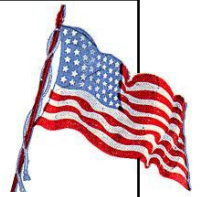




# GREENTREES



JULY

VILLAGE VOICE

2014

Greentrees Village, Inc.

A Fifty-Five and Older Community

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## Around The Village

### HOW ABOUT A FREE LUNCH?

On Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Greentrees is having its annual Hot Dog Roast. It's FREE to residents and \$3.00 for non-residents, and goes from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come by the Recreation Hall and have a hotdog, chips and a soft drink. A special thanks goes out to Carol & Wayne Fisher and Fred & Sharon Burns for helping to put it on!

### JULY FLEA MARKET by Sharon Davis

The annual Greentrees Village Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, July 12th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Tables are going fast, so if you want to sell your items you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to reserve your space. After July 1st, tables not reserved by residents will go up for sale to non-residents.

A reminder to all residents that we need donated items for the flea market. We sell these items at the flea market to raise funds for various Greentrees activities. These can be dropped off at the Recreation Hall on Friday, July 11th after 1:00 PM.

There are two sign-up sheets in the Clubhouse. One sheet is for bake sale goods to be sold as a fund raiser, the other sign-up sheet is for volunteers to help set up the sale on Friday afternoon or help with the sale on Saturday.

Thank you for your help in making the sale a success. I look forward to seeing you there.

### WIN A BICYCLE!

Greentrees is selling raffle tickets for a new bicycle. The beautiful new bike was donated to Greentrees by owner Jeff Myers as a fund raiser for GTV activities. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5 and can be purchased in the Greentrees office or at the Flea Market on July 12th. The winner will be selected at random at the end of the Flea Market.

### SUMMER REMINDERS

It's that time of year again when weeds and grass are growing vigorously. Most of Greentrees Village homes are looking great; but there are a few homes that need some work weeding, blowing and pruning. Letters are being sent out to absentee owners to tend to their lawns. Let's all work to make the Village look well kept.

And with summer, the bears are out again. Take your bird feeders in at night and do not put your garbage cans out

until Monday morning so the bears and raccoons won't get a free meal.

### ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Greentrees Owners will be held on August 2nd in the Association's Recreation Hall. We must have at least 86 lots represented in order to have a quorum to hold a meeting, so every owner is encouraged to attend. Sign-in begins at 1:00 PM.

Again this year the Board of Directors will be hosting a 'Meet and Greet' session between 1:00 and 2:00 PM, with wine and cheese offered. It is an excellent opportunity to meet your District Representative and discuss any issues or concerns you have regarding Greentrees. The Annual Meeting will begin at 2:00 PM.

Aside from the usual reports regarding Greentrees, there will be a presentation concerning the City's plan to build a multi-use path on Rhododendron Drive which is of great concern to many of our residents. Coffee and cake will be served following the meeting. All owners will receive an invitation and agenda for the meeting in the mail during the second week of July.

### NO FIREWORKS PLEASE

Just a reminder for the Fourth of July: fireworks are not allowed in Greentrees Village. Please be courteous to your neighbors by following the rules and help keep Greentrees safe from fires by not setting off fireworks on Independence Day.

### HOUSE NUMBERS

Again this Summer, the Florence Boys and Girls Club will be painting house numbers on the streets in front of the homes in Greentrees. The Board agreed to allow the kids to paint house numbers in the Village as a method of fund raising for their Club. Greentrees has been a supporter of the local Boys and Girls Club for many years.

The boys and girls will be painting numbers in front of every house. They will be accompanied by an adult. The numbers will be painted in white. They will be leaving an envelope with each resident asking for a contribution. Five to ten dollars is suggested, but donations are entirely optional.

### WRITE IN THE NICK OF TIME

The "Save the Rhodys" letter writing group will be meeting every Thursday at 11:00 AM in the Coffee Room. Everyone is welcome to come by and lend a hand.

## *The Computer Club* by Pat Miller

We're now into our summer class schedule. In our first June class we learned, among other things, about taking screenshots with a tablet. We also had an informative discussion about the changes coming with Charter. Our 6/11 workshop was all about Kindle. We are planning a follow-up session on using Gmail on Kindle.

Continuing on with introducing new residents to the Club, I'd like to share a little about our computer lab. In the lab we have XP [yes, XP!], Windows 7 and Linux computers. You can also bring and connect your laptop or tablet to the internet. The lab is there to enhance your learning experience. For instance, a few friends can get together to learn about Microsoft Office 2010. Or perhaps a small group wants to use a website in a learning experience. You can do that in the lab. For personal use, please use the computers in the coffee room.

