

ALERT: GREENTREES ELVES

HO HO HO! which upside down reads OH OH OH!

It's that time of the year already, when Elf on the Shelf reappears and so do the Greentrees Elves. These are the residents of GTV that help kids in Florence who are not regulars on Santa's route. These are kids who, through no fault of their own, will not have presents under the tree. Sometimes, there is no tree. Only one missed house payment, a medical emergency, irresponsible decisions of their parents or lack of parents (one or both), put these children in this position. Many of the older children "couch surf" staying with friends and then moving on. For years, SOS International had a toy give-away. When Covid reared its ugly head, the give-away was discontinued. The Florence Police Dept stepped in, and through recommendations from the school counselors and teachers, have a list.

The first year (2013), we donated 46 toys. The second year, 88. Each year has been better than the last. In 2021, which was the first year donating to the Florence Police Dept, we had 230 toys. Last year there were 338 toys under the tree.

The tree is up in the Recreation Hall. Please don't let these kids down. In 2021, we also added the option of a cash envelope. This money, collected in our office, buys gift cards for the older children. When the Police Department delivers a toy for little Johnnie, they can't ignore the older brother or sister. Sometimes it's the older kid that needs it most.

In 2022, Diana Lindsley donated a beautiful handmade quilt to be raffled off. She donated one last year and an amazing one this year. Last year that added \$457 to the envelope.

In 2023, our resident quilting group handmade 30 quilts (which just happened to equal the number of children on the list). This year they have over 80 which we will display before we donate them.


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GREENTREES ELVES - Continued

They are truly remarkable (both the quilts and the quilters) 

And so, you ask - "How do I become an elf?"

1. Purchase a toy, and put it unwrapped, under the tree in the rec hall. We also have been collecting winter coats. Please new, not gently used. We will pick up the toys sometime around Dec 16th.
2. Avoid the store and put a check made out to the Florence Police Department and give it to the office. I wish everyone could have seen the officers' face when I told them what was in the envelope. As we were leaving, police Chief Pitcher came running out to thank us.
3. Look at the quilt at any of the Greentrees functions and hope your name is the one picked. Last year, it was donated to someone who needed a hug.

Need ideas? Phone chargers, plastic keys all our children teathed on, a toolbox, art projects, nail/beauty products, Legos (both big and little), books, balls, trucks and dolls. Let these kids know someone cares.

Each year I am amazed at the generosity of our community. I am crossing my fingers, toes, elbows, and feet that this year will be just a little bit better than last. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I may not know the answer, but I'll try. My phone number is 303-913-1833. Leave a message because if I don't recognize your number, I don't answer. I will call you back, or you can text that number. I will get back to you. And no question is unnecessary.

Thank you, and Merry and Happy.

Peg Patton #282

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 fundraiser 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.

A donation of \$5 gets you six entries to receive the quilt and \$1 gets you one entry. The tickets are now available at events, such as the Craft Fair, dinners, meetings and at the Office. The tickets are on sale now.

Please enter to win this beautiful quilt and support the Giving Tree. The drawing will be held on Dec. 15 at the Quilt Display event in the Rec Hall, from 10 AM – 12 Noon.

Diana Lindsley



"The quilt metaphor suggests that many and varied pieces can successfully be assembled and stitched together to create a beautiful and functional whole".

Quilts. "Everyday Use" focuses on the bonds between women of different generations and their enduring legacy, as symbolized in the quilts they fashion together.

VOLUNTEER—BRENDA KESSLER

Brenda has been sewing most of her life. She had quite a career in the garment sewing industry. She spent about 3 years at Basiste Tech learning pattern drafting, time studies, and engineering. She got her first job in the industry at JayVee, a small garment factory. From there, she went to White Stag as a beginning tech on the floor. They sent her to New York City to work as a loaned-out engineer in the design houses. She worked at Jantzen, Pendleton, Catalina, and other well-known garment houses. Brenda went to Texas and Georgia to work and observe the fabric industry, learning about the looms. She spent 15 years at White Stag, until the factories were being moved out of the US.

