

### GREENTREES POOL

The pool is an essential amenity for many Greentrees residents, contributing significantly to the community's quality of life and offering a place for relaxation and recreation. Over time, several rumors have circulated regarding possible cuts to the pool hours, a potential closure of the facility altogether, and even changes to the water temperature. However, it is important to clarify that none of these rumors hold any truth, and residents can rest assured that pool hours and temperature will remain unchanged.

The recent discussions surrounding the pool largely stem from increased propane usage due to colder weather and a malfunctioning cover. These factors led to concerns, but with warmer weather and the cover now repaired, the propane usage should decrease. The maintenance schedule for the pool will stay consistent, with it closing once a month for cleaning.

As we look forward, it becomes essential for all residents to come together and evaluate the ongoing situation. We may discuss, after summer, if we need to decrease the hours during the winter months. This assessment will be vital to ensure that propane costs remain manageable for the community while continuing to provide access to the pool as much as possible. I would



also like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of focusing on factual information and disregarding the unfounded rumors that sometimes circulate

throughout Greentrees. Through clear communication and cooperation, we can ensure the ongoing enjoyment of our pool facilities.



Tracie Nash

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### HOA DUES REMINDER

HOA Fees: In 2025, dues have increased to \$318/month.

Please remember to change the amount you pay in 2025. If you have an autopay set-up, please change your amount to reflect the current dues.

If you need assistance, please see article below.

Thank you,  
Office Staff

### GREENTREES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (GERT)

Greentrees's Emergency Response Team "GERT" Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 1pm in the multipurpose room or in the rec hall. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Below are some of our activities with GERT:

- \*CPR training w/out card
- \*Defibrillator & Choking training
- \*Fire Extinguisher and Fire Blankets training
- \*GMRS Radio Communications
- \*Water purification, emergency straws, storage, filtration
- \*Emergency first aid
- \*Earthquake & Tsunami awareness
- \*Preparing your Pets
- \*Guest Speakers
- \*Search and Rescue (SAR)
- \*Mock emergencies with rescues, just to name a few of what you will learn with GERT.

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Kristel Buechner  
GERT trainer/Coordinator

### WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Karrie and Joel Nelson #198  
Krystal Telecky and David Ellis #516  
Robert 'Bob' Chase #557

### IN MEMORIAM

We would like to honor and remember our cherished GTV friends, neighbors, and family members who have passed away; however, we must first obtain permission from the deceased's family. If you are aware of a GTV resident who has recently passed, please let us know so we can reach out to their next of kin for permission and details. All approved announcements will be published in the next available newsletter.

### GTV VEHICLE STORAGE LOTS

Are you aware we have storage lots available for rent to put your truck, RV, or trailer in? No vehicles longer than 24' or wider than 10'. The cost is \$25/mo. Please contact the office about renting one of these lots.

James Tennison

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*Picks up in front of the  
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Robin Williams*

### RECYCLE CANNISTERS

County Transfer & Recycling has decided to switch to collecting recycling biweekly (every two weeks). They delivered 65-gallon recycling cans to our community in late February and began collecting biweekly on March 3. Please use your new cans for all recycling except glass, all glass should go in the existing yellow bins which are solely for glass recycling.

County Transfer & Recycling let us know in early March that we could call after April 1 to order a smaller size. However, I have called to confirm this is still the case and they told me they do not have any smaller cans and don't anticipate getting any until July. You can call and put yourself on a list for a smaller can. Please contact County Transfer & Recycling at 541-997-8233.

Diane Greer

"Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun. And I say, it's all right. Sun, sun, sun, here it comes. Sun, sun, sun, here it comes." - The Beatles



## MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES

### RICHARD BROWN

Richard Brown's story begins in Florence, Oregon, where he entered the world on September 9, 1961. Growing up, he spent his childhood and teenage years in nearby Mapleton, faithfully attending school there from first grade through his senior year. Life led him to the lumber industry, where he poured 25 years of hard work and dedication into his craft. Along the way, he built a family—two daughters and a son—each a source of pride and joy.

For the last 14 years, Richard has called GTV home, a place where his skills and creativity shine. Just recently, he finished crafting three sturdy benches, each proudly bearing the word "Greentrees" as a testament to his handiwork. But he's not stopping there. With spring in the air, he's already planning his next project: planting vibrant flowers along the east side exit of the clubhouse and arranging decorative rocks to spruce up the building's front. It's the kind of work that suits him—hands-on, outdoors, and a little bit creative.

It was in Greentrees that Richard's life took another happy turn. Through a mutual friend, he met Julie, the woman who would become his wife. Two years after that first meeting, in 2019, they stood together in the GTV Rec Hall and said their vows, surrounded by the community they'd come to love. Together, they've built a life filled with simple pleasures. Richard thrives outside—whether he's rumbling down the road on his motorcycle, tending to the yard, gliding across the water in a kayak, or hunting for treasures at yard sales. He's a collector at heart, always on the lookout for odds and ends he can turn into something new.