We also have a printer which, like the computers, is part of the learning experience. Unfortunately, due to the expense of toner, maintenance and repair, we must limit printer usage to the groups in a classroom setting. The printer should not be used for large print jobs and color printing should be limited. Personal printing is prohibited. If you don't have a home printer, there are several places in town that can print for you. Just take your job to them on a disk or a flash drive.

The lab is locked. You must obtain the key from the office; you will be asked to sign for the key. You should also clear with the office to see if the lab is available. It may be in use or there may be a meeting scheduled for the multi-purpose room (MPR) that should not be interrupted. You must pass through the MPR to get to the lab. I would be happy to take you on a tour of the lab so you can learn about the equipment and maintenance of the room.

We would also like to invite any resident who may be interested in instructing a class to do so; Club membership is not required. If you are interested, please contact any of the Club officers for more information. We are trying to get classes going for Apple/Mac users. Let me know if you would like to participate in the classes, either by attendance or instructing.

### July schedule

7/2 Business Meeting  
7/9 Workshop  
7/16 Jep Norwood  
7/23 Workshop  
7/30 Workshop with Dale & Trish DeRemer. They will share their experience in getting Linux up and running on a former XP laptop, and teaching us a few things about using Linux.

## GREENTREES VILLAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 10TH, 2014

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President George Lyddon. Eight board members were present. R. B. Taylor was absent.

**Approval of the Board Agenda:** Fred Burns made a motion to approve the Agenda. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** Mike Grenfell moved to approve the BOD meeting minutes of May 13, 2014. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.

**President's Comments:** G. Lyddon named Larry Elliott to the Finance Committee. Mr. Lyddon announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss the bids on the Lot #105 foreclosure. Possible legal action with the city on behalf of the HOA, regarding the easements on Association property, will also be discussed in Executive Session.

**Resident's Forum:** James Fleming, Lot #596, regarding his opposition to the new rule regarding greenbelts.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Financial Report:** Mike Grenfell presented the April Financial Report. Cash on hand in our checking/savings account is \$397,658.65. The Reserve Fund has \$350,328.71 for a total balance of \$747,987.36 in checking and savings.

**General Manager's Report:** The Charter Cable box changeover has been a mess but seems to be getting better. Owners get one free box for the life of our contract with Charter and then one free box for one year. If an owner has trouble, they should come into the office and we will try to straighten it out for them. We will not have cable in the RV Park going forward. The family pool opens this Saturday, June 14, 2014. Road sealing is completed for this year. The Boys and Girls Club has been given permission to go around and paint house numbers for a donation. Greentrees staff will be painting lot numbers on the roads that were sealed this year. We are sending letters at this time to lot owners not keeping up their yards. We will be talking about the 2015 budget at the Board of Directors Meeting in July. At that meeting, we will also discuss and approve the agenda for the annual meeting, which is on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Our trash collection contract has expired. We are currently getting bids from both companies that serve the Florence area. We will discuss that at the next meeting.

**Committee & Club Reports:** (ACC) R. B. is currently out for health reasons. We all continue to wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Bill Johnson of the Property Committee is handling permits until R.B.'s return. Mr. Johnson reported that a few permits were issued in May including a deck cover, carport and a front porch. (Art Advisory Committee) **B. Johnson:** Everyone seems happy with the art display which is currently running until the end of June. The plan is to replace the exhibits every month. July is quickly approaching, so please pick up an application and submit it with photos of your items. All owners are encouraged to come by and take a look at the items on display. (Property Committee) **Bill Johnson:** The Property Committee has had two meetings since the last Board meeting. Both of them were reserve budget discussions. We did get our road report which leads to a program of street maintenance over the next ten years. (See *New Business*, (06-08-14) *Road Report: B. Johnson*). We also discussed the Rhododendron Drive Multi-Use Path which will be discussed under unfinished