With that, Brenda turned her garage at home into a small garment factory. She soon expanded her business into an old Masonic Temple, employing about 80-100 people. They made the first warmup garments for Eddie Bauer and 4-5 other garment suppliers. She made samples for Nike as well. When she had a hard time getting the fabrics, she had to shut down her company. She treated her employees like family and found 45-50 of them jobs in the industry.

Living in Bend, Brenda then went to work for Fred Meyer. After being a retail manager, the jewelry department manager asked her to come work for him since she knew color and design so well. She worked there designing jewelry for 21 years.

Brenda also taught some sewing classes in local community colleges.

Brenda and her husband retired here to Greentrees. She has taught some sewing here at GTV. She assisted with the project to recover the chairs for the Rec Hall and is a member of the Quilt Group.



Diana Lindsley

VOLUNTEER—DEBBIE GUTTERY

Debbie Guttery was born in Idaho, but moved as a toddler to Utah, where she lived until she was about 14. When her father had a job that required them to move, the family stayed in Utah long enough so Debbie could march in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, where she played the clarinet in the school band. The family then moved to Boise, where she lived until 1989.



Debbie worked for the Idaho Transportation Department until she and her husband moved to Virginia. They lived there for about 18 months, and then they moved to Oregon. She and her husband lived in an air park community in Independence, OR. On a major trip from Independence to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, she was the co-pilot when she and her husband flew their Cessna 150 to the Annual Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in event. That trip took 3 days of flying to get there.

Debbie worked for the Oregon Department of Energy in Salem until she retired in 2008. She and her husband did some traveling, some by car and some by plane, including trips to Idaho and Nevada; they would often decide to fly to the coast to just watch the sunset! She also took a cruise to Alaska, where she ziplined, watched a glacier calve off a large piece, and saw several orcas swimming off the bow.

Debbie moved to GTV in 2017. Debbie worked with the group that re-covered the Rec Hall chairs – she cut out all the pieces and helped sew the seats together for the 214 chairs that were re-covered. She is a member of the Quilt Group now.

Diana Lindsley

GREENTREES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (GERT)

Preparing your property for an emergency.

We prepare ourselves, family, and pets or emergency disasters, what about our property?

What are the potential disasters that we prepare for living on the beautiful Oregon Coast? Earthquake, tsunami, flooding, wildfires, ice and windstorms.

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An example of preparing your property from a wildfire is with defensible space.

To learn more about how to protect your property from the natural disasters mentioned contact Kristel for info or attend a GERT meeting.

GERT meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1PM in the Multi-Purpose room or the Rec Hall, depending on group size.

Kristel Buechner
GERT trainer/coordinator
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At the November Board Meeting, it was voted to allow free popcorn, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate in the clubhouse. There are also two different size bags for the popcorn, in case you want a small amount. The cost of the popcorn, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will come out of the Village Voice Advertising income.

Please enjoy a cup of coffee or a bag of popcorn compliments of Greentrees Village Voice.

Diane Greer

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COMPETITIVE QUILTING!

Who knew quilting could be a competitive sport? Sure, there are quilt shows that judge how well a quilt is made, but we are talking a competition to see who could make the most quilts this year.

Sometime during the year, it became evident that Patty Harrison and Shanti Chagnon were making the majority of the quilt tops. Diana was doing the quilting on all of them while Debbie did the binding / finishing on most of them and Brenda hand quilted two quilts. Patty and Shanti were asking "So how many quilts has she (the other one) made?" One day, Diana got a call from Shanti saying we needed to count the quilts! We counted the completed quilts, the in-process tops, and then had to go to Debbie's house to count the ones she was completing. Both Patty and Shanti continued asking how many the other had made, so they could make some additional to beat the other.

Final count (as of Nov. 11) was Shanti with 28, Patty with 25, and Diana a distant 3rd with 14. The remainder were done by others in the group or donated to us as completed quilt tops. The children of Florence and the Florence Police Department are the real winners in that they get all these quilts.

If you would like to join the group in making these, please come to our meetings or contact Diana for more information. No experience needed. We will teach you or you can assist with some tasks.

