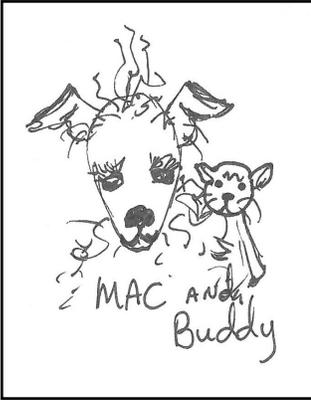


## Buddy & Mac



We are still missing our little Jasmine, but I'm certain she's in pet heaven keeping all the other residents in line. She was tiny, but fierce!

It's funny how things change with your other pets when one dies. Buddy and Lulu are sleeping on the dog bed with me and I'm not chasing them away. Lulu sits on mom's lap and is so much quieter now.

She's still really naughty sometimes, but a lot more lovey and needy. I guess losing Jasmine made us all appreciate each other a bit more.

Hey, did you know that animal abuse is now a felony in all 50 states! That took a lot of work for many dedicated animal lovers. Hurrah! Now folks need to say something, when they see it happening. No excuses, because it's a living creature's life at stake. Better to be wrong, than silent.

Tip of the Month: Here's a recipe for Dry Dog Shampoo. Get a large empty shaker and clean it **really** well. Put in 1 cup cornstarch, 1 cup baking soda and 3 to 5 drops essential oil of lavender, or vanilla. Mix well. Sprinkle all over your pet, brush it through the coat thoroughly. Let stay on pet for at least 5 full minutes, then towel it off. Use a hair dryer to get more off if needed. It worked on me and I am a really stinky dog.

Happy Valentines Day to all my adoring ladies (human and furry).

Mac Duffie Valentino XOXOXO

## *In Memoriam*



**Bob Jackson** - lot 567

9/19/1921 - 1/7/2016

**Ronald Whitburn**, lot 622

12/3/1929 - 1/7/2016

**Lona Speen**, lot 531

passed away 1/7/2016

**Mel Schlaefli**, lot 601

4/8/1928 - 1/13/2016

## Computer Club by Pat Miller

Following the support policy announced in 2014, Microsoft (MS) is cleaning house. It's out with "obsolete" operating systems and browsers.

MS will only support the newest version of Internet Explorer (IE) on each supported version of Windows. A January IE update was the last for IE 7 and 8. IE 9 is now the only supported version on Windows Vista and IE 11 is now the only supported version on Win7 and Win8.1.

At the same time, MS dropped support for Win8.0. To continue to receive security updates, users need to update to Win8.1 (or the Win10 upgrade) to be fully supported.

Gene Fisher is back in Greentrees for a short visit in February. He'll be leading some classes on all things Apple, Android, etc.

February class schedule – come join us:

2/1 - Gene Fisher. Added Monday class.

2/3 Gene Fisher

2/17 Jep Norwood

Happy  Day



## Welcome New Residents

**Patrick & Gail Burford**, lot 295

**Marilyn & Gary Parmele**, lot 693

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## 2016 GTV Projects Begin

You may have seen the work crews on 1st Street North in Greentrees Village East. Contractors have begun installing new water lines as part of the Association's 2016 work projects. In 2016 we will finish replacing the water lines on 1st street North and then replace the water lines on 4th Street North. A new retaining wall has already been constructed along the east side of 1st Street South, and the new ADA toilet and enclosure and other renovations are nearly complete in the Family Men's room in the Clubhouse.

This year we will also be doing an asphalt overlay on the streets of the 400s, refinishing the family pool deck and our normal street sealing in the summer.

## Christmas Toy Drive by Peg Patton

Thank you, Greentrees Village, for your generosity in supporting our toy drive this past Christmas. We collected 85 toys and 45 stuffed animals for a grand total of 130 toys under our tree. That was a huge increase from last year's total of 88.

This year the Soroptimists had over 155 families who were able to choose multiple gifts for each child. Thanks to the Activity Committee for including the toy drive in all their activities, and to Kris and Della for helping me bag the toys for delivery to the Soroptimists for distribution on the 19th.

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas. Know that you helped to make Christmas happier for some child here in the Florence area - not to mention the parent(s) watching their child open an unexpected present.

## Bunco Time Change by Larry Elliott

Bunco players - we have a time change. Monthly game times: 1:30 PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. There will be no more Sunday games. And just a reminder, we no longer have a sign-up sheet in the Library. It costs \$4 to play. All money collected is given back in prizes. Last names of A - L, bring a snack on the first Thursday. M - Z, bring a snack on the 3rd Thursday.

## Board Elections Delayed

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the board moved to delay electing officers for 2016 due to one of the board members not being present. Elections will be held at the Feb-



ruary meeting for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

## Rain, Rain, Go Away

The heavy rains in recent weeks have caused several property owners in Greentrees to request that the Association do something to divert water on the roadways from running onto their property.

