

TIMBER VALLEY LOG

November 2026

Welcome to the Monthly Timber Valley Log!

Beginning with the **November 2026** issue, the Timber Valley Log will be published **monthly** on the first Sunday of each month (instead of weekly).

The volunteer Log team looks forward to sharing park news, committee updates, and upcoming activities.

The Log will continue to be available on the Timber Valley website, with printed copies in the Mail Room.

Please share your photographs, announcements, and stories. Thank you for supporting our volunteer editors and reporters!

Changes are Coming

Submitted by Jill Goldman

Big changes are happening in our community. After 14 years of keeping our community moving forward, Randy Bice, our Park Manager, has decided to retire as of Oct. 30th. Using his vacation and sick time, Randy will not be returning to the Park.

The Board is advertising and interviewing for someone to take the position of Park Manager. We have some good candidates and plan to see this position filled quickly. We'll let you know as things move along.



Winter Office Hours Begin Monday November 2

Open 9am-12noon and 12:30pm-4:30pm

THIS MONTH AT TIMBER VALLEY

NOVEMBER 2026

NOV 5 • THURSDAY
Oregon Trails Chapter 9 Meeting 11:30AM

NOV 11 • WEDNESDAY
Veterans Day Breakfast 8AM

NOV 12 • THURSDAY
Board Agenda Workshop 10AM

NOV 19 • THURSDAY
Monthly Open Board Meeting 10AM

NOV 26 • THURSDAY
Thanksgiving Dinner 2PM

NOV 28 • SATURDAY
Deck the Hall / Christmas Tree Decorating 9:30AM

MORE TO ENJOY!
Chair Volleyball • Ice Cream Social • Bingo • Pinochle • Crafts • Social Hour • And More!

Visit the Timber Valley online calendar for the complete schedule and updates!

SUBMISSIONS

Please send your articles, photographs, and announcements to:

sutherlin97479+tvlog@gmail.com

by the third Monday of each month.

Our Community at Work



On October 13, Planning, Construction & Maintenance (PCM) volunteers cleared the area behind the shop. Two truckloads of scrap metal went to recycling, damaged pavers were discarded, and usable pavers were stacked. The group also removed weeds, despite an encounter with a hornets' nest.

Next: the unrented storage lots.

Robin McFadden via The Friends of Timber Valley Facebook Page

Being Prepared for Winter

Brought to you by your Emergency Preparedness Committee

The approach of winter brings back the memory of “snowmageddon” in February 2019. For any of our new Members, and to refresh our memory, this was a rare snowstorm of heavy wet snow about 10 inches deep. Downed power lines left us without power for 4 full days, with cell service very poor / not working. We all learned a lot about how to survive during this period. As we approach winter once again, here are a few tips to be prepared in case this happens again.



1. Service your generator, and test run it….can you start it? If portable, can you find any needed electrical adaptors to hook it up to your RV to keep your batteries charged? Most of us (not all) have furnaces that require battery power to operate. Are your fuel / propane tanks full? Have solar panels on your roof? (I do) Forget about it with 10 inches of snow on top of them.

2. Is your battery(s) serviced and new enough to be counted on in an emergency?



3. When was the last time your fresh water tank was drained and refilled? It is possible you may really need this water. Do you have jugs of drinking water in stock?

4. Since this snow emergency, Timber Valley has started an emergency radio (walkie-talkie) communication system. Do you have an FRS or GMRS radio (or Ham equivalent) that you could use to communicate? You should consider having one of these radios, and you are invited to participate in the park wide test every Monday at 4pm. It’s FUN.

5. How much food do you have in stock? It was very difficult / impossible to get to stores early in this emergency, and most stores in Sutherlin were also without power.

Here is a link to our Timber Valley Website with some pictures from those exciting days:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/3a2ANMiV2Zi8As846

Furry Friends Corner: Meet Vanessa!

Meet Vanessa, a sweet black Labrador Retriever, retired therapy dog, and seasoned adventurer! Jill is her official mom, and Vanessa has adopted a whole extended family here at Timber Valley!

Vanessa loves camping, beach walks, exploring new trails, and spending time with her doggie pals and various humans. At Timber Valley she loves greeting Uncle Marc on his bicycle, rushing over to see Mama Dianne (especially at Genevieve's!), spending time with her mom Jill and her little brother Star, and playing with Harlie and Honey. She misses her buddy Dave, who's wintering in Tucson, and enjoys watching Forged in Fire with little Sophie on card bingo nights.

Whether traveling or enjoying time with her Timber Valley family, Vanessa knows the good life is all about fresh air, good company, and opportunities to stop and sniff (and graze on) the grass. With so many wonderful friends and neighbors, there's no place like Timber Valley to call home!



