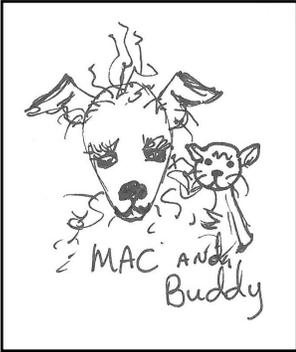


## Buddy & Mac



Hi all, and Happy New Year!

We had quite the scare when naughty Lulu escaped to the out of doors. She was gone for nearly three days. The worst part was that we thought the rumored catnappers had gotten her. Yes folks, it seems that someone might think they can trap cats in Greentrees and let

them loose in Reedsport. Not only is that rotten for the cats, but it is actually **against the law**. It is best for cats to live indoors, but some folks still let them out, and like us, some indoor cats escape now and then. Be on the alert, and let's hope it's just a silly rumor. But if there are two lady catnappers out there in Greentrees... my mommy and her friends **will find you**.

Maybe in 2016 pet owners will bring in some pictures of your pets to the office? We could feature a pet a month. Maybe you guys out there have some suggestions or questions we could try to answer? We are listening.

Too many treats over the holidays, so it's time to play more and walk a lot more. I wish we had a place we could run after a ball safely. Buddy and Lulu just run around inside and play with strings and flying things on strings. Cats are very odd and easily entertained. Lots of walks and sniffing and searching out potty spots, now that's entertainment!

**Tip of the month:** Larger and older dogs should not run in sand. Our back legs and elbows can't handle the stress and it can cause lots of problems for us. A slow walk on firm sand is fine. Take care not to overdo. Too bad we don't have a doggy pool, cuz mom says the river water makes me stink and I love to get wet.

A NEW YEAR...A NEW ATTITUDE!

*Your friend, Mac*

**The Activity Club** by Carol Fisher and Faye Walters

The Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success, serving 180 dinners. Larry Elliot and his crew put on a feast. This was the most dinners served in a long time. Thank you all who helped make it a success.

December 6th we had a hors d' oeuvres potluck party. We counted 40 in attendance. Everyone brought their favorite finger food or dessert. The Greentrees 5 played festive Christmas music throughout the party and eve-

ryone enjoyed the music very much. We gave away five large beautiful Poinsettia plants and two pair of beaded Christmas earrings made by Della Ault. Thank you Della for the earrings, and thank all of you who came to the party.

The next event is the Christmas dinner which is free to residents and \$3 for guests. Charlie Enslow, Fred and Sharon Burns and Jeff Myers will be cooking this feast of ham and scalloped potatoes. Side dishes are potluck. Tickets will be sold for a 50/50 drawing and raffle prizes. Dinner will be served at 4:00 PM.

Activity meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Computer Club** by Pat Miller

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

At our December business meeting, we approved our budget for 2016 and elected 2016 officers. Pat Miller—President, Gene Fisher—Vice President, Connie Goddard—Treasurer, and Gary Smith—Secretary. Jack Branson will stay on as Advertising Coordinator.

I would like to thank the officers, old and new, and the club members that work on behalf of the Club. You all make it work.

Beginning 1/12/16, Microsoft will end tech support and security updates for versions of Internet Explorer earlier than version 11. To be sure your browser is as safe as possible, you should upgrade to the latest version of IE that your version of Windows supports, if you haven't already done so. Chrome and Firefox users may need to take action as well. XP users will have to switch to an alternative browser to navigate the Web (somewhat) safely. But Google has announced they are dropping support for Chrome on XP and Vista in April 2016. Mozilla Firefox will continue to receive security updates on XP Service Pack 2 or later because the same Firefox code runs on all versions of Windows. However, Mozilla warns users that Firefox is only as secure as the operating system under which it runs. Switching to Firefox (or Opera, or any other browser) won't make XP safe.

January class schedule – come join us.

1/6 Class – Open Workshop

1/20 Jep Norwood

To all Greentrees residents from the members of the Greentrees Computer Club: Best wishes for a peaceful, happy, healthy 2016.



