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Greentrees Village, Inc.

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Around The Village

Board Elections

Ballots were mailed out October 28th for the 2014 Greentrees Village Board elections. The districts for which directors are being elected are #1, #3, #5, #7 and #9. One Alternate will also be elected from the Association at large. All will serve two-year terms. Odd numbered district owners will be voting for a Board member and one Alternate. Even numbered district owners will be voting only for the Alternate.

We are pleased that there is someone for each seat, however, there is only one candidate running in each district. They are: Fred Burns (District 1), R B Taylor (District 3), Peg Patton (District 5), Vicki Martin (District 7) and Bill Johnson (District 9). One candidate is also running for the Alternate Director seat: Jeff Myers (lot 72).

Ballots must be returned prior to November 27th in order to be counted. Board election results will be announced at the December Board meeting.

November Food Drive

Again Dick Benson and his dedicated Greentrees volunteers will be doing a food drive for the hungry in Florence this holiday season. They will be picking up your donations on Thursday, November 14th starting at 10:00 AM. Food Share bags will be distributed a few days earlier by the Maintenance Department.

Florence Food Share is looking for any canned foods including: soups, chili, pastas, jams and jellies, canned vegetables, tuna and peanut butter.

The volunteers will pick up the bags and take them to

the Food Share for the holiday boxes that are prepared for the needy. Anything you can do to help will be deeply appreciated. If you are missed or want to make a cash donation, call Dick Benson at 541-902-8628. Let's make this the best year yet!

Club Elections

Both the Computer Club and the Tuesday Club will be electing officers at their December business meetings. All Greentrees Village residents are considered members of these two Association sponsored clubs. If you are interested in running for office or voting in either club, check the December calendar for dates of the meetings.

Trees On Rhododendron by David Johnsen

There has been some concern about trees along Rhododendron being marked with pink ribbons and 'X' marks indicating that they will be removed.

The City of Florence is working with Central Lincoln PUD to remove hazardous trees which may pose a threat to power lines, should we again have severe winter storms like we have seen in recent years.

The removal of these trees has nothing to do with the planned bike path that is proposed to be constructed in 2014.

Update Your Information

Does the Greentrees office have current information from you on file? Could they get hold of your family if there was an emergency? People move. Phone numbers change. Situations don't remain the same.

When you have a moment, stop into the GTV office and ask to see your Emergency Information Sheet. See if your information needs updating.

Computer Club by Pat Miller

Summer brought the snowbirds and with the arrival of fall they flew away again. Thank you snowbirds Rich Cortezzo, Dale DeRemer and Gene Fisher for leading our summer classes. And thanks to Collette Bailey and Jim Fleming for providing a big assist. We spent a lot of time trying to conquer the tablet or tablets, as there are so many brands and systems out there.

I'm hoping that for our 11/6 class we will have a new tablet brand to feature: Samsung. At the time of the writing of this article, I had not received confirmation of the class. I'll keep you updated via our schedule posted on the clubhouse and MPR bulletin boards, and those on our club email list will receive notice. If you want to be included on our mailing list, just let me know.

In place of our December 4th class, we will hold a business meeting. Primary items of business are election of 2014 officers and approval of 2014 budget. Elected positions are president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. Additionally, we need to fill the volunteer positions of advertising coordinator and club blogger.

November and December schedule:

11/6 Class

11/20 Jep Norwood

12/4 Business Meeting

12/18 Jep Norwood

Happiest of Thanksgivings to You All

Water Line Repair

Pictured below is the water line repair done on 1st Street West. The six-inch line broke early in the morning on October 4th. The Greentrees Village maintenance crew called the locate service and had the water line dug-up, repaired and drivable by three in the afternoon. Good job, guys!



The Tuesday Group by Pam Spagna

What happened to the turkeys on the hill? It's that time of year again - already!

The Tuesday Group will be serving Thanksgiving dinner again this year and the sign-up sheet is available in the Library. The meal is free for residents and \$3 for their guests. What a deal! Please be sure to sign up so we can plan enough food for everyone. We will be serving a complete meal, but will need our bakers to bring pumpkin pies and other sweets.

Speaking of baking... Thanks to the many Greentrees bakers who helped make our Holiday Gift and Bake Sale a success. There was an interesting assortment of vendors who all contributed an item from their table for a raffle surprise. The whole event was well organized by Sharon Davis and her committee. Three cheers!

We discovered Greentrees has a number of artists who work in many mediums and we are exploring ways to showcase their talents in Greentrees on a regular basis.

