



Summerfield Summary

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All residents with an email address should have received a link to register and sign in to be counted towards a quorum for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Through this link, you may also approve the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes and acknowledge the slate of nominees for the 2025–2026 SCA Board of Directors.

A quorum of 20% of occupants is required for the Annual Meeting to proceed. Even if you do not plan to attend, it is important to sign in to ensure a quorum is met.

The meeting agenda is available on Page 4 of this Newsletter.

For residents who share an email address or do not have one, paper ballots are available in the office. Completed paper ballots must be returned by Monday, July 14th at 8 AM.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer at admin@summerfield55.org or stop by the office Mon-Fri 8 AM—Noon.

Submitted by Jennifer Stiffler, Administrator



Upcoming SCA Board Meetings

Agenda Meeting

July 14 in the Conference
Room at 9 AM.

ANNUAL MEETING

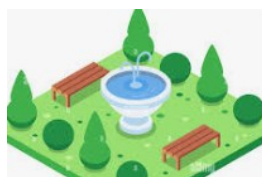
July 14 in the Ballroom
at 7 PM.

Board Meeting

July 21 in the Conference
Room at 9 AM.

COMMON AREA LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy gardening, have an eye for design, or simply want to help keep Summerfield looking its best? The Common Area Landscape Committee (CALC) is currently in need of a Chairperson and additional committee members.



This volunteer committee plays an important role in monitoring and advising on the care and appearance of our shared outdoor spaces. From flower beds to tree care and seasonal improvements, the committee helps ensure our green spaces stay attractive and well-maintained.

No professional landscaping experience is required—just a willingness to work with others and a desire to make a difference in the community. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact the SCA Office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Summerfield Summary Staff

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This is it. My final article as President of the SCA. It has been an honor to serve on the Board for the last three years and as President for the past two. While I am leaving the Board, I expect to stay active by serving on committees.

I want to thank all the dedicated Board members I have served with. I especially want to thank J.J. Gattuccio and Dianne Phelps, whose Board terms also end with the annual meeting. All the Board members and committee members are giving their time to ensure that Summerfield remains a great place to live and stay active.

At the June Board Meeting, Zach Palmer reported that the Golf Course was in great shape. The better weather had allowed him to catch up on needed projects. Rob Lindsey reported that the closure of a golf course in the area helped offset the two new courses that opened. The new courses are essentially pitch-and-putt courses and should not significantly impact us.

The Board voted on three issues. A proposal to trim the maple trees along Summerfield Drive was approved. Townhouses One and Two have both agreed to pay their share of the trimming costs. The Board also approved the trimming of two trees on the Golf Course. A proposal was also made and accepted to revise the Clubhouse private use form and increase the non-resident fee.

The Swimming Pool Committee reported that the temporary toilet at the pool seems to be working out. They are currently studying where permanent facilities can be placed and how much it would cost to build.

Thank you for your support.

This is Steve, signing off.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Don't Shoot the Messenger

Policies and procedures are approved by the SCA Board and implemented by its committees. Please be courteous in your interactions with our members when asked to complete the checklist after your event or function, and ensure that you do not skip any steps. It is not the Clubhouse Committee's responsibility to clean up or handle any of those steps for you, but we are here to assist if you have questions.

Clubhouse activities and events have increased significantly in the last year, so new procedures will be forthcoming soon. Please understand that these changes are made for your safety and security, and to accommodate the needs of as many residents or groups as possible.

New Event Form

The Resident Private Event form has been updated. If you have copies of the old form at home, please recycle those and pick up a new form from the Office. We will get an electronic version posted to the SCA website soon.

Tablecloths

Events are often scheduled close together. Our Event Coordinator checks to see if a host needs to use the Clubhouse tablecloths or will provide their own. If you host or clean up for an event and use the white tablecloths, you must launder, return, and hang them on the correct hangers in the hallway closet within 24 hours, so they are ready for the next event. Thank you for your cooperation.

Submitted by the Clubhouse Committee

SCA OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, JULY 4th



SCA BOARD MEETING RECAP

This report is a recap of the meeting. Minutes are not officially approved until the next Board Meeting.

May 19th, 2025

Present: Steve Blake, President, Pat VanOsdel, Vice President, JJ Gattuccio, Director, Dianne Phelps, Director, Carene Svoboda, Director, Johnny Giccatti, Director, Penny Kellogg, Director, Jennifer Stiffler, Administrator

Absent: Lance Yunck, Apartments, Manager, Estates

President Stephen Blake called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Visitors: Wendy Eidukas— concerns regarding Durham Road traffic.

Minutes: A motion was made (VanOsdel) and seconded (Svoboda) to accept the May Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Golf Course Report—Palmer: Great weather lately. The course is in great shape. Irrigation complications are being handled. The Board asked about hydraulic fluid leaks on the course and Zach responded that some leaks are easier to catch than others and a big advantage to electric/hybrid course vehicles is fewer fluid leaks.

Golf Pro Shop Report—Lindsey: It is officially golf season! Father's Day is typically the biggest golf weekend. Two months in a row of good weather. Increase in membership. New event for Men's Club – the Ryder Cup. May is down from budget, but the Year-to-Date total is comparable to budget.

City of Tigard Liaison Report –

Sherman: Tigard hosted a Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration on June 14th at Cook Park. Tigard Festival of Balloons is coming up June 20-22 in

Cook Park. The Tigard Pride Parade and Festival will take place on June 28th. The parade will affect traffic on Durham Road beginning at 2 PM. The city is planning on their annual 4th of July Celebration. This year it will take place in Cook Park instead of Tigard High School. The celebration activities will start at 6 PM and a 10-minute drone show made up of over 250 drones with accompanying audio will begin at 10 PM. The Tigard Town Center Development Agency agreed to purchase the land of the former Regal Cinemas with the vision of building a park site, new trail system and housing.

Treasurer's Report:

Numbers not available at the time of the Board Meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Summerfield Drive Tree Proposal – Mimicking a tree maintenance project that last occurred in 2009, bids were requested to trim about 80 trees along Summerfield Drive, belonging to SCA Common Area, Townhouse 1 and Townhouse 2. Bids were received from Evergreen Tree Services (\$16,000), Ash Tree Enterprises (\$18,000) including 11 Common Area Pear Trees outside of the Clubhouse, and Tree Medic (\$20,025). A motion was made (Kellogg) and seconded (Gattuccio) to accept Ash Tree to complete the work. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made (Svoboda) and seconded (VanOsdel) to amend the proposal to include 4 individual homeowners near the Clubhouse in the tree work. Motion failed 5-1, 1 abstain.

New Business:

Two Golf Area Trees – A tree along

the backside of the 6th hole and a tree below the pond on the 9th tee are in need of maintenance for safety and aesthetic. Three bids were received from Greenroad Tree Service (\$1350), Evergreen Tree Service (\$2300) and Ash Tree Enterprise (\$2080). A motion was made (Gattuccio) and seconded (VanOsdel) to accept the bid from Ash to complete the work. Motion passed unanimously.

