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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2025

SOME OF THE FACES OF GREENTREES 2025 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, ALTERNATES, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS



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Patty Harrison District 3



Carole Cardwell District 4



Diana Lindsley District 6



Leslie Shaw District 7



Diane Greer District 9



Tracie Nash Alternate 1



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Lou Manzi Alternate 4



Wendy Dillard Bingo Cmte



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Kristel Buechner GERT Cmte



Tom Shaw Property Cmte



Jack Stephen Property Cmte

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Little did I know at the beginning of 2024 that I would be putting the Village Voice together every month. I had never put together a newsletter. I took the role temporarily in late January to work with Diana Lindsley to publish our Village Voice. We had agreed to do this until we found a new editor. Unfortunately, that never happened. I hope we have been improving with each edition. During the year, I believe, our team has come up with some good suggestions that we have implemented. It has been such a joy to work on this each month and to share with our community.

I would love to hear what you would like to see in our 2025 Village Voice. Please contact us at gtv.villagevoice@gmail.com.

Diane Greer

2025 HOA BOARD, ALTERNATES, CHAIRS, AND CO-CHAIRS

District 1—Vacant	Alternate 1—Tracie Nash
District 2—Lanette Manzi	Alternate 2—Michele Smith
District 3—Patty Harrison	Alternate 3—Nick Woodworth
District 4—Carole Cardwell	Alternate 4—Lou Manzi
District 5—Vacant	Activities Committee Chairs—Vacant
District 6—Diana Lindsley	ACC Chairs—Nick Woodworth / Lou Manzi
District 7—Leslie Shaw	Bingo Cmte Chairs—Wendy Dillard / Debbie Bumgarner
District 8—Vacant	Communications Cmte Chairs—Diana Lindsley / Diane Greer
District 9—Diane Greer	Finance Cmte Chair—Tony Furst
	GERT Cmte Chair—Kristel Buechner
	Property Cmte Chairs—Tom Shaw / Jack Stephen

GETTING TO KNOW A BIT ABOUT OUR 2025 DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, ALTERNATES, AND CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS

Let's get to know a few things about the volunteers who will be helping run Greentrees. We have asked each of the 2025 District Representatives, Alternates, Chairs, and Co-Chairs to write a few words to help our community get to know them a little better. To help them write this, we have posed the following questions for them to answer. Please read their bios on the next few pages.

- How long have you lived in Greentrees?
- What experience(s) have you had in your life that will help in your role?
- What is the main goal you hope to accomplish in your role in 2025?

We hope you get some knowledge of our new and returning volunteers. Please come meet them at our first Board of Directors Meeting on January 21 at 1PM in the Rec Hall.

Diane Greer

In Oregon, an HOA board is a group of elected volunteers who manage the affairs of the Homeowners Association (HOA). Board members are governed by Oregon State statutes (ORS 94.640), and their rights and duties are outlined in the HOA's governing documents (CC&R's, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Robert's Rules of Order). Some of the responsibilities of the HOA board are enforcing rules and regulations, collecting assessments from members, maintaining common areas, budgeting and financial management, creating and maintaining community records, creating annual maintenance plan, and creating an annual budget.

District 2 Representative - Lanette Manzi

Lou and I moved to Greentrees in 2021. My career has always required strong communication and negotiation skills. I also have experience with accounting and contracts. My goals for 2025 are to address the hardship the 2025 dues increase will impose on those on fixed incomes, to restore integrity back to the BOD, and to bring back peace and joy to Greentrees residents.

District 3 Representative - Patty Harrison

Purchased in March 2019, and moved to Greentrees full time in October 2019. Did extensive remodeling of kitchen, bathroom, and living room before moving in.

Experience on multiple boards throughout my life, Woodburn School Board, Eugene/Springfield Habitat for Humanity, Springfield Lions Club, Florence Lions Club, and Greentrees Board for 1 year previously as an alternate for District 6.

My goal is to keep Greentrees headed forward to a better place for all residents and to provide the training for our staff to maximize their potential.

District 4 Representative - Carole Cardwell

I have lived in GTV since October 2020. We had been driving from Reno NV every summer for decades, wanting to live on the coast. The experience I bring as a board member is I have owned and managed preschool/daycares, dealing with adults and children for decades. My goal to accomplish in future is to make well thought-out plans and have things run smoothly, including the monthly meetings.

District 6 Representative and Communications Chair - Diana Lindsley

Diana and husband Terry moved to GTV in May 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. After a bit, Diana assisted with rebuilding the website and soon became the webmaster. She implemented the email blasts to keep residents informed. She restarted the quilt group that has made quilts for the Giving Tree as well as serving in other activities and events. Diana has been involved in professional, civic, and other non-profit organizations for about 40 years, serving on boards and as an officer, including president. When not quilting or serving GTV, she works as an IT project manager for OSU. Goals for 2025 include review and revision of the CCRs and bylaws and work for the residents of GTV to bring the community together.

District 7 Representative - Leslie Shaw

I have lived in Greentrees for 12 1/2 years.

