

### RHODY DR REALIGNMENT & IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The City of Florence began the Rhody Dr Realignment & Improvement Project in the later part of March 2024. This project is estimated to take almost 2 years to complete, the completion date is estimated to be December 2025.

(Picture by City of Florence with permission to post)



The Florence City Manager and Police Chief will be our special guests for the Town Hall on **April 4 at 1:30 PM**. They will provide information about the Rhododendron Dr project and how it impacts our residents. It is estimated to last about an hour. Please bring all your questions. There will be a Q&A during the Town Hall. James Tennison made the arrangements to get the meeting together.

The project is not only a roadway realignment and improvement, but also a water, wastewater, and stormwater project combined. Rhody Drive Project will give way for parking along the river and have a walking path. Across the street there will be a raised multi-use pathway with a railing for walking, biking, and strolling. A pedestrian activated signal is also part of the project to ensure the safety of residents of Florence and our visitors.

With so many projects going on at the same time, the city asks for our cooperation in staying clear of Rhody Drive as much as possible during this time. This includes unnecessary walking, biking, and driving.

Diane Greer

*"Before anything else, preparation is the key to success." - Alexander Graham Bell*

### Featured Volunteers

The Village Voice announces a new monthly article featuring our GTV Volunteers. We will be interviewing and highlighting 2-3 volunteers each month so you can get to know who helps our staff run GTV smoothly.

Our featured volunteers this month are Lorraine Brinkley and Patsy Turner. Please look for the articles on these wonderful volunteers on page 8.

Lorraine Brinkley

Patsy Turner



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## We Need You and You and You...

Almost everything in Greentrees is run by volunteers: decorating; holiday dinners; Flea Market; bottle redemption; hot house; Bingo; Bunco; newsletter folding; Committee members; Board members; and many more opportunities.

Many of our volunteers are getting older and are running out of energy. We have had several volunteers who have had to step away in the past few months for various reasons. We need fresh volunteers to help out in all types of activities happening in Greentrees. Even if you work, we could still use you as a volunteer of some capacity.

It can be a lot of work, but it can also be a lot of fun and you get to meet so many people when you volunteer. It is also very rewarding to be able to help.

Please see our extensive list of volunteer opportunities on page 10.

Diane Greer

### PROMOTIONS WITHIN GTV

During the Special Board Meeting on Sunday, March 24th, the Board approved the new organization chart, job descriptions and revisions to the GTV Employee Handbook. The EH was changed to keep us current with Oregon State Laws and to change the way PTO is accrued. The Board also voted to promote James Tennison to the Facilities Manager role and Kimberly Wright to the Office Manager role. Please send them your congratulations!

### Redeemable Bottles and Cans

Our Activities Committee collects redeemable bottles and cans to go towards activities at Greentrees. There is a blue trash can in the Recreation Hall in which we accept your redeemables to help our community. Jeff Myers is our coordinator for this.

Please put in only cans and bottles that have the 'OR 10¢' on the label or can. All size bottles and cans are redeemable if they have this mark. Do not crush the cans or bottles and please remove the CAPS.

THANK YOU!

Diane Greer

### Throw It Out?

Have you ever heard the phrase, "If in doubt throw it out," as it applies to recycling? It helps keep our recycling limited to what belongs there. If you moved here from any other community, recycling is probably done differently in Florence. Even in Florence, what can be accepted has changed over the years since recycling began.

Next to this issue you will find a one-page flyer of what can and cannot be put in your recycle bin. It even has pictures! You might want to save this and tape it near where you gather your recycling.

Some of the highlights--only plastic #1 or 2 bottles, jars, and jugs. NO CAPS. No plastic bags. Glass bottles and jars should be separate from the rest. Again, NO CAPS. And please, items should be clean. You don't need to run it through the dishwasher, but a quick rinse would be nice.

### But Wait, There's More

Additional recycling can be done on April 27th at the Florence Senior Center between 10 am and 2 pm. The event is held by Master Recyclers of Florence. #'s 2,4, and 5 tubs, lids, and food containers will be accepted. Items must be CLEAN, DRY, and SORTED. Labels do not have to be removed, but any prescription bottles should have your personal information removed. Remember, "There is no Planet B." So please recycle.