Diana Lindsley



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

We are continuing with the water saddle and meter project. It looks as if we will be finishing up with Phase 1 around the beginning of December. Please check out the Water Works Process article in this edition of the Village Voice for detailed info. Christmas lights are going up. We are also starting to put new lighting up in the Clubhouse between our other jobs. Happy Holidays!

James Tennison and Maintenance Staff

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UPDATE THE OFFICE

If you have changed your phone number, email 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.



VILLAGERS!!!

Villagers Rick and Teresa La Nasa have been residents of Greentrees Village since 2017. Here is their story as told by them.

We live in lot number 152. We love the trees and the friendly neighbors, just about everybody waves. Rick loves the sauna, Teresa loves to swim, and we both enjoy the hot tub. We met in Southern California in a town called El Toro. Rick was in the Marine Corps. Teresa prayed if Rick was the one to marry send a falling star. One night while sitting on the driveway with her sister, a falling star came towards her with a tail of colors and dissipated over her head. So, we say our being together was written in the stars. We are going on 48 years of marriage this March. We have a lot in common.

We are both musicians and artists. We enjoy walks on the beach, hiking, looking for chanterelle mushrooms in the fall. We both serve in the music ministry at Florence Christian Church. Teresa works at the Pregnancy and Parenting Center as the Manager of Client Services and Rick works at Coastal Fitness as a personal trainer. He also operates his own landscape service business. When we were younger we didn't make the best financial decisions, so we are still working and semi-retired. We love our quiet neighborhood and have wonderful neighbors. We lived in Walton for a total of 31 years. For the first fourteen of those years, we were raising our two children. The last 17 years before moving to Greentrees Village, we were living off the grid. The salmon came up to spawn in the little creek near our cabin every winter. Teresa made a flower and vegetable garden. We had a dog and two cats. It was like Paradise. But also, at the same time the challenges of everyday living was labor intensive. So, we appreciate some of the simplest commodities that most people take for granted like heat at the flick of a switch and having plenty of light. Bucking, splitting, stacking and loading firewood, along with maintaining our gravity fed water system and electric system, became harder as we grew older. The labor involved to live off the grid got us to thinking where do we want to be 10 years from now? That's what motivated us to look into moving. We've always rented, but we had an opportunity to buy using Rick's VA benefit and a 401K from when Rick worked at a manufacturing plant in Eugene while raising our children. Our property in Greentrees is the first we have ever owned. We love it here so much that we are hoping this will be the last home we live in.



Teresa and Rick La Nasa

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. They will not meet in December due to the holiday. In January they will meet on Jan. 15 at noon at the Hukilau. 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 1PM. Next meeting Dec 6. All knitters and crocheters welcome! Please contact Carol Parrish for more information.

Scrapbooking / Papercrafting 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 be having a Quilt Display to show the quilts made for the Giving Tree on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10AM. Snacks and coffee will be available. The drawing for the Giving Tree quilt will be held at 11:45AM. No regular meeting in December. Next meeting will be in January to review and plan for 2025. 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. Next meeting will be Dec. 27 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- 9PM 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 – 8:30PM. 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.

“But I am sure that I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round...as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely.” –Charles Dickens

YOU'RE INVITED



It's Christmas time again and the holiday dinner is being planned. Baked ham and scalloped potatoes with all the trimmings will deck the tables. As in past years, we will again be asking for donations of salads and desserts to complete the meal. Dinner will be served at 3PM on December 25 in the Rec Hall and is free to all GTV residents and \$7 for guests. Deliveries will be available to those who are home-bound. Please RSVP by signing up in the library by 3PM Wednesday, December 18.

Volunteers are needed to help set the tables, kitchen help and clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the library. Many hands make easy work.

Laura Swanson



ELECTION TIME – VOTE

Ballots for the GTV elections are out. The ballots must be returned by 2:59PM Dec. 9. Ballots will not be accepted after this time. The ballot must be in the return envelope provided, with the lot owner's signature and lot number. Ballots without the signature and lot number will not be counted. DO NOT give your ballot to anyone else to turn in. DO NOT include your dues check with your ballot. The results will be announced at the Dec. board meeting.

