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# Storage Units

*by Gene Nemish, Architectural & RV Director*

The Architectural Committee has had questions from members regarding accessory storage units on Woodburn Estates & Golf Lots. Below are the current City of Woodburn and WEG rules.

**Woodburn City Rules:**

Non habitable one-story detached accessory structures (storage structures, playhouses, etc.) provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet and a wall height of ten feet measured from the finished floor to the top of the top plate.

- Must be at least 5 feet from rear and side property lines.
- Must be at least 6 feet from all other buildings.

No Building permit is required for detached accessory structures less than 200 SQ feet.

Regardless of size, you need Planning approval before starting to build.

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A building permit is required if:

- The structure is greater than 200 square feet in size or
- The walls are greater than 10 feet in height, measured from the finished floor to the top of the wall.

Do I Need a Building Permit?

- Size: If the accessory structure (shed, workshop, gazebo) 200 square feet or more - **YES**
- Height: If the accessory structure is more than 10 feet high, from floor to the top of the top plate - **YES**
  - Must be at least 5 feet from rear and side property lines.
  - Must be at least 6 feet from all other buildings.

**Important** – Homeowners’ Associations (HOAs) may have privately enforced covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) for accessory structures. The City does not track or enforce such contracts.

**Woodburn Estates & Golf Rules – Accessory Storage structures**

15.9 Storage Units. With Architectural Committee approval, a new storage unit limited to not more than 100 cubic feet may be installed against the side or rear of the house.

15.9-1 Storage units/cabinets no larger than 100 cubic feet. (example 4' wide x 7' high x 3'6" deep)

15.9-2 Prior to installation, color, materials, and placement must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

15.9-3 If you have an existing storage unit and it meets the above criteria it will be approved by submitting an architectural request to the Architectural Committee.

15.9-4 For one attached to the house it must meet all of the criteria of the City of Woodburn Planning Department and the Architectural Committee.

These are the current rules. If anyone has questions or suggestions, please direct them to the Architectural-RV committee.

***In Memory of...***

Andrews, Virginia – April 6, 2021 (Resident)  
Marvin, Jerry – March 9, 2021 (Resident)  
Rummer, Phyllis – March 15, 2021 (Former Resident)  
*(Phyllis’ husband, Bob Rummer, is back in Woodburn at Cascade Park)*



# Fire District Bond

**Submitted by Woodburn & Hubbard Fire Districts**

On the May 18th ballot, voters of the Woodburn Fire District will consider a 20-year bond request for capital expenses at the same initial tax rate as the current bond. The proposed bond would replace the district’s current 20-year bond that expires in 2022 with no funds levied until the current bond expires.

If approved by voters, the bond would raise approximately 12.7 million for capital expenditures including emergency response vehicles, district facilities, and life-saving equipment such as thermal imagers, breathing apparatus, cardiac monitors, and other emergency equipment. The fire district would continue funding long-term capital expenses through bond revenue, as it has for the last 20 years. This would allow the district to retain all firefighter-medics who provide emergency medical and fire response for 39,000 people that reside within the 75 square miles served by the fire district. As per Oregon tax law, bond funds can only be used for equipment and facility expenses that have at least a 10-year life span.

With the maintenance of current response capability along with improvements made possible with bond funds, the district expects to see an improvement in the fire district insurance rating that will save residential property owners about half the total annual cost of the bond.

**How will the bond funds be used?**

**Emergency Response Vehicles –**

Much of the majority of the bond revenue has been allocated for the replacement of aging emergency vehicles that respond from the district’s four fire stations. The usable life span of fire engines, trucks, tenders, and support vehicles is 30 to 40 years. The vehicle replacements in the 20-year bond projections include:

- 3-Fire-Paramedic engines, a ladder truck, 3-water tenders (for hauling water to fires where there are no hydrants) and a mobile air compressor vehicle for refilling breathing apparatus used by firefighters working in hazardous environments.
- A medical rescue vehicle to provide faster patient transport to hospitals in high-call situations when out-of-district ambulances with longer travel times must be used.
- One brushfire truck for more rapid access to wildland fire locations in the rural areas of the district. The brush vehicle will also have the capability to provide backup medical response when necessary.

