



# GREENTREES BLOOMING!!

## Springtime Issue

By Lou Manzi, Editor, Village Voice

*Daffodils and tulips paint rainbows at yard borders, apple blossoms are opening, giving off their heady fragrance, and our famous rhododendron buds are swelling and bursting with vivid color. Spring is here!*



But not only are the flowers and trees blooming, with the lifting of the mask mandate and the return of activities, residents are coming out of their homes blooming with smiles and eagerness. In the words of Harriet Ann Jacobs, “The beautiful spring came; and when nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.”

Many of those that have moved here in the last two years have not been able to enjoy the social activities for which Greentrees is famous. They are eager to make new friends, enjoy the community activities, or even start to work off those COVID pounds with an exercise class or a swim. Long-term residents are eager to resume friendships and activities that have been stunted or were put on hold in the last couple



of years. With the lifting of the mask mandate, ( thank you BOD) full activities have now resumed, and boy have they resumed! Attendance at Bingo and exercise class has doubled – hot dogs were even served at Bingo last week. And isn’t it nice to see those smiling faces – we sure have been missing those smiles, and hugs, maybe even a kiss on the cheek, you sly dog! The Activities Committee members are busy little beavers planning a full calendar of fun and food for you (See plans on page 9), starting with a Welcome Back Community dinner, coffee social and potluck all this month.

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### Wrangling Spring Yardwork

With

**Bonnie Costa and the Green (trees) Thumbs**

By Lanette Manzi, Village Voice Staff Writer

As we head into spring, we begin to think about getting our outdoor areas ready for the summer season. For many of us, that might include clearing dead plant material, planting annual flowers, or even adding outdoor furniture or fixtures to make the time we spend outdoors more enjoyable. However, for some in our Greentrees community, yard work is not only a burden, it is a source of unimaginable stress when they are not physically able to keep up with the constant trimming and cleaning needed to maintain yards and landscaping. On the Oregon coast, plants seem to grow out of control overnight during the spring and summer months.

When Bonnie Costa first moved to Greentrees six years ago, she noticed that some yards in the community were in need of maintenance. “I grew up in Mount Prospect, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, in the 1950's, during a time when

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**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 12TH 1PM**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *Tom Benson*, HOA President

Spring Is Here! It is so nice to see new leaves on the trees and buds growing into colorful flowers. With blue skies and the sun warming our bones, what a time for everything to open up, so we can get out and enjoy life. With the lifting of the COVID restrictions and mask mandates last month, it seems that everyone is excited to get out, share meals, renew friendships, and just live life again! It is clear that everyone has missed interaction these last couple of years because attendance has already increased at both bingo and exercise class. The activities committee is gearing up with a full schedule of events for the Greentrees community. I look forward to working in the kitchen and seeing all of those smiling faces.

I would like to issue a challenge to our community to bring in Spring with a bang! In the same spirit as we shared in lighting up our community for the holiday season, I would like to invite each resident to celebrate spring by adding some flower power. I have personally planted flowers from seeds (Gazania, Living Stone Daisy's, Lantana and Lobelia) and will be excited to come home to the welcome splash of color to brighten my day. Won't it be lovely to walk the neighborhood and see what beautiful flowers everyone has planted!

As always, we are still working on our day to day issues and the job of managing Greentrees, but it sure is nice to focus on pleasantries for a change. Happy Spring!

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## Around the Village



### Greentrees Emergency Cache Container Residential Program

By Kristel Buechner, GERT Coord. and Lanette Manzi, Village Voice Staff Writer

Several incidents this Winter have provided a reality check to many of us as to exactly how unprepared we are to deal with a true emergency without ready access to food, water, and power, even as we are safely sheltered in our homes. We never really want to ponder the thought of our homes being unreachable, damaged, or destroyed, or our community being isolated from critical services, but the threat of earthquakes, floods, or even fires is very real. George Priest, Senior Geologist with State of Oregon Geology and Mineral Industries, in the Oregon QuakePrep Seminar held September, 2010, emphasized that there is a high probability of a catastrophic earthquake occurring within our lifetime, and very certainly occurring during our grandchildren's lifetime. The key to surviving and thriving during a catastrophic event is having access to the basics - easily-prepared food, drinkable water, and shelter. The Greentrees Emergency Response Team (GERT) exists to help us prepare in case there were

such an emergency. The availability of evacuation cache sites, providing critical supplies in central locations, represents the heart of that emergency preparation effort.