The Property Committee wants to remind owners that the developers of Greentrees Village did not provide a storm water drainage system. For that reason, our CC&Rs require that storm run-off water be percolated into the soil near its point of origin. In fact, one of the primary purposes of the greenbelts between properties is to percolate storm water. Per our CC&Rs, each owner agrees to not interfere in any way with the natural drainage of water over their lot from adjoining or other lots and to make adequate provisions for proper drainage.

In short, because we have no storm water drainage system, anything the Association could do to divert water from the roads from running onto an owner's property would simply divert the water to a neighbors lot and compound the drainage problem for that property. That is why it is the responsibility of each owner to percolate the storm water that drains to their property. Over the years, many owner have found it necessary to put in a sump pump where water pools in order to pump the water to their greenbelt where it can percolate into the soil.

**Greentrees Village Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2016**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President George Lyddon. Eight regular Board members were present. Gary Savaiano served as alternate in the absence of Peg Patton. Fred Burns recognized Mr. Lyddon for his service as President of the BOD and gave him a parting gift from the Board.

**Approval of the Board Agenda:** The Board Agenda was approved by acceptance with no changes.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** G. Lyddon moved to approve the BOD meeting minutes of December 8, 2015. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

**Financial Report, 2015 Year End:** P. Miller presented the Financial Report Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015. Cash on hand in our Operating account checking/savings is \$348,672.82. The Reserve Fund has \$455,993.51 for a balance of \$804,666.33. We ended our year in the black.

**Retiring of the 2015 BOD and Seating of the 2016 BOD:** G. Lyddon thanked everyone for their hard work and cooperation in 2015. He thanked R. B. Taylor for his service to the Board and welcomed Wayne Fisher. The 2015 Board of Directors was then retired. The 2016 Board of Directors, including new Board member Wayne Fisher of District #3 were then seated.

**Roll Call of the 2016 BOD:** Eight regular board members were present. Gary Savaiano served as alternate in the absence of Peg Patton.

**Call for Nominations and Election of Officers:** F. Burns motioned to move the Election of Officers to the February 9, 2016 BOD meeting, due to the absence of Peg Patton at today's meeting. Discussion Followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

**President's Comments:** G. Lyddon thanked Charles Enslow and all the other helpers for putting on a great Christmas Party.

**Owner's Forum:** Bruce Smith, Lot #543, recommended that all Greentrees Lot owners have an automatic gate opener (*Problem, they are no longer available*). George Lyddon, Lot #200, brought the audience up-to-date on a City Council item regarding the elimination of Columbus Day and creation of Indigenous Peoples Day in its place. Instead, the Mayor will meet with the Tribe to discuss honoring the current federal holiday, "Native American Heritage Day", which is the day after Thanksgiving. Mr. Lyddon thanked Pat Miller, Jack Branson and Ralph and Vicki Martin for their help in stopping the elimination of Columbus Day.

**Correspondence:** Letter from Dee Darrow, Chairman of the Siuslaw Friendship Club, dated December 28, 2015, regarding use of the Recreation Hall for their Pinochle Group. This item is on today's Agenda. See *New Business: (01-06-16)*

*Friendship Club Request: V. Martin.*

**General Manager's Report:** Louis Dashofy reported that we have begun our 2016 projects, starting with the retaining wall just built on 1<sup>st</sup> Street which is very attractive. We are beginning our 2016 waterline work. The ADA work in the men's family restroom is nearly completed. We are waiting for a countertop, lights and some paint, which maintenance will be doing. This will be the end of last year's work. We will be doing the same thing to the women's family restroom this year. In 2015, 67 homes were sold. In 2014, 55 homes sold. That had been the biggest year ever until now. More than 10% of our population turned over in one year. Homes are continuing to sell, including several thisweek. We had to replace the gas heater in the Adult Pool for \$2,995.00. There have been a few glitches with the clubhouse doors but we should be on line this weekend. Per the Board, the doors will be locked all weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) and at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You will need a gate card or fob to get in during those times. Nearly 200 key fobs have been sold and 200 more have been ordered. We are beginning the 2015 audit with the firm of Jones and Roth. We will have it by the end of March for distribution. There is a sewer problem on 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, which is being worked on now. We are also beginning the 2016 Reserve Study.

