



**CONSERVE WATER, IT'S EXPENSIVE**

In early May, the City of Florence informed GTV that in their transition to a new accounting and billing software system they found that the way GTV was being charged for wastewater (sewer) treatment was incorrect, to GTV's advantage for several years. While the City will not be back billing GTV for this error, they will be correcting how GTV is charged for wastewater treatment going forward. That change is going to have a profound effect on our monthly HOA dues.

As background, both water consumption and wastewater treatment are quantified in cubic feet (CF). A CF of water is 7.5 gallons. The bill rates for clean water coming in and for wastewater treatment are different. The bill rate for wastewater treatment is almost 4X the amount of clean water coming into GTV. The water consumption rate is 0.023 / CF, the wastewater treatment rate is 0.087 / CF.

The City's older system correctly accounted for the CF of water consumed by GTV, no adjustment was needed there. Our wastewater CF, however, was not reflective of the water consumed. It was based on an entry that was hard coded into their system several years ago. For example, in June 2023, the hard coded amount for the wastewater portion of the West bill was 72,920 CF, the consumption amount was 254,500 CF.

Water coming into GTV doesn't equal water going into the wastewater treatment system. Some of the water consumed by GTV is used externally and doesn't wind up in the wastewater system. Per the U.S. EPA, the nationwide average is 30% of the water going to a residence is used externally. An analysis of GTV's consumption pattern for the last five years with City provided data, shows that GTV's water consumption almost doubles in the summer (May-Oct) from the winter (Nov-Apr). **(continued on page 9)**

**REMINDER ON HOA DUES**

HOA dues are \$270/month as of January 2024. The last day to pay without receiving a late fee and adding interest is the 25th of each month.

**GTV ANNUAL MEETING**

The Greentrees Village Annual meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday of August each year. This is an important meeting for all home owners. This year's meeting will be held on Aug. 3 starting at 11 AM in the Rec Hall. To be official and open the meeting, we need a quorum of 15% (86) of the home owners in attendance. Please plan on attending to hear what is happening in GTV. The Board of Directors will also be providing a free lunch to the owner attendees. Only owners are allowed to attend this meeting.

Registration for the meeting will begin at 10 AM, with the meeting starting at 11 AM. Lunch will be served after the meeting is over.

If you don't know your district representative, this is a perfect opportunity to get to know them as well.

The winner of the bike raffle will be drawn at this meeting. The quilt group has a special quilt we will be awarding to a special resident as well.

Diana Lindsley

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**ARE YOU PUZZLED?**

Looking for something different? Sure, the Club-house will lend you a video or a well-worn novel or magazine to read at home with no late fees, but where is the “teaser” that challenges your brain? How about a puzzle?

Greentrees has that covered, too. Consider attending Game Night or working on the club-house puzzle table selection. Or perhaps borrow a puzzle to take home. Just look inside the cupboard located under the GT Information board. There are many to choose from. Just be sure to return it for others to use.

Researchers have found that seniors who regularly participated in “adult literacy activities”—using a computer, taking educational classes, writing letters, or journaling—and those who engaged in activities that exercised their brain, such as games, cards, chess, puzzles, or crosswords were 9 to 11% less likely to develop dementia than their peers.



Sally Daugherty

**FREE LUNCH**

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 to 12:30, except Thanksgiving Day, Free Lunch is served to everyone who wants it at the Methodist Church on Kingwood Street. This tradition has been carried out for over 29 years! When Covid restrictions were in effect, vouchers for Subway sandwiches were given out. Seniors, unhoused, business owners, you can find a variety of folks enjoying a meal.



Several residents of Greentrees volunteer with the different organizations who prepare the meals. I am the head cook for the 3rd Thursday of each month. If you are interested in joining us please contact me at 541-461-2639 or [LionPatty@aol.com](mailto:LionPatty@aol.com). It is fun and a great contribution to our community!

Patty Harrison



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## VOLUNTEER—SUZIE BOWDEN

There are not enough words in this space to list Suzie Bowden's volunteer experience. From Candy Striper in 1960's LA to Humane Society to food banks to Pasadena Free Clinic to Greentrees' own GERT, she's done it all and everything in between. She says her biggest volunteer endeavor was marrying Mr. Bowden, who was widowed with 3 boys ages 5, 3 years, and 3 months. They moved from her homebase in Southern California to a cattle and chicken ranch in Georgia where they added a daughter and son to the family. They grew all of their own food there and she mastered organic gardening.



