



COVID-19 Studies Show Face Shields Not A Good Option For Face Masks

Residents here in Greentrees wearing face shields might want to rethink their Covid-19 safety. New studies show face shields alone don't really protect you.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends against using face shields as a substitute for facial coverings or masks because of the most recent Covid-prevention studies this Fall from research labs here in the U.S. and abroad.

While face masks or face coverings reduce the spray of respiratory droplets from the wearer into the environment, onto another person, or onto a surface, face shields (and face masks with exhale valves) do very little to protect the wearer from getting or spreading Covid-19. One such study published in



New studies show face shields do little in controlling the spread or contraction of COVID-19.

Physics of Fluids, by AIP Publishing, used visualizations to examine and illustrate how effective plastic face shields are at reducing the spread of Covid-19.

They found that while face shields did block

the initial forward motion of a simulated cough or a sneeze from the person wearing the face shield, the expelled droplets were still able to move around the visor and spread out over a large area in an environment.

The experiment also concluded droplets can pass through a face mask's exhale valve unfiltered, reducing its effectiveness as a means of source control."

Jennifer Veltman, MD, chief of infectious diseases at Loma Linda University Health, says non-valve face masks are the number one form of protection against Covid-19.

She says a mask (not made from ordinary cloth) must fully cover your nose and mouth and fit securely on your face.

Dr. Veltman and other researchers concur face shields alone do not provide Covid-19 protection because they have open spaces underneath the chin and around the ears that allow respiratory droplets from the wearer into the environment—and do little to keep from breathing it in. ~ Bruce W. Smith

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A "CUSH" JOB WELL DONE!



It's done! A small, but dedicated group of GTV volunteers, headed by Anderson Miller and Brenda Kessler, re-upholstered more than 190 chairs during work sessions held in the Recreation Hall over the past two months. The project was a big undertaking.

Anderson estimated the team put in more than 200 man-hours giving the old chairs a new look and feel with long-lasting, durable marine vinyl and high-density foam.

GTV bought the upholstery materials, which cost about \$2,500, saving the HOA upwards of \$6,000 on the purchase of new chairs.

So when you attend future meetings, give a nod of appreciation to those folks who made your seats so cush: Bonnie Costa, Debbie Juve, Brenda Kessler, Anderson Miller, Dorothy Petdersen and Marceline Wilken.~GTV



Coast Paving re-painted cross-bars and "Stop" at 35 intersections around Greentrees last month as part of the on-going street maintenance program. Such painting is done on an "as-needed" basis, which is about every 4-5 years according to GTV General Manager Matt Kennedy. He urges all residents and visitors to abide by our street signage and pavement markings to help ensure the safety of our residents and their pets.

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The process will be: One person at a time. Make sure that you wear a mask. GTV will provide the gloves.

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IN MEMORIAM: PARKER KENDALL

What follows is an excerpt from an E-mail that went out to the Computer Club mailing list. Because Parker Kendall (91) was well-known to many here in Greentrees, we thought it appropriate to share with everyone. ~ Pat Miller, Computer Club



Parker Kendall

Sadly, I must share that we lost our own Parker Kendall on Sunday, 9/27, and what a loss it is.

Parker was famous for his Club blog. As Jeanne Dick wrote several years ago about Parker for a Village Voice article, "Parker Kendall is the Chief Information Officer of the GT Computer Club (albeit the title is unofficial and a salary is nonexistent). Nonetheless, Parker attends classes and meetings, absorbs all the info presented and translates it into the language of his computer.

Later, he taps keys and clicks a mouse and magically transports all that important data to his Online column at the Greentrees Computer Club website so that all of us can share in knowledge from the classes."

He was more than a blogger. He taught classes, was an officer, authored Club articles for The Village Voice. Parker created humorous drawings with his favorite stick figures.

And then there was his ornery side. He liked to 'invigorate' conversations, but always with a twinkle in his eye. Crusty at times, he truly cared about people.

Parker rescued senior cats in need of a good final home from our local humane society.