**Emergency Response Equipment Replacement –**

The Fire District has an ongoing need to replace equipment used in the delivery of emergency services as it becomes worn or obsolete. Approximately 20 percent of the bond funds would be used to ensure that the district’s firefighter-medics are supplied with up-to-date emergency medical equipment, such as cardiac monitors and chest compression systems, that can substantially improve patient survival rates.

Bond funds will also allow the District to replace out-of-date thermal imagers and breathing apparatus (SCBAs) used by firefighter-medics to enter burning structures to extinguish fire and save lives. Some of the equipment expenses that have been forecast over the next 20 years include:

- Emergency Communication Radios
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Cardiac Heart Monitors / Defibrillators
- Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment
- Vehicle & Machinery Extrication Equipment

**Gervais Fire Station Reestablishment –**

About 4.5% of the bond funds would be used to improve the speed of emergency response to the growing Gervais area by re-establishing a fire station that will be jointly funded and used by the Fire District and the City of Gervais.

The City of Gervais joined the Woodburn Fire District in 1986. The Fire District operated Station 23 in Gervais until 2007 when it was closed due to the lack of volunteer firefighters available to respond to the station. The fire district plans to use current college student volunteer firefighters that will live at the station to supplement the emergency response from other volunteer firefighters in the community that are backed up by career firefighters responding from Woodburn.

**Facilities Maintenance and Training Center Investment –**

Nearly twenty percent of the proposed bond proceeds have been allocated for fire district facilities over the 20-year term of the bond including:

- Reroof of the Waconda and Broadacres fire stations
- Stabilization of failing concrete block security wall at the district’s main station
- Repaving projects at the district’s main station on Hwy-214 and the James Street station
- Training center development
- Facility interior updates at 25-year intervals

Approximately ten percent of the facilities amount has been earmarked for the investment in a fire district training center. The district does not currently have a dedicated area to be used for firefighter training. Access to a training facility is needed for the development and maintenance of firefighting skills and has an impact on the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating of the Fire District. The Woodburn Fire District currently has an ISO rating of “3” on a 1-10 scale with one being the best. With the maintenance of current firefighter-medical staffing levels and the addition of the proposed Gervais fire station and training facility, it is likely that the ISO rating can be improved to a rating of “2” resulting in an estimated five percent savings in the cost of fire insurance premiums for property owners in the fire district. The savings is expected to offset about half of the total annual cost of the bond for residential property owners.

**How much will the bond cost?**

The Woodburn Fire District is funded by property taxes. As per directive from the fire district board of directors, the proposed replacement bond would have the same initial tax rate that the current bond began with in 2003. The replacement bond is estimated to be 26 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (not market value). As with the current bond, the rate is expected to decline somewhat over the bond’s 20-year lifespan. Resetting the bond to the 2003 rate will increase the monthly bond cost about 60 cents a month for a total of \$7 dollars per year for the typical residential property. No funds will be levied for the replacement bond until the current bond expires in 2022.

The estimated amount of annual and monthly tax for the proposed replacement

bond for a typical residence in the Woodburn Fire District is summarized as follows:

Assessed Property Value	Cost Per Year	Cost Per Month
\$175,000 (average for Fire District)	\$46	\$3.80
\$250,000	\$65	\$5.41
\$325,000 (new construction estimate)	\$85	\$7.04

*Maintenance of Firefighter-medics to meet current and future Emergency Response Needs:*

The approval of the bond would allow funding of the capital expenses from revenue that is outside of the funds needed for firefighter-medics and daily fire district operations. Approval would allow the current staffing levels to be maintained and additional firefighter-medics added over the next 20 years with no additional taxes as the population of the 75 square miles served by the fire district continues to grow.

**What will happen if the bond is not approved?**

If the bond is not approved, critical equipment and facility expenditures would require the use of operating funds that would otherwise be used to retain firefighter-medics who provide emergency medical and fire response throughout the growing fire district.

