

MASK ON? MASK OFF?

Where Do We Go From Here?

By Lou Manzi, Editor, Village Voice

We all have a story for how we discovered Greentrees Village. Some residents had long-time friends or family living here, some came here on a vacation to the Oregon coast, fell in love, and found it while looking for a new home, some just stumbled across Greentrees either online or by driving by. But, no matter how you discovered Greentrees, you likely came to live here because of what Greentrees has to offer. Greentrees has always been a unique and special community – not only is it surrounded by the beauty of the Oregon coast but, from the moment you enter the community, you can sense the friendliness of the residents, always going above and beyond to make new residents feel welcome. I know it may not be the perfect little town of Mayfield from Leave it to Beaver, or Mayberry from Andy Griffith, every little town has issues it needs to work through; however, my point is this: Greentrees has still remained, after all these years, a small community that is built on old-time hospitality, where neighbors know neighbors and socializing is a well-honed skill. Until COVID. We are now going into our third year of COVID, and it has touched every town, city, community, and person, including every Greentrees resident. According to award-winning documentarian, Ken Burns, “America is facing the greatest threat it ever has... COVID and the unique set of political problems we are dealing with have made it the fourth great crisis. The others are the Civil War, the Depression and World War II.” Never in our lifetimes have we felt so divided and isolated and, after two long years, the continuing effects of prolonged isolation, especially for many of those in our community that live alone, pose a higher risk to our residents, and the very

foundation on which our community was built, than the health risks for those that are vaccinated, boosted, and not immune-compromised.

Recently, in putting together the website, I found old newsletters dating back to 2005. In those newsletters, one thing became evident: oh boy, does Greentrees know how to throw a party! There were tons of potlucks, community dinners, ice cream socials, and Tuesday coffees. Baked goodies were even provided for the monthly board meetings and annual board meetings. Community dinners and the Coffee Club were almost



An Annual Board Meeting (2010) with over 200 Residents. Photo from GIV Archives

standing-room-only, and Bingo so well-attended that it paid out over \$12,000 in 2010. Social events and gatherings have always been the lifeblood of this community - it is in our DNA to gather, socialize, share food with our friends and neighbors.

From my wife, who visited her Grandparents many times in the 80s and 90s, I heard stories of the Greentrees parties and social activities and, being a culinary trained chef, I was excited to donate my skills and time to the community. However, when we moved here in April, 2021, and all of these events had been canceled. During the first year of COVID, we had no choice and no alternative to protect ourselves by requiring masks, social distancing, and isolation to protect ourselves, our friends, and our neighbors. In the second year of COVID, with the emergence of vaccines, masks became a little less important as, for those

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 8TH 1PM

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *Tom Benson, HOA President*

I have mentioned before that I love living in Greentrees Village - now, I want to tell you why!

Florence is the place to be. Did you know that our community comprises roughly 10% of the city of Florence's population? During the summer, our Safeway is the busiest in Oregon. Why? Because the Oregon coast, and specifically Florence, is where everyone wants to be. Outdoor amenities abound in every direction, and most shopping and medical services are minutes away.

I get to share my passion. Before COVID, Greentrees gave me the opportunity to share my passion for food on a large scale - I am so looking forward to getting back to community dinners and functions. For the Super Bowl Sunday I indulged my passion by making bleu cheese burgers, with crispy bacon and caramelized onions, along with spicy Italian sausages, potato salad and Bloody Marys, for a crowd of fans. Now, wouldn't that be a community feast! Perhaps not to everybody's taste, but we sure had a good time and it was great to entertain again!

More bang for my buck. Before I moved to Greentrees, I was looking at another 15 years on my mortgage and, on top of that, I also paid over \$120/month for water and sewer, \$35 for trash, \$80 for cable, and \$75 for high-speed internet. Last year I paid off my mortgage here at Greentrees. Our HOA dues cover water, sewer, trash, cable, and internet, plus our Maintenance Department and office staff. But, as part of your HOA dues, you also have free access to a Community Center, pools, tennis courts, and a variety of free activities. Where else can you get all these services and amenities for \$250 per month? At 70, and living on Social Security, I am very grateful for Greentrees.

