



Village Voice

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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Nominations are closed. It is now time to vote for your district representative and alternates from the membership at large. Voting gives you the opportunity to elect district representatives that will represent you on the Greentrees Board of Directors; directors that care about our community, who will be responsible and ethical in the administration of the affairs of the association.

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

Ballots will be mailed to owners at the address on file with the office the week of November 4th. Completed ballots must be received in the office by 2:59 PM on December 9th. Read the ballot instructions carefully and follow all instructions. **IMPORTANT:** The lot owner’s signature and lot number must be on the back of the self-addressed return envelope for the ballot to be counted.

DO NOT give your ballot to anyone else to turn in. **DO NOT** include your dues check with your ballot as envelopes will not be opened until ballots are counted after December 9th.

Election results will be announced at the December 17, 2024, board of directors meeting. The new board will be seated at the January 21, 2025, board of directors meeting.

For more information on the elections, please visit the Owners Area of our website. Candidates are listed on page 2 and candidate statements are included in this newsletter.

Pat Miller and Diana Lindsley

RHODY DRIVE OPENS NOVEMBER 1st

Well, we were told the Rhody Drive Realignment & Improvement Project would be finished by December 2025, but we didn’t expect it to be finished by November 2024.

🎉 The City of Florence is excited to announce the reopening of Rhododendron Drive following the successful completion of the Rhododendron Drive Realignment and Improvement Project. A celebration will take place on November 1st at 10:00 AM, featuring remarks from Mayor Ward and members of the City Council

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2025 BOARD MEMBER AND ALTERNATE CANDIDATES

We are happy to announce our 2025 Board and Alternate candidates for Greentrees Village in order of the Secretary of State Election Division

District 2— Mardi Wetmore, Lanette Manzi

District 4— Carole Cardwell

District 6— Diana Lindsley

District 8— no candidates


Alternates— Nick Woodworth, Tracie Nash, Lou Manzi, Michele Smith


RHODY DRIVE OPENS NOVEMBER 1st—CONTINUED


The project, which focused on enhancing safety and accessibility, included significant realignment and infrastructure improvements to better serve our community. The road will officially open to traffic no later than noon on November 1st.


Event Details:

 Friday, November 1, 2024

 10:00 AM

 Rhododendron Drive at the Siuslaw River Overlook

 Attendees should enter the construction area via 9th Street from the south. City Public Works employees will be on-site to guide guests through the gate to the designated parking area.

 Please note that Rhododendron Drive will remain closed during the presentation but will be accessible to traffic shortly after. K&E Excavating will remove the closure gates when the celebration attendees clear the roadway. We invite all community members to join us in celebrating this important milestone for Florence.

City of Florence and Diane Greer



VOLUNTEER—PEG PATTON

Our GTV “Elf” didn’t want to talk about herself. She did say that she was raised in Baltimore. As a stay at home mom, she especially enjoyed the time the family lived in D.C. She and her son and daughter relished all there was to see and do in the Capitol.

The family next moved to the country near Golden, CO. There Peg volunteered at the Denver Botanical Gardens. From that experience she launched her own landscape business, High Hoe, teaching homeowners the difference between good plants and weeds, and replacing non-native plantings, which died, with sustainable varieties that didn’t.



Peg and Don moved to Oregon because, “I like to garden, and I don’t like heat.” They bought their home in GTV in 2007. Here, Peg’s first volunteer gig was decorating the Rec Hall, creating a theme for every month. She also served on the Board from 2012-2017. Since she volunteered with SOS, Soroptimist Club, in 2013, her real calling has been collecting toys for needy children.

Peg says she’s amazed at the number of homeless kids in our community. “These kids go to the same stores, see the same ads and have the same wishes as every other kid; but, through no fault of their own, on Christmas morning, they have nothing under the tree.”

Thanks to her efforts, GTV has been a major contributor to the Florence Police Department’s holiday toy drive. She asks that we put unwrapped, NEW toys under the beautifully decorated Giving Tree (also her work) in the Rec Hall or make cash contributions in the office.

Nancy O’Neill

VOLUNTEER—TOM BENSON

Tom Benson is familiar to many of us who have attended Thanksgiving and other dinners over the past few years here at GTV. Tom has been the chief cook (and bottle washer) for many years. He decided to take this year off to rest up. Tom also served as president of the GTV Board for part of 2021, and all of 2022.

Tom grew up in San Francisco, living there 40 years. He then moved here to Florence and has been in the city for 32 years, with 10 or 11 years



here at GTV. Tom has owned a number of restaurants in town, including Tom’s BBQ, Cactus BBQ, and various types of restaurants, including a Chinese Dim Sum, a Haus Brau, Italian, and French continental.