The information in this document has been provided by Fire Chief Joe Budge. Any district resident with questions about the bond is encouraged to contact Chief Budge at 503-982-2360 or visit the district website at [www.woodburnfire.com](http://www.woodburnfire.com)

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# Sundowners 2021 Season

*by Chuck Johnson*

Attention Sundowners and prospective Sundowners: Dave Schuur and I will be running the Sundowners again in 2021. What are Sundowners? It is a group of golfers who play on Mondays each week. We meet at the Woodburn Estates gazebo at 3:30 p.m. and have teams selected by 3:45 p.m. We then play the front 9 from the forward tees with a scramble format. Our first Monday to play this year will be May 3.

This is a fun event and an opportunity to meet, play golf and get to know other golfers who love the great game of golf. Handicaps are not needed as Dave and I select team members to ensure that teams are somewhat evenly matched. I have been playing in the Sundowners for over 10 years and would encourage all prior Sundowners and newcomers to join us each Monday for an evening of fun.

Last year I provided the prize money awarded to the winners at the end of the season, but in past years each participant paid \$5.00 to establish the prize fund. The \$5.00 entry fee covers the entire season of 2021. So, a season of fun golf for \$5.00 is a real bargain! What a deal! See you all on Monday, May 3.



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# History of 1979

*by Stan Hiller*

Chapter 20-year 1979 President William Jensen, SEGCC.

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Activities ..... Mildred Marshall  
Golf..... Cecil Eckert  
House ..... Earl Ellis  
Membership ..... Stanley Gustafson  
Planning ..... Harold Bacon  
Public Relations .....Margaret Dryer  
Rules ..... Stan Liss

Administrator is the president, and the meetings are in the Craft room.  
Golf Pro Warren Havery, now Jim White 7-14-79  
Golf Course Super Jack Smith  
N&V Editor Vivian Read 3-5-77,  
now Miss Paula Atkinson 3-10-79  
Estates Restaurant Mr. & Mrs. Leo Fulgham 3-1-1978  
Travel Office Jackie Opitz

1979 approved Fees Schedule:

Type	Assessment	Golf	Total
Homeowner Membership	\$100		\$100
Homeowner & Golf single	\$100	\$90	\$190
Associate Membership	\$140		\$140
Associate Member Golf single	\$140	\$100	\$240
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	\$20		
Power Golf car storage	\$84		
Trailer storage initial fee	\$15 (one time only)		
Trailer less than 25 feet	\$24 over 25 feet assessment		\$10

**January 9, 1979 Board minutes** The President then commented on the 20 acres about to be developed by Woodburn Construction Company were originally intended to be part of the Mobile Homes and Vanderbeck Lane section, but there was not enough demand for that many mobile homes. Then a proposition to build condominiums on this property was considered but rejected. He reminded the assembly that the Board is neutral. They have been weighing the pros and cons and feel the need to have assistance from all the memberships as to which way we should go. If the area is developed for younger people it would mean children, school buses and games played in the park. This land is going to be developed, and they are going to be using streets in SEGCC. We must face these facts.

**January 13, 1979 N&V Rush Fund Hits \$5,000** since Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1978, a total of \$2,619.95 has been donated to the Rush Hall Memorial Building Fund.

**January 27, 1979 N&V Golf Superintendent Speaks** – the reasons for non-play during the frozen days will lead to dead grass come spring. Thawed surface ½” results in root displacement, crown damage, and soil compaction and distortion. The course has been closed since Dec. 28 due to the ground frozen so deeply that it may be some time before the course can be used without damaging it.

**February 13, 1979 Board minutes** – Under Old Business the meeting was thrown open for further discussion regarding the Wither’s Development north of Vanderbeck. A number of residents expressed their opinions and desires. At this time President Jensen called for a motion. Earl Ellis read the motion twice. It was seconded by Mildred Marshall.

MOTION: I move that the Board appoint a committee to negotiate with Woodburn Construction Company to build homes for SEGCC on 20 acres north of Vanderbeck Lane. Deed restrictions and age limitation similar to SEGCC to apply to each lot cost – cost of Woodburn Construction for either associate or full membership to be negotiated. The end results of these negotiations to be presented to the members of SEGCC at an election for their approval or rejection. After a poll of the Board at which each member stated his or her feelings, the motion passed unanimously.

