## VillageVoice



# RECOVERING

GTV volunteers begin re-upholstering 150 chairs for the Recreation Hall with high-quality materials fit for a yacht

If you passed by the Recreation Hall early afternoon on Thursday or Sunday during the past couple weeks, you no doubt saw people leaning over tables busily at work with knives, scissors, staplers, screwdrivers, piles of foam, and stacks of chairs in various stages of disassembly. Give them a round of applause!

Led by GTV residents Brenda Kessler and Anderson Miller, the group of helping hands are in the middle of re-upholstering the chairs which have seen years of hard use during countless potlucks, special dinners, music gatherings, bingo, parties and other such events.

Although the chairs were only five years old, the cloth fabric didn't fare well to spills and stains. The new chairs sport high-grade marine-grade vinyl material, and closed-cell foam beneath, which is more than able to endure whatever comes their way, and be easily cleaned with a simple spray-and-wipe.

Anyone interested in lending a hand in this project, sign-up in the Club House library. "No experience needed. Just a willingness to help," said Anderson. "This is a big project. Our Sunday/Thursday work sessions are limited per COVID restrictions. But we have plenty of working

space to adhere to the social-distancing rules and still get a lot accomplished each day. The more helpers we get, the faster we get this big project completed." ~ Bruce W. Smith



Anderson Miller (right), cuts foam while Brenda Kessler (top right) and Donna Johannessen disassamble chairs during re-upholstery process.



# SIT A BIT Atrium Refresh

Our beautiful atrium, located between the Library and locker rooms in the Club House, has been a quiet place many residents have enjoyed since it was built a couple years ago by Jill Andrews and GTV volunteers.

In early August the atrium was given a wonderful refresh thanks to Mary Hamilton and Sue Skerlak who came up with the new arrangement, moved plants, and took great care in deadheading the vegetation to keep it healthy and vibrant.

Tom Benson added to the soothing setting by putting his woodworking and carpentry skills to work designing and building a lovely new bench, which was then stained and sealed by Patrick Troiani. Go inside. Sit a bit. Smile. Enjoy.

Thanks also goes out to our Maintenance Department who did the heavy lifting: Bob Fiscus for picking out gorgeous plants. Chuck Saxton James Tennison, Richard Brown and Dennis Ewadinger for moving in the rocks and gravel that gives the space such a peaceful ambiance. ~ Bruce W. Smith





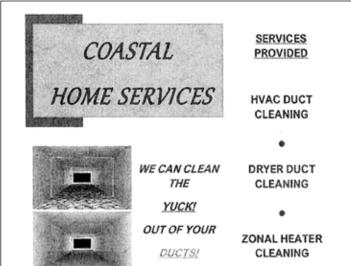
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### **CAR CARE TIP: Oil Change Intervals**



Oil and filter changes play a critical role in the longevity of a vehicle engine's health. So it's important to know how often to have the oil changed.

Different vehicles have different maintenance needs, especially with recent advances in automotive technology that have pushed some newer vehicles' oil change intervals out to 7,500 or 10,000 miles, or once every 6 to 12 months.

But if you read your vehicle's owners' manual carefully, oil/filter change intervals actually fall under two categories, "severe" and "normal.'

What the owners' manuals call "normal" operating conditions are mostly long highway trips, not around-town driving, which is how many of us here in Greentrees use our

The exact definition of severe driving service varies with the automaker, but it usually involves ongoing operation of your car under one or more of the following conditions: primarily short trips (10 miles or less); sustained stop-andgo driving; and the carrying of heavy loads or towing a trailer. The reason around-town driving is hard on oil is the engine never getting warm enough to burn off any condensation

inside.

It typically takes about 10 miles to burn off that moisture, so if trips under 10 miles are the majority of your driving, follow the "severe" schedule.

Most newer vehicles come with oil-life monitoring systems that automatically determine when an oil change is needed and notify you with an alert on the instrument panel.

~Bruce W. Smith

### **HOA RULES & REGS CHANGE**

**Noise Disturbance Violation:** \$40.00 for first occurrence\*

From Page 11 in the GTV HOA Rules and Regulations:

a. Quiet hours are from 10 PM to 7 AM. Every effort shall be made to avoid disturbing residents with construction noise, loud talking, high radio or television volume, and other loud sounds.

b. Contractor's hours are from 7:00 AM-6:00 PM unless emergency repairs are required.

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#### KENNEDY'S KORNER



As many of those who keep track of Board happenings know, Steve Lyon gave his resignation for Board President in August. His leadership will be missed by all the HOA members.

I want to personally thank Steve for being Board President, and helping me with all the ins and outs of Greentrees Village.

Steve was patient with me and I

enjoyed working with him in all of Greentrees affairs. He really put all of himself into the position and any time I needed help or to work something out, he was there to assist. He will be missed, but has said that I can still call on him for advice, which I will surely do.