Great friends and great community. I like having great friends close to me to share food, fun, and all that Florence and the surrounding communities have to offer.

I hope that my love of all Greentrees has to offer inspires you! Now, personally, I don't like wine, but I hear there are some that do - whatever your passion, have a few friends over, find something you would like to share, and open your arms.

Life is very good!



Around the Village



Wishing Happy Trails to the Littlepages

By Village Voice Staff Writers

Bruce and Pam Littlepage are selling their property in Greentrees and are moving to Arizona, and their presence will definitely be missed. In the words of Mike Cox, "color me shocked and a little sad" that the Littlepages are leaving us.

Bruce and Pam Littlepage have lived in Greentrees Village since 2013 and, since they arrived, they have been very active contributors and leaders in our GTV community. Bruce has served on the Board of Directors in many different capacities over the last eight years, including President, Vice-President, Treasure and Alternate. In 2021, he was the Representative for District 7.

Although Bruce is quiet and soft-spoken, his contribution to the board has been invaluable. It is evident in his actions that he truly cares about the "people" of Greentrees. Bruce said one time "I decided to become a Board member because I consider myself truly interested in the people who live here, and I want to make Greentrees Village a pleasant place to live for all our residents." And he has indeed kept to that goal.

Bruce is also very knowledgeable with regards to the rules and processes of running an HOA board and as well as our governing documents. In addition to his board duties, Bruce has also volunteered to help with community events, always willing to pitch in wherever help was needed.

It is not often that you come across a person that has a gift for making everyone around them feel important and special - Bruce has that gift. Mike Cox noted that Bruce "always said 'Hello, Mike' from his board seat... passing in the halls, etc.". Please join us in thanking Bruce and Pam for their outstanding contributions to this community, and wishing them all the best with their new adventure. I know they will be missed.

A Celebration of Life

Please Join us for an informal Celebration of Life of our fellow resident Dolores Morgan who passed away 8 February 2022. Greentrees resident since 2013 at lot 68. Our Deepest Condolences to the her family and friends

Saturday March 12th at 1:00 pm

Greentrees Recreation Hall

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Flea Market Items

by Toni Glover

We are hoping to have the flea market sale this year and we have many beautiful items for sale. As many have you seen, some of these items are displayed in the Activity Room. However, fellow residents, I have a small request. Please call me at (541) 999-5102 for assistance if you would like to see any of the flea market items, or if you have additional items to donate (please do not place new items haphazardly in the room). I enjoy donating time to the flea market to benefit the Activity Committee, and I have put many hours into cleaning, sorting, and pricing the items to have them ready for the annual sale. It helps myself and Bruce Cronk immensely if, when we get ready for the sale, the items are orderly. Thank you for helping us out with this request.

Architectural Committee Report

Nick Woodworth, Chair of the ACC, indicates the following permits were issued as reported at February Board of Directors meeting.

Lot 227 shed

Lot 561 deck

Lot 32 roof over existing deck and stairs

Upgrades Coming: RV Park

Greentrees HOA is in the process of upgrading the RV park so that all 8 available spots are full-service. For 4 of the RV spots, this includes adding sewer/dump stations and upgrading to 30-amp power hookups (with the capability of upgrading to 50-amp hookups in the future). Work is slated to start in April or May, as we receive the needed parts, and should take about 6 weeks to finish. During the upgrades, 4 of the RV spots will be closed.

Bear in Mind

The bears will be waking up from their winter hibernation and they will be hungry. Please remember, don't feed the wild animals.

When you feed the birds, squirrels etc. you are attracting the bears. If a bear becomes used to having free food it will get that food anyway it can.