I spent my entire career in accounting and office management. I have enjoyed serving on the Board and being the Board Treasurer this past year it has been a learning experience, and I continue to learn every day.

My main goal this year is bringing our By-laws and CC&Rs current with today's language and in compliance with new laws. Getting rid of the ambiguity will give our rules some teeth so we can better protect our way of life in GTV. It's going to be a huge job to get word out to all of the residents and to get them informed and involved in changes that will affect us all.

District 9 Representative and Communications Co-Chair - Diane Greer

After retiring in late 2020 and then traveling around helping others with various projects for 1-1/2 years, I moved to Greentrees in May 2022.

Throughout my working life I have worked in offices holding positions as administrative assistant, business analyst, programmer, project manager, and office manager. I loved being able to make other people's jobs easier by learning what they did, what they needed, and working with them to automate their job to make it more efficient. I also had a successful Airbnb business with a 4.8-star rating.

My main goal as a Representative of Greentrees is to have a cohesive board, where all parts of the board work and fit together well. Together Everyone Achieves More-TEAM.

Alternate 1 – Tracie Nash

As a three-year resident of the Greentrees community, I am honored to be a part of a neighborhood that values connection and collaboration. My experience as the president of the North Slope Education Association allowed me to advocate for both teachers and students, strengthening educational programs and equipped me with effective leadership and communication skills. These skills will help me serve as a valuable member of not only our community, but as a member of the Board, where I plan to contribute meaningfully by addressing resident concerns and supporting the growth and wellbeing of Greentrees.

Alternate 2 – Michele Smith

With husband Tom, we have owned a home in Greentrees since 2018.

Qualifications which should help me be a Representative for GTV are: Elks - Acting Treasurer/ Secretary; Event Coordinator; Grant Writer. AT&T - Manager Building & Facilities Operations; Project Manager – directed & coordinated various groups & employees to cutover analog to digital switching; Technical Support Manager data & switching eleven western states. Worked for a CPA. Special Project Manager, RV Park restoration. Worked in customer service for several local stores. Elected & served my term at GTV HOA multiple years. Served as a rep for an Equestrian HOA.

In serving GTV, I believe it is always best to observe, listen, and plan actions. It is my belief GTV must look to conserve and negotiate all expenditures in 2025.

Alternate 3 and Architecture Control Committee Chair - Nick Woodworth

Nick was born and raised in Florence and has spent most of his life here. In July of 2003 Nick and Lynn moved to Greentrees. While working in the plywood mills, Nick had leadership responsibilities as a forman. He was also vice president for the school district's classified union. His leadership roles in Greentrees include District Representative, the ACC first as a member and then as the chairman, and a member of the Property Committee. As a volunteer, Nick has always strived to keep Greentrees a friendly and safe place to live.

Alternate 4 and Architectural Control Committee Co-Chair - Lou Manzi

Lanette and I moved to Greentrees in the latter part of 2021 from Colorado after 39 years there.

In my professional and business life, I built and sold multiple corporations and restaurants. Including turning a simple company with eight employees into a global corporation with multiple companies in 11 countries and over 400 employees. Multi-degreed including a Masters, I am an International Culinary-schooled Chef, just the fun of it. I have strong business management skills in planning, accounting, finance, securities, forecasting, and negotiations.

With many concerns to work on this year, my main is our financial situation and position. It bothers me that we have a \$48.00 increase in dues that will hurt so many in our community. I believe all spending should be frozen immediately and the 2025 budget looked at again, negotiate stronger agreements with the City and still be able to lower the 2025 dues by the February board meeting.

Bingo Committee Chair - Wendy Dillard

Mike moved to Greentrees in September 2020 and I joined him in May 2021.

We managed a storage facility in Bend, OR and did everything from taking in dues, maintenance, auction, and disposing of unwanted items left behind by non-payers. I worked at many businesses as a cashier, teller, legal assistant, and paralegal.

My number one goal is to bring Bingo back to the community for social reasons to help our community heal.

Finance Committee Chair - Tony Furst

I've lived in GTV since the fall of 2021. Prior to coming to GTV, I lived in two other HOAs. For one I was the HOA Treasurer for two years, and for the other I was the Board President for a year. In my professional life I was a senior executive in the Federal government for 15+ years. The main goal of the FC is to support the Board in its fiscal responsibilities to the community. In support of the Board, the FC covers a range of tasks, but primarily it monitors the HOA's investments, prepares its annual budget, and reviews its funds management monthly.

GERT Chair - Kristel Buechner

Kristel and Jay purchased our home in 2014, and in 2015, I was asked to chair the GERT chair committee.

My experiences include:

I've been involved in emergency preparedness since the 1980's. I also attended some of the early 90's CERT classes, pre-FEMA. I've been involved in the emergency disaster recovery and relocation of people and animals for over 40 years.

I have always been a strong believer in giving back and volunteering in our community. I have volunteered with mounted posse search and rescue sheriff's department for a decade. Jay and I were also FEMA trainers for the local CERT program at SVFR.