Bonnie Costa



*"Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time." — Ruth Bader Ginsburg*





On Friday, April 5, five members of the GTV board will be taking on board members from Florentine Estates in the Florence Feud at Three Rivers Casino. Irene Colby coordinated our GTV team which consists of Sally Ott, Leslie Shaw, Diane Greer, Jack Swanson and Michael Peaslee. Can our team best Florentine in the 'Survey Says' parody game?

This is a fund raiser for Florence Foodshare. See the Florence Foodshare website <https://florencefoodshare.org/> for ticket information. Or you can purchase tickets at the Florence Foodshare office. Tickets are \$40 per person and include a charcuterie table with delicious items, an amazing chocolate fountain, a cash bar, and access to a great silent auction featuring a wide variety of items. Doors open at 5:30 pm, and the game starts promptly at 6:00 pm.

Diana Lindsley

## Welcome our New Residents

James and Cynthia Robertson #81  
Eileen Mugglewortz #589  
Jennifer and Melvin Smith #575

## In Memorium

Art Starkey #305

## Fire Drill !!!

On the 14th of March, the crew from the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Dept. gave a demonstration of the fire blankets that were discussed in a recent GERT meeting.

Try as they might, covering the flame tub many times with the same blanket, it held up to the task of smothering the flames over and over. These types of blankets are available on Amazon, eBay and other online sources, and come in different sizes from frying pan size to large enough to shield a human trying to get outside safely



during a fire.

Per the Fire Dept, the 1st line of defense is a smoke detector. In addition, we should all have an extinguisher or two, and a carbon monoxide alarm. Fire blankets are another layer of protection and safety to consider for your home.

Our thanks to Chief Robert Chance and the crew of Western Lane Fire and EMS for the presentation. Also, thanks to Kristel Buechner for setting up this demonstration. She works hard to make the monthly GERT meetings both informational and fun.

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Mike Cox

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring Greentrees Residents!

I wanted to give you an update on some business we're taking care of in the office.

Kimberly is working hard on our Aging Report and contacting residents by mail, alerting them to their dues shortages, asking for quick payment and if unable to pay in full, to come in to the office and work with us on creating a repayment plan. 71 letters were sent out this week.

We also received a big check this week clearing the balance that was due to Greentrees from bank owned property, 687 and the dues on that lot have been paid through 2024!

Pat Cowgill, our bookkeeper, is helping us straighten out errors in the 2024 Annual Assessment Statement balances. All of us working in the office thank you for your patience as we work through this. Pat's also paying all the bills, and she's working hard on bank reconciliations in conjunction with Schwindt and Company, our CPA firm, so that they can begin our audit as soon as possible.

James and I have started working on enforcing Greentrees Rules and Regulations that can be seen from the street. We started with 5<sup>th</sup> Street, and we'll work systematically through the entire park, sending notifications to lot owners not in compliance. If you're not familiar with rule 49, Lot Maintenance and Appearance, please become familiar! We have copies of our Rules and Regulations in the office if you'd like one.

Finally, Nancy O'Neill has taken on our Issues of Concern forms that have been submitted. She makes calls, sends correspondence and sets up mediation when necessary. I am very pleased that we're on top of our IOCs and responding to them in a timely manner. So far, 20 IOCs have been resolved!

Thank you for your support and kindness when you come into the office; it warms our hearts and reminds us why we're working so hard for Greentrees Village.

Carley Scibetta

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You can be a part of the fun by participating in the run/walk, volunteering, or by lining the streets to cheer on the participants!



**5K/10K Run/Walk**  
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## FLORENCE POLICE CHIEF, JOHN PITCHER, VISITS BOARD MEETING

(A Summary of Several Police Topics from Chief Pitcher)

My thanks to Greentrees Village for the invitation to speak at the March 12 Board of Directors meeting. Below is a summary of some police topics that I addressed. Here are some questions to consider if something looks suspicious.