He was then a realtor in town and a contractor.

The first restaurant he built in town was ICM in 1992. He has built or remodeled a fair number of restaurants in town, including Mari’s, Waterfront Depot, 1285 Restobar, Nosh, Bridgewater, and Hukilau (his last one in 1992), amongst others. He also built a number of houses, decks, and docks around town.

He still has friends from his early days. He has children and grandchildren in Eugene, Texas and Washington. They pay him surprise visits.

When I asked Tom for a recipe, he said he finds new recipes all the time, and never makes the same thing twice.

Diana Lindsley

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

We are investigating offering secure, encrypted electronic credit / debit card payments through our website, starting in January. If you are interested in this, please let Leslie Shaw or Diana Lindsley know. We would pass on the charges, currently about 2.35% plus 15 cents, to the resident making the payment. This is less than our current credit card fees. This would be available 24/7 and we would provide a receipt to the payer.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Mary Mercedes—#4 David Schlicht—#4
Tom Trammell—#43 Sue and Tim Hewitt—#149

VILLAGERS!!!

Villager Pam Thompson is fearless. There’s no way to get all her adventures into this space. These are just the highlights:

Pam went into banking right out of high school in San Diego. She became one of the first female branch managers and rose up to Divisional Manager, directing nine banks in L.A. before she retired after 23 years.

She married a fellow who designed Formula 1 Racing boats, so became a speed boat racer herself, racking up three USA Formula 1 first place titles and two second place titles.

She spent nearly a year camping and panning for gold (and finding it!) at a placer claim on the S. Fork of the Feather River near Sacramento. Ask her about cannon balls and waterfalls.

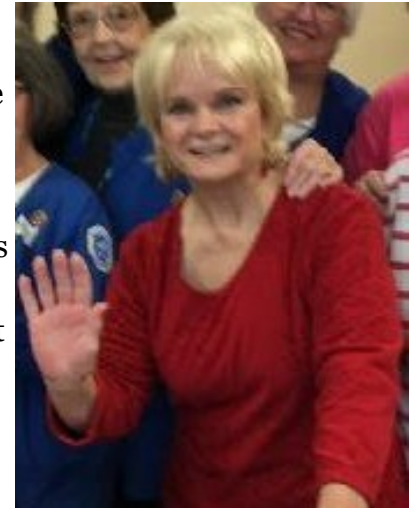
She volunteered in prison ministries, helping women transition from prison to the outside.

Pam (traveling alone) delivered racing boats to every state in the Union except Hawaii and Alaska. Ask her about 100-year blizzards and digging for phone booths.

She started her own domestic services business and grew it for 20 years. She took on the State of California when they tried to reclassify her contract workers as employees and won. She created a coalition with other housekeeping agencies, which wrote and passed their own bill.

Here in Florence, Pam volunteered backstage at the FEC, joined the Friendship Club and Kiwanis. She also knits and crochets blankets for Peace Health patients. She plays cards twice a week.

She made it to Dubai and Hawaii, but still has her eye on Alaska.



Nancy O’Neill

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

We are continuing the work on Water Works Phase 1. We will be doing about seven lots per week. We will also be doing some isolation valves as we go along. When we do these there will be partial water shutoffs and at times the whole west side water shut offs. We will give you as much notice as possible. Please use alternate routes during construction if possible. District 9 Representative Diane Greer, will be notifying each of the residents who are scheduled for the following week, as we go through this phase.

Also, please drive safe and be patient with us. Thank you.

James Tennison

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GREENTREES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (GERT)

The best way to get through a natural disaster is to prepare and have a plan. Have a plan for yourself, your loved ones, and your pets. Practice your plan and know your plan well. Have a to go bag for yourself, your family, and your pets. If you must evacuate from your home, make sure your go bag has vital phone numbers you may need!!


If you can shelter in place, do you have enough food and water? Will you be okay for weeks? Do you have alternative energy sources?

Planning is key to success in a natural disaster.

If you need information on how to build your to go bag, or how to start a preparedness for your home, visit the Greentrees website under the GERT tab for how to prepare yourself in the event of an emergency.

Kristel Buechner
GERT trainer/coordinator
551.997.0909

VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCH

Help us show our appreciation for the Greentrees veterans who have served our country. A free luncheon for all will be served on Sunday, November 10 at 1PM. 

The menu will include a baked potato bar, green salad, rolls, drinks, and dessert. A sign-up sheet will be in the library October 23 - November 6. A donation jar will be available to contribute to the event.

Patty Harrison



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HERE COME THE HOLIDAYS!

