

IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

Greentrees Board Elections

Ballots are on the way for District Representatives and Alternates for the 2026-2027 term. District Representatives, who shall serve on the Board of Directors, are elected for a two-year term. Successful candidates will be seated at the January 20, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors. Alternates, who may be appointed to the Board of Directors, are elected for a one-year term, assuming a seat on the board when a vacancy occurs and as our Bylaws prescribe.

Up for election are District Representatives for Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9. Four Alternates from the community will also be elected. Your candidates are:

District 1—Fred Miller

Alternate—Leslie Shaw

District 3—No Candidate

Alternate—Nick Woodworth

District 5—Elizabeth Lugg

Alternate—Laurie White

District 7—Jack Swanson

Alternate—Patty Harrison

District 9—Jack Stephen

Alternate—Carol Murphy

Alternate—Julie Brown

Read submitted candidate statements inside this newsletter.

Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 owners will receive ballots with the District Representative candidates for their district and the Alternate candidates. Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 owners will receive ballots for Alternate candidates only.

Ballots were mailed to owners at the address on file with the office. Ballots must be received in the office by 2:59 PM, November 28. Carefully follow all ballot instructions. *For your vote to count, you must sign your name and lot number in the space provided on the back of the provided return envelope.* Results will be announced at the December 16 Board of Directors meeting.

See the 2021 Bylaws amendment to Article IV District Representatives and Alternates for election information. For Board of Directors information, see the 2018 Bylaws, Article V Board of Directors and Article VI Officers.

For additional information and to stay current on the elections, please visit the Owners' Area at our website at <https://www.greentreesvillage.com/elections>.

Support your community. Vote.

Pat Miller

President's Message

Introduction to the most recent Board Meeting, and an everyday reminder to us all:

"I would like to start this meeting off by asking that everyone remains respectful and kind, and remember that we are all adults here for the same common good. There is sometimes an expectation that, as President, I should manage behavior - but that is not my role. We all learned how to manage our own behavior long before adulthood, and we should continue to hold ourselves to that standard.

We cannot effectively care for our community if we cannot care for one another. Disrespectful behavior, whether in person, online, or behind someone's back, is simply not acceptable. It is unproductive and

undermines the work we are here to do. I do my best to treat everyone with respect, and I ask that each of us do the same. Please choose your words carefully and speak with kindness. As the saying goes, if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all, and I expect that to apply to everyone in this room.

We are here to conduct Board business, and we can only do that effectively in an atmosphere of mutual respect."

Tracie Nash

General Managers Report

Maintenance is currently down one man; we had an injury but hopefully they will return to light duty soon. They have also been working on freeing up all the manholes in preparation for the sewer scoping. They will be starting that process around the first of December.

The Office is still looking for an Office Assistant. The one that we hired did not work out. We have been keeping up in the office with help of a few board members. Elections are coming up. Ballots will be sent out by the end of October, the deadline to return them will be November 28th at 2:59 PM.

Starting November 1st, the yard debris dumpsters will be picked up only once a week, on Wednesdays. We are currently working on the schedule for next year since they will be charging for this service now. We were the last HOA in town that was not being charged a monthly fee.

Facebook – there are too many things I see on Facebook about the office that there is no truth to. The board is in the office to help us when we are short-handed, they are not coming in and taking over or running people away. Please verify that the information is true before putting it on Facebook.

James Tennison

Welcome New Residents

Patricia Hardy - 219

Robert and Mary Jean Flowerday - 412

Ronald and Midori Larsen - 531

Anthony Silva - 638



We would like to honor and remember our cherished GTV friends, neighbors, and family members who have passed away; however, we must first obtain permission from the deceased's family. If you are aware of a GTV resident who has recently passed, please let us know so we can reach out to their next of kin for permission and details. All approved announcements will be published in the next available newsletter.

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Resident Spotlight

"Morning Melvin!" we holler as we walk by (and Melvin sneaks our dog, Oliver some famous rib bones...)

The twelfth child in a southern sharecropper family - "Mama," the chuck wagon cook, initiated Melvin's love of cooking, as he watched her serve the workers with pride and saw how grateful they were. Grown up and driving a truck, Melvin sought out homeless camps on his days off. For 35 years, pots and crockpots came out of his truck, and he served free meals to all who showed up. Just like Mama, he was a giver, enjoying happy and grateful faces.

Melvin's heroes? Elvis Presley (Melvin says "I'm just an ol' houn' dog". Ask about his Elvis story sometime...) and John Wayne (felt like the kind of man he wanted to be).

