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COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER

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Community in Motion



Residents enjoyed music and dancing at Friday night's potluck.

A Wonderful Night at Greentrees

Friday night's potluck brought neighbors together for one of those evenings that simply felt good from start to finish. The hall was nearly standing room only, and the tables were filled with delicious dishes made and shared by residents.

When the music started, smiles spread across the room and the dance floor came alive. It was a night full of laughter, friendship, and the kind of community spirit that makes Greentrees feel like home.

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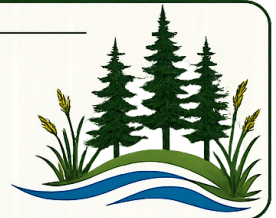
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President's Message

Most of you are aware that James Tennison has resigned after almost 10 years of service. This is a big loss for Greentrees Village since he had a wealth of community knowledge. We wish him the very best in his new role.

In the meantime, I am serving as Acting Manager, in addition to my duties as President. I am pleased to report that our office and maintenance staff are working effectively together to ensure everything continues to operate smoothly. The board is currently evaluating all options for a replacement; we ask for your patience as we take the necessary time to make the right decision.

As I balance these dual roles, please feel free to reach out if you have any issues or concerns. We continue to lead with cooperation, collaboration, compromise and civility. I have added a 5th 'c' – change – as we navigate this transition. Thank you for your continued support in making Greentrees a wonderful place to live.

Manager's Message

The office is working effectively and efficiently as they help me navigate the Acting General Manager role.

Maintenance is also working smoothly as we prepare for the busy spring season. The west side is supposed to be paved this week. The isolation valves are done for now; we have a few more to do on the east side and they will be done in the fall.

I will let Property Committee talk about the erosion issue on the west side. They are working in determining the solution, but I will say that it is a complex issue made even more complex that the area of collapse is not our property, but rather belongs to State Lands. We need to work with the state and, I believe, the Army Corps of Engineers, to identify and fix this issue. Please do not go out there.

We have become a cohesive team with everyone working together.

Get Involved with the Village Voice

As the Communications Committee evolves, we are looking for volunteers:

- Writers – Share stories, report on events, or offer helpful tips
- Printers – Assist with printing the newsletter each month
- Folding Crew – Help prepare printed copies and inserts for delivery
- Interviewers – Talk with residents and help turn conversations into stories
- Puzzle Maker – Create fun and engaging puzzles

Every role matters. Even a small amount of your time makes a meaningful difference. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to help and a positive outlook.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact:

GTVwebmaster57@gmail.com

Rhody Days Are Here

Florence prepares for the 119th Rhododendron Festival



Greentrees residents proudly participate in Florence's annual Rhody Show.

Did you know Florence is known as the Rhododendron City? Of course it is.

If you were not originally from here, you may remember learning to spell rhododendron when updating your address and accounts. It gets easier with time.

The 119th Rhody Festival is coming May 14–17, 2026, one of Oregon's longest-running spring celebrations. Festivities include the carnival, vendor fair, arts festival, car show, parade, and of course the Rhody Show at the Florence Events Center.

Speaking of the Rhody Show, did you know there are more than 900 varieties of our city flower? A cluster of blooms at the end of a branch is called a truss.

Greentrees has a wonderful collection of rhododendrons blooming in many shapes, sizes, and colors. You may even have a prize-winning rhody in your own yard.

The Rhody Show is open to anyone who would like to enter. Bring your flowers to the Florence Events Center between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16. Volunteers will help place entries in the proper category.

Return later in the day to see the winners and enjoy the plant sale. Show hours are Saturday until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

My mom and I entered trusses last year, and all of them won ribbons. I have enjoyed learning more about this amazing flower of my newly adopted city.

Have fun and enjoy Rhody Days!