Richard and Suzie moved to GTV during COVID. With a 50 year career as an RN behind her, she felt GERT was a great fit with her background, so she volunteered. She also jumped in as kitchen help, doing cleanup and dishwashing. Then she took an interest in the Hot House and

started experimenting to see what she could grow in this very different NW climate. She volunteered with the Greenthumbs and still helps with the newsletter folding crew, the Flea Market and Decorating.

Suzie wants to remain a worker bee, spending her time and energy on actual work, not on administrative tasks. She doesn't want to be indispensable, but she's here for the duration and wants to be part of the community. Assembling the "Red Book," a collection of many resources available to people in the Florence area, which you can ask for in the office, was a labor of love for her. Her philosophy, if you hadn't guessed already, is "random acts of kindness."

Nancy O'Neill

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## VOLUNTEER—BONNIE COSTA

Is Bonnie Costa a dog whisperer, a decorator or a devoted volunteer? Or all three rolled into one? Bonnie was born in Chicago and spent half of her adult life in the Midwest, before she uprooted herself and moved to Payson Arizona. There she met and married her husband, Larry.

Together they moved to Powers, Oregon. While there, they commuted to Coos Bay, a hundred-mile round trip, so Bonnie could volunteer with Furry Friends training therapy dogs and Larry could play with Oregon Old-Timer Fiddlers.

They moved to Greentrees Village eight years ago and remodeled their own home from the inside out. Bonnie volunteered first with the Village Voice folding crew. After Larry passed, she turned her attention to starting Greentrees Green Thumbs, a group of volunteers who helped their neighbors with yard work. Their rules were simple: no ladders, no power tools and no backyards. She says the group fizzled out as volunteers dropped out.



Bonnie started her career in retail, but soon shifted to custom interior decorating. She's brought that experience and talent to the Decorating Committee at GTV. She and her merry band of volunteers are responsible for the monthly and seasonal displays in the Recreation Hall. Bonnie says most of the credit goes to her crew: Irene Makuch, Jeff Meyers, Mary Washkoske, Suzie Bowden and DeDe Lang. "With their help, we get done in an hour what would take me six hours," she said.

If you see Bonnie walking in GTV you'll also see her dogs, Emmy Lou, the hound, and Cutie Pie, the little pooch. Bonnie's owned and loved dogs since she was nine years old. If you ask nicely, she might ask Emmy Lou to serenade you.

Nancy O'Neill

## FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Over 70 people enjoyed a "make-it-yourself taco bar" to celebrate all dads. A variety of tortillas were filled with chicken, ground beef and all the fixings. Mexican rice, beans, and taco chips with salsa made the meal a real fiesta! And an array of homemade desserts, brought by attendees, ended the meal with a sweet touch.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who made putting this meal together and cleaning it up fast and fun!

Laura Swanson



## HOLIDAY HOT DOG FEAST

Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Rec Hall:  
Costco dogs, baked beans, chips, beverage, and ice cream dessert.

FREE TO GTV RESIDENTS

\$5 for guests

Laura Swanson

## MAINTENANCE UPDATES

- Repairing dry rot on the common buildings.
- Resurfacing both pool decks
- Installing new light fixtures in clubhouse
- Trimming streets and corners to make the streets safer
- North St, South St and South 3rd will be overlaid
- Starting the isolation valve replacements
- Trimming over grown hedges north of family pool
- Installing locking mailboxes
- Anything else that pops up. Anything and hopefully everything to make the park safer for residents and visitors
- Trimming hedges in the rv park

This is most of what we'll be doing but new things pop up all the time.

James Tennison

## NEW RESIDENTS

Tim Rempel #132

Mary Jemscok #657

## POTLUCK HOSTS NEEDED

Potluck hosts are needed for August and forward. Please contact Jack Swanson if you are interested in hosting a potluck.

## DVD

Please do not donate any more DVDs. Please return any checked out DVDs. The shelves are full.

## TRIKE RAFFLE

There **WILL** be a bike raffle this year! Bonnie Costa has donated the trike she won last year for this year's raffle! The trike drawing will be held at our Annual Meeting on August 3. Tickets are available in the Office; tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will also be available at any Activities Events: Potluck; Hot Dog Feast; Flea Market. Proceeds go to the Activities Committee.

## YARD DEBRIS DUMPSTERS

Good news! James says the yard debris dumpsters are being picked up 2 times a week now (Tuesdays and Saturdays). 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 wide and 3 feet long.