Holiday Craft Faire and Bake Sale

The event will be held on Saturday, November 16, from 9-3 in the Rec Hall. This is a great opportunity for artists and crafters to display their work for sale and make a few extra bucks! Craft tables for GTV residents are available for \$10 and will be sold on a first come first served basis until the end of the month. Reserve yours in the office. Tables for non-residents will be available at \$20/table starting November 6th. Donations of baked goods are requested for the bake sale fundraiser. Proceeds from this sale help fund our holiday meals. A hot dog lunch will be available for \$2.50. Enjoy a light lunch while you shop for holiday gifts.



Another Holiday Craft Faire and Bake Sale will be held on December 7th.

Giving Thanks

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 28 at 3PM in the Rec Hall. Roast turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, cranberries and roll, plus pumpkin and apple pies, and a beverage. This dinner is free to all GTV residents. Guests will be \$7. Sign up in the library between November 1 and 20. Deliveries are available for homebound residents (residents who are confined to their home because of illness, impaired mobility, or incapacity). When signing up for the dinner, please note delivery needed or contact Diana Lindsley to be added to the list.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Many hands make light work. Volunteers are needed for table set-up, kitchen help, pie cutters and cleaning up. Volunteer sheets will be in the library after November 1.

Laura Swanson

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The office is now open 9 AM—3 PM Monday through Friday.

Please make note of new Office, Maintenance, and RV Park phone numbers.

HOA DUES REMINDER

HOA Fees: In 2025, dues will increase to \$318 / month.

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HOLIDAY TIME—GIVING TREE

Happy Halloween,

The holiday season is upon us. Halloween is over except for some candy.

It's time to be thankful for all we have.

Time to start thinking about the Giving Tree, which will magically appear in the rec hall before the Thanksgiving Feast.

In 2013 we started collecting toys for children in Florence and donating them to the Soroptimist International give away. That year we had 46 toys.

In 2021, due to Covid, they discontinued the toy give away. That year we donated 230 toys and \$600 to the Florence Police Dept. For those unable to shop (because of Covid) we started an envelope in the Greentrees office for monetary donations. We are continuing that option. Last year that envelope contained \$1,045. The police use the money to buy generic gift cards for the older children on their list. We had 338 toys.



For the past 2 years, we have had a handmade quilt - designed, made, and generously donated by Diana Lindsley. She has once again provided us with a beautiful quilt. Last year it added \$457 to the envelope.

There are several ways to be part of the fun.

First - place an unwrapped toy under the Giving Tree.

Second - donate to the envelope in the office. Checks made out to the Florence Police Dept.

And third - donate toward the quilt.

Every penny goes to the Florence Police Dept for the children of Florence.

I am always amazed at the generosity of our Greentrees elves.

Any questions? I can be reached at 303-913-1833. Please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you, and Merry Everything, and Happy Always.

Your Christmas Elf. - Peg Patton #282

UPDATE THE OFFICE

If you have changed your phone number, e-mail address, or moved, please stop by the office and update your contact and emergency information. Up-to-date information is important to have in case of an emergency. It also helps keep our GTV directory current.

No More DVDs please: The DVD shelves in the library are full. Please do not drop new ones off (but please DO return any you've borrowed.) You can donate DVDs to Goodwill.

WIN A QUILT – DONATIONS FOR GIVING TREE

The GTV quilt group has been busy making quilts for the kids of Florence. One quilt has been selected as a fund raising for the Giving Tree. This has happened over the past couple of years, and we hope we can raise even more money this year.

This year's quilt measures about 43 1/2" x 60". It features a bright bird print in rows, along with white stars with birds in flight quilted on them. There is a blue leaf fabric used around the stars, as squares and the border, along with a white piping along the border. See photo.

A donation of \$5 gets you 6 entries to receive the quilt. The tickets will be available at events such as the Craft Fair, dinners, meetings and at the Office. The tickets will go on sale starting November 1st. Please enter to win this beautiful quilt and support the Giving Tree.

Diana Lindsley



NEWSLETTER POLICY

We received several Letters to the Editor this month and want to make sure our newsletters policies are adhered to. Those Letters to the Editor that did not make the cut will be submitted to the office to be put in the HOA Board Meeting packet for November. Below is the newsletter policy.

The Village Voice Editor, a member of the Communications Committee, is responsible for writing, editing, layout, and publishing of The Village Voice newsletter. The newsletter is distributed to residents monthly via print and on the GreentreesVillage.com website. The Editor of the Village Voice is also responsible for securing advertising to offset the cost of printing for the newsletter as well as billing and collections for current advertisers.

Articles for the newsletter may be submitted by any resident. All articles may be subject to editing for clarification, readability, and length, although submitted authors can request that their articles be published unedited. Any edits to submitted articles will be sent via email to the author for approval prior to the articles being published. Articles are limited to approximately 250 words, except for the featured article of the month. Articles should be submitted by email to gtv.villagevoice@gmail.com. Deadline for articles is 5 PM on the 18th of each month.