I would like to welcome Bruce Littlepage, who served as our HOA president in 2018-2019, back as Board President to Greentrees Village. Bruce will serve as President for the remainder of this year.

I would also like to give a big "thank you" to Tom Benson for stepping into the Vice President role for the remainder of 2020.

**Annual Meeting Mailing:** We are going to be mailing out committee reports and information we would normally be handing out at the Annual Meeting. We are not able to get together in person this year due to Covid-19. Next year I hope we are back to normal procedures.

**More Happenings:** I am happy to report the Greentrees Board of Directors voted to leave the family pool open until the end of September so our residents and their guests can have some more fun things to do outside this year.

Our wonderful Maintenance team is hand delivering the Greentrees *Village Voice*. I don't know how long this will continue, but for now with all the changes going on, it's nice to make sure everyone in Greentrees has access to what's happening. You can always come to the office and pick one up as well. Bruce Smith does such an excellent job every month producing this high-end newsletter.



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### **THIS & THAT**

**SHOWER BEFORE SWIMMING:** Anyone using the pools (and hot tub) must shower before entering the water. This health-related rule applies to both guests and residents. Those who don't comply will forfeit their rights to pool/hot tub use.

**MISSING DVDS:** Residents who have borrowed DVDs from the clubhouse are asked to please return when done viewing so others can enjoy them as well. If you have DVDs to donate, bring them in.

**NEW RESIDENTS**: Danial & Dawn Kelly, from San Diego, are the new owners of Lot 262, Mark & Dori Studer (Cocolalla, ID) just moved into Lot 116, and Wolfgang Grotke (Blaine, WA) is at Lot 118. Elizabeth & Duane Brown (Pinedale, AZ) moved into Lot 518, Rick & Christy Brooks, (Florence) are in Lot 51, while Amy "Joan" Chaskin (Lot 515) just moved from Mountain View, CA. Welcome all to GTV!

**CORRECTION:** We goofed! We listed a past HOA President as Peg Patton (2003-2004) when it should have been Peg Marks who served.

**IN MEMORY:** Our condolences go out to family and friends of Domingo "Pat" Maffia (Lot 313) who passed away 8/6/20. Pat lived in Greentrees from 9/29/10 until 7/29/15 when he moved to California and his son Ralph Maffia bought the property.



Here is a tasty delight to go with morning coffee. The recipe is simple and makes two loaves. Enjoy!:

- 1 very ripe banana
- 1 C shredded raw Zucchini
- 1 C vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 C sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 C white flour
- 1 C Whole Wheat flour
- 1/4 tsp baking powder

### Banana-Zucchini BREAD

- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 C shopped walnuts

Shred fresh Zucchini and mash the banana in a bowl. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs, oil, vanilla extract, and sugar until well blended.

Add dry ingredients and continue to mix. Add zucchini and banana until batter is well blended.

Pour mixture into two greased-and-floured loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes.

Remove from oven and let cool for 10 minutes before slicing. (Note: *Pecans* or other nuts can be substituted for walnuts.) ~ Bruce Smith

#### **LABOR DAY GARAGE SALES CANCELED**

As a precaution, the Board of Directors canceled the community-wide weekend yard sale planned for Labor Day weekend. Mark Tilchen, chair of the GTV Activities Committee, says, "This was a prudent decision especially since Lane County Public Health continues to urge people to stay at home." The next Activity Committee meeting is Tuesday, Sept.1 at 1pm in the Recreation Hall. Masks required. All residents are welcome. The meeting should be less than one hour. ~ GTV VV



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Under Oregon Law, ORS 814.400(1)(a), bicycle/tricycle riders must travel with traffic, obey stop signs, observe the posted speed limit, and watch out for other traffic.

#### EHICLE BREAK-INS

The Florence Police Department has taken more than a dozen reports in the last few weeks of unlawful entry into a motor vehicle. Thefts from a vehicle generally have one thing in common: personal belongings, such as purses, bags, clothing, laptops and other electronic devices, are left in vehicles.

GTV residents have also been reporting vehicles being broken into during the night. So make sure doors are locked, alarms set, and personal belongings removed from vehicles parked outside. Report any suspicious activity to the police.





# National Preparedness Month: Be Ready

September is National Preparedness Month, promoting family and community disaster planning. However, in this time of social distancing Greentrees Emergency Response Team (GERT) is not able to meet.

But you can still learn how to be prepared in the comfort of your own home by visiting www.WLEOG.org, www. **Ready.gov**, and www.FEMA.gov for training videos, CERT in action videos, help building your disaster kit, and how to prepare you and your family before, during, and after an emergency.

In addition, at Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue's website (www.SVFR.org), you can sign up to receive emergency alerts on your cell phone.

Disasters don't wait, so make your plan today. For more information about being prepared and GERT, contact: Kristel Buechner / (541-997-0909). ~ GTV VV







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