To Richard, life is about connection. "I try to do something every day, big or small, to let friends and family know that I am thinking of them," he says, and it's a motto he lives by. Soon, he and Julie will set sail on a Caribbean cruise with three other couples, a well-deserved adventure on the horizon for April. For Richard, it's just another chapter in a life well-lived—rooted in hard work, love, and the beauty of the outdoors.

Patty Harrison



### AARON TENNISON

Aaron Tennison has spent most of his life in Mapleton, with a few years sprinkled in Florence. Growing up, he found his rhythm in the outdoors—fishing and hunting became second nature, and he's always been drawn to the quiet of the mountains. These days, he's content working at Greentrees, where the residents and staff alike are friendly and make the job enjoyable. High school was a bit unconventional for him; he tackled it online from home, forging his own path.

Alaska's on his radar—a dream spot for fishing and hunting adventures. For now, though, he's happy working alongside his dad, James Tennison, and putting in steady Monday-to-Friday hours. Beyond his regular gig, he picks up landscaping jobs here and there. When he's off the clock, you might catch him unwinding with his Xbox or diving into action-packed shows like Land of Bad, S.W.A.T., or NCIS: New Orleans.

Aaron shares the house with his family, including an older brother—though, funny enough, everyone assumes Aaron's the elder sibling. He's been at this job for three years now, his first ever, and it's been a milestone. He didn't even get his driver's license until he started working here, a little nudge that got him rolling.

Diane Greer



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### ACC REMINDER

This is the time that people start trimming their shrubbery and doing their yard work. Lot owners need to remember that we have dumpsters for resident's lot trimmings. The trimmings need to be no longer than 3 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter. Please be courteous in the amount you place in the dumpster. They are not there for your whole lot clearing. Pickup loads should go to the dump. Residents who use contractors need to make sure that they carry your load away to the dump. If those loads are deposited in the dumpster the resident can get a fine. Please don't throw any clippings or debris in the commons. That can result in a fine as well. For any clearing or cleaning out of the greenbelt, please talk to your neighbor about your plans so they are prepared when they see you do the work. Neighbors need to understand that the owner has the right to clear their greenbelt and then replant with trees or shrubbery of their choice. People who decide to start construction projects around your house need to contact the ACC committee to see if you need a permit. Some projects require a city permit as well as a Greentrees permit. Let's all work together to make Greentrees a beautiful place to live.

Architectural Committee Chair  
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### FLEA MARKET VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS

The Flea Market is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM. To ensure the Flea Market takes place, we will need multiple volunteers to assist and donations of items to sell. Reach out to Patty Harrison at 541-461-2639 if you'd like to volunteer, or contact Jeff Myers at 541-997-2978 to donate items for the event.

### HAVE YOU HEARD OF FLO-GRO?

Florence's Maintenance Yard offers a soil amendment product called Flo-Gro. Everyone that I have talked with who used this mix in their gardens said that their plants grew like crazy.

Flo-Gro is an exceptional organic mixture of chipped yard debris and cleaned organic biosolids that meet stringent Federal and State requirements. They sell it in a minimum quantity of one yard. A small import pickup bed will be filled to the brim, so be prepared. Perhaps you can share some with your neighbors.

A square yard of this soil amendment can be had for \$30. By comparison, Miracle-Gro potting mix sold at Target costs \$9 for a 1-cubic-foot bag. Flo-Gro is sold in 3-cubic-foot batches, and that equals 27 cubic feet. For only \$30, that's a real bargain. More details can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us).

Jack Stephen

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Like the Smith's my residence suffered a power outage that cost thousands of dollars to restore. The meter wasn't on my property but around the corner and several houses down on Greentrees Property!

A shiny new meter is all well and good but is only as effective as the power source.

So that each resident can be assured of power, Greentrees should have all their old meters pass an inspection.

Refusal to do so could bring a class action lawsuit to determine legal responsibility and possibly recover funds.

Bette Turner  
Sp 139

Please read article below by Central Lincoln PUD.

### WHAT'S YOURS, WHAT'S OURS, AND WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Have you ever wondered who's responsible for maintaining the equipment that keeps electricity flowing to your home or business? Here's a quick breakdown to help you understand.

The meter base—the metal box that houses your electric meter—is owned and maintained by you, the customer. These boxes are typically located on the side of your home or business or mounted on a post or pole in your yard. Over time, meter bases can rust and become unsafe, so it's a good idea to inspect yours occasionally. Look for signs of rust or damage, as a rusted meter base can lead to electrical shorts, overheating, unplanned outages, or even fires.

It's also important to keep the area around your meter base clear. Central Lincoln must have access to your meter at all times to perform maintenance and respond quickly and safely to outages or emergencies.

Central Lincoln, on the other hand, maintains the wires, facilities, and meters that deliver and measure your electricity. If you're planning to repair, replace, or upgrade electrical equipment—like your meter base—always contact a licensed electrician. For your safety, never attempt to access your meter base or electric meter yourself.

