

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Power of The Christmas Spirit: It's About Coming Together

By Village Voice Staff Writers

The holiday season is beginning to ignite the spirit of togetherness once again. For me, the holidays are a time of family traditions - from how we stuff the turkey, to our holiday tableware, new pajamas on Christmas Eve, and lasagna on Christmas Day. Whether your traditions include cooking turkey at thanksgiving, opening up gifts on Christmas, lighting of the menorah's candles, or giving to those less fortunate, what makes the holiday season truly special is the time spent with family and friends. During the holidays we return to our truest values of focusing on the people we love and care for most. Sometimes, we even discover new friends that have been in front of us all the time. It is, above all, a time when we reach out and truly become a community.



In year's past, the center of town was the gathering place for friends and family to exchange greetings and gifts, share food, and celebrate the holidays. Townspeople gather for the symbolic lighting of the tree that launches the holiday season, then come together over the coming weeks to warm hands and bellies with hot beverages, shop for gifts, share a meal, or even visit Santa. In our little Greentrees "town", our clubhouse is our town center and the holiday spirit is alive and well.



While many of our GTV residents fly south for the winter, or travel to spend the holidays with family, there is still

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Around the Village

by Village Voice Staff Writers

2022 HOA FEES

You will soon be receiving information about your 2022 annual assessment in the mail. Copies of next years association budget will be mailed to all owners by December 5th along with a statement of your account through November 2021, with the dues for 2022 added. Due to an increase in Operating expenses and a 1% increase in the amount contributed to our Reserve Fund the monthly assessments will be going up four dollars in 2022 to \$250 from \$246 per month. The statement was November 22nd, so if you make an assessment payment late in the month, it will not show on the statement. This is the only billing you will receive from the Association for 2022. You may pay your assessment monthly, quarterly or annually, whichever is convenient for you.

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH 1PM



A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

by **Tom Benson** Acting HOA President



Once upon a time, far far out on the coast there was our little village, in our little town. We were surrounded by beautiful beaches, rivers, lakes and enchanted forests. Anywhere you go was a thing of beauty. Over time many wonderful people were drawn to this place in the hope of sharing in its gifts. My wife and I were lucky enough to find it about 6 years ago. I started getting involved in the kitchen here a few years ago. With the help of other volunteers, we were able to put out some pretty good spreads.

With Covid we have had to curtail a lot of our activities. Christmas is right around the corner and Covid is still dampening spirits, but we are still surrounded by wonderful people, places and things. Sometimes a kind word or lending a hand can make all the difference in someone's day.

We have an outstanding staff here at Greentree's and we also have a great group of volunteers. Being a volunteer here has been very rewarding to me and will continue to be in the future. Please get involved in keeping Greentree's the special place that it is.

Soon you will have a new Board of Directors and Board Officers overseeing Greentree's. Just remember these are volunteer residents such as yourself, willing to put in the hours, doing what they think is best for Greentree's. One day someone called me "YOU PEOPLE", he wasn't happy. We are you, working for you and happy to do it.

Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year
Tom

Help Us Keep the Community Secure

by Village Voice Staff Writer

As many of you have noticed, we have had some issues with the gates lately. First of all, thank you so much for your patience as we attempt to resolve an issue with a software update that caused many of your gate codes to be deleted from the system. While we continue to work through the issue, please stop by the office, or call, to get the contractor code to ensure you have a working code during the hours when the office is closed.

Speaking of gate codes, did you know... There are a variety of ways you can obtain access to the community (through the gate) and the clubhouse.

Transponder: This is a square device that automatically opens the gate as you approach preventing you from having to stop and roll down your window to use the keypad to gain entry. There is a \$30 deposit for each transponder, refundable on return.



Entry Badge: This is a credit-card size badge that provides access to both the gate and the club house. You must pass it

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As a reminder, your HOA fees include the following:

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And all other amenities available to you.

THE GIVING TREE IS UP!

If you would like to help make Christmas more merry for the less-fortunate children in our community, you can place a new unwrapped toy under the Christmas tree in the recreation hall. Feel free to think outside the box when choosing gifts (look for locally-supplied or locally-made toys, choose art supplies, or include a new pair of colorful socks). You can also support our local community, get out for a stroll, visit some of our unique shops, and enjoy coffee or a lunch out on Bay Street. Some local stores that have fun unique

gifts (and might be fun to browse) are: Socks To A T, Periwinkle Station, The Jolly Egret, and Wind Drift Gallery, among others. If you would prefer to donate cash, there is an envelope in the office (please make checks out to the Florence Police Department). The deadline for donations is **December 15th**.

The Christmas giving tree is up and Our generous elves have already placed some unwrapped toys under the tree and some cash to the envelope in the office. Thank you, Greentrees residents!