The newsletter accepts letters to the editor. Letters are limited to approximately 125 words and must conform to the guidelines below. The newsletter will publish one letter to the editor per month. Any additional letters received will be submitted to the board of directors as correspondence.

All articles submitted for the newsletter must be in good taste, and appropriate to the Greentrees Village community. The Editor reviews articles and may exercise the right to refuse submissions that contains content that: Is discriminatory to any person or group; Includes profanity or can be deemed offensive; Promotes violence; Personal attacks any group or individuals (whether residents of the community or not) or can be deemed abusive, harassing, threatening or intimidating; Is copyrighted or trademarked without written permission of the copyright holder; Is of a political nature.

Communications Committee

GROUP CORNER

Join a club/group/jam and meet new people who have your same interests.

Luncheon out! – This group meets monthly at various restaurants around town. This month, Nov. 20, they will be at Three Rivers Casino Food Court. Contact Jude Stendahl, lot 204, at 763-792-2312 or jude.stendahl@gmail.com for any questions. All are welcome to attend! Sign-up sheet in the library.

Knit / Crochet Group – The group meets the first Friday of each month at the Multi-Purpose Room at 2PM. Next meeting Nov 1. All knitters and crocheters welcome! Please contact Carol Parrish for more information.

Scrapbooking / Paper Crafting Group! Papercrafting / scrapbooking is on hold for the holidays. Contact Joy at jplummergang2015@gmail.com for information or to attend.

Pickle Ball – This is a small group that meets at 8:30AM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They encourage anyone who wants to learn the game to come, watch, and learn. Extra paddles are available.

Quilt Group – We will continue to make lap quilts for the Giving Tree. Regular meetings will be in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10AM - 12 noon, meeting the 3rd Friday of the month. Next meeting – Nov. 15. All abilities are welcome! If you would like to donate supplies, we'd love to have them. We will make easy blocks and put together quilts for the children of Florence. Please contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623 for more information.

Book Club – This group usually meets at 2PM on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room. With Thanksgiving in November, they will be meeting on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 2PM. Rather than everyone reading the same book, each month members are encouraged to bring a book that they have read or are reading. For more information, please contact Charles Lugg at 541-590-3871 or Don McGehe at 541-590-3421.

Game Night – Game night is held on Saturday evenings, from 5- 9 PM in the Rec Hall. Bring your favorite board games or come join in the fun – there are several games happening. Bring some snacks to share. Contact Diane Greer at 661-706-1669 for more information.

Bunco – Bunco is held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in the Rec Hall. It's a quick-play dice game that is easy to learn. Bring snacks to share. Contact Carol Cardwell at 775-677-0606 for more information.

Poker – A small group meets Thursdays in the Coffee Room for a friendly game of poker from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Buy in is \$10. For more information contact Bing Ott at 541-968-8273.

Other Groups? – If you belong to a group and would like to share your group information, please contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623 to get your group activities added to the Group Corner section.

AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

The Genre for this month is DRAMA

Bad Boys II -- 2003: The drug ecstasy is flowing into Miami, and the police want it stopped. Police Detective Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) and his partner, Mike Lowrey (Will Smith), are just the men to do it. They track the drugs to a Cuban smuggler, Johnny Tapia (Jordi Mollà), who is also involved in a bloody war with Russian and Haitian mobsters. If that isn't bad enough, there's tension between the two cops because Lowrey is romantically involved with Burnett's sister, Syd (Gabrielle Union).

Battleship -- 2012: Lt. Alex Hopper (Taylor Kitsch) is a weapons officer aboard the destroyer USS John Paul Jones, while his older brother, Stone (Alexander Skarsgård), is the commanding officer of the USS Sampson. Unknown to Alex, Stone or the rest of the U.S. Navy, alien invaders have arrived on Earth with plans to steal Earth's resources. When a confrontation with the invaders knocks out the Navy's radar capability, American and Japanese forces must work together to find a way to save the planet.

Beautiful -- 2000: Mona Hibbard steadily advances as an American beauty queen in spite of her less than congenial temperament. Her best friend from childhood, Ruby, has the patience of a saint, which is why she's the one person who is willing to help Mona pursue her ambition. Ruby even helps her to hide the secret that would completely derail Mona's plan to capture the "Miss American Miss" title: an illegitimate daughter, Vanessa. Her biggest obstacle is losing her killer instinct for her maternal instinct.