## LOCKING MAILBOXES

If you ordered and paid for a locking mailbox, maintenance has all the locking mailboxes and is putting them in when they have time. Please note that the locking mailboxes do not prevent theft of outgoing mail, but do prevent theft of incoming mail. If you did not order a mailbox and would like one or if you have questions or concerns of your order, please contact Diane Greer @ 661-706-1669

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## GREENTREES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (GERT)

June Special guest speaker; Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Director OCHS (Oregon Coast Humane Society).

Recap:

- Toenail Tuesday - Call to get an appointment, they're currently booking 6 weeks out.
- Vaccinations, worming, flea, rabies and tick treatments - Call to schedule.
- If you have an issue to report with a dog, call the City's Code Enforcement Officer Dan Frazier at 541-902-2180
- If you need to report a stray animal, call the non-emergency police department line 541-997-3515

OCHS hopes to have a new veterinarian by July.



### July is Fireworks Safety month.

Though fireworks are not permitted in GTV or in the City limits, if you are in a permitted area be sure to use extra caution.



Fire safety is having a working smoke detector; a full and working fire extinguisher; a Fire Blanket in an easy accessible spot.

Test your Smoke detectors monthly.

Our Fire Department will help you change your batteries in your smoke detector if needed. Call their non-emergency line to schedule, 541-997-3212. Kristel does have some Fire Blankets for sale, the size 3x3 and priced at \$6 each.

### GERT meetings/trainings

Second Thursday of every month at 1pm in the multipurpose room or Rec Hall, depending on size or training.

Kristel Buechner

GERT Coordinator/Trainer

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# GROUP CORNER

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

**Knit / Crochet Group** – The group meets the first Friday of each month at the Multi Purpose Room at 1 PM. Next meeting July 5. All knitters and crocheters welcome! Contact Carol Parrish at 541-997-6678.

**Acoustic Guitar Jam** – The informal ‘jam’ sessions will be every Thursday at 10AM in the Multi-Purpose room. Playing mostly a "seasoned" variety of folk, rock, and country music, we attempt some strummin', pickin', and singin'. Bring your wooden box with strings and share some music. Contact Dan Chagnon at 541-621-6293.

**Pickle Ball** – This is a small group that meets at 8:30 AM 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 Christmas Giving Tree. Regular meetings will be in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10 AM - 12 noon, meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Next meeting – July 19. 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 meets at 2PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Multipurpose Room. 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.

**Bingo!** – Bingo is held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month in the Rec Hall. Doors open at 5 PM with play starting at 6. Bring some snacks to share. For more information, contact Debbie Bumgarner at 541-844- 6274 or Wendy Dillard at 541-420-0819.

**Game Night** – Game night is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, from 5- 8 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Wendy Dillard at 541-420-0819 or Diane Greer at 661-706-1669 for more information. (No bunco the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in July)

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

**Luncheon out!** –This group is disbanding, on pause for the summer. Due to other commitments and people moving, the attendance is waning. They will look to regroup in the fall. Contact Jude Stendahl, lot 204, at 763-792-2312 or [jude.stendahl@gmail.com](mailto:jude.stendahl@gmail.com) for any questions. All are welcome to attend!

**Scrapbooking / Papercrafting Group!** Papercrafting / scrapbooking has been postponed for the summer. Meetings will resume in September. Contact Joy at [jplummergeang2015@gmail.com](mailto:jplummergeang2015@gmail.com) for information or to attend.

**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 ADVENTURES

**Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008)** It's the height of the Cold War, and famous archaeologist Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford), returning from his latest adventure, finds out his job at Marshall College is in jeopardy. He meets Mutt (Shia La Beouf), a young man who wants Indy to help him find the legendary Crystal Skull of Akator, and the pair set out for Peru. However, deadly agent Irina Spalko (Cate Blanchett) is searching for the powerful artifact, too, because the Soviets believe it can help them conquer the world.

**Jungle Book (2016)** Raised by a family of wolves since birth, Mowgli (Neel Sethi) must leave the only home he's ever known when the fearsome tiger Shere Khan (Idris Elba) unleashes his mighty roar. Guided by a nonsense panther (Ben Kingsley) and a free-spirited bear (Bill Murray), the young boy meets an array of jungle animals, including a slithery python and a smooth-talking ape. Along the way, Mowgli learns valuable life lessons as his epic journey of self-discovery leads to fun and adventure.

**The Last Mimzy (2007)** Siblings Emma (Rhiannon Leigh Wryn) and Noah (Chris O'Neil) discover a box full of strange items they believe are toys. As the children play with the objects, their parents (Joely Richardson, Timothy Hutton) and a teacher (Rainn Wilson) notice that their intelligence level is growing by leaps and bounds. Emma reveals that her favorite toy, a stuffed rabbit called Mimzy, talks to her and has an important message from the future.

**Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004)** After the three young Baudelaire siblings are left orphaned by a fire in their mansion, they are carted off to live with their distant relative, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey). Unfortunately, Olaf is a cruel, scheming man only after the inheritance that the eldest Baudelaire, Violet (Emily Browning), is set to receive. The children escape and find shelter with their quirky Uncle Monty (Billy Connolly) and, subsequently, their phobic Aunt Josephine (Meryl Streep), but Olaf is never far behind.

**The Mask (1994)** When timid bank clerk Stanley Ipkiss (Jim Carrey) discovers a magical mask containing the spirit of the Norse god Loki, his entire life changes. While wearing the mask, Ipkiss becomes a supernatural playboy exuding charm and confidence which allows him to catch the eye of local nightclub singer Tina Carlyle (Cameron Diaz). Unfortunately, under the mask's influence, Ipkiss also robs a bank, which angers junior crime lord Dorian Tyrell (Peter Greene), whose goons get blamed for the heists.

**Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007)** Magic flows freely through the walls and toys within the Wonder Emporium. But when Mr. Magorium (Dustin Hoffman), the store's 243-year-old proprietor, decides to turn the reins over to his manager Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman), mysterious changes creep over the Emporium. Molly and Henry (Jason Bateman), an accountant, must discover the magic within themselves if they are ever to revive the now-quiet toys.

**Narnia The Lion, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010)** Visiting their annoying cousin, Eustace, Lucy (Georgie Henley) and Edmund Pevensie (Skandar Keynes) come across a painting of a majestic ship called the Dawn Treader. Suddenly, the painting comes to life and draws the youths into Narnia, where they meet their old friend, King Caspian (Ben Barnes). Caspian is on a quest to find the seven lost Lords of Telmar, whose swords will save Narnia from an evil green mist that enslaves men's minds and bodies.

**Narnia The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe (2005)** During the World War II bombings of London, four English siblings are sent to a country house where they will be safe. One day Lucy (Georgie Henley) finds a wardrobe that transports her to a magical world called Narnia. After coming back, she soon returns to Narnia with her brothers, Peter (William Moseley) and Edmund (Skandar Keynes), and her sister, Susan (Anna Popplewell). There they join the magical lion, Aslan (Liam Neeson), in the fight against the evil White Witch, Jadis (Tilda Swinton).

**Night at the Museum Battle of the Smithsonian (2009)** Once the night guard at the Museum of Natural History, Larry Daley (Ben Stiller) is now a successful purveyor of infomercial products. Soon after learning that his museum friends have been shipped to the Smithsonian Institution, Larry receives a distress call from Jedediah, who warns him that four of history's greatest villains have come to life and are planning to take over the Smithsonian first, then the world. Larry joins forces with friends old and new to stop the quartet's nefarious plans.



**PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Hello!

I have some wonderful staffing news to share with you and one not so wonderful bit of news. Our Bookkeeper, Pat Cowgill has resigned. Pat hasn't been with us for very long, but long enough for us to love working with her, for her work ethic and her very quick sense of humor. Pat's hard work finished the bank reconciliations that had not been done for 2022 and got our copy of QuickBooks along with those bank reconciliations off to Schwindt and Co to perform that audit. Pat helped us complete a lengthy questionnaire, and along with the assistance from Laurie White who worked for Greentrees in 2022, we were able to answer all of Schwindt's questions about the way we did business then.

Due to a wonderful Florence Facebook help wanted page, we posted the Bookkeeper position and quickly found Fonda Looney who is our brand new Bookkeeper, who Pat Cowgill is training for a few days. We found our Office Assistant, Deb on the same Facebook page.

Our new Managers have had their 90 day reviews and passed with flying colors. Nothing is ever perfect; we will always be evolving and working toward better ways to do things. I have been witness to how well our Managers work together with the best for Greentrees always in their intentions.

It's been a pretty rough year, with no transfer of information to the new board, Kimberly having only been hired in mid-November before Desi left in January. Thank goodness that Kimberly learned so much in her 2 months because she trained us! James has been here since 2016 and he has been a Godsend to this board and to Kimberly. We're not exactly a well-oiled machine yet, but we are on solid ground now. Our Managers are to thank for that!

