



# Green Hill Civic Association

## Green Hill Civic Association Spring 2024 Newsletter

Spring has arrived in Green Hill! Flowering bushes and trees are bursting with color after a mild, but very challenging winter. As many of you know, a trio of major storms hit the Northeast, causing more damage and erosion to our local beaches than we have experienced in a long, long time. You will find some photos taken during the storms on our website at <https://greenhillcivic.com/other/photo-gallery/>

Throughout the winter months, the Vision 2030 teams, led by AJ Emanuel, have been working on research leading to recommendations of ways to continue to strengthen our community over the next few years. For more information, see the Vision 2030 section below – and visit the Vision 2030 webpage at <https://greenhillcivic.com/ghca-vision-2030/>. AJ and the four team leaders will update us on their findings and initial recommendations at the **June Members' Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm via Zoom**. Please make sure to attend to be part of the discussion.

What else is inside the Newsletter?

- Important event dates, including our **season kickoff dinner at the General Stanton Inn**
- News about Racquet Sports and the Yacht Club
- This season's excellent slate of Social Events

Many thanks to all who have contributed to making this newsletter come alive. As you read through, you will see their names in parentheses. When you see them, please thank them for their ongoing efforts in support of our community.

### **New Neighbors** (Carolyn Craig and Ann Manion)

Many people have moved into our community over the past year. Welcome to Green Hill!

Hannah and Fred Fogg	Green Hill Avenue
Deborah Baskin & Ira Sommers	Carpenter Drive
Ajie Saho	Browning