In 2025, I have some fun, "hands on" emergency disaster practice scenarios planned for the GERT team, starting in February. I have an emergency plan for GTV.

Property Committee Co-Chair - Tom Shaw

Leslie and I have been owners at GTV since 2012 and have loved it. Prior to my retirement, I enjoyed a career as an architect for 38 years. Of that 38, I shared time as a construction manager for 20 years in a design/build capacity. As co-chairman of the Property Committee, it is my hope to assist in providing a thoughtful and efficient approach towards property and infrastructure essentials of GTV.

Property Committee Co-Chair - Jack Stephen

I purchased my home in Greentrees in the Spring of 2022. Following some renovations, I moved into it in the fall of that year.

My first job in high school was fixing everything at a local 300-unit apartment complex. During college and following a few years of arresting shoplifters and being a valet and chauffeur, I was back to fixing things—this time for decades at luxury hotels.

After joining Tom Shaw on the Properties Committee, we were able to add the automatic chemical feed system to our adult pool. This upgrade freed up many hours for our maintenance team. This next year will see Tom and me continuing to use our skills and exposure to get Greentrees Village working smarter, not harder.

Thank you to all who volunteer in these roles. We couldn't make Greentrees Village work with out you. **You Rock!**

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Robert Awe #62

Deborah Mendes #587

IMPORTANT-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.

GREENTREES EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (GERT)

What is GERT? Greentrees Emergency Response Team. The team has residents that have volunteered to learn how to protect, and take care of themselves, and our community, in the event of a disaster. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend a GERT meeting or training. Are you prepared for an emergency situation? Do you have a plan? Where will you go? Do you have supplies?

It doesn't matter how great things are right now, things can change in the blink of an eye.

Be prepared by putting away enough food and water for you your family and your pets.

January is Preparing for Winter month, on the preparedness calendar. It's a good idea to prepare for power outages, since 63% of deaths during emergencies are weather related.

House fires are the 2nd leading cause of death, so making sure you have adequate fire blankets and extinguisher is also a good idea.

GERT meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the Rec Hall or Multi-purpose room.

Kristel Buechner GERT trainer/coordinator 551.997.0909

JOIN EMERGENCY RESPONSE RADIO TEAM

Greentrees Emergency Communications Radio Team is in need of resident volunteers for a once-amonth radio test.

Testing is done from the comfort of your own home and a radio is provided to you. We are in need of residents from District 2 (64-126), District 4 (190-252), and District 7 (513-574).

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

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"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better man." - Benjamin Franklin

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."— C.S. Lewis

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Maintenance is continuing with the Water Works project. Phase 1 is now done except for the asphalting of the holes that have been covered up. They will be coming around to asphalt all holes in the street and in driveways. The concrete patching will come after that. Phase 2 will begin in February. We will also continue replacing isolation valves. After the beginning of the new year, I will get a schedule of the water shutoffs and they will be handed out to the entire west side. I would also like to encourage people to get in touch with Maintenance for any questions and concerns. I have seen a few

concerns on Facebook that seemed to get out of hand. It could have been solved by a simple phone call. I am always willing to educate the residents on the process of our projects and open to reasonable suggestions. Thank you.















2025 BUDGET

At December's Board meeting, individuals asked for a more detailed breakdown of the \$48/month dues increase. Increases in basic essential services account for 45.5% of the increase. The \$21.87/month increase in these services includes trash collection (\$1.17), sewer (\$12.73), storm sewer (\$3.66), water (\$3.72), and city services (\$0.59). The next highest increase was wages at \$9.59/month, 20% of the increase. The amount to GTV's reserve account is up \$5.81/month, 12% of the increase. TV cable/internet went up \$2.86/month, 6% of the increase. And insurance went up \$3.16/month, 6.5% of the increase. These five subjects – essential services, wages, the reserve account, TV cable/internet & insurance account for 90% of the increase. Please keep in mind that GTV has nondues income such as interest on the GTV investment accounts, owner transfer fees, the RV park fees, etc. that complement what is paid in dues. In 2025 that non-dues income is projected to be \$18.87/month. The monthly per unit cost to run GTV is \$336.87/month. Homeowners will pay \$318/month. The remainder is made up by the non-dues income.

A few notes regarding the increases. GTV is over 50 years old and its underlying infrastructure – water and sewer lines - is approaching the time when it will need to refurbished or replaced. The Waterworks Project is an example of that work. To meet that challenge, the Reserve Fund needs to be adequately funded. The essential services are simply a necessity, doing without them is not an option and this Board worked hard with the City to minimize the impact of how the City billed for wastewater treatment (sewer). There were many articles on the wastewater costs in the Fall newsletters. TV Cable/Internet costs each GTV resident \$38.21/month. If you shop around, you know what an incredible bargain this is. Paying a living wage and taking care of our employees ensures we have quality staff and reduces turnover.

If there are any additional questions, please use the option on the GTV website to submit them.

