



## Spotlight on Jim and Marie Phyllis

James and Marie were both raised in the North West and met in Marie's sophomore year of college. They married a year later and raised three handsome sons. They will soon be celebrating 52 years together!!!

In August of 1988 they brought their family to Bend. In November of 2003 they bought their home in Tillicum Village.

Even in their professional careers they both found ways to give back to our community. As years went by, James and Marie both served time on the TVHOA Board. They served on many committees including mailbox and sprinkler repair, water committee, welcome committee and orchestrated the volunteer work days to clean up our commons. It was in this time period that their interest grew through the Bend Fire Department and Project Wildfire. They obtained grants (not a small task) to aid in clearing out fire fuel in our commons and brought safety awareness to homeowners. It became their passion to protect our homes and our village by laying the ground work to keep our village safe, now and in the future.

Marie's middle name could be "Service" as she spends her days paying it forward. She has served on the board for the Safety Outreach for Seniors (SOS), Retirees & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Leadership Bend to name a few. All the while, Jim was right there supporting her!

I asked Marie how she managed to be on so many boards and committees. She said "Every thread in life gives you something to build on. Why not".

What they love about Tillicum village are the trees, feeling like they are in the woods, nature and the integrity of our green space. You will often find Marie tending to her daisies and geraniums. When they aren't working in the garden you will find Jim and Marie out and about walking in the Village, visiting with neighbors. Say Hello! You won't be disappointed!