District 2, 4, 6, and 8 owners have received ballots with the candidates for their district and all alternates listed. District 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 owners received ballots for alternates only. Four alternates will be elected. Alternates do not take office unless there is a vacancy in a district. Alternates will then fulfill the remainder of the term of the representative they replace.

Owners can vote for up to four alternates. Write-ins are allowed but make sure you have the permission of the candidate to add their name.

If you want to make your voice known, now is the time. Voting gives you a choice of your representative and the direction of Greentrees. The district reps, as board members, are responsible for the functioning of Greentrees. Your vote for your representative and alternates sets the direction of the board and Greentrees for the future.

Pat Miller and Diana Lindsley

GTV OFFICE UPDATE

The start of 2024 was challenging. Our office was a completely paper-driven, manual environment in an era where manual offices are increasingly rare. We started at the beginning, implemented some smart technologies to help us streamline and begin creating efficiencies. When I started at GTV, we could get back to residents in 2-3 weeks. Most residents coming in were incredibly frustrated and let us know in various ways. Within 60 days, enough changes had been implemented to allow us to respond to residents within a week, now we get back to the residents within a day or two, which is a huge improvement for our residents.

Streamlining administrative processes was a big lift, but allowed us to improve in many areas: no overtime waiting for paychecks to be signed, taxes paid accurately and on-time, over 100 resident accounts cleaned up, 2023 audit completed, decreases in paper costs, printing costs, lot delinquency rate reduced from 19.5% to 4.5%, resolved 127 IOC's, and tested and revised processes to ensure they function properly, and we've also noticed an increase of 100% in smiles (my favorite metric). The office is finally on solid footing, and we are excited to become a proactive rather than reactive resource for the community. I personally hope that our residents continue to notice the difference in service levels.

Looking ahead, we have several goals, an Accounting Manual and Office Manual are needed, are in progress, and should be completed in 2025.

Wishing you all a Joyous Holiday Season!

Kimberly Wright—Office Manager

QUILT DISPLAY EVENT

A number of people have asked to see the quilts the Quilt Group has made for the Giving Tree. The group has decided to display the quilts in the Rec Hall on Dec. 15, from 10AM to 12 noon. Come check out the 81 quilts made for donation this year! We will have snacks and coffee available. Bring a toy or two to place under the Giving Tree. Donations will be accepted for the Giving Tree and tickets will be available for the Giving Tree quilt. Donations of \$1 for the quilt gets one entry into the drawing; \$5 gets six entries. The quilt will be awarded just before noon at this event.

Diana Lindsley



QUILTS FOR CHILDREN OF FLORENCE

The quilt group in GTV consists of six members: Diana Lindsley, Shanti Chagnon, Patty Harrison, Debbie Guttery, Brenda Kessler, and Barb Johnson. Their primary focus is on making small to medium sized quilts to be donated to the children of Florence through the GTV Giving Tree. Last year, the group made and donated 30 quilts to the Giving Tree. In their January, 2024 meeting, Patty suggested a goal of 60 quilts for this year. Diana was a bit skeptical and suggested 50. The group far surpassed that goal and ended up with 85 completed quilts made this year! Since they work mostly on donations, they sold one quilt to help pay for the batting needed. They awarded two quilts at the GTV annual meeting in August to two deserving, long-time residents. And one quilt is the 'raffle' quilt that will be awarded in a drawing on December 15. They have already selected the donation quilt for next

year. A total of 80 quilts will be donated to the children of Florence this year.

Eighty-five quilts take a lot of work and materials. The group would like to thank the members of the community who donated fabric and materials to us to enable us to make these for the children. The contributors include Cristina Woodard, Lisa Weidman, Sally Marshall, Dollie Austin, Carol Murphy, Nancy Cook, Tracy Cook, Bonnie Costa, Diana Funk, and Sally Ott. Without their generous donations, we would not have been able to complete all these quilts and give the children of Florence a warm hug.

Diana Lindsley



Happy holidays! Wishing you and your family love, peace, and happiness! Season's greetings and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday season!