Tony Furst



NEW YEAR TRADITIONS AROUND THE GLOBE

Singing the ten verses of "Auld Lang Syne" (written by Robert Burns in 1788) has been an American tradition for decades. But have you ever wondered about the New Year traditions around the world, including their various meanings? Here are a few.

In the **United States**, some people in upstate New York, each using a separate hammer, smash a peppermint candy pig and eat the candy pieces for good luck.

In **Spain**, people may try to eat 12 grapes with each stroke of midnight.

In **Scotland**, Hogmanay (Scotland's New Year's Eve celebration) sees a parade that includes swinging giant fireballs on poles.

The **Dutch** eat ring-shaped treats, showing a "coming full circle" that leads to good fortune.

Germans and Pennsylvania Dutch enjoy eating sauerkraut for good luck.

The Danish may see smashing of plates on the doorsteps of friends and family.

And in Ireland, if mistletoe is placed under your pillow, you'll dream of your future partner.

In **Greece**, they might hang bundles of onions (a symbol of prosperity) to invite good luck.

In **Brazil**, they believe that if you get in the surf and go over seven waves, you'll get a wish for each wave. They also wear white to symbolize good luck and peace.

Columbia sees people racing around the block carrying empty suitcases to guarantee a year of travel.

And finally, some in **Puerto Rico** throw a bucket of water out the window and invite good luck inside.

Jack Stephen



THANK YOU GREENTREES ELVES

So for some final numbers

\$698 more than 2023 Money: \$2,200 Toys: 458 120 more than 2023 Quilts: 47 more than 2023 77

What a wonderful group of people live here.

Peg Patton Thank you



THANKSGIVING AT GREENTREES 2024

What a wonderful day we had with friends, family, and neighbors giving thanks and counting our blessings. Jack and Laura Swanson, along with all of the amazing Activities Committee members and other turkeys, I mean helpers, made Thanksgiving a day to remember.

The food was top notch and just kept on coming, turkey with all the fixin's, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and more pie!! We did not forget the whipped cream.

Over 200 people were served. We even had a whole family of 16 attend, who took over the Multi-purpose room. How fun! Our homebound residents were not forgotten; the tradition of delivering meals was continued by the Lindsleys.

Once again, this would not happen without the wonderful volunteers who roasted turkeys, chopped, stirred and mashed to their heart's content; there were cooks, table setters, centerpiece makers, pie slicers, servers and dish washers. Thanks again for your time and friendship.

See you next Thanksgiving.

Denise Lutz

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT GREENTREES 2024

Well, Mother and Father Christmas found us again this year at our holiday dinner. As usual, the Activities Committee offered another festive fare for all of our hungry tummies. We were treated with tasty hors d'oeuvres before the big event, giving residents an opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new friends, and generally spread cheer. Dinner, which consisted of juicy baked ham and creamy scalloped potatoes, was provided by the Committee along with many salads and sides brought in by our own lovely residents. We filled our plates and had a sumptuous meal. And let's not forget all of the desserts! No meal is complete without the final filling of the sweet tooth! Thank you to all of you who contributed the salads, sides, and the desserts! Of course, the fes-

tive decor added to the flavor of it all. To complete the merry mood, one of our favorite musicians, Jeff Lovejov, added the final piece to our complete celebration.

It literally takes a village to accomplish these wonderful dinners we offer our residents and their guests. We are so grateful to our valuable Activities Committee and all the volunteers who help them each time they host an event.

A big THANK YOU for the seasonal afternoon. Let's all meet up again next year!!





Sally Ott

GROUP CORNER

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

Luncheon out! –This group meets monthly at various restaurants around town. 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! Signup sheet in the library.

Knit / Crochet Group — The group meets the <u>first Friday of each month at the Multi-Purpose</u> Room at 1PM. Next meeting Jan. 3. All knitters and crocheters welcome! Please contact Carol Parrish for more information.

Scrapbooking / Papercrafting Group! Papercrafting / scrapbooking is back on! Next session, Jan. 19 10AM-2PM in the Rec Hall. Contact Joy at jplummergang2015@gmail.com for information or to attend.

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

Quilt Group –Next meeting will be Jan. 17 at 10 am 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 <u>2PM on the 4th Thursday of each month</u> in the Multipurpose Room. Next meeting will be Jan. 23 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 –8:30 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.

LOCKING MAILBOXES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

If you are interested in purchasing a locking mailbox, there are still 8 available for \$83/each. Our maintenance team will install them. Please contact Diane Greer @ 661-706-1669, if interested.

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.



AT THE MOVIES



By Jim Negri

GENRE: ADVENTURE

Rudyard Kipling - The Jungle Book -- 1994: When his father is killed by a jungle tiger, Mowgli (Jason Scott Lee) is orphaned and grows up in the wild, raised by animals. Years later, the bracelet given to him by his childhood friend, Kitty (Lena Headey), is stolen. In pursuing it, he discovers Monkey City with all its treasures. He is reunited with Kitty, but struggles to adapt to civilization. When Kitty's unscrupulous suitor, Capt. Boone (Cary Elwes), attempts to raid the jungle of its treasures, Mowgli's life is imperiled.