After retirement, Melvin wanted to serve his community, jumping in on our Greentrees 4th of July meal. Sample his cooking again at Thanksgiving. Melvin serves local community meals, with impromptu meals for our DMV, Police, EMT's and others. Melvin does this because he feels good doing something generous and kind to others and acknowledging their important services. "It's been a good life," Melvin says. He has always practiced honesty, self-reliance, and a caring relationship with his loving wife Jennifer, who hasn't had to cook a meal in 25 years!

Hear "Golden Oldies" in the distance? That will be Melvin cruising around in his converted van. He likes to fish, crab and make videos for Instagram and YouTube, and occasionally shows up for GT exercise class all gussied up in his matching hat, shirt, pants, and boots. Makes us all smile.

This is Melvin Smith: cars, music, cooking, and his wife Jennifer. He shared that being an honest, decent human being is his hope for America.



Sally Ott



Thanksgiving

Every agricultural society has a Thanksgiving festival, sometimes celebrating a specific harvest but generally giving thanks for not just a successful harvest but for blessings and mercies throughout the year.

The Celts had two harvest festivals, one, Lughnasa, at the start of the harvest (celebrated in August) for "first fruits" and one celebrated at the end of harvest: Samhain, the main basis for our Hallowe'en. I'm not sure if they just really liked festivals or if the first festival was hedging their bets in case the full harvest was not as good as hoped.

Obviously, harvests happen at different times based on climate. This is why the English Thanksgiving happens on the Sunday closest to the Harvest Moon (so, late August or early September), Canadian Thanksgiving is observed in the middle of October, while the U.S. festival occurs at the end of November.

Not all Thanksgiving festivals are, strictly speaking, harvest festivals. The most popular and elaborate Thanksgiving festival in Africa is Irreecha, which the Oromo people in Ethiopia celebrate at the start of Spring, usually around various sacred lakes, to thank God for blessings and mercies in the previous year.

American Thanksgiving shares traditions with those of many other cultures. Feasting is the primary similarity, whether that is roast turkey, tofurky, or a fancy tourtiere (meat and potatoes pie). The Scots enjoy Skirlie, which, not surprisingly, features oats. As for watching football, many Thanksgiving traditions involve sports competitions, though usually playing, not watching, sports.

Eleanor Sumpter

Opinion—Siuslaw High School

Today I attended two informational forums discussing the need for a new high school for the Florence school district. One meeting included a tour of our current establishment. The following is what I gleaned from the gatherings:

YES to answer your first concern: It will cost Florence taxpayers money. The good news is that all past bonds are paid off so this bond would not add to money already owed.

Siuslaw High School is 50+ years old (started use in 1970).

You would think it would last longer than that. It hasn't! Since 1970, Florence's population has grown (more students attend than the school was built for), the building does not meet updated requirements (even though attempts have been made to update as much as they can), and to me, the school was so poorly designed as far as student safety. There are 17 entrance/exits which cannot currently be monitored at the same time.



A tour of the facility is encouraged by Mr Mike Harklerode (Mr "H" to the students). You will see some great classrooms. You will also see some crowded ones. There are damaged restrooms and main floors with over 50 years of gum that have been pressed into the floors that can't be removed without great expense. Science classes can't offer a full spectrum of experiments because propane can no longer be piped into the classrooms. There is no area large enough to have assemblies (FEC must be rented in order to have school events). There is not a cafeteria. There are classrooms not available for use because the ventilation cannot be controlled.

Our great teaching staff need to have a good working environment. We need to have more professionals "want" to live in Florence. It can start with our schools.

It is worth your time to take a tour or attend an information discussion. It is a great opportunity to add your opinion to the decision making. Call the high school and get a chance to see for yourself. Make an informed decision and please keep in mind, these remarks I have shared with you are what I observed. What is your opinion?

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In November when the clocks are set back, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Test any wired smoke detectors monthly.

This is also a great time to rotate your emergency food supply and replace it with fresh supplies. When rotating your bottled water (stores for up to 10 years if sealed properly), do not shake, but roll your water bottles to keep them fresh and redistribute sediment. Rolling gently mixes the water without introducing extra air bubbles, which could trap oxygen and speed up bacterial growth or oxidation.

For more tips like these, join us for a meeting! GERT meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 PM in the multipurpose room.

Greentrees emergency communications radio team is always looking for more members and to have all districts represented.

If you are interested, contact Kristel Buechner 541-997-0909.