Remember, do not wrap the gifts (the wrapped boxes under the tree are props). And, when you drop off your gifts, stop in the coffee room to admire the new decorations (thank you Bonnie and gang).

For questions on the giving tree and the children's Christmas toy donations, contact Peg at 303-913-1833.



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Photo by Kristel Buechner

Introducing *REST STOP with Walter (pigeon) & Santa Claude*

Greentree's very own Published Resident Cartoonist "C. Weed".



C. Weed
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"DASHER, DANCER, PRANCER, VIXEN, COMET, CUPID, DONNER, BLITZEN AND WALTER. NOW, DOES ANYBODY HAVE TO GO BEFORE WE LEAVE?"

lot signs for GERT. They were just shy of 40 signs. It was a much bigger project than they thought. Turn to the Village Page 5



Happy Holidays Santa Bear Lot 89

photo by lm

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a large number of residents that spend the holidays locally. It has been a very difficult couple of years for our community so, to bring some much-needed holiday cheer to the residents that are calling GTV home for the holidays, it is time to bring back those very holiday traditions we have been missing! You may have seen Santa Tom Benson and his merry band of elves hard at work decorating trees and bushes with sparkling holiday lights. Or maybe you have spied little GTV resident elves, Lori and Julie staff elves, or even Bob, James, & Jerhami the maintenance elves, madly flocking the trees and windows in the coffee room. Santa and his elves have transformed our little Greentrees community into a mix between the best Hallmark movie with the warmth and welcomeness of Mayberry from the Andy Griffith show.

And Santa is recruiting elves – he is challenging each one of you to hang and ornament on the tree in the coffee room or place unwrapped toys around the giving tree in the recreation room. Share the holiday spirit by putting a string of lights on your house or decorating a bush.



Then, when you are done with the hard work, take some time to enjoy...

The GTV staff will be providing hot chocolate and assorted goodies from **December 11th through Christmas day, 1-7pm daily**. Come on in and enjoy a cup of cocoa and cookies; the fire will be going and the decorations will be lit. Sing a carol, share a laugh, meet a neighbor - let's MAKE this

holiday special in our community.

Remember, during December old town Florence is decked out in all its holiday glory. Even your furry friends can get into the spirit with a visit to Santa Paws, sponsored by the Oregon Coast Humane Society on December 4th or 8th, from 11am to 2pm.

When the holidays are over, let us resolve to carry some of the spirit and meaning of the holiday season with us into the next year.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Photos by Im

Kudos to Patty Harris, a resident of GTV, Lot 318, for setting up **Little Food Pantry**. It is located on the corner just as you turn North on 1st N.

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GVT ADDS TO MAINTENANCE STAFF

Give a warm welcome to Jerhami Homenyk, the newest member of the Maintenance Team. Born and raised in Eugene, he has a ten year old son, Conner. He comes to GTV after being with Safeway for 2 years in the deli. Jerhami has been doing a bang up job since arriving, is extremely outgoing, helpful, and a hard worker. Say hello next time you see him.



Photo by Jerhami

GERT NEWS

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

by Kristel Buechner, GERT Coordinator

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'SVFR' Offering Free Smoke Alarms and installation. Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue has a very strong mission for fire prevention in our community. SVFR has several year round fire prevention projects available to the public.

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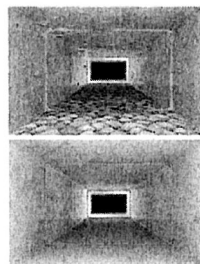
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Clubhouse decorating: Thank you to Bonnie Costa and the volunteers who are decorating for the holidays and to Peg Patton, who puts up the annual Rec Hall tree.

Monthly Gate Code: Visit, call or stop by the office for the monthly "contractors code." The code changes on the first day of each month.

Needing a Holiday Gift: Toni Glover continues to collect donations for next year's flea market. She also has nice holiday gifts for sale. Call her at 541-999-5102.

Greentree Trees Thumbs': Need help with minor front yard maintenance and unable to complete tasks due to personal limitations. Call Bonnie Costa at 541-404-6343.

The Activities Committee by Mark Tilchen

Current Oregon COVID restrictions makes it unfeasible to plan a large holiday dinner, We are so very sorry. During these months in lockdown, residents have suggested several ideas for new events or changes to previous ones. More Halloween activities, evening and weekend happenings and others will be tossed around at the meeting. Planning new things can be a challenge, sometimes they go well, and other times significant plans lead to a low turnout. If you cannot make the meeting stop by the clubhouse. There is a survey you can fill out and a drop box for completed forms for your input.

Next meeting Monday December 13, 1 pm, Rec Hall.