#### Underground Residential Electric Service

1. Meter: Central Lincoln owns/maintains the meter that measures electricity use.
  2. Meter Base: You own and are responsible for the metal box that houses the meter.
  3. Transformer: Central Lincoln owns/maintains the transformer mounted on a pole (3A) or pad (3B).
  4. Cable Inside Conduit: Central Lincoln owns/maintains the cable inside the conduit from the transformer to the meter base.
  5. Customer Conduit: You own/maintain the conduit from the meter base to just below the ground, including the 90-degree elbow at the bottom.
  6. Central Lincoln Conduit: Central Lincoln owns/maintains the conduit from the 90-degree elbow back to the source.
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## JOIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE RADIO TEAM

Greentrees Emergency Communications Radio Team is a small group of residents that are dedicated to providing emergency communications for the safety of our community. We need to have all districts represented for our team to work together in providing vital information in the event of an emergency or disaster.

The commitment is one day a month for roughly 15 minutes.

GERT can provide the radio and the training you do from the comfort of your home.

When a district is not represented, how will the SAR team know if there is help needed?

Contact Kristel for more information 541.997.0909 .

Kristel Buechner

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## CALL FOR MEMBERS

At the March 18 board meeting, the board authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the CC&Rs and By-laws, chaired by Diana Lindsley. The goal of this committee is to review the CC&Rs and Bylaws and make recommendations for revisions. This will be a lot of work and is expected to take time into next year. We are looking for homeowners to be members of this committee; we would like one homeowner from each district.

The CC&Rs were last revised in 2004 and the Bylaws in 2018. Since that time, laws have changed and new laws have been enacted, all that the HOA must conform with. The state legislature is also expected to combine three laws (common property, HOA, and condo association laws) into one, with possibly additional changes this year. This committee will review our existing CC&Rs and Bylaws to ensure we conform with federal and state laws, including any new ones. We will also review to include any resolutions passed since these were revised, and any other potential changes. We will take input from homeowners through forums held during the year. We will then make recommendations to the board and homeowners for revisions to both these Governing documents. The suggested changes will need to be reviewed and revised by the HOA's attorney and ultimately voted on by the homeowners. This will take a lot of time and effort. If you are interested in participating in this committee, please contact Diana at 541-590-3623 (no texts please, this is a land-line) or [tediana@comcast.net](mailto:tediana@comcast.net) to let her know you would like to join.

Diana Lindsley

## VILLAGER DON MCGEHE

Don McGehe was born in Manhattan, Kansas, where he also received his early education. He later spent 16 months at the Air Force Academy before earning his degree from Kansas State University in his hometown.



Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at 19, Don attributes his long and healthy life to a commitment to proper nutrition and consistent, rigorous exercise.

His passions include geology, photography, travel, reading, and writing. Though he has explored much of North America, his travels have remained within the continent, reaching as far north as Jasper, Canada, and as far south as Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Don's career included various roles at IBM, followed by a stint at Safeco Mutual Funds, from which he retired at 63. After retirement, he embarked on an epic 17,600-mile road trip across the U.S., driving to the country's four corners—Seattle, Washington to Maine, then Florida to San Diego, California—in just over four months.

In 2017, while searching for a retirement spot, a friend introduced him to Greentrees. After touring available homes, he waited six months for a riverside property to become available, ultimately finding his ideal home where he intends to remain.

Don is the author of *Felony Farmer: A Memoir*, published in 2019. In 2024, he revisited Manhattan, Kansas, for his 60th high school reunion. Looking ahead to 2025, he plans to travel to the Ozarks in Arkansas for a family reunion, journeying in his camper minivan, which fuels his love for life on the road.

At Greentrees, Don is an enthusiastic Bridge player and the founder of the community's Book Club.

Patty Harrison

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As volunteers, we have all contributed our time, energy, and effort for the greater good of our Greentrees community. Staying positive is essential as we navigate challenges and work toward common ground. Our differences make this a special place to live and inspire us to move forward together. Mistakes are a natural part of growth—while they may feel like failures at times, they are actually opportunities to learn and improve. Process is only successful if we do it together, and together we shall continue to grow.

Tracie Nash

## **RESOURCES IN AND AROUND FLORENCE**

There's no need to feel ashamed about seeking help when you need it. It's tougher than ever to make ends meet these days. Florence offers a variety of free and reduced-cost services for those who are struggling. We are highlighting several programs that provide valuable resources available to our community. We also have an insert with this month's Village Voice that you can put on your refrigerator or bulletin board for other services around the Florence area.

## **HOA FEES INCREASE – ASSISTANCE FUND**

I have decided to spin the HOA Dues part of the fund off to be managed by Carley Scibetta. I have funded HOA fees in care of Carley separate from my funding for other financial assistance. If you need help with HOA fees, please contact Carley at 503-383-8850. If you need help with home repairs, utility bills, etc., that will be handled through SOS. Again, receiving assistance will be on the honor system. If you truly need help, it's available to you. If you don't truly need assistance, please don't apply and take money away from a neighbor who may need assistance. Also, there will be limits on the amount of assistance an owner can receive.

Mardi Wetmore

*Greentrees Village, Inc. bears no responsibility for the Assistance Fund and is not affiliated with it, other than receiving payments from Carley when she submits them to the office.*

Kindly consider donating your brown paper bags and plastic grocery bags to Florence Food Share for recycling.