If you are evacuated, you rarely have time to gather supplies; therefore, the Emergency Cache Container program is intended to provide you

access to the basic necessities needed to survive for 72 hours if you are unable to shelter in place. In the case of an earthquake or tsunami, Greentrees West is in the tsunami zone and at higher risk of evacuation; therefore, Greentrees is initially offering all West side residents the opportunity to have their own emergency cache (supplies) stored in a central location inside the GERT trailer at the heart of the designated emer-



*Kristel Buechner, GERT Coordinator in front of the 40ft. container just delivered. Photo by LM<sup>2</sup>.*



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gency assembly area. Greentrees Emergency Cache Container Program will be open to East side residents on a later date.

The available cache containers are 13.75 gallon stackable tubs with lockable lids. GERT will provide the containers with lids for \$13.00. The annual cache storage fee is \$15.00. The containers represent your personal emergency cache of supplies to assist you and your family until the emergency passes. Visit the *ready.gov* website for a list of items that you may want to put in your emergency preparedness cache container. For safety, no ammunition, weapons, or flammables may be stored in the containers. No perishables or medications should be stored in the containers, as they are only accessible twice per year. Consider storing a water filtration device and/or water purification tablets, as water is bulky and heavy to store. This doesn't mean that you should not store an absolute minimum of 3 gallons of water per person in your household in case of emergency. Water is the number one requirement for survival in case of natural disaster - it is also supplied by the most fragile of our infrastructures, becoming easily contaminated in the case of a flood, or becoming unobtainable when water lines are broken in the case of an earthquake.

The GERT trailer will be opened annually on a designated day in April, and in October, for a two hour period. Access is supervised! Initial storage of the container, and our first open trailer day will be in May - watch the website and the May

newsletter for the exact time and day that we will be accepting containers. Reserve your container by filling out the Emergency Residential Cache Container Agreement's (available in the library room next to the newsletter). Once you have completed and signed the agreement, call Kristel Buechner at 541.997.0909 to set up a time and date to make your payment and receive your cache container. If Kristel is unavailable, please leave her a message with your name, contact number, and lot number. All checks should be made payable to Greentrees and must include your lot number and word "cache".

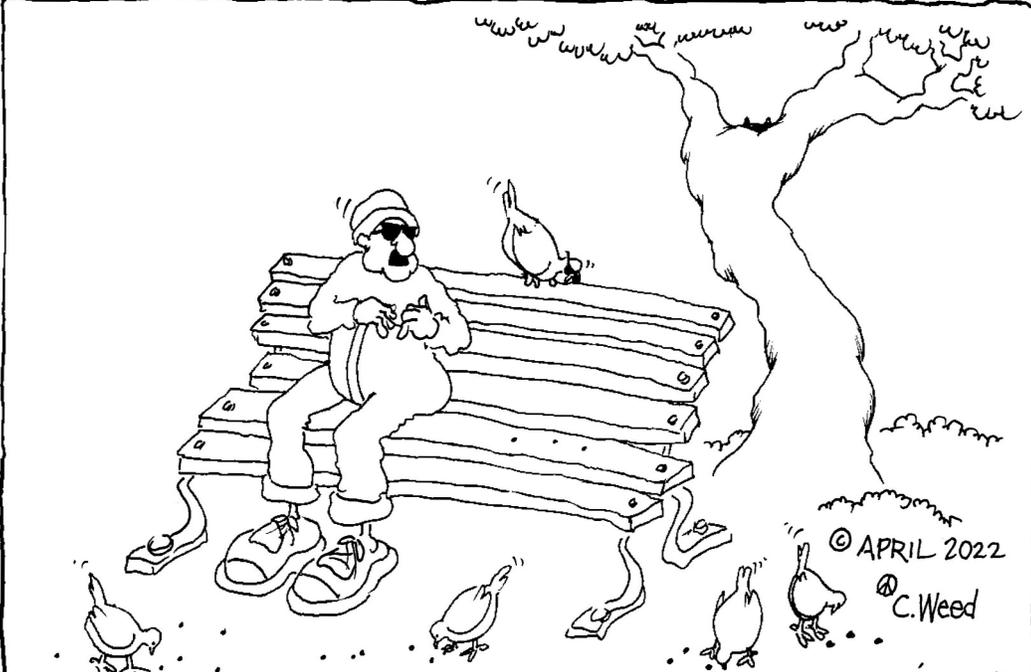
**PREPARE YOURSELF:** Learn how to prepare yourself and loved ones in the event of an emergency. **Greentrees Emergency Response Team (GERT) meets 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm**, Multipurpose Room at the rear of the Recreation Center.