Helpful Tips for Entries

- Choose a truss that is fully open, but not past its prime
- Select the straightest stem you can find
- Don't worry about perfection
- Cut blooms early and keep them in a cool, dark place for 24 hours before display

— Denise Lutz



70 Years Together: Welcome Fred & Laurel Hampel



Fred and Laurel Hampel moved to Greentrees in February and are already familiar faces to many residents through their daughter Julie Brown and family.

The couple recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 21 in their new home here in Greentrees.

They first met at a dance in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, beginning a love story that led to marriage in 1956. Over the years they raised a family, lived in Illinois and California, and enjoyed traveling throughout the country.

Now happily settled in Florence, they enjoy music, community life, and local performances, including Greentrees' own Phat Dawgs.

We warmly welcome Fred and Laurel to the Greentrees family.

- Laurie White

Directory Information Reminder

Please verify your directory information (name, phone number, and email address) is accurate.

The Office requires up-to-date details to contact you.

Gate Entry Reminders

To help prevent backups and maintain security at the gate:

- Do not allow tailgating or let unknown individuals enter. Visitors must contact their host directly.
- Keep the lane clear so traffic can move freely.

If you are having trouble with your access code, please contact the office. Fobs and transponders are available for a nominal deposit.

GERT Corner

Wildfire Awareness & Emergency Preparedness

Why It Matters

May is Wildfire Awareness Month. Dry summer weather and coastal winds can quickly increase fire risk. Being prepared helps protect your home, family, and neighbors.

Steps You Can Take Now

- Create defensible space
- Keep brush trimmed
- Keep a hose ready
- Have an emergency plan
- Keep a fire extinguisher

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Get Involved with GERT
Meets second Thursday monthly

1:00 p.m. Multipurpose Room

Possible summer classes:

- Water storage
- Food storage
- Go-bags
- Pet preparedness

— Kristel Buechner

Committee Updates

Activities Committee – Terry Lindsley

Coffee Social on Saturday, April 18 was a big hit – about 25 people showed up!
We need a host for May (and forward).

Potluck on Friday, April 25 with Dean Johnson hosting and his band playing after!
Should be a great time! If this is successful, he will do it again.

Speaking of potluck, if you want to rinse your dishes, someone will be at the window to do it.

Please bring a bag or container to carry it home in.
We need hosts for May and going forward.

New stove!

The Board will be voting on purchasing a new stove for the kitchen this meeting.
The current one is a 1984 and well used.
We hope to get the new one in time for Mother's Day lunch.

Mother's Day lunch will be held May 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall.
The menu will be ham, au gratin potatoes, and green beans.
Diners are asked to bring a salad, side, or dessert.
Sign-up sheets are available now.
Deliveries will be available for homebound residents as well.

The kitchen is cleaned, the fans are fixed, the griddle is fixed, and the center island has been sanded and re-oiled.
If groups want to use the kitchen, you need to sign out with the office.
You are responsible for cleaning it after use.

The flea market is coming in July.
We need donations – our room is low.
Household goods, clean clothes, and other items are welcome.
No large furniture, please.

Community garage sale is May 29–30, with gates open to the public.

Committee Updates

Architectural Control Committee Update - Carol Murphy

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is under new leadership and ready to serve the community.

Current members include Anderson Miller, Terry Lindsley, Richard Brown, Jack Stephens, and Chair Carol Murphy.

The committee has updated its charter by adding alternate members. This helps ensure a quorum is available when permit requests need approval.

To date, two permits have been approved, and one request is pending further information.

Residents may notice a slightly updated review process this year. Completed permit requests are reviewed at the ACC's twice-monthly meetings.

Two committee members, wearing identification badges, will conduct a site review.

If everything is in order, the permit will be signed by at least two members.

If corrections are needed, the committee will work with residents to help bring the request into compliance.

Previous unresolved violations must be corrected before a new permit can be approved.

The ACC's goal this year is to help improve Greentrees Village properties in a timely and respectful manner.

Please contact the committee with any questions.