business today. (*See Unfinished Business, (03-06-14) Rhody Multi-Use Path: G. Lyddon.*) **(Computer Club) P. Miller:** Starting this month, we have been doing weekly classes on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the back room of the recreation hall. The class on June 11 will be discussing the use of the Kindle Fire with its different cables and connections; hooking it up to your TV; using apps and answering general questions. The last computer class went over issues dealing with Charter Cable. Pat said Charter seems confused over what Greentrees residents are getting and recommended that before you go to their office you know what kind of TV you have and take an I.D. with you. She went on to say that setting up the TV may not be that hard but many are having difficulty with the remote. The July 2<sup>nd</sup> class will start off with a business meeting and then move into a question and answer period on any subject. **(Bingo Committee) K. Bumgarner:** No report. **(Expo Committee) K. Stone:** Ken reported that we are still trying to figure out who is going to feed us and what kind of prizes we will have. Several different kinds of groups are lined up to speak or have tables to display. There is a vendor who has freeze-dried foods and will give cooking demonstrations two or three times during the day. One vendor sells solar stoves for emergencies. Another vendor has all types of emergency items including food items for emergencies. Due to many changes and vacancies in City of Florence management, lining up speakers has been difficult. There will be a display by the Fire Department as well as activities such as training on the use of fire extinguishers. The next meeting of the Expo Committee will be on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. We will be getting the brochure out and then really advertise.

**Unfinished Business: (03-06-14) Rhody Multi-Use Path:** G. Lyddon reported a citizens committee has formed to get the word out through letters to the editor; signs; petitions and letters to civic leaders, in regard to the destruction of vegetation and individual property loss on Rhody Drive from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Wildwinds. Separately, the issue of HOA property loss to easements along Rhododendron Drive will be addressed by the Property Committee, possibly through legal channels. Fred Burns motioned to approve a letter to Mayor Nola Xavier, as written. Discussion followed with a change in wording recommended and agreed upon. G. Lyddon amended the motion to approve the letter to Mayor Nola Xavier, with the changes recommended. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(05-02-14) New Rule Regarding Greenbelts (second reading):** V. Martin motioned that there be a new rule added to #27 Design Restrictions, Greenbelts, a. through f. in regard to minimum size requirements for replacement of greenbelt vegetation when it has been removed between adjacent properties. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 4 yes, 4 opposed, motion failed. **(05-03-14) Open House Review:** B. Johnson motioned to cancel the Open House Policy. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(05-04-14) Potlucks (second reading):** P. Patton motioned that one Association Potluck be placed on the Activities Calendar each month, January through September, and that each District Representative shall be responsible to host one Potluck each year. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 5 yes, 3 opposed, motion passed. **(05-05-14) Basketball Backboard (second reading):** B. Johnson motioned to get a portable basketball system at a cost of no more than \$200.00. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 5 yes, 3 opposed, motion passed.

**New Business: (06-01-14) 2014 Reserve Study:** M. Grenfell explained what a reserve study is; how it is prepared; and why it is

updated on an annual basis. Mike reiterated that Louis puts a tremendous amount of work into the Greentrees Village Reserve Study and how lucky we are to have him as our manager. **(06-02-14) Tuesday Club Charter:** G. Lyddon motioned to revoke the Tuesday Club Charter. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. M. Grenfell motioned that all Tuesday Club funds be transferred into the general fund. Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(06-03-14) Request for July 4<sup>th</sup> activity:** D. Johnsen motioned that the Board approve the expenditure of approximately \$200.00 to pay for the free hot dog lunch that the Tuesday Club traditionally sponsored on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Owners, Wayne Fisher & Fred Burns have volunteered to host this event. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(06-04-14) Association Recordkeeping Resolution:** V. Martin motioned that Greentrees Village Resolution (Association Recordkeeping and Inspection Policy) and accompanying forms be incorporated into the Greentrees Village Book of Resolutions. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 6 yes, 2 opposed, goes to second reading. **(06-05-14) Estate Sale Policy Review:** P. Patton motioned to remove the word generally from the Estate Sale Rules and Requirements and to add a line item on the Application for Estate Sale for the cause. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(06-06-14) Board Communications Resolutions:** M. Grenfell motioned to amend the Greentrees Village Inc. Resolution (Board Communications) to read, "No individual Board member is authorized to communicate with Greentrees Village residents or the Florence community and represent themselves as speaking for the Board of Directors unless specifically appointed by the Board to do so." Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(06-07-14) Bids for Wall Repair:** F. Burns motioned that the bid from Doug South, General Contractor for \$8,000 be approved, for the outside wall paneling repair all around the clubhouse. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(06-08-14) Road Report:** B. Johnson presented the Road Report from Gary Baker of Archetyp Consultants for all streets within the Greentrees Village Community.