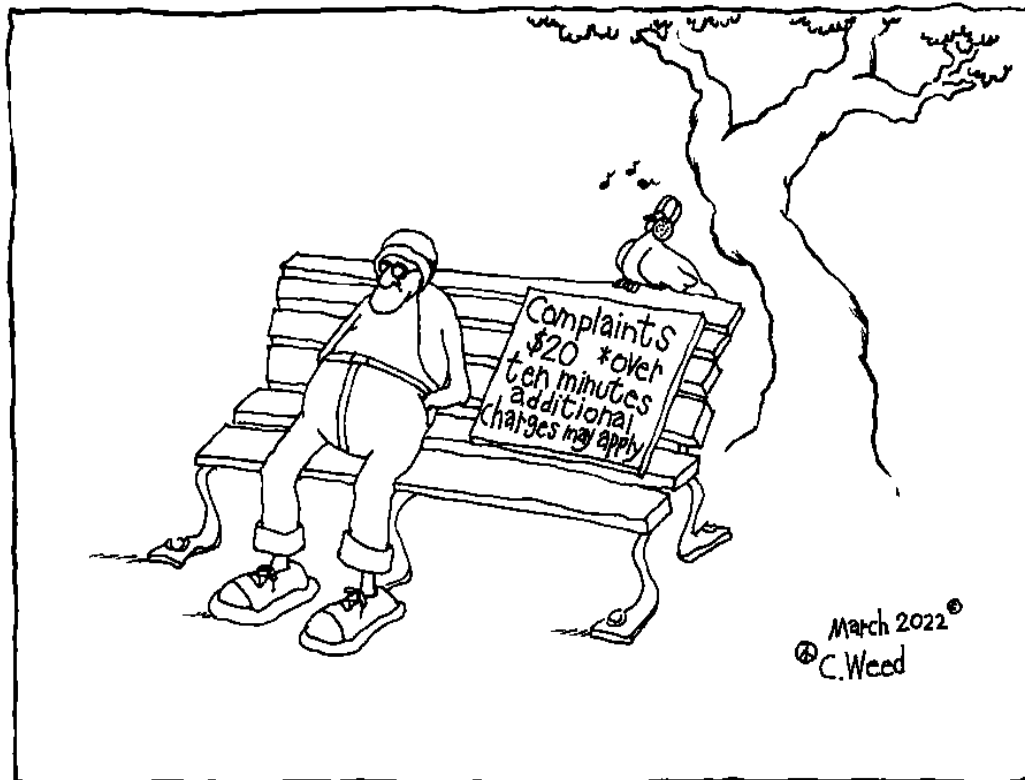
This may include breaking into sheds, garages or anywhere they smell food. By not feeding the animals, the bears will



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REST STOP with Walter (pigeon) & Claude

Greentrees' very own Published Resident Cartoonist "C. Weed".



SPEED LIMIT 10 MPH



This includes all vehicles, golf carts, bicycles of any kind, and motorcycles.

We **MUST** slow down.

Also, stop signs are there for everyone to **STOP!** We have had some close calls.

Residents are also responsible for guests to follow the rules.



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that chose to be vaccinated, the health risk became less. Now, going into our third year of COVID, there may be a light at the end of the tunnel, even if that light remains flashing yellow.

As of mid-February, there are only five states remaining with an indoor mask mandate. As of March 19th Oregon State will also lift its mandate on indoor masks and, based on the CDC guidelines as of February 25, 2022, more than 70% of Americans already live in communities where wearing masks is no longer recommended. According to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), the lifting of the mandate may come with recommendations for situations where masking is still appropriate, and certain businesses or companies may choose to keep a mandate in place for the near future. But, the growing trend across the country is for easing or eliminating the indoor social distancing and masking mandates.

As Greentrees moves forward with the rest of the state and country, and we continue to shift away from crisis mode and toward a kind of wary truce with the virus, it is evident that we will also have to adjust to new realities. We have an unknown future in regard to COVID variants; therefore, safety measures may have to quickly toggle on and off in response to changing conditions and we may need to create our own hybrid of safety mandates that work for this community.