Clubhouse Private Event Use Form

Update P&P F 6.11b – Changes were requested by the Clubhouse Committee to update some verbiage on the form to be able to gather much needed information regarding event space requests and limit the spaces available for private use events. A motion was made (Phelps) and seconded (VanOsdel) to accept the changes. During discussion, the suggestion was made to increase the non-resident fee from \$3 to \$5 as was previously requested by the Clubhouse Committee. The motion was made (Kellogg) and seconded (VanOsdel) to accept the change in non-resident fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report: As of today, 34 homes have sold in Summerfield in 2025. The goal is 45 homes. There are 6 homes pending, 10 for sale, and 2 have sold in June. There are 6 homes on the delinquency list. Four are in collections and two are in foreclosure.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES RECAP

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Directors' Roundtable:

Pat VanOsdal: Sub Associations and Swimming Pool – Pool Committee says that the temporary toilet at the Pool is working out well. Marshall is working on getting bids for replacing the Pool lining and replacing the exit ladders. Bids are still being obtained for building a permanent outdoor restroom for the Pool. The Spa addition is being tabled by the Pool Committee indefinitely.

The Sub Association group met recently to hear from Bluestone Community Management group as a possibility to help the Sub Associations. A motion was made (VanOsdal) and seconded Gattuccio) to accept Barbara Shaw as the Chairperson for the Sub Association Group. Motion passed unanimously.

Carene Svoboda: Newcomers and Disaster Preparedness & Safety – Disaster Preparedness has no events scheduled until September. The Newcomers Welcome Committee has several new members to approve. A motion was made (Svoboda) and seconded (Phelps) to accept new members Jenny Weidinger, Jane Teepe, Susan Roeser, Priscilla Roberts, Marty Pachciarz, and Frances Jewell to the Newcomers Welcome Committee. Motion passed unanimously. Members Harlene Pazoff, Jan Merrick, Sue Stockamp, Shirley Edwards, Sue and Ron Tenison, and Judy Geer are leaving the committee.

Penny Kellogg: Library and Volunteer Appreciation—No Report

Johnny Giccatti: Greens and Architecture/Landscape – No Report for A/L. Greens Committee is almost finished with the tee marker and divot box project.

Dianne Phelps: Clubhouse, Wellness & Fitness- The large screen in the Lakeview Room now has a Roku stick so residents can utilize some programs through streaming. Pool table usage is about 40 people a month. Some kitchen reorganization has been taking place to bring down some more frequently used items from the higher cabinets to cabinets that don't require the tall step stool. Estimates are being sought for the renewal of the Art Room and the Game Room for budget season talks. There are 5 special events in June and 7 in July. A sub-committee has been formed to discuss options for the gendered workout rooms.

The Wellness & Fitness Committee is looking to offer strength training classes at \$15 per student with a minimum of 10 students per class. The W & F Committee is concerned about the safety of residents using the facilities when no one is around. They are looking into signage with warning about working out or using the sauna alone without a safety device such as a personal alert device.

JJ Gattuccio: CALC and Pro Shop – No Report

Steve Blake: Communications and Website—No Report.

A motion was made (Giccatti) and seconded (Phelps) to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

The Next Agenda Meeting is July 14th at 9 AM. The Annual Meeting will be held on July 14th at 7 PM in the Ballroom. The next regular Board Meeting is July 21st at 9 AM.

SCA Annual Meeting Agenda

Date of Meeting: July 14, 2025

Time of Meeting: 7 PM

Location of Meeting: Clubhouse Ballroom

- ◆ Call Meeting to Order & Welcome - Blake
- ◆ Introduction of Board Members – Blake
- ◆ Approval of the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes - Blake
- ◆ Financial Report -Treasurer Gattuccio
- ◆ Committee Reports
- ◆ Nominating Committee Report – VanOsdal
- ◆ Election of the New Board Members - VanOsdal
- ◆ Board Adjourns to elect Officers for '25 - '26
- ◆ Administrator's Report – Stiffler
- ◆ Reconvene and present new officers – Blake
- ◆ Member Questions and Open Forum
- ◆ Remarks by outgoing President & Passing of Gavel to new President - Blake
- ◆ Adjournment by new President

MONTHLY CLUBHOUSE TOUR

Wednesday, July 9th 1-2 PM

To welcome our new residents there are tours of our stunning Summerfield Clubhouse each month on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2 PM. July 9th is the next scheduled date. The tours will start promptly at 1 PM in the Clubhouse Living Room area. There will be a Q & A session at the end of the tour. In addition to newcomers, **any** resident is welcome to join a tour.



Submitted by Diane Knox

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

Start the day - the week - right!!! Enjoy coffee or tea with a bite of something sweet, and good company.

See you every Monday at 8:30 - 10 AM.

Submitted by Connie Jones



SINGLE FRIENDS & FUN! CLUB

Single Friends & Fun! provides a wide variety of fun social activities for single residents, and residents living alone, in the Summerfield Community in a DATING-FREE environment.

This club belongs to its members, so your thoughts and suggestions for fun activities are always welcome!

You can find our list of planned activities in several ways:

1. The full list for the month and the list of activities for the current week are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse hallway.
2. You can find all updated information on our website at: www.singlefriendsandfun.com
3. You are welcome to contact Mindi at 503-484-0118 (call or text) or singinit4you@gmail.com to join Single Friends & Fun!, ask questions, make activity suggestions, or sign up for any of our scheduled activities throughout the month!

Your new Friends are looking forward to meeting you!

Submitted by Mindi Tenison

TUESDAY HAPPY HOUR

Bring your own beverage, and perhaps a treat to share.

Surprises from music, trivia, charades and musical chairs.

Every Tuesday from 4-6 PM in the Clubhouse Living Room.

Submitted by Carene Svoboda



PIANO BAR THURSDAYS

For the July 24th Piano Bar, Nancy Vink will be playing pieces featuring Latin rhythms, including tangos, mambos, cha-cha, rumbas, sambas, and bossa nova.

So bring your maracas and shake along. Gerry Craig will also be playing some Latin pieces. There will be at least one flute-and-piano duet.



Gerry will also test your knowledge of commercial jingles with "name that tune."

Join us starting at 6:30 PM. Please bring your own beverage and a friend.

Submitted by Lydia Cooper

MOVIE NIGHT

July 9th, 6:30 PM

THE FRIEND

Free popcorn and candy!

Donations are appreciated.
Bring a drink and a seat cushion if needed

ARCHITECTURE/LANDSCAPE

The installation of solar panels is a popular project in Summerfield. You might be thinking about this project with more urgency now that there is uncertainty regarding incentives and tax credits. If you are considering a project, here are a few items to keep in mind:



Websites with information about incentives, rebates, panels, cost options, calculators, permits, and contractors include Oregon.gov/energy, portlandgeneral.com, energy.trust.org and Tigard-or.gov.

SCA's Solar Panel Guidelines have some basic information to consider; copies are available on the Summerfield website or at the Clubhouse.

Neighbors who have installed panels – what was the experience with their contractor?

Websites with articles that explain the pros and cons of leasing versus owning the panels include Forbes, Consumer Reports, Solar.com, and others.

If you live in a Townhome or Condominium, be sure to speak with your HOA first.

Please note that a Change Request is required before your project commences. Be sure to speak with your neighbors and document that on the CR.

Happy generating of kilowatt hours!

Submitted by Scott Owen

GRACE NOTES

On request of the family, a small group of 4 or 5 singers would quietly gather in your home or facility to offer songs as a way to lower stress, bring positive memories and provide comfort for your loved ones in the last days of their life journey.



