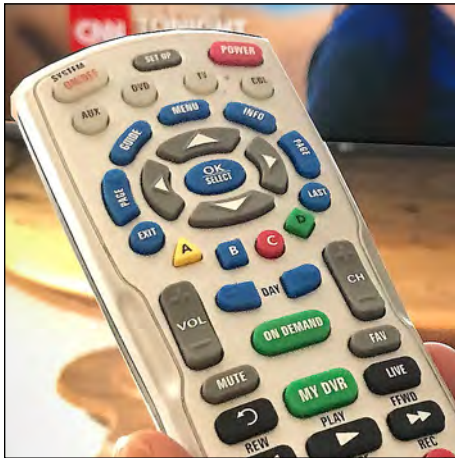




## Cable Contract Inked

Spectrum/Charter multi-year deal with GTV HOA includes high-speed Internet and more TV channels while rolling back cost



Greentrees residents should be smiling when they get their Spectrum bill this month.

The new Spectrum/Charter contract has been finalized, and it now includes high-speed Internet, more cable channels, and two cable boxes as part of the “base” package for GTV residents.

That can be a savings of more than

\$80/month for some Greentrees’ property owners who have up until now been paying an up-charge for these Spectrum premium cable TV/Internet services.

The Spectrum Committee (Ron McCrary, Bruce Littlepage, Tom Shaw, Fred Burns, and Pat Miller) successfully renegotiated the five year contract that was ending this year.

Last year the BOD hired cable consultant Mark Weaver to do two things for us: Complete a very detailed survey of exactly what kind of infrastructure we had in place in regards to cable wiring and other things, and provide valuable information regarding the negotiations concerning the contract and the industry as a whole.

## KENNEDY’S KORNER



Greentrees Village Inc. is entering into 2021 with hopes of a better year for us all.

So far, thanks to all of our residents being diligent by wearing their masks and social distancing,

we have managed to keep our community for the most part safe and healthy. Let’s keep up the good work and hopefully, we can get back to our normal activities soon!

January also marks one year since I have been the GM. Thank you to the many residents, staff, and board members who have made me feel welcome and have worked with me this past year. I couldn’t ask for a better team! I’m truly blessed.

### IN A NEW OFFICE

Last month a 10’X8’ private General Manager’s office was added to our existing office space. I’m very thankful to the Board for approving this and to the crew that worked hard to get this done.

Keep in mind that if you have an issue or concern regarding Greentrees Village to call the office so I can discuss the matter with you. I can also schedule an appointment for you to meet with me in person in my new private office.

Most matters can be resolved in house or can be presented to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

### BOD ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Board of Directors election results were announced at the BOD meeting held on January 12th. Here’s a list of the 2021 Board of Directors and the Districts in which they represent:

With Weaver’s insights, Ron McCrary, the Chair of the committee who played a vital role along with Matthew Kennedy, negotiated this five (5) year cable contract for Greentrees.

Here are some highlighted improvements in the new contract:

- High Speed Internet (Ultra Service) w/free modem
- 60 Month (5 Year) Term with a 12 month auto renewal
- 4% yearly increase – not starting until 2024
- Two (2) set-top boxes to accommodate two TVs
- Bronze Service added with extra channels

The Spectrum “TV Bronze” package that has about 175 channels including HD. (The previous GTV “Select” package was 125 channels without HD.) The office has a copy of the channel list if you want one.

Cable subscribers who want to record TV shows will still need to rent a DVD box from Spectrum because the two “free” set-top boxes that provide the signal to the TV(s) don’t have that recording functionality.

The new contract also provides homeowners with high-speed Internet that includes a free modem. That means faster connections to the web and the ability to stream movies on your computer, smart-phones, laptops and tablets. Connection speed is 400Mbps according to Spectrum.

Note: Spectrum will still charge a one-time \$49.95 setup fee to have a technician come to your home to install the modem and handle the Internet setup. Call Spectrum (833)-697-7328 to get more information.

Kennedy says these new rates and services should be reflected in GTV homeowner’s Spectrum/Charter February statement.

~Bruce Smith

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We welcome the new board members and thank the existing members who are entering into a new term. (We have a little bio of each on Page 3.)

Thank you all for your willingness to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with you all this year!

Matthew Kennedy  
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# 2021 B.O.D. Members Take Seat At The Table

This year brings a lot of new challenges to our community as we continue to deal with the health issues presented by the pandemic and other concerns both local, regional and national.

But within our Greentrees Village community we have elected a strong group to be on the 2021 Greentrees Board of Directors to address our specific concerns.

Here's a quick glimpse into those seated at the table representing the HOA and our districts:

## BILL JOHNSON / PRESIDENT

Bill is a very familiar face around Greentrees, being a resident for the past 18 years and serving on the Board before as president. He's undertaken the same position again and serves on the Board because "I didn't like the direction Greentrees was headed."

Bill retired



from the residential design and land-use planning worlds, but still takes an interest in those things in our community.

## RON MCCRARY / VICE PRESIDENT



Ron, an Ohio native, has lived in GTV for 16 years. He retired after spending 45 years in the information technologies (IT) field as a data base administrator.

