



Greentrees Vet Returns from Honor Flight to DC Memorials

by Greg Ziegele,

U.S.M.C. 1963, 1967, Purple Heart 7 .21 .1966

With the coming of November, I am reminded of the US Marines birthday and Veterans Day. I thought it would be fitting to let our Veterans in Greentrees know about **Honor Flight** which I had the privilege and honor of going on last month.

Honor Flight is dedicated to transporting America's veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honoring those who have served and sacrificed for our country. These memorials were built to honor our service, and I believe it is imperative as Veterans we have the opportunity to see them.

I went on my trip along with 59 other veterans, our guardians and team leaders (September 30th thru October 4th). All transportation, food, lodging and other costs are paid by Honor Flight. Each Vet has a guardian who helps them get around which was so helpful for me. My guardian also explained all aspects of our trip, meal arrangements and whether or not I would need a wheelchair.

In the five days I was there, our group went to the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the World War II Veterans Memorial. We also were able to visit the F.D.R. Memorial and Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guard at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (complete quiet must be observed). In addition, I visited the U.S. ARMY and Navy Museum along with The Air Force Memorial and the Marine Corps War Memorial.

All I can say is, it was an *Awesome* experience. Above all to remember friends, comrades lost and to share stories with other Vets. I have been truly moved by this trip.

For information www.svvhonorflight.org

South Willamette Valley Honor Flight



Around the Village

Time for BOD Elections

by Village Voice Staff

It's that time of the year again folks to select who will represent Greentrees Board of Directors in 2022 as well as Alternates. Ballots were mailed out October 29th for the Greentrees Village Board elections.

Please be sure to turn in your ballots by the deadline of November 26th in order to be counted. Board election results will be announced at the December Board meeting.

This year representatives for Districts 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are up for election for a term of two years.

Four Alternates will also be elected for a term of one year. When an Alternate is seated now, the alternate becomes the elected Director to complete that District's term. This is based on the Ballot that was just Passed on 19 October 2021.

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 1PM

Message from Acting HOA President & GM — Tom Benson

Let me begin by saying how much I appreciate Bob Fiscus (Maintenance Supervisor) for stepping up this last month for handling the GM responsibilities. A big thank you Bob.

Next, the HOA Board of Directors serve an essential role in the community. Please take the time to review the ballots and use the privacy envelope to return ballot.

Finally, I am sad this year we will be unable to honor Our Veterans in Greentrees with your annual dinner on Veterans Day. We will find a way to do so once we all emerge from COVID.

As for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, at this time we are looking at the possibility of holding it.

My wishes are for everyone in Greentrees to enjoy a very safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful beginning to the Holiday Season.

In closing Ron McCrary wanted to say a few departing words.

“While I’m traveling VP Tom Benson will be the acting president in my absence.

I was pleased to see owners take the time to vote on the amending of the bylaws. The vote was 273 yes, 9 no, and 7 invalid ballots.

With the election of 2022 board members and alternates upon us I would like to thank the 2021 board members for their work this year.”

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Newsletter News

Mark Tilchen has turned over the volunteer job of Editor to Lou Manzi (#117). Part of Lou's background includes owning a newspaper publishing & media company. Mark will continue contributing to the newsletter as the Activities Committee chair.

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THE SEASON OF GIVING

by Peg Patton

Each year at Christmas, Greentrees Village elves help Santa deliver gifts to children in Florence who are not regulars on his



route. In previous years we supported the children's Christmas toy donation program through the Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS). Last year, because of Covid, SOS discontinued their toy giveaway; however, the Florence Police Department (FPD) stepped up to fill the gap and personally delivered toys to the less fortunate children in our area. This year, the Florence Police department again plans to deliver toys to children in need (dependent on the current Covid status and restrictions).

YOU CAN BE AN ELF!: Place a new **UNWRAPPED** toy under the Christmas tree in the GTV recreation hall any time between when the tree goes up (the week before Thanksgiving) and December 15th. If you wish to donate money, there will be an

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TOOLS FOR WISE DECISION MAKING

by Catherine "Cat" Amber - Bristol Hospice

We all make little decisions every day: should I go to Fred Meyer or Safeway for milk, go for a walk or read a book? Those decisions are informed by other small pieces of information: are there items besides milk I need to pick up; do I have a book I want to read or do I need to get one from the library? We "speak the language" of making those choices. We understand the grocery store or the library. But do we speak the language of hospital or insurance? Do we know how to get what products we most need when going to these places or purchasing related products? Those seem like big decisions and we benefit from knowing how to evaluate our options .

Come learn about some tools that will help you

make informed choices about selecting your personal and/or medical care when you need it and having your voice heard. You will learn the difference between Medicare and Medicaid and which pays for what, when and why. We will talk about tools like an Advanced Directive and how it is different from the hot pink POLST. We also will look at what kind of organization of information is of benefit to you and to your family, especially if you need help managing your finances or personal care. We will also answer specific questions about situations you may be facing for yourself or your family.