**Executive Session:** G. Lyddon motioned to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive session to discuss bids for Lot #105 and possible legal action with the city on behalf of the HOA regarding easements on Association property. Voice vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **The Board went into Executive Session at 3:08 p.m.**

**BOD meeting reconvened at 3:57 p.m.** Seven board members present after reconvening. Bill Johnson was absent for remainder of meeting.

V. Martin motioned to allow George Lyddon to contact a listing agent to determine a listing price for Lot #105. Voice vote 7 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. V. Martin motioned to allow George Lyddon and Louis Dashofy to contact the Greentrees attorney to get an opinion on legal status concerning the multi-use path and also to allow Fred Burns to make an appointment with the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) attorney. Roll Call Vote, 7 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.

**Other Business:** None.

**Announcements:** G. Lyddon thanked Betty for serving cake for today's meeting.

**G. Lyddon moved to adjourn the meeting.** Voice Vote, 7 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously. **Adjournment at 4:03 p.m.**

## *From the President* by George Lyddon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

July is upon us and as we celebrate God and country we are thankful of the freedom and strength of our great nation. In the beginning we fought to free ourselves from the tyrannical oppression from abroad. Today we struggle with unseen forces from within that chip away at our freedom. We must remain

awake; not falling asleep with the complacency infecting our society today. The Rhododendron Drive multi-use path is a classic example of this infection. While the residents of Florence slept the city pushed through their plan for this path. Had the thirteen colonies fallen asleep this country would be flying a different flag today. Happy Birthday America!

### **SAVE OUR RHODYS** By Bill Johnson

I've just had the opportunity to review and compare two important documents regarding the Rhododendron Drive multi-use path. The first is the City's Grant Application and the second is the Preliminary Design for the path.

The Grant Application was dated September 30, 2010 and signed by Robert Willoughby who was the City Manager. Following is some of the interesting information in that document.

Under *Right of Way Needs*, it asks: "Property to be purchased? – the city answered "No," and under "easements or donated property?"- the city again responded: "No"

Under *Project Description*, I quote: "The proposed project is designed to preserve as much of the native vegetation as possible, particularly the native rhododendrons, in keeping with the scenic drive designation and the community's desires."

Under *Technical Merit*, it again expresses the goal was (is) to "preserve as much of the native vegetation as possible particularly the native rhododendrons in keeping with the scenic drive designation and community desires. The residents along Rhody did not want the street improvements to have a big city feel. It was important to them that the rural and scenic

character of Rhody and its surrounding area be retained. The proposed project meets this community vision".

In an exhibit attached to the Application titled *Site Map & Cross Section*, the cross section shows 2'-12' existing auto travel lanes with a saw cut, mountable curb and a 10' raised path.

Now, let's compare these key points with the actual design contained in the *Preliminary Report* for the Rhododendron Drive Multi-Use Path dated May 9, 2014. The Plan was prepared by OBEC Consulting Engineers. I could not find who it was prepared for (i.e. the City of Florence or the State of Oregon Dept. of Transportation) or under what authority (i.e. who paid for it?).

In comparing the two documents, first the Preliminary Report states that the multi-use path will require over 25,000 square feet of permanent right-of-way and easements (even though the application said none would be needed!). Also, The path design will require the removal of all vegetation within the City's right-of-way on the east side of Rhododendron Drive, along with the removal of vegetation from over twenty-five adjacent privately owned parcels, (yet the Application claimed to preserve as much of the native vegetation as possible!). Construction of the designed path will require a swath 13 feet to 35 feet wide along the east side of Rhododendron Drive. The application stressed the importance to the community that the rural and scenic character of the Rhododendron Dr. corridor be retained. Also, the path design in the report shows cross sections that are misleading. As designed, the path footprint will be 15 feet wide minimum, with a maximum width of 35 feet, including cut and fill slopes. The cross section in the application shows a 10 foot path with a curb that takes only about 12 feet of the existing City's right-of way.

What happened? How could a vision of a path meandering through native vegetation, running along the eastern edge of Rhody Drive turn into mass destruction with the loss of hundreds of native rhododendrons and shore pines, the taking of private lands, the complete disregard of the community's desires, the opening up of adjacent owners back yards and the loss of security and privacy to these owners? Was it Big Brother (i.e. what happens when a small city uses federal money controlled by the State), or was it just bad planning? Whatever the reason, this project as designed needs to be stopped. Save our Rhododendrons!