As per our charter, we will be choosing local charities for our donations at our meeting on Tuesday, November 12th. We will also be electing new officers on Tuesday, December 10th. This is your organization, so please get involved and come to the meeting.

Electrical Work Begins Soon

In early December, Greentrees will begin installing eight new electrical lines on 4th Street South, 3rd Street South and 2nd Street South. The line replacement is being required by Lincoln Public Utility District because the present lines which run between the transformers and the owners' meters are undersized and do not meet the present electrical code. This is the fourth year of a five year project to replace all forty electrical crossings in Greentrees Village East. The lines in Greentrees Village West have already been completed.

The Time For Break-ins by Ken Stone

It is that time of year when the number of break-ins increase. The snowbirds have left and the holidays are the prime time for looters to strike. You should now make sure you have adequate lighting outside, that your house looks occupied and that you are alert to what is happening around you. This includes watching over your neighbors property.

If you have an extra vehicle, park it in his driveway to help make his property look occupied. I know from driving around that I can usually spot the vacant houses with ease.

Please Pick Up After Your Pet

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to your health. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Thanksgiving Facts

- The Pilgrim leader, Governor William Bradford, organized the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. He invited the neighboring Wampanoag Indians to the feast.
- Lobster, rabbit, chicken, fish, squashes, beans, chestnuts, hickory nuts, onions, leeks, dried fruits, maple syrup, honey, radishes, cabbage, carrots, eggs and goat cheese are thought to have made up the first Thanksgiving feast.
- Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving. Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."
- Congress passed a law on December 26, 1941, ensuring that all Americans would celebrate a unified Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November every year.
- In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations. The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds.
- It takes 75-80 pounds of feed to raise a 30 pound tom turkey.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.

During a Disaster, Where Should You Go?

By Ken Stone

If we experience a major disaster you need to first go to the Greentrees Recreation Hall even if you are planning to move on to some other location. We will open the Recreation Hall as soon as possible following a major incident. There are several reasons to make an appearance at the Recreation Hall:

1. We need to know where you are or are headed. That way we can serve as a source of information when friends and relatives want to try to reach you. We can provide this information to the Red Cross which can create a national data bank for displaced individuals.
2. We would like to know if you are out of your house safely. If we do not know this we will be sending people to your door to physically find out if you are OK. If we know you have evacuated, we can utilize our search teams more efficiently to help others.
3. You may not need to evacuate any further than the Recreation Hall. If you drive out of Greentrees you will join hundreds of others jamming the roads unnecessarily.
4. We can help pair displaced people with families that have room in their homes for emergency evacuations.

Keep in mind that there may be total disruption of all standard means of communication in some disasters. Our only means of outside communication could be emergency radios. We are fortunate at Greentrees to have an emergency radio base station which should be operational to maintain communication with the emergency headquarters for the area.



To the Editor:

I spoke with Pam Spagna, Tuesday Group President, a few days ago about maybe planning on the Tuesday Group "eat-lunch-out" days to include one date to all ride the Rhody bus to the selected restaurant. She thought it a good idea and would bring it up at the next meeting.

I've never ridden the bus, but I think it would be fun for a group of us Greentrees folks to get together for a "round trip" ride. Good way to spend a buck!!

Connie DeGray #223

Welcome New Residents

Moira Sadovy - lot 62
Larry & Jacqueline Viegas - lot 124
Randi Campos - lot 283
Larry Cotter - lot 304
Sandy & Catherine Vaccaro - lot 407
Stan Scott - lot 507
Phillip & Shannon Taggart - lot 519
Connie Soule & Don Kilfoy - lot 640

Thanksgiving Dinner



Hosted by the Tuesday Group

November 28th at 4:00 PM

In The Recreation Hall

The Tuesday Group will provide
the complete meal at no cost to residents.
Guests are \$3 each.

Please bring a pumpkin pie or other sweets.

Sign-up in the Library

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In the Recreation Hall

Greentrees Village Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2013

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Fred Burns. Seven board members were present. RB Taylor and P. Catalfamo were absent.

Approval of Board Agenda: **G. Lyddon made a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: **G. Lyddon moved to approve the BOD minutes of September 10, 2013 and the minutes from the special workshop held on September 24, 2013. Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

President's Comments: Mr. Burns thanked Don Douglas and Kathy McGregor for putting up a web cam on their property with a wonderful view of the river which can be viewed on the Greentrees web site.