Ad Hoc CC&Rs and Bylaws Review Committee – Diana Lindsley

The committee continues to work on the Bylaws. We are making good progress.

The CC&Rs are still in review with the attorney.

Once he completes his review, the committee will meet with him to review our questions and any changes.

Once we have a completed review, we will be holding town halls to discuss with the homeowners.

We are hoping to have these all completed and available for the homeowners for the annual meeting.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding the new format of Greentrees Board meeting minutes. Homeowners deserve to understand what occurs during Board meetings, yet the current minutes provide very little detail.

Many residents cannot attend meetings and rely on the minutes to stay informed. Previous Boards included summaries of discussions, committee reports, resident forum topics, and more complete explanations of motions and decisions.

Current minutes often list agenda items, motions, and vote totals without enough context to explain what was discussed or why decisions were made. Workshops held prior to Board meetings also should have recorded minutes available to homeowners.

Greater detail in meeting records would help improve transparency, communication, and inclusiveness for all residents.

I respectfully encourage the Board to provide more substantial minutes and workshop records so homeowners can remain informed and engaged.

Susan Hekimoglu

Lot 617



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For assistance with HOA fees, you can call Carley Scibetta at (503) 383-8850 for assistance.

This fund is in no way associated with the Greentrees HOA.



Welcome
— NEW NEIGHBORS —

Kevin & Sigrid Rau
Lot #150

We're glad you're part of our Greentrees Village community!



Restaurant Review

Happy Taco

Their name is certainly appropriate — we left happy.

Located on Laurel Street in the downstairs portion of The Playhouse, this small and inviting taco spot is well worth a visit. Their meats and salsas are house-made, offering fresh, bold flavors.

The menu is simple but offers a variety of protein choices, including beef brisket, Baja fish or shrimp, cochinita pibil (marinated pork), and chicken tinga. You can order tacos, a burrito, or a Baja bowl with all the fixings.



Nothing is overly spicy, but everything is full of flavor. Several salsas are available, ranging in heat for those who want an extra kick.

We tried almost everything and were not disappointed. The brisket burrito was so large it could easily be shared — though I admit I finished mine.

There is plenty of parking, but unfortunately no wheelchair access. There is a nice patio, and companions can order downstairs while others enjoy the outdoor seating. Inside, there is also a comfortable dining space with pleasant music. The owners are friendly and welcoming.

— Denise Lutz

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3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Community Notices

Notice of Rule Change - 28g

On April 21, 2026, the Board voted to amend Rules and Regulations #28, Scheduling of Facilities, subsection g.

The previous rule stated:

1. Scheduling of Facilities
2. g. GTV does not support or endorse any religious or political organization and discourages the use of its facilities for such purposes.

The updated rule now reads:

1. Scheduling of Facilities
 2. g. GTV does not support or endorse any religious or political organization and discourages the use of its facilities for such purposes.
 3. We will allow use of the facilities to support events of non-partisan community interest.
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BEAR AWARE: TRASH TIMING MATTERS

PROTECT WILDLIFE. PROTECT NEIGHBORS. AVOID FINES.

Greentrees Village residents are reminded that garbage may not be placed out before **Monday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Early trash placement attracts bears and other wildlife, creating safety concerns for residents, pets, and property. Once animals learn where food is available, the problem can quickly grow.

TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND CLEAN:



Put trash out
no earlier than
7:00 a.m. Monday



Secure bags and
containers
properly



Do not leave
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overnight



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- Up to \$500 once within a 12-month period toward a utility bill
- Up to \$1,000 once within a 12-month period toward past due or delinquent property tax bill.

To apply, drop in at the Siuslaw Outreach Services main service center on 12th Street in Florence, Monday through Thursday between 10am and 3:30pm. Applicants may also make an appointment by calling 541-997-2816. Eligible applicants must have resided in Greentrees for past 6 months and be the homeowner. Applicants must provide documents of the estimates to resolve needed repairs.



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