# WE NEED YOU!

TO DONATE ITEMS TO SELL AT THE FLEA MARKET, AND TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP SET UP ON FRIDAY, JULY 11TH, AND HELP WITH THE SALE ON SATURDAY, JULY 12TH.

## WE NEED YOUR BAKED GOODS!

**COOKIES, CUPCAKES, MUFFINS, SCONES, CAKES, PIES**

ALL THOSE YUMMIES THAT

GREENTREES RESIDENTS ARE FAMOUS FOR,  
TO SELL AT THE FLEA MARKET



## TO SELL (AND BUY) RAFFLE TICKETS

OUR FRIEND, JEFF MYERS, HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO DONATE A BEAUTIFUL NEW BICYCLE FOR US TO RAFFLE OFF AGAIN THIS YEAR.



DONATED ITEMS FOR SALE MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE RECREATION HALL ON FRIDAY, JULY 11TH AFTER ONE O'CLOCK. BAKED GOODS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE RECREATION HALL AFTER 7:00 AM ON SATURDAY, JULY 12TH. BAKED ITEMS SHOULD BE PACKAGED FOR SALE.

## THANK YOU SO MUCH!

# July 2014

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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|  |   | <b>1</b><br>No Coffee Social this month<br><br><b>Property Comm. 10:00</b> | <b>2</b><br>Exercise Class 10:00<br><b>ACC Meeting 10:00</b><br>Hula Lessons 11:00<br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Computer Club meeting 11:10<br>Snooker 1:00 | <b>3</b><br>Friendship Club 9:30 - 12:00<br><b>Finance Comm. 10:00</b><br><br>Rhody Quilters 10:00 - 4:00<br><br>Bunco 1:30 - Snacks M-Z | <b>4</b> Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Snooker 1:00<br>Office Closed Today<br><b>4th of July<br/>           Hot Dog Roast<br/>           11:00 - 2:00</b> | <b>5</b><br>Bocce Ball<br>11:15<br><br>Bingo<br>7:00  |
| <b>6</b><br>Snooker<br>1:00   | <b>7</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br><br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Dabbers & Gabbers 1:00<br><br>Snooker 1:00      | <b>8</b><br><b>BOD Meeting 1:00</b>  | <b>9</b><br><b>Pools Closed Today</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Hula Lessons 11:00<br>Computer Class 11:10<br>Snooker 1:00       | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br><br>Exercise Class 10:00<br><br>Snooker 1:00   | <b>12</b><br>Bocce Ball<br><u>11:15</u><br>Flea Market<br><u>8:00 - 2:00</u><br><br>Bingo<br>7:00 |
| <b>13</b><br>Snooker<br>1:00  | <b>14</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br><br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Dabbers & Gabbers 1:00<br><br>Snooker 1:00     | <b>15</b><br>Applique Society 9:30   | <b>16</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Hula Lessons 11:00<br>Computer Class 11:10<br>w/ Jep Norwood<br>Snooker 1:00                 | <b>17</b><br>Friendship Club 9:30 - 12:00<br><br>Rhody Quilters 10:00 - 4:00   | <b>18</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Snooker 1:00   | <b>19</b><br>Bocce Ball<br>11:15<br><br>Bingo<br>7:00   |
| <b>20</b><br>Snooker<br>1:00<br><br>Bunco 1:30<br>Snacks A-L                      | <b>21</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br><br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Dabbers & Gabbers 1:00<br><br>Snooker 1:00     | <b>22</b><br>Tuesday Luncheon out 12:00<br>At the Restobar                 | <b>23</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Hula Lessons 11:00<br>Computer Class 11:10<br>Snooker 1:00                                   | <b>24</b><br>Friendship Club 9:30 - 12:00  | <b>25</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Snooker 1:00<br><br><b>Pot Luck Dinner 6:00<br/>           All Residents Welcome</b>                           | <b>26</b><br>Bocce Ball<br>11:15<br><br>Bingo<br>7:00   |
| <b>27</b><br>Snooker<br>1:00  | <b>28</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br><br>Exercise Class 10:00<br><br>Dabbers & Gabbers 1:00<br><br>Snooker 1:00 | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Pickle Ball 9:00 - 10:30<br>Exercise Class 10:00<br>Hula Lessons 11:00<br>Computer Class 11:10<br>Snooker 1:00                                   | <b>31</b><br>Friendship Club 9:30 - 12:00  | <b>SWIMMING POOL<br/>           SCHEDULE:<br/>           Water Aerobics<br/>           M-F at 8:00am</b>  |   |