



# 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.*

- Sept 5 GCA Study Session 10:30AM; ZOOM MEETING
- Sept 11 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Sept 12 Mason County **Anywhere Library** – St Hugh Church, Allyn 9:30-11:00am
- Sept 13 GCA Fall Tailgate Party (Rauschert Field 5:30PM)**
- Sept 17 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Sept 25 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Sept 27 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM

## From Our President’s Desk!!

### Happy September Everyone!

What a crazy summer it has been. Just when we thought summer was over and we were preparing for indoor activities for Labor Day, the skies cleared and the temperatures bounced back, and into the water we went! The school buses are back in business and the parents are jumping for joy! Freedom At Last!!!

Keep those winter comforters at bay as the forecast continues to call for hot days ahead. It appears our **Fall Kickoff at Rauschert Field on Friday the 13th (spooky)** will provide for perfect corn hole conditions as well as an assortment of other outdoor activities. This event is always so much fun, so no excuses. we will see you there. More info about the event follows in the Newsletter.

Respectfully, Jim Hanson



**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.



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## WHAT'S NEXT?? OUR ANNUAL FALL TAILGATE PARTY

Are you missing the GCA events since July??? Our next event is a sure bet for fun. Join us on **September 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm for the all-fun FALL KICKOFF Tailgate Party!** We are once again blessed to be able to use Bob & Marge Doremus's property on Rauschert Road (field next to Mike & Linda Fish's). We will start at 5:30pm and it's a **"bring everything, and pack it out"** event. Go all out and decorate your vehicle, as we circle the fire pit, play outdoor games and share favorite "tailgating" food. We will have the 50/50 raffle so bring your \$\$'s to win the big-one! If you have an out-door game you'd like to bring, please do so (rumor has it someone's bringing a **Husky Corn Hole Game... do I hear "GO COUGS"?**). If you have questions – please call Bonnie Townsley (360-801-5040) or Carla Rieker (253-350-9109)

**NO SETUP NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!!!**



## IT'S GETTING CHILI AT GCA! The Chili Cook-Off that is!

The weather is changing and Fall is upon us. The 2024 Chili Cook-Off will be here before you know it! To be held at the Horton Community Center on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Chili chefs are wanted!** Here's your chance to prepare your favorite recipe, enjoy a potluck and **Honor our Veterans** at the same time.

To volunteer to be a Chili chef or help in any other way please contact Vicki Wittenberger at 425-454-4417 or at [wittenvc@gmail.com](mailto:wittenvc@gmail.com). Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



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## A NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL!

Timberland Regional Library is expanding their **Anywhere Library** sites in North Mason County.

**Anywhere Libraries** are provided in rural communities in small towns without a “bricks and mortar library buildings” to increase access to many Timberland Regional Library services. Joe Alessi, Anywhere Library Specialist will lead the Allyn site. He will work with all of us to shape the services the **Anywhere Library** provides. Your input and feedback will be essential to this project.

The **Anywhere Library** for Allyn and Grapeview will be located at St. Hugh Episcopal Church in Allyn. St. Hugh is located at the end of 280 Wheelwright S. Allyn, WA 98524. From Hwy 3 turn up the hill on Lakeland Dr. Then turn left on Wheelwright S. Continue to the end of the street. There is ample parking, and the facility is very accessible. Please enter through the main doors and the Anywhere Library will be set up in the main entry room.

The first **Anywhere Library** will be on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Each month following, the **Anywhere Library** will be at St. Hugh from 9:30 to 11:00 am on the second Thursday of each month!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS....

One of the many non-profit organizations GCA Supports with our fundraising efforts is the [North Mason Foodbank](#). This past July, the NMFB moved to a new location in Belfair, having outgrown the old building which served its purpose for many years. The new location is in the old HD's Pub, next to the OlyFed Bank in Belfair. This move was a great undertaking, and many hands were involved to get it done. **Special thanks go to Ed White and Dan McClung** who took down, and then reinstalled shelving in the warehouse to store the food. This was MAJOR job involving engineering and design feats that only these two could have done so well. The Food Bank is so grateful for their tireless efforts in the blazing heat with no air conditioning.

**The Food Bank is celebrating their move with an open house on [Saturday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 12-3pm.](#) PLEASE stop by for some nibbles and a tour of the new facility that your efforts and donations have helped make possible. [Location is 24131 NE SR3, Belfair.](#) Look for the teal roof!**