The Communications Committee

It's A Wonderful Life Quotes

"You see George, you really had a wonderful life. Don't you see what a mistake it would be to throw it away?"

"What is it you want, Mary? You want the moon? Just say the word and I'll throw a lasso around it and pull it down."

AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

HOLIDAY MOVIES

Polar Express, The - 2004: Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump"; "Cast Away") reunite for "Polar Express," an inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

Santa Clause, The - 1994: Divorced dad Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) has custody of his son Charlie (Eric Lloyd) on Christmas Eve. After he accidentally causes the death of Santa, they are magically transported to the North Pole, where an elf explains that Scott must take Santa's place before the next Christmas arrives. Scott thinks he's dreaming, but over the next several months he gains weight and grows an inexplicably white beard. Realizing that it wasn't a dream, Scott embraces the new, permanent role he has as Santa Claus.

Santa Clause 2 - 2002: Scott Calvin (Tim Allen) has been in the role of Santa for the past eight years, and his loyal elves consider him the best one ever. But the world of the "Merry Old Soul" turns upside down when he's dealt a double whammy of news: Not only has his son, Charlie (Eric Lloyd), landed on this year's naughty list, but Scott discovers that he must marry by Christmas Eve, or he will stop being Santa Claus forever.

The Christmas Tree -- 1991: Heartless Mrs. Mavilda runs an orphanage where children live in miserable conditions because she keeps all the donation money for herself. Mrs. Mavilda's new assistant, however, along with Santa, help the children have a merry Christmas.

This the Season for Love -- 2015: A struggling actress returns to her small hometown for Christmas, where a holiday romance proves the life, she left behind may be better than Broadway.

Nothing Like the Holidays -- 2008: It's the Christmas season, and the scattered members of the Rodriguez family converge on their parents' Chicago home to celebrate. But no family gathering is without its strife. Brother Jesse (Freddy Rodriguez) still pines for an old flame, eldest brother Mauricio (John Leguizamo) now has a high-powered wife who is more interested in career than children, and matriarch Anna (Elizabeth Peña) drops a bombshell when she announces her intention to divorce her children's father (Alfred Molina).



FRIDAY NIGHT HOLIDAY MOVIES

'Tis the season to be jolly! Baby it's cold outside! Deck the 'Rec' Hall with popcorn, coffee, and cocoa. Come join us for Holiday Movie each Friday in December before Christmas. We will feature a different movie each Friday night beginning at 6:30PM.

Because of the Craft Fair on the 7th, we will have the movie in the Coffee Room on the 6th, but the other nights will be in the Rec Hall.

December 6th

White Christmas

December 13th

Love Actually

December 20th

It's a Wonderful Life



We will set up the Coffee Room and Rec Hall with small tables and chairs to enjoy the movie with your popcorn, coffee, or hot cocoa. Also, feel free to bring a snack to share.

Diane Greer



CAROLING

Come join in the singing of Holiday carols on December 15th at 5PM (weather permitting). We will go door to door and bring holiday cheer to our neighborhood. When finished we will gather in the Rec Hall for coffee and cider.

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.

AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

HOLIDAY MOVIES

A Christmas Story - 1983: Based on the humorous writings of author Jean Shepherd, this beloved holiday movie follows the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley), who spends most of his time dodging a bully (Zack Ward) and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift, a "Red Ryder air rifle." Frequently at odds with his cranky dad (Darren McGavin) but comforted by his doting mother (Melinda Dillon), Ralphie struggles to make it to Christmas Day with his glasses and his hopes intact.

A Hobo's Christmas - 1987: A hobo (Barnard Hughes) hops a freight train to Salt Lake City to be with his estranged son (Gerald McRaney) and grandchildren after realizing that he doesn't have many Christmases left.

An Evergreen Christmas - 2014: After her father's unexpected death, a singer (Charleene Closshey) becomes torn between pursuing her career and saving her family's Christmas-tree business in small-town Tennessee.

