



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.

Sept 11 Fall Kickoff @ Rauschert Field (5:30pm)

Sept 15 Central Mason [Fire Commission](#) Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton

Sept 15 Grapeview [Port Commission](#) Meeting 7:00PM

Sept 23 [Grapeview School Board](#) Meeting 5:00PM

Sept 24 Men's Breakfast 8:30AM; Burger Claim

FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT'S DESK...

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!



Summer is winding down and children are back in school. The school buses are rolling and moms and dads are catching their breaths! Fall is definitely in the air. As I write this message I hear the sound of a very large whale in Fair Harbor Bay. Either a gray or humpback, not sure, but it is big!! Got lost on its way south from Alaska which happens occasionally. Please make your way back to the Pacific and turn left. Baseball is winding down, mercilessly for our Mariners, and now the hopes of another Super Bowl run for our Seahawks steps to the forefront. **Our Annual Tailgate Party at Rauschert Field on Friday, the 11th is just around the corner.** Wear your favorite team apparel and bring your favorite tailgate snack to share. There will be lots of boasting as always and several great games to play. Summer in Grapeview is always what we dream about, and Fall gives us a chance to unwind, put our feet up, and be thankful for all we have.

So Grateful to be here in Grapeview

Respectfully Yours,

Jim





Mark your calendars! It's time to kick off fall GCA-style with our Annual Fall Tailgate Party on Friday, September 11th at 5:30 PM!



This is a **"Bring Your Own Everything"** kind of evening—bring your favorite food, drinks, chairs, and your appetite for fun! And don't forget our favorite **"Pack It In, Pack It Out"** policy—please plan to take your own trash home with you.

Bring a favorite **football snack or tailgate treat** to share as we gather, mingle with friends, and make our way around tasting everyone's favorites. Jim Hanson **MAY** be cooking up hot dogs to share. No football skills required—just come ready for a great evening!

A special thank-you to **Marge & Bob Doremus** and **Mike & Linda Fish** for once again opening their properties so we can gather and enjoy this fun GCA tradition!



Getting There: From Grapeview Loop Road, turn onto Rauschert Road, follow the signs, park on the grass, and set up your own tailgate spot.



Bring the Fun!

Have an outdoor game you'd like to share? Bring it along! Cornhole, lawn games, or anything else that gets people playing and laughing is welcome.

NO SETUP NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!

Just bring yourself, your food, your drink, and your chair—and let's kick off fall together!

Questions? Please contact:

Debbie Black: [253-229-8450](tel:253-229-8450)

Carla Rieker: [253-350-9109](tel:253-350-9109)



Come hungry. Come casual. Come ready to have some fun!



A LETTER FROM KIM STEARNS TO ALL OF GCA WHO MADE OUR WATER AND ART FESTIVAL SOOOO FABULOUS THIS YEAR!

Dear Grapeview Community Association ,

I would like to share with all of you how happy and excited I am to share the events of the Grapeview Water and Arts Festival with all of you. I'm new to my position as the Pavilion Manager, but what I saw with all our volunteers was truly amazing. From the Committee Chairs, Food Booth Volunteer heads and all their volunteers. The fabulous work that Ed White, Dan McClung and their team logistically orchestrated of getting everything needed to the event and then back was amazing. The event was beautiful and fabulous, many great comments from visitors about the event and how good the food was. The Arts and Crafts Artist Booths were fabulous and well organized. To the boat builders, face painting, plants, fishing derby, golf, etc., so much fun to see the smiles on all the kids and parents' faces. This was such a well-run event that I am so proud to be a part of. Thanks to all of you volunteers that make this event so special.

Sincerely yours,
Kim Marsh-Stearns



CALLING ALL GCA MEMBERS – WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP!

Be a part of the GCA Board and support the Community You Love! We have several officers retiring and or stepping down this year. As a corporation, we must have at least the top two open positions filled. Without the last two, our Organization will not be what we have all worked so hard to build and enjoy in this wonderful community of ours. PLEASE TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY AND CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP – We can be creative and those of us in the current positions will be there to help!

- President
- Vice President
- Member Events Coordinator
- Community Outreach

If you would like to discuss your possible participation please contact:

Jim Hanson - 206-972-1829 - jim.hanson2@gmail.com

Bonnie Townsley - 360-801-5040 - townsley.bb@outlook.com

Community Outreach 2026 09 by Michele Hecht**School is on! Goodbye summer!**

Our Volunteers are so loved at the Grapeview school! The program will be starting in October. There is a tab for volunteers to view the application packet and the guidelines on the Grapeview School Website. Ms. Shanin is also looking for a 1st grade art volunteer on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00-1:50. Please call me if you are interested.

Camp Seymour:

Sept 30 to Oct 2, the Grapeview School would like to continue the tradition of sending the 5th graders and chaperones to Camp Seymour. Unfortunately, according to Principal Cindy Breeze, the grant that the school was using to cover the cost to send all students has stopped as of last year. The GCA has helped send a couple kids in the past, but I feel that maybe our community might like to help a little more this year. There are 26 students. The total cost to send the kids this year will be \$8900. The camp provides an immersive outdoor education experience that fosters curiosity, independence, teamwork and a deeper appreciation of the natural world. Please let me know if you would like to help!

Green Bags:

I would like to start the Collection of items for the Food Bank in October when we will be inside! Needed always are small toiletries, diapers, toilet paper etc

Thank you always for your generosity!

Michele Hecht

Outreach Coordinator

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**LOST, BUT NOT YET
FOUND BY ITS RIGHTFUL
OWNER!**

This green rain jacket was found on a fence post after the Water & Art Festival. It is a Hunter Green, XL i5 Apparel very nice jacket. If it is yours, please contact Bonnie Townsley at 360-801-5040.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS!! Welcome to the GCA Family – please join us at our September Event when we kick off the new year at our tailgate party on September 11th. Please welcome:

John & Jeanne Keckemet

Trey & Angie Friauf

John Fischer

The new Directories have been mailed. If you did not receive yours please email me your name and address so I can send you one (Membership4GCA@gmail.com). If you are unsure if you have paid contact Dan or Debbie at 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