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Golf Course Update

by Mark Jorgenson, Golf Pro Shop

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Storm damage repair to the front nine is progressing and the front nine will continue to be closed for safety until all the major tree work is completed. We anticipate that the front nine will be open for play by the 1st of April if the weather holds and safety concerns can be met. Continue to check with Pro Shop for updates.

The Trunk Sale and Pro Shop Raffle is scheduled for 15th of April! Do not miss out on your chance for great pricing on Skecher Shoes, Sun Mountain Golf Bags, Golf Buddy Range Finders and much more. This event will be held in the cart parking area in front of the Pro Shop and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sales items, raffle items, snacks and more!

Safety First

Grab Bars

by Alice Weaver and Karen Linton

Did you know that over 53 million Americans live with a disability? The most common disability is related to mobility - walking, bending down, climbing stairs, etc. These complications cause physical and mental distress. To help with these distresses, the Americans With a Disability Act (ADA) was passed by Congress in 2010. The act mainly applied to commercial/public entities to be ADA compliant. However, it also established a set of standards for all devices for safety for those who have mobility issues.

The most common safety device is the grab bar. Generally, grab bars prevent falls and injuries by allowing people to grasp them, particularly during an emergency. Whenever one experiences dizziness, fatigue, or loss of balance, it is essential to have something to grab onto to be stabilized and not fall.

Grab bars can withstand a significant weight without pulling out from the wall. Towel racks and shower rods cannot do that and should never be used in lieu of a grab bar.

So, who should get grab bars?

Anyone who...

- Has balance issues.
- Experience dizziness or light-headedness.
- Has fallen more than once in the last year.
- Do not want to fall.

Where should grab bars serve best?

Since the bathroom is the number one location for falls in the home, there should be bars.

- In and around the tub and shower.
- Around the commode.

Also, particularly here in Woodburn Estates and Golf, where most houses have one or two steps at both the front and back doors and into the garage.

- Along stairs inside and outside.
- At any change of level inside the house.
- At the entrance where there is a threshold that is raised even without a step.
- Even if there is only one step as onto a front porch or deck.

What type of grab bar to get?

- ONLY ADA CERTIFIED should be purchased.
- Several sizes are available, the most common being 12", 18" and 24".
- Size should be based on space and location.
- Plain grab bars serve the purpose, but there are more expensive decor models.

In the next edition of the *News & Views*, we will discuss where to buy the grab bars, discounts available, installation, etc.

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Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Dawn Cole, General Manager, the Board of Directors and all the volunteers, and the Woodburn Ambulance crew who made the covid-19 vaccinations a reality for our community. It took a lot of hard work and dedication to accomplish this and we would like to be among those who are thankful for that. We look forward to hearing about and receiving our second shots when they are due and available.

Lon & Nancy Reed

Thanks to Dawn Cole who arranged the Covid-19 drive through vaccination clinic. Dawn, along with Marion County, City of Woodburn, our Board members and Woodburn Estates & Golf volunteers made the event a huge success! Thank you all for keeping our community healthy and safe.