Carley Scibetta

**AUTOMATED CHEMICAL SYSTEM FOR POOL**

GTV has recently installed automated chemical systems at both the adult pool and spa. These systems operate using liquid chemicals instead of solid tablets. The net result will provide more accurate and timely distribution. Savings is anticipated to be approximately \$2,000 annually. Additionally, staff time should be less on a daily basis. A photo of the monitoring unit is shown to the right.

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## **GREENTREES RV PARK: MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY**

We have a lot of new homeowners here in Greentrees that may not realize we have an RV park. The RV Park is not open to the public; it is an amenity for homeowners allowing family and friends with RVs to stay close when visiting. RV Park spaces are limited and reservations fill up early, especially May to October when tourists flock to the Oregon Coast.

As owners, you are responsible for ensuring your guests follow the RV Park rules. For your reference, the GTV RV Park Rules are provided below:

A. Everyone using the Greentrees Village RV Park shall be an owner, a resident of Greentrees Village, or the guest of a Greentrees resident or owner. The owner/resident shall make park reservations on behalf of their guests. The owner/resident is ultimately responsible for their guest's actions, fees, or any damage they may cause.

B. Guests shall register with the Camp Host and pay the necessary fee at time of arrival.

C. The sponsoring owner/resident will provide RV Park guests with a Greentrees gate card or key fob, which will allow them access to Greentrees, use of the clubhouse and other facilities. RV Park guests may use the clubhouse family changing rooms and showers during regular clubhouse hours. No guests under the age of 18 shall use the recreation hall facilities, therapy pool, sauna, adult pool, exercise room or coffee room.

D. RV Park guests shall follow the same rules as other Greentrees residents. The Camp Host shall provide each guest with pertinent Park rules.

E. The maximum initial length of stay in the Park is 14 days. A stay may be extended by the Park Host if openings are available.

F. RV Park guests may use the clubhouse Family changing rooms and showers during business hours but no one under the age of 18 shall use the Recreation Hall facilities, therapy pool, sauna, adult pool, exercise room, or Coffee Room. Guests shall carry a key fob or card when using the facilities.

G. The current park rates are: \$30.00 +3.75 tax for a total of \$33.75 per night. We have 8 spaces (3 pull-thru and 5 back in) with water, electric, sewer, and WiFi.

Quiet Hours are from 10 PM to 7 AM. Every effort shall be made to avoid disturbing residents with construction noise, loud talking, high radio or television volume, and other loud sounds.

If you have visiting guests coming to GTV that need a space to park their RV, have them contact Patsy Turner, our RV Camp Host, at 509-840-2954.

Patsy Turner

## **CONSERVE WATER, IT'S EXPENSIVE (Continued)**

This is a very rough approximation of a reduction factor that could be applied, but other factors may come into play. The City is currently analyzing GTV's consumption patterns to determine what reduction factor should be applied to our consumption CF to arrive at the wastewater CF. GTV anticipates receiving that reduction factor prior to finalizing the 2025 budget.

That reduction factor will determine how large an impact the shift from the old hard coded entry to a percentage of the consumption CF will be to the wastewater portion of GTV's utility bill. However, regardless of the reduction factor, there will be a notable increase in the monthly HOA dues. While the exact amount is still to be determined, it would be prudent to anticipate that this change to GTV's utilities costs will very likely be in the vicinity of \$30/month and it is not the only increase that will impact the 2025 monthly HOA dues.

With the wastewater CF now being truly reflective of GTV's consumption, it is essential that homeowners are judicious in their water usage. That usage has just gotten a lot more expensive. In the coming months, there will be more articles on water conservation options that homeowners can utilize to help keep these costs down.

Tony Furst

## JULY EVENTS AROUND FLORENCE

Florence Farmers Market

Place – Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk

Date/Time - Every Tuesday 3pm – 6pm

Darlings 2024 Independence Day Celebration

Place – Darlings Marina & Resort

Date/Time - Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 12 pm

The One-Act Play that Goes Wrong

Place – Florence Events Center

Dates – Various Dates in July

Legacy Ball—Oregon Coast Military Museum

Place—Florence Events Center

Date/Time—Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm—9 pm

Contact Oregon Coast Military Museum for more information

Business After Hours (Free)

Place—All About Olives 1834 Bay Street

Date/Time—July 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm—6:30 pm

## PET OF THE MONTH

MEET JENNIFER

Jennifer is a 6-year-old, 25-pound French Bulldog who was found as a stray with another Frenchie, Stallone, and never claimed. She loves to go for walks and could roll around in the grass forever. If you're looking for a fun little girl with lots of personality, stop by the shelter or apply online at [www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org).



