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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.

- Dec 7** Snacks with Santa! (Horton Center 10am)
- Dec 11 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Dec 17 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Dec 18 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Dec 31** **New Year's Eve Party (Horton Center 6-10pm)**
- Jan 2 GCA Board Meeting 10:00AM Horton Center

From Our President's Desk!! Merry December 2024!

The Holidays are in full swing! Festive lights are going up all around us and the "ELF ON THE SHELF" has begun to show up in our homes. That of course creates a dilemma for many of us as we can't remember where we put him/her!! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As we bring 2024 to a close, we reflect on what a year it was. Without putting any focus on a single event let's just say there is a lot of "CHAOS" in the world around us. But then we reflect on our lives here in Grapeview and we can only be grateful for who we are and how important we are to each other. When our neighbor's need help, we are there for them.

On a personal note, thank you for allowing me to be your president this year. It was a joy and a pleasure for me. Our community is so special!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
HAPPY HANUKKAH
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

Respectfully Yours,
 Jim Hanson





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IT WAS COLD OUTSIDE, BUT INSIDE IT WAS DOWNRIGHT CHILI!!!!!!

The heat from the chili served by the seven chefs warmed the 75 GCA members on a cool November evening. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Veterans Day with recognition of Veterans in GCA and those who serve us now and in the past.

A big thanks to Peggy Clayton, Laurie DiEnno, Carla Rieker, Ed White, Jim Hanson, Bob Pastore and Beth Grauer for their chili making skills. The winner of the Cook-Off was **Carla Rieker (Her 4TH WIN!!)**. The chef's hat was made by Jody Grumme and the certificate was edited by Carla Pomroy. The winner of the ever-popular 50/50 raffle was Janice Jones.

Thank you to the ballot counters, Roger Hanson, Tom Rasmussen and Mike Wittenberger. Marilyn Godfrey, Patty Hanson and Pam Rasmussen provided immense support to help this event run smoothly as did Annie Bell and Debbie Black. Thanks to all the GCA members for their participation at set up and clean up and all the delicious salads, cornbread and desserts brought.

Most of all a great thanks to all the Veterans who showed up and helped us celebrate this special day.

Vicki and Mike Wittenberger



**Our thanks to
Carla Pomroy
for the
Pictures!!**



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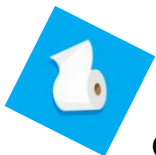


RING IN THE NEW YEAR— NEW YORK STYLE!
Horton Community Center
Tuesday, December 31 6-10pm



Let's ring in 2025 together!! WE HAVE A BIG SURPRISE TO UNVEIL THIS YEAR! YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! No need to stress about staying up until midnight because this party will take place from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. We'll toast the New Year at 9pm as the ball drops in New York and finish the evening with a bit more socializing before cleaning up and heading home. The party is free and open to all GCA members and their guests. Dress is casual. GCA provides ice, table service and champagne/ toasting glasses for our New Year toast. Dessert will be provided as well!

This is a potluck event, and we ask attendees to **please bring a heavy appetizer to share** – dessert is being provided. Don't forget your beverage of choice. Please provide serving utensils and label your dish, especially for common allergens of wheat, nuts, soy, and dairy. Bring your favorite games (Quirkle, Mexican Train, puzzles, cards, etc.). **Do you like to dance? Email us at newsletter4gca@gmail.com with your favorite song to dance to and we'll be sure to add it to the playlist!!**



Once again, we will be doing a **Toilet Paper Drive to benefit the North Mason Food Bank.** This is an item that is in constant demand that is rarely donated. Bring a few wrapped rolls to help make a huge difference.

Set-up takes place at 11:00 AM at the Horton Community Center on the day of the event and cleanup immediately follows. If you are interested in helping or have any ideas to add to the enjoyment, please contact coordinators **Debbie Black and/or Jim Hanson**



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Community Outreach December 2024 by Michele Hecht



Snacks with Santa: December 7 at the Horton Center 10am

Let's hope for clement weather this year so we can all gather to sing, share cookies, snacks, music and fun friends. Our Santa Stan will arrive in the firetruck shortly after 10 am. The children are always pretty excited! Please bring cookies or snacks if you can!

There will be a basket to collect donated toiletries items for the Food Bank near the entrance. Those items are always very welcome by our needy neighbors!



The Giving Tree

Soon to come: The Giving Tree list on the GCA website (grapeviewwa.com). There will be a link on the site to help you sign up! *Simply select an available "Gift Tag #" and click the **Sign Up** link to grant a wish and help spread joy in the community.*

For those of you who do not use a computer and would like to participate, there will be some Gift Tags to collect from the **Christmas Tree at the Snacks with Santa** event on Saturday the 7th at 10 am. Please don't forget to register your tag on the signup sheet to avoid confusion.

Here are the instructions for gift wrapping and drop-off:

- ***Presents should be wrapped and the tag number written on the package or an attached tag.***
- ***Presents need to be delivered anytime before December 18, 2023, and dropped off on the entry porch at the Hecht's: 240 E Eckert Rd in Grapeview (first house on right after crossing Stretch Island Bridge)***
- ***There will be a locked box for cash donations or gift cards (no checks please).***

For questions, please contact Michele Hecht at 410-598-7258



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FEELING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING? Read on!

If you feel extra generous towards our community this year and would like to help some of our local organizations personally, here is the list of the organizations that GCA has supported in the past and will again this month:

Grapeview School	Hannah Nelsen	822 E Mason Benson Rd	Grapeview	WA	98546
Faith in Action (the HUB)	Beth Gizzi Ex Director	PO Box 2697	Belfair	WA	98528
NM Food Bank	Tara Schmidt, Ex Director	PO Box 421	Belfair	WA	98528
NMCCC Backpacks	Monna Haugen	PO Box 1331	Belfair	WA	98528
Habitat for Humanity	Tammey Newton Ex Director	PO Box 1549	Shelton	WA	98584
NM Lions Giving Tree		PO Box 793	Belfair	WA	98528
NM Resources	Cat Ross	PO Box 2052	Belfair	WA	98528
NW Children's Outreach S Sound		71 E Campus Drive	Belfair	WA	98528
Sr Services for S Sound	Debra DelBosque Shelton District mgr	222 Columbia St NW	Olympia	WA	98501
Turning Pointe - Shelter	Gina Blanchard-Reed	PO Box 2014	Shelton	WA	98584
Belfair Community Church Youth Center	Rev. Jamie McCallum	PO Box 160	Belfair	WA	98528
Humane Society of Mason County	Gayle Enochs	240 State Rte 3 STE 3	Belfair	WA	98528
Canal Salmon Center	https://www.pnwsalmoncenter.org/				



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

It's time to pay your 2025 membership dues! If you've already done so – we thank you as we use these dues to plan for our next year. 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

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.