The Scorpion King Part 2: Rise of the Warrior -- 2008: After a swarm of enchanted scorpions kills his father, Mathayus (Michael Copon) flees and vows to even the score with ruthless sorcerer Sargon (Randy Couture). Upon returning home after years of combat training, Mathayus finds that Sargon has seized the crown and protected himself with a powerful spell. To retrieve the only weapon capable of destroying the tyrant -- a mystical sword -- Mathayus and lady warrior Layla (Karen David) set off for a labyrinth guarded by a deadly Minotaur.

The Smallest Show on Earth -- 1957: When Matt Spenser (Bill Travers) and his wife, Jean (Virginia McKenna), inherit a small cinema, the Bijou, from a distant relative, they are shocked to find a decrepit building that comes with a group of aging employees. Matt and Jean try to sell the Bijou to Albert Hardcastle (Francis De Wolff), the owner of a large nearby cinema, but he gives them a lowball offer. Instead, they decide to open the theater, using a few clever marketing schemes to gain viewers at the expense of Hardcastle

Spencer's Mountain -- 1963: Clay Spencer (Henry Fonda) and his wife, Olivia (Maureen O'Hara), live in a small town deep in the mountains. When Clay isn't busy drinking with his buddies or railing against the town minister (Wally Cox), he's building the house he's always promised Olivia. He is overjoyed when he learns his eldest son (James MacArthur) will be the first Spencer to attend college, if he can resist the charms of a pretty local girl (Mimsy Farmer) and rustle up the money for tuition.

The Spiderwick Chronicles -- 2008: Of the three Grace children, Jared (Freddie Highmore) has always been thought of as the troublemaker. So, when strange things happen after his family's move to a relative's dilapidated estate, sister Mallory (Sarah Bolger), twin brother Simon and their mother assume that Jared is behind it all. However, magical creatures roam the grounds, and they all want a special book that Jared has found: a field guide to fantastic creatures, penned by Arthur Spiderwick.

Superman Returns -- 2006: While Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) plots to destroy him once and for all, the Man of Steel (Brandon Routh) returns after a long absence to a much-changed world. Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth) has moved on with her life, and society has learned to survive without him. Superman must find a way to reconnect with her and find his place in a world that may no longer need him.

The Tales of Hans Christian Anderson -- 2001: Once upon a time, there lived in Denmark a young shoemaker named Hans Christian Andersen whose magical tales delighted boys and girls throughout the land. Filled with music, laughter and "wonderful, glittering fun" (L.A. Examiner), this charming fable follows the adventures of the legendary storyteller and "recaptures the spirit of fairyland make-believe for children of all ages" (Southern California Motion Picture Council). Nominated* for six Oscars(r), Hans ChristianAndersen is pure enchantment! Danny Kaye "is a delight" (Cue) as Hans, who one day journeys beyond the borders of his small village, across the sea and into the dazzling city of Copenhagen. There he encounters marvels and wonders beyond his wildest dreams...and finds the inspiration for some of his most unforgettable characters such as "The Little Mermaid," "The Ugly Duckling," "Thumbelina" and many more! *1952: Art Direction (Color), Cinematography (Color), Costume Design (Color), Scoring of a Musical Picture, Song, "Thumbelina."

The Great Race -- 1965: A spectacular land race from New York to Paris in the early 20th century is planned, the two main competitors being the handsome, dashing hero in white, The Great Leslie (Tony Curtis), and the dastardly, black-suited Professor Fate (Jack Lemmon). While Fate's sidekick, Max (Peter Falk), attempts to sabotage Leslie and the other racers, Leslie finds an unlikely ally in Maggie DuBois (Natalie Wood), a suffragette and journalist-turned-racer whose car breaks down halfway through the event.

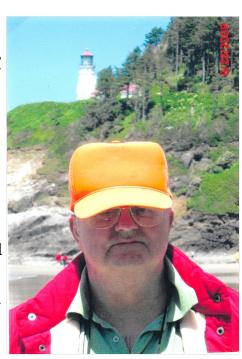
Librarian: Quest for the Spear -- 2004: When Flynn is pushed out of school after earning 20 different degrees, he has to find a job. He is invited to apply for a librarian post for the Metropolitan Library, which he is surprised to be given. Starting his new job, he discovers it is no ordinary library, and he is to be no ordinary librarian. One of the artifacts is stolen by an evil brotherhood, and Flynn is thrown in the deep end, sent to the Amazon to save the world.

LARRY DEAN PEDERSEN OBITUARY

Larry Dean Pedersen was born November 12, 1944 in Redmond, Oregon to parents Oswald and Violet Pedersen, and died November 19, 2024 peacefully at home in Greentrees Village (Space 575) under hospice care. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dorothy Pedersen, sister Marilyn Ayers of Springfield, OR, brothers Dick Pedersen of Eugene, OR and Gene Pedersen of Bend, OR, several nephews and nieces.