In the January article, I mentioned that the solution to finding a compromise between protection and socialization is in thinking outside the box. In a previous newsletter, I saw photos of a community event that was held outside, around the pool (August 2015 in the September 2015 newsletter) – outside dining poses significant less risk than inside dining. Community events with social distancing are possible, if we think outside the box. Socializing is possible, while minimizing the risk to most residents of our community, if we think outside the box. That was evident with this past holiday season when Tom Benson and his merry band of elves brought holiday cheer and happiness to

so many of our Greentrees residents. And, let's not forget the incredible turnout we had for 4th of July Hot Dawg lunch last year – I heard so many people express that they missed their friends, socializing, and just being able to talk, laugh and feel some semblance of normalcy. There will always be people in our community that will be at risk due to COVID, and even due to influenza. We cannot ignore that those people need to be pro-

First Post-Lockdown Event Is A Success 4th Of July Lunch Has A Large Turnout

The July 4th Hot Dog Lunch was a big success! There were over 250 people that came out. What a great turnout! Residents were able to visit other residents they had not seen for a while. Thanks to everyone for following the mask and social distancing guidelines.

A huge THANK YOU is in order to Tom Benson and his crew of volunteers for preparing and serving the lunch. Also, thanks to everyone that set up and helped clean up after the event. This was the first Greentrees luncheon since the pandemic started and it was a welcome event. Hopefully, we will be able to do more activities like this again in the future.



Photos by Mike Cox



from GTV Archives

tected, but not at the expense of the health and well-being of the greater community. I strongly believe that the HOA Board and caring residents of Greentrees together can find a solution to protect those that are vulnerable in the midst of a return to the social activities for which our community is known.

At the March Greentrees Village HOA board meeting, there is a possibility that a discussion and decision regarding whether GTV common areas will still require masks, or not, and if GTV community dinners and events will commence, or not. As whatever decision is made by the Board regarding continued masking, social distancing, and the future of community events affects every single person in this community, this needs to be a decision made by the community, for the community. The points of view of all residents need to be considered to create

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an unbiased plan of action that will benefit the entire community. There was a precedent set back in 2009 (stated in the minutes May 2009) by the then Greentrees Board President, Mike Grenfell, to allow time for owner's opinions (other than the owner's forum) before the board would vote on issues as important as this. I implore the Board to consider if this may be needed to fully understand the needs and desires of the greater community prior to making any decisions to either extend or abolish COVID restrictions. And, perhaps we also need a more-comprehensive plan in the event that another future COVID variant warrants a change in restrictions?

Either way, and regardless of what short-term decisions will be made regarding COVID restrictions within our community, the bottom line is that we don't know where COVID will take us in the future, but we need to have a plan. We DO know that COVID is now part of our lives and we need to figure out how to live with it - not to exist with it, but to LIVE with it, and it is time for us, as a community, to again come together and RESTART...REBUILD...REBOUND...



Greentrees owners enjoyed a picnic lunch around the family pool following the 2015 annual meeting of owners on August 1st. Nearly 200 people attended the meeting at which Mayor Joe Henry and City Manager Erin Reynolds discussed future plans for the City of Florence. *Photo from GTV Archives*

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GERT NEWS

**Greentrees Goes Solar
With a Hands-On Workshop**

By Lanette Manzi, Village Voice Staff Writer

Get your geek on and join resident Daniel Baxter for a Greentrees Village-sponsored hands-on workshop to build your own solar panel charging system. Daniel designed a simple solar charging circuit that has the ability to charge small appliances (phones, computers, USB-powered items), and some basic lighting, in the event of a power outage (more information on the solar charging system is available on the GTV Facebook page). He is sharing his knowledge with any interested GTV residents. Call or email Daniel to sign up: (542) 999-0801, bandaxter@gmail.com

In this hands-on workshop, you will build your own solar power center from a set of electrical parts. The workshop requires no previous experience and is perfect for beginners that have always wanted to learn about electronics or solar power systems. The workshop materials include easy step-by-step written and illustrated instructions, and Daniel will be on hand to assist and demonstrate the steps, as needed. The GTV Activities Committee is supporting the basic costs for participants to create the solar "power center". To complete the system, you can later purchase your own battery and solar panel from online retailers for under \$100.00; however, there will be door prizes for lucky participants, including a battery or two and perhaps some useful additions. The workshop will be held in the GTV Recreation Hall at 1:00pm, March 10th, at the monthly GERT meeting. Participants will be provided with COVID-safe, separated workstations. Masks are required, and windows will be open so dress warmly.



