

Things To Do In April by Faye Walters

March 31 - April 1st: *Florence Fest* at the Florence Events Center. \$20 - \$25. A showcase of carefully selected Oregon boutique wineries along with regional fine art, food and live jazz.

April 7th - 9th: *Florence Community Health Fair* at the Florence Events Center, free admission.

April 21, 22 & 23rd: *Addams Family Musical* at the Florence Event Center. Adults \$18.

April 22nd & 23rd: *Early Rhododendron Flower Show* at the Florence Event Center, free admission.

Out Of Town


March 26th - April 4th: *Festival of Illusion* at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Ten days of indoor magic, comedy, lariats, animals, juggling, bubbles and art. \$12-\$14 for adults (541) 994-9994

April 22nd & 23rd: *Rhododendron Flower Show & Plant Sale* 1611 Virginia Ave - North Bend, OR (541) 756-0433

April 22nd & 23rd: *2017 Crab Feed & Wooden Boat Show.* 220 S.E. Bay Street - Depoe Bay. Free.

 **Welcome New Residents**

Marianne Milligan - lot 6
Allen Slinkard - lot 606
Elizabeth Hayes - lot 164
Louise Rose - lot 693
Anna Moore - lot 450



Greentrees Bingo

**Every Saturday Night
at 7:00 PM**

**Door Prizes, Good Snacks,
and Good Company.
In the Recreation Hall**

Art Display Cabinets

Do you have items you would like to share with other residents in Greentrees Village? Collectibles? Craftwork? Hobbies? Historic Pieces? Artwork?


We would love to display them in our art display cabinets in the Greentrees Clubhouse. Please fill in the form below and return to the Greentrees Office. For more information, call Norma at 541-997-1107

Name: _____

Lot # _____ Phone # _____

Type of Items: _____

Number of Items _____

In Memoriam 

Jackie Moris - former resident
3/15/48 - 3/22/17

Virginia Terry - former resident
Passed Feb. 2017

Linda Locke - former resident
Passed 11/31/16

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Greentrees To Sponsor Rhody Bus

The Board of Directors has voted to sponsor the Rhody Bus on May 18th and 19th. The 19th is the start of the Rhody Days Celebration in the City of Florence and Greentrees Village hopes to get a lot of good will for helping to provide free bus fare to Florence residents during the event. The cost of the two day sponsorship is \$100.

By the way, we still have some free bus passes in the GTV office. Residents David and Kerstin Johnsen have donated 20 bus pass coupons for people who want to ride the Rhody Express which picks up in front of the Greentrees Clubhouse. If you are going to ride the bus and would like a coupon, stop into the Greentrees office and get a free ticket. First come, first serve.

The Activity Committee is Back

After struggling for several months to get it's feet on the ground, the Greentrees Activity Committee is back in business! Owners Larry Elliott and Jeff Myers have volunteered to co-chair the committee and have rolled up their sleeves and gotten down to work. At the March Board meeting the committee presented a schedule to the Board for 2017 activities. They include:

Mother's Day Breakfast - May 14th

Greentrees Garden Tour - June 24th

Independence Day Free Hotdog Lunch - July 4th

Annual Greentrees Flea Market - July 15th

Owners' Annual Meeting Luncheon - August 5th

Greentrees Property-Wide Yard Sale - August 26th & 27th

Thanksgiving Dinner - November 23rd

Greentrees Christmas Party - date not yet determined

The committee is still looking for new ideas and volunteers to help with these and other activities. They are hoping to find more residents with musical talent who



may want to perform at some of the scheduled events. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1 PM in the conference room in the Clubhouse. If you are curious or would like to help out, they would love to see you there.

Flea Market *by George Weiss*

The annual Greentrees Flea Market is one of the best "yard sales" in Florence. This year it will be held July 15th. Profits from the Flea Market support free meals for residents, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. So please look around your place and find things you would like to donate to Greentrees for the sale. When you find some, contact Toni (541-999-5102) or George (541-590-3712). If needed, we will arrange for pick up and storage of those items. And do come to the event- it's fun. In addition to what GTV sells, residents rent space to sell their own wares. Outside vendors do the same. You are sure to find one or more things "you can't live without". You can buy lunch and baked goods, and to top it off, a new bicycle will be raffled off. So mark your calendar, bring your friends and see you there.

New Solar Light Installed

The Greentrees Maintenance Department has installed a new solar light in triangle park to help light the area at night and in the early morning hours when people walk their dogs. The light is free standing and not connected to a power source. If the light lasts all night, as the manufacturer claims, Greentrees may install other solar lights in high traffic areas of the community that are lacking in power.