**March 10, 1979 News & Views** - New editor chosen – due to relocation Vivian Read resigned as N&V editor. Miss Paula Atkinson will be the new editor of the N&V starting March 10, 1979.

**March 13, 1979 Board minutes** Correspondence was read from our attorneys regarding the lawsuit brought by SEHO against SEGCC. The trial will be heard April 18, 1979 in Salem. Correspondence was read from the IRS assuring the Club that an agreement entered into with Woodburn Construction to develop north of Vanderbeck will not injure our non-profit status.

**April 14, 1979 News & Views - Golf Pro Resigns** – the Golf Pro, Warren Havery has given a 60-day notice to the Board. I have been offered a position as Assistant Golf Professional in Astoria.

**April 28, 1979 News & Views - Estates Lawsuit Dismissed** – the suit filed by SEHO and Jack Graw against the SEGCC has been dismissed. This lawsuit, challenging the Club’s right to lien a member’s property for delinquent assessments, was scheduled for trial on 4-18-1979.

Early this month SEHO sought to withdraw from the case and on April 13,



the Judge met with the opposing attorneys and dismissed the case, charging SEHO with court costs, but ruling that each side pay its own attorneys’ fees.

We are glad to have this problem behind us and it is hoped that any future differences may be solved amicably without resorting to court action.

Fees are determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In preparing the 1978 Budget, there were 2 reasons for raising the assessment and eliminating the social dues: 1st, there were those who enjoyed our Club activities without paying social dues. To police all our activities against this violation was too difficult and embarrassing. 2nd, and most important, were the early residents of SEGCC. These are the people who developed this community into the beautiful place that it is. However, because of early retirement, some are finding it hard to keep up with inflation.

To deny these people access to our Club’s activities seemed criminal. If any homeowner is unable to pay the assessment, like property taxes, payment can be deferred. A lien could be filed, quietly and discreetly. When the property changes hands, the Club will be reimbursed. Remember, every homeowner over the age of 50, whether or not the assessment is paid, is a full-fledged member of the Club, privileged to participate in all our activities, except golf. We hope you will enjoy it to the full extent of your ability.

**April 28, 1979 News & Views - Let’s support our Restaurant** – let us not forget to take stock of our little restaurant that is doing a needed service in the clubhouse. Other restaurants can openly advertise to surrounding areas to hold their turnover at the required level, but as a private club our restaurant is not permitted to openly advertise even to the general Woodburn area. As a member here, you are entitled to use the restaurant. It is not limited to golfers. It opens at 7 am to serve breakfast. They are well known for their excellent bacon and fluffy pancakes. If you are going by about lunch time, there’s always a pot of homemade soup on the stove, and a variety of sandwiches to select from.

**May 8, 1979 Board minutes** President Bill Jensen called the meeting to order at 3 pm. Some 30 members were in attendance. The suit against the SEGCC filed by SEHO has been dismissed.

**June 12, 1979 Board minutes** President Jensen announced that the attorneys for Woodburn Construction and SEGCC are busy working on the agreement for the annexation of the Vanderbeck Lane development. The rules chair recommends the permit decal must be on the golf car when the ownership changes. The decal must be presented to the Pro Shop before a new Permit Decal is issued. The transfer will cost \$.50 for new permits for newly acquired golf cars will cost the current price.

**July 10, 1979 Board minutes** President Jensen announced that the final draft, hopefully, of the agreement with Woodburn Construction Company has been received and is being studied for an early report.

Regarding the Safeway closure, it has been learned that there should be a store in the Plaza by September. Meanwhile, Lind’s Woodburn Market will soon start a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday delivery service for customers who telephone orders or pick out their purchases in person.

Golf chair Cecil Eckert reported a rough time getting and keeping a night waterman. The fellows who work for Jack saw how much this situation was worrying him and came up with a plan whereby they will get the job done by each taking a week of the 9 pm till 6 am waterman’s shift. We have got a good crew and I, for one, appreciate their cooperation.