Larry was an artist, photographer, and writer, who loved Oregon's forests and coast. He graduated from Redmond Union High School in Redmond, OR, then earned an A.S. degree in electronics from Central Oregon Community College, Bend, studied Radio Broadcasting at Lane Community College, Eugene, nutrition and Certified Nursing Assistant at Southeast Community College (Lincoln, NE).

On November 9, 1974, he married Dorothy Fuller in Bend, and in the late 1970s he and Dorothy created a "homestead" on 20 acres of unimproved land "off the grid" surrounded by forest in the foothills below the Eagle Cap Wilderness near Halfway, Oregon.



Larry worked as a radio announcer (KPRB in Redmond, OR), a darkroom technician (Kennell-Ellis and Webb Loy Studios in Eugene), photographer and writer for the Bend Bulletin, Redmond Spokesman, and the Hells Canyon Journal (Halfway, OR). He was a motion picture photographer/ correspondent for TV stations KOIN, KGW, KATU and KEZI, an installer/repairman for the Pine Telephone Company in Halfway, OR, as well as a school custodian, and a courier for the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. He volunteered as a newsletter editor and Girl Scout co-leader. On the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, he was "Uncle Larry" to many neighborhood children. He was a member of the Baha'i Faith, and a Type 1 diabetic from the age of 7 till the end of his life.

Memorial donations can be made to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Foundation Hospice, or to diabetesresearch connection.org.

Dorothy Pedersen



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TRICKED BY A SCAMMER-PART 1

This will be a two-part series by one of our residents about her experience and what to do.

This morning, I got taken by a scammer. I had just awakened when the phone call came in so I will use the brain fog for my excuse as to why I let this go on for as long as it did. Here's what happened and how and when I should have figured out what was going on:

- 1. The call showed the name of my bank on caller ID.
- 2. The caller talked really fast to encourage a sense of urgency.
- 3. He knew my name and asked me if I'd verify a \$700 charge at a place I'd recently shopped.
- 4. He asked for the last 8 digits of my card # ("Just the last 8, ma'am").
- 5. Requested the expiration date.
- 6. Requested the first 4 digits of the card #.
- 7. Asked for the verification code from the back of the card.
- 8. I began to get suspicious and asked him to prove he was from my bank, so he offered to text me a verification code to prove who they were, then validated the last 4 digits of my phone number.
- 9. He kept asking me to wait while they dealt with the false charge.
- 10. Called back after we "got disconnected", because I had hung up.
- 11. They hung up when I connected them into a 3-way call that I had initiated with my bank's Fraud Dept.

Clues and what I should have done:

- #1 my bank's phone number. Yes, scammers can hide their phone number and make caller id display something else.
- #2 talking fast the caller had an Asian accent, so I initially discounted the speed with which he talked as being cultural. I shouldn't have. Banks and fraud departments are very calm.
- #3 my name and the store name they knew this info because the store was where they had skimmed some or all of my card info. They definitely had my name, phone #, and had identified my bank. Knowing the bank gave them the bank's phone # AND some of the 1st 8 digits of my credit card number (those that identify the bank).
- #4 last eight digits I've had banks ask for the last 4 digits but not the last 8. This is where my fuzzy brain began to send me alerts, but I wasn't quite awake enough to react, yet.
- #5 and #7 this is info I'm used to providing when I purchase items, but the bank shouldn't ask for them, should they?
- #6 first 4 digits they didn't ask for this immediately after the last 8 digits, so I gave them the info before my brain kicked in. At this point, they had my entire card number because they already knew my bank's data embedded in the 5-8th digits of the card number.
- #8-10 we were both stalling at this point. I don't know why he was trying to keep me on the phone, but I was trying to contact my bank's fraud department to ask them about this call. I was successful in getting my bank representative who confirmed I was probably dealing with a fraudster so I connected the bank rep into the initial call.
- #11 once the bank's representative identified himself, the fraudster disconnected.

Rebecca Burgess





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TOP 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

- Exercise more.
- Lose weight.
- Get organized.
- Learn a new skill or hobby.
- Live life to the fullest.
- Save more money / spend less money.
- Quit smoking.
- Spend more time with family and friends.
- Travel more.
- Read more.

HOA DUES REMINDER

HOA Fees: In 2025, dues have increased 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

VOLUNTEERS

We have so many great volunteers who help in our community, but we need so many more. Please see our list of Volunteers from 2024 and look at the list of volunteer opportunities for 2025. Please contact the office about getting involved.



