



THE GCA GRAPEVINE

The Monthly Newsletter of the Grapeview Community Association

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.

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| April 11 | Annual Cocktail Party at Fair Harbor Marina 5:30pm (reservations required) |
| April 15 | Grapeview Port Commission Meeting 7:00PM |
| April 16 | Central Mason Fire Commission Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton |
| April 23 | Grapeview School Board Meeting 5:00PM |
| April 25 | Men's Breakfast 8:30AM; Burger Claim |
| May 1 | GCA Board Meeting 10:00AM Horton Center |



FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Is Spring really here? Or just a teaser? My tulips are sprouting and plants I prayed wouldn't die are starting to show signs of life again, so a "sigh of relief" is heard when I walk outside... It's a sign that life goes on, even in the toughest of times, and reminds me just how blessed we are to live in this beautiful place with such wonderful friends and support. We have so much to look forward to as we start a new season! This month we gather at the beautiful Fair Harbor Marina for what has become a much loved tradition – a cocktail hour in a gorgeous setting... Due to uncertain weather, we have to limit seating so we can be cozy under the pavilion if it rains – reservations for 85 filled up in less than two days, so we take that as a sign that this is a loved event. But for those of you who didn't get in – have no fear... the May event (Cinco de Mayo on May 9th) has NO seating limits and promises to be a festive and fun event!!! After May, the summer begins with a Hawaiian Luau Potluck and Bingo! Then the Water & Art Festival and SO MUCH MORE... stay tuned for details on those events.

Our Community Outreach Leader, Michele Hecht, is starting up a new program in collaboration with the Bremerton Foodline – to distribute bags to fill with food/hygiene donations which will directly support our Food Bank – one of the many organizations GCA Supports each year. Please see details on that program below... the Food Bank needs us all now – this is a simple thing we can all do, and Michele is making it VERY EASY!

I close with sincere gratitude for you all!

Bonnie Townsley (360-801-5040)





SPRING IS REALLY HERE... AT THE BEAUTIFUL FAIR
HARBOR MARINA ON APRIL 11TH

Oh! The wonderful time of Spring is here, and that means it is April Cocktail Party time at Fair Harbor Marina. **Please join us on April 11th at 5:30 PM in the Pavilion.** We're asking the members to bring a heavy appetizer to share and a beverage of their choice for the evening. We will also be serving a Prickly Pear Moscow Mule as our signature drink. The club will provide table settings, wine glasses, and an array of delectable desserts. A big shout out to Cindy and Kelly Granger for generously allowing us the use of their facility. Due to weather concerns, we have limited seating so we can ensure coverage in the event of rain. The reservation list is full, with members on a waiting list. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact **Debbie Black** at debbieblacksemail@gmail.com.

**AND THE HITS KEEP ON COMIN' ~~~ NEXT UP IN MAY –
CINCO DE MAYO POTLUCK DINNER!**



It's Fiesta time in May! Join us on May 9th at 6:00PM at the Horton Center for an evening filled with festivities and vibrant decorations! A special thank you to Carla Rieker for graciously chairing this event. Don't miss out on the fun- bring your friends and celebrate with us!

Margaritas, beer, water & coffee along with place settings will be provided. And, of course, we'll hold our 50/50 Raffle for one lucky winner, so remember your \$\$!

This will be a potluck event with food assigned by your last name (see below).

* A-E Rice or bean dish

* F-S Main Dish

* T-Z Salads

Tres Leche Cake, Churros, caramel & chocolate sauce will be provided

Help with setup and cleanup is always appreciated! Setup starts at 10AM on Friday morning, and cleanup immediately following the event.

**JOIN US IN HELPING OTHERS --- MADE EASY BY MICHELE HECHT
AND OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM**

Helping the Community with donations for the North Mason Food Bank (NMFB)

I have joined the FOOD Project started by the Bremerton Foodline as a coordinator to facilitate badly needed donations for the NMFB. The number of families served has been increasing steadily (133 families on Tuesday alone last week). The organization will provide free bags and lists of currently needed items and organize by-monthly pickups of donations.

If you are interested in participating, I will have a set of bags for you to pick up and sign for at our next event at the Marina on April 11 or can be picked up at my house (first house on right after the bridge on Stretch Island) after the 11th. These bags will come with a list and a set of instructions for drop offs.

It's a simple way that ALL of us can help our neighbors and those in the Community who need us! If you have questions, please call me or email me at michele.hecht@gmail.com

Thank you.

Michele



MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

Welcome to our new members!!! We're happy to have you as part of our family and hope you will join us in the fun this year!

Mitzi Akiyama

Judy Moore & Marlene LeBlanc

Geoff & Karen Saunders

I sent out a reminder letter on 2025 GCA Dues and several have responded. If you want 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

From Bob Doremus -- A look at Grapeview in the Early Years....**4th ARTICLE!!!!**

Continuing this month, we are excited to continue a new feature of our newsletter. Titled "Grapeview - The Early Years", it takes a look at some of the early history of our community. The idea took shape last summer after a report was discovered in the collection of the Mason County Historical Society titled "History and Geography of Grapeview". It was a project of the Grapeview School, written in 1923. We'll be using information from it and other sources to give you a glimpse into Grapeview's past. We hope that you find it interesting!

Echoes of Spring: A Poem from the Past

At last, Old Man Winter has retreated to his northern haunts, making way for the promise of warmer days and the arrival of spring. Just as we welcome the change in seasons today, the anticipation of spring was just as strong 102 years ago when Marvel Housen of the Grapeview School captured the spirit of the season in this poem.

Spring is here and the sun shines

Spring the best time of the year.

Everywhere we look we see signs

That tell us that spring is here.

Spring is here with its greenness,

And the birds are singing so near,

That we overflow with gladness

When we know that spring is here.

Schoolboys are seen on the ball ground

With never a storm to fear.

They rush from school with a bound

When they know that spring is here.

Sad hearts are filled with happiness

And frowning faces 'gin to clear

When they see and feel her loveliness

And know that spring is here.

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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.