



# 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.*

- July 10 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- July 11 GCA Study Session 10:30AM; ZOOM MEETING
- July 12 [GCA Hot Dog Roast \(Rauschert Field 5:30PM\)](#)**
- July 16 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM (Check website for possible location change)
- July 23 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- July 26 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM



## From Our President’s Desk!!

Well, as usual, July starts off with a "BANG & A BOOM" The fireworks stands are in operation and the sweet smell of gunpowder is wafting through the air. That late night blast is not your electrical transformer blowing up but just your neighbor blowing up the back yard!! Have Fun but most importantly "BE SAFE" and "BE SMART"!

The preparations for the 29th Annual Water & Art Festival are well underway, and it is now time to ask "Mother Nature" to be kind and just give us a perfect day like last year. If you have any special prayer beads or other spiritual paraphernalia time to get them out!!

Until then let's all enjoy the beautiful sunshine and warmth and see you all at **Rauschert Field on July 12th for the Hot Dog Roast** and some very competitive summer gaming. Corn Hole anyone???

Respectfully, Jim Hanson





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## Hawaiian/Caribbean Theme Dinner – ALMOST LIKE BEING THERE!!

ALOHA GCA FRIENDS! Our June 14<sup>th</sup> event was a wonderful evening filled with friends, laughter, music, amazing food and tropical treats! With over 90 guests in attendance, and 15 members of the "Shel-Town Strummers", a local Ukulele band, the evening was magical! Daryl, and his musicians serenaded us with fabulous songs that took us on a trip to the tropics! This amazing group played for donations to be given to the Kitten Rescue of Mason County. In typical GCA fashion, our generous members donated \$230 for this cause! Thank you all so much... the Shel-Town Strummers were THRILLED!

We celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, guests and life, all while decked out in our festive island attire and colorful leis for all to wear. As is our tradition, we launched the sale of the 2024 Water & Art T-shirts (thank you Mary Larson) and started something new this year - early Food/Golf Tickets were on sale for the festival.

To end a great night, we had our 50/50 raffle. **Scott Bowman won a whopping \$211 (1/2 the pot) and very generously, donated it all back to GCA ---THANK YOU SO MUCH SCOTT!**



A big thank you to Debbie Black who, in her absence, let me plan this event. It was awesome working with my sister, Bonnie Townsley, Cindy Granger and Debbie for their creative support, and the MANY people who always make set up and clean up "a breeze" (pardon the pun!). You all make our events easy and fun!!

Hugs & Mahalo!  
Carla Rieker





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## WHAT'S NEXT?? OUR ANNUAL HOT DOG ROAST!! FRIDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:30PM AT RAUSCHERT FIELD



**Join us on Friday, July 12th at 5:30pm at Rauschert Field for Hot Dogs, Ice Cream Sandwiches and Games.** Members are asked to bring their favorite beverage and a dish to share that will go with the Hot Dogs and Ice Cream sandwiches. GCA is providing the dogs, buns, condiments for the hot dogs and ice cream sandwiches, including hand wipes (we all know how messy they are!). Plates, flatware, glasses, water, and ice will also be provided. Garbage and recycling bins will be provided this year, but please take home your bottles. We plan to have a campfire for roasting the hot dogs, so bring your roasting sticks and a log or two for the fire! We'll also be welcoming our scholarship awardees and playing games, so if you've got a favorite outdoor game – please bring it as well. Rauschert Field is adjacent to the home of Mike and Linda Fish. If you're new to the area, just follow your GPS to 425 Rauschert Road. Parking is in the adjoining field. *Our special thanks to Margie and Bob Doremus for the use of their beautiful property, and to Mike & Linda Fish for their grill and restroom!*

**Set up will be at 10am on Friday morning at the field. All hands are welcomed, NEEDED, and appreciated! We have tents, tables, and chairs to set up, so we need muscle!**

**Your Scholarship Committee this year awarded a total of \$10,450 to the following six high school seniors:**

Several of these young folks, and their families, will be with us at our annual barbecue on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Rauschert Field. Please plan to join us and congratulate them for their outstanding achievements.



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## The Final Count Down to the Water & Art Festival Is On!

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024: 10AM TO 4PM**

**Come one, Come All and Bring Your Friends and Family! After months of planning, everything is starting to come together for what will be our 29<sup>th</sup> annual Grapeview Water & Art Festival and you don't want to miss it!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The good news is that over 100 GCA members and friends have signed up to volunteer -- THANK YOU! But, like the Marine Corps, we still need a few more good men, women, and youth to help with several venues. So, if you can squeeze in a 2-hour shift, please email me at: [margaret.campbell@cjenterprise.net](mailto:margaret.campbell@cjenterprise.net).

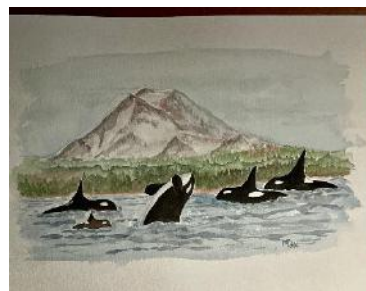
**HIGHLIGHTS:** Both unique products will be available for pre-sale at the GCA July 12<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Roast (Rauschert Field).

- On the left is the charming, festival commemorative poster by artist Hilaire Radowick of Gig Harbor, and curated by the dedicated, creative team of Mary Baker and Phil Stewart. Prices are \$70 for framed posters and \$25 for unframed.
- On the right is the design for this year's annual promotional T-shirts (\$20 S-XL & \$25 2XL-3XL) and Hats (\$20), as always generously produced by Mary Larson. Sweatshirts are \$60 and pre-order only!

### 2024 Commemorative Poster!



### 2024 Promotional Products!



**Marlee/Margaret Campbell, Chair, Water & Art Festival**



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

Welcome to our Newest Member! We're so glad you're a part of GCA!

LeAnne Ryweck



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!

### ATTENTION – VERY IMPORTANT!

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HORTON CENTER. THERE ARE "NO PARKING" SIGNS POSTED AND WE NEED TO HONOR THEM PLEASE. THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING ON THE SIDE OF, AND BEHIND, THE HORTON CENTER...



**WE NEED COBBLER MAKERS!** With our increased publicity, we are expecting more guests than ever at the Water & Art Festival! Cobblers are a favorite and we usually run out before the event is over... If you love to bake and want to contribute a cobbler or two for the festival, please contact Nancy Montgomery at 360-275-7280 for details.