Because of WINN-DIXIE -- 2005: Abandoned by her mother years ago, Opal (AnnaSophia Robb), a 10-year-old girl, moves with her preacher father (Jeff Daniels) to a small town in Florida. Lonely and missing her old friends, Opal is ecstatic to find companionship with a rambunctious little dog she names Winn-Dixie, after the store where she found the pup. With Winn-Dixie's help, Opal befriends several colorful townsfolk (Cicely Tyson, Eva Marie Saint, Dave Matthews) and even begins mending her relationship with her father.

Beyond the Sea -- 2004: As a boy, Bobby Darin (Kevin Spacey) nearly died from rheumatic fever. While it left him with a weakened heart, it didn't weaken his desire to become the most popular singer in the country. Knowing that he's living on borrowed time, Bobby works nonstop to conquer the pop and jazz worlds with hits like "Splish Splash" and "Mack the Knife." But as the '60s come into full swing, Bobby sees his style of singing fall out of favor, and his marriage to actress Sandra Dee (Kate Bosworth) suffer.

Blink -- 1993: Blinded at the abusive hands of her mother as a young girl, Emma Brody (Madeleine Stowe) is now a musician in Chicago. After an operation, she partly regains her sight, but sometimes she can remember things only hours after first seeing them. When she thinks she sees the person who murdered her neighbor, the police detective John Hallstrom (Aidan Quinn) becomes involved both with the case and with Emma. Now the killer is after Emma, and John struggles to protect her as they unravel the mystery.

The Bounty -- 1984: Captain Bligh (Anthony Hopkins) struggles to restore discipline among the crew of the HMS Bounty after the ship has an extended furlough in Tahiti. After the captain doles out floggings and other physical punishments, the crew mutinies, led by Bligh's former close friend, Fletcher Christian (Mel Gibson). Unable to return to their tropical paradise, the mutineers find themselves stranded, while Bligh and his faithful crew members embark on a dangerous journey to the Dutch East Indies.

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.

Constantine - 2005: As a suicide survivor, demon hunter John Constantine (Keanu Reeves) has literally been to hell and back -- and he knows that when he dies, he's got a one-way ticket to Satan's realm unless he can earn enough goodwill to climb God's stairway to heaven. While helping policewoman Angela Dodson (Rachel Weisz) investigate her identical twin's apparent suicide, Constantine becomes caught up in a supernatural plot involving both demonic and angelic forces. Based on the DC/Vertigo "Hellblazer" comics.

Defiance -- 2008: In 1941, Nazi soldiers are slaughtering Eastern European Jews by the thousands. Three brothers, Tuvia (Daniel Craig), Zus (Liev Schreiber) and Asael (Jamie Bell), manage to escape and take refuge in the forest where they played in childhood. Seeking a way to avenge the deaths of their loved ones, the brothers turn their daily struggle for survival into a battle against the Nazis. As news of their exploits spreads, others join the fray, willing to risk their lives for even brief freedom.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DAYS OF GIVING

For three days at the end of September (Sept. 25, 26, and 27) a number of volunteers from Greentrees volunteered with Habitat for Humanity to work on cleaning up eight houses in the community. The group was led by Mike from Habitat and Shanti Chagnon from Greentrees. On Wednesday, Sept. 25, five team members from Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate joined the GTV crew of Dorothy Pedersen, Jim Iavello, and Burt, along with Shanti and Mike to clean up two homes. It was raining so they got soaked but did manage to do some cleanup work. Alice, the president of Habitat, provided a sandwich lunch for the volunteers in the Rec Hall.

On Thursday, the GTV crew of Luann Barrett, Susan Bowden, Diane Greer, Barb Johnson, Jimmy Iavello, and Rachael from the Casino joined Mike and Shanti. In the morning the crew cleaned up three homes. A taco bar lunch provided by Jim and Connie Betson was served in the Rec Hall. After lunch a smaller group of Mike, Shanti, and Luann finished two additional homes. The weather was much better for their work.

On Friday, the GTV crew of Luann Barrett, Larry Dunlap, Jimmy Iavello, Diana Lindsley, Lynn Woodworth, and Burt joined Mike and Shanti bright and early to work on an additional house. We spent the whole morning cleaning that house and, thanks to James Tennison and maintenance staff, hauled away two utility trailers and two truckloads of debris! Lunch was a delicious soup and bread made by Terry Lindsley and served under his RV cover.

The team made a real difference at GTV. Come join us for our next event.

Diana Lindsley

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CLUBHOUSE DISPLAY

Collections wanted for display in the clubhouse.

Share your items of interest with your neighbors.

There is a sign-up sheet by the bulletin board or you can contact Carol Murphy at 541-953-6014 or Lisa Reynolds at 503-896-4628.