Residents' Forum: M. Grenfell, lot 123, voiced his opinion on the dog stations included in the 2014 Reserve Study request. D. Johnson, lot 414, wanted to thank Barbara Enslow, lot 165 and Loretta Platz-Gilliland, lot 101, for the beautiful job they did in decorating the Clubhouse.

Correspondence: Letter from C. Danforth, lot 553, requesting a third poker table be placed in the coffee room for card playing. Moved to New Business.

Financial Report: G. Lyddon presented the Treasurer's Report. We have transferred matured CD's to a Washington Federal Money Market Account in the amount of \$211,274.52 at .3% interest rate. Cash on hand in our checking and savings is \$308,259.62. The Reserve fund has \$340,256.95 for a balance of \$648,516.57. Our expenses are in line.

General Manager's Report: There was a 6" water line break on first street West. Maintenance repaired it at a cost of \$2,300. The 2013 Reserve Study is complete. We will have copies available in the office. Ballots for the odd number districts candidates will be going out October 28th. Pat Stanton, a long-time employee, has resigned due to health issues. Ella Grenfell has agreed to return to that position in the office. We wish to extend our best to Pat. The Finance Committee is working with representatives from Siuslaw Bank in an attempt to find a way to take bank cards in the GTV office. 46 homes have sold this year in Greentrees, which is about 8% of our total lots.

Committee & Club Reports: (ACC) Porta-johns were discussed as a requirement for construction sites of new homes in Greentrees. (Property Committee) B. Johnson reported that the committee discussed new information that came up about the road spikes proposal. They also discussed which retaining walls will be replaced this coming year and the location of speed humps. (Tuesday Group) R. Smelley: Reminded everyone about the Craft Fair and Bake Sale to be held Saturday, October 19th from 8am-2pm. Baked goods are still needed. (Computer Club) P. Miller: The Club will be going back to the Winter schedule of two classes per month on the first and third Wednesdays. On December 4th they will have a business meeting to make plans for 2014. (GERT): K. Stone suggested that Greentrees needs to plan an event next summer that would include all of Greentrees this time and not just the West side for an emergency response drill

Unfinished Business. (02-06-13) City bike path: David and Kerstin Johnsen. The Johnsens talked about the City's willingness to work with Greentrees to make the bike path a success without disturbing the residents any more than they have to. They may be willing to put up retaining walls, and will transplant vegetation if needed. Designing the path will begin in March of 2014. (07-03-13) Rhody Bus: F. Burns. Don Patton, a Greentrees resident is on the transportation committee representing Greentrees. The new Rhody bus schedule will be extended for one year. Thanks to all the residents who attended the city council meeting and signed the petitions. (08-04-13) Road spikes at entrance gates. **Fred Burns moved that the Association replace the property's front exit gates with above ground traffic spikes and the appropriate warning signs (second reading).** Discussion followed. **Roll call vote, 3 yes, 4 no. Motion failed.**

New Business: (10-01-13). Estate sales: **P. Patton presented a resolution (attached) which would allow Estate Sales in Greentrees under certain conditions.** Discussion followed. **Roll call vote, 6 yes, 1 no. Goes to second reading.** (10-02-13) Rec. Hall Reservation: **F. Burns made a motion to permit use of the Recreation Hall on October 26th. Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.** (10-03-13) Board resignation: E. Grenfell, citing a conflict of interest, resigned as District 2 representative and also as Secretary of the Board. **B. Johnson made a motion to appoint Mike Grenfell, lot 123, to the board for the remainder of the term. Roll call vote, 6 yes, 1 abstain (E. Grenfell), approved.** (10-04-13) 2014 Reserve Expenditures: **B. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed Reserve Expenditures for 2014.** Discussion followed. **Roll call vote. 7 yes, approved unanimously.** (10-05-13) Request for poker table: **F. Burns made a motion for a third poker table for the coffee room. Voice vote, 7 no, motion failed.**



Other Business: (10-06-13) RB Taylor (via e-mail) recommended that Jon Kiiskinen, lot 181, be appointed to the ACC Committee. **Vicki Martin made a motion to approve the appointment. Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.** (10-07-13) A letter from Randi Campos requesting to move into Greentrees 23 weeks before she turns 55. She works for Washington Federal and lives in Reedsport and has to commute every day. **B. Johnson made a motion to make an exception in this case. Voice vote, 7 yes, approved unanimously.**

Announcements: Thank you Ruth Smelley and Joan Kerrebrock for making and serving cakes for the board meeting today. Potluck and Halloween party on October 31st sponsored by District 9. Everyone is welcome.

G. Lyddon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, 7 yes, passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 2:30 PM.

NOVEMBER 2013

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