- What about the person made them seem out of place? Did they look in the window or try to open doors?
- Note what they were wearing, and what direction they walked. Did they get into a vehicle?
- If you saw a car, what color was it? Or was it a truck? And most important, did you see the license plate? Even part of it helps. Have you seen this car before?
- The more details the better. Be prepared to give your name, address, and phone number.
- Your police are limited by what we legally can do inside a gated community
- All calls are important to us. We may see a pattern, or we may have received similar calls from your neighbors.
- Every concern is different. That is another reason to provide as many details as possible.
- A request from a calm caller with lots of details will help the Florence Police
- Department continue to protect and serve.

Jack Stephen

*"You get to decide where your time goes. You can either spend it moving forward, or you can spend it putting out fires. You decide. And if you don't decide, other will decide for you."* — Tony Morgan



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## GREENTREES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

In April we will be focusing on First Aid Emergency Preparedness.

Knowing how to administer CPR and how to use a defibrillator can save a life. For April GERT we will be refreshing using our defibrillator and will have a refresher on CPR and Chocking. If time allows, we will conduct a basic 1st aid refresher.

GERT meets on the second Thursday of each month in the multipurpose room at 1pm.

Have a fully stocked first aid kit in your home and automobile. Preparedness brings peace of mind.

Kristel Buechner — GERT Trainer/Coordinator

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# GROUP CORNER

**Luncheon out!** – This group meets at local restaurants at 11:30am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. **This month they are meeting on Tuesday April 16, at Fresh Harvest at 11:30 AM. Please note the date change.** The signup sheet is in the library. Contact Jude Stendahl at 763-792-2312 for any questions. All are welcome to attend!

**Scrapbooking / Paper Crafting Group!** Papercrafting / scrapbooking has been extended into the summer. Meetings will generally be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Rec Hall. Meeting April 14 in the Rec Hall from 10 AM – 2 PM. Contact Joy at [jplummergang2015@gmail.com](mailto:jplummergang2015@gmail.com) for information or to attend.

**Acoustic Guitar Jam** – The Informal 'jam' sessions will be every Thursday at 10AM in the Multi-Purpose room (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the Rec Hall). Playing mostly a "seasoned" variety of folk, rock, and country music, we attempt some strummin', pickin', and singin'. Bring your wooden box with strings and share some music. Contact: Dan Chagnon, 541-621-6293.

**Pickle Ball** – This is a small group that meets at 8:30 AM 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** – We will continue to make lap quilts for the Christmas Giving Tree. Regular meetings will be in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10 AM - 12 noon, meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Next meeting – April 19. 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 meets at 2PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Multipurpose Room. 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.

**Knit / Crochet Group possible.** There is discussion about forming a knit / crochet group. Please contact Carol Parrish for more information. They are trying to determine interest and dates.

**Other Groups?** – If you belong to a group and would like to share your group information, please contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623 to get your group activities added to the Group Corner section.

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# AT THE MOVIES



**By Jim Negri**

**The Genre for this month is ROMANCE**

**Elsa and Fred -- 2014**

In New Orleans, a feisty retiree (Shirley MacLaine) and her new neighbor, an uptight widower (Christopher Plummer), discover that it's never too late for true love and romance.

**Harlequin at the Midnight Hour -- 1995**

Romance, unexplained events and a strained father (Simon MacCorkindale) /son (Keegan MacIntosh) relationship mark a nanny's (Patsy Kensit) employment at a widowed scientist's estate.

**Last Chance Harvey -- 2008**

In London for his daughter's wedding, a struggling jingle-writer, Harvey Shine (Dustin Hoffman), misses his plane to New York, and thus loses his job. While drowning his sorrows in the airport pub, Harvey meets Kate (Emma Thompson), a British government worker stuck in an endless cycle of work, phone calls from her mother, and blind dates. A connection forms between the unhappy pair, who soon find themselves falling in love.