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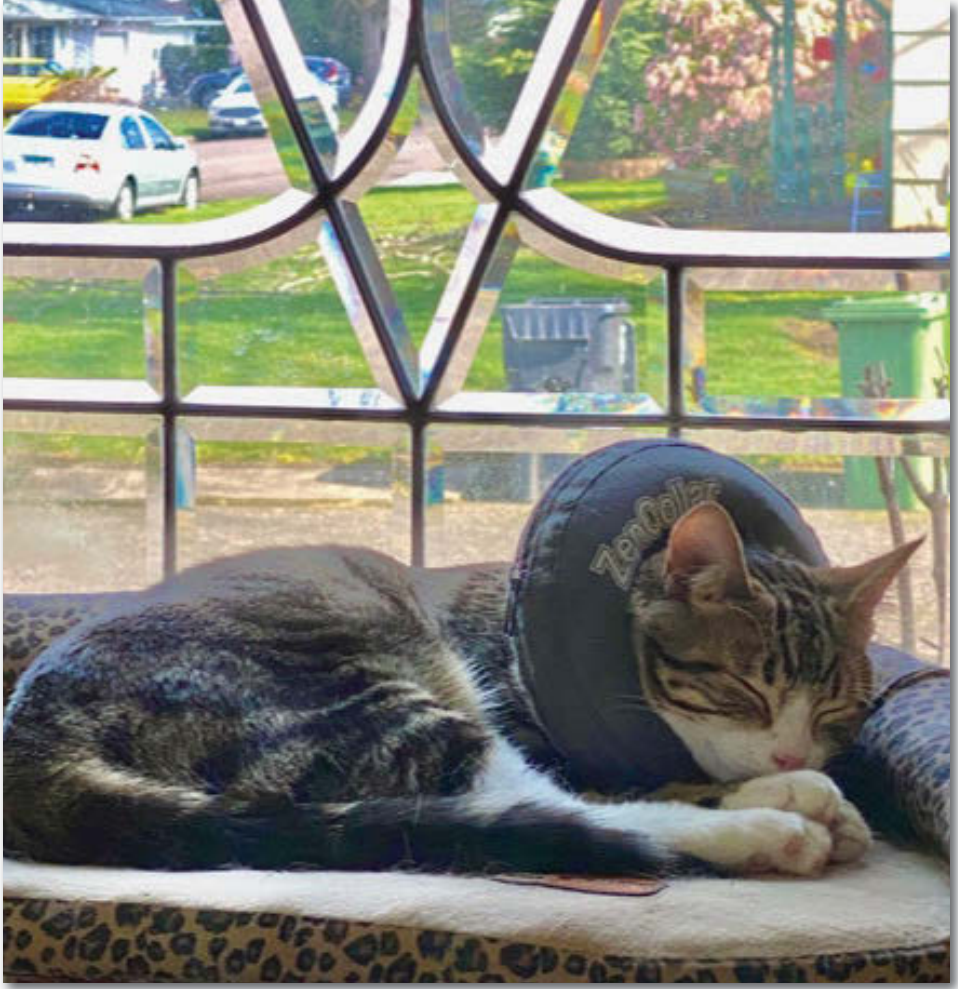
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Tinkerbell Tales



by Tinkerbell (translated by Lorrie Cox, eXp Realty)

The other morning, Human Mommy told me to “stay” as she took Tigger out to the car WITHOUT ME! I tried to shove myself out the door with them, but Mommy in her “don’t even go there voice” told me “stay” again. I was NOT happy! Mommy came back home a while later without Tigger. Weird, usually I get to go, and Tiffany and Tigger have to stay home, while Mommy and I go for AWESOME car rides, I LOVE car rides!

Mommy let me go with her to get Tigger. Hmmm....maybe it was better I did not go for the morning ride after all, the SHOT DR.! I like the bird in the office everyone is nice.....BUT I do not like those needles! Well, Tigger got back in our car with the “doughnut” around his neck. I remember a long time ago I had to wear that when my tummy hurt, and Tiffany wore it also when something happened to her tummy also, hmmm...

Tigger is running around the house and will not let Mommy pick him up. I looked to see if his tummy hurt to because the “doughnut” was on his neck, but I could not smell anything different, but his BUTT.....something is different there. Hmmm...

In the morning Tigger seemed to be normal again, except Mommy said he must keep the “doughnut” on for a while. We are back to wrestling again, the “doughnut” makes it harder for me to drag him down the hallway, but we are having tons of fun anyway.

Auntie Kathy and Mommy were chatting when I saw Tigger wedge the “doughnut” between the floor and the bottom of the kitchen counters. I blocked Tigger from being able to run. Mommy grabbed Tigger and Aunt Kathy and Mommy took Tigger’s collar and wove it into the “doughnut” so it would not come off as easily. Mommy petted me, thanked me, and told me what a good girl I am. I am the BEST babysitter!

We had beautiful sunshine today, I went out to play in the yard with Tiffany and a CROW landed in our yard! Tiffany and I do not like crows. Tiffany tries to sneak up on them, but if I see them first, I run at them as fast as I can, barking as loud and shrilly as I can. I want everyone to know I DO NOT ALLOW crows in our yard. They are bossy and mean! I chased him out and told him not to come back to MY yard. It was still a little cold outside, but we all found sunshine spots shining into the house. I love the warm sun on my fur!

Cat-ch up with y’all again later!

This & That

from the WEG Activities Committee

by Karen Linton, Activities Committee

SCAVENGER HUNT

As those who may have guessed from the clues (or for those who read the minutes of the BOD meeting published in the last edition of *N&V*), our special event is a Scavenger Hunt! Pictures and rules are on another page in this edition of the paper. Make sure you follow the rules and mail your choices to the address listed in order to win a prize!