Kristel Buechner

Low Life

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Help Wanted: DVD Librarian & Movie Columnist

Do you love movies and enjoy sharing your thoughts with others? Are you organized and passionate about keeping media collections in tip-top shape? We're looking for a new DVD Librarian and a writer for our beloved At The Movies articles!

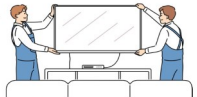
The DVD Librarian role involves keeping the DVD library in the office in alphabetical order. The writer of the 'At The Movies' section in the Village Voice creates monthly write-ups on different movies of the same genre each month.

If you're interested in either role—or both!—please reach out to the Communications Committee at gtv.villagevoice@gmail.com.

A heartfelt thank you to Jim Negri for his many years of dedication and enthusiasm. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we're so grateful for all you've done.



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Fall Back and Stay Safe: Daylight Saving Time Reminder

As daylight saving time ends, it's time to "fall back" by setting your clocks back one hour. The change takes place on Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 AM this year, giving us all a little extra sleep and marking the shift to shorter days and longer nights.

This seasonal time change is also a great opportunity to check your home's safety essentials. Fire departments nationwide recommend using this moment to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Even if your alarms haven't chirped, fresh batteries ensure they're ready to alert you in an emergency.

So before you settle in for the season, take a few minutes to adjust your clocks and test your detectors. It's a simple step that helps keep your household safe and sound all year.

Diane Greer


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Sunshine and Vitamin D

Have you ever wondered about the benefits of Vitamin D? I recently read various articles about Vitamin D, and while I make no medical claims herein, there's some interesting information about the benefits of this significant vitamin. This important vitamin may play a vital role in calcium absorption and bone health, immune system regulation, and support of your body's ability to prevent infections and inflammatory responses that could lead to autoimmune conditions. Vitamin D may also help maintain muscle strength, balance, and coordination. Foods rich in Vitamin D include fatty fish such as salmon, tuna, and egg yolks. And don't forget to read labels because many foods and beverages are fortified with this essential vitamin.

The most significant cause of Vitamin D deficiency is one's lack of exposure to sunlight. With our rainy season and its reduced sunshine fast approaching, getting enough Vitamin D can be a challenge. A supplement may be in order.

There are many good articles and advice available online about this important vitamin. They are well worth the time and effort to check them out.

Jack Stephen

Fundraiser Giveaway – Donations for Christmas Giving Tree

For the fourth year, the Quilt group is donating a quilt to be awarded to a lucky recipient. For a donation of \$1, each entrant will receive an entry into the drawing to be awarded the quilt. Five dollars will garner you six entries. Ticket sales will begin on November 1. Tickets will be available at various events and in the office. ALL donations are given to the Florence Police for the Christmas Giving Tree. Cash funds are used to buy gift cards and other items that are not donated through the Giving Tree toy drive.

This year's quilt was donated to the quilt group (and I am sorry, I cannot remember the donor) and quilted by Diana Lindsley. The quilt measures about 57" x 78" and features a bright floral print on a yellow background with a border of pink and blue, along with the floral print.

The quilt will be awarded at the Quilt Group's quilt show and sale, scheduled for December 14 in the Rec Hall.

Help us raise a lot of money for the Giving Tree by donating to the quilt raffle and you may go home with this lovely quilt.



Quilt Group Donations

Earlier this year, GTV resident Mardi Wetmore donated 54 hand-applied, beautiful quilt blocks to the Quilt Group. She asked that we create a wall hanging of a few for the office to beautify the place. The remaining blocks will be used to create some lap quilts or wall hangings to be sold at the group's quilt show in December.

The group created a wall hanging that measures about 31" x 35". This was a group effort: Diana Lindsley assembled and quilted the wall hanging; Nancy Cook donated fabric for the back and borders; Debbie Guttery donated the quilt hanger. The quilt is now brightening up the office space.

The Quilt Group has taken on another charity. They generally make quilts for the children of Florence, donated through the Giving Tree. This year, they decided to add on the Friends of Florence as a charitable group for donations. On October 17, the group donated 18 Christmas quilts to Linda Adcox of the Friends of Florence (also referred to as "the cancer bus"). The Friends of Florence transport patients from Florence to Eugene for cancer treatments, at no charge. Patients are often cold from the treatments and uncomfortable. The quilts provided will provide some comfort and warmth to them as they make the trip back and forth. After their treatment is over, the patients get to keep the quilts.

The quilt group consists of Diana Lindsley, Debbie Guttery, Patty Harrison, Nancy Cook, Tracie Cook, Toby Erlenmeyer and Barb Johnson.