Thank you—Florence Food Share

## **SIUSLAW OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)**

Bob Teeter from SOS attended the March BOD meeting and delivered a presentation to our residents about the services SOS offers. He also outlined various volunteer opportunities available at SOS. Bob addressed questions from attendees and highlighted a generous fund donated by a Greentrees resident to support homeowners needing help with home maintenance and utility costs, this is called the Greentrees Good Neighbor Assistance Fund. Eligibility guidelines for the fund are eligible applicants are current resident/home owners of Greentrees Village. Must have been established as a resident and owner of Greentrees Village for a minum of six months. Those who are subletting or renting are not eligible. Carley will provide a list of homeowners to SOS every six months. In the library, there is a flyer for Siuslaw Outreach Services and on the back is the Greentrees Good Neighbor Assistance Fund Guidelines.

## **FLORENCE FOOD SHARE (FFS)**

Florence Food Share (FFS) is a vital Florence service offering free food to residents. Its lenient income guidelines make it accessible for many on fixed incomes to shop at the lobby or pantry. If you're unable to visit, FFS will prepare and deliver a pantry box to you. Their mission is to ensure no one in our community faces hunger. Please pick up a flyer in the library.

FFS relies on grants and fundraisers to keep running. These fundraisers fund daily operations and any building or maintenance expenses not covered by grants. On April 11, FFS will hold a major fundraiser at Three Rivers Casino Resort—GAME ON! Hollywood Nights. Doors open at 5 PM and the event starts at 6 PM. Like last year's event, it'll offer even more silent auction items this time. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$350 for a VIP table of six, available at [www.Ticketstripe.com/GAMEON2025](http://www.Ticketstripe.com/GAMEON2025). If you have any questions or would like to buy a VIP table please call 541-997-9110. All proceeds support the Florence community, so come enjoy a lively night out while supporting your local food pantry.

## **FREE LUNCHES**

In Florence, you can find free lunches at two locations during the week. Helping Hands, located at 4590 Hwy 101 N, serves free lunches from noon to 1 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Methodist Church at 333 Kingwood provides free lunches from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.



## ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES FORUM

A representative from Adult Protective Services presented a very interesting and informative presentation to us on March 11. She spoke on how they do investigations into senior abuse, and most importantly discussed the types and nuances of senior abuse. They serve adults aged 65 years or older; eligibility is not income dependent. Types of abuse include: physical abuse, neglect, abandonment, verbal or emotional abuse, financial exploitation, sexual abuse, involuntary seclusion, and wrongful use of a physical or chemical restraint. The speaker expanded upon each type of abuse, what it entails, and definitions.

For abuse to have occurred, the alleged perpetrator must have assumed a caregiving role, either formally, in writing, or informally. Also, the abuse must have a negative impact on the client, such as emotional harm or physical harm. That harm may be different for each person; what one person thinks of as harmful language may be common for another and not considered abusive by that person.

An important note is that people have the right to choose NOT to engage in protections if they don't want to. People cannot be forced to accept the help. In some cases, it may be difficult to determine if abuse occurred, especially in cases of spouses or caregivers.

Almost all abuse is also a crime. If you suspect abuse, please report it! If an immediate issue, contact the police first. It will take Adult Protective Services some time to get back to you. While some people may decline the protections, it often makes the abuser more aware and may help the situation. To report abuse to Adult Protective Services, call 541-682-4140 or email them at [AbuseReporting@lcog.org](mailto:AbuseReporting@lcog.org). Provide as much information as you can when contacting them.

The presentation is available on our website. There is a flyer in this newsletter that also provides additional information.

Diana Lindsley

## SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Senior & Disable Services will be presenting at Greentrees to tell us about their services on April 29 at 2 PM in the Rec Hall. Their mission is: To advocate for seniors and persons with disabilities and provide to them quality services and information that promote dignity, independence and choice."

Some of the services they provide are

- Medicaid Long-Term Car Programs
- Medical & Medicare Savings Programs
- Oregon Project Independence (OPE)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Older Americans Act Programs
- Senior Meals, including Meals on Wheels
- Long-Term Care Options Counseling at your home

Plan on coming to this informational forum and bring any questions you may have.

Diane Greer

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## SIUSLAW PIONEER MUSEUM: WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

### Preserving Our Local History

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, a cherished piece of our community, has suffered significant dry rot damage that threatens the building's structure. This puts the priceless artifacts inside at risk—treasures that tell the story of Florence's past. We've conducted an inspection to assess the damage, and the best way forward is to remove the building's exterior "face" for a thorough evaluation. Unfortunately, uncooperative weather is slowing our progress.

Reconstruction is scheduled to begin in Summer 2025. To kickstart this effort, we've set a local fundraising goal of \$100,000. However, with the full cost of repairs still uncertain—and likely to exceed our initial target—we're actively seeking additional support through grants, community donations, and partnerships.