Many thanks to our sponsors: Emerald Gardens; Cascade Park; Brent Glogau at Edward Jones; Lorrie Cox at Exp Realty; and Glen Schweizer at HomeSmart Realty.

CLOTHING DRIVE

The Woodburn AWARE Food Bank is asking for donations of shirts, especially long-sleeved shirts for some of its clientele. There is a donation box next to the food barrel outside the front doors to the clubhouse. Please be generous. They do not have to be new, but should be clean and in good repair.

SAFETY ARTICLES

Last month, there was an article about smoke/carbon monoxide detectors. This edition, there is an article about grab bars (see the front page of this *N&V*). Next edition, there will be an article giving you more information about the grab bars and what you should have on hand to prepare for an emergency. In future editions, there will also be articles on trip hazards and how to prevent falls. Please advise anyone on the Activity Committee or the office if you have ideas for other safety issues that we should bring to everyone’s attention.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Activity Committee is anticipating the opening of the clubhouse and therefore, preparing to have normal events again. If the clubhouse is open by May 1, we plan to have Bingo and Coffee Hour resume, but they will be subject to the state-mandated rules in place at that time. For instance, we may be subject to a limit on the number of guests we can accommodate, and people may still have to wear masks and socially distance. Hopefully, if enough of our members are vaccinated, we will be able to relax some of those restrictions so please get your vaccinations! Many thanks to Woodburn Ambulance that has been doing an excellent job setting up drive-through vaccination clinics!

REGISTRATION

If you are the representative of your club/group/activity, you will need to fill out the 2021 form at the office. When the clubhouse opens you could find that another group has theoretically taken your time/date/location if you do not do register for this year.

SHRED DAY

Do not forget that our annual shred day to get rid of all those extra documents is Friday, March 26 at McCully Realty. It is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in their parking lot at 2255 Country Club Road.

Something to Brighten Your Day

by Betty Judevine

If you get a loan at a bank, you’ll be paying it back for 30 years. If you rob a bank, you’ll be out in 10 years. Follow me for more financial advice.

When we’re young we sneak out of our house to go to parties. When we’re old, we sneak out of parties to go home early.

Imagine a world where YouTube, Twitter and Facebook merge to become known as YouTwitFace.

Welcome Campers: Safe Social Distancing:

- Bears 100 yards
- Skunks 50 yards
- Raccoons 25 yards
- Aunt Edna 6 feet

Once you understand why pizza is made round, packed in a square box, and eaten as a triangle, then you will understand women.

Our town is so small we don’t have a town drunk so we all take turns.

How’s y’all summer bodies looking? Mine’s looking like I got a great personality.

It’s my wife’s birthday tomorrow. She’s been leaving jewelry catalogues all over the house so I bought her a magazine rack.

Apart from being exhausted, financially unstable, nearing a mental breakdown, and being fat, everything is great.

Life is NOT a box of chocolates, it’s more like a box of jalapenos, what you do today may burn your ass tomorrow.

I think the real reason this generation is so angry is that their music sucks.

I bet Canada feels like they live in the apartment above a Meth Lab.

Two things to make your day better. **Do not** watch the news. Stay off the bathroom scales.

Looking for a married woman, recently cheated on, and scorned, who is willing to sell her husband’s tools for cheap.

If 2020 was a drink, what would it be? Colonoscopy preparation.

Gonna ask my mom if that offer to slap me into next year is still on the table.

People don’t want to hear your opinion, they want to hear their opinion coming out of your mouth.

Being Thankful Is What It’s All About!

Submitted by an anonymous WEG resident

Thank you to the staff who take time to publish the *News & Views*, keeping us connected. And thanks to the people who deliver it – through hot and cold weather.

Thank you to Neighbors checking on one another.

Thank you for the smiles and those asking if anything is needed to be done or otherwise.

Thank you to those who make any effort to brighten our day. It’s the little things that count.

Thank you to Country Cottage Restaurant for the great food and service. (Come back soon!)

Thank you to the crew who work hard keeping all areas of the clubhouse “Sparkling Clean”.

Thank you to Bill for his great efforts keeping the flower garden (Senior Estates Park) in full bloom; making us stop to look, smile, and de-stress.

This “Thank You” list could go on for miles trying to cover everything and everybody. If you are reading this, please know that you are special. Let’s be thankful for what we have, and for what we don’t have. Pray for one another. Keep smiling (behind your mask) – it shows in your eyes. Stay positive. Share love and kindness. Remember: this too shall pass. Many blessings for thanksgiving and always.