THIS & THAT

Welcome New Resident Owners:

Lot 143 Robert Chadwick from Florence, OR.
 Lot 203 Tim & Lisa Weidman from Dallas, OR
 Lot 419 Karen Albanese from LA Canada, CA
 Lot 501 Congetta & James Betson from Seeley Lake, MT

Welcome New Resident Renter:

Lot 260 Philip Ebner

Recycling: The Activities Committee collects your cans and bottles (the ones with a 10 cent deposit) with all proceeds going to future activities. If you have at least a trash bag full Mark Tilchen, Activities Chair, will pick them up. **Contact Mark at 559-786-6576.**

HOA Fee Reminder: Just a monthly reminder that HOA dues have gone up to \$250 as of January 1, 2022. Please, always include your lot# on your check too.

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.

Estate Sale: BOD approved Estate Sale March 3rd & 4th from 10-2 and March 5th from 10-12 at 1601 Rhododendron Dr. #556.



Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of

Lot 68 Dolores Morgan who passed away on 8 February 2022. GT resident since 2013.

Lot 124 Jackie Viegas passed away in January 2022. GT resident since 2013.

Lot 694 Joan Kerrebrock passed in February 2022. GT resident since 2000.

Please Join us for an informal Celebration of Life of our fellow resident Dolores Morgan Saturday March 12th at 1:00 pm Greentrees Recreation Hall

The Activities Committee by Mark Tilchen

Everyone is looking forward to opening up group activities when state mandates are dropped, the committee is hoping for a grand get together in April. At the March committee meeting (March 7, 1 PM in the Rec Hall) plans for the remainder of 2022 will be confirmed for board approval at the April meeting. If you volunteered or hosted events before COVID, or want to do so in the future, please attend so we can finalize plans. Sunday April 3 is National Party Day, so that is a potential first event.

The first 2022 Greentrees yard sale is June 24/25 Friday, Saturday. On these dates, the Greentrees gates are open to the public 9 am to 3 pm and residents may have yard sales at their home. This will be advertised in the newspaper and on social media.

Next meeting Monday March 7, 1 pm, Rec Hall.

Say Hello to Spring!



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GREENTREES ACTIVITIES MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Water Aerobics M - F @ 8:00 am (All Residents Welcome)		1 Sit & Fit Class 10:00 am Properties Cmte. 10:00 am	2 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm	3 Finance Cmte. 10:00 am ACC Cmte. 1:00 pm	4 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	5 Bingo 6:00 pm
6	7 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Activity Cmte. 1:00 pm	8 Sit & Fit Class 10:00 am BOD Meeting 1:00 pm Card Exchange 1:00 pm	9 POOL CLOSED Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm	10 GERT Meeting 1:00 pm Solar Charger Workshop	11 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	12 Celebration of Life for Dolores Morgan 1:00 pm (Rec Hall) Bingo 6:00 pm
13 Daylight Saving Time (Spring forward 1 hour) String Instrument Class 1:30 - 3:00 pm	14 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	15 Sit & Fit Class 10:00 am	16 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm Sound Healing Circle 6:00 pm (Rec. Hall)	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	19 Bingo 6:00 pm
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move-on. We don't want to be the cause of bears being put down.

How to avoid Bears:

1. **Remove all food attractions.** Don't put your trash cans out before Monday morning or leave food unattended. Bears are creatures of habit and will return to spots where they have previously found food. They also have a keen sense of smell and will travel long distances to reach easy food.
2. **Take in all bird feeders at night**, including hummingbird feeders, and sweep up any seed on the ground. In areas where bears are a problem, avoid feeding birds during the summer.
3. **Keep all garbage inside your house** or closed garage, and put it outside just before pick-up. Use bear resistant garbage cans.
4. **If bears have previously ransacked garage cans**, clean cans with hot water and bleach or ammonia to remove odors.
5. **Double-bag all garbage.** Use of ammonia-soaked rags in and around the cans may repel bears.
6. **Clean up barbecue grills** and store them inside.
7. **Keep all pet food** and livestock feed inside the house or garage.