Please note you must be a part of Encore to join and sing with Grace Notes.

Please contact Susan Morea for further information at 925-323-5588 or Smmorea@aol.com.

Submitted by Susan Morea

LIBRARY

You may have noticed the new carpet that was installed in the library in late June. We apologize for the inconvenience of the closure during the installation process. Isn't the new carpet a wonderful change from the old goldish carpet?



Reminder: Please place all returned items and donations in the designated return container (located near the south side of the library). Please do not try to shelve books, puzzles, CDs, or DVDs.

Did you know that we have a small selection of Western and Romance novels? They are on the far middle shelf towards the east wall. Additionally, a small collection of "cozy reads" is available on the shelves directly across the aisle.

The library is continuously one of the top amenities utilized by residents. We thank you for your patronage.

The Library Committee

Pets Not Allowed on Golf Course

As a friendly reminder, pets are not permitted on the Summerfield Golf Course at any time.

While we know how much residents enjoy walking with their furry companions, the golf course is a designated recreational and athletic area with specific maintenance and safety standards. Pets—even when leashed—can create unexpected hazards for golfers, damage the turf, and leave behind waste that disrupts play and risks fines from regulatory agencies.

In addition, please remember that all pets must be leashed at all times when outside of a home or fenced yard. This is essential for the safety of other residents, pets, and property, and is part of our community's basic courtesy and compliance expectations.

We ask for everyone's cooperation in keeping pets off the golf course and following leash rules throughout the neighborhood. There are many lovely walking paths in Summerfield where leashed pets are welcome.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe, clean, and enjoyable for all!

Submitted by the SCA Office

CREATIVE ART GUILD

New works are up on the Clubhouse Gallery Walls, and the theme is "Artist Choice." There is a marvelous variety of subject matter, including landscapes, abstracts, wildlife, still life, and portraiture.

This is an excellent opportunity to discover what inspires the artists in the Creative Art Guild. Some artists like to use reference materials as inspiration for their work. Others work entirely from imagination. Some prefer to work in a realistic manner, while others opt for a more loose and flowing style.

If you see a work that captures your attention and you'd like to learn more about how it was created, a list of the artists and their phone numbers is posted on the Wall. Each artist would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

Current art on display throughout the Clubhouse includes a new, beautiful hanging quilt and some marvelous plush creations in the glass display case in the Summerfield Living Room.



Creativity never stops in Summerfield!

Our next Art Guild meeting will be on Monday, July 21st, from 3 - 4:30 PM in the Arts & Crafts Room. We look forward to seeing you there!

Submitted by Lori Owen

OPEN STUDIO

The Arts and Crafts Room is a great place to meet fellow artists and design and produce your next project.

Join us on any Wednesday at 1 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room. We usually stay until 3 PM or shortly after for chit chat and collaboration.

It's a great way to be productive, free from your distractions at home. (For example, a cat on your work!)

Submitted by Terry Schmidt



CRAFT CLUB

Are you a creative person? Would you like to participate in the Annual Holiday Bazaar? Come show us what you make.

We meet every Tuesday from 1 PM to 2 PM.

To participate in the Bazaar this year, you do not need to be a Craft Club member, but you must be a Summerfield resident.

Submitted by Sharon Hughes

KNITTERS PLUS

We are an informal group of knitters, crocheters, etc., of all skill levels that meets on Friday at 2 PM in the Arts & Crafts Room.

Get questions answered or just talk patterns, fibers, or anything else. Socialize, make new friends, and laugh.

Submitted by Susan Burson

QUILTERS CLUB

We meet regularly on the first, third and fifth Thursdays from 12:30 - 3 PM and 10 AM - 3 PM on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Join us for a creative and fun time. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Schweizer at 503-705-2906.

Submitted by Bonnie Schweizer

WRITERS GROUP

We are an eclectic group of writers who share our pieces and give each other positive feedback when requested. Our writers include those who write memoirs, travel and adventure, humorous pieces, fiction, children's stories, and limericks. The communality is that we all love to write and listen to each other's stories. We welcome new members who enjoy writing!! Our meetings are every third Friday at 2 PM.

For more information, contact Michele Seligman at selmabernice@gmail.com or 201-774-3442.

Submitted by Michele Seligman

ART CLASSES

Free Art Classes by Our Guild Members

Our monthly art classes, held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1 PM (except December), are continuing.

We hope to entice both new artists and experienced artists to expand their skills and have a good time. It's great to learn something new.

So far, we have two more offerings in the lineup. If you are interested, please contact the instructors at the email addresses below to register.

More good news to come.

Color Theory for Beginners

July 14, 1 - 3 PM



Terry Schmidt will present a class on basic color theory. We will discuss shades and tints, value and shadows in color, and explain how the color wheel is your friend.

Whether you are a painter, a colored pencil artist, or just curious, you might find yourself amazed at how a basic understanding of color can help you design a palette and plan your compositions.

Contact terry.schmidt.22631@gmail.com.

Drawing Faces

August 11, 1 to 3PM



Lydia Cooper will present a class on drawing faces. With a bit of instruction and practice, it's not as hard as you might think. Learn about the proportions and shapes of faces, how men and women differ, and how to handle hair and necks.

Contact lydiacooper7@yahoo.com.

LINE DANCE

Come join us at one or all of the following classes.

Monday morning, 10:30 – 11:30 AM *Focus on true Beginner dances and some improver dances.*

Monday – Late afternoon, 4:30 – 5:30 PM All levels of dance.

Wednesday – 1:30 – 3 PM *First ½ hour for "extra" learning time.* The remainder of the time for all levels of dance.

There will be **NO DANCING on July 14th** due to the SCA Annual Meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting and don't forget to **vote**.

SAVE THE DATE: September 15th, Summerfield Line Dancing will celebrate **10 YEARS** with a Big Party!!! If you have EVER been a part of this group, we would love to have you there. Please let me know at dianeandbri@yahoo.com who you are. More details to follow soon.



Submitted by Diane Christensen

SUMMERFIELD SINGERS



Summerfield Singers meets from 2 -3 PM on the first and third Fridays of each month in the Ballroom.

We are a casual group that sings just for fun. We also lead several sing-alongs each year.

Anyone who likes to sing is welcome; no tryouts, come as you can, you do not need to read music or have a great voice.

If you have questions, call Julie Helle at 503-747-5225.

Submitted by Julie Helle

HEART BEATS DRUM CIRCLE

Our drumming group meets at 10 AM in the Lakeview Room on the first Friday of the month.

We will begin again on August 1st!

We have several drums and percussion instruments available, or bring your own.



No experience? No problem! Sit in and try us out!

Submitted by Mel Simrell

GARDEN CLUB

In June, we visited Hughes Water Garden and took a tour of the facility, discussing the Water Bowls from Cheyenne—a fascinating and lovely place. From there, we went to Lil' Cooperstown in West Linn for a delicious lunch.



On July 14th, we will be visiting Elk Rock Gardens (formerly Bishop Clothes) at 11800 S. Military Lane, Portland. We need to carpool because there are limited parking spaces. We will leave at 10:30, arriving at the Gardens for an 11:00 AM tour of the house, followed by a walk through the grounds. We will have lunch at Lakeview Taphouse, 305 1st Street, Lake Oswego.

For Elk Rock Gardens, please wear good walking shoes, not sandals, as the trails are gravelled. There are no public bathrooms.