[Thank you for brightening our day and reminding us of our blessings! Ed.]

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Scavenger Hunt Rules

The Activities Committee is pleased to be hosting a Scavenger Hunt. Think of this as a reason for you to get out of your house and have some fun exploring our community!

Walk, bike, golf car or automobile, simply locate the items found (*item must be an exact match, not just a similar item, please examine carefully*) in the photographs on this page. All items can be found within the boundaries of Woodburn Estates & Golf and are visible from the curb. Do not go on anyone's property.

Using the photograph number, write down the address of each item. When submitting, remember to include your name, address and phone number. All submittals must be mailed to: **Scavenger Hunt, PO Box 224, Woodburn OR 97071**. Entries must be post marked by April 1st, 2021. **Do NOT drop off at the office.**

The top five entries with the most correct addresses win. Contest is open to residents of Woodburn Estates & Golf ONLY. One submission per household please. In the event of a tie, the earlier post mark date wins. The decision of the judges is final.

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Scientific Reasons Spring Is the Most Delightful Season

Summer, winter, and fall may have their fans, but spring is clearly the most lovable of the four seasons. Not convinced? Here are 10* scientific reasons why spring is great:

TEMPERATURES ARE MODERATE.

Spring marks the end of blistering winter and the transitional period to scorching summer. In many places, the season brings mild temperatures in the 60s and 70s. People tend to be most comfortable at temperatures of about 72°F, research shows, so the arrival of spring means you can finally ditch the heavy winter layers and still be comfortable.

THERE IS MORE DAYLIGHT.

Following the spring equinox, days begin lasting longer and nights get shorter. Daylight Saving Time, which moves the clock forward starting in March, gives you even more light hours to get things done. Those extra hours of sun can be a major mood-booster, according to some research. A 2016 study of students in counseling at Brigham Young University found that the longer the sun was up during the day, the less mental distress people experienced.

THE BIRDS RETURN.

Many animals migrate south during the winter, then head north as temperatures rise. For relatively northern regions, there is no better indicator of spring than birds chirping outside your window. Their northward migration can start as early as mid-February and last into June, meaning that throughout the spring, you can expect to see a major avian influx. In addition to the satisfaction of marking species off your bird-watching checklist, seeing more of our feathered friends can make you happy. In 2017, a UK study found that the more birds people could see in their neighborhoods, the better their mental health.

THERE ARE BABY ANIMALS EVERYWHERE.

Many animals reproduce in the spring, when temperatures are warmer and food is plentiful. Baby bunnies, ducklings, chipmunks, and other adorable animals abound come spring. Studies have found that seeing cute animals can have positive effects on humans. For instance, one small study in 2012 found that when college students looked at cute images of baby animals, they were better at focusing on a task in the lab. Being able to watch fluffy baby squirrels frolic outside your office window might make spring your most productive season of the year.

YOU CAN GO OUTSIDE.

Warmer temperatures mean you can spend more time outside without freezing your feet off, which is great for mental health. Across the seasons, research has found that taking walks in nature slows your heart rate and makes you more relaxed, but some research indicates that there is something special about spring's effect on your brain. A 2005 study from the University of Michigan linked spending 30 minutes or more outside in warm, sunny spring weather to higher mood and better memory. But the effect reverses when spring ends, since being outside in the warmest days of summer is usually pretty uncomfortable.

THE LEAVES COME BACK.

Spring brings green growth back to plants and trees. Depending on where you live, trees may begin sporting new leaves as early as mid-March. That successful spring leaf growth ensures a cool canopy to relax under during the hot summer—a hugely important factor in keeping cities comfortable. According to researchers, vegetation plays a big role in mitigating the urban heat island effect. When trees release water back into the air through evapotranspiration, it can cool down the areas around them by up to 9°F, according to the EPA.

GROWING PLANTS ABSORB CARBON DIOXIDE.

It's amazing what a little sun can do for plants and grass. Through photosynthesis, plants convert sunlight, carbon dioxide, and water into food, releasing oxygen in the process. That means as plants start to grow in the spring, they pull carbon out of the atmosphere, providing an important environmental service. Plants take in roughly 25 percent of the carbon emissions humans produce, absorbing more than 100 gigatons of carbon through photosynthesis each growing season. Because of this, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere drops each spring and summer. (Unfortunately, it rises in the winter, when most plants aren't growing.)

