



THE GCA GRAPEVINE

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

The Port and Fire Commissions are meeting in person with a remote option via Zoom – please visit their websites or contact them directly for the information. The Grapeview School Board Meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the School Library or with a Zoom option – please check their website.

- Dec 31 **New Year's Eve Party!** – (Horton Center 6-10pm)
- Jan 4 GCA Study Session – 10AM Zoom
- Jan 12 Black & White Potluck – (Horton Center 6pm)**
- Jan 16 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Jan 17 Grapeview [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Jan 23 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Jan 26 Men's Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM

From the President's Desk – Edward's last message as President!!

As I write, the New Year, 2024, is days away. We are looking forward to the now "Traditional" GCA early New Year's Eve Party. It is great. We dance, eat, laugh, and bring in the New Year...and by 10PM we are heading home. How sweet is that? The Blaisdell's make this party possible so show them some love when you attend the party. Speaking of party, did you attend the "Snacks with Santa" blow out? This group of kids and adults was ready to rock even before they loaded up on a huge and colorful spread of sweets provided by the GCA. Santa was greeted with a loud "Hazzaah!!" and within a "twinkling" kids (and one or two adults!!) lined up to sit on Santa's lap. The Grapeview School's choral work was fantastic: there are real big voices and talents there just waiting for Broadway. Thanks, too, go out to the teachers and staff that corralled this choral. Beautifully done. Finally, mark your calendar for the big **January 12 "Black and White Theme Potluck"** at the Horton Center (details follow). In addition to the usual portion of fun, food, and fellowship, we will witness the changing of the guard: that's right, I step down as President and Jim Hanson takes the tiller. He has been a fantastic Vice President, and I look forward to an action-packed year following his lead and that of Bonnie Townsley, his new VP! **HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!**

Sincerely, **Edward Johnson, President**



Editor's Note: I know I speak for everyone at GCA – **THANK YOU EDWARD** for a job well done in 2023!



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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY, 6pm to 10pm @ Horton Center

Let's ring in 2024 together!! **Don't miss this fun event TOMORROW NIGHT!** The party will take place from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The party is free and open to all GCA members and their guests. Dress is casual. GCA provides ice, table service and champagne/ toasting glasses for our New Year toast.

This is a potluck event, and we ask attendees to please bring a heavy appetizer to share – **dessert is being provided**. Don't forget your beverage of choice. Please provide serving utensils and label your dish, especially for common allergens of wheat, nuts, soy, and dairy. Bring your favorite games (Quirkle, Mexican Train, puzzles, cards, etc.).

Once again, we will be doing a **Toilet Paper Drive to benefit the North Mason Food Bank**. An item that is in constant demand, but rarely donated. Bring a few rolls to help make a huge difference.

Set-up takes place at 11:00 AM at the Horton Community Center on the day of the event and cleanup immediately follows.



JOIN US FOR OUR 1ST EVENT IN 2024! FRIDAY, JAN 12 AT 6PM

Let's bring in the new year in style! For January we will once again hold the "**Black & White Theme Potluck Dinner**" **Friday, January 12th at the Horton Center, 6pm**. No need for tuxes and gowns, but we'll be "inaugurating" our new board members, so let's gussy it up a bit and wear something black & white if you have it! Sparkles and blingy things are great!!!

This will be a potluck event with food assigned by your last name (see below). Please bring your beverage of choice, table service (plates, utensils, etc) and money for the 1st 50/50 raffle of the year!

- A-K Main Dish
- L-P Desserts
- Q-Z Salads

Help with setup and cleanup is always appreciated! Setup starts at 10AM on Friday morning, and cleanup immediately following the event.



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DECEMBER COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS!

Thank you! To all who helped make **Snacks with Santa** a success! We had a much better attendance and much better weather this year! 65 toys were distributed vs only 25 last year so we can assume that 65 children and their parents attended. All went very smoothly! It was advertised at the school, in the North Bay Review and on the Fire Station Billboard. Mike Fish and Jan Hillesland provided some lively music. The children sang, the adults sang... it was a jolly affair and everyone had a great time!

We also had wonderful elves from Grapeview School helping under Katie Alverts' direction. And of course, I can always rely on our stalwart members who just know how to help make our events a success! I had a lot of great helpers!

The hall looked great. It had been decorated by the **Beach Combers Garden Club** on Friday. The leftover cookies were taken home by the elves and by Bonnie, who packaged and delivered them to the HUB for their Sunday dinner. We made a lot of kids happy!

The Giving Tree:

We adopted 4 families from the Grapeview School this year. Several families got together to pay current and forward electric bill for one of the families! The family was ecstatic! A huge thanks to **Mike and Leslie Blaisdell** who set up the Giving Tree list on the GCA website. We delivered 80+ presents to the school for the 4 families! That was a great effort, Team! Thanks also to the North Mason Food Bank who donated Holiday Meal Boxes for each of the families!

YOUR DOLLARS SPENT WELL!

This year we sent money gifts to the following organizations, disbursing some of our fund-raising efforts this year:

- NMCCC Backpacks \$300.00
- Humane Society of Mason County \$500.00
- Turning Pointe Shelter \$500.00
- Grapeview School \$500.00
- Faith in Action (the HUB) \$300.00
- North Mason Food Bank \$500.00
- Snacks with Santa expenses \$376.00



FEEL PROUD TO BE PART OF GCA – SUCH A GIVING COMMUNITY WITH BIG HEARTS!



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GRAPEVIEW COMMUNITY CONVERSATION FOLLOW UP NEWS!

We plan to schedule another Grapeview Community Conversation later in January which will focus solely on our Neighborhood Watch Program. Brad Pomroy has followed up directly with Deputies McCullough and Garant to request another meeting for the Community. *Brad tells us that we are now up to 126 members in our Neighborhood Watch Group.* Almost double since the community meeting with Sherriff Spurling. Well done GCA!!

Stay tuned for the time and date of our next meeting!



WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCA IN 2024 – HERE'S WHAT WE'RE PLANNING!



Your Event Coordinator, **Debbie Black**, and her team have been hard at work planning fun events for 2024. We're adding some new and exciting things (can you say BINGO, and CASINO NIGHT? How about FOOD TRUCKS?) Lot's of work to do yet, but here's what we're thinking... want to get involved in the planning – contact Debbie Black!

Date	EVENT
Jan 12	Black and White Potluck Event
Feb 9	Valentine's Day Potluck and Dessert Auction
Mar 15/16	Annual Crab Feed
April 12	Cocktail & Appetizer Party
May 10	Cinco de Mayo Theme Dinner/Food Truck
June 14	Hawaiian Theme Potluck / Bingo Night!
July 12	Hot Dog Roast/Smores @Rauschert Field
July 27	Water & Art Festival
Sept 13	Fall Kick-Off/Game Night** @ Rauschert Field
Oct 11	Oldies But Goodies/Sock Hop Potluck
Nov 8	Chili Cookoff/Veterans Day Celebration
Dec 7	Snacks w/ Santa @ Horton Center
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party/ Casino Night

**2024 CRAB FEED TICKETS ON SALE JAN
12TH – SEE DETAILS NEXT PAGE!**





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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

If you haven't paid your 2024 membership dues, it's time to pay up! Please check the current Directory and update your information if it has changed or is not correct. If have changed your mailing address (eg from P. O. Box to current address) you may call Debbie Olig (406-223-7309) so she can update it for the 2024 Directory.

To pay by check, just click on the [2024 Membership Form](#). Complete the form, print it out and mail along with your payment to:

Grapeview Community Association
P. O. Box 355
Grapeview, WA 98546

OR.....

NEW THIS YEAR!!! You can [pay your renewal online with your credit card](#), and let us know of any changes to the directory information. **THERE IS NO FEE to pay online.** There IS an option to donate to Zeffy (the company who makes this function possible). **When the donation amount comes up, click on "OTHER" and put AN OPTIONAL DONATION AMOUNT in that space.** Simply [click here](#) **right now to make that payment!**

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Dan Peel, Membership Co-Chair

2024 CRAB FEED TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE FRIDAY JAN 12TH AT 5:30PM – HORTON CENTER!!!! We are planning the Crab Feed for March 15th and 16th this year. Get your tickets early – **CREDIT CARDS ONLY PLEASE!** \$40/TICKET.... Get your tickets early to reserve your spot!

Bookmark the GCA Website and GCA Facebook!! Keep up to date with the latest news and events from the GCA and the greater Grapeview Community by visiting and bookmarking the [GCA Website](#) and the [GCA Facebook](#) page. Both the website and Facebook page are updated throughout the month as news and information are made available regarding both the GCA and our community.