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## 2016 Board to be Seated

At the Board of Directors meeting on January 12th, the 2016 Board will be seated. The newly elected Directors will be: District 1, Fred Burns; District 3, Wayne Fisher; District 5, Peg Patton; District 7, Vicki Martin and District 9, Bill Johnson. The third Board Alternate will be Jeff Myers.

Directors serving the second year of their term in 2016 will be: District 2, Dolores Morgan; District 4, George Lyddon; District 6, David Johnsen and District 8, Pat Miller. Gary Savaiano and Bruce Littlepage will be completing their two-year terms in 2016.

The Board will also be electing the 2016 Board officers at the January meeting.

## Hours Extended For Clubhouse Locks

At the December 8th board meeting, the board of directors extended the hours that the new locks will be turned on at the Clubhouse. Beginning on January 7th, The locks will be activated from 4:00 PM until 10:00 PM Monday through Friday. They will also be activated throughout the day and evening on Saturdays and Sundays. Residents will need to use their gate cards or door fobs to enter during those hours. The Clubhouse will remain unlocked between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

## Computer Club Elections

The Computer Club officers for 2016 will be: President, Pat Miller; Vice President, Gene Fisher; Secretary, Gary Smith; Treasurer, Connie Goddard and Advertising, Jack Branson. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to run for a club office.

## Greentrees Village Facebook Page

by Gary Smith  
Samantha Strausser has passed the Admin baton to me for management of the Greentrees Facebook page. (Please see my personal introduction message on our Facebook page.) Samantha did a great job giving life to the Page and I'd like to continue expanding the use of it. It's a great place to announce meetings, ask questions and post photos of your favorite places and things.



When you visit your personal Facebook page do a search for Greentrees Village Inc. Be sure to "like" the GTV page and then you'll see all new posts in your personal news feed. I look forward to seeing all of your Greentrees photos, and I'll be glad to assist creating photo albums for any and all Greentrees events.

Have fun and please comment on your neighbors' posts and photos.

## Survey Results

In the 2016 assessment billing that was mailed to owners in December was included a survey which asked owners if they would be interested in using Association funds to build a floating dock on the Siuslaw river. The idea was developed by several owners who have some experience in doing such things. The 'ballpark' cost of the dock was estimated at \$100,000. Before the Association committed any funds to look into the floating dock idea, the Board wanted to see if there was any interest from owners in proceeding to get hard costs on the project.

The surveys are still trickling in, but as of this newsletter the surveys are running about 5 to 1 against using Greentrees funds for such a project. The office has received 102 surveys opposed to the dock, and 21 in favor.

The Board feels that the results are conclusive and will not pursue the floating dock idea.

**Greentrees Village Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2015**

**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 R. B. Taylor.

**Approval of the Board Agenda:** P. Miller motioned to approve the Agenda. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** D. Morgan moved to approve the BOD meeting minutes of November 10, 2015. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

**President's Comments:** G. Lyddon reminded everyone to drive carefully now that winter weather is here. Mr. Lyddon invited everyone to the Florence Events Center on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing of the City Council and Planning Commission on the proposed land use code amendments in regard to location and use provisions for marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, testing, dispensing and sales facilities. Mr. Lyddon also said a 3% sales tax on retail marijuana stores is being considered as a way to bring more revenue into the city.

**Resident's Forum:** Ken Stone, Lot #259, requested that Greentrees Village **loan** the Florence Area Emergency Cold Weather Center a dozen blankets for winter. Discussion followed. Bill Johnson motioned to **lend** a dozen blankets as requested. Discussion followed. George Lyddon amended the motion to **give** the Florence Area Emergency Cold Weather Center a dozen blankets for winter since Greentrees Village has an abundance of blankets set aside for emergency purposes. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* Kerstin Johnsen, Lot #414, pointed out that the yellow bars in the parking lot are a tripping hazard to walkers into the buildings; especially near the side door of the Recreation Hall. D. Johnsen asked that this be continued under Other Business on today's Agenda. President Lyddon's decision was to send this to the Property Committee. Peg Patton, Lot #282, thanked everyone for their generosity in donating toys for the children of Florence for this Christmas.