Angels and Ornaments - 2014: During the holidays, a mysterious co-worker (Sergio Di Zio) tries to play matchmaker for a musician (Jessalyn Gilsig) and her childhood friend (Graham Abbey).

Bishop's Wife, The - 1947: Dejected by his efforts to raise money to build a cathedral, Bishop Henry Brougham (David Niven) beseeches heaven for guidance, and is visited immediately by Dudley (Cary Grant), who claims to be an angel. Henry is skeptical, then annoyed when Dudley ingratiates himself into the household as his assistant -- and worse, wins the attentions of Henry's long-suffering and kindly wife (Loretta Young). When Dudley continues to intervene in Henry's struggles, the bishop decides to challenge heaven.

Christmas Secret, The - 2014: A struggling single mother (Bethany Joy Lenz) searches for a lost family heirloom that she hopes will bring her love and good fortune in time for the holidays.

Going My Way - 1944: Father Charles O'Malley (Bing Crosby) is an easy-going, golf-playing young priest whose entry into a tough neighborhood parish in midtown Manhattan is viewed with skepticism from all quarters, especially the aging Father Fitzgibbon (Barry Fitzgerald). While dealing with some unfinished business from his former life in the form of an old flame who now sings at the Metropolitan Opera (Risë Stevens), Father O'Malley inspires the youth of his parish by forming a boys' choir.

Holiday, The - 2006: Dumped and depressed, English rose Iris agrees to swap homes with similarly unlucky in love Californian Amanda for a much-needed break. Iris finds herself in a palatial Hollywood mansion while Amanda navigates the lanes of a picture-perfect English village. Soon enough, both lovelorn ladies bump into local lads perfect for a romantic pick-me-up.

Love Actually - 2003: Nine intertwined stories examine the complexities of the one emotion that connects us all: love. Among the characters explored are David (Hugh Grant), the handsome newly elected British prime minister who falls for a young junior staffer (Martine McCutcheon), Sarah (Laura Linney), a graphic designer whose devotion to her mentally ill brother complicates her love life, and Harry (Alan Rickman), a married man tempted by his attractive new secretary.

Mrs. Santa Clause - 1996: It's a week before Christmas and Mrs. Claus (Angela Lansbury) is feeling unappreciated when Santa Claus (Charles Durning) refuses to look over her new route for distributing presents. She goes for a test drive on the sleigh, but lands in New York City due to horrid weather, injuring her reindeer. While she is incognito as "Mrs. North," she befriends neighborhood inhabitants and helps them resolve some of their own issues, which run the gamut from worker abuse to unrequited love.

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TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

The traffic committee was chartered at the September 2024 board meeting. Meeting about every two weeks, we developed an initial traffic calming plan for Greentrees Village (GTV). Traffic calming tries to incorporate the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and their safe interactions with motor vehicles. Calming addresses not just speeding but includes techniques to slow drivers, keep them in their lanes, direct pedestrians and cyclists to safe or preferred routes, and still maintain traffic flow. After agreeing on which sites to address in the time frame allotted, we agreed, almost always unanimously, to low cost and “in-house” changes based on researched concepts.

A dramatic suggestion is creating a mini roundabout at the east entrance. We intend to reduce blind corners while also providing safe zones for walkers and trikers. Some intersections need better reinforcing of existing intents with improved signage and barriers. On December 9, 2024, a hearing is scheduled in the Rec Hall where our information and suggestions will be shared and feedback taken. This hearing is open to the entire community. The committee will then meet one last time to finalize the report to the board.

To our knowledge, this is the first time the community endorsed a review of our road usage. We all know GTV is unique, but it is also very special in a world-class way. While researching traffic calming methods, I found some extremely relevant concepts to both traffic and neighborhood designs with “Living Streets” and “Woonerfs” searches. There remains much to learn and apply.