**July 14, 1979 News & Views** - Golf Pro, Jim White joins staff – Jim White, 30, and his wife have taken over operation of the Pro Shop. If Jim isn’t in the Pro Shop in the immediate future, it could be because his wife has given birth to a new baby which they are expecting any time now. The White’s came from Bellingham, WA, where he was the golf professional with a “Class A” PGA rating. Jim has been golf professional for 10 years and has played golf for 18 years. Jim plans to offer private lessons soon. He would strive to keep the Golf Pro shop inventory as current as possible. On July 1, the Board signed an agreement with Jim White to be our golf pro.

**July 28, 1979 News & Views - Letter of Intent** – the purpose of setting forth our understanding of intent with regard to the development of a parcel of property by Woodburn Construction Company, and its annexation as part of the Woodburn Senior Estates. The Construction Company agrees to go forward with the development of the subdivision of the land described in Exhibit A (plot, tract, and recording) attached for development of 118 lots and known as #8 and restrict the use of said lots to uses limited by restrictions like those currently applicable to all Woodburn Senior Estates subdivisions. The construction company agrees that it will remodel the present clubhouse and construct, at its sole expense, a clubhouse addition of approximately 6,166 square feet in size, which shall conform to the design of the existing clubhouse on or before July 31, 1979.

**July 28, 1979 News & Views - Notice of Special Membership Meeting** – notice of a special meeting is called for August 28, 1979 at 10 am for the purpose to vote upon the following Restated Articles of Incorporation amendments. (1) Amend article IV, section 2; defines a lot in Senior Estates. (2) Amend article IV, section 6; defines those 50 and older are eligible to vote. (3) Amend article VI, section A; defines “lot” in Senior Estates. (4) Amend article VI, section D; defines owner of lot entitled to only one vote. NOTE: if the above amendments to the Restated Articles are approved the Board of Directors shall modify the Amended Supplemental Bylaws of the corporation to conform.

**August 14, 1979 Board minutes** the Golf chair ask the board to approve a 30-day trial, which came from the Men’s and Women’s Club, of switching the “nines”. Number 10 would become number 1 and so on; and number one would become number 10. This change might solve some problems we now have. This trial will tell us if the change is good or bad. We want it understood that the “approval” is for the trial only. A permanent change would have to be considered by the Board again after the results of the trial.

**August 25, 1979 News & Views** - Mrs. Hazel Smith of Smith Edition, owner of the field south and east of Cascade and Santiam, will protest the closure of the entrances Monday, August 17. It is important that we SEGCC people be present in force, to show our concern for keeping such entrances closed. We need your support – The Board.

**August 28, 1979 Board minutes** President Jensen stated that the Special Business to come before this meeting is the proposed amendments to the Restated Articles of Incorporation to change the number of sections from 1 to 7A, inclusive, to 1 to 8, inclusive, and the number of lots to 1,512. If the annexation of the 20 acres of land just north of Vanderbeck Lane is approved by a 2/3 majority of those voting, Woodburn Construction Company will develop this property for SEGCC with the addition that they build an addition to our

clubhouse of 6,100 sq. feet in area. If more than 1/3 of the vote is against this proposal, our clubhouse will remain as it is and Woodburn Construction Company will develop this property into a residential area over which we have no control.

The meeting was then recessed for the purpose of voting. The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors reconvened at 7 pm with President Jensen presiding. President Jensen announced the results of the voting as follows:

<u>Amendments</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Article #1	926	80
Article #2	924	81
Article #3	926	80
Article #4	926	81
Article #5	954	96

1,053 ballots were cast – 2 were spoiled and one unmarked. The above motion was carried 954 for and 96 against. President Jensen thanked the people for their help and adjourned.

**September 11, 1979 Board minutes** under new business, the issue of “no smoking” in the pool room was brought up by Mildred Marshall. Mrs. Marshall moved that the same “no Smoking” rule that prevails in Rush Hall be applied to the pool room, seconded and carried.

