



# THE GCA GRAPEVINE

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### MONTH AT A GLANCE

*The Port Commission is 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.*

- Nov 7 GCA Study Session 10:30AM Horton Center
- Nov 8 Annual Chili Cookoff and Veteran’s Day Celebration Horton Center, 6pm**
- Nov 13 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Nov 18 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Nov 20 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Nov 22 Men’s Breakfast – Burger Claim 8:30AM
- Dec 7 Snacks with Santa!**

### From Our President’s Desk!! Happy November 2024!

The next 30 days will redefine life as we know it today. We will crown a new CHILI COOK CHAMPION at our Annual Chili Cook-Off, while we honor our Veterans. We will have elected a new Board for GCA, as well as new leaders for our community and country. Our waistlines will be traumatized by a large turkey at Thanksgiving Dinner. Black Friday will kick off the Holiday Shopping Season. Trees will begin popping up in living rooms with lights and little ornaments. An overweight guy named Santa and his little elves will become present in our lives creating great excitement and anticipation of things to come!!

Personally, I am heading back to bed just thinking about all of it!!! But then I realize how much fun we are going to have here in Grapeview!! Our Paradise! Let's also take a moment to realize just how fortunate we are to be here and to make sure everyone in our community has a chance to have a wonderful Holiday Season. It is the Season of Giving!!! More to come!!

For now, Embrace the Holiday Season / Embrace Your Loved Ones

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!**  
**Jim Hanson**





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## OCTOBER OLDIES WERE GOODIES AT GCA!!

We danced, we sang, we ate, we drank, we laughed, and we had a good time!!! Our numbers were small, but we were mighty and had a lot of fun



at the October event where we celebrated the “good ol’ days!”. With the introduction of our new Karaoke Machine, we showed each other how fearless we were to get up in front of our friends and families and show off our “talent” (????). The great thing about GCA is that everyone enjoys a good laugh and encourages each other to try new things.

Many thanks to Marlee Campbell, Debbie Black, and Annie Bell who put the event on with class and color! The room was decorated to the Nth degree, and after quite a bit of effort on Marlee’s part (with help from Phil Stewart and Kent Hillesland) the karaoke machine was up and running. We also want to thank those who showed up that morning to decorate and “rehearse” on the new machine. Finally – thanks to all who brought great food and then stayed to clean up after the party... our membership is so great about that – and those of us on the event committee really, really appreciate that!

Enjoy some great pictures taken by Carla Pomroy and Leslie Blaisdell... we are grateful to them too!







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**IT'S FINALLY HERE!!!!**

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



Brrrr...It's getting "Chili" on **Friday, November 8th** as we gather at **6 PM** in the **Horton Center** for fun, food, our annual GCA Board Election, and to celebrate/honor our many Veterans! Please join us for this much-anticipated event. It's a good way to warm up now that our weather has changed!

GCA will provide plates, utensils and all the condiments your heart desires i.e., onions ,grated cheese, sour cream, jalapeños, cilantro, hot sauce and ketchup. We sincerely thank our seven chefs, without whom we could not hold this event! The following chefs are perfecting their skills as we speak. Thank you to: **Peggy Clayton, Bonnie Townsley, Carla Rieker, Laurie DiEnno, Bob Pastore, Jim Hanson, and Beth Grauer**

In addition to chili, side dishes are requested according to the first letter of your last name:

- A-K: Salads**
- L-O: Cornbread**
- P-Z: Dessert**



Please bring the beverage of your choice and money for the ever-popular 50/50 raffle.

Help with setup and cleanup is always appreciated. Setup starts at 10AM on Friday morning and cleanup is immediately following the event. Any questions please contact Vicki Wittenberger at 425-454-4417 or [wittencv@gmail.com](mailto:wittencv@gmail.com).

See you Friday.  
Vicki

**ATTENTION PAST WINNING CHEF'S!** Dust off your chef's hat and bring it to this year's event so we can recognize you! Our own Jody Grumme promises to make this year's winner another adorable chef's hat!





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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS, NOVEMBER 2024....

### Grapeview School:

School is in full swing, and I would like to thank our current school volunteers, Sue White, Pat Winckoski, Steve and Michele Hecht, and David and Pam Mueller for helping out! Did I forget anyone? We have a good start!

The Reading Help program runs on Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (in the library) but I am told that we can show up at any time to help in the classrooms on a more informal basis.

### North Mason Food Bank:

On the other side of town, the North Mason Food Bank is looking for a volunteer warehouse manager! Please contact Tara Schmidt (360-275-4615) if you know of such a person! *Also, if you would like to contribute nonperishable goods to the NMFB, (especially toiletries, diapers, TP) I will be glad to gather such at the next potluck, on Nov 8 and deliver them for you.* Together we can make a difference in the lives of our students and neighbors!

**PS: Remember Snacks with Santa will be held on December 7 this year! It is such a fun occasion! Please come!**

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**Start the Holiday Season with a local event directed by our own Pam Mueller!**

Pam Mueller directs **The Curious Savage**, a play by John Patrick. The show will be presented at Harstine Island Theater

- **November 21, 22 at 7 PM**
- **November 23, 24 at 2 PM.**

No cost to this production, but donations are appreciated.

**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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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

We have four new families joining our membership!! WHOO HOO!!!!!! We're so glad to have you join our family!

**Sang Han & Gregg Feny**

**Tekla & Dennis Bottemiller**

We Love Our  
New  
Members!  


**Chris & Christine Popich**

**Jean Noel**

It's time to pay your 2025 membership dues. Please check the current Directory and update your information if it has changed or is not correct. You can call Debbie Olig (406-223-7309) and she will update it for the 2025 Directory. To pay by check, just click on the [2025 Membership Form](#). Complete the form, print it and mail it along with your payment to:

**Grapeview Community Association  
P. O. Box 355  
Grapeview, WA 98546**

You can do it by check 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