Diana Lindsley

Craft Fairs

The Greentrees Village Craft Fair is coming your way with two festive opportunities to join the fun. The first event will be held on Saturday, November 8, from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you miss it—or want to participate again—a second fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, also from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Tables are available for \$10 each for residents and \$20 for non-residents, with a limit of two tables per person. You can visit the office anytime to choose your table and sign up for one or both dates.

In addition to handcrafted goods, we'll be selling homemade baked treats to raise funds for the Activities Committee. And if you're feeling hungry, you can purchase chips and a drink and receive a free hot dog.

Whether you're showcasing your creations or simply browsing the imaginative work of your neighbors, we hope you'll be part of this lively community celebration.

Veteran's Day

Please plan on joining your friends and neighbors for a celebration of the Veterans in our community on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 1 PM in the Rec Hall. We will be serving a Baked Potato and Salad Bar with a delicious variety of toppings. All residents and guests are welcome to join us.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Library. Please sign up so we can plan enough food for everyone who wants to attend this free luncheon!

Patty Harrison

Patty Harrison

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Attention Greentrees Elves

It's that time of year when Greentrees elves start thinking about kids in Florence who, through no fault of their own, are forgotten by Santa. Some are living in cars or on friends' couches. One doctor bill or missed house payment and there they are.

GTV has been supporting a Christmas giveaway since 2013 when we donated 46 toys. During Covid, we added a cash/check envelope option. This money, collected in the office, buys gift cards for the older children. Checks can be made out to the Florence Police Department.

Each year we have done better than the last. I am optimistic that will be the case this year. Last year we had 461 toys under the tree and an unbelievable \$2200 in the office envelope, which included \$600 from the quilt raffle. Way to go, Greentrees! Such a caring and generous community.

So, how do YOU become a Greentrees elf? The tree will be up in the Rec Hall before Thanksgiving dinner. Between then and the week before Christmas (maybe the 18th) bring an unwrapped toy and put it under the tree. Or, if shopping makes you nervous, bring a check or cash to the office and let the Florence Police have fun shopping. They know what's needed.

As in the past, there are the quilts that our quilting club makes and donates. See the article about this truly phenomenal and dedicated group.

Any questions? Need help getting a check to the office? Call me!

- Chief Elf Peg Patton 303-913-1833 or 541-997-4177 and leave a message.

Florence Food Share Upcoming Events

Florence Food Share invites you to join two beloved community traditions that help fight hunger in Western Lane County.

First, mark your calendar for the 25th Annual “Pounding” at Grocery Outlet on Saturday, November 22, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Founded and hosted by local businesswoman Cindy Wobbe, this drive-through donation event helps fill the food bank’s shelves just in time for the holidays. Community members are encouraged to bring canned, boxed, and frozen food items—donations that make a real difference for local families in need. Volunteers will be on hand to collect your contributions safely and efficiently right in front of the store.

Then, celebrate creativity and compassion at the 29th Empty Bowls Fundraiser, happening December 5th–7th at the Florence Events Center. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to enjoy this family-friendly event featuring stunning handmade bowls and artwork created by talented local artists. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and artists alike, all proceeds benefit Florence Food Share, helping ensure that no one in our community goes hungry this winter.

Together, these events bring neighbors, artists, and businesses together in the spirit of giving. Whether you’re dropping off food or selecting a handcrafted bowl, your participation helps fill more than shelves—it fills hearts across Western Lane County.

Florence Food Share

Thanksgiving Day Meal

Thanksgiving dinner this year will have a Southern flair with cornbread stuffing, baked beans, and greens along with the traditional options. Melvin Smith is the guest chef sharing some of his family favorites with us. You can read more about Melvin in the Resident Spotlight in this issue.

There is a sign-up sheet in the library for you and your guests to join the event. Please sign up by Friday, November 21, 2025. There is also an option to sign up for Home delivery for shut-ins.

Patty Harrison

Corn Pudding Recipe

- 5 Large eggs
- 1/4 c white sugar
- 1/2 c milk or 1/2 & 1/2
- 1/4 c cornstarch
- 1 15 oz can whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 15 oz cans cream style corn

Mix all ingredients together.

1/2 c melted butter

Add melted butter and mix again.

Pour into a greased or sprayed 9” x 9” pan. Bake 50-60 minutes at 400 degrees.

Patty Harrison

PAW-liday Store Grand Opening

Get ready to deck the paws! The Oregon Coast Humane Society’s beloved PAW-liday Store returns this season, bringing festive cheer and support for local animals in need. OCHS volunteers have been gathering holiday décor and treasures all year to make this event extra special.