Vanessa, mom Jill, little brother Star

Timber Valley: Then & Now

Adapted from "Timber Valley RV Park History" by Jackie Deal.

Timber Valley began as a dream shared by members of Oregon Trails Chapter 9, who wanted a permanent home base for their RV adventures.

In 1988, members purchased approximately 90 acres of hillside property in Sutherlin. What they found was a muddy landscape with no roads, water, or sewer, but plenty of potential!

Through determination, teamwork, and thousands of hours of volunteer labor, they transformed that hillside into the Timber Valley we know today. More than 50,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved, and by July 1989, members were selecting their lots.

Nearly four decades later, that same spirit of volunteerism and community continues to make Timber Valley special.

Read the full article at https://timbervalleyskp.com/history/

November Movies in the Dining Room!

Thursday, November 12 - The Butler

A life of service. A nation in turmoil. A front-row seat to history. From the White House halls to the heart of the Civil Rights Movement, one man's extraordinary journey reflects the changing face of America.



Thursday, November 26 - To Be Announced

Cartoons at 5:00 p.m. Movie at 5:30 p.m.

What Is Jacks & Jills?

Jacks & Jills is Timber Valley's Activities Committee, responsible for planning social events and fundraising activities for the enjoyment and benefit of members and visitors.

Did you know that every Timber Valley member is automatically a member of Jacks & Jills? Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate! Funds raised through committee activities may also be used to purchase items that enhance our park facilities.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 11am in the Clubhouse Dining Room. Bring your ideas, talents, and enthusiasm. It's a great way to get involved and help make Timber Valley an enjoyable place for everyone!

Halloween Fun at Timber Valley! 🎃

Timber Valley residents celebrated Halloween on October 31 with a festive potluck, creative costumes, games, prizes, and plenty of spooky fun! Good food, laughter, and great company made for a frightfully fun evening!















In Case You Missed It: Emergency Preparedness Social Hour on Friday October 30

More than 40 neighbors gathered for an engaging and informative Emergency Preparedness Social Hour! Attendees learned about the history and purpose of the Block Captain Program, shared firsthand experiences and lessons learned from fires and earthquakes, and watched a short video about the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Jim also led a tour of our clubhouse Emergency Communications Center.

Interestingly, more than half of those attending weren't here for the 2019 “Snowmageddon,” when a major snowstorm left our community without power for five days! A great reminder that preparedness starts with knowing our neighbors and having a plan.

Special thanks to Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair Tricia Nuckols for organizing and facilitating this event!



Sharon shares her LifeStraw water filter pitcher.



Tricia and Georgia share preparedness wisdom.



Jim gives attendees an inside look at our Emergency Communications Center.



All attendees received an emergency blanket with “A Little Warmth from Your Emergency Preparedness Committee” and a touch of Halloween fun! 🎃

Meet Your Block Captains!

Brought to you by your Emergency Preparedness Committee

Block Captains help keep neighbors connected and accounted for **during emergencies** by checking on residents and sharing information with the Emergency Preparedness Committee. They are volunteers, not first responders, and are never expected to put themselves at risk.

Get to know your Block Captains! They're your neighbors, and they're here to help keep our community connected and prepared.

Interested in being a Block Captain? Contact any Block Captain or come to the Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 10am-11am in the Clubhouse Big Room to learn more.

Block Team / Lots	Captains (Lot #)
Creekside Team Lots 1-19, 206	Tricia Nuckols #27
Hummingbird Team Lots 20-43	Sharon Elliott #36; Jane Perkins #31; Georgia Smalley #20; Rachael Smithey #25
Quail Run Team Lots 44-73	Jill Goldman #68; Richard Hickethier #56; Karen Hofferber #49 (seasonal - varies)
State Canyon Team Lots 74-87	Rashanna Smith (lot # varies)
Upper Hilltop Team Lots 88-114	Jill Goldman #68
Alder Team Lots 115-131	Jim McIntosh #141; Rob Hendershot #119 (when needed)
Cottonwood Team Lots 132-145	Chris Beith #142
Dogwood Team Lots 146-161	Shirley Smedley #154
Madrone Team Lots 162-179	Regi Getis #173
Spruce Road Team Lots 180-194	Ann David #186
Lower Hilltop Team Lots 195-205	Jerry Hardy #180

Help Make the Log Yours!

Have a photo, travel adventure, pet story, favorite recipe, or something interesting to share? We'd love to hear from you! The Log is now published monthly, and contributions from our Timber Valley neighbors are always welcome. Email us at sutherlin97479+tvlog@gmail.com