He was my go-to when it came to birds. If something unusual was occurring with the birds or I saw a bird that I didn't recognize, I would give Parker a call. I could count on him for answers.

Parker was a photographer. Even as his strength was ebbing, he would haul that very heavy camera to meetings and other locations. It was a special treat when he would bring a display of his photographs to class.

Thank you, Parker, for all you have been to us. You will be missed.

GOOSE WATCH

Late fall through the winter our eyes turn skyward several times a day as we scan for the honking and cackling geese. And there are plenty of geese to see all around the Florence area.

According to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW), the Oregon Coast is the wintering grounds for seven sub-species of Canada Geese.

Use binoculars to check the necks of local geese. Biologists have put plastic colored neck collars with identifying codes on some geese, and leg bands on others.

Collar color has been standardized to allow biologists to easily identify the subspecies and where the bird was collared. Collar colors seen in the Willamette Valley, along the Coast and lower Columbia River are as follows: green or red (Dusky), blue or grey (Aleutian goose, lesser Canada goose), yellow (Cackling goose), white or black (Western Canada goose).



Photo by ODFW

The smallest of the species is the Cackler, which is similar in size to a Mallard duck and has the shortest bill of the species. The largest is the Western Canada goose. You'll also see Aleutian Geese, lesser Canada, Taverner's, White-fronted and Dusky Canada geese along our coast. It's not unusual for several geese species to hang out together.

An excellent field guide to use is "Identification Field Guide to the Geese of the Willamette Valley and Lower Columbia River," by Kelly Warren. Download from the ODFW website.

STOP COLD DRAFTS Winter along the Oregon coast means cold rain and wind. That means cold drafts coming in around exterior doors. The best way to stop drafts is to replace old, dry, cracked weather stripping and door sweeps with new ones. The door threshold should also be adjusted. A good handyman or contractor can handle these tasks with ease. It'll require taking the door off the hinges. But the job should be quick and relatively inexpensive. The end result: A tight seal around the doors, no more cold drafts, and a reduced electricity bill. ~ Bruce W. Smith

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Unbelievable, but this year is drawing to a close with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner. Even though we can't celebrate together as a community, we can still bring smiles and comfort to our local children and families in need.

One way to help is making a monetary donation to the local Soroptomist chapter. Because of this Covid virus, the Soroptomist will not be having their Christmas toy giveaway--a first in 32 years.

However, they still will be doing their Christmas food baskets for families in need. To do this the Florence chapter of Soroptomist International anticipates they will need about \$30,000 this year for bulk food purchasing to provide the local baskets.

In 2018 they gave food to 375 families including 685 children. Those numbers are going to be much higher in 2020. They will be distributing the food at the Florence middle school on December 19th.

If you can spare a monetary donation, make checks payable to: Soroptomist International of Florence,

PO Box 1209, Florence. Include a note the donation is for the Christmas Basket. The donation is tax deductible 23-7173303, so they will send you a receipt.

If money is short and you can volunteer, that would be awesome, too.

Now, to the "Toy Under The Tree" where this year we will partner with the Florence Police Department in giving Christmas toys to those local children in most need.

I will be setting up our Christmas tree mid-November in the Rec Hall. Since we will not have our annual Thanksgiving dinner, I am hoping GTV residents will come over to admire the tree and leave an unwrapped toy under it.

(There will be some wrapped props under the tree, but please leave your toy *unwrapped*.)

In 2017 we had 199 toys donated. In 2018 down a bit to 165, and last year 128. Let's make 2020 special!

2018 we had stuffed animals (34), cars and trucks (19), dolls (19) and coloring books (20). Last year, stuffed animals (25), Hot Wheels and Matchbox (26), dolls (11), and only three coloring books.

It has been an upsetting year for children, with rules limiting childhood. Let's do our best to make Christmas as normal as possible for them. ~Peg Patton

BE PREPARED: WATER A PRIORITY

Water is a challenging issue for our community in the event of an emergency. A defined emergency can be in many forms. You can help yourself by storing water. You need one gallon of water per person per day. Remember this when planning for your family's emergency preparedness. Learn more on emergency preparedness at www.Ready.Gov, or contact GERT coordinator Kristel Buechner: 541-997-0909.