The store opens Friday, November 1 at 10 AM and will be open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM throughout November and into early December. Stop by to explore a wonderful variety of gently used and new holiday decorations, ornaments, gifts, and more.

Every purchase helps fund the care of animals at OCHS—so you can shop with heart and purpose. Come celebrate the season and make a difference!



Sing, sing a song
Sing out loud
Sing out strong
Sing of good things not
bad



Fun Nights of Karaoke

Join us in the Rec Hall for an evening filled with singing, laughter, and a fantastic time with family and friends! Hosted by Fonda, our very own Karaoke Queen, you can choose to sing solo, perform a duet, or join in a group sing-along.

Our next Karaoke night will take place on November 21st, from 6 PM to 8 PM. So, put on your dancing shoes, invite a friend, and bring your favorite snack to share. We can’t wait to see you there!

Colleen Starkey

Poetry Corner – Poet of the month is Ted Kooser

Ted Kooser had his “day job” with an insurance company, but also wrote poems, publishing many books, which are still available. He was the Poet Laureate of Congress from 2004 to 2006, the only poet appointed to that position from rural Midwest America.

Born in 1939 he is still with us and living in Garland NE. More can be discovered about his works online.

In the autumn of 1998, recovering from cancer treatment Ted took daily two mile walks before dawn (to avoid sunshine). At home he then wrote poems about what he saw. These were eventually published as “Early Morning Walks: one hundred postcards to Jim Harrison”. Below are four of these poems.

Sally Daugherty

november 14

In the low forties and clear

My wife and I walk the cold road
in silence, asking for thirty more years.

There’s a pink and blue sunrise
with an accent of red:
a hunter’s cap burns like a coal
in the yellow-grey of the woods

november 18

Cloudy, dark and windy

Walking by flashlight
at six in the morning,
my circle of light on the gravel
swinging side by side,
coyote, raccoon, field mouse, sparrow,
each watching from darkness
this man with the moon on a leash.

december 2

Clear and cool

Walking in darkness in awe,
beneath a billion indifferent stars
at quarter to six in the morning,
the moon already down
and gone, but keeping a pale lamp burning
at the edge of the west,
my shoes too loud in the gravel
that faintly lit, looks to be little more
than a contrail of vapor,
so thin, so insubstantial it could,
on a whim, let me drop through it
and out of the day,
but I have taught myself
to place one foot ahead of the other
in noisy confidence
as if each morning might be trusted
as if the sounds I make might buoy me up

february 1

breezy and cold

new snow has draped its bed sheets
over a month’s old furniture
and with its icy dead-bolt locked the house
where January lived.

Your Poem Could Be Here: Submit your
poems to: gtv.villagevoice@gmail.com



Happy Thanksgiving!

Photography



Photography by Will Von Dauster



Florence Habitat Brings Free Yard Help to Your Neighborhood!

Florence, OR – Get ready to welcome some friendly faces (and powerful tools) to your yard!

Florence Habitat for Humanity is hitting the streets with our trusty Brush of Kindness Tool Trailer, offering **free basic yard maintenance** to Greentrees residents on July xx. From weeding and pruning to trimming and tidying, our team is ready to help keep your yard looking its best.

“We know how tough it can be to keep up with outdoor chores, especially as we get older,” says Misty, Florence Habitat’s volunteer coordinator. “That’s why we’re rolling out the trailer and bringing our helping hands directly to the folks who need it most.”

The services are completely **free**, but **donations are gladly accepted** to help support ongoing programs like this one.

And here’s the best part: you don’t just have to sit back and watch the magic happen — **you can be part of it!** Florence Habitat is always looking for volunteers to join the team. Whether you’ve got a green thumb or just a willing heart, there’s a place for you on the crew.

To sign up for help — or to volunteer — call Misty at 541-902-9227 or visit FlorenceHabitat.org.

Together we build homes, stronger communities and hope.

It all starts with a home and you!

Your Photos Could Be Here: Submit your photos to: gtv.villagevoice@gmail.com



Greentrees Village Assistance Fund

Are you in need of financial assistance to pay a utility bill or a home or appliance repair bill? You can call Siuslaw Outreach services at (541) 997-2816 for assistance.

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

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2025 Halloween Potluck

By Golly! It's Halloween AGAIN! Seems like we just put all the yard decor back in the garage and packed away the costumes. Well, get ready! The costume party was bigger than ever this year. We all got to be children for an evening again with lots of smiles, laughter, and of course all the holiday food (no one is looking at how full you fill your plate).