Our museum's exhibits connect you to Florence's rich history, and we're proud to offer free entry on the 3rd Thursday of every month. But we can't do this alone—your help is critical to save our history. The building is in jeopardy, and as a 100% volunteer-operated organization, we're counting on you to step up.

Please support your Siuslaw Pioneer Museum and preserve Florence's heritage. To donate, send a check to:

Siuslaw Pioneer Museum Association  
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Together, we can ensure our past endures for future generations. Thank you!

Pat Rongey

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# GROUP CORNER

Join a club/group/game and meet new people who have your same interests.

**Luncheon out!** –This group meets monthly at various restaurants around town. They will meet on Apr 16 at noon at Best of Thai. Contact Jude Stendahl, lot 204, at 763-792-2312 or [jude.stendahl@gmail.com](mailto:jude.stendahl@gmail.com) for any questions. All are welcome to attend! Signup sheet in the library.

**Knit / Crochet Group** – The group meets the first Friday of each month at the Multi-Purpose Room at 1PM. Next meeting Apr 4. All knitters and crocheters welcome! Please contact Carol Parrish for more information.

**Scrapbooking / Papercrafting Group!** Papercrafting / scrapbooking is back on! Next session, Apr 13 10AM–2PM in the Rec Hall. Contact Joy at [jplummergeang2015@gmail.com](mailto:jplummergeang2015@gmail.com) for information or to attend.

**Pickle Ball** – This is a small group that meets at 8:30AM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They encourage anyone who wants to learn the game to come, watch, and learn. Extra paddles are available.

**Quilt Group** –Next meeting will be Apr 18 at 10AM. All abilities are welcome! If you would like to donate supplies, we'd love to have them. We will make easy blocks and put together quilts for the children of Florence. Please contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623 for more information.

**Book Club** – This group usually meets at 2PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room. Next meeting will be Apr. 24 at 2PM. Rather than everyone reading the same book, each month members are encouraged to bring a book that they have read or are reading. For more information, please contact Charles Lugg at 541-590-3871 or Don McGehe at 541-590-3421.

**Game Night** – Game night is held on Saturday evenings, from 5-9PM in the Rec Hall. Bring your favorite board games or come join in the fun, even play pool – there are several games happening. Bring some snacks to share. Contact Diane Greer at 661-706-1669 for more information.

**Bunco** – Bunco is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month in the Rec Hall. It's a quick play dice game that is easy to learn. Bring snacks to share. Contact Diane Greer 661-706-1669 or Betty Hayes 541-590-3810 for more information.

**Poker** – A small group meets Thursdays in the Coffee Room for a friendly game of poker from 5:30–8:30PM. Buy in is \$10. For more information contact Bing Ott at 541-968-8273.

## Other Groups?

– If you belong to a group and would like to share your group information, please contact the office at 541-590-3003 or email [gtvweb-baster57@gmail.com](mailto:gtvweb-baster57@gmail.com) to get your group activities added to the Group Corner section.

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# AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

GENRE: COMEDY

**Monk -- 2002** After the unsolved murder of his wife, Adrian Monk develops obsessive-compulsive disorder, which includes his terror of germs and contamination. His condition costs him his job as a prominent homicide detective in the San Francisco Police Department, but he continues to solve crimes with the help of his assistant and his former boss.

**Mrs. Doubtfire -- 1993** Troubled that he has little access to his children, divorced Daniel Hillard (Robin Williams) hatches an elaborate plan. With help from his creative brother Frank (Harvey Fierstein), he dresses as an older British woman and convinces his ex-wife, Miranda (Sally Field), to hire him as a nanny. "Mrs. Doubtfire" wins over the children and helps Daniel become a better parent -- but when both Daniel and his nanny persona must meet different parties at the same restaurant, his secrets may be exposed.

**Must Love Dogs -- 2005** Sarah (Diane Lane), is 40 and recently divorced. Believing Sarah needs to date more, her sister, Carol (Elizabeth Perkins), creates an online dating profile for her. Simultaneously, Jake (John Cusack) reluctantly decides to try Internet dating. Sarah and Jake meet, and though both agree they are not interested in a serious relationship, their chemistry is undeniable. But, when Bob (Dermot Mulroney) suddenly shows interest in Sarah, her future with Charlie becomes unclear.

**Night Shift -- 1982** Chuck (Henry Winkler) has given up life as a stockbroker because it was too stressful. Now, he works an easy gig as a night shift attendant at a New York City morgue. His co-worker, Bill Blazejowski (Michael Keaton), on the other hand, is always looking to make a quick buck. When Bill finds out that Chuck's prostitute neighbor, Belinda (Shelley Long), needs a place to do her work, he convinces Chuck to turn the morgue into a brothel where they can work as her pimps.

**Once Bitten -- 1985** A centuries-old vampire, the countess (Lauren Hutton) has kept her youthful look by drinking the blood of male virgins. Since she finds this prey challenging to come by, she is thrilled when she meets young Mark Kendall (Jim Carrey), who wants to lose his virginity, yet has a reluctant girlfriend, Robin (Karen Kopins). After luring Mark away from a club, the countess drinks his blood, but the hapless guy isn't sure what has happened until he starts exhibiting unusual symptoms.