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

—George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation, October 3, 1789



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

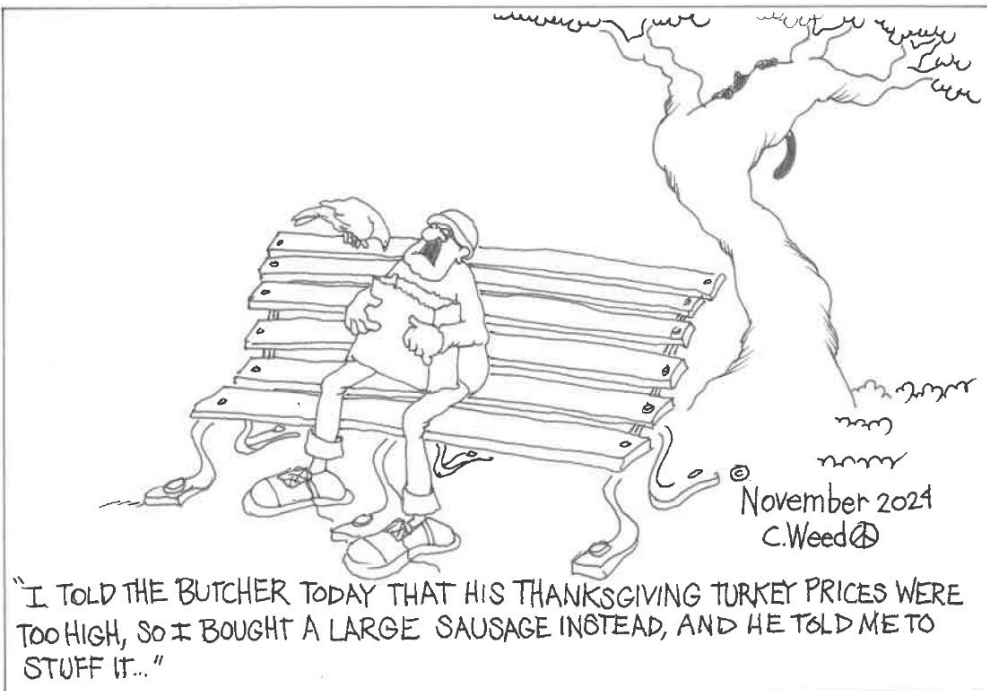
Dear Editor:

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank the Greentrees Village Maintenance team for their outstanding work. We truly appreciate the patience and dedication they have consistently shown throughout the Water Works Project on West Side First Street. Their attention to detail and consideration for us, the residents, has not gone unnoticed. We are truly grateful to have such a committed team as part of the Greentrees family.

Bonnie Kelley—Lot # 662

Rest Stop

by C.Weed



HALLOWEEN BUFFET

What is the most fun about a Halloween potluck? Is it the food, or the costumes or maybe the camaraderie? We had all three on Friday night. The hall was decorated with lots of orange and black, candy, and glitter from the costumes to the tables. A full house emptied the serving dishes with their choice of a fulfilling dinner and delicious desserts. As usual, the costumes were the highlight of the evening.

Our winners were: **FIRST PLACE-** Tim and Sue Hewitt as Dorothy and the Cowardly Lion , **SEC-
OND PLACE-** Kristel/Jay Buechner as the Munsters, and **THIRD PLACE-** Alicia Parada as a blow-up rooster (you had to see it). Congratulations to all 15 of you who competed. You are all winners in my book and your costumes are what make the evening a success. Thank you all for coming! Can't wait to see what we all come up with for next year!!

Sally Ott



2nd Place—Jay and Kristel
Buechner



1st Place—Tim and Sue
Hewitt



3rd Place—Alicia Parada

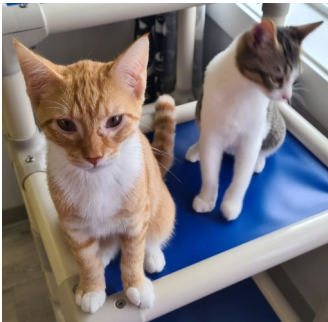
OCHS—PET OF THE MONTH

Han Solo arrived as a stray dog who was never claimed. He is 18 months old and will benefit from some structure and training in his life. Han Solo is learning to walk nicely on a leash, and he enjoys other dogs. Stop by the shelter if you'd like to add Han Solo to your family!

There are also lots of kittens at the shelter for adoption. Look at these cute little faces.



Elizabeth Thompson
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Event locations

Daily (weekdays):

Water Aerobics, at the Pool, 8 AM

Mon /Wed / Fri:

Pickle Ball, at the court, 8:30 AM

Exercise Class, Rec Hall, 10 AM

Tai Chi, Rec Hall, 9 AM (M/W)

Rec Hall:

District Meetings

Board Meeting

Scrap Booking Group

Bunco

Card Exchange

Potluck

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Poker

Multi-Purpose Room:

Property Committee

Finance Committee

Communications Committee

Activities Committee

Quilt Club

GERT

Knit & Crochet Group

Woman's Group

Ad Hoc Traffic Committee

Conference Room:

ACC Committee

Game Night

Tidbits

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The date for payment of dues without incurring late fees is the 25th of the month. Payments made on the 26th or later will incur a \$25 late fee as well as interest.