Thanks to Carole for her advanced planning in having the contestants put their show on before dinner so we can all see their marvelous costumes. We are a creative crowd, from our "chefs" to our display of sequins, fabrics, fake jewels, wigs, make-up and imaginations. Congratulations to our prize winners and to all who participated. You are all winners in my book.

Sally Ott

Shakespeare's Sonnet 73 on Autumn

That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day
As after sunset fadeth in the west,
Which by and by black night doth take away,
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
As the death-bed whereon it must expire,
Consum'd with that which it was nourish'd by.
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,
To love that well which thou must leave ere long.



Halloween 2022—Dianna Allison; Jim Negri, and Doug Hansen



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"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go".—Unknown

Thanksgiving Word Search

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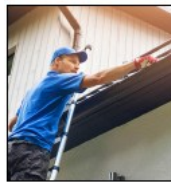
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Dog of the Month—Harley

Meet Harley, he is pounds of pure love, wrapped in fur and powered by tail wags and snacks. A unique blend of Great Dane elegance and Pit Bull charm, Harley's hobbies include leaning on humans like they're furniture, chasing invisible squirrels, and perfecting the art of the "guilty but adorable" look. Whether it's a lazy couch day or an adventure in the yard, Harley's your go-to buddy. He may be a big boy, but don't let his size fool you. His favorite place to be is in your lap (or as close as he can get). He gives great cuddles, listens when snacks are involved, and has mastered the zoomies like a pro. Loyal, lovable, and a little bit clumsy - Harley is just here to love and be loved.



Cat of the Month—Mabel

Mabel is a sassy senior cat who came to OCHS after her owners passed away. She's got plenty of personality, a touch of cattitude, and a soft spot for those who appreciate her confident charm. If you love a feline who knows what she wants (and looks fabulous doing it), Mabel's the queen for you!

Jaclyn Parker
Executive Assistant
Oregon Coast Humane Society



Wilbur

Today is quiet
minus a feisty little dog
named Wilbur.
No longer to prance
by my house, run the beach.

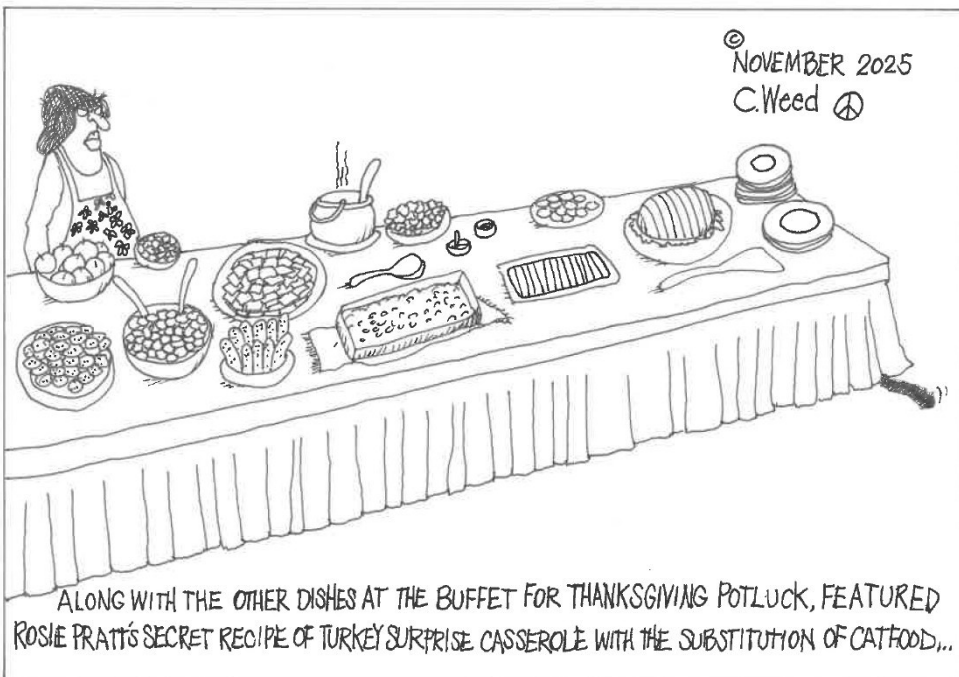
Small in size
always well-groomed
greeting each day
with a hearty bark..
He was my dog's friend.

He will be missed.
So this morning I salute
every small dog
giving their best each day
for an owner they love.

Also the owners
who pay for food, grooming
and Vet visits.
They know when it's time
to say that last goodbye.

Rest Stop

by C.Weed



AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

GENRE: Fantasy and Horror

FANTASY....