**Correspondence:** James Russell, Lot #211, letter to the BOD regarding his opposition to the dock proposal. Jerry and Linda Quesnel, Lot #6, letter to the BOD dated December 1, 2015, regarding their opposition to the dock proposal. Gary Stine (AARP Driver Safety volunteer instructor) in a letter to Louis Dashofy dated November 17, 2015, thanked Louis and the staff of Greentrees for hosting the AARP Smart Driver Course.

**Financial Report:** P. Miller presented the November Financial Report. Cash on hand in our checking/savings Operations account is \$301,058.25. The Reserve Fund has \$431,753.84 for a total balance of \$732,812.09 in checking/savings.

**General Manager's Report:** Louis Dashofy reported that the sauna remodel is complete. We did go over our \$10,000.00 budget by about \$800 due to the need for additional insulation and rewiring. Charter Cable has rescheduled again and will now be installing the RV Park cable on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Association foreclosed on Lot #685 earlier this year for delinquent assessments. It has now been sold and closed and the Association has received a check for \$12,229. We will soon begin work on the Family Men's restroom. We will be installing an ADA toilet and stall, a new countertop and new lighting. This is the final project of the year. We will be starting it next week and hope to have it done by the end of the year. The Jacuzzi was down this morning but is back up now. We had to replace a pump. Camp Florence is scheduled to do brush cutting on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We have ordered the plumbing supplies for the 2016 waterline replacements for the amount of \$15,866.00. In 2016, we will be doing the completion of waterlines on 1<sup>st</sup> Street North and 4<sup>th</sup> Street North. Mr. Dashofy thanked the Maintenance Department for doing such a beautiful job of putting up the Christmas lights and Loretta Platz for coming in and decorating.

**Committee & Club Reports (Election Committee):** Ruth Smelly announced the election results for odd-numbered districts and alternates. Fred Burns, District #1. Wayne Fisher, District #3. Peg Patton, District #5. Vicki Martin, District #7. Bill Johnson, District #9. Alternate, Jeff Myers. Jeff Myers was a write-in for Alternate and did accept the position. **(Architectural Committee):** Jeff Myers reported that there were no permits issued for the month of November. **(Property Committee):** Wayne Fisher reported that a rough estimate on the fence for 12<sup>th</sup> Street is just over \$15,000, assuming the City comes through and says we can put a fence along the multi-purpose path. **(Computer Club):** Pat Miller, officers were elected and are as follows: Pat Miller, President. Gene Fisher, Vice-President. Connie Goddard, Treasurer. Gary Smith, Secretary. Miller reported that they will soon have their Windows 10 laptop installed. Jack Branson, as a volunteer, will continue as the Advertising Coordinator. A 2016 budget was approved; and there was a productive discussion regarding classes for 2016. Jep Norwood will lead the next class on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. **(Activity Committee):** Carol Fisher

reported that they served 180 dinners at the Thanksgiving Dinner and it was a huge success. Larry Elliot and his crew put on a feast. Carol thanked everyone that helped. There were 40 in attendance at the Hors d' oeuvres Potluck Holiday Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone enjoyed the food and the music by the Greentrees 5. Five beautiful poinsettia plants and two pairs of beaded Christmas earrings (made by Della Ault), were given away. Carol thanked Della for the earrings and all those who came to the party. The next event is the Christmas Dinner. It is free to residents. There is a \$3.00 charge for each guest. Fred and Sharon Burns, Charlie Enslow, and Jeff Myers will be cooking this feast of ham and scalloped potatoes. Side dishes are potluck. Tickets will be sold for a drawing and raffle prize. Dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m. Activity meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. President Lyddon thanked the Activity Committee for all their hard work this year. **(Bingo Committee):** No report. **(Art Advisory Committee):** Bill Johnson reported that two collections are currently on display in the Library art cabinet. Norma Burkett of Lot #91 is displaying a unique collection of dolls, including her handcrafted primis and anthropomorphic dolls. Edith McIntyre of Lot #43 has a Christmas Santa Clause collection in the display cabinet for everyone to enjoy. 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: (05-06-15) Clubhouse Lock Schedule:** F. Burns motioned to change the time that the Maintenance Department unlocks the doors to the Clubhouse in the morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.; in order to give them time to clean the pool before residents start coming. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* F. Burns motioned to extend the electronic locks from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; and from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends and holidays. This change in hours will coordinate better with office closure times. Discussion followed. *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* **(11-03-15) Survey of GTV Dock:** G. Lyddon announced the results of the owner survey on the issue of a floating dock. Of those responding, 82 were against the dock and 17 were in favor of a dock.