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We'll miss you Bev & Herb...Lot 82

# THIS & THAT

## Welcome New Resident Owners:

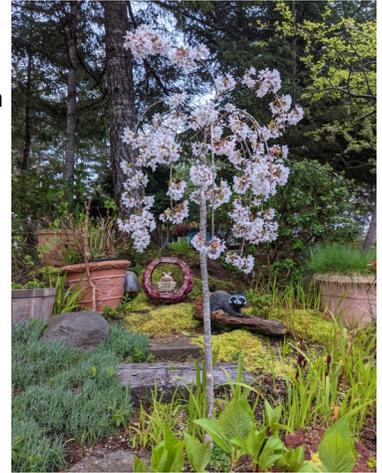
- Lot 74 Pamela Korczak from Florence, OR
- Lot 107 Mary Miller from Eugene, OR
- Lot 218 Debbe Cross from Lebanon, OR
- Lot 557 Dan & Shanti Chagnon from Rogue River, OR

**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:** Call or stop by the office for the monthly "contractors code." The code changes on the first day of each month.

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Beyond the community activities, spring is a great time for a day trip up or down the coast to peruse the nurseries for new plants or ideas, attend garden shows and plant sales, or take advantage of a sunny day, pack a picnic, and pull off at one of our many whale watching spots. If nothing else, it is a great time to get outside, get your hands in the dirt, or take a walk around our beautiful village. It's always fun to see what new plants and yard decorations there are while giving the pooch some exercise and enjoying the warmer and drier weather. No matter what it is that you enjoy, it's hard to deny that, although it is wonderful to wake up on a Spring morning, it is FANTASTIC to wake up in the Village in Springtime.



*Our Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of*

*Lot 74 Annabel Hoifeld who passed away on 19 March 2022. GT resident since 2007.*  
*Lot 694 Norm Kerrebrock passed on 12 March 2022. GT resident since 2000.*

**Say Hello to Spring!**

Whether you're spring cleaning or working on that weekend project, check ReStore first! If you have unwanted items or leftover building supplies to donate, call 541-997-5834 to schedule a donation pick-up.

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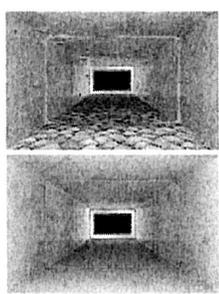
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# **GERT ENCORE EVENT Greentrees Goes Solar**

## **With a Hands-On Workshop**

*By Village Voice Staff Writers*

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](mailto: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, Saturday April 9th.





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# Architectural Committee Report

Nick Woodworth, Chair of the ACC, reported at March Board of Directors meeting that the following permits were issued:  
**Lot 238 Dog Run**

# New Quilting Group Formed

By Diana Lindsley

In the past (pre-COVID) there was an active quilt group here in GTV for over 20 years. With COVID shutdowns, it went away. Now, a new group is forming for all quilters or want-to-be quilters. On March 17, a small group of quilters met in the Rec Hall to form our group and share (show off) some quilts we'd made. We will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 1 PM, in the Rec Hall to show off our projects, get advice, chat, and learn a new skill or two. Our meeting on April 21 will include instructions on how to do the 'international tie' way of tying quilts. We may be doing a small bargello project to learn that technique, maybe paper piecing a block, or whatever people are interested in. If you like to quilt or want to learn, come join us!