"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." -Carl Bard

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern McClellan

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January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Office and maintenance closed	2 5:30 PM Poker	3 2 PM Knit & Crochet Group	4 5 PM Game Night
5	6 12:30 GERT Radio test 1 PM Bunco	7	8 Pool closed 1 PM Bridge 2 PM Communications Committee	9 1 PM ACC Committee 1 PM GERT 5:30 PM Poker	10	11 1 PM District 4 & 5 meeting 5 PM Game Night
12	13	14 10 AM Property Committee	15 10 AM Finance Committee 12 PM Luncheon Out 1 PM Bridge	16 5:30 PM Poker	17 10 AM Quilt Group	18 10 AM Saturday Meet & Greet 5 PM Game Night
19 10 AM Scrapbooking / Papercrafting	20 10 AM Activities Committee 1 PM Bunco	21 1 PM Board Meeting	1 PM Bridge	23 2 PM Book Club 5:30 PM Poker	24 5 PM Potluck	25 2 PM District 9 meeting 5 PM Game Night
26	27	28	29 1 PM Bridge	30 5:30 PM Poker	31	

Event locations

Daily (weekdays):

Water Aerobics, at the Pool, 8 AM

Mon /Wed / Fri:

Pickle Ball, at the court, 8:30 AM Tai Chi, Rec Hall, 9 AM (M/W) Exercise Class, Rec Hall, 10 AM

Rec Hall:

Board Meeting

Bunco

Card Exchange

District Meetings

Game Night

Papercrafting Group

Potluck

Coffee Room:

Bridge Club

Poker

Senior Moments Coffee Club

Multi-Purpose Room:

Activities Committee

Ad Hoc Traffic Committee

Communications Committee

Finance Committee

GERT

Knit & Crochet Group

Property Committee

Quilt Club

Woman's Group

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: Dues for 2025 are \$318 / month.

Recycling: The Activities Committee collects bottles and cans with deposits. All the funds go to the Activities 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: A reminder that ONLY yard debris should be in the dumpsters. There is a fine for putting trash or plastic bags in the dumpster. Branches should be kept to under 3 inches and 3 feet long.

Directory info: Is your directory information correct –name, phone number and/or email address? The Office needs correct information in order to contact you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join a Committee Or Help Out In Other Ways

As Patsy Turner says "Just try it! Jump in with both feet.

If you don't like it you can find something else."

Activities Committee Chair Gan Activities Committee Member GER

Activities Helper

Ad-Hoc Traffic Committee

Architectural Control Committee Chair Architectural Control Committee Member

Bingo Caller
Bingo Chair
Bingo Helpers
Board of Directors
Book Club Coordinator
Bridge Club Coordinator

CERT Radio

Christmas Lights Contest Coordinator

Christmas Tree Decorator Coffee Meet & Greet Host

Bunco Group Coordinator

Communications Committee Chair
Communications Committee Member

Community Helping Community (dog walking,

monthly neighbor visit, etc.)

Cook / Chef
Decorating Crew
Directory Helper

Display Cabinet Coordinator

DVD Librarian

Election Committee Chair Election Committee Member

Email Blast

Emergency Communications Radio Team

Exercise Class Coordinator
Exercise Class Helper
Facebook Administrator
Finance Committee Chair
Finance Committee Member
Flea Market Coordinator

Flea Market Helper

Game Night Coordinator GERT Committee Chair

GERT Radio Group

Giving Tree Coordinator/Chief Elf

Kitchen Helper

Librarian

Luncheon Out Coordinator Newsletter Folding Crew

Newsletter Folding Crew Coordinator

Photographer Potluck Host

Property Committee Chair Property Committee Member Quilt Group Coordinator Quilt Group Member Quilt Group Volunteer Recording Secretary

RV Camp Host

Scrapbooking/Paper Crafting Group

Coordinator Shop Monitor

String Instrument Class Coordinator

Tai Chi Instructor

Village Voice Advertising Agent Village Voice Contributor Village Voice Editor

Village Voice Folding Crew Village Voice Proofreader Village Voice Writer

Webmaster

WLEOG Representative

Or anything else you want to volunteer for.

Contact the office about getting involved.

Greentrees Village would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering and helping in our community in 2024. It takes a lot of hours to make things happen in and around Greentrees. It is great to know we have so many residents willing to step up and help make our community work. Let's say thank you to them, next time you see them. And perhaps you might consider volunteering in 2025.

Daniel Baxter-Ad-Hoc Traffic Committee Co-Chair; Village Voice Contributor

Debra Baxter-Ad-Hoc Traffic Committee

Connie Betson-Election Committee

Sara Bower–Activities Helper

Lorraine Brinkley-Newsletter Folding Crew

Gary Brown-Emergency Communications Radio Team

Leslie Brown–Emergency Communications Radio Team

Kristel Buechner–GERT Committee Chair; WLEOG Representative; CERT Radio; Village Voice Contributor; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Jay Buechner-Emergency Communications Radio Team

Debbie Baumgarner–Bingo Chair and Caller

Richard Bowden-Ad-Hoc Traffic Committee

Suzie Bowden–Decorating Crew; Village Voice Folding Crew; Activities Helper; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Fred Burns-Board of Directors; Finance Committee

Carole Cardwell—Bunco Group Coordinator; Bingo Caller; Activities Helper; Christmas Lights Contest Coordinator

Rex Cardwell-Activities Helper

Tom Carson–Emergency Communications Radio Team

Dan Chagnon-Acoustic Guitar Jam Coordinator; Activities Helper

Shanti Chagnon–Exercise Coordinator; Activities Helper; Activities Committee; Emergency Communications Radio Group; Village Voice Contributor; Quilt Group Member