Daniel Baxter

WATER METER PROJECT PROCESS

1. Maintenance goes through and locates each lateral water line and main line as best as they can.
2. Monday-Wednesday the contractor digs where we have located to expose the lateral and main line. One side of the street will have the main line right in front of their property the other side will have to be cut all the way across the street.
3. Thursday once everything is dug up properly the plumber will come in and replace the necessary parts. This is the time that you will be without water.
4. Friday morning the plumbers work will be inspected. Late Friday morning the contractor will come back and fill the holes in and compact.
5. Typically they get seven lots per week done, sometimes less sometimes more. If the contractor is going to dig up your complete driveway they will let you know so you can move your car first. The Clubhouse and Rec Hall area can be used for parking if you have nowhere else to park.
6. Anywhere that gets dug up and cut up will be replaced at no cost to the resident directly.

James Tennison—Facilities Manager

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VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCH

I'm not sure what I expected...but it made me proud to enter the Dining Room on November 10. The hall was beautiful with white tablecloths and red, white, and blue accents. The baked potato luncheon was a GREAT idea. The potatoes were piping hot and there was everything you could imagine to put on the steaming potatoes. AND there was salad and cookies!!

Jack and Laura and the Activities Committee deserve a great big thank you for honoring the men, women, and their families who faithfully served the United States of America. We have missed out on this commemoration for the last couple of years, so it was so nice to see the celebration come back. It was such a great opportunity for service members to exchange experiences with each other. Bing and I will be there next year to pick up where we left off on our conversations with our new friendships.

Sally Ott

Here's to making more cherished memories in 2025!

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In the event of an emergency this will be our only way of communication.

If you can volunteer once a month for only a few minutes, please contact Kristel Buechner at 541.997.0909.

Kristel Buechner

CRAFT FAIR / BAKE SALE

The Craft Fair held on **Saturday, November 16th** was a great success. Lots of vendors showing off their homemade wares, with a majority of them being our own Greentrees residents. We're lucky to have so many talented and artistic neighbors and friends living here.

The crowd was steady, shopping, buying sweet treats from the donated baked goods, having a hot dog lunch or just catching up with neighbors.

Don't worry, if you think you missed out, there's still another Craft Fair scheduled for **Saturday, December 7th from 9AM-3PM in the Rec Hall.**

Come on down for some last-minute shopping or be a vendor and sell some of your own homemade goods, there's still time to sign up.

For vendor info, call the GTV office at 541-590-3003.

Denise Lutz



GTV SPEED LIMIT

Please be respectful of other residents and their pets and our construction crews and follow the Greentrees Village speed limit.

Rule 21. Traffic And Speed Limits a. Drivers in GTV must obey all Oregon traffic laws. The maximum speed allowed in all areas of GTV for cars, bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, golf carts, and any motorized or non-motorized modes of transportation is 10 mph.



*May your days be merry and your heart
be light this holiday season.*



HOA DUES REMINDER

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

Please remember to change the amount you pay in 2025. If you have an autopay set-up, please change your amount before the first of the year.

Thank you,
Office Staff

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December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 12:30 PM GERT Radio test 1 PM Bunco	3	4 1 PM Bridge 1 PM Comms Committee	5 1 PM ACC Committee 5:30 PM Poker	6 2 PM Knit & Crochet Group 6:30 PM Holiday Movie Night	7 9 AM Holiday Craft Fair 5 PM Game Night
8	9 4 PM Ad Hoc Traffic Committee	10 10 AM Property Committee 1 PM Activities Committee	11 POOL CLOSED 10 AM Finance Committee 1 PM Bridge	12 1 PM GERT 5:30 PM Poker	13 6:30 PM Holiday Movie Night	14 1 PM District 4, 5, & 6 Meeting 5 PM Game Night
15 10 AM Quilt display and drawing	16 1 PM Bunco	17 1 PM Board Meeting	18 PM Bridge 4 PM District 7 & 8 meeting	19 4:30 PM District 1, 2, & 3 meeting 5:30 PM Poker	20 6:30 PM Holiday Movie Night	21 5 PM Game Night
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 3 PM Christmas Dinner	26 2 PM Book Club 5:30 PM Poker	27	28 5 PM Game Night
29	30	31 New Year's Eve 5 PM New Year's Eve Game Night				

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

Holiday Movie Night (12/13 &
12/20)

Game Night

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Poker

Holiday Movie Night (12/6)

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

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.

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