HOA Fees: In 2025, dues will increase to \$318 / month.

Recycling: The Activities Committee collects bottles and cans with deposits. All the funds go to the Activity Committee to offset the costs of events. There is a blue barrel in the Rec Hall to collect your donations. We thank you for your help in supporting GTV events.

New Residents are reminded they need to check in with the Office within 7 days of moving in to be registered and obtain the Welcome package.

Dumpster Use: It's that time of year when we are cleaning up yards and getting yard debris. A reminder that **ONLY** yard debris should be in the dumpsters (no trash or plastic bags). There is a fine for doing that. Branches should be kept to under 3 inches and 3 feet long.

Directory info: Is your directory information correct –names, phone numbers and email address? The Office needs correct information in order to contact you. Especially with elections coming soon.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2 PM Knit & Crochet Group	2 5 PM Game Night
3 Daylight Savings Time	4 12:30 PM GERT Radio Test 1 PM Bunco 4 PM Ad Hoc Traffic Committee	5	6 1 PM Bridge 1 PM Comms Committee	7 1 PM ACC Committee 5:30 PM Poker	8	9 1 PM District 4 & 5 meeting 5 PM Game Night (coffee room this night only)
10 1 PM Veteran's Appreciation Lunch	11	12 10 AM Property Committee 1 PM Activities Committee	13 POOL CLOSED 10 AM Finance Committee	14 1 PM GERT 5:30 PM Poker	15 10 AM Quilt Group	16 9 AM Holiday Craft Fair 5 PM Game Night
17	18 1 PM Bunco 4 PM Ad Hoc Traffic Committee	19 1 PM Board meeting	20 12 PM Lunch Out	21 5:30 PM Poker	22	23 2 PM District 9 meeting 5 PM Game Night
24	25	26	27	28 3 PM Thanksgiving Dinner	29	30 2 PM Book Club 5 PM Game Night

**NOV
9**

**10AM
TO
2PM**

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CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES - 2025

Lanette Manzi – District 2

Lot #117

I am running for District 2 Representative. My qualifications for the Board include the following:

- Owned my own business manufacturing, marketing, and selling my own syrup product to Kroger stores
- 30+ years in leadership roles for major high-tech companies. Currently, documentation Team Lead for a \$1Billion+ software product line
- Skills: marketing, contracts, liaison, documentation, technology, accounting/budgets, Microsoft products, meeting organization, team leadership
- Active volunteer for GTV since 2021 (Chair of the Rules Review Committee, Recording Secretary, Communications Committee, Activities Committee). I'm well-versed in our Governing Documents, policies and procedures, Roberts Rules, and the workings of all GTV Committees



I am running for the Board because we need a return to values, a return to respect, and a return to the standards of conduct to which we all should expect from our HOA Board of Directors.

As your representative, I pledge to:

- Work to curb excessive and unnecessary spending and to reduce our dues
- Encourage free speech and respectful discussions, but make hate speech, personal attacks, and harassment unacceptable and curb this behavior within our community
- Work to install checks and balances to prohibit future Board abuse of power
- Empower the member community to remove Board Members by majority vote for misconduct
- Hold myself and other Board Members to the proper standards of conduct. I will:
 - NOT use my Board position to harass, intimidate, or exact revenge against any member of our HOA for any reason
 - TREAT fellow Board Members and residents with respect, regardless of my personal feelings
 - VOTE on any Board business in an unbiased manner. If I feel I may have a conflict of interest, I will abstain from the vote
- Hold other members of the Board of Directors to the same code of conduct standards that I pledge to hold myself

Carole Cardwell – District 4

Lot number: 227

Hello, I'm Carole Cardwell. I have three adult children in Reno Nevada where I lived for 40 years. I have lived in Greentrees Village for four years now. I come from a background of a childcare professional. Owning – managing a home daycare for 17 years, and also being a Director of a large center, 118 children and 12 employees. Through education and life experiences, I have dealt with complex and typically developing children and their parents. Us old folks must be similar, right?



I learned early on to always carry a notebook to write down important things. I feel it is important to get back to people even if you have no answer yet, just to let them know you are still working on it.

I believe in equality, that no one is above or below anyone else. I believe in following the rules and changing the rules as a collective board of directors.

My goal as a board member would be to help residence with issues as I would a close friend. I very much want to see the HOA board working together, not divided.

