



# 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.*

- May 10 **Cinco de Mayo Theme Dinner (Horton Community Center 6:00 PM)**
- May 15 Grapeview [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- May 21 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- May 24 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM
- May 28 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- June 6 GCA Board Meeting 10:00AM; Horton Center
- June 14 GCA Hawaiian Theme Potluck Dinner (Horton Center 6:00PM)



## From Our President’s Desk!!

As I write this message, I have to wipe off some of that "yellow pollen" from my computer display. It seems to be everywhere!! April showers brought in a bit more than just precipitation, but it appears that maybe it is finally time to "Power Wash"- YAHOO!!

It was 70 degrees yesterday and we can just feel Grapeview coming to life.

The Cocktail Party at Fair Harbor Marina was another big hit... **Thank You Kelly & Cindy Granger!** Next up... **Cinco de Mayo & BINGO Night, on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. I hope by now you have all reserved your space for dinner and bingo. If you have not there is still time. This night will be tremendous fun!! Debbie Black and her team are once again working their magic.

Don't forget if you have not enlisted your time and talents in support of the Water Festival please consider signing up. After last year's record crowds, we can only anticipate another record year. Mother Nature we are wishing for another day just like last year!!

Are the Mariner's really in 1st Place??

Respectfully, **Jim Hanson**





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## THE COCKTAIL PARTY AT FAIR HARBOR WAS MAGICAL!!

Nothing beats a sunny Friday night with friends in a beautiful setting at the Fair Harbor Marina! The weather was perfect for our April Cocktail party. The night was sunny, a little crisp with NO Rain! About 80 members joined us in the 3rd annual festivities at the snazzy Fair Harbor Marina. The pavilion was decked out in pastel-colored tablecloths, tulip & daffodil center pieces, and fine table settings from Mike Blaisdell's American Party Place store. A heartfelt **Thank you to Kelly & Cindy Granger** who generously donated their beautiful pavilion and kept us all warm with their fireplace and heaters. A special thanks to **Deb Wukasch** who made the heavenly desserts of lemon bars, mini strawberry cups & pecan pie. Lastly a thank you goes out to all our fantastic cooks who made all the creative appetizers! And of course, no party is complete with a signature drink! This event was festive with a Mimosa Bar – Prosecco and a variety of spring fruit juices. As usual, the GCA members are what made this a night to remember!





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## AND THE HITS KEEP ON COMIN' ~~~ CINCO DE MAYO THEME DINNER!



**It's Cinco De Mayo time at the Horton Center on May 10th at 6:00PM!** Leave your cooking and prepping behind cos we're going to do it for you! The dinner will be catered by Georgia's Catering Co. and you don't have to bring a thing (ok, bring your favorite beverage as usual). We will have delicious Mexican food, table settings, and all the food ready to party. **Cost will be \$15/person.** Dinner also includes a signature drink and Bonnie Townsley's famous Tres Leches Cake for dessert. We're planning on 90 about guests, so hope you are one of them!!! If you haven't made reservations, please reply to the newsletter and we'll try to add more food... all are welcome!

**We'll also be PLAYING BINGO!!!!** So instead of the 50/50 raffle, just bring your \$\$'s to purchase bingo cards. **\$5 a card for 6 games-purchase as many as you like.** All money from Bingo will go to the lucky winners!!!

**As always – your help with setup/teardown is so appreciated. We will meet at the hall Friday morning at 10am (May 10<sup>th</sup>). THANK YOU!**



### MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

The dues have been coming in and a quick summary shows we have 154 paid memberships for 2024. If you are not sure if you've paid for 2024 you can contact our Membership Co-Chairs: Dan Peel ([daniel.peel3@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.peel3@gmail.com)) or Debbie Olig ([caseyperro@gmail.com](mailto:caseyperro@gmail.com)). 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

You can also [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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**ATTENTION ALL GCA MEMBERS!  
WATER & ART FESTIVAL 'ALL HANDS VOLUNTEER' MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 30: 7:00PM**

Summer is coming and with it the GCA will be hosting the  
29th Annual Water & Art Festival on July 27, 2024

And you won't want to miss it!

The Festival Advisory Committee has already been hard at work laying the groundwork for another successful event, from identifying and securing 48 artists, planning children's crafts, recruiting cooks for food booths, creating publicity, laying out the golf course, and reconnecting with all our community partners.

**BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

In 2023, 180 GCA members, family members, friends, and neighbors came forward to volunteer for what was likely the most successful Water & Art Festival event ever, with an unofficial estimate of 1,000 and 1,200 attendees and over \$14,000 in total proceeds. And in keeping with the mission of the GCA, a large percentage of these funds were given back to the community in the form of 7 scholarships to North Mason and Shelton High School graduating seniors and to nonprofit organizations.

**SO, PLEASE HELP US DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!**

To officially get the ball rolling, we will be holding an "All Hands Volunteer" meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Grapeview Fire Hall. So, please plan on attending and bring your team spirit as well as your neighbors. Refreshments will be provided.

**THANK YOU FOR YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

Marlee Campbell,  
Chair, Grapeview Water & Art Festival

**Community Outreach News...!** One of our many recipients of outreach funds is our local North Mason Food Bank. **The NMFB has outgrown their current facility and will be moving to a new location (the former HD's Pub in Belfair) from June 20-24 and they need our help!** If you

are able/willing to volunteer anytime during those dates, please contact [Michele Hecht \(410-598-7258\)](tel:410-598-7258), or reply to the newsletter email. They are looking for general skills, i.e. packing boxes, taking apart & then putting shelving back together at the new location, and hospitality services. This will be a Community Event, with many local businesses involved.... If you have an engineering mind, ability to pack a box, and/or a heart for community service this is for YOU!!!