# THE BEAUTY IN GREENTREES

by Nick Woodworth, ACC Comm. Chair

Greentrees has beautiful parks and park-like settings. We are so fortunate to have Triangle Park, the RV Park, Center Park, and the River Lookout. Each of them has something different to offer. I personally love sitting at the River lookout with friends or family enjoying a glass of wine. It is a very relaxed setting. Triangle Park is undergoing changes because the trees had to be removed; however, it will soon have a new look.

But, did you know we have other common areas? Most of the wilderness-looking areas around the 400s homes is common. Part of it borders Rhododendron Drive on the north-east side, then it wraps around the north edge to both the east and the south between the 400s and the 200s and 300s on the hill. There are three common areas along the east side of Rhododendron Drive behind the 300s in Greentrees East. You can see these areas on the map on the next page.

Unfortunately, although many of these lesser-known common areas border existing lots, these are not areas that are intended to serve as an extension of the bordering lot. In fact, it is a violation of the Greentrees CC&Rs to use any common area for lot development; they are here to serve as a buffer. In the past, the common areas were home to a flock of wild turkeys. Even now, wildlife roam through both these areas and our neighboring areas. Our common areas enhance the beauty of our community, so we need to take care to work within our lot perimeters in order to preserve that natural environment. People who live on the outer edges of Greentrees Village have a rare view of nature. By respecting these lesser-know common areas, the entire community benefits by preserving local wildlife and the surrounding natural environment that we all love.

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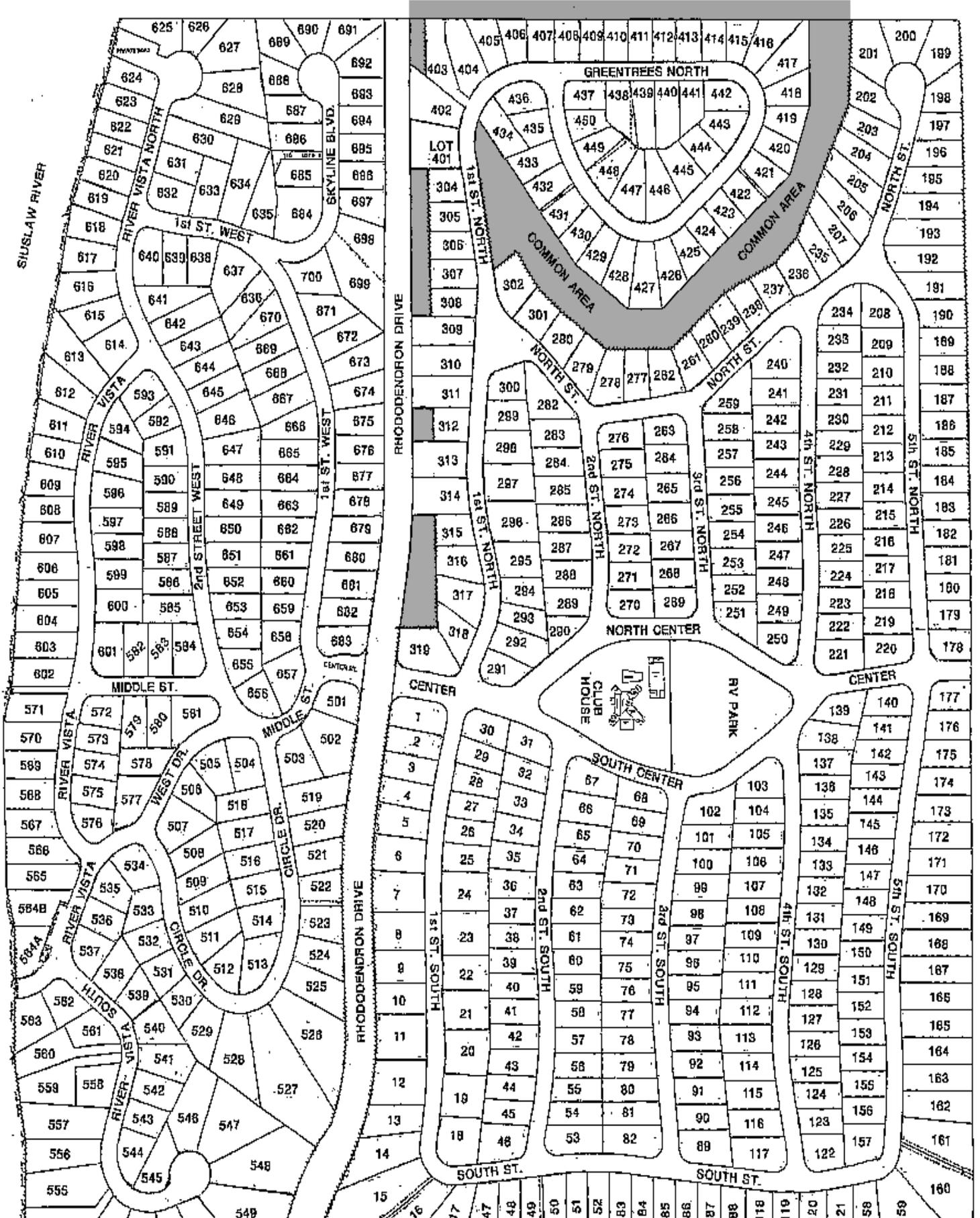