**Outsourced -- 2007** American call-center manager Todd (Josh Hamilton) is shocked to learn that his company is shutting down and moving its operations to India. He is told that he will be heading the transition team and training his counterpart in Mumbai -- a task he dreads. While initially baffled by Indian culture, Josh eventually begins to get along with his new coworkers, and, with the help of female staffer Asha (Ayesha Dharker), he learns to appreciate his new surroundings.

**Parental Guidance -- 2012** Minor-league baseball announcer Artie Decker (Billy Crystal) and his wife, Diane (Bette Midler), get to see their only child, Alice (Marisa Tomei), very seldom. To their surprise, Alice and her husband (Tom Everett Scott) ask them to watch their children so they can embark on a trip for work. It promises to be a fun time for all, until the three young ones turn out to be quite a handful for this old-fashioned couple. Artie and Diane may need to bend the rules to make everyone happy in the end.

**Police Squad (the series) -- 1982** Police Squad! is an American television crime comedy series that was broadcast on the ABC network in 1982. It was created by David Zucker, Jim Abrahams.

**Ready to Rumble -- 2000** Gordie Boggs (David Arquette) and Sean Dawkins (Scott Caan) are best friends who operate a sewage truck and idolize pro wrestler Jimmy King (Oliver Platt). After Diamond Dallas Page (Diamond Dallas Page) dethrones their hero, Gordie and Sean embark on a mission to help King get his title back. When they finally track him down, however, they discover that King is not too keen on recapturing his former glory. Can the boys find a way to motivate the faded champ?



## WORDS TO FIND

ACTIVITIES	LUNCHEON
BALL	NIGHT
BOOK	OUT
BRIDGE	PICKLE
BUNCO	POKER
CLUB	POTLUNCES
COMMUNITY	QUILT
GAME	RETIRE
GREEN	SAUNA
GROUP	SCRAPBOOK
HOT	SWIMMING
KNIT	TREES
LIVE	TUB

This puzzle is a word search puzzle that has a hidden message in it.

First find all the words in the list. Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other. Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

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+		+		+	
	x		+		55
8		20		52	



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## SPRINGTIME: TIME TO INVEST WITH PENNIES

Daylight Savings Time can be a reminder to us of many things—some of which cost very few pennies. Here are a few examples of how little some household items cost when you divide the cost by their hours of use.

- Smoke detector: It uses up the battery while it keeps working to detect smoke in your home's air. A \$5 battery divided by 6 months equals only 2¢ per day.
- Hand-held fire extinguisher: Your current one may show it still has a good charge inside, yet another extinguisher on hand is very cheap insurance. Another \$25 extinguisher divided by 2 years equals 3¢ per day.
- LED light bulbs: Whether indoors or outdoors, leaving one on all night will only cost you pennies. Over one year, a \$4 light used for 8 hours costs only 1¢ per night.
- Spring cleaning: If you practice Spring cleaning, consider donating food items to our local food share programs. Florence Food Share will accept canned goods for up to two years beyond the "Best By" date. So don't throw the food away, think of a hot meal for a homeless person or family as priceless. Pennies from Heaven!

Jack Stephen

## PET OF THE MONTH

Hello! This month we have sweet Ivy as POM. She's going to grow to a perfect size of 45lbs!

Meet Ivy! Surrendered alongside her sisters, Ruby and June, this trio has captured hearts from the very start. Each time they meet someone new, they eagerly



ly roll over for belly rubs—talk about pure love! Ivy is the perfect size, expected to reach a cuddly 45 pounds when fully grown. With her affectionate nature and gentle spirit, she is certain to bring boundless joy and warmth to any home fortunate enough to welcome her.

Jaclyn Parker

Oregon Coast Humane Society

## IMPORTANT—UPDATE THE OFFICE

If you have changed your phone number, email address, or moved, please stop by the office and update your contact and emergency information. Up-to-date information is important to have in case of an emergency. It also helps keep our GTV directory current.

Office Staff

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*"When it feels like even the flowers are against you, keep on fighting." - Loretta Lynn*

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## RESOURCES IN AND AROUND FLORENCE

There's no need to feel ashamed about seeking help when you need it. It's tougher than ever to make ends meet these days. Florence offers a variety of free and reduced-cost services for those who are struggling. Please put this on your refrigerator or bulletin board so you have quick access to it.

### FOOD RESOURCES:

**Florence Food Share** 541-997-9110: Provides food boxes to low-income households. No appointment is needed. Hours 9:30 AM – 1 PM Monday-Saturday and 4 PM – 6 PM Monday & Wednesday

**Free Lunch at Methodist Church** 541-997-6025: Free lunch on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Everyone welcome! Methodist Church at 333 Kingwood in Florence.

**Helping Hands Coalition Day Center** 541-997-5057: Free meals on Mon/Wed/Fri from 12:00 – 1:00 PM located at 4590 Hwy 101 N

**Senior Meals Programs:** Meals on Wheels and “Café 60” 541-997-5673: Meals on Wheels program. Also at “Café 60” hot mid-day meals served to individuals 60 and over regardless of income on Mon/Wed/Fri at 11:15. Donations encouraged. Please call to make a reservation. Located at the Senior Booster Center, 1570 Kingwood, Florence.