### BOTTLE RECYCLING

Reminder to not crush cans for the recycling and please take off the lids and throw them away.

### SATURDAY MEET & GREET

The Saturday Meet & Greets have been suspended for the summer due to vacations and other summer activities. Back in September!

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## **2024 FLORENCE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS: Expanded, Updated, and Improved!**

Casual and avid readers editors, authors, publishers, and all other manner of bibliophile will descend on the Florence Events Center on September 28th for the FACE Florence Festival of Books. The event takes place at the Florence Events Center, where the festival will unfold in the nearly 8000 sq. ft. exhibit hall. The address is 715 Quince Street (one block east of Highway 101), in Florence, with plenty of free parking on site. Admission prices vary with access to workshops and speakers. Youth 18 and under are admitted free.

Produced by the all-volunteer Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment (FACE) nonprofit, this Festival has a proud heritage of gathering the best of Lane County's (and beyond) book-centric people to an in-person event.

In 2024, the organizers are actively seeking additional new exhibitors, planning kids' activities, and expanding the number of workshops—a very popular addition from 2023.

In addition to all this book-centric goodness, great food will be available for purchase. A no-host coffee/pastry bar will be open for business from 9 am to 4 pm and Chef Derek and his Florence Events Center Concessions Crew will have lunch items from 11 am to 2 pm.

Since its first edition in 2011, the Florence Festival of Books has drawn nationally renowned authors, publishers, and seminar speakers for an event attended by as many as 500 people from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Organizers are planning more than 30 exhibits covering multiple facets of writing and publishing. Exhibits include authors with books to sell, authors looking for publishers, and publishers with books to sell while looking for their next great-selling authors—all spanning multiple genres in print, digital, and audio. To learn more about how to join or volunteer with FACE, call 541-991-8811 or visit [FlorenceArts.org](http://FlorenceArts.org).

Florence, Arts, Culture & Entertainment (FACE)

*"You can't use up creativity. The more the you use, the more you have." –Maya Angelou*

## **ECLECTIC ÄRTÊFACTS EXHIBIT AT FLORENCE CHAMBER IN JUNE**

"Herons, Fish, and Fun!" is the coastal-nature inspired theme this month at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center's art gallery. The exhibit celebrates the beauty and vibrancy of nature, particularly focusing on the elements which bring joy and inspiration.

Possibly the most remarkable piece is the Edge Sculpture, based on a French Bulldog, which has enjoyed a long history as a companion dog. This lovely creature is designed and sculpted in England by Matt Buckley at his studios in Shropshire. Edge Sculpture is a collection influenced by style rather than subject. The mix of form, light, and texture gives a unique feel to each stunning sculpture. Made from stone and resin, hand painted and signed by the artist," says exhibitor Shelly Medeiros, owner of Ärtêfacts gift shop and gallery in Florence. "Visitors will love how fun and exciting this exhibit is with new items daily and always unique!"

Medeiros is a jewelry designer/artist by trade and says her personal art pieces are too small to display in this show; "But, we do have a couple sculpting artists' and metal artists' works on display," she says. "The exhibit closely characterizes what you'll find at Ärtêfacts. It is always difficult for me to pick out just a few pieces for an exhibit like this as the shop is so diverse in product types and styles, but this display provides a good mix of everything we carry."

Artefacts is at 1255 Bay Street (next to Books n Bears) in Florence, and is open seven days a week: Monday through Wednesday noon to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Their phone number is 541-991-8380 and the website is [FlorenceArtefacts.com](http://FlorenceArtefacts.com).

Oregon Coast Florence Area Chamber of Commerce

## Annual Reserve Study

Oregon law requires that Homeowner Associations (HOA) conduct an annual assessment of the physical assets owned in common by the HOA. The annual assessment of the condition of an HOA's common assets is catalogued in what is called a Reserve Study (RS). This requirement is in place to protect the homeowners' financial investment in their common property. The intent is to ensure the HOA knows the condition of its common assets, plans for their upkeep, and sets funds aside in a reserve account to maintain the community's common property in a safe and sustainable condition.

You are all familiar with the obvious above ground common assets such as the Office, Rec Hall, swimming pools, and roadways. Many of you are becoming familiar with the below ground assets as the saddles that connect your water lines to the main water lines are replaced. GTV owns those below ground assets – the main water supply lines and sewer lines – and is responsible for their upkeep.