Last year Ron said, "I didn't

volunteer to be a Board member. They tricked me into being on the Board." But here he is for a second year--and now serving our community as the Board VP. Ron played a central role in getting GTV the new Spectrum deal.

## PAT MILLER / TREASURER

Pat is more than qualified as Board treasurer as her background includes retiring from KPMG, one of the Big Four accounting and professional services companies in the world.

The District 8 representative says, "I have no individual authority; I'm a member of a board that holds the authority. I have a mind for business and am respectful of fiduciary duties." Pat, who's lived



in Greentrees here for 17 years, says she's "very good at problem solving, demonstrating impartiality and maintaining objectivity." She been on the Board before and looks forward to serving the Association and the Greentrees residents again.

## MICHELE SMITH

A retired manager from AT&T in Southern California, Michele brings a lot of managerial and board experience to the GTV HOA Board. She has held numerous board positions with the Communications Workers of America, Elks, and another HOA in California before moving here in 2019. She also has event planning and grant writing experience.

"I saw the request [for Board members] in the newsletter in the Office. I'm retired, as are many here in Greentrees, and thought I could offer my time and effort by serving on this year's Board."



## NICK WOODWORTH

Nick has lived in Florence all of his life, the last 17 years here in Greentrees. "I have a good feel for what's going on within our city and our GTV community," he says.



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Nick spent 20 years as a mill worker, and decades as a home builder and doing maintenance work. This is his second term on the Board, and says, "I enjoy representing the Greentrees residents in my district."

**TOM BENSON**

Another familiar face on the BOD this year is that of Tom Benson. The "Chef" has served us well on many occasions over the past 5 years he's lived here.

Tom has owned five restaurants, been a contractor, principle real-estate broker, owned several other businesses, and in general, "an entrepreneur all my life."



Tom says, "I have always been an idea man and a solutions man. I like to think outside the box. Living here has given me the opportunity to be a part of a community that I have come to love and be proud of what it offers."

"I'm a team player, and look forward to another year serving all of the GTV residents and working with our Board. I always like to be part of the solution, whatever that may be. Working with the Board last year was very educational, and I look forward to working with them again."

**BRUCE LITTLEPAGE**

My wife, Pam, and I have lived in Greentrees Village since 2013. My entire career prior to retirement was with Modesto Empire Traction in California, a short-line railroad that serves the Modesto industrial district.



I wore many hats while working there including Conductor, and as Superintendent of a large crew of workers. That experience taught me to be a good listener and manager of people.

I decided to become a Board member because I consider myself I'm truly interested in the people who live here, and I want to make Greentrees Village a pleasant place to live for all our residents.

During the past eight years I've served on the Board of Directors here in Greentrees as President, Vice-President, Treasure and as an Alternate. Currently I'm the District Representative for District 7.

All of our District representatives, and those who also serve as BOD officers, are a highly experienced, knowledgeable group with a vast array of business acumen and insights living here in Greentrees Village.

**Oregon's Vaccine Advisory Committee lists those next to get COVID-19 vaccine**

Now that Oregon's frontline workers, health care workers, residents of long-term care facilities have been getting the COVID-19 vaccinations, residents over age 65 should now be eligible for the same. Or not.

Here's the Oregon's Vaccine Advisory Committee's (OVAC) current priority list:

BIPOC: Black, African American, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, tribal and urban-based Natives, Pacific Islanders.

Adults 16-64 with chronic conditions.

Adults and youth eligible for vaccine in custody; prison and jail frontline workers.

Multi-generational homes.

People under the age of 65 living in low-income senior housing and other congregate senior housing.

The OVAC says the above list "reflects some of the groups that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including people of color, individuals who are incarcerated and those with certain underlying conditions such as heart conditions, kidney disease or cancer."



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**HOA FEE REMINDER:** Just a reminder that our monthly HOA fees have gone up to \$246 as of January 1, 2021. *Always* include your Lot # on the check.

**NEW RESIDENTS:** Welcome to Alicia Parada, Pomona, California, Lot 601.

**WEBSITE HELP:** If you'd like to help on the GTV website, call the office and ask for Matt. The website is an important part of Greentrees Village: (541) 997-8674.

**ON DISPLAY:** The display cases in the library room are still in use by the GTV Activities Club. Many items on display are for sale. Remember, too, Valentines Day will be here soon. Hopefully, we can begin celebrating these special occasions together very soon!

**RUMMAGING SALE:** Thanks to all who supported the Activities Club last year by purchasing items over Christmas. The "Rummaging" still goes on in the "Tuesday" room in the Rec Hall. Call Toni Glover (541-999-5102) for an appointment to see items, or to inquire if there's an item we have that your might need.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Our condolences to the family of Gary Smith, Lot 529, who passed away on 1/9/21.



The underground water main repair work by Coast Pavement Maintenance has once again resumed installing the new street-to-residence "T"-couplers that will improve water pressure to the residences served. This month 28 locations along 5th Street are being excavated and upgraded according to GTV General Manager Matt Kennedy. Kennedy says the plan is to replace about 30 lot connections (units) every year.



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