



THE GCA GRAPEVINE

The Monthly Newsletter of the Grapeview Community Association

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.

- April 4 GCA Board Meeting – 10AM HORTON CENTER!
- April 12 April Cocktail Party Event – (RSVP Only – Fair Harbor Marina 5:30pm)**
- April 16 Grapeview Port Commission Meeting 7:00PM
- April 17 Grapeview Fire Commission Meeting 7:00PM
- April 23 Grapeview School Board Meeting 5:00PM
- April 26 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM
- May 10 Cinco de Mayo Theme Dinner (Horton Community Center 6:00 PM)**



From Our President’s Desk!! APRIL IS HERE!

We have “sprung forward” and hoping the April showers will bring May flowers as I believe it goes? Hard to believe it is April. But looking in the rearview mirror we did it!! The Crab Feed is over and what a success. Bonnie Townsley and her team did a marvelous job. All the volunteers!! Thank you to everyone for helping to make this year’s Crab Feed so awesome. Of course, once the Crab Feed is over you can hear the GCA Machine move into 2nd gear as “Marlee and the FAC” (Water & Art Festival Committee – not this year’s new band!) jump into action. The planning meetings have begun and this year’s event to be held on the 27th of July is destined to be another “SMASH HIT”- We already have 48 Artists knocking at the door to bring their talents and art/crafts to the beautiful lawns at Fair Harbor Marina.

But let’s pause for a moment to enjoy our next few events coming up. **The “Cocktail Party” at the Fair Harbor Marina on the 12th of April** and without getting too far ahead of ourselves, our **Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held on the 10th of May**. Look for more information in the Newsletter!

Time to power wash the deck furniture and wash the windows! Spring is here!!!!

Respectfully, Jim Hanson 



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THE CRAB FEED WAS FANTASTIC! SUCH GOOD FOOD AND FRIENDS!!

The smiles said it all..... people were joyous, they were full, and they had a great time! That's all we were hoping for and more! The GCA Crab Feed has come but not gone in our memory books! We had such fun prepping, serving, raffling beautiful baskets, and yes EATING delicious crab from our own waters here in the Northwest. It was a fun two nights – seeing the smiles and hearing the laughter from over 260 members and their guests was heartwarming. We kept many of the old traditions from past crab feeds and introduced a few new things (melted butter poured by our servers!) this year.

While putting our members first and creating a wonderful experience for them and their guests was our number one priority, we were also hoping to make some money for the community. Even after choking over the price of crab this year, we were able to hold our price at \$40/ticket (can't find that price anywhere else for an all you can eat event) and still make just shy of \$5000 in profit!! WAY TO GO TEAM!

We had over 50 volunteers to make this event so special, and some worked both nights... from organizing the event, baking 300+ desserts, chopping onions, putting together 350 utensil/bib pkgs, washing potatoes, making cocktail sauce cups, figuring out how to serve melted butter, getting the necessary permits, obtaining donations, setting up the venue, baking the potatoes, purchasing and preparing the bread, parking the cars, greeting the guests, making beautiful baskets, selling \$3500 of raffle tickets, picking up the crab 2 hours away and getting it iced down, wrangling that crab, making the dinner plates beautiful, serving them to our guests, taking out the trash, and then cleaning it all up and setting up for another night.... it truly takes, not a village, but a **GREAT GCA Organization**

My sincere thanks to ALL of the volunteers for their selfless help on this event, and to Carla Pomroy for taking these great pictures!

Bonnie Townsley





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We are So Happy that Spring is here! That also means it is time again for our April Cocktail party at Fair Harbor Marina. Please join us on April 12th at 5:30PM in the Pavilion. The Grangers have generously donated their facility again this year for us to enjoy a cocktail party! We're asking the members to bring a heavy appetizer to share, and a beverage of your choice for the evening. We will provide table settings, wine glasses, and a delicious dessert. Due to weather concerns we will have limited seating so we can ensure coverage in the event of rain. This means we will be limited to the first 80 members who have already made their reservations for this event. We have a waiting list and weather permitting, we may be able to set up another table or two. We will contact you as soon as possible if you're on that list. Those of you who made your reservations, all received a confirmation email already.

We can't wait to see you this Friday and celebrate SPRING! If you have questions, please contact Debbie Black at 253-229-8450



**AND THE HITS KEEP ON COMIN' ~~~ NEXT UP IN MAY –
CINCO DE MAYO THEME DINNER!**

Leave your cooking and prepping behind cos we're going to do it for you! Come join the fun and celebrate **Cinco de Mayo GCA Style on May 10th at 6pm (Horton Center)!** We're having the dinner catered, and you don't have to bring a thing (ok, bring your favorite beverage as usual). We'll have delicious Mexican food, table settings, and all the fun ready to party! **Cost will be \$15/person.** This will include your dinner and a signature drink. *We'll also be PLAYING BINGO!!!!* So instead of the 50/50 raffle, just bring your \$\$'s to purchase bingo cards. \$5 for a 6 game card – purchase as many as you like. ALL money from Bingo will go to the luck winners!!!!

No reservations needed, but we need a head count for our caterers. Please CLICK HERE to let us know if you're planning to come, and how many in your party. Thanks!



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

We have new members – WELCOME TO GCA!!!

Bud & Luann Winter

Don & Darci Russell



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 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

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.