**Miami Rhapsody -- 1995**

Even though Gwyn Marcus (Sarah Jessica Parker) is engaged to her boyfriend, Matt (Gil Bellows), she is still afraid of commitment. While she admires her parents' loving relationship, she discovers that her family has not always been faithful in marriage, making it harder than ever to settle down. As her mother (Mia Farrow) pressures her to get married, and plenty of attractive men appear in her life, Gwyn learns that she must balance her career, relationships and marriage to be truly happy.

**The Pleasure Seekers -- 1964**

A trio of gorgeous American tourists hope to find love while vacationing in Spain. Secretary Maggie Williams (Carol Lynley) falls hard for a married newsman named Paul Barton (Brian Keith) while fighting off the advances of one of his employees. Singer Fran Hobson (Ann-Margret) sets her sights on a handsome European doctor (Andre Lawrence). And coed Susie Higgins (Pamela Tiffin) receives an unexpected proposal from smooth-talking womanizer Emilio Lacaya (Anthony Franciosa).

**Pride and Prejudice -- 2005**

In this adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel, Elizabeth Bennet (Keira Knightley) lives with her mother, father and sisters in the English countryside. As the eldest, she faces mounting pressure from her parents to marry. When the outspoken Elizabeth is introduced to the handsome and upper-class Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen), sparks fly. Although there is obvious chemistry between the two, Darcy's overly reserved nature threatens the fledgling relationship.

**Twilight -- 2008**

High-school student Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), always a bit of a misfit, doesn't expect life to change much when she moves from sunny Arizona to rainy Washington state. Then she meets Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), a handsome but mysterious teen whose eyes seem to peer directly into her soul. Edward is a vampire whose family does not drink blood, and Bella, far from being frightened, enters into a dangerous romance with her immortal soulmate.

**Twilight - Breaking Dawn Part 2 -- 2012**

Bella (Kristen Stewart) awakes -- as a vampire -- from her life-threatening labor, and her newborn daughter, Renesmee, proves to be very special indeed. While Bella adjusts to her new state of being, Renesmee experiences accelerated growth. When the Volturi learn of the baby's existence, they declare her to be an abomination and sentence the Cullens to death. Bella, Edward (Robert Pattinson) and the rest of the clan seek help from allies around the world to protect their family.

**The Notebook -- 2004**

In 1940s South Carolina, mill worker Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) and rich girl Allie (Rachel McAdams) are desperately in love. But her parents don't approve. When Noah goes off to serve in World War II, it seems to mark the end of their love affair. In the interim, Allie becomes involved with another man (James Marsden). But when Noah returns to their small-town years later, on the cusp of Allie's marriage, it soon becomes clear that their romance is anything but over.

**My Best Friend's Wedding -- 1997**

Childhood friends Julianne Potter (Julia Roberts) and Michael O'Neal (Dermot Mulroney) had a deal to marry each other if they were still single by age 28. Now, four days before her 28th birthday, O'Neal announces that he's marrying a gorgeous 20-year-old named Kimberly (Cameron Diaz). Suddenly realizing that she's actually in love with him, Julianne vows to stop the wedding at all costs. However, when she is appointed maid of honor, things get even more complex.

## LORRAINE BRINKLEY

Lorraine Brinkley, at 96 years old, has lived in Greentrees Village longer than any other resident, settling here in 1985. She was born in Ventura, CA and spent most of her life in central California. Her first job after high school was as a telephone operator, complete with headset and switchboard. She worked at a department store, a newspaper office and finally, at Lucky Stores for 30 years before she retired.

According to Lorraine hers was a pretty ordinary life, but she has some great memories of what she calls the most exciting time of her life, her stint as a trophy girl for a race car track. She said, with a laugh, that the best part of that job was kissing the winners after she gave them their trophies.

Lorraine and her third husband overnighted in Florence when they traveled up the coast, so they knew they would like living in GTV. Asked what were the differences between then and now, she said there were too many to list, but mainly, there are just more trees and more people.

She first volunteered at GTV with the newsletter folding crew and later with the Election Committee. She still works on the folding committee, but is now an honorary member of the Election Committee. Lorraine enjoys watching TV westerns, playing Bingo and participating in Lunch Out. If it weren't for some mobility issues, Lorraine would still be out volunteering.