2017 HUD Survey

During the months of May and June, members of the Board of Directors will be canvassing their districts in Greentrees for the 2017 HUD survey. Every two years, in order to maintain our 55-and-older status with HUD, the Association is required to survey each home to confirm that the Association's records are correct concerning who is registered as living there. In May and June, Board volunteers will be coming to your door to speak to you regarding who occupies your home.

From the President *by Fred Burns*



Fred Burns

We had a great time at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17th. The event was hosted by Jeff Myers, and nearly a hundred people attended. Jeff was assisted by many volunteers, and together they put on an excellent corned beef and cabbage dinner. Music was provided by resident Jeff Lovejoy. I want to thank Jeff and all the volunteers for putting on a great activity for Greentrees.

I know we are all tired of the rain, but let me pass on some advise regarding drainage. We have gotten a lot more rain than normal this year and some east-side residents are experiencing flooding on their lots. The developer of Greentrees did not put in a property storm drainage system and intended each lot to drain their property runoff into their greenbelts. This works well in years of normal rainfall. Unfortunately, some owners have put rock and other materials that can compact in to their greenbelt areas which keeps the area from percolating water into the soil. This can create runoff and flooding. It is important to keep the soil and any ground covers loose and free of debris in order to allow the soil in the greenbelts to percolate the storm water down into the sand.

The Computer Club *by Collette Bailey*

For April the computer club will be having two Wednesday classes. April 5th will be Steve Lyon talking to us about how he listens to music on the computer and phone using things like Pandora and iTunes. For April 19th it will be Jep Norwood, our guru, to keep us up to date on security and all things computer.

In May we are going to have Kevin from our local library give us a demonstration of looking up ancestors using the computer. I am looking for two volunteers to give us the names of their parents and grandparents along with dates of birth. Then Kevin will show how to look up information using that data. Should be fun and educational. If you want to be one of the guinea pigs for that class let me know.

May 10th Steve Lyon will be showing us how to keep better track of our financial information using Quicken. May 17th will be Jep Norwood again. That's it for April and May subject to change of course. Please join us for a fun time learning new things!

The Nursing Shortage in Florence *By Gary Aguiar*

Peace Harbor nurses, who are represented by Oregon Nurses Association, are currently attempting to negotiate a contract with their employer, Peace Health medical system, which will be fair to everybody.

The bottom line is this: They want Peace Health corporate office to invest in our community, just as our community has invested in our local hospital. The local administration at Peace Harbor has been good to us. Moreover, the staff and the community are closely tied together. You support us and we take care of you.

Similar to physicians, it is difficult to recruit nurses to rural areas because of better pay in larger cities. We continue to see experienced nurses leave our community for better-paying jobs outside of Florence. In particular, two of our departments, home health and hospice as well as surgical services, has seen high turnover in recent years.

We want to recruit and retain experienced nurses to care for our community. The cost of living, in Florence is similar to surrounding cities, including Eugene/Springfield. Yet, our nurses earn 4.9% less than Sacred Heart nurses.

Moreover, our community has few rental properties, which means newly-hired nurses must commute far distances, live in a camper, or buy a house immediately. Given that benefits and wages are below market, many new hires decide to leave our community for other hospitals in our region. Since newly-graduated nurses do not have the wherewithal, established credit or a down payment, to purchase a house, they face long commutes on dangerous roads at night. Alternatively, they could live for many months in an RV near town.

The nurses proposals would provide pay equity, which would hopefully entice those nurses to stay and become a part of our community. They have offered a competitive financial package that reaches pay parity with Sacred Heart. They also seek several additional benefits, especially employee discounts, which would encourage nurses to stay at Peace Harbor.

In six bargaining sessions since November, they continue to move on issues, offering compromises and trades to the employer to get a fair contract. But the employer has moved on only a couple of small issues.

We need community support to encourage the Peace Health corporate office to reach a deal that will help our local hospital hire and retain experienced nurses in Florence. To learn more, please attend our Community Meeting, Florence Senior Center, April 4th, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Board Minutes by Vicki Martin

Greentrees Village Board Meeting, March 14, 2017

Call to order & Roll Call of the BOD: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Fred Burns. Seven regular 2016 Board members were present. George Lyddon and Bruce Littlepage were absent. Alternate, Mark Meyers was seated to serve in their absence.

Approval of the Agenda: Mark Meyers motioned to approve today's Agenda. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Vicki Martin moved to approve the BOD meeting minutes of February 14, 2017 with two corrections. #1, deletion of the year 2016 from the Call to Order & Roll Call. #2, deletion of the words "and installed" on line eleven of the General Manager's Report. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.