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# GREENTREES VILLAGE (Wild Common Areas)



# We're Back!!

## Social Activities Blooming in Greentrees!!

By Mark Tilchen, Activity Comm. Chair. & Village Voice Staff Writers

After two years of waiting, planned activities resume at Greentrees this month with a special dinner prepared by Tom Benson and his crew. Please refer to the activity schedule in this newsletter and also posted at the clubhouse. Plans are always subject to change, so watch the newsletter and bulletin board. Some events will be the same as before, and others are new or updated.

Holiday dinners require that residents sign up at least three days in advance, so we know how much food to purchase. Some dinners are free for residents (with a fee for guests) and others have a fee. Seating is limited to the Rec Hall capacity, so be sure to sign up early. Look for the clipboards in the clubhouse library room. **The 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Monthly Potlucks** also resume in April. Bring a dish to share (we typically get about 40 people) and your own drink and table setting. Refer to food safety guidelines in this newsletter and also posted on the clubhouse bulletin boards. Due to potential allergies, it is always a good idea to put a sign with your dish listing ingredients, especially items such as milk, nuts, and wheat.

**The second Saturday of each month at 10 am is a Coffee Social**, get together with donuts and bagels in the clubhouse coffee room. This is a free resident activity, and no sign-up is required. **The second Wednesday Monthly Lunch Out** is a great way to meet your neighbors and experience the variety of dining options in our town. Each month host Susan Peterson chooses a restaurant and posts in the clubhouse. You must sign up in the clubhouse so that she can make reservations. This activity resumes April 20. Participants meet at 11:30 at that month's restaurant. Everyone pays for their own meal.

The **Rhody Days parade is Sunday May 22**, we need a volunteer to coordinate GTV participation. Call Mark Tilchen at 559-786-6576 if interested in being the coordi-



## Greentrees Village



### WELCOME BACK CELEBRATION DINNER

Friday 15 April  
RECREATION HALL

**Social Hour 5-6 PM—Dinner Served starting 6:10 PM**  
**Free for Residents — Guests \$7 at the door**

*Dinner Menu*

*Roast Pork*

*Mashed Potatoes and Gravy with Veggies*  
*Served with Fresh made Artisan Rolls*

*and*

*Gourmet Cupcakes with Buttercream frostings*

*Beverages Served*  
*(coffee, tea, lemonade, soda, and water)*

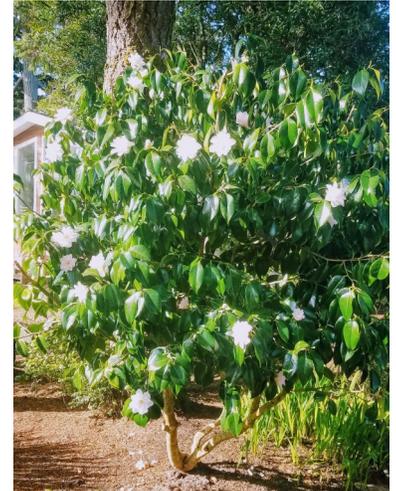
*You May Bring Your Own Wine*

**Sign up required in clubhouse by 11 April**

Seating is limited based on room capacity - sign up early.

nator. Once we have a coordinator, they will be responsible for signing up participants for the parade.