Judy Chandler-Emergency Communications Radio Team; Village Voice Folding Crew

Joe Cohen-Emergency Communications Radio Team

Nancy Cook-Quilt Group Volunteer

Tracy Cook-Quilt Group Volunteer

Bonnie Costa–Decorator; Village Voice Folding Crew Coordinator; Activities Helper; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Mike Cox—Facebook Administrator; Property Committee; Photographer; Communications Committee; Emergency Communications Radio Team; Village Voice Proofreader

Mike Dillard-Bingo Committee; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Wendy Dillard-Bingo Committee Chair/Co-Chair/Caller

George Durant-Librarian

Tony Furst-Finance Committee Chair

Toni Glover-Romano-Display Cabinet Coordinator; Activities Committee

Connie Goddard-Finance Committee

Diane Greer—Board of Directors; Village Voice Co-Editor; Village Voice Advertising Agent; Property Committee; Architectural Control Committee; Communications Committee Co-Chair; Game Night Coordinator; Bunco Coordinator; Activities Helper

Debbie Guttery-Newsletter Folding Crew; Quilt Group Member

Mary Hamilton-Communications Committee; Village Voice Contributor

Marvin Hamilton-Architectural Control Committee

Doug Hansen-DVD Librarian

Patty Harrison-Board of Directors; Activities Committee; Quilt Group Member

Kerstin Johnsen-Election Committee

Barb Johnson-Quilt Group Member

Brenda Kessler–Village Voice Folding Crew; Quilt Group Member

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Diana Lindsley–Board of Directors; HOA Board Secretary; Village Voice Co-Editor; Quilt Group Coordinator; Webmaster; Communications Committee Chair; Activities Helper

Terry Lindsley–Architectural Control Committee; Activities Helper

Elizabeth Lugg-Activities Helper; Potluck Host

Charles Lugg–Book Club Coordinator; Potluck Host; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Denise Lutz–Activities Helper

Steve Lyons-Bridge Club Coordinator

Irene Makuch-Exercise Coordinator; Decorating Crew; Activities Helper

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Bob Mallory-Village Voice Folding Crew

Lanette Manzi–Activities Committee; Coffee Meet & Greet Co-Host; Communications Committee

Lou Manzi–Activities Committee Chair; Communications Committee; Village Voice Contributor; Coffee Meet & Greet Co-Host

Kay Matthesen-Communications Committee; Activities Helper; Directory Helper

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Don McGehe -Book Club Coordinator

Frank Miles-Finance Committee; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Pat Miller-Finance Committee; Election Committee; Village Voice Contributor

Rick Miron-Emergency Communications Radio Team

Carol Murphy-Recording Secretary; Activities Committee

Jeff Myers–Property Committee; Architectural Control Committee; Activities Committee; Bike Raffle Coordinator; Emergency Communications Radio Team; Decorating Crew

Cheryl Neely-Exercise Class Helper

Jim Negri-Activities Helper; DVD Librarian; Village Voice Contributor

Nancy O'Neill—Board of Directors; Communications Committee; Village Voice Contributor; Village Voice Proofreader

Sally Ott-Board of Directors; HOA Board Vice President; Ad-Hoc Traffic Committee; Village Voice Contributor; Activities Helper

Peg Patton-Christmas Tree Decorator; Giving Tree Gift Coordinator/Chief elf

Lois Peaslee-Christmas Tree Decorator

Mike Peaslee–Board of Directors; HOA Board Secretary; Architectural Control Committee; Ad-Hoc Rules Committee Chair; Activities Helper

Ken Petersen–Emergency Communications Radio Team

Susan Peterson-Election Committee; Pot Luck Host

Carol Phillips-Election Committee

Joy Plummer-Scrapbooking/Paper Crafting Group Coordinator

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Leslie Shaw–Board of Directors; HOA Board Treasurer; Finance Committee; Activities Helper

Tom Shaw-Architectural Control Committee; Property Committee Co-Chair

Jude Stendahl-Luncheon Out Coordinator

Jack Stephens—Property Committee Co-Chair; Communications Committee; Village Voice Contributor; Architectural Control Committee; Emergency Communications Radio Team

Jack Swanson-Board of Directors; Activities Committee Co-Chair; Pot Luck Host

Laura Swanson-Activities Committee Co-Chair; Pot Luck Host

Maire Testa-Village Voice Proofreader

Patsy Turner-Election Committee Chair; RV Camp Host

Mary VanderWeit-Activities Helper

Frank Vigna—Tai Chi Instructor; Emergency Communications Radio Team; Village Voice Folding Crew

Mary Washkoske-Decorating Crew

Laurie White—Architectural Control Committee; Activities Committee; Flea Market Coordinator

Nick Woodworth—Board of Directors; Architectural Control Committee Chair; Property Committee; Shop Monitor

Extensive effort was made for this list to be as inclusive and accurate as possible. If we missed you, or have incorrect information, please accept our apologies, our thanks, and report the correction to the office.