The Property Committee is currently overseeing this year's RS and is working closely with the Maintenance Dept. in its conduct. This year GTV purchased a software program to conduct the RS internally. In the Fall of each year, the Property Committee uses the RS to prepare the Reserve Spend for the following year. The Reserve Spend identifies and quantifies the common assets that will be addressed in that year. Like the annual budget the Reserve Spend is approved by the Board.

As a key part of the annual budget, a portion of the monthly dues along with investment interest is placed in GTV's reserve account to cover these costs. In 2024, this amount was \$472.5K. The reserve account is used to pay for the work identified in the Reserve Spend.

As GTV turns the corner on a half century, many of its original assets are nearing or at the end of their service life. The objective of the Reserve Study is to ensure we remain aware of the condition of our common assets and the objective of the reserve account is to ensure there are sufficient funds to maintain those assets.

Tom Shaw & Tony Furst



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ple.*

– Steve Jobs



## ANNUAL FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

Sale is on Saturday July 20, 9 am to 3 pm, in the Recreation Hall. Tables are available for Greentrees residents at \$10 per table. Residents may reserve their table starting on July 1 in the Greentrees Village office. The office will have a map of available tables and payment will be made in the office at the time of the reservation. The selection of tables is on a first come basis. A limit of two tables per person will ensure there are plenty of tables for everyone who wants to take part. Non-residents may purchase tables for \$20 each, starting on July 10. At the time of purchase, the office will give each vendor a document about table set up date and time.

The Activities Committee is asking for volunteers to bake and contribute items for the Bake Sale. Please deliver your donated baked goods to the Recreation Hall by 8 am on the morning of the Flea Market. Baked goods should be packaged and can be sold by the piece, half dozen, etc. Gluten and nut free donations, with ingredients listed, are also much appreciated.

We will also be selling hot dogs and soft drinks at this event. All proceeds go to Greentrees Activities. Raffle tickets, for the three-wheel bike prize, will also be available during the flea market.

The East gate will open at 8 am on the morning of the Flea Market to allow non resident vendors access to their tables and to complete any last minute setup, and will remain open until 3 pm.

If you have any questions about the Flea Market, or would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Jack and Laura Swanson at 541-659-0263 or Laurie White at 818-424-1121.

Laurie White

*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. – African Proverb*

## WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST

Do you want Greentrees Village updates more often than monthly through the Village Voice? The Communication Committee offers two types of email blasts to the community. To sign up, contact Diana Lindsley at 541-590-3623. The first is for emergency / immediate communication needs, for example, the water main break of last year. The second is for regular, weekly communications of upcoming events, reminders, or other news that residents should be aware of, but is not an immediate need. We think this feature will enable us to get information out to residents in a timely and efficient manner.

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## **RHODY DRIVE REALIGNMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES**

Rhododendron Drive is closed in the Construction Zone unless you need to access the Oregon Coast Humane Society or the Lane Country Transfer Station. The closure includes bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as vehicular traffic. They have seen an increase in bicyclists and pedestrians trying to pass through the corridor. This is unsafe in an active construction zone. Please help keep the construction zone safe, adhere to the road closed signs and the instructions from the crews working.

Thank you for keeping this project moving efficiently and safely!

The realignment project is moving along, and K&E has successfully completed the installation of the final customer sewer laterals. To get weekly updates, please visit the City of Florence Rhody Drive website at <https://www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/rhododendron-drive-realignment-and-improvement-project>.

City of Florence and Diane Greer

## **HELPING HANDS**

Recently, we proposed creating a committee of able-bodied residents willing and able to help residents who are cited for violations of lot maintenance. The Helping Hands Committee would donate time and labor to help clean up, clean out and/or perform front yard and light outside maintenance for residents who could not do these things themselves.

Because of liability concerns, we've decided that the Helping Hands would be a club, not an official GTV committee. So far, we only have about half a dozen people who have signed up. To be sure there are people available when needed, we need quite a large pool of willing members in order to respond as requests come in.

If you'd enjoy helping a neighbor with yard work, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Library Room or contact Nancy O'Neill at [nancybetzoneill@gmail.com](mailto:nancybetzoneill@gmail.com).

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## TRANSPORTATION IN AND AROUND FLORENCE

On Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Rhody Express started running every 30 minutes! The route travels a north and south loop around the Florence area, serving locations such as Florence Food Share, Three Rivers Casino, Old Town Park, Peace Harbor Hospital, the Siuslaw Public Library, and right here in front of the GTV office. Learn more about [Rhody Express](#) on LTD's website. Service hours are 10 am to 6 pm, Monday-Friday.