FLOWERS ARE IN BLOOM.

After months spent conserving energy, flowers bloom in the spring, once they sense that the days have grown longer and the weather has turned warmer. That's good for humans, because several studies have shown that looking at flowers can make you happy. A 2008 study of hospital patients found that having flowers in the room made people feel more positive and reduced their pain and anxiety [PDF]. Another study from Rutgers University found that when participants were presented with a bouquet of flowers, it resulted in what scientists call a "true smile" a full 100 percent of the time. Seeing flowers had both "immediate and long-term effects" that resulted in elevated moods for days afterward, according to the researchers [PDF].

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR EXERCISE ROUTINE OUTDOORS.

While it's important to keep moving no matter what the weather, research shows that working out can be more beneficial if you do it outside. A 2011 study found that, compared with an indoor workout, exercising outdoors in nature increased energy levels, made people feel revitalized, and decreased tension, among other positive effects. People who worked out in the fresh air also tended to say they enjoyed the experience more and would be likely to repeat it, suggesting that using nature as your gym might help you stick with your exercise regimen. While those benefits probably extend to winter, too, it's a whole lot easier to stomach the idea of a run once the weather warms up.

YOU CAN OPEN YOUR WINDOWS.

Temperate weather makes it easier to get the fresh air you need. Opening your windows and allowing the breeze in serves as an important way to

ventilate indoor spaces, according to the EPA. A lack of ventilation can lead to an unhealthy concentration of indoor pollutants from sources like cleaning product fumes, certain furniture and building materials, and stoves (especially gas ones), posing a threat to your health and comfort. Winter brings the highest rates of indoor pollutants like nitrogen oxide, a 2016 study of unventilated stove use in homes found. Spring brings the perfect opportunity to throw open those windows and doors and get the air moving again.

(Source: <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/55573/15-scientific-reasons-spring-most-delightful-season>. Originally published March 20, 2018.)

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Homeowner Membership	\$100	n/a	\$100
Homeowner & Golf single	\$100	\$75	\$175
Associate Membership	\$125	\$125	
Associate Member Golf single	\$125	\$75	\$200
Green Fees – guest	\$3 for 9 holes; \$4.50 for 18 or all day		
House Guest Golf fee	\$30 per one month		
Club Storage	\$12	Oversize club storage	\$18
Locker rental	\$12		
Power Golf car use fee	\$12		
Power Golf car storage (electric)	\$84	Gas	\$72

January 10, 1978 Board minutes House Chair reported the purchase of two love seats for the lounge in Rush Hall. 100 new chairs have been ordered for use in Rush Hall. The Board concluded to recommend that Jackie Opitz be named Social and Tour Coordinator, with responsibility for arranging tours. This conclusion was based on the facts that she is the one who is regularly in the office, already making many of the arrangements, receipting the money, receiving the cancellations, etc. Mildred Marshall moved that Jackie Opitz title be changed to Social Director and Tour Director and passed.

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Fulgham of Salem will be taking over the operation of the restaurant on March 1st. We would like to thank Thelma and Ray for their services during the past 2 years and wish them good luck.

February 14, 1978 Board minutes the Golf Chair made a motion for Woodburn High School golf team to use our course after 4 PM for practice and passed.

A letter from Woodburn Construction Company asked for a meeting with the Board to discuss matters relating to the proposed construction of houses adjacent to the clubhouse. A motion by Cecil Echert to accept the associate membership was carried.

March 14, 1978 Board minutes Treasurer Bill Jensen read the financial report and mentioned that dues are coming in nicely. Cash on hand and in bank \$19,171.28; savings \$10,241.33; certificate \$65,000; total available funds \$94,412.61. Planning Chair, Mr. Bacon then introduced a problem which may develop as the city grows and traffic increases on Country Club Road. Safety of pedestrians is one of the primary concerns. There have been some near accidents in front of the Clubhouse, not only to pedestrians, but to golf carts and bicycles. The subject was thrown open to discussion from the floor. Suggestions of putting “bump” along the road were presented, but there seems to be a liability feature with this solution. Additional stop signs were also suggested. A complete closure of the area to through traffic and usage of the space for parking only was deemed the best solution.

Mr. Eckert also gave the following explanation regarding parking of recreational vehicles: there is a City Ordinance against parking a vehicle in the street in Woodburn over 48 hours. Senior Estates does not control this, except to ask the people to comply. If a neighbor has a complaint they should call the City police and make a report.