**Committee & Club Reports: (Architectural Committee):** R. B. Taylor reported that there were no permits issued for the month of December. **(Bingo Committee):** Mary Lou West reported that bingo has averaged 26 attendees per week during the past year. There was a total of \$11,674.00 in payouts over the last 52 weeks, which includes Progressive and Powerball payouts. The year ended with a positive net gain balance of \$713.29. Mary welcomed all players within Greentrees to join us on Saturday evenings for some fun, good treats and door prizes. Bingo is open to all owners or renters, and their invited guests. Guests must be 18 years of age or older to attend. **(Property Committee):** Wayne Fisher reported the consultant on the road overlay project will put it out to bid whenever he determines the time is right, depending on the weather. The Exercise Room will be discussed on the Agenda today. See *New Business, (01-03-16) Exercise Room: W. Fisher.* **(Activity Committee):** Carol Fisher said there are no events scheduled in February and that the 2016 Schedule will be discussed on today's Agenda. See *New Business (01-04-16) 2016 Activity Committee Schedule: D. Johnsen.* Volunteer Hosts are still needed for the Halloween party potluck; Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The next meeting of the Activity Committee will be on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. **(Computer Club):** Pat Miller's annual report to the BOD was a reiteration of all 2015 monthly reports. She reported 2015 income and interest of \$4,706.16 and expenses of \$5,167.14, with a negative net for 2015 being <\$450.98>. She thanked Computer Club officers, old and new, and all club members for all of their work on behalf of the Computer Club. Pat presented a check for \$500.00 from the

Computer Club to Greentrees Village to be used to defray expenses related to the installation of Charter cable in the RV Park. She said the Club is very happy to see that the RV Park will be getting much needed Internet services. **(Art Advisory Committee):** Bill Johnson reported that there are currently no displays in the cabinets in the Library. He requested people come forward to display their arts and crafts or collections. *As always, if you would like to display your crafts or collection, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Library and see someone in the office, to fill out an application.*

**Unfinished Business: (12-03-15) Request to Widen Road:** Mr. Johnsen refreshed everyone's memory on his request at the last meeting regarding the danger of oncoming traffic and the speed of traffic going up and down the hill on 1st Street North and his recommendation of an 18-inch, non-skid surface, concrete sidewalk to be placed on the west side of 1st Street North. The sidewalk would extend from the entrance to Lots #402 and 403 for approximately 140 feet to the beginning of Lot #404. He added the possibility of widening the road when the road overlays are done. D. Johnsen motioned that the Board authorize the Property Committee to obtain an estimate for the sidewalk to be done; alone or in conjunction with the road overlay bid. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

**New Business: (01-01-16) Approval of B.O.D. Meeting Dates:** G. Lyddon moved to approve the 2016 Board Calendar. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* **(01-02-16) 2016 Water Service Work:** Bill Johnson stated that replacement of new water services at Lots 222-224; 226-232; 234; 240-251; 291-296 and 315-319 are budgeted for and being done in 2016. Bill Johnson motioned to approve expenditures from the Reserve Fund to complete the scheduled waterline replacements. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* **(01-03-16) Exercise Room:** Wayne Fisher again reported that the southwest corner of the Exercise Room floor has sunk between 3 and 4 inches. A rough estimate of \$13,500.00 for repair has been obtained from one source. A second source estimate is scheduled for January 28, 2016; with the intention being, to present both estimates at the next BOD meeting. **(01-04-16) 2016 Activity Committee Schedule:** D. Johnsen moved to approve the Activity Committee 2016 Schedule. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* **(01-05-16) Adult Pool Heater Replacement:** The heater in the Adult Pool had to be replaced on December 29, 2015. F. Burns motioned that the Board approve an expenditure of \$2,995.00 to pay for the installed heater. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* **(01-06-16) Friendship Club Request:** V. Martin moved to allow the Siuslaw Friendship Club to continue rental of the Recreation Room on Thursdays of each month throughout 2016; with an extended time from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.; at a charge of \$50.00 per month with exceptions being the second Thursday of each month (other than August) and Thanksgiving

Day (November 24<sup>th</sup>). Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.*

**Other Business:** None.

**Announcements:** G. Lyddon welcomed everyone to the Potluck on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Fred and Sharon Burns and thanked Ruth Smelly and Betty Turner for serving cake for today's meeting.

**G. Lyddon moved to adjourn the meeting.** *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **Adjournment at 1:43 p.m.**

## GTV 2016 Activity Schedule

The Activity Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Clubhouse Conference Room at 1 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

### January

Potluck - 1/22/16

### February

Potluck - 2/26/16

### March

St. Patrick's Day Dinner - 3/17/16

Potluck - 3/25/16

### April

Potluck - 4/22/16

### May

Mother's Day Breakfast - 5/8/16

Potluck - 5/27/16

### June

Garden Tour - 6/25/16

Father's Day Breakfast - 6/19/16

Potluck - 6/24/16

### July

Independents Day BBQ - 7/4/16

GTV Flea Market - 7/16/16 (tentative)

Potluck - 7/22/16

### August

Annual Meeting - 8/6/16

Luau - 8/21/16

Potluck - 8/26/16

### September

Property-wide Yard Sale - 9/3/16

Octoberfest potluck - 9/23/16

### October

Craft Fair & Bake Sale - 10/15/16

Halloween Potluck - no date set yet

### November

Veteran's Appreciation Lunch - 11/5/16

Thanksgiving Dinner - 11/24/16

### December

Hor d'oeuvres Party - 12/4/16

Christmas Dinner 12/25/16