



# 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.*

- June 6 GCA Board Meeting 10:00AM; Horton Center
- June 12 OPEN HOUSE – Grapeview Fire Station (Horton Community Center 4pm)
- June 14 Hawaiian Theme Potluck Dinner (Horton Community Center 6:00 PM)**
- June 18 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- June 19 Grapeview [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- June 25 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- June 28 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM
- July 12 GCA Hot Dog Roast (Rauschert Field 5:30PM)



## From Our President’s Desk!!

HOW CAN IT BE JUNE?? THE WATER & ART FESTIVAL IS AROUND THE CORNER!! While the year is going fast, we have learned a few things:

- We all seem to like dessert & our beloved Community Bakers!
- We continue to enjoy eating copious amounts of crab!
- We cherish our beautiful Fair Harbor Marina!
- We like to be pampered occasionally with great food!
- We seem to like to compete with each other- BINGO!!
- We enjoy singing, dancing, laughing, and socializing!

What will the 2nd half bring us?? For sure more to remember!!

Thank You GCA- Very Happy To Be A Member Of This Amazing Community

Respectfully, Jim Hanson





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**Cinco De Mayo – Oh my Oh myo!!**



**Cinco De Mayo & Bingo...Oh My!!!** What an evening full of wonderful food with a catered dinner by Georgio Catering, a special signature drink and Bingo. Over 95 of us gathered for an evening to celebrate Cinco De Mayo. The dinner consisted of make your own tacos, rice, beans, and all the fixings. Mexican Beer and Chilled Margaritas were poured in abundance, and then to add a little sweetness we had Bonnie Townsley’s homemade Tres Leche Cake for dessert. The room was decorated with all the beautiful Mexican colors to celebrate a new season. Laughs and smiles were also in abundance once Bingo began with Jim Hanson as the master Bingo caller, and Debbie Black keeping him honest! It was a fun night, and the best part was the socializing that went on AFTER the dinner was over... people stayed to chat and enjoy each other’s company for quite a while. Our thanks to the many of you who came to set up and decorate... the hall was so festive! And as always, we are grateful for those who stayed late to clean up (special thanks to **Mike Blaisdell and Annie Bell** for all the kitchen cleanup while we were having fun playing Bingo!). The ONLY thing that didn’t go right this night, was pictures.... NONE were taken, which is a shame as the hall was decorated so beautifully and the BINGO was a BLAST – so many funny scenes (Roger Hansen.... Did Jim really accuse you of trying to cheat????!!!!)

## AND WHAT’S NEXT? HAVE DINNER IN THE ISLANDS.... OR AT LEAST PRETEND!!! FRIDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 6PM AT HORTON CENTER

Summer is right around the corner. What a perfect time to get together. The June gathering will be at the **Horton Center on June 14th at 6:00pm**. We’re having a **Hawaiian/Caribbean Potluck** this month, so wear your favorite Tropical attire for a fun evening! To mix things up, please bring a tropical dish below... if your last name begins with:

- A-K Salad/Side Dish
- L-P Main Dish
- Q-Z Dessert



**Please bring the beverage of your choice and money for the ever-popular 50/50 raffle. Please bring your own utensils, plates, and glasses.**

Help with setup and cleanup is always appreciated. **Setup starts at 10 AM on Friday morning** and clean up immediately following the event. This month, Debbie will be gone so **Carla Rieker (253-350-9109)** will be hosting our event. If you have questions, please call her. She’s got some fun ideas for decorating to bring us all to the islands. You won’t want to miss it!



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## Community Outreach News...! A REMINDER... WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

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), 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!!!



**AN OPEN HOUSE TO  
CELEBRATE AND THANK  
OUR FIRE CHIEF GRAEBER**

The Fire Commissioners of MCFD3 invite you to an **OPEN HOUSE to thank Chief Graeber for her 31 years of service to our community** and while you are here, to see the recent changes made to the Fire Station. Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors to come to Horton Community Hall on **Wednesday June 12 at 4PM**. Refreshments will be served.

**THANK YOU GCA MEMBERS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FUTURE THROUGH OUR GRADUATES!**

Last month we announced the recipients of this year's Scholarship Awards. These outstanding seniors received their awards this past week, and have been invited to join us at the GCA Hot Dog Roast, (July 12<sup>th</sup>) at Rauschert Field. Look for their pictures and names in the July Newsletter and please join us to congratulate them at the picnic!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

Most of our members have renewed their dues, but a few remain unpaid, and we've sent out another reminder letter. Renewing is easy... 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!



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**ATTENTION ALL GCA MEMBERS!**

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!

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!**

If you were unable to attend the "all hands-on deck" meeting, but would like to volunteer – please contact Marlee Campbell (703) 850-8424) or reply to this newsletter with your contact info. At the meeting, Marlee threw out the challenge to all of us to reach out to friends and neighbors... everyone is challenged to bring in one or two new volunteers to help make this the best event ever! So come on board... accept the challenge, get involved and have FUN!

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

Marlee Campbell,  
Chair, Grapeview Water & Art Festival

**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.