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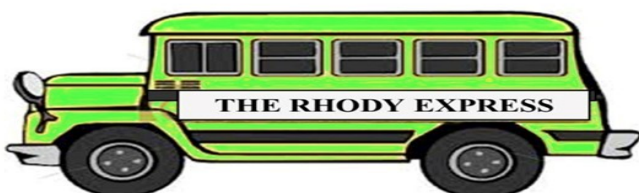
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5	6 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	7 Property Cmte. 10:00 am	8 POOL CLOSED Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm	9 Pinochle Players 9:30 am -1:00 pm Finance Cmte. 10:00 am ACC Cmte. 1:00 pm	10 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	11 Bingo 6:00 pm
12 String Instrument Class 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	13 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Activities Cmte. 1:00 pm	14 BOD Meeting 1:00 pm Card Exchange 1:00 pm	15 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm	16 Pinochle Players 9:30 am -1:00 pm	17 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	18 Bingo 6:00 pm
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over the pad at the gate or door to gain access. There is a \$5 deposit for the card, refundable on return.

Key fob: This is a key-ring "badge" that provides access to both the gate and the club house, you must pass it over the pad at the gate or door to gain access. There is a \$6 deposit for each key fob, refundable on return.

The monthly contractor code: This free code only provides access to the gate and is intended for you, as owners or renters, to give to TRUSTED contractors or visitors. Contact the office at the first of each month for the new code.



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by Jade Rehder

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Photo courtesy of JadeRehder.com

Join Greentrees resident, shamanic practitioner, and certified energy coach Jade Kuili Rehder for an evening of healing sounds and relaxation.

The sound bath will include drumming, crystal singing bowls, tuning forks and toning to harmonize your energy through vibration to support your well being. It includes 30-40 minutes of deep resonating meditation of sound. Optional Q&A afterward where you can ask your questions and share your experiences.

The join the group on December 3rd at 6pm in the Rec Hall. Chairs will be provided and you are welcome to bring a yoga mat and blanket if laying down is best for you. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 808-640-5673. You can find me on Facebook and at JadeRehder.com

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2021 Election Results

New Board Members to be Seated

by Village Voice Staff Writer

Again, this year will bring challenges to our community as we continue to deal with health issues presented by the pandemic with concerns. We have some fresh faces along with returning members to form a strong group to tackle our concerns, old and new.

Here's a quick glimpse of those who will be seated at the table representing the HOA and our districts.

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 11th, the 2022 Board will be seated. The newly elected Directors will be: Fred Burns, District 1; Michele Smith, District 3; Mark Tilchen, District 7; and Ron McCrary, District 9. No one ran for District 5 Representative. The first Alternate, will be appointed to that seat at the board meeting. The 2022 Board Alternates will be, in order, Tom Benson, Jeff Meyers, Patti Lou Harris, and Lou Manzi.

Serving the second year of their term will be: Nick Woodworth, District 2; Bill Johnson, District 4; Carolyn Jones, District 6; and Pat Miller, District 8.

The Board will be electing 2022 board officers when they meet on January 11th.

Speed Kills

A Greentrees Village PSA

The GTV Maintenance Department on a Saturday morning around 7:17 three weeks ago, declared this bench at the corner of 5th and South Streets DOA.



Now that we have your attention, PLEASE, PLEASE slow down when driving through Greentrees. This particular spot is a blind corner and in the evening or any other time of the day you can come around here heading south and really clip someone badly, causing severe injury or worse. **The SPEED LIMIT in GTV is 10 mph.** What also makes this even worse, is the person who hit the bench told no one knew in the office and the Cost for is over \$100 for material and labor to replace it. PLEASE SLOW DOWN before you hurt someone. **Thank You.**

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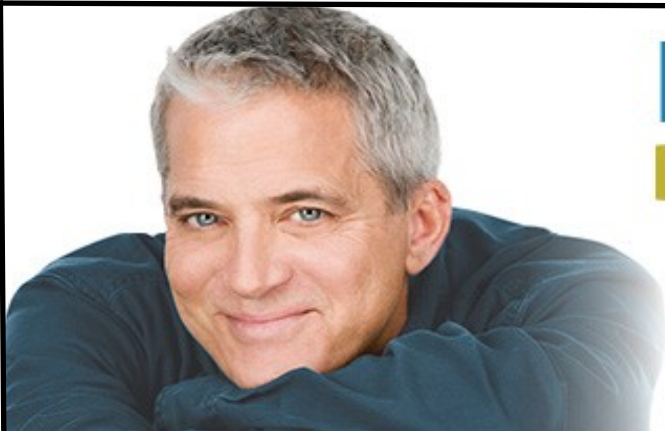


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