Brave -- 2012: Merida (Kelly Macdonald), the impetuous but courageous daughter of Scottish King Fergus (Billy Connolly) and Queen Elinor (Emma Thompson), is a skilled archer who wants to carve out her own path in life. Her defiance of an age-old tradition angers the Highland lords and leads to chaos in the kingdom. Merida seeks help from an eccentric witch (Julie Walters), who grants her an ill-fated wish. Now, Merida must discover the true meaning of courage and undo a beastly curse before it's too late.

Bridge to Terabithia -- 2007: The life of Jesse (Josh Hutcherson), an adolescent, changes when he befriends Leslie (AnnaSophia Robb), the class outsider. The children create an imaginary world called Terabithia, which is inhabited by all manner of magical creatures. Though difficulties fill their ordinary lives, Jesse and Leslie rule as king and queen in Terabithia. Soon one of the friends must draw on the strength of their imaginary kingdom to cope with a tragedy.

Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them -- 2006: Fantastic Beasts is a film series directed by David Yates, and a spin-off prequel to the Harry Potter novel and film series.

Meet Joe Black -- 1998: Bill Parrish (Anthony Hopkins), businessman and devoted family man, is about to celebrate his 65th birthday. However, before he reaches that landmark, he is visited by Death (Brad Pitt), who has taken human form as Joe Black, a young man who recently died. Joe and Bill make a deal: Bill will be given a few extra days of his life, and Joe will spend the same time getting to know what it's like to be human. It seems like a perfect arrangement, until Joe falls in love -- with Bill's daughter.

The Polar Bear King -- 1999: After his father is killed, King Valemon ascends the throne, only to be turned into a polar bear by a bitter witch who wants to be his queen.

The Secret of Roan Inish -- 1995: Fiona (Jeni Courtney) is a young Irish girl with an unusual family history, including a long-missing baby brother. When she goes to live with her grandparents on the west coast of Ireland, Fiona hears stories about her ancestors, tales that involve mythical creatures called selkies who can shift from seal to human form. After Fiona ends up on the small island of Roan Inish, her family's ancestral home, she believes she may have found her little brother living by the sea.

Stranger Than Fiction -- 2006: A mentally unstable IRS auditor (Will Ferrell) hears an author's (Emma Thompson) voice in his head and discovers that he is the ill-fated protagonist of her latest work. While a book-company employee (Queen Latifah) tries to cure the author's case of writer's block, the auditor and a professor (Dustin Hoffman) set out to find the woman and make her change her story.

HORROR...

Bedeviled -- 2016: Terror strikes when five teens download a malevolent app that uses their deepest, darkest fears to torment them.

Ghost Ship -- 2002: In a remote region of the Bering Sea, a boat salvage crew discovers the eerie remains of a grand passenger liner thought lost for more than 40 years. But once onboard the eerie, cavernous ship, the crew of the Arctic Warrior discovers that the decaying vessel is anything but deserted. It's home to something more deadly and horrific than anything they've encountered in all their years at sea.

Pay the Ghost -- 2015: Mike Cole's life is torn apart when his son is abducted during a Halloween parade. Desperate to bring him home again, Mike must risk everything to unravel a terrifying supernatural mystery.

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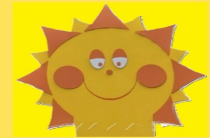
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Fred Miller

District #1

Friends and Neighbors, I have put myself forward as a candidate to represent District 1 on our community's Board of Directors. If elected, I will listen to and work for the best interest of of all residents of Greentrees Village.

After serving in the Army and finishing my education, I engaged in a career as a Commercial Banker (40 years) specialising in Commercial Real Estate Financing and Management, including Planned Unit Developments. Post retirement, we moved from Atlanta Ga. to Greentrees Village in January of 2017. I served on the Greentrees Board for two years (2018- 2019), when it functioned with an atmosphere of consensus and collegiality. I also served as Bingo chair and on the Activities Committee for several years.

As a representative on the board I will seek a balance in our decision making and encourage a return to consensus and collegiality in our deliberations. Boards that work best, work together. Pandering to factious self interests is wasteful and unhealthy for any community. Transparency, mindful management and fiscal conservatism is my goal for our community's Board in the future.

I request that you support my candidacy.

Well functioning Boards begin with the ballot box!

Sincerely,

Fred Miller



Elizabeth Lugg

District #5

Born and raised in Northern Ireland, I immigrated to the U.S. as a young woman, spending some time in Missoula, Montana, San Francisco, and then, with my husband Charles, settling for the next forty-three years in Casper, Wyoming.