**The first Community Yard Sale, which are garage sales at individual homes, is Friday/Saturday June 24/25.** The gates are open from 9 am to 3 pm and this always draws a good attendance from the Florence community, so start getting your sales items ready. No sign-up required.



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**The Activities Committee** by Mark Tilchen  
 Next meeting Monday April 7, 1 pm, Rec Hall.

## Food Safety for Potlucks

These tips will help keep food safe, whether at home or when attending a potluck.

1. Refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours of shopping or prep.
2. When in doubt, throw it out! Discard food left at room temperature over 2 hours; 1 hour if air temp is above 90 °F.
3. Use separate areas to prepare raw and cooked food.
4. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and work surfaces frequently with hot, soapy water.
5. Wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food and after using the bathroom or handling pets.
6. Cook food to safe minimum internal temperatures. Use a thermometer.
7. Transport food safely. Keep hot food HOT, cold food COLD.

These guidelines were compiled from the USDA and other sources. For potlucks, label your dish, especially if it contains potential allergens such as milk, wheat or nuts.

## VOLUNTEERING AND HOSTING EVENTS

The significant number of residents who are willing to volunteer makes the things we accomplish at Greentrees possible. We are seeking the following volunteers. For events such as dinners, when volunteers are needed, there will be a sign-up sheet on the counter in the clubhouse library.

The potluck host purchases door prizes and makes announcements at dinner. Attend a potluck to see how easy this is.

**Clubhouse Bulletin Boards** – A volunteer is needed to maintain the bulletin boards. Keep them looking nice and remove any outdated or inappropriate flyers. About one hour a month – no set time schedule.

**Rhody Days Parade** – A volunteer is needed to organize Greentrees participating in this event on May 22. In the past, residents walked and rode bicycles while displaying a Greentrees banner. The volunteer will gather and organize the participants. To make this happen we need someone to step up as organizer before April 8. **Call Mark Tilchen at 559-786-6576.**

## 2022 GREENTREES ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

*OTHER ACTIVITIES MAY BE ANNOUNCED LATER.*

**ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Monthly	Coffee Social, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 10 am
Monthly	Lunch Out 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed, 11:30 am (local restaurants) - Start Apr 20
Monthly	Potluck Dinner, 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri 6 PM - Starting Apr 22 thru Sept

### COFFEE & DONUTS

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## Potluck 4th Friday

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6 pm

REC HALL

Starting

April 22

Please follow food safety guidelines (see Activity bulletin board for tips.) Label your dish, especially if it contains potential allergens such as milk or nuts.

Apr 15 Fri	GTV Welcome Back Dinner 5 PM
May 8 Sun	Mother's Day Lunch
May 22 Sun	Rhody Days Parade
Jun 19 Sun	Father's Day lunch
Jun 24-25 Fri-Sat	Community Yard Sale (gates open 9-3) – Resident's homes
Jul 4 Monday	Hot Dog Lunch
Jul 9 Sat	Flea Market & Silent Auction – (east gate open)
Aug 6 Sat	Annual Meeting Lunch (Pending board approval)
Aug 26-27 Fri-Sat	Community Yard Sale (gates open 9-3) – Resident's homes
Oct 9 Saturday	Craft & Holiday Bazaar (east gate open)
Oct TBD	Octoberfest/Music Festival
Oct 28 Friday	Halloween Party & Potluck (4 <sup>th</sup> Fri potluck moved to 5 <sup>th</sup> Fri)
Nov 6 Sunday	Veteran's Appreciation Dinner
Nov 25 Thursday	Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec 25 Sunday	Christmas Dinner



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# GTV Resident Opens Her Practice

By Jade Rehder

I am elated to share that on April 5th I am opening a new studio **Do You Feel Different** specializing in crystal healing sessions, Hawaiian energy work, empath/HSP support and spiritual coaching. The focus is to support anyone looking for more clarity, freedom and joy in their lives. I will call upon my twenty plus years of experience in the healing arts fields along with all my pragmatic training in working with the energy field to assist in co-creating lasting change.



Exercising in the Village, the M-W-F 10 am Exercise Class has grown from a few to over 15 attendees since the mask mandate was lifted. Kudos to you.