Time and place:

GreenTrees Village Community Hall

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It Takes a Village by Mark Tilchen

Volunteers at Greentrees have been a long-time tradition in this community. Some volunteers are obvious such as the holiday kitchen staff, board and committee members, event hosts and assistants. Others we may never see, but their efforts make a difference. Ever wondered how the clubhouse library is always organized ... it's not midnight elves, but volunteers. Or when we are not in a pandemic, the Rec Hall has new decorations each month. That is Bonnie Costa and friends. For those who want to offer their help, opportunities will grow once we get free from Covid restrictions.

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Two candidates are running in District 1, Districts 3, 7 and 9 each have one person running and District 5 will be filled from the pool of new elected Alternates.

The candidates for the BOD are: Fred Burns and Anderson Miller (District 1), Michelle Smith (District 3), Mark Tilchen (District 7), and Ron McCrary (District 9).

Six candidates are running for the Four Alternate Director seats: From (District 1) Richard Bowden and Tom Benson, (District 2) Jeff Myers and Lou Manzi, (District 4) Dianna Allison and (District 6) Patty Lou Harrison

Included in this newsletter you will find the candidate's statements. Good luck to all candidates.

GERT NEWS

FREE LOT NUMBER SIGNS

by Kristel Buechner, GERT Coordinator

The GreenTrees Emergency Response Team (GERT) in conjunction with the Siuslaw Valley Fire Rescue are offering new property lot number signs free of charge. These signs are necessary so Emergency Services are able to find you.

So, has your silver sign with the red paint faded, is it rotted and broken or your lot does not have one? Then please don't hesitate to contact Kristel Buechner, GERT chair and coordinator at 541-997-0909. Leave her a message with your name and lot number.

GERT is taking requests from residents for Lot number signs now through November 12th. A team of GERT volunteers will be installing these lot number signs the week of November 15th -22nd.

Please do not call the fire department, the Greentrees maintenance department or the Office. This is strictly being offered by GreenTrees Emergency Response Team 'GERT'.

Thank you Kristel and your GERT team of volunteers.

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Welcome New Residents:

Lot 32: **Hanna Hagen** from Eugene, OR

Lot 57: **Bruce & Irma Gentile** from Eugene, OR

Lot 177: **Thomas Akers** from Springfield, OR

Lot 256: **James Iavello** from Mapleton, OR

Lot 640: **Wendy & Mark Dillard** from Bend, OR

Recycling: The Activities Committee collects your cans and bottles with all proceeds going to future Activities. **Only** those with an Oregon redemption value are accepted. If you have at least a trash bag full Mark Tilchen, Activities Chair, will pick them up. **Contact Mark at 559-786-6576.**

Clubhouse decorating: Thank you to Bonnie Costa and the volunteers who are decorating for the holidays and to Peg Patton, who puts up the annual Rec Hall tree.

Monthly Gate Code: if you're having anyone from outside coming here to do work or visit, call or stop by the office for the monthly "contractors code." The code changes on the first day of each month.

COVID

Masks required in all indoor settings

CANCELLED ACTIVITIES

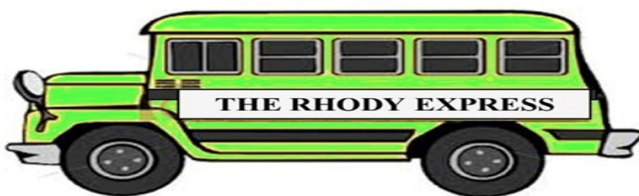
Veterans Appreciation Dinner

TENTATIVE

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners will proceed if mask and social distancing restrictions are lifted at least 10 days prior.

Ride the Rhody Express!

\$1 or 1 ticket per one-way trip.
\$2 or 2 tickets for all day



Picks up in front of the
Greentrees Clubhouse



Residents are always excited to see new homes arriving in Greentrees. **Welcome Lou and Lanette Manzi to the Eastside #117** Photo by Mike Cox

The Activities Committee

Many of our events include door prizes, and once things reopen that will happen again. The committee needs raffle prizes - empty baskets for gift collections, wine (yes even the cheap stuff), your wonderful crafts. If you have something to donate, drop it at the Greentrees office.

You can shape future Greentrees activities. At the December meeting, the committee will develop a plan for 2022 events. We know folks will be ready to be involved with friends once again. **The meeting is Monday December 13, 1 pm in the Rec Hall.**

Clubhouse Bulletin Boards

The Activities Committee has volunteered to maintain the clubhouse bulletin boards. The previous use provided more space for free postings by businesses and non-residents. The new use will place a priority on Greentrees residents. There are 6 boards including the ping pong room and how each is used will be modified. A sign on each board will list acceptable use and posting rules. The Activities Committee will follow the requirements as indicated including discarding improper posts. Use of these boards will include:



- ⇒ Board of Directors notices
- ⇒ HOA activities
- ⇒ Resident ads/resident real estate ads
- ⇒ GERT and Safety
- ⇒ Florence area information & events
- ⇒ Paid advertisers from the Newsletter

Other outside commercial ads may not post on clubhouse boards.

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envelope in the office for cash that will be used by the FPD to purchase gifts (or gift cards for the older children). Please make checks out to the Florence Police Department.



All cash and gifts will be picked up on December 16th and delivered to the FPD elves where they will be wrapped and delivered to the children who, through no fault of their own, might be without gifts at Christmas.

For any questions, please phone Peg at 303-913-1833.

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