### **Within the Florence Area**

**Florence Public Transit - Rhody Express** - 541-902-2067 - Operated by River Cities Taxi  
Bus runs on a 60-minute route Monday through Friday, 10 am to 6 pm. The bus is outfitted with a wheelchair lift and bike racks.

Fare: \$1 per one-way trip or \$2 per day. Exact cash fare is required.

Bus schedules can be viewed at the link at the bottom of this page and are available at Siuslaw Public Library, City Hall, and River Cities Taxi.

More information about the new route is available at

<http://www.ci.florence.or.us/boardsandcommissions/new-rhody-express-route>.

[NEW! Rhody Express Brochure - June 2024 \(3 MB\)](#)



## **In and Out of Florence Area**

### **River Cities Taxi - 541-997-8520**

Operates 7 am - 3 am daily and Friday and Saturday 24 hours. Wheelchair vans and regular taxi. Arrangements can be made for travel out of the area.

### **Florence-Yachats Connector – 541-997-8520**

The bus runs Monday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 7:25 pm, except holidays. Tickets are only \$2.50 one-way/\$5 for all-day service. The bus will make four roundtrips each day, departing from the Florence Grocery Outlet stop, making one stop at Carl G. Washburne State Park, then arriving in Yachats at the Log Church (3rd & Pontiac). See the LinkLane web page for more information at <https://link-lane.org/florence-yachats-connector/>.

### **Florence-Eugene Connector**

The Florence to Eugene Connector bus runs seven days per week, with two routes per day. It will not run on the following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Tickets are \$5/ one-way; fares between Florence and Mapleton are \$1. Tickets can be purchased through the bus driver. Please visit the LinkLane website for the most up-to-date information about the route schedule at <https://link-lane.org/eugene-florence-connector/>.

## **Medical Transportation In and Out of the Florence Area**

### **Friends of Florence Van**

Transports cancer patients to Eugene, Monday through Friday. Contact Gretchen at the Eugene Cancer Center, 541-683-5001.

### **Medicaid Medical Rides & RideSource**

RideSource is a curb-to-curb service for people who are unable to use the regular, fixed-route bus service because of a disabling condition. An application process to determine eligibility is required. Request a 24-hour notice or by 9 am of the day of your appointment to get preauthorization. It is wise to call or fax as soon as the appointment is made because same day preauthorization is not guaranteed. For Medicaid Transportation, which is a benefit for those that are on Medicaid, please also contact RideSource.

Contact RideSource at 541-682-5566, 7-1-1 (TTY), or 877-800-9899 (toll free)

### **Veterans' Transportation**

For medical appointments in Roseburg or Portland - Contact Jerry Blackburn, 541-997-4094

### **Oregon Health Plan**

Medical rides for Branch 5503, 3201, and 3211

Contact RideSource at 541-682-5566, 7-1-1 (TTY), or 877-800-9899 (toll free)

### **Senior Connections Medical Escort Program**

The Medical Escort program is a volunteer program for people age 60 or older. Rides are provided by volunteers and the program is donation-based. The program is able to provide transportation to medical appointments in the Florence, Eugene/Springfield and Coos Bay/North Bend areas.

For local rides to qualified persons contact Kristine Sirmans at 541-902-9430 x7830.

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

Thursdays:

Yoga, Rec Hall, 3:30 PM

Rec Hall:

All District Meetings

Board Meeting

Scrap Booking Group

Bunco

Card Exchange

Potluck

Game Night

Bingo

Game Night

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Poker

Multi-Purpose Room:

Property Committee

Finance Committee

Communications Committee

Activity Committee

Quilt Club

Music Jam

GERT

Knit & Crochet Group

Conference Room:

ACC Committee

## Tidbits

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

**HOA Fees:** Reminder that the HOA fees for 2024 are **\$270 per month** or \$3,240 per year. You can pay your dues monthly, quarterly or annually

**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 getting to be 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.

# July

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 12:30 GERT Radio Test 1 PM Bunco	<b>2</b> 1 PM Card Exchange	<b>3</b> 1 PM Bridge 1 PM Communications Committee	<b>4</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday 12 PM Hot Dog feast, Rec Hall	<b>5</b> 1 PM Knit & Crochet group	<b>6</b> 5 PM Bingo
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10 AM Property Committee 10 AM Senior Moments Coffee Club 1 PM Activities Committee	<b>10</b> <b>Pool Closed</b> 10 AM Finance Committee 1 PM Bridge	<b>11</b> 10 AM Music Jam 1 PM GERT 1 PM ACC Committee 5:30 PM Poker	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5 PM Game Night
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