Please RSVP by July 9th to Sadie Dukart at 503-819-4931. She will need to know if you are going, if you can drive, or if you need a ride.

Submitted by Karen Walker

JOIN ENCORE!

Encore! is a non-auditioned community performance club made up of Summerfield residents, currently ages 67 to 89, under the joyful direction of Mel Simrell. Whether you've sung in choirs or just enjoy singing in the shower, Encore! welcomes all who love music—no need to read sheet music!

The best times to join are January or August.

Our mission is to share music and smiles with the Summerfield community by providing positive morale, inspiration, and entertainment through two free concerts each year, held in the Summerfield Ballroom.

Encore! continues to set a high standard for fun, meaningful participation by offering:

- ⇒ **Musical tips including breathing and vocal techniques**
- ⇒ **Mental, emotional, and physical benefits through singing**
- ⇒ **A supportive and social outlet within a caring community**
- ⇒ **A focus on incorporating diverse voices into every concert**



Rehearsals resume Tuesdays, starting on August 5th at 1 PM in the Ballroom.

Interested in learning more? Contact Mel Simrell 971-202-3040

POLLINATOR & NATIVE PLANT CLUB



We hope you'll attend our July meeting, where we'll discuss the ongoing activities in our gardens and share the pollinators and wildlife we've seen this summer.

Meeting details: Tuesday, July 8th, at 1 PM in the Conference Room.

Contact Jan Merrick with questions at Jan.merrick1123@gmail.com.

Submitted by Jan Merrick

SENIOR LEARNING

We continue our journey through *The Secret Life of Words: English Words and Their Origins*. While it may sound like an academic topic, it's presented in an engaging and easy-to-understand way. This series has proven to be a favorite among our viewers.

We meet every **Thursday at 2 PM in the Lakeview Room**. Share the experience with neighbors who love learning and exploring.

Submitted by Gerry Craig

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

You may know Gerry Craig as a talented pianist, but in the 15 years he has lived in Summerfield, he has also donated his time and talent in many other ways. When he first moved to Summerfield, he served as a golf course Starter. Later, he headed the Computer/Tech Club, and then he took over the leadership of the Dementia Caregivers Support Group. Currently, he heads the Thursday Senior Learning.

His musical contributions include 10 years of playing piano at the Veterans Hospital. On Sundays, you will find him playing piano at his church, Bethel Congregational. He has played piano at the original Summerfield Friday night Happy Hour/Potluck (back in the day), and he occasionally plays for the current Tuesday Happy Hour — he especially enjoys testing the audience's knowledge with "Name That Tune." He also serves as an accompanist for Encore and as a librarian for the Summerfield Singers. You can also catch Gerry as one of the rotating pianists at the monthly Thursday Piano Bar.



Gerry founded a musical group about 12 years ago. It is now known as the Equinox Trio. The other members of the group are Nancy Vink on flute and vocals, and Jo Brickman on vocals. This group plays at various venues around town, including some of Summerfield's special celebrations, parties, and dances — the most recent being the 50th anniversary of the founding of Summerfield.

Gerry began his musical training playing the accordion at the age of eight. He also played French horn from grade school through college. He began playing the piano after retiring from a career in finance. He comes from a very musical family — his brother, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother all played the piano.

Gerry said that one of his greatest pleasures in life is playing the piano for others. Doing what you love is the most fulfilling pastime.

Submitted by Lydia Cooper

BOOK CLUB

For June, the Book Club read *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner—her powerful and unforgettable debut memoir. Spellbinding from start to finish, the story captures the harsh realities of a family living in rural Mexico, struggling with poverty, no electricity or plumbing, and the challenges of life in a dilapidated home. Rooted in a polygamous sect, the family's hardship was compounded by religious beliefs that expected men to father as many children as possible. From a young age, Ruth questioned this life, and after a tragic accident that took the lives of her mother and two younger brothers, she became the one to lead her family to freedom.

Becky Wright led a thoughtful and engaging discussion and shared that she hopes to arrange for Ruth Wariner to speak with our club in the future—an opportunity we would all eagerly anticipate!

As always, reading the book in advance is not required—everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

Next Month's Selection:

The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart by Holly Ringland

If you haven't joined us yet, we encourage you to give it a try. It's a wonderful way to spend an hour each month!

Submitted by Ashley Moen



Summerfield Residents Complete Tigard Community Police Academy

A group of Summerfield residents recently completed the Tigard Community Police Academy—a 10-week course designed to give participants a deeper understanding of law enforcement through hands-on activities, demonstrations, real-life case studies, and engaging scenarios.

Topics covered included officer training, patrol procedures, drone operations, K-9 units, investigations, and more. Participants also had the opportunity to tour the Washington County Jail in Hillsboro and experience a ride-along with Tigard Police Officers—an unforgettable highlight for many.

Pictured residents who completed the course are: Diane Christensen, Julie Locke, Clare Bronder, Delores Demarinis, Peter Talbott, Diane Knox, and Bonnie Conger. Not pictured: Patti Baker. All agreed that the experience was one of the most interesting and enlightening things they've ever done.

Special thanks to the Tigard Police Department and Maddie Bauer, Community Engagement Program Coordinator, for offering this valuable and eye-opening program.

Interested in participating? The Community Police Academy is open to anyone age 16+ who lives or works in Tigard. To learn more or sign up for the 2026 session, visit www.tigard-or.gov/CommunityAcademy. Maddie will notify you when registration opens.

Submitted by Diane Christensen



DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia. According to the Alzheimer's Association, "Today, more than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and more than 55 million people worldwide are living with dementia."

It's a tough diagnosis and affects everyone differently. It is challenging to care for a loved one with any form of dementia, which leads to changes in memory, thinking and behavior.

Our group offers support through information and shared experiences. Please feel free to join us the third Monday of each month for an informal meeting with others facing the same or similar issues you may be facing.

**Our next meeting: Monday, July 21st, 1-2 PM
In the Conference Room**

Submitted by Sue Rethinger

SUMMERFIELD BIBLE STUDY

You're invited to Summerfield Bible Study.

We're excited to welcome so many new residents to the Summerfield community.

We'd love for you to join us at our weekly Bible Study, held every Wednesday in the Clubhouse Conference Room.

- Coffee & Fellowship: 9:30 – 9:45 AM
- Bible Study: 9:45 – 10:45 AM

We are currently studying John, Chapter 16.

Whether you're new to the community or have been here a while, all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Submitted by Paula Henry



FUN WITH HAND & FOOT

Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM in the Game Room

Casual Drop In – No Need to RSVP

Lessons Offered by Pre-arrangement



Join us in the Game Room playing Hand & Foot and visiting with friends. Like Canasta, H&F attracts a fun, casual group that plays every **Tuesday at 1:30 PM**. **We start playing promptly at 1:30. Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early for table assignment.** Late arrivals may not be seated if tables are full or play has already begun.

Dues are assessed at \$5/year for the core regular players. Casual drop-in players will pay \$1 per game until \$5 has been paid. First-time students will not be charged. These funds will offset the cost of incidentals that the Board of Directors has declined to provide.

We welcome new players. If you have never played or feel rusty, Susan can offer a tutorial at **12:30** on Tuesdays, just before the regular games, **to those who RSVP at least a day ahead**. Refresh or learn the basics without the pressure of a game. You may direct questions or RSVP to Susan by phone (818-648-5356) or email at scallihan7308@gmail.com.

