



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.

- Jan 9** **Black & White Potluck Event (Horton Center 6pm)**
- Jan 20 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM
- Jan 21 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- Jan 22 Men’s Breakfast 8:30AM; Burger Claim
- Jan 28 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- Feb 5 GCA Study Session 10:00AM Horton Center

FROM OUR PRESIDENT’S DESK... HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

I come to you as your outgoing President with one more message, to wish you and yours a great beginning to a new year. I’m happy to turn the reigns over to your new President, Jim Hanson, who will once again serve us well in 2026!! He and I are enjoying swapping roles each year, but we welcome new blood next year ok?? Let us know if you’re willing to step in and help lead GCA into new adventures with fresh ideas and energy! We have a lot of laughs, and not many tears in this job!

We have a lot of fun things planned this year – some old, some new, and some still brewing! We’ll start off the year with the **Black & White Potluck Event (Inauguration you know) on January 9th**, and then end the year with another New Year’s Eve party on December 31, 2026... and a LOT of fun things in between!

The **Crab Feed returns on February 13th and 14th** this year, returning to February at the recommendation of our crab provider – Nelson Crab. You can buy your tickets online starting today! Read below. I’ll also be at the firehall on Jan 9th, at 5pm if you’d like to bring your credit card and buy tickets that night. And last to note – our **31st Annual Water & Art Festival in July**.... Always a fun time... this year our motto is “make it simple, make it fun!”. We’ll see how that goes!

So put on your “fun” and join in each month for fellowship and good food (and drink!). Get involved in this wonderful organization – it’s the best way to make lasting friends and be a part of a great cause! Feel free to contact me anytime with ideas for improvement and/or if you’d like to help out in any way.... We need EVERYONE!

Most Sincerely,
 Bonnie Townsley (360-801-5040)





WELCOME 2026 DONE IN GCA STYLE!

Just five days ago we celebrated bringing in the New Year at Horton Center with over 50 of our friends from GCA. The Horton Center was decorated like a ballroom and the champagne was flowing. All of the pictures haven't flowed in yet though, so we may have more next month! A HUGE Thank You to all involved in setting up, tearing down, and putting on this really fun event. While we missed our "usual organizer's" – the Blaisdell's, we still pulled off a fantastic event! Special thanks to **Debbie Black, Annie Bell, and Jim Hanson, and the MANY people who helped set up the hall so beautifully!**





START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH YOUR GCA FRIENDS!

Let's bring in the new year in style! For January we will once again hold the "**Black & White Theme Potluck Dinner**" **Friday, January 9th at the Horton Center, 6pm**. No need for tuxes and gowns, but we'll be "inaugurating" our new board members, so let's gussy it up a bit and wear something black & white if you have it! Sparkles and blingy things are great!!!

This will be a potluck event with food assigned by your last name (see below). We will have your table service, just bring your own drinks and drinkware. Coffee and water will be provided. Oh, and don't forget your money for the 1st 50/50 raffle of the year!

- **A-F Salads**
- **G-P Main Dish**
- **Q-Z Desserts**

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

WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCA IN 2026- HERE'S WHAT WE'RE PLANNING!



Date	EVENT
Jan 9	Black and White Potluck Event
Feb 8	Super Bowl Party at Horton Center (3:30pm)
Feb 13, 14	Annual Crab Feed
March 13	St. Patrick's Day Party with Bangers and Mash***
April 10	Hawaiian Theme Potluck/Bingo or Trivia Night ** Horton Center
May 8	Spring Fling Potluck**@ Horton Center
June 12	Cocktails and Appetizers Party@ Fair Harbor !
July 10	Hot Dog Roast/Smores @Rauschert Field
July 25	31st Annual Water & Art Festival
August	NO EVENT
Sept 11	Fall Kick-Off/Game Night** @ Rauschert Field
Oct 30	Halloween Party @ Horton Center
Nov 13	Harvest Festival/Veterans Day Celebration
Dec 13	Snacks w/ Santa @ Horton Center
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party

- WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS???**
- **Super Bowl 2026** At the Horton Center on Sunday, February 8th 3:30 PM (More To Come) Mark Your Calendars- You will not want to miss this event!!!!
 - February 13 & Feb 14th – **THE CRAB FEED!!** Need we say more? Want to help"? Please contact Bonnie Townsley at 360-801-5040 or reply to this newsletter. **WE NEED YOU! You can purchase your tickets for \$50 each starting TODAY! All tickets will be purchased online using a credit card. SEE BELOW FOR THE LINKS TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW.**
 - Trying something new in March... a **Theme Dinner to celebrate St. Patrick's day.** True Irish food, prepared by volunteers for your dining pleasure. Dinner price to be determined and collected at the door.

MANY THANKS ARE DUE!!! Do you know who makes the Horton Center Building shine at Christmas time? It's not Santa, but more GCA Elves!!! Many thanks to **Brad Pomroy and Steve Hecht** for their efforts. THANK YOU!!!



2026 CRAB FEED TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR FEB 13TH AND 14TH AT 5:00PM – HORTON CENTER!!!! Get your tickets early – **CREDIT CARDS ONLY PLEASE!** \$50/TICKET.... Get your tickets early to reserve your spot and lock in this price! We don't yet know the price of crab, but it's been going up every year. We are trying to maintain a low price, and our ticket price is extremely competitive with other events around the area – some are not even all you can eat and they are pricier. So, we're trying to keep it reasonable and give our members what we all deserve – a fun night, for a reasonable price.

To purchase tickets for Friday, February 13th, click here: [Friday, Feb 13th Tickets](#)

To Purchase tickets for Saturday, February 14th, click here: [Saturday, Feb 14th Tickets](#)

TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE BLACK & WHITE EVENT ON FEB 9TH AT 5PM – PLEASE BRING YOUR CREDIT CARD – NO CASH TAKEN!

YOU SPOKE, YOU VOTED, AND HERE ARE YOUR NEW LEADERS FOR 2026!

• President, Jim Hanson	• Events, Debbie Black
• Vice Pres, Bonnie Townsley	• Comm Outreach, Michele Hecht
• Secretary, Janice Jones	• Membership, Dan Peel & Deb Olig
• Treasurer, Christine Bal	• History, Mike Blaisdell
• Trustee, Dan McClung	• Newsletter, Bonnie Townsley
• Trustee, Leslie Nuttman	• Website/Facebook, Mike & Leslie Blaisdell

Community Outreach

by Michele Hecht

Thank you! To all who helped make our **Giving Tree** a success!

We adopted 3 families from the Grapeview School this year. Everything was delivered on time to very grateful families. Thank you to all who participated.

There might be new volunteering activities opening up with the **Backpack program**. Please text me at 410-598-7258 if you are interested!



Snacks with Santa turned out to be a great success this year! Santa was picked up on time, the new Santa showed up, we had plenty of cookies and helpers to set them up. We estimate we had 60 children who all had a chance to have a talk with Santa!

Laurie Shannon, the Grapeview School Arts teacher, played the keyboard while the children sang. Some of the adults sang too but we needed more voices! Middle School and High School kids were helpful elves.

Thanks to Ed White we even had a cozy fireplace warming the hall on our new TV! All in all, everyone seemed to have a jolly good old time! Thanks to all who participated!

YOUR DONATIONS AND FUND RAISING MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE!

I had the pleasure in December of sending checks to some of the organizations that we support yearly. Thank you for participating in our fund-raising events. This allows us to do some good for the community.

Here is a recap of our donations:

Grapeview School
Grapeview Camp
the HUB
North Mason Food Bank
NMCCC Backpacks
Humane Society of Mason County
Snacks with Santa
Turning Pointe
Senior Services for S Sound
Shelton Veterans Division
Habitat for Humanity
Kids Club North Mason

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

It's time to pay your 2026 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 and she will update it for the 2026 Directory. To pay by check, just click on the [GCA 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 (Membership4GCA@gmail.com)

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.