President's Comments: President Burns stated that due to the amount of rain this year, there have been some flooding problems in Greentrees Village. He asked for resident's patience, as the Maintenance staff is doing the best they can with the pumps.

Resident's Forum: None.

Correspondence: Letter from Lawrence Gallagher, Lot #541, dated March 6, 2017, regarding the gate entry system.

Financial Report: Louis Dashofy presented the Financial Report Balance Sheet, as of February 28, 2017. Cash on hand in our Operating account checking/savings is \$448,598.27. The Reserve Fund has \$475,458.33 for a total balance of \$924,056.60. The \$200,000 CD approved by the Finance Committee has been purchased through State Farm Bank from reserve funds withdrawn from Washington Federal. The CD pays a 1.2% interest rate and is for a term of 30 months.

General Manager's Report: Louis Dashofy reported that our D&O liability insurance for Directors & Officers renews in April. Donovan Volk, our insurance representative, will be coming to the April Board meeting so the Board can do an insurance review with him. This has not been done in several years. We will possibly be looking into more flood insurance. The Recreation Hall door has been installed. Blinds will be coming in for it. We are almost at the end of our financial review. The 2016 Financial Review is being performed by Jones and Roth out of Eugene and will be presented at the April Board meeting. The Florence city-wide yard sale will be on September 9th and 10th. The Board had started a foreclosure on Lot #4 because of delinquency. However, Lot #4 has become current and we no longer need to pursue a foreclosure. We have installed the new toilet enclosure in the men's adult restroom and will be installing a new solar light in Triangle Park next week, if weather permits.

Committee & Club Reports: (Architectural Committee): Jeff Myers reported that three permits were issued for the month of February as follows: Lot #206, for an 8'x12' bathroom addition; Lot #568, for a 3' elevated walkway on the north side of the house; and Lot #634 for a 12'x17' addition

and cement wall. **(Bingo Committee):** No report. **(Property Committee):** Wayne Fisher reported that rain has stopped all projects until everything dries out. **(Activity Committee):** Jeff Myers said discussion of the Activity Schedule will be done under New Business today. See *New Business (03-04-17) 2017 Activity Schedule, on today's Agenda.* **(Computer Club):** Steve Lyon reported that Jep Norwood is giving a class tomorrow on Computer Security from 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Steve Lyon will be giving a class on internet music and iTunes on April 5th at those same times.

Unfinished Business: (02-01-17) Friendship Club Rental Fee (second reading): Fred Burns motioned that the Board exclude the Friendship Club from the rental fee and instead charge \$1.00 per non-resident per week. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously. **(02-04-17) Date of Community Yard Sale:** Fred Burns motioned that the Greentrees Village Community Yard Sale be held on Saturday, August 26th and Sunday, August 27th from 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously. **(02-05-17) Rhody Bus sponsorship:** Peg Patton stated that the free-ride days on the Rhody Express for Greentrees residents will be on Thursday, May 18th and Friday, May 19th from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. These dates were chosen to coincide with Rhody Days.

New Business: (03-01-17) Consider appointing Jeff Myers and Larry Elliot as co-chairs of the Activity Committee: Fred Burns motioned for the Board to appoint Jeff Myers and Larry Elliot as co-chairs of the Activity Committee. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously. President Burns thanked Jeff and Larry for stepping up to chair the Committee. **(03-02-17) Consider speed bump locations:** Wayne Fisher presented a map with locations for the 2017 road bumps marked. Wayne Fisher motioned that the Board approve the speed bump locations on North Center Street and 1st Street North. Discussion followed. Wayne Fisher withdrew the motion. **(03-03-17) 2017 Annual Meeting:** Fred Burns motioned to approve Saturday, August 5th as the date for the Annual Meeting and a luncheon after the meeting for all residents not to exceed \$1,000.00 in costs. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously. **(03-04-17) 2017 Activity Schedule:** Jeff Myers presented the Activity Committee 2017 Schedule for Board approval and reminded residents of the monthly potlucks. Jeff Myers motioned that the Board approve the Activity Committee 2017 Schedule. Discussion followed. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.

Other Business: None.

Announcements: Fred Burns welcomed everyone to the Potluck on March 24th, hosted by Wayne Fisher of District 3. President Burns thanked Ruth Smelly and Bette Turner for serving cake for today's meeting. Della Ault of Lot #270 is displaying beautiful beadwork in the Library Art Cabinet this month. There is also a collection on display of hand-painted, porcelain-bisque finish music boxes from the Davis Courts of Lot #108 in the Library Art Cabinet.

Fred Burns moved to adjourn the meeting. Voice Vote, 8 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.