**October 9, 1979 Board minutes** President Jensen announced the City Council’s approval of Section 8 of Senior Estates, to be developed by Woodburn Construction Company without sidewalks. Golf Chair, Cecil Eckert reported an ardent golfer who prefers to remain anonymous, has donated \$100.00 to be used to purchase out-of-bounds marker materials.

**October 13, 1979 News & Views - Restrictions Overlooked** – It has been suggested that any resident planning to build or establish a ready-made shed or outbuilding on their property in Senior Estates first read Article III, Section F, of the Declaration of Restrictions before proceeding with any building plan. Anyone who has erected such a building is in direct violation of the above restriction and should remove such building at once. Also read Article IV, Section A, if you are thinking of planting a hedge or erecting a fence. Board of Directors

**October 13, 1979 News & Views - Lights and Action on Wednesday Night** – the new lighted bingo board, showing the number just called, has been installed. It is very effective, especially helpful for those who find it difficult to hear. And the new throw-away cards have been providing large wins for the lucky ones playing.

**December 11, 1979 Board minutes** President Jensen announced that the agreement between SEGCC and Woodburn Construction Company, in regard to Section 8, north of Vanderbeck Lane, and the building of the addition to Rush Hall, has been signed and work should be starting soon. The golf committee made an on-the-spot inspection of the course and determined that the property line of homes on the course should be the Out of Bounds Line. Some 100 OB markers are now in process to make this boundary more visible. The course was surveyed, and a master plan is on drawings, for an automatic, pop-up sprinkler system that will water not only the golf course, but the areas that are not now within range of our present water system. A master plan for future construction of golf cart paths is now under way.

*If you have any documents or pictures, please send to News & Views.*

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# Tinkerbell Tales



*by Tinkerbell (translated by Lorrie Cox, eXp Realty)*

RIP Maggie Mae. When I came to live with my Human Mommy, Maggie Mae, a Black Mini Schnauzer, was my companion. Maggie Mae was strict. She was a Certified Service Dog. She insisted that I only walk with Human Mommy on the Left side. That I do not bark when in public places. Maggie Mae was not happy with me when I would squeal shrilly when my human family visits, when I would run around being silly and play. She gave me “THE LOOK”.

Maggie Mae taught me to be aware of all noises and what is going around me. How to behave in public, be aware of everything, do not draw attention to myself, and help Mommy quietly. Maggie Mae let me sleep cuddled up to her, she was like a second Mommy to me, and I loved her deeply.

We used to walk in the “Dog Park” together. Maggie Mae introduced me to the entire Woodburn Estates Neighborhood, and gave me “THE LOOK”, if I barked a hello to the other dogs or humans walking. One of the most special things in walking in the park are two tables, that Human Mommy and the Parks Department put in for everyone. There are two small plaques on the tables in Memory of Maggie Mae’s Human Daddy, whom I never met and Maggie Mae. I know when we visit the tables in the Park, Human Mommy pauses a minute or two in thought. I think she misses Human Daddy. Maggie Mae and Human Mommy agreed he was a very special Human.

Maggie Mae told me she and Human Daddy went to a lot of interesting places. She said she stayed in the hospital at UCSF with Human Daddy several days each year. She flew to Vancouver, BC, for a conference, rode a train to California, traveled the Grand Canyon, and many other places. She daily went with Human Daddy out in his Golf Car and talked to EVERYONE! I loved to listen to Maggie Mae’s stories of Her Daddy and what they did. She was very sad He had crossed the Rainbow Bridge without her. When I was not quite two years old, Maggie Mae crossed the Rainbow Bridge to meet her Human Daddy. I was glad for her, but I really missed her. Mommy realized that I need someone to be with me, and that’s when Tiffany joined us. Tiffany loves to play with me and life was fun again.

‘Nuff for today, Got to go outside. Cat-cha soon again!!

# LATE FRAGMENT

*by Raymond Carver*

And did you get what  
you wanted from this life, even so?  
I did.  
And what did you want?  
To call myself beloved, to feel myself  
beloved on the earth.