### SENIOR SERVICES:

**Senior and Disabled Services Program** 541-902-9430: Provides information and referrals regarding programs and services available to senior and disabled adults. Protective services, financial assistance, case management, home & community long-term care. Relocation services & adult foster home licensing. Assist with Medicaid/Medicare applications.

**Senior Connections** 541-902-9430 x7830: Senior Connections is staffed with caring area coordinators & volunteers who provide a variety of services to seniors & family caregivers--helping seniors to continue to live independently in their own homes.

**Family Caregiver Support Program** 800-441-4038: Respite and support services for unpaid caregivers caring for a person over the age of 60. Up to 8 hours of care per month or up to 16 hours of paid respite at the Alzheimer's Respite Center. No financial eligibility requirements.

**The Friendship Line** 800-971-0016: An accredited crisis intervention program for the elderly. Confidential telephone conversations with people 60+ who may be lonely, isolated, grieving or depressed. Also has a “call out” service where trained volunteers/Friendship Line staff will make calls to older adults to provide emotional support and well-being checks.

**Respite Center of Florence** 541-902-8539: Provides respite program for people with dementia. Offers lunch and activities. Open Mon and Thurs 10:00am–2:00pm.

**Siuslaw Outreach Services – SOS** 541-997-2816: Rapid re-housing assistance, emergency shelter, utility assistance, self-sufficiency classes, rent assistance program, prescription assistance, confidentiality statement, homeless prevention assistance, free clothing/coats, bus, taxi, shower and laundry vouchers and special veteran voucher programs. They also help with Domestic Violence Advocacy, Family Abuse Protection Act Orders, Sexual Assault Advocacy, Children and Domestic Violence, Nondiscrimination Rights & Protections to Beneficiaries.

**Helping Hands** 541-997-5057: A community outreach program that serves people with unmet needs. Vouchers are given out for such needs as laundry and showers. Some food, clothes and toiletries are also available. They coordinate their offerings with Siuslaw Outreach Services. A place to rest, relax, get clothing, a meal and supplies. Drop in.



## **OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

### **Counseling Resources:**

Reconnections Counseling 541-997-1697  
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) 541-002-8308  
Options Counseling Services 541-997-6261  
PeaceHealth Counseling Services 541-902-6085  
Jennifer Rossi, PH.D Clinical Psychologist 541-662-0527  
Mina Dickson, MS, LPC Professional Counseling 541-999-6809

### **Support Groups:**

Grief and Loss Support Group 541-997-3418  
GriefShare 541-997-8913  
Coping with Suicide Loss 541-243-0164  
American Cancer Society 541-484-2211  
Alzheimer's Family Support Group 541-997-8436  
Memory Loss Respite Center of Florence 541-902-8539  
Dual Diagnosis Anonymous of Oregon 877-222-1332  
Living Well with Chronic Conditions 541-682-4103

### **Crisis Hotlines:**

Focus 4 Hotline 541-997-444  
White Bird Crisis Intervention Line 800-422-7558  
Alcoholics Anonymous Hotline 888-203-1432  
Veterans Crisis Line 800-273-8255  
The Friendship Line 800-971-0016

### **Drug and Alcohol Resources:**

Reconnections Counseling 541-997-1697  
Narcotics Anonymous 541-268-4769 or 541-999-1068  
Alano Club Hope 541-991-9588 or 612-462-1481  
Emergence 541-997-8509  
Another Chance at Life Ministries 541-997-3567

### **Emergency Services:**

Mapleton Area Family Services 541-268-1075  
American Red Cross Emergency Disaster/Aid of Lane County 541-344-5244  
Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Program 541-997-8251

### **Transportation:**

The Rhody Express 541-997-2067  
Veterans Transportation 541-997-4094  
Medical Escort Transportation Program 541-902-9430  
Senior Connections 541-902-9430

### **Veterans Services:**

Disabled American Veterans 541-997-8060  
Pointman International Ministries 800-877-8387  
VFW – Veterans of Foreign Wars 541-997-9058  
Florence Area Veterans Relief Agency (FAVRA) 541-590-0395

### **HOA Fees Assistance for Greentrees Owners:**

Carley Scibetta 503-383-8850  
Greentrees is not affiliated with any of these services, but we would like you to know these services are available to you.