If you bring a guest, remember that residents have priority, and if we end up with a “leftover,” the guest will have to leave, sit and watch, or rotate in with their host **if they know how to play**. This would not be a learning opportunity.

COVID is still circulating, with new variants, and Flu, Norovirus, and RSV are spreading. If you have traveled by air or sea, please refrain from visiting us for five days after your return. If you want to wear a mask, that is okay. We are a judgment-free zone.

Submitted by Susan Callihan and Paula Henry

CHESS, ANYONE?

Interested in playing chess with fellow residents? We're looking to start a Chess Group at Summerfield and would love to hear from you!

If you're interested in joining, please contact John Schwab at 503-936-8710 for more details.

Checkmate fun awaits!

Submitted by John Schwab

BINGO

Feeling lucky? Join us for Bingo on **Friday, July 11** or **Friday, July 25**—you might just win the “big pot,” which is now up to **\$35.00!**



We'll be in the **Game Room from 7–9 PM**. Bring your good luck charm, and maybe this time, it'll be your night to win!

Submitted by Marlene Christensen

BUNCO



Let's play Bunco! Join us on **Monday, July 14th**, from **2–4 PM** in the **Game Room** for an afternoon of fun and fast-paced dice rolling.

For more information, contact **Esther at 541-921-1346**.

Submitted by Esther Vickstrom

MAHJONGG (AMERICAN)

Tuesdays 12 - 3:30 PM in the Game Room.

Looking for a fun way to keep your mind sharp? Join us for **American MahJongg**. This classic game of skill, strategy, and luck is always a good time—win or lose, we keep coming back for more!



Don't forget to bring your **2025 game card**.

Bev Westerlund is now the lead contact for American MahJongg activities. Bev has been a wonderful partner in helping grow our group over the years, and we're grateful she's stepping into this new role.

For more information, feel free to reach out to Bev at **(503) 475-6724**.

Submitted by Tish Kremidas

EUCHRE



Euchre is a fun and strategic trick-taking card game played with four players in teams of two.

When/where: Wednesdays 11-1 PM in Game Room

Contact: Greg Weidinger at gydinger@gmail.com

Submitted by Greg Weidinger



Summerfield
Women's & Men's Golf Clubs



Thinking About



Expanding Your Circle of Friends

Improving Your Health & Fitness

Enjoying Nature and the Outdoors

Participating in a Fun and Active Club



Golf is a great way to do it ALL

**The Summerfield Women's and Men's
 Golf Club's are in Full Swing and Inviting
 You to Become a Member**

If you are interested, & would like to learn more about our clubs, contact Joyce Knutson or Bob Walker. Also if you would like to know more about our course &/or golf lessons contact Rob Lindsey.

SWGC Member Chair

Joyce Knutson

503 - 467 - 1973

Rob Lindsey

PGA Golf Professional
 & Instructor
 503 - 620 - 1200

SMGC Member Chair

Bob Walker

503 - 713 - 8649

WELLNESS & FITNESS

Help Us Make a Decision! We have an opportunity in the Fall to offer a strength-building class once a week right here at Summerfield for \$15 per person per session. We heard last month from eight people that they are interested in this class. However, we need at least **TEN** people to **COMMIT** to the class to be able to make this happen. If you are interested, **PLEASE** email our committee at summerfieldfitness@gmail.com. This is a coed class, and we are really encouraging all residents to think about the health benefits of strength training for our age group.

Our monthly orientation on our equipment is set for Tuesday, July 15th, from 2-3 PM. Members of the Fitness committee will be there to help you learn how to use the equipment or answer any questions you may have about our facilities downstairs, like the sauna. Remember you are most welcome to come multiple times to these sessions.

Question to consider – Can holding your breath during weight- lifting of any kind be dangerous? The answer is YES!!!! It is dangerous to hold your breath during any form of exercise, but especially so while lifting weights.

As you inhale and exhale, the pressure in your chest cavity increases and decreases. When you exercise and breathe heavier, these pressures are even greater. When you hold your breath, you do not allow for the natural release of this pressure, and the stress on your heart and circulatory system can elevate blood pressure two to three times above normal. This can result in ruptured blood vessels, stroke or heart attack.

ALWAYS breathe as you exercise and develop a rhythmic pattern of inhaling in conjunction with the positive (against gravity) movements and exhaling in conjunction with the negative (with gravity) movements of the exercise. Michael O'Shea, Sports Training Institute.

Submitted by Nancy Ellis

TENNIS

Join us for a relaxed and friendly game of mixed doubles every Tuesday and Thursday morning!

For game times, more information, or to be added to our GroupMe group, contact Carol McKee at ctmckee@gmail.com or 503-360-2399.

Submitted by Carol McKee



QIGONG ADAPTIVE YOGA

As we greet Summer, please also welcome two new Yoga teachers for this class. Michele Gartner and Jackie Konen will co-teach the Tuesday class beginning June 24. Both Michele and Jackie have enjoyed Pamela as an instructor and teacher, have shadowed her Summerfield class and are certified yoga instructors. "We look forward to continuing this vibrant group of enthusiastic yogis and practicing good health and well-being in community."



Pamela has taught this Summerfield class for over 9 years and will always hold the students fondly in her heart as she and her husband begin their next journey in sunny Arizona!

Discover strength, balance, and inner peace in this Adaptive Yoga class, designed for all bodies and abilities. This inclusive practice offers modifications and support to meet your unique needs, whether you're managing injury, disability, or limited mobility. With a focus on breath, mindful movement, and self-compassion, you'll build confidence and enhance well-being in a welcoming, accessible environment.

No prior yoga experience is necessary, just bring your curiosity and willingness to explore.

New Waivers to participate in the class will need to be signed beginning June 24th.

Tuesdays – 10:30 AM - In the Lakeview Room
Fee: \$5 paid at each class – (Cash Only & No prepayments please!)

Questions? Susan Callihan 818-648-5356

Submitted by Pamela Olzman

SWIMMING POOL

POOL REMINDERS FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Please review these important guidelines to help keep our pool safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone.

State Health Regulations

Thank you to all residents who are signing in and showering before entering the pool. These steps are required by Oregon State law and help us maintain a sanitary swimming environment.

Guest Policy & Resident Responsibility

Residents are responsible for the behavior and safety of all their guests, including children, grandchildren, and friends.

- Maximum of 4 guests per household is allowed at the pool.
- Have more than 4 guests? Enlist another resident householder to accompany up to 4 more.
- If you cannot personally accompany your guests (due to illness or other reasons), another resident may act as your surrogate—but they are then fully responsible for enforcing pool rules and ensuring safety.

Pool Rules – Teach Your Guests

Residents must teach their guests, especially youth, the posted rules.

- Rules are available in the holders outside each gate and posted on large signs beside the entry gates.
- Do not sit on or play with the ropes or floats. These are part of the pool's safety system. When broken or removed, they cannot be easily repaired.

Youth Swim must be cancelled if either rope is not securely in place—this is a State-mandated safety rule.

A Phillips-head screwdriver is located next to the safety kit under the clock in case a rope needs reattachment. If you feel confident doing so, please handle with care and avoid dropping any parts into the pool.