The Association has a rule against permanent parking or “storing” a vehicle or trailer or boat, etc. in the driveway. A reasonable length of time is 72 hours. We provide a storage area for such needs.

The new Bath house for the swimming pool has been started and work will continue as soon as the weather improves.

Rules Chair, Joe Sackett read a paper regarding establishing an age restriction in SEGCC. Our attorney has drawn up a paper which must be signed by all homeowners and included in the deed restrictions if it is to be effective. Joe Sackett made a motion that the Board of Directors proceed to obtain restrictions as outlined – motion carried.

Treasurer Bill Jensen gave a report from the Annexation Committee. The property in question is the trailer storage area, the clubhouse, and that part of the golf course lying between King Way on the North and Rainier Road on the south, plus all outbuildings and personal property in the clubhouse and outbuildings. The increased tax burden would be \$1,295 for the Club and \$38 for the Travel Trailer Club. After much discussion from the floor it was agreed that this would be a good thing.

April 11, 1978 Board minutes a letter from the Auditing Committee was read for the information of the members and placed on file, with a recommendation that the Board have an outside auditing firm audit the books in the future.

Rules Chair, Joe Sackett suggested that, as results of many complaints and

requests, a new smoking rule be adopted and moves that smoking be prohibited in Rush Hall, except in the small card room with the door closed – motion carried.

Members expressed opinions concerning the hanging of clothes in view of the golf course. There is no rule about this. It is hoped residents will use their good judgment and strive to keep the patios and yards on the golf course pleasing to all.

May 9, 1978 Board minutes under old business Mr. Lichty reviewed the plans for slowing traffic on Country Club Road in front of the clubhouse. Many hours of consultation and discussion has taken place to discourage through traffic and the parking problem in front of the clubhouse. It has been decided to leave the parking as it is. Harold Bacon presented a motion that we proceed with plans to restrict traffic on Country Club Road. The initial steps to be taken will be construction of planters at each end of the parking lot with appropriate signs: stop signs at the crosswalks and speed bumps, if deemed necessary – motion carried.

CLUB in COURT – Senior Estates Home Owners (SEHO) and Jack Graw have brought a lawsuit in Circuit Court against the Association contending that the CLUB may not collect its assessments in the manner now being followed by the Board. The Board of Directors feels that its procedures are proper in accordance with the wishes of the Club membership. This matter has been referred to legal counsel by the Board of Directors and will be contested.

Coffee Hour on Thursday is popular. Jackie Opitz arranges some special entertaining feature each week. Sometimes she gets volunteers, but more often she searches out something special that she thinks would be of interest to us.

Golf Course a Swamp – it is hard to imagine that part of this course was once a swamp. One of the members tells how he would take a small boat out to hunt ducks in the same area where players now search for birdies on elevated greens. Bill Graham designed the 18 hole 5,397 yard, par 72 course, whose first nine opened for play in 1963. The second nine opened a few years later as residents and play increased. The golf course is short and narrow and is void of hills and water hazards. It is difficult for many of the players to score because of narrow fairways, elevated greens, and tree placement.

June 10, 1978 News & Views – Old Timers Tell Stories by Charlotte Porter. In the beginning there were acres of some good, some poor and swamp land. George Brice looked upon it and said, “This is good”. He had a dream and said, “Here we will build a community of comfortable, low-cost homes for retired persons, and call it Senior Estates”. Where upon he built the first model home on Astor Way and the land was divided into blocks of lots. When the interested and just curious people came and saw the muddy streets and lots they said, “This is GOOD?” However, in 1961 a few with pioneer spirit saw the possibilities and by late 1962 there were enough homes built, or being built, that people began saying “This is good”. By mid-1963, with the streets paved and streetlights, we were a growing community, although there were few homes north of Country Club Road. There was one lonesome looking home at the extreme end of Umpqua, but even that was encouraging considering the shed and the sheep grazing in what is now Country Club Circle.

With lawns, shrubs and flowers planted, what did the residents do in those early days to occupy their time? Grace Reberger recalls that early in 1963 a dozen ladies met at the clubhouse to discuss this matter and a Quilting Club was organized and, from then until recently, met regularly in the Arts and Crafts Room. Also during 1963 and 1964 many clubs were organized such as the Travel Club – chiefly armchair, an organ club, slimmer club, street potlucks and bridge clubs. In 1963 the Ladies Golf Club came into existence with Gladys McLaughlin as its first president.