# THE GUEST HOUSE

*by Rumi*

This being human is a guest house.  
Every morning a new arrival.  
  
A joy, a depression, a meanness,  
some momentary awareness comes  
As an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!  
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,  
who violently sweep your house  
empty of its furniture,  
still treat each guest honorably.  
He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,  
meet them at the door laughing,  
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,  
because each has been sent  
as a guide from beyond.

# ANGELS











*by Mary Oliver*

You might see an angel anytime  
and anywhere. Of course you have  
to open your eyes to a kind of  
second level, but it’s not really  
hard. The whole business of  
what’s reality and what isn’t has  
never been solved and probably  
never will be. So I don’t care to  
be too definite about anything.  
I have a lot of edges called Perhaps  
and almost nothing you can call  
Certainty. For myself, but not  
for other people. That’s a place  
you just can’t get into, not  
entirely anyway, other people’s  
heads.  
  
I’ll just leave you with this.  
I don’t care how many angels can  
dance on the head of a pin. It’s  
enough to know that for some people  
they exist, and that they dance.

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# Pick It Up Signs of Amusement

*by Gene Nemish*  
I received a call from a member complaining about finding dog 'doo doo' on the street by his home more than once. Stepping in poop is gross no matter where it is. So please be a courteous neighbor and pick up what your dog leaves behind, whether that's on a lawn or in the street or anywhere else they decide to get creative. Help us keep the community clean for everyone. Thank you.

## Safety First: Grab Bars

*by Alice Weaver and Karen Linton, Activity Committee*  
Hopefully, you read the Safety First Grab Bar Part 1 in a previous N&V article and have become interested in improving the safety of your home by installing grab bars in two important locations - the bathroom and at the entrances/exits of your home where there are steps.  
There are many sizes and styles available from the most basic to the most ornate. Prices range from \$10.00 to over \$100.00 depending on length, design and finish. The most important thing to remember when buying is that the bar should be ADA approved. Suction grab bars are not ADA approved and therefore, *not recommended* to be utilized. They and towel racks cannot support the weight needed and may actually come loose or out of the wall.  
Grab bars can be purchased at any hardware or medical supply store. They are also carried by Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe's, Coastal, and online at Amazon and other websites.  
You should check your personal medical insurance to see if grab bars are covered by your policy. Assistance may be available from Medicare/Medicaid with a doctor's prescription. The Blanche Fisher Foundation (503-246-4941) provides assistance within certain guidelines.  
Information and assistance of any nature is also available from Northwest Senior & Disability Services (503-981-5138) and Northwest Aging & Disability Connection (503-304-3420).

So, now you have the grab bars, what should you do to install them? You can, of course, install them yourself if you are knowledgeable. They must be mounted into studs or equivalent structure. To do otherwise is more dangerous than having no grab bar at all. So if you want to hire someone qualified, there are installers listed in the Woodburn Estates & Golf directory:

- Dumanovsky Plumbing – see page 21 - phone directory
- Simple Chores – see page 28 – phone directory
- Don Holmes Construction

Or you could choose to call one of these qualified installers referred by GW Hardware:

- John Massaia (503-544-6705)
- Stan Schmidt (503-888-8831)
- David Reeves (503-951-3485) or his scheduler Shirley (503-293-0552)
- Nick Konez (503-951-3968)

*Please note: Woodburn Estates & Golf takes no responsibility for the qualifications or proficiency of these installers. It is your responsibility to check the installers' license, insurance and references prior to engaging their services.*

A resident contacted us after the first article was published and recommended that you take a phone into the bathroom when you are alone and getting ready to bathe/shower. She fell in the bathroom, broke her back and had to crawl, very painfully, into the living room to get her phone to call for help. So taking your cell phone, or if you don't have a cell phone, taking your wireless home phone or a long cord to take your corded home phone into the bathroom and placed low so you can reach it seems to be an excellent suggestion!  
Our local hardware store, GW Hardware, carries a good range of grab bars in all sizes and styles. They have generously agreed to offer a 15% discount on some models in their inventory. Visit them for a complete view of these products and use the **coupon below**.  
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