Nancy O'Neill

## PATSY TURNER

Greentrees Village would have missed out on a terrific volunteer if not for a dog. Patsy Turner and her husband, John, had vacationed on the Oregon Coast for over 30 years, and knew they wanted to retire to Florence. In 2013 they started their search. When they got to a home in GTV their 14 year old black lab went into the backyard, sat down and refused to get up when the tour was over, as if to say, "This is it. This is the place." John and Patsy agreed.

They had farmed near Sunnyside, Washington for 33 years before their move. Patsy says John was the full-time farmer, while she worked at a care home and held "every job in the place" from clerk to rehab.

Patsy's volunteer career started with stuffing envelopes for the Election Committee. She is currently the Chair of the Election Committee, a role she takes very seriously. "We do everything by the book," Patsy says. The Committee honors all Oregon State election laws.

Patsy also volunteers as the GTV RV campsite host, a job she loves. Over the years Patsy says "I've met so many nice people and made friends with repeat users (I call them Frequent Flyers). I just like helping people out."

Asked what she'd advise someone who is considering being a volunteer at GTV, she replied: "Just try it! Jump in with both feet. If you don't like it, you can find something else."

Nancy O'Neill



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## INTERESTING THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN APRIL

While searching through the internet for fascinating and compelling things that occur in April, I found some awesome facts and folklore.

Starting with April fool's day as day 1. Here is hoping you have lots of fun with that. Also, April 3rd is "Find a Rainbow Day". Who knew that one? As we have heard, April showers bring May flowers (Phrase belongs to Thomas Tusser from the 16th Century). We Oregonians reap the rewards of all the rain in this amazing climate.

With April bringing warmer weather, bears are not the only mammals to hibernate. Chipmunks, badgers, groundhogs, bats, bumblebees, hedgehogs, snails, and more start to come out in April. It is also the month the birds migrate north to settle down and start families.

April is ruled by the zodiac sign Aires, purportedly an undefeatable and loyal sign.

On April 30, 1789, George Washington became the first President of the United States of America while on April 15, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was shot.

However April makes its way in your life, it brings celebrations of the Earth awakening and new life beginning. Time to check on all the goings on in your yard and visit those neighbors we barely saw during the rainy winter.

Carole Cardwell

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## **Deadline for Monthly Board Agenda for Board Members and Residents**

Items submitted for the monthly board meeting agenda must be submitted to the Manager or the President by end of business day (3:00pm) the Tuesday prior to the board meeting to be considered as an agenda business or correspondence item. There may be exceptions if the issue is time sensitive or a financial necessity.

The item topic along with any supporting documents is to be received by this deadline. All motions from a board member must be submitted in writing. Topics, particularly those involving changes to the Rules and Regulations or that involve the expenditure of funds, are to be in writing with any explanatory documents. Other material to be submitted could be letters or statements, quotes, clarifying research material, etc.

Some items, such as certain financial, sensitive, or complex issues should be discussed with the Manager and/or the President prior to the deadline.

Pat Miller

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Join a Committee Or Help Out In Other Ways**

As Patsy Turner says “Just try it! Jump in with both feet.

If you don’t like it you can find something else.”



Acoustic Guitar Jam

Bingo Helpers

Book Club

Bunco Coordinator (filled)

Chef

Christmas Tree Decorator

Coffee Meet & Greet

Community Helping Community

(dog walking, driving people, etc.)

Cook

Decorator

Display Cabinet Coordinator

DVD Librarian

Email Blast (filled)

Exercise Coordinator/Instructor (filled)

Exercise Helper

Facebook Administrator (filled)

Flea Market Coordinator

Flea Market Helper

Flea Market Raffle Coordinator

GERT Radio Group

Game Night Coordinator

Kitchen Helper

Librarian

Luncheon Out Coordinator (filled)

Photographer

Potluck Host

Quilt Group Coordinator (filled)

Recording Secretary (filled)

RV Camp Host (filled)

Scrapbooking/Paper Crafting Group

Shop Monitor (filled)

String Instrument Class Coordinator (filled)

Toys for Kids Drive Coordinator (filled)

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