**New Business: (12-01-15) Notice of Violations, Lot #160:** G. Lyddon reported that six residents of Greentrees Village have filed complaints against Gerald Lewis of Lot #160 for failing to pick up his dog's excrement. A warning letter was sent in September to Mr. Lewis. After many more complaints, a "Notice of Violation and Citation" letter dated November 18, 2015 was sent to Mr. Lewis and a fine of \$40.00 imposed. After even more complaints, a second "Notice of Violation and Citation" letter dated December 2, 2015 was sent to Mr. Lewis and a second fine of \$40.00 was imposed. Mr. Lewis did appear at this hearing and denied he had ever violated Rule 7. Pets, of the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Lewis stated he always picks up his dog's waste and then left. President Lyddon said that since there were six eye witnesses refuting Mr. Lewis' claim, the fines would stand. G. Saviano motioned to double fines for any violation after two violations on the same offense. Discussion followed. The fine schedule in the Rules and Regulations already states "a repeat violation will result in an immediate assessment of double the fine", so President Lyddon tabled the motion and directed Louis Dashofy to inform Mr. Lewis that the fine would be doubled if there is another violation. **(12-02-15) 2016 Speed Hump Locations:** B. Johnson motioned that the Board approve the Property Committee's recommended placement of the 2016 speed humps on 5th Street, North (approximate mid-way) and on 1st Street, North (near Lot #401). Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.* **(12-03-15) Request for Sidewalk:** D. Johnsen motioned that because of the danger of oncoming traffic and the speed of traffic going up and down the hill, an 18-inch, non-skid surface, concrete sidewalk 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. At this point and before any discussion, Mr. Johnsen tabled his motion until the next BOD meeting in order to get an estimate of the costs involved first. **(12-04-15) Greentrees Donation Fund:** G. Lyddon asked everyone to give thought to the establishment of a donation fund or bequeathing fund for Greentrees. Many senior facilities have funds donated by family upon their death; maybe a living memorial like a tree planted; a brick with their name and something personal on it paved into a wall or walkway; a fountain or garden with plants or rocks in their memory; or someone with no heirs, bequeathing their estate, etc. All ideas or suggestions are welcomed. **(12-05-15) GTV Exercise Room:** W. Fisher of the Property Committee reported that the proposed extension on the Exercise Room cannot be done because the foundation under the Exercise Room is slipping away. The priority is to save the room. A Ram-Jack type of fix could cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 alone. The extension, if done, could be another \$20,000 on top of that. There would probably be a cost savings if both are done at the same time. G. Lyddon motioned for the Board to give the Property Committee the authority to close down the Exercise Room, relocate some equipment and move to a different location and to get bids for the repair of the room. Discussion followed. *Roll Call Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, approved unanimously.*

**Other Business:** None.

**Announcements:** G. Lyddon welcomed everyone to Christmas Dinner on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Lyddon thanked Ruth Smelly and Betty Turner for making and serving cake for today's meeting.

**G. Lyddon moved to adjourn the meeting.** *Voice Vote, 9 yes, 0 opposed, passed unanimously.* **Adjournment was at 2:12p.m.**