Volunteers...

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.


It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.









Quilting Anyone...


Diana Lindsley would like to start a quilting group to get together a couple hours once a month to share projects, show quilts, and possibly share quilting techniques. If you share a love of quilting and want to join the group, please contact Diana at 541-590-3623, or email tciana@comcast.net. She will work on scheduling based on interest.


Attend a Board Meeting


Do you want to know what is going on in your community? Are you curious about how your HOA dues are being spent? Do you have an idea or an opinion that might benefit others in the community? The best way to find out what is happening, or to get involved, with your community is to attend a board meeting. The HOA Board of Directors meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Recreation Hall. *The next meeting is March 8th.*












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Surviving a Water Supply Issue

By Village Voice Staff Writers

If a major water supply disruption should occur in Greentrees, one crucial problem could be finding an adequate water supply. Though we did have an interruption in our water supply last month that lasted only a few hours, were we all ready if it lasted a day or two? A person can survive weeks without food but only a very few days without water. So we must be ready to deal with the water issue ourselves.

It is estimated that each person needs about three gallons of water per day for drinking, cooking and sanitation. That is a lot of water. There are several remedies to the water problem. You can purchase and store a few cases of bottled water. This is highly recommended, but these bottles have a limited storage time of a year or two. A second possibility is to make use of the water in your hot water tank. To do this you must shut off the water supply to the tank as soon as possible so as not to pollute the water inside. Then you use the drain at the bottom of the tank to obtain water. A third possibility is to purchase a 55 gallon barrel that is designed to hold clean water and a hand pump to sample it. If properly prepared this water is good for up to five years before replacement is necessary. For those with campers and motor homes, keeping water tanks filled would be a great advantage.

The take-home lesson of the day is you must be prepared ahead of time, or you might be very thirsty.

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5 Surprising Facts About St. Patrick's Day

by Village Voice Staff Writer

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LINGO MAKES SENSE

You can't attend a St. Patrick's Day event without hearing a cry of "Erin go Bragh." What's the phrase mean? It's a corruption of the Irish Éirinn go Brách, which means roughly "Ireland Forever."

ST. PATRICK WASN'T IRISH

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late 4th century.

WE SHOULD REALLY BE WEARING BLUE ON ST. PATRICK'S

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. Though we've come to associate kelly green with the Irish and the holiday, the 5th-century saint's official color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade of sky blue. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

THERE'S A REASON FOR THE SHAMROCKS

How did the shamrock become associated with St. Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant (which is not to be confused with the four-leaf clover) as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

THERE'S NO CORN IN THAT BEEF

Corned beef and cabbage, which has become a St. Patrick's Day staple for Irish Americans, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

Happy Patty's Day to All

RECYCLING AND THE WASTE WIZARD

Deciphering what is Recyclable:

by Village Voice Staff Writer

Are you dazed and confused when it comes to recycling? Pictured below, are the Lane County Transfer & Recycling (CTR) instructions for what items can be recycled; however, the instructions, as well as the Waste Wizard, reference both a recycling cart and an 18 gallon bin. For us residents in Greentrees Village the recycling rules are a bit different, as we only receive one 18 gallon recycling bin. Please use this bin for all recycled products, including glass.

If you are wondering if something is recyclable, please refer to the CTR website:

www.countytransferandrecycling.com/recycling-services or, if you have a smart phone, you can download the WasteConnect application. Type any item into the Waste Wizard to see if it is recyclable.



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Greentrees Recycling Bin Chart

Commingle Recycling

Commingle Recycling Instructions



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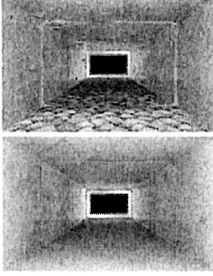
Place glass jars & bottles in a separate 18 gallon bin (provided)

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