



THE GREENSBORO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2019

Mission

The Greensboro Association mission is to conceive, advance, and support village initiatives and organizations that enhance our community and to protect Caspian Lake and its surrounding environment for both full and part-time residents of Greensboro.

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Greensboro Association Awards 16 Community Grants

The Greensboro Association awarded 5 community and 11 project grants totaling \$13,350 in 2018. These grants support initiatives and organizations that enhance our Greensboro community for both year-round and seasonal residents. Money for the grants come from dues and generous donations from our members.

Community Grants totaling \$7,000 were awarded to the following organizations and activities: Caspian Beach maintenance, Hardwick Food Pantry, Greensboro Library, 4th of July fireworks, and Winter Trails maintenance.

One-year Project Grants totaling \$6,350 were awarded to the following organizations:
Four Seasons Early Learning, Wonder Arts, Hardwick Rescue Squad, Heartbeat, Wholeheart, Greensboro Fire Department, Nursing Home, Land Trust, Historical Society, Cemetery Commission, and Recreation Committee.

President's Report

It has been another successful year for the Greensboro Association and its mission to protect the Caspian Lake environment and support the village and its many diverse organizations.

The annual membership mailing has gone out and has received a good response. Please reach out to friends, family and neighbors who have not yet responded (or who are not yet members) and encourage them to join. The important work of the Association will be more sustainable and impactful with a strong foundation and broad membership base.

The Association continues its vigilant protection of our lake and surrounding environments in close coordination with the state and other officials. The Lake Committee is maintaining its inspection and monitoring program and recently applied for and received a grant to begin directly testing and monitoring phosphorus levels. Other important areas of advocacy include water levels and dam integrity, and the continued research on ways to preserve lake quality.

Grant applications have recently gone out, and the grants committee is proactively contacting Greensboro Village organizations. This outreach is designed to make sure everyone is aware of this potential support and to ensure we are seeing the best opportunities for our program to make an impact on the community. This year, the Fund for Greensboro will also be available to enhance the funding of the grants program. If you are aware of an entity that may be interested in applying, please contact one of the grants committee members.

The Green Sheet is being prepared to reflect many of the notable events including the Funky Fourth and the Caspian Challenge. Many members volunteer to help run these events and several are supported by the Association. We encourage everyone to enjoy and participate in the local organizations, clubs, activities and initiatives that improve the vibrancy of our village, environment and community.

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Fund for Greensboro Gaining Ground

Many thanks for your dues and outstanding generosity! Fund for Greensboro gifts this year exceeded \$70,000. The Community Endowment, together with the Unrestricted Fund, reached its initial goal of \$100,000. The Caspian Lake Fund now tops \$125,000. The Greensboro Association Board will vote to make its first annual Fund for Greensboro distribution to the GA Grants Program for community initiatives, providing increasing impact as the Fund grows.

Please consider in your legacy planning, the Fund for Greensboro Caspian Lake Fund and Community Endowment Fund, in support of our pristine lake and vibrant community. The Greensboro Association 1781 Society now has 35 members, recognizing lifetime gifts or estate provisions of \$10,000 or more.

President's Report cont.

There are several important topics affecting Greensboro that we plan to discuss and seek input from members during the annual meeting on August 8th. These include the status of the new Town Plan, the Greensboro Bend Initiative, the Rail Trail Initiative, the GA's support of the Fireworks program, and ideas to further enhance the protection of the lake. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

While we endeavor to make the most positive impact possible – and seek to get our message out through our website, mailings, and social media accounts – there are still many of our neighbors who are unaware of the Greensboro Association, or do not fully appreciate all that is being done for the betterment of the lake and community. Please consider helping us make our organization even better by recruiting new members, volunteering to be part of one of the specific initiatives, and helping spread the word on the important work being accomplished.

—Vince Cabbage

Caspian Challenge Race and Walk

This year's Caspian Challenge will be **Sunday, July 28, 8:30am.** Pre-registration is now open. The entry fee will go up after July 5th. We will continue to offer race day registration, but we strongly encourage interested participants to register online in advance. Fees will remain \$15 per entrant (\$10 for pre-registration) This fee is waived for those under age 13. The minimum age registration age for the 5-K and the lake run is 8. Kids under 10 are also welcome to participate in our free Fun Run. Look for information on the Greensboro Association's website. As always, volunteers help make this event a success.



Key Dates for your Calendar

Green Sheet Calendar

visit GA Website or hard copy available at the PO and GFL in early June

Independence Day Celebrations

Parade: Saturday July 6th
Fireworks: Saturday July 6th

The GA "Green Sheet"

When I was a kid coming to Greensboro from our home a few states away, there were two things essential to feeling we'd arrived: perusing the patchwork wall of notices at Willey's, and the Green Sheet.

The Greensboro Association's Green Sheet calendar especially was a harbinger of all that was to come. Densely packed type, date after date, July on one side, August on the other. The chicken pie supper, the Art and Hobby Show, swim lessons, story time, music. Visible on everyone's fridge or bulletin board, it boasted a whole summer of potential.

The Greensboro Association is now welcoming calendar submissions for both its online and printed summer Green Sheet Calendar. The online calendar and the calendar submission form are located on the GA website at <https://www.greensboroassociation.org/> and is available for all Greensboro events. Selected events will be considered for the printed summer calendar which will be distributed at the post office, the town hall and the library in June. Up to date information will be added continuously, and can be accessed throughout the season.

Please contact calendar@greensboroassociation.org with any suggestions or comments. We look forward to your submissions.

Trustees of the Greensboro Association

Class of 2019

Stew Arnold, Andy Dales, Linda Ely, Betsy Hunt, Don Jenkins, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Allison Stegner

Class of 2020

Devin Burgess, Karen Gowen, Rick Lovett, Havilah Mann, Mary Parker, John Schweizer, Mary White

Class of 2021

Becky Arnold, Vince Cabbage, Mike Metcalf, Tim Nisbet, Day Patterson, Sara Slater, John Stone III

Membership in the Greensboro Association is open to all residents of voting age who either own real estate or who have resided in the Greensboro community for one season. Residence at an inn or the guest tenant of a house owner is sufficient to qualify. Grown children of members are especially welcome. Members absent from Greensboro may continue their membership.

Greensboro Association Committees:

Barr Hill & Long Pond Nature Preserve | Communications | Events | Finance | Grants & Endowment | Music (Sunday Evening) | Nominating | Membership | Swimming | Zoning By-laws | Non GA Liaison | Greensboro Initiatives: Lake Protection, Water Quality, Public Beach, Aquatic Nuisances, Federation of VT Lakes and Ponds | Boating and Water Safety

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