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Grapeview Community Association
"Where Neighbors Become Friends"

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.

Nov 5	GCA Board Meeting (Horton Center) 10am
Nov 13	**Veterans Day / Thanksgiving Feast @ Horton Center (5:30pm)**
Nov 3	Central Mason Fire Commission Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
Nov 17	Central Mason Fire Commission Meeting 5:00PM; 122 Franklin St, Shelton
Nov 17	Grapeview Port Commission Meeting 7:00PM
Nov 18	Grapeview School Board Meeting 5:00PM
Nov 19	Men's Breakfast 8:30AM; Burger Claim



FROM OUR PRESIDENT'S DESK…

STOP AND BE THANKFUL!!!



November Is Here! The leaves are vibrant and most seem to still be hanging on waiting for that first big fall storm. The Turkeys are in hiding and the "Jolly Old Elf" is just 55 days away from soaring the skies! We finally let go of the 70's and the fall weather is upon us. The Stretch Island Bridge is back in business, and the garbage can parade is over. The Mason County Garbage Trucks are once again traveling the roads of Stretch Island. Praise Be!! 😁 Thank you Mason County Public Works and WSDOT.

This is such an incredibly beautiful time in Grapeview!!

Our November Potluck is on Friday the 13th and we will once again celebrate Veterans Day by honoring our service members. This event is always so special and powerful. Don't miss it!! We will also introduce our 2027 candidates for the GCA Board. Some familiar faces and some new ones!

Don't forget to VOTE!

This year has flown by. Stop for just a minute and be so grateful for what we have here in Grapeview. Dianne and I are so grateful to be here in Grapeview!

Respectfully Yours,

Jim



The Golden Harvest Soirée: A Delicious Evening of Fun!

What a wonderful evening at our **Golden Harvest Soirée**! The buffet tables were filled with delicious homemade soups, and our members enjoyed sampling all the wonderful creations. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributed soup, helped with the evening, and made it such a special gathering. It was so nice to come together, catch up with friends, share a few laughs, and enjoy the warmth of our Grapeview community.

Next up was our much-anticipated Apple Pie Contest! Twelve delicious pies were entered, making the job of our three judges, Mike Wittenberger, Dennis Legas , and Leslie Nuttman no easy task. After plenty of tasting and judging, **Linda Fish was crowned our apple pie champion**! Linda was absolutely thrilled—and wonderfully surprised—to take home the prize, a gift card to The Boathouse. Congratulations, Linda! Looks like we have a new pie-baking superstar in our midst!

To finish off the evening, we turned up the fun with **Loud Mouth Bingo**! There was plenty of excitement, laughter, and spirited competition as members joined in the lively game. It was the perfect way to wrap up a fantastic night.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success. From the delicious soups and fabulous pies to the laughter and friendship, our Golden Harvest Soirée was a wonderful reminder that good food, good friends, and a friendly little competition make for a memorable evening!















COMING UP NEXT… AN EVENING OF VETERANS, GRATITUDE & COMMUNITY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH – 5:30PM (early start time!)



LET'S GATHER, GIVE THANKS & CELEBRATE! Gobble...gobble!

November is a time to reflect, give thanks, and celebrate the people who make our community so special. This month, the Grapeview Community Association is bringing two meaningful occasions together for a special evening honoring our Veterans and celebrating the Thanksgiving season!

Join us **Friday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Horton Center** for a festive Harvest Potluck Dinner. Think Thanksgiving favorites, delicious homemade dishes, good company, and plenty of fall cheer! We'll also take a special moment to recognize and thank the veterans among us for their service and dedication to our country. GCA will provide a Celebration Gratitude Cake for dessert

And there's more! The evening will include our annual GCA Board Election and, of course, the ever-popular 50/50 raffle — so don't forget to bring a little cash and try your luck!

What to Bring – Potluck Assignments by Last Name:
A-O: Main Courses
P-Z: Salads & Sides



GCA will provide plates and utensils. Just bring your favorite beverage and a dish to share!

A Few Helping Hands Are Always Welcome! **Volunteers are needed for setup beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning, with cleanup immediately following the festivities.**

So, gather your friends, bring your appetite, and join us for an evening filled with delicious food, warm fellowship, gratitude, and community spirit. Let's give thanks, honor our veterans, and celebrate what makes Grapeview such a wonderful place to call home. We can't wait to see you there!

LET THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN… DON'T MISS THIS!

It's that time of year again – our own Pam Mueller directing the Harstine Island Holiday Play.

This year it is the Charles Dickens classic: **A Christmas Carol Harstine Island Nov 19 & 20 at 7:00pm; and Nov 21 & 22 at 2:00pm**

Contact Pam for details or questions.

Community Outreach in November by Michele Hecht

Grapeview School:

The Reading Buddies program from 9 to 10 on Tuesdays has started but it is not too late to join! There are other opportunities as well. If you are interested, please check the Grapeview School website and fill out the volunteer application packet at https://www.gsd54.org/volunteer

Our Fund Raising at work:
Look what we collected for the school! Thanks to all who contributed school supplies!



GCA has contributed $1000 to the cost of sending Grapeview School 5 th graders and chaperones to Camp Seymour. The Reading Buddies program from 9 to 10 on Tuesdays has started but it is not too late to join! There are other opportunities as well. If you are interested, please check the Grapeview School website and fill out the volunteer application packet at https://www.gsd54.org/volunteer

GCA also provided $500 in supplementary funds to the Boys and Girls Club. **Thank you, Brad Pomroy, Dan McClung, Steve Johnson and Geoff Saunders f**or your help continuing the Costco donations pickup every Tuesday this summer! The produce was much appreciated by the North Mason Food Bank and we hear that the kids love those nutritious snacks!

Thank you also to the generous gardeners sending surplus Fruit and veggies to the Food Bank! You are much appreciated! **Thank you to Ed White, Dan McClung and Steve Hecht** for twice delivering much appreciated wood to the Food Bank. With cold weather coming, it is disappearing quickly!



Green Bags for the Food Bank: I will bring them to the November meeting to help support the North Mason Food Bank. If you already have one lurking in your closet, please bring it in.. full or empty! Small toiletries, diapers, toilet paper etc. are always much appreciated and in short supply, also full-meal type canned soups, cereal, cake mixes, canned tomato products etc. As you can see the shelves are a little bare!



Thank you always for your generosity!
Michele Hecht, Outreach Coordinator 410-598-7258

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - IMPORTANT!!!!

WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER!! Welcome to the GCA Family – Candy please join us for our November Veterans Day event on November 13th. We'd love to welcome you to the family! GCA Members - Please welcome:

Candy Foland

It's just about that time of year… renew your membership for 2027! 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.