Although at heart, always British, I became an American citizen in 1974 as I wanted to vote, and have done so regularly since then.

I was employed by the Natrona County School District as an elementary school librarian. And later, with Library Services, I helped to set up a centralized library computer system, (Union Cat), shared by all elementary and middle-school libraries in our District.

During this time, I also worked as a volunteer for NAMI, (National Alliance of the Mentally Ill) as a Family To Family Program Trainer, later becoming Treasurer and then President of the parent group. My greatest accomplishment was getting a grant from United Way to enable us to expand our client program.

When the Ad Hoc Committee was formed here in Greentrees to re-visit the outdated CC&Rs and Bylaws I felt curious enough to apply and I'm glad I did – hard work but an update is necessary

Our District hasn't had their own District representative in years. I have no specific goals set to accomplish should I be successful in being elected, other than listening carefully to all concerns and being a good neighbor.



Jack Stephen

District #9

One of the reasons I moved to our village was its friendly and neighborly feel. After moving in, I found ways to get involved to help ensure that it stayed that way. One was by sharing my experience in building and home care and by writing plumbing and fire protection articles for our newsletter. Subsequent to submitting plans for a building project at my home, I joined our Architectural Control and Properties Committees.

Learning the village rules and regulations opened my eyes to how we can preserve our existing standards. Going to our monthly potluck dinners also encouraged me to join the Activities Committee. From volunteering to cook a turkey for a village Thanksgiving dinner and to peeling what seemed like a million potatoes, helping to maintain our friendly atmosphere was well worth it.

After attending a recent Oregon HOA law seminar, I learned that various new laws are going to affect all HOAs like ours. They may have a substantial impact on our CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations and these next few years could bring significant changes to our village. I will work toward retaining our village's ambiance and I ask for your vote to help keep our community the way we enjoy it today.



Leslie Shaw

Alternate

I have lived in Greentrees Village for 13 years and have experienced many Managers, office staff and Boards. I have met and worked with many talented, knowledgeable, and passionate volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to our park; as well as wonderful and compassionate office staff, maintenance staff and Managers. After serving 2 years as District 7 Representative, I decided to run as an alternate. This allows my past Board and finance experience to carry forward into the next 2 year cycle and to work with a new Board. My number 1 priority: updating the CC&R's and Bylaws. Our current ones are obsolete and need to be updated to meet current laws and that will protect our homeowners. I look forward to working with all homeowners if chosen as an alternate candidate.

Leslie Shaw



Patty Harrison

Alternate

I am honored to offer my candidacy for continued service on the Greentrees Village Board. With a diverse professional background and a deep commitment to community, I bring both practical experience and a collaborative spirit to the role.

My qualifications include serving as a Librarian, Paramedic IV, Restaurant Owner, and working for 15 years as a bonded and insured private contractor for the State of Oregon. These roles have taught me the value of service, accountability, and adaptability—qualities I bring to every board decision.

My community involvement spans decades, including service on the Woodburn Schools Budget Committee and School Board, the Eugene/Springfield Habitat for Humanity Board, and as President and Board Member of the Springfield Lions from 2004 to 2018. Since 2022, I've proudly served on the GTV Board, continuing through October 2024 to the present.

During my time on the board, I've upheld our code of ethics and board norms, supporting decisions even when I've cast a dissenting vote. I believe in respectful dialogue and shared responsibility. One of my priorities has been advocating for annual increases to the Reserve Fund. With rising costs and aging infrastructure, it's essential that we plan ahead. If we fail to contribute our fair share now, we risk burdening future homeowners with expenses we should have addressed. Fiscal responsibility today ensures a sustainable tomorrow.

I ask for your support so I can continue working toward a stronger, more resilient Greentrees Village—where transparency, foresight, and community care guide every decision.

Patty Harrison



Carol Murphy

Alternate

My name is Carol Murphy. I am running for an alternate position on the GTV Board of Directors.

I have lived in GTV since the passing of my husband 8 years ago. I reside at 584 with my pups, Sophie & Rosie and the cat, Miscka.

I have spent the majority of my life doing volunteer work in a variety of positions including Florence Food Share, 11 yrs and 3 yrs on the Board there. I have also worked at Siuslaw Outreach services for 3 yrs. My participation here at GTV has been a short time as Recording Secretary to the Board and a variety of other projects.

If I am selected as a representative, I will do my very best to serve the District I am appointed to and keep the concerns of the District uppermost in my mind while serving. I am a firm believer in Communication, Cooperation and Compromise.