I ask for your support and vote in this important venture of the next two years of being your representative for district 4.

Diana Lindsley – District 6

Lot 448

My husband Terry and I have been at Greentrees Village since May 2020. I have been involved in the Communications Committee, currently serving as chair, as well as being the webmaster, handle the email blasts, and am co-editor of the newsletter. I am involved in the Quilt Group where we make quilts for the children of Florence through the Giving Tree. In 2024, I was seated as the District 1 rep after Fred resigned. In July, I was elected Secretary of the Board. In the past, both my husband and I also served in the kitchen for events and we started the delivery of meals to community shut-ins. I have learned how Greentrees Village works, and what makes it a good place to live. I feel the participation in these activities and groups have given me a good feel for Greentrees and how I can be of service in the future. Professionally, I was an IT auditor and an IT project manager, which serve me well in the board to plan and organize work to be done.



I am running for the District 6 representative as that is my 'home' district. I have a commitment to the Greentrees community and believe that the board and representatives serve the residents. I would like to continue to serve the community as the district 6 rep. I am asking for your vote for District 6 rep to continue my service to the community.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR ALTERNATES 2025

Nick Woodworth

Lot #66

My wife and I bought and moved in to Greentrees in 2003. During our working years we attended board meetings, annual meetings and potlucks that our schedule allowed. Upon retirement in 2014 I began attending most board meetings and helping out in the village.

My first volunteer position was being elected to district 2 representative soon after retirement (which I've held until this year). Later at Wayne Fisher's request I became RV Host for three years. During that time I joined the ACC under RB Taylor, then became the chair about three years ago. At Matt Kennedy's suggestion I became a member of the Property Committee. In all of these positions I worked under the leaders and members of the group learning how each group functioned and how they made decisions. Throughout the years I've worked with the board, maintenance, the HOA managers, and the members of the community. I've always tried to be fair, treat everyone the same, and focus on the wellbeing of Greentrees.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve you.

Nick Woodworth

Tracie Nash

Lot #700

Hello, my name is Tracie Nash and I am a native Florence resident, growing up here until I went to college. I earned my master's degree in education, but when my daughter went to college, I decided to embark on a new adventure: moving to the Alaskan bush to teach elementary. This journey took me through nearly 20 years in Alaska, along with side quests in both Las Vegas and Abu Dhabi. My time in Alaska was particularly significant; I was elected president of the teachers' union, a role I proudly held for four years. During this time, I dedicated myself to advocating for teachers, ensuring they received the respect and resources necessary to provide our students with the education they truly deserved.

Throughout my career, I witnessed firsthand the impact strong leadership can have in many aspects including education and the community as a whole. Now that I am retired and back as a full-time resident of Florence, I am excited to apply my skills and experiences to benefit our village. I look forward to contributing positively and helping foster an environment where the people of Greentrees can live peacefully and comfortably within our community for years to come.

Lou Manzi

Lot #113

I am still standing!!!....

After a year of being discredited and ridiculed by the current majority of this board, I'm still standing and ready to continue with my work to make GTV more financially stable. During my prior 18 months on the board as Vice President and President, I was instrumental in limiting your dues increases to \$15.00 as Vice President for 2023 and \$5.00 as President for 2024. This year's board has failed you, proposing a \$49.00 increase, one of the highest increases ever.

I will push for a freeze on \$50,000 of the wage increases, instead making wage increases comparable to previous years and I will complete my work in developing a proper insurance package. This will reduce our dues next year by at least \$7-9.00.. In the short term, I will propose we implement the \$1000 insurance increase for employees that I had in last year's budget (never implemented) to ensure our employees have a total of \$2000 in interim coverage.

I will work with proven negotiators, such as Tom Benson, to correct where your 2024 Board has failed to negotiate. We were instrumental in negotiating new rates with the city twice previously and are confident we can reduce the \$28.00/month dues increase for water and wastewater costs.

If we roll up our sleeves, next year's budget can still be decreased within the first month of the new board being seated and we can realign the budget to possibly limit your dues increase to \$15.00 to \$20.00 for next year.

I'm ready to go back to work for our community and use my expertise to fix the financial problems created by the 2024 Board and move us forward to a future where everyone can afford to live in Greentrees Village.

Help me and next year's board getting us back on track with your vote. I thank you for your continued support and confidence.

Contact me at lou.manzi@yahoo.com.

Michele Smith

Lot #148

Owner/Resident

Previous service has included:

CWA elected Board member

Elks House Committee and Event Chair

HOA - Equine properties

Greentrees Alternate appointed to District 3 Rep at first meeting of year 1 (serving 2 years)

Greentrees Elected District 3 Rep Serving 2 years

Thank you

Michele Smith