Also of interest was the inspection of the new homes being constructed and of special interest, found in debris, was the broken tile, pieces of glass and linoleum from which they made trays, pictures frames and other novelties.

We had what might be called our Coffee Break in 1964. This was a gathering of cars about 7:30AM. In the parking lot of the new Safeway store to form a caravan to the Timber Topper in Salem for a fabulous buffet breakfast consisting of a variety of fruit, fruit juices, ham, bacon, eggs, etc. and unforgettable cinnamon rolls. The radio station broadcast from there, interviewing the customers, honoring those with a birthday and presenting many lovely gifts and all of this for a now unbelievable 75 cents.

Because as yet there were few trees, there were no birds, but there were frogs. There was a frog pond beside the workshops on Rainier Road, back of our house on Ecola Way and we were enchanted by the croaking of the frogs on the summer evenings, and entertainment by the little green ones that came to visit on our patio. Not so enchanting was the little one that hopped on my pillow one night. Unlike the princess in the fairy tale, I didn’t kiss him, but screeched, so he croaked instead of turning into a handsome prince. It is just as well as it would have been hard to explain to the Head of the House.

During my first full month of August 1963, my phone bill was \$4.50, now it is around \$11.00. My water bill was around \$4.00, now it is \$27.00; my electric bill was \$6.50, now it is \$30.00 prorated; my garbage disposal was \$1.75 for two months, now it is over \$10.00. My grocery bill was \$56.00, now it is more than \$100.56. Dues to the clubhouse were \$12.00 a year ago, now they are \$100.00 a year. Taxes have more than tripled. To go on with the “tripling” account, we have 3 times more homes here, 3 times more friends, and 3 times more clubs to enjoy. I could probably sell my house at 1921 Princeton Road for 3 times what I paid for it. I have few complaints. There is no place I’d rather live. Hurrah for me!

June 13, 1978 Board minutes President Lichty announced that he has informed the City planners of our plans for closing Country Club Road in front of the clubhouse and has received their approval. The building of planters and placing of signs will begin the near future.

The trailer storage lot work is progressing well. The spaces have been rearranged and numbered and 70 new spaces have been added. Eventually a small building to house the alarm system controls, tools, etc., is to be erected.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors on May 25 to discuss the advisability of securing the services of an attorney. The firm will represent SEGCC in a lawsuit complaint from SEHO. The motion was made to use Rhoten, Rhoten and Speirstra of Salem to be retained to defend the SEGCC in the action taken by SEHO – motion carried.

August 8, 1978 Board minutes – the road in front of the clubhouse has been closed to through traffic and appropriate signs erected to alert the traffic. The reports from residents indicate that the traffic has slacked off considerably. This is good news.

The drinking fountain just off #3 green has been moved to the outside west wall of the restroom on #4 tees.

Birthday – Eleanor Jennings observed her 101st birthday Wednesday, August 23. Neighbors along Quinn Street hung out their flags in honor of the event. She had also acquired three birthday cakes by noon time. Known as Aunt Nell, she is considered the oldest resident in SEGCC, “I feel old,” was her only comment.

September 12, 1978 Board minutes Golf Chair reports 1,000 feet of golf cart paths have been built and many more feet planned. New members reported Bob & Letha Rasmussen moved into their new home at 627 N. Cascade Drive – now it is our home, Stan & Kathy Hiller. Stan is the writers of this history. Wow, we are the second owners of this property.

October 10, 1978 Board minutes Rules Chair announced that the suit that SEHO has filed against SEGCC can now come to a hearing since SEHO has filed a revised complaint as requested by our attorney.

November 14, 1978 of the 17th Annual Board minutes the treasurer reported cash \$30,107.40; savings \$5.65; and a total available funds \$30,113.05. The president went on to say that we are an active community and that is what makes this a good place to live.

December 12, 1978 Board minutes the President announced that \$7,385.50 had been collected for the publishing of the new telephone directory books which will be ready soon after the 1st of the year. This was the first year we did it on our own thanks to the direction of Al Norbraten. The early years it was mimeographed and in 1970 the US Bank did it for us until now.

Sewer cleanouts were placed in the line behind the Harry Moore Building as a preventive measure to our often-occurring sewer line problems. Improvements were made to the restaurant drain line for the same reason. Finally, as your House Chair, I wish to thank all of you who gave so generously of your time and money donations that made so many of these improvements possible.

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