Restroom Update

The porta-potty is cleaned every Friday morning. On warm days with a westerly breeze, you may notice the scent of the blue sanitizing liquid.

We are currently obtaining bids to install a permanent flush toilet at the south end of the pump house. This facility will include a fan, lighting, a sink, and hand

sanitizer, and will be connected to the sanitary sewer. It will be conveniently located next to the existing pool shower.

Umbrella Courtesy

If you raise an umbrella, please lower it before you leave. Sudden gusts of wind have damaged umbrellas left open—sometimes hours after use.

If you have any questions about the Summerfield Pool Rules or the reasons behind them, feel free to call me directly. I'm always happy to help explain and support your enjoyment of this wonderful community resource.

Submitted by Marshall Henry

WATER AEROBICS LOW STRESS EXERCISE



Water Aerobics has been off to a great start, with attendance varying with the weather. Sunnier days are in store. Grab your pool noodles and join us for a fun and gentle workout in our heated pool. No swimming skills required; your feet can stay on the pool bottom the entire time; pool noodles or floatie dumbbells are helpful but not required. You can choose to go deep water for a more challenging workout; a float belt or fat noodle is recommended.

Session Details:

- ⇒ Monday–Friday, 10–10:45 AM
- ⇒ Guided by a 45-minute recorded audio program
- ⇒ Monday, Wednesday & Friday: Program A
- ⇒ Tuesday & Thursday: Program B

Come try it out! If you'd like to keep participating, there's a one-time \$5 annual fee. As a thank-you, paying participants will be invited to a catered lunch in the Lakeview Room at the end of the season.

Contact Sandra Serpas at 541-521-8887 if you have any questions.

Submitted by Susan Callihan

PICKLEBALL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Summerfield Pickleball Club Party!!

- July 17th, at the Pickleball Courts
 - 4 – 6 PM
 - Games, Prizes, Snacks and FUN!
- **Pickleball Club Members Only, please.**



Scheduled Play:

- ⇒ Regular pickleball session - Monday - Friday at 9:30 AM, for All Levels
- ⇒ Novice Group - Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 8:30 AM
- ⇒ Intermediate Ladies - Mon., Wed., and Fri. at 8 AM

Get Involved: For details or to find the right group for you, contact: Dan Cummens – 509-842-0419 or Michelle Cummens – 509-230-1685

Come join the fun and make new friends on the court.

Submitted by Dan Cummens

TAI CHI

Join us Fridays at 3 PM in the Lakeview Room for a new Tai Chi class designed especially for beginners!

This is a great opportunity to improve your balance, focus, and memory—all while having fun in a supportive environment.



No fee for the class, and all are welcome!

For questions, please contact Susan Briggs at 541-514-4324.

Submitted by Susan Briggs

SUMMERFIELD VETERANS

No July Meeting Because of July 4th, Next Meeting will be Friday, August 1, 2025

Fort Kennedy Golf Fundraiser at Summerfield Golf Course, Saturday, August 9, 2025



Summerfield Veterans will be hosting our first Fort Kennedy Golf Fundraiser. This tournament will be a nine-hole scramble starting at 9 AM; open to both Summerfield residents and non-residents; the cost is \$50 (which is tax deductible); includes lunch and a variety of prizes. Sign up with Rob Lindsey in the Summerfield Golf Pro Shop to participate.

Thank you to Rob Lindsey, Summerfield golf pro, and the Summerfield Men's and Women's Golf Clubs for helping with this fundraising golf tournament for Fort Kennedy. Fort Kennedy 501(c)(3) is a local non-profit, assisting homeless veterans with housing and entitled benefits. Fort Kennedy receives no government funding and relies solely on donations.

Fort Kennedy Barrel – check out the new collection box:

We continue to fill the Summerfield *Fort Kennedy Giving Barrel*, which is located at the foot of the stairs in the Clubhouse. The amazing new collection box was created by Rich Cruse and funded by the Summerfield Men's Golf Club – thank you so much for this gracious gift. It serves as an excellent reminder for us to consider the many veterans who need our assistance.

Bring any questions that you have about your benefits to these meetings. Together we will find the answer. Please join other Summerfield veterans in many upcoming activities.

Washington County Disability, Aging, and Veterans Services: 503-846-3060.

Locate your advocate in Washington County. They help all veterans.

These meetings are a safe place for veterans and their families.

Please invite a veteran, family member, or interested residents.

Submitted by Priscilla Roberts



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

Survival Water 103

Emergency Water Tip #3: Don't Forget the Rain!

Yes, we know—this is the third month in a row with notes about emergency water... but this one covers a source I *should* have mentioned earlier: rainwater!

It's true—we get our fair share of drought, but don't forget that our region averages 37 inches of rainfall per year, mostly from October to May. That means rain can be a surprisingly reliable source of emergency water, with even a single downpour potentially yielding 50 gallons or more.

How to Collect Rainwater

To get started, you'll need:

1. rain barrel
2. downspout diverter kit

The diverter replaces a 6–8-inch section of your existing downspout and includes a valve to direct rain into your barrel or let it continue through your drainage system. These kits are simple to install (a hacksaw or tin snips will do the trick) and cost around \$20, available from Amazon or local irrigation suppliers.



Storage Options

Strong 50-gallon barrels usually cost \$80–\$95. You can also find 15- and 35-gallon options, or even collapsible barrels for \$35–\$50. Check: Local nurseries, Home Depot, Amazon, [The Rainbarrel Man](#) (Portland), or Portland Water District (offers barrels at cost and other resources)



Treating the Water

Rainwater from a roof should be filtered and sanitized before use. Here's a quick reference for unscented bleach treatment:

- 8 drops per gallon
- 1 tablespoon = 60 drops
- ½ tablespoon treats 5 gallons

Add bleach *after* drawing from the barrel for use. (Adding a small amount into the barrel can deter mosquitoes.)

Final Thoughts

Don't forget your water heater holds about 50 gallons—combine that with a rain barrel, and you could have a generous and renewable source for cooking, bathing, and washing in an emergency.

While this isn't the cheapest emergency prep item, it could be a life-saving investment—and gives peace of mind knowing water is literally falling from the sky.

Submitted by Roy Metcalf

BRIDGE SCORES

Monday: 5/12 D. McKim 4760, 5/19 B. Finch 3630, 5/26 B. Finch 3590, 6/2 B. Finch 4460, 6/4 Shirley 4070, 6/9 S. Harrison 4070.

Wednesday: 4/30 B. Finch 4710, 5/7 B. Finch 3590, 5/13 D. Quinones 3530, 5/21 K. Mullens 4050, 5/28 B. Finch 3600, 6/11 K. Mullens 2860.

Thursday Night: 4/24 B. Finch 3620, 5/1 B. Finch 4810, 5/8 Dari 3820, 5/15 Susan 3350, 5/22 Del 5690, 5/29 D. Jordan 5190, 6/12 D. Jordan 3830.

Thursday: 5/29 1st N/S Itel/Biggs, 2nd N/S Sahler/Nangle, 1st E/W Nelson/Fuson, 2nd E/W Bennett/Williams, 6/5 1st Nelson/Fuson, 2nd Nangle/Isbell, 6/12 1st N/S Henry/Itel, 2nd N/S Nelson/Grubestic, 1st E/W Derington/Bennett, 2nd E/W Hough/Hough

Submitted by Candace Grubestic & Barbara Finch

FORT KENNEDY

GIVING A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT.