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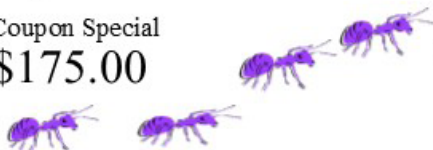


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GATE CODE REMINDER: All GTV residents must call the office to obtain the monthly "Contractors Gate Code" if you're having anyone from outside coming here to do work at your home or on your property.

NEW RESIDENTS: John & Christine Kingeter (Lot 566). John is from Juneau, Alaska, and his sister, Christine, hails from Merlin, Oregon. Also welcome Melissa Jones-Ellison (Lot 298) from Matthews, NC; David & Kari McGrath from Seaview, Washington at Lot 191; and Lisa Farrand (Lot 693) from Brookings, OR.

DOG WALKERS: If your dog does its business off your property, please be courteous and pick up the poo. We supply supplied plastic bags and deposit containers at the Pet Stations all around Greentrees. Leaving droppings or throwing bags o' poo in the bushes is a health hazard, not to mention that someone else has to clean up your pet's mess.

IN MEMORY: Our condolences go out to family and friends of Parker Kendall (Lot 163) who passed on 9/27/20.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: If you have club or other news that you'd like put in *The Village Voice*, submit it to the office before the 20th of the month. Also include a digital photo if possible, along with identity of those in the photo.

Oregon Coast OYSTER DRESSING

Seafood lovers can give Thanksgiving dinner a taste of the Oregon Coast with this simple stuffing made with Pacific oysters sourced and grown by our local wholesalers:

- 1 pint small shucked oysters, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup salted butter
- 2 Tbs chopped parsley
- 1/4 Tsp poultry seasoning
- 1/4 Tsp rubbed sage
- 1/4 Tsp pepper
- 3 cups stuffing bread cubes
- 1 large egg
- 1 cup chicken broth

Succulent Oregon oysters can be purchased directly from **Clausen Oysters** in North Bend, or from **Qualman Oyster Farms** in Charleston. Small oysters are tender and great for this stuffing recipe.

First, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Then use a small pan to saute the celery, onion and bell pepper in the butter until tender and translucent.



Transfer the sautéed ingredients to a large mixing bowl and add the parsley, sage, poultry seasoning, and pepper. Mix well.

Add the dry bread cubes, beaten egg, chicken broth, and oysters in their juice. Gently mix all the ingredients until well combined.

Transfer the oyster dressing mixture to a casserole dish sprayed with a non-stick coating. Cover and bake at 350° for 20 minutes.

Then uncover and bake an additional 15-20 minutes -- or until thermometer reads 160° and stuffing has a nice light-brown crust.

You'll probably have to double the recipe if you are having friends or relatives over for dinner! ~ Bruce Smith



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From The President

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The HOA Board of Directors serve an essential role in the community so we're counting on your participation. Please take the time to review the ballot and use the privacy envelope to return and cast your ballot.

There's a secure ballot box located in the GTV office in which you can drop off your vote. Just make sure that you return your ballots by November 27th. Our Election Committee will count the ballots the first week in December and the results of the election will be announced at the December BOD meeting on 12/8/20 at 1:00 PM.

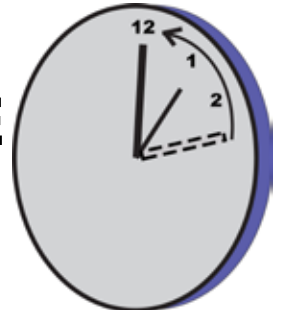
'Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 our Activities Committee will not be hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner this year. Also we require that anyone entering the clubhouse and office must wear a face mask.

My hope is that you all enjoy a healthy, safe and Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Bruce Littlepage, Interim HOA Board President



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