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# GREEN TREES ACTIVITIES APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Water Aerobics M - F @ 8:00 am						1 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am
	4 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	5 <b>Properties Cmte.</b> 10:00 am	6 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm	7 <b>Finance Cmte.</b> 10:00 am <b>ACC Cmte.</b> 1:00 pm	8 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	2 Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 6:00 pm
			<b>13 POOL CLOSED</b>			9 <b>Coffee Social</b> 10:00 am Bocce Ball 11:15 Solar Power Box Workshop 1:00 pm (Rec. Hall) Bingo 6:00 pm
10 String Instrument Class 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	11 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am <b>Activity Cmte.</b> 1:00 pm	12 <b>BOD Meeting</b> 1:00 pm Card Exchange 1:00 pm	13 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Bridge 1:00 pm	14 <b>GERT Meeting</b> 1:00 pm	15 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am GTV Dinner 5:00 pm social hour dinner @ 6:00 pm (Sign-up in GT Library)	16 Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 6:00 pm
17  Happy Easter	18 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am	19	20 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Luncheon Out 11:30 Fresh Harvest Café (sign-up in GT Library) Bridge 1:00 pm Sound Healing Circle 6:00 pm (Rec. Hall)	21 Quilting Group 1:00 pm (Rec. Hall)	22 Pickle Ball 8:00 am Exercise Class 10:00 am Podluck 6:00 pm	23 Bocce Ball 11:15 Bingo 6:00 pm
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neighbors competed with each other for the neatest lawn or most beautiful flower garden. I always picked up litter while on my dog walks... [and] when I was a den mother for the Scouts, the kids were taught to leave the campsites better than they found them. I believe we need to expand that ideology to our neighborhood, and beyond." Then, as Bonnie became more active in the neighborhood and got to know some of her neighbors, she found that there were many that, due to age, illness, or mobility issues, were not physically able to do the yard maintenance (and many were also on fixed incomes that did not allow them to hire landscaping assistance). "I realized some of our neighbors were not as mobile as I am blessed to be at 74", says Bonnie.

Bonnie is a long-time volunteer. "Volunteering is part of my DNA...[it] satisfies my very soul. In the last few years, I did therapy work with my dogs at Bay Area Hospital and numerous residential care centers. After moving to Greentrees, I got involved with decorating the recreation hall monthly (before COVID) and I was also involved in the project to recover the recreation hall chairs." In August last year, she started the Green (tree) Thumbs program to help those residents that may need a little assistance with yard work. In that time, Bonnie and her eight fellow volunteers have assisted eight owners with general lawn maintenance so that they could once again take pride in their yards and enjoy those outdoor spaces. She was proud to say that some of those owners, once the overgrowth was cut back, have also been able to maintain the areas without additional assistance, even though Green Thumbs is happy to provide the periodic assistance needed.

Are you a Greentrees resident and owner? Are you not quite as limber or able to move around as well as you use to in the past? Could you use some help with yard maintenance? The Green (trees) Thumbs have nine eager volunteers that would love to come out to help brighten your front yard. They work year-round to help neighbors within the GTV community with basic yard maintenance, such as weeding, raking, and light trimming. Or, if you are an outdoorsy person, have a little extra time, and would like to volunteer, Bonnie would love to put you to work helping your neighbors and keeping the community beautiful. You don't need to be a great gardener to be a volunteer. If you can rake pine needles, cut down blackberry bushes, or pull weeds, we can put your talents to use. To request assistance, or to volunteer, please call Bonnie at 541-404-6343.

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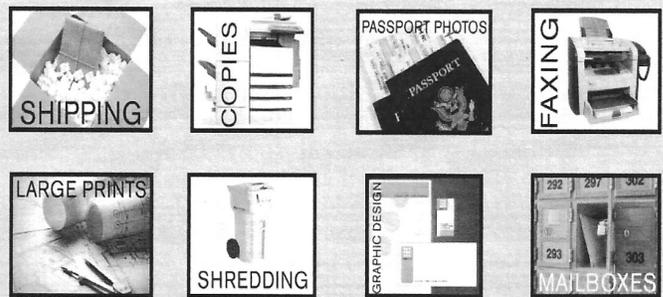
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