Golf Fundraiser

August 9th

Sponsored By

Summerfield Veterans Group



Fort Kennedy is a local non-profit, started by retired Army Veteran Tina Kennedy.

The center helps veterans receive benefits they are entitled to for their service, in addition to providing clothing, food, hygiene items and other essential services to unhoused and low-income veterans. Fort Kennedy receives no government funding and relies solely on donations.

Our golf tournament is open to both Summerfield residents and non-residents. We hope you can join us for this fun fundraising event. The cost is \$50.00, which is tax deductible, including lunch and a variety of prizes.

A donation container is located in the Golf Lounge to accept your clothing and canned or plastic food donations.

All donations are tax deductible:

Use tax ID 47-4092684

To Donate Contact:

Joe Roberts @ 503-310-4718 or joecilla.roberts@gmail.com

Carene Svoboda @ 503-726-8180 or carenesvoboda@gmail.com



MEN'S GOLF CLUB



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SMGC Board Meeting: 7/1 in Conference Room. **Chapman #4:** Play 6/2.

Chapman #4: Signup: 7/8 – 7/25. Play 8/4. **2 Man Partners:** Play 9/9 & 9/11. **Club Championship:** Signup 7/16 – 8/6. Play 8/13 – 8/15. **Member Guest:** Play 7/25.

JUNE 6th CHAPMAN RESULTS: Today we had a big turnout with 124 players, with 77% winning an award. The weather was great, as was the dinner. Also a big thanks to the Chapman committee for the super dinner. **Low Gross Winners:** 1st Tori Gallagher & Buzz Smith. 2nd Janice Beck & Del Jordan. **Tie 3rd** Wendy Pfeifer & Frank Anderson/Irma Trommlitz & Mike Simmrell. 5th Carolyn Pitre & Herb Peterson. **Low Net Winners:** 1st Joy Reedy & Fred Baum. 2nd Sharon Stoesser & John Erickson. 3rd Gail Heimbecker & Kevin Siminski. 4th Pat Benninghoff & Jim Fitzgerald.

CONGRATULATIONS. 5th to 30th. **#1 Sonic Net Birdie:** 21. **#2 KP: Women** Sharon Stoesser. **Men** Buzz Smith. **#3 Between the Lines:** 21. **#4 3rd Shot KP:** 1st Karen & Jon Connolly. 2nd Joyce & Rick Knutson. 3rd Sharon Stoesser & Jon Erickson. 4th Janice Beck & Del Jordan. **Shot KP:** 1st 2nd. 3rd. 4th **#5 Inside the Circle:** 15. **#6 KP From Off the Green:** 1st Joan Mathews & Ed Stanley. 2nd Bette & Dick Wald. **#7 Men's KP:** 1st Gene Chandlee. 2nd Wally Hadden. **#8 Longest Putt:** Diana Smith & Doug Jackson **#9 Women's KP:** 1st Janis Primrose. 2nd Meddie Sims. **#9 On the Green:** 24. **Raffle Winners:** 8. Thanks to our Sponsors Ken Miller, Rob Lindsey & Mike Cook. Also, a big thanks to the scoring team and to everyone who helps tidy things up after the dinner.

SPRING MATCH PLAY RESULTS: **Championship Flight:** 1st Ron Reeves. 2nd David House. 3rd Mel Scott. 4th Bob Meek.

Consolation Flight: 1st Del Jordan. 2nd Herb Peterson. 3rd Kurt Doctor. 4th Gary Nelson.

CARING CLOSET DONATION BOXES: SWGC, Caring Closet donation boxes will be in the Clubhouse lobby until after the Charity. Check out the wish list in the lobby for items most needed.

THE 2 MAN PARTNERS IS JULY 9TH & 11TH – SOME

THOUGHTS: **#1** On #6 a ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is probably not yours. **#2** On #5, the ponds attract, and fairways repel. **#3** On #9 your tap-in is a putt that is short enough to be missed one-handed. **#4** On #3 you will hit the fairway 10% of the time, and a two-inch branch 90% of the time. **#5** On #7 if both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint. **Finally #6** The 2 Man is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.

Submitted By Ken Rose

WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



Our lady golfers had lots of Birdies and Chip-Ins in May, as reported at our June monthly meeting. Ladies with Birdies in May were: Debbie Cruse(2), Jacki Mitchell, Pat Dufort, Judy Scherzer, Marja Gillan, Tori Gallagher and Irma Trommlitz.

May was also a great month for Chip-Ins: Jan Meek(2), Jacki Mitchell(2), Judy Cleton(2), Marty Pachciarz (2), Karen Connolly(2), Pat Benninghoff, Bonnie Phillips, Pat Parrish, Carole Kitto, Liz Rockway, Mary Reeves, Marja Gillan, Peggy Dibblee, Linda Gray, Lynn O'Brien, Irma Trommlitz, Gail Heimbecker and Kim Maguire. Nice going, ladies!

June featured Match play, Guest Day, and gearing up for our Charity Tournament and Auction July 9th.

Matches were held from June 1- June 30, and we'll know the winners after press time. In the meantime, the "Sharing Closet" wrapped up, thanks to Wendy Pfeifer and her Organizers, Joyce Knutson and Georgena Blem. Wendy said she was humbled by the response from our members, who generously donated golf clothing for sale, and then purchased items they wanted - with all proceeds going to our charity, Caring Closet. They raised **\$1,031** for the Caring Closet - All because Wendy had an idea and lady golfers stepped up. Items that were not purchased were donated to the Caring Closet if appropriate. What a great idea! Thank you everyone.

The ever-popular Guest Day featured a sports theme, and the 72 players came to play dressed in fun sports themed outfits. The "Sports" theme was a hit. The day started with a check-in with fun gift bags, a welcome from Rob Lindsey, going over rules, and a song to send us on our way. Teams wore everything from Minnesota Viking helmets, matching shirts and outfits to UO/OSU teams. Thanks to committee chairs Tori Gallagher (golf tournament), Joyce Knutson (luncheon) and Committee volunteers: Irma Trommlitz, Wendy Pfeifer, JJ Gattuccio, Gail Heimbecker, Donna Montgomery, Marty Pachciarz, Loretta Bertrand, Barbara Lance, Meddie Sims and photographers Jacki Mitchell and Sharon Comstock. And then there were the games: Have you ever tried to putt with boxing gloves on? Or shot hoops, throw a disc, kick a soccer ball, go "fishing" or get heckled by the "crowd?" These games on each hole were overseen by our wonderful volunteer referees: Wally Hadden, J Hootman, Jim Fitzgerald, Ron Reeves, Mike Tsujimura, Dean Martin, John Connolly, Rick Knutson, Buzz Smith, and Gary Heintz. Special thanks to these referees on each hole, and to all of our great volunteers.

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WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB, Cont.

Winning teams this year were as follows: **1st place**, with a score of 30: Irma Trommlitz, Karen Connolly and their guests. **Tied for 2nd place**, with scores of 31 were Tori Gallagher, Meddie Sims and their guests; and Mary Reeves, Joyce Knutson and their guests. **Tied for 3rd place**, with a score of 33: Cheryl Cook, Marja Gillan and their guests; and Judy Cleeton, Gail Heimbecker and their guests. The coolest thing? One of our guest ladies scored a Hole-in-One on her 9th hole! Thanks to everyone who made this day possible and so much fun.

