



# 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.*

- May 7 GCA Board Meeting **10AM** Horton Center
- May 8 Tropical Potluck Dinner (Horton Center 6:00pm)**
- May 19 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
- May 19 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM (Mason Benson Center)
- May 27 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM
- May 28 Men's Breakfast 8:30AM; Burger Claim
- June 4 GCA Study Session 10am Horton Center



**FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT'S DESK... HAPPY MAY EVERYONE!**

As our minds begin to move towards summertime and getting our yards and decks ready for enjoyment the first thing on my list is power washing. BUT WAIT!! When will the yellowish/green goop stop falling? Pollen has been especially heavy this year and for me cleanup can't start until the pollen stops. Oh Well, Mother Nature always has her own plan! Start Your Power Washers

Don't forget to step up and volunteer for the Water Festival. WE NEED YOU ALL. **Please reply to the newsletter if you'd like to help but don't know what's needed!**

Our next event plans to be a fun one (as always!). A tropical potluck dinner with vibes of warm weather and beaches! You won't want to miss this one, **Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>** at Horton. It's going to be a fun, festive evening full of good food, good friends, and island vibes right here in Grapeview!

Lastly, we had a very special day recently. **HAPPY 95TH LOUISE**



I am so humbled to be a part of this amazing community.

Respectfully Yours,

Jim Hanson





# OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – TAKE 2 WAS FUN!!



What a fantastic St. Patrick's Day celebration we had on April 10th at the Horton Fire Hall! From the moment the doors opened, the hall was buzzing with laughter, friendly chatter, and just the right amount of Irish mischief. Everyone showed up ready to celebrate in style—and of course, plenty of green was spotted throughout the crowd!

Guests were treated to a **FREE** hearty and delicious dinner featuring brats, traditional colcannon, and a cheerful splash of green beer that made the evening feel extra festive. There was no shortage of smiles around the tables as everyone enjoyed great food and even better company. In lieu of charging for dinner, we asked those that were inclined to donate to the Grapeview School and/or North Mason Food Bank. As usual, our membership generously donated over \$800 to these worthy causes. Thank you all!

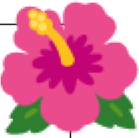
After dinner, the fun really kicked up a notch with St. Patrick's Day trivia. Let's just say some folks surprised us all with their Irish knowledge... and others may need a little more practice before next year! Either way, there was plenty of laughter, good-natured competition, and fun for everyone.

A huge thank you to all who joined us and helped make the night such a joyful celebration. Your energy, spirit, and sense of fun made the event truly special. We can't wait to do it all again next year—so keep that green ready and your lucky charms close!





**WHAT'S NEXT? Dinner in the Islands... or at least pretend you're there!  
Friday, May 8th at 6:00 PM – Horton Center**



Summer is just around the corner, and there's no better way to kick it off than gathering for a fun evening with friends!

Join us for a Hawaiian/Caribbean-themed potluck. Dust off your favorite tropical shirt, grass skirt, or island attire and come ready for a night that feels like a mini getaway. You won't want to miss this one—it's going to be a fun, festive evening full of good food, good friends, and island vibes right here at the Horton

To make the feast extra fun, please bring a dish to share based on your last name:

- A–K: Salad / Side Dish
- L–P: Main Dish
- Q–Z: Dessert
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Bring along your beverage of choice and don't forget cash for the always-popular 50/50 raffle!

**Please also remember to bring your own utensils, plates, and glasses.**



**Special plea for Helping Hands**



**Many of you know that Carla Rieker has been hobbling around on crutches for months... She is hosting this event and really needs help with the setup and tear down. Setup will begin at 10:00 AM on Friday morning, and cleanup will happen immediately following the event. Any help is greatly appreciated!**



**GCA Scholarship Report 2026**

**Steve Hecht, Chair**

Out of 13 total applicants, we are awarding the following 7 scholarships:

- **North Mason High School:**
  - Mariana : \$1,000
  - Natalya : \$1,000
- **Shelton High School:**
  - Levi : \$1,300
  - Annora : \$1,000
  - Kayelle : \$1,000
  - Madison : \$1,000
- **US Air Force, Based on RAF Lakenheath, England**
  - Matthew : \$1,300

My deepest appreciation to our wonderful Scholarship Committee, comprised of Marlee Campbell, Jean Farmer, Ed White, and Carla Pomroy, for a job well done. You made my job easy and helped GCA accomplish this important task in a fair, efficient, and meaningful way. Thank you!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS FROM MICHELE HECHT**

We received a nice note from Gerry Grubbs (Superintendent of Grapeview School) thanking us for the nice donation we made for 2 scholarships to Camp Seymour. Tutoring continues at The Grapeview School from 9 to 10 on Tuesday mornings. The kids can use your expertise! We have fun working with Kindergartners and 1 st graders! There might be new volunteering activities opening up at the school. Art is their most current need. Started in mid-April from 2:20 to 3:15 the art teacher is doing “Stations” and could use some extra assistance. She also needs someone who can sew. The school can also use:

- Garden helpers
- Beautification: weeding and general landscape work
- Recess supervisors
- Library help, shelving and organizing
- Field Day needs lots of helpers

Please text me at 410 598 7258 if you are interested! We can get a group together to help!

The rate of donations to the Food Bank has slowed understandably after the Holidays but remember your neighbors still need you! Please let me know if you need a green bag!

**A THANK YOU FROM “QUEEN LOUISE” !!!**



Many of you know our dear friend Louise Okonek celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Her son, Les & Theresa put on a beautiful party for her and many from the community were there... Louise wanted to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and notes, visits, and phone calls she’s received these past few days. She’s touched and grateful for all of you!

**THE LOOP ROAD NEEDS YOU! JOIN THE PICK UP. SCHEDULING FOR LATE MAY. CONTACT EDWARD JOHNSON - [edward.johnson@cjenterprise.net](mailto:edward.johnson@cjenterprise.net).**

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CORRECTION!**

Please make a note in your directory that Marilyn Godfrey’s number should be 360-589-3728.

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

Most of us have paid our 2026 dues but a few remain unpaid. A reminder letter was sent out last week. If you are unsure if you have paid contact Dan or Debbie at [Membership4GCA@gmail.com](mailto:Membership4GCA@gmail.com). 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 also [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.