# April

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 1 PM Bridge	3 1 PM ACC 2 PM Communications Committee 4 PM Districts 4,6, 7 5:30 Poker	4 2 PM Knit & Crochet group	5 5 PM Game night
6	7 10 AM Activities Committee 12:45 GERT Radio test 1 PM Bunco	8 10 AM Property Committee	9 <u>Pool Closed</u> 10 AM Finance Committee 1 PM Bridge	10 1 PM GERT 5:30 Poker	11	12 2 PM Districts 8 & 9 5 PM Game night
13 10 AM Papercrafting	14 <b>RECYCLE DAY</b>	15 <b>TAX DAY</b> 1 PM Board Meeting	16 12 PM Luncheon Out 1 PM Bridge	17 2 PM District 1&3 5:30 Poker	18 10 AM Quilt Group	19 10 AM Coffee Social 5 PM Game Night
20 <b>EASTER</b>	21 1 PM Bunco	22	23 1 PM Bridge	24 5:30 Poker	25 5 PM Potluck	26 5 PM Game night
27	28 <b>RECYCLE DAY</b>	29 2 PM S&DS Program Overview	30 1 PM Bridge 2 PM District 2			

## Event locations

Daily (weekdays):

Water Aerobics, at the Pool, 8 AM

Mon /Wed / Fri:

Pickle Ball, at the court, 8:30 AM

Tai Chi, Rec Hall, 9 AM (M/W)

Exercise Class, Rec Hall, 10 AM

Rec Hall:

Board Meeting

Bunco

Card Exchange

District Meetings

Game Night

Potluck

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Poker

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Multi-Purpose Room:

Activities Committee

Finance Committee

GERT

Knit & Crochet Group

Papercrafting /

Scrapbooking

Property Committee

Quilt Club

Woman's Group

Conference Room:

ACC Committee

Communications Committee

## Tidbits

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: The date for payment of dues without incurring late fees is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.** Payments made on the 26<sup>th</sup> or later will incur a \$25 late fee as well as interest.

**HOA Fees:** Dues for 2025 are \$318 / month.

**Recycling:** The Activities Committee collects bottles and cans with deposits. All the funds go to the Activities Committee to offset the costs of events. There is a blue barrel in the Rec Hall to collect your donations. We thank you for your help in supporting GTV events.

**New Residents** are reminded they need to check in with the Office within 7 days of moving in to be registered and obtain the Welcome package.

**Dumpster Use:** A reminder that ONLY yard debris should be in the dumpsters. There is a fine for putting trash or plastic bags in the dumpster. Branches should be kept to under 3 inches and 3 feet long.

**Directory info:** Is your directory information correct –name, phone number and/or email address? The Office needs correct information in order to contact you.



## What happens after I call and report possible abuse?

When Adult Protective Services receives a report, it will:

- Evaluate the appropriate next steps and agencies that would be most appropriate to respond;
- Review and investigate the report of suspected abuse;
- Determine if abuse or neglect occurred; and
- Work with law enforcement if a crime was committed.

## Can you keep my name confidential if I report abuse?

State law protects your confidentiality when you report abuse. You do not have to give your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

## Am I protected if I report abuse?

Yes. Oregon's adult abuse reporting law protects you if you report suspected abuse in good faith.



## Oregon's SAFELINE 1-855-503-SAFE (7233)



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# Adult Protective Services



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## What is Adult Protective Services?

The primary responsibility of Adult Protective Services is to receive and investigate allegations of abuse of vulnerable Oregonians living in their own homes and in facilities. Each year, Oregon Department of Human Services and its partners receive thousands of reports of abuse of people who are 65 and over and/or have a physical disability.



## What is abuse?

Abuse may include intentional or neglectful acts that either cause or lead to physical or emotional injury. Abuse can happen anywhere: where someone lives, such as a person's own home or the home of family or friend. It can also occur in a professional care setting such as a nursing facility, a residential care facility, an assisted living facility, an adult foster home, a retirement home or a room-and-board home.

Women and men from all ethnic, social and economic backgrounds can be victimized. Perpetrators can be strangers, but more often they are family members, caregivers or someone known to the victim.

## What are some types of abuse?

These are the most prevalent types of abuse reported:

- Financial exploitation
- Physical abuse
- Verbal/psychological/emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Self neglect
- Abandonment
- Involuntary seclusion/restraint

## Reporting Abuse

While there are many professions in Oregon who are deemed "mandatory reporters" of abuse (meaning by law they must report abuse if they witness it or learn abuse is happening to someone), the health and safety of Oregonians is truly **everyone's responsibility**.

Everyone has a role to prevent and report abuse of vulnerable adults. Adult Protective Services relies on your partnership!

You don't need to be certain that abuse has occurred to make the call. Call even if you suspect someone is suffering harm. It takes all our collective eyes and ears to identify the signs of abuse. Together, we have the power to prevent abuse.

Call **1-855-503-SAFE (7233)** to report abuse from anywhere in Oregon.

## Educating our communities

We can all help to prevent and reduce the abuse, exploitation and mistreatment of our most vulnerable neighbors and family members and friends.

Becoming more involved and aware of the signs that an individual is being abused and how to take thoughtful steps to prevent it and reporting suspected abuse to law enforcement or APS will help protect vulnerable Oregonians.

There are experts throughout Oregon who would be happy to come to your workplace, service club or organization and share information on abuse, the warning signs and what to look for, and provide materials to share with your colleagues, friends, family members and neighbors.

In addition, state experts in financial exploitation, guardianships and domestic violence are happy to provide you with information to heighten awareness of the issue. We believe that education and awareness are the key to helping prevent abuse. For more information visit [www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/Pages/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/Pages/index.aspx).





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