June and July are both fast and furious with our Charity Tournament and Auction efforts. The saying, "it takes a village" is SO true regarding the many hands and hearts working to support the Caring Closet. It is a huge undertaking for a good cause, and we are humbled by the support from the ENTIRE Summerfield community for this worthy organization that changes kids' lives. Businesses and neighbors – not just golfers – continue to support us – it's all about the kids. CASH DONATIONS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED PAYABLE TO SWGC, AND CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE SCA OFFICE OR AT THE GOLF SHOP.

Submitted by Jan Harrington

FROM THE PRO SHOP

Wow, what a start to the summer. As I write this article, temperatures have soared to the mid 90's. I hope these high temperatures are not indicative of how our summer is going to go. None the less, our golf course is in the best shape ever!

Our Men's and Women's Clubs are in full swing. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

- July 3 Women's Club Monthly Shotgun/Mtg (9 AM)
- July 9 Men's Club 2-Man Partners (Round #1)
- July 10 Charity Golf Tournament
- July 11 Men's Club 2-Man Partners (Round #2)
- July 25 Men's Club Member/Guest (9 AM Shotgun)

Submitted by Rob Lindsey

Durham Road Disconnect is Harmful

By Wendy Eidukas

Everyone I speak with about Durham Road agrees it has problems. Still, I've discovered a whole new level of trouble with it. The people who make transportation plans and enforce traffic codes are out of touch with reality on this road, and this disconnect is causing real harm. On March 11th, a resident who regularly took 3-mile walks in this neighborhood suffered multiple fractured bones when struck by a ratchet strap (a 6-inch metal cube connected to a strap) that flew off a flatbed truck driving on Durham Road. The driver didn't stop, apparently unaware that their negligence had put someone in the hospital and on a long road to recovery.

This is a new level of harm on a road where students have been struck by cars at Tigard High School, prompting the installation of an enhanced pedestrian crossing. And cars have crashed through fences (one stopping at the edge of my neighbor's back patio). And fender-obliterating crashes are witnessed up to once a week by another neighbor who overlooks the road.

Thankfully, transportation planners are aware that Durham Road is a High Injury Area for pedestrians. Their maps and plans, however, do not reflect another reality, one that is making this road even more dangerous: **freight traffic**—like that flatbed truck with the loose ratchet strap. These vehicles block smaller vehicles' drivers from seeing the road ahead and anticipating sudden stops. Their weight also makes crashes more costly and deadly.

In contrast to reality, the Tigard, Wa. County and Metro maps all show Durham Road as a "Minor Arterial" road that only "provide[s] inter-neighborhood connections." That means local traffic. Anyone who lives near or frequently drives the road knows that this isn't the reality.

Durham Road is a freight corridor and a cut-through for traffic from surrounding cities. I used it that way when I lived in Beaverton for 20 years. Now, my kitchen window looks out onto it and I've seen *double-length* car carriers, tankers and semi-trailers pass by. Regular semi-trucks are an every-hour occurrence, even on weekends. This freight has no destination on Durham Road—only at either end, near 99W or I-5.

I was floored to learn that this freight traffic shouldn't be on Durham Road in the first place. Tigard city's code (10.16.051) prohibits vehicles over 20,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight from navigating Durham Rd. between 99W and Hall Blvd..

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Not semis (class 8), flatbeds (class 6), dump trucks (class 6-7) or tankers, heavy machinery and car carriers (class 8-9).

Having the current city code enforced is crucial to neighbors' safety and health. Along half of this road's north side lies our community, whose residents often walk for exercise. Part of the NE stretch abuts a High Equity Need Area, whose residents could be more likely to use alternate transportation. Along its south side lies Tigard High School, Creekside Community High School and the entrance to Durham Elementary. Neighborhoods aren't good places for freight corridors, but especially areas frequented by low-income earners, older people and kids. The city already knows from public feedback that shaped the 2020 Transportation System Plan that Tigard residents want to "discourag[e] unsafe interactions, such as cut-through traffic," to "improve quality of life for all," to "support environmental and community health," and to "provide a safe, comfortable, and connected transportation system for all users, especially pedestrians and other vulnerable [people]."

This city code needs to be enforced not only for safety, but also for trust. Carefully crafting intentional rules that are not followed or enforced undermines the work of governance. It also undermines a community's trust and sense of safety.

In addition to bodily safety, Tigard's quality of life depends on that road. Without freight, the volume of traffic would decrease. As would pollution, which can contribute to asthma. And noise. And the vibrations that rattle my windows.

Importantly, property values in Tigard could be damaged if nothing changes now or in the future. If freight traffic continues to use this road, someday it may be a moot point to widen the road and formally make it what it already is: a freight corridor. Now is the time to stop the traffic creep and the harm it brings.

How do we do that? Who should be enforcing the city's prohibition of freight on Durham Road? The police. And that makes this situation more difficult to resolve.

Because—I believe many of us would agree—that traffic violations are not a priority in comparison to other crimes. That's where we can help solve this problem and make this road safer. The easiest way to begin is by emailing the city and transportation planners, describing your own experiences with traffic issues on Durham Road. Their email addresses are below. These people will shape the future of traffic in our area. They need to hear from us. An intermediate level of effort involves submitting traffic

complaints on the Tigard city website. At the moment, this system can handle issues like speeding and inadequate signage, not GVW violations. But every individual report of issues on Durham Road will make the city and police aware of problems.

The more decisive step is reporting traffic violations, in ways described in more detail below. Calling immediately may work if a police car nearby is able to respond—easier if traffic is crawling along in rush hours. Or get photographic evidence (best with license plates or other ID visible) and call later. Either way, your call will become a report and these will all add up. The more of us they hear from, over a long period of time, the more likely change is to happen.

Tigard isn't due to begin reviewing the Transportation System Plan again until 2026, so they're not even monitoring the situation. In addition, the implementation of those plans will occur years later. Right now, there's nothing stopping freight traffic from increasing on Durham Road while the safety and quality of life for everyone near and on this road decreases—unless we act.

If the city, county and Metro are unaware of the dangerous reality on our road, then waiting for someone else to fix the issues on Durham Road won't bring positive changes, only more harm to its residents, students, and drivers. Isn't that you or someone you love? It's in our own best interest to fix the disconnect between reality and planning, by helping out with enforcement on Durham Road.

Email; one can cc: all four, and provide the necessary documentation for policy reports:

Tigard City Council: CouncilMail@tigard-or.gov

Tiffany Gehrke, Tigard's Principal Transportation Planner: tiffany.gehrke@tigard-or.gov

Washington County Community and Transportation Planning: lutplan@washingtoncountyor.gov

Metro Transportation

Planning: transportation@oregonmetro.gov

Reporting Freight Traffic Code Violations

Use Tigard Police Non-Emergency number. It's easiest to program this into a phone: 503-629-0111. If you see anything larger than a local delivery truck on Durham Road while traffic is crawling, call in the moment if you can to report it. If you are able to take photos at any time, call this number when you're back home and ask how you can send the pictures to the police. For clear photos, I found it helpful to observe traffic where it might slow down, near a stop light. That helped me catch a semi that ran a red light, too.