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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.

Mar 7 GCA Study Session – 10AM HORTON CENTER!

March 15, 16 GCA Crab Feed Special Event – (Tickets only, Horton Center 6pm)

Mar 19 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM

Mar 20 Grapeview [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM

Mar 22 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM

Mar 26 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM



From Our President’s Desk!!

It’s time for sunshine and the sound of lawnmowers. It’s time to light up the grills. “Flowers, beautiful Flowers” We are told Spring is near... but it is raining sideways and it’s 37 degrees!! Yikes!

Can we turn on the sunshine & warmth - Please! We need exercise. The fallout from the amazing Valentine’s Potluck and Cake Auction is still lingering on our waistslines... at least on mine!! Speaking of our Valentine’s event WHAT A FUN NIGHT! There was so much laughter and amazing giving by our community. Congratulations to Debbie Black, her amazing crew, the Grapeview Community Bakers, and all the volunteers.

OK Bonnie and your team, **bring on the Crab Feed**. The planning has been going on for weeks and the table is set for another amazing night. THE EVENT IS SOLD OUT BOTH NIGHTS! March 15th & 16th - The many volunteers are ready to go, and we are so appreciative for their efforts!

OH Spring, please arrive quickly. We need to get outside and exercise. This GCA Community just has way too much FUN. Enjoy!

Respectfully, Jim Hanson





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THE VALENTINE'S POTLUCK – DESSERT AUCTION WAS GREAT!



The Valentine's Dinner and Dessert Auction was a great success!

This year's Valentine's Event was so much fun! Our potluck dishes were delicious – most made from favorite recipes in the Grapeview Cookbook! A few new "favorites" were found! By popular demand we conducted our second annual "Dessert Auction" where everyone at the table pooled their money for a sweet treat of their choice from the beautiful table of desserts made by our talented bakers at GCA. The table with the most money picked their choice first, then the second, and so on. After all the tables had their choices, it got really competitive... We had a good ol' traditional auction for the remaining desserts, with our Pres, Jim Hanson, handling the mic like a pro! Overall, it was a huge success, bringing in over \$2100 for our fundraising efforts. So many calories, and so many smiles. It was a really great time by all.

Our thanks go to all the bakers! If we don't mention your name, please forgive us... desserts were showing up everywhere, but these are the names we have... Our thanks to you all! *Leslie Blaisdell, Barry Kirkeeng, Jule-Ann Mahugh, Nancy Montgomery, Pat Winckoski, Carla Rieker, Lori Stark, Bonnie Townsley, Debbie Black, Sherri van Dijk, Debbie Wukasch, Annie Bell, Wendy Boles & Cindy Granger.*



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with setup and tear down! We had a record turnout and had to add extra tables! That's a problem we LOVE to have!



Jerry Townsley proudly shows off a coat that was left at last year's Crab Feed... still looking for the rightful owner. Bonnie would not let him bring it home!



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The Crab Feed is ON!! The famous GCA Crab Feed is just days away and we are completely sold out! Your Crab Feed Committee is working hard to ensure you have a wonderful, yummy, and fun evening! If you have purchased tickets, please plan to arrive around 5:00 and we'll start serving at 5:45. We will seat you at a pre-assigned seat with your friends, or new friends! As a reminder, this is an "all-you-can-eat-while-you're-here" event. We will have coffee and water for you, but **if you'd like any other beverage, please bring it with you.** Table service will be supplied, along with melted butter and cocktail sauce... no open flames are permitted, so please leave your butter melters at home!

Once again, we have some WONDERFUL BASKETS to raffle off, so remember to bring your \$\$'s for the winning tickets! These stunning baskets are a favorite!

Finally – a HUGE THANK YOU to the many, many volunteers who are working to make this possible. We would not be able to have this event without their selfless help and enthusiasm! If you have any questions, please email the committee at crabfeedgca@gmail.com or call Bonnie Townsley at 360-801-5040. **See you on Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16th !!**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS – MICHELE HECHT!!

Grapeview School Volunteers: The new schedule has started for volunteers at the school. There are still open slots (in particular) the 9:45 to 10:30 slots for 4th grade STEM (science) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have no volunteers for Math from 2:00 to 2:30. The tutoring is done in the library and will resume on March 11. This gives you some time to sign up ☺. I was there this week for four 20 minute sessions and realized that I had missed it! It is fun!

Do you know how to tune a string instrument? The Ukulele unit just started again. 27 Ukes need to be tuned before 9:45 on Thursdays and before 8:45 on Fridays. The program will run through March. I cannot do it on Thursday March 6 and Thursday 27, please let me know if you would like to help by calling me at (410) 598-7258.

In the Community: Brad Pomroy has been volunteering at the North Mason Boys Club twice a week and providing healthier snacks for the afterschool program. Way to go Brad! We support your efforts!



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

We have new members – WELCOME TO GCA!!!

Monna Haugen & Ned Wright

Marcia David & Howard Goldberg



The new GCA Directories have been mailed! If you didn't get yours contact Daniel Peel

Dues are still coming in and many of you have renewed your membership. If you haven't and want to pay by check, just click on the 2024 Membership Form. Complete the form, print it out and send it along with your payment to: 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.....

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



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Grapeview Community Watch Update.

The GCA hosted their second Community Conversation on January 31st, which was open to all members of the community. As with our first Community Conversation with Sherriff Spurling in November of 2023, the focus this time was on safety and security in our neighborhood. Corporal Ripp shared his experiences and advice with our community members. Corporal Ripp also emphasized the importance of having an active and observant Neighborhood Watch program to deter crime and assist the Sherrif' department in their work. The event was well attended, and we offer our thanks to those who could make it.

A primary communication venue for the Grapeview Neighborhood Watch program is via our **Grapeview Neighborhood Watch page on Facebook**. *It is here that you will find more info that Corporal Ripp shared as well as other relevant posts.* This is a restricted group meant to include neighborhood members and to keep a focus on safety and security. As of Feb 12, 2024 we have over 230 members on the site. That's a lot of eyes looking out for our community.

If you are not already a member, we encourage you to request to join. It is simple. Create a basic Facebook profile and then search for the Grapeview Community Watch group. Next, answer the two questions intended to make sure this is a good fit for you. The moderators will review each request to join and complete the process. Please respect the guidelines for posting.

Our group captains and moderators are:

- **Jim Biermann – South Stretch Island**
- **Brad Pomroy – North Stretch Island**
- **Edward Johnson – Stadium Beach**
- **Peggy Wall – North Loop Road**
- **Macky McClung – Center Loop Road**
- **Phil Stewart – Center Loop and Marina Area**

Please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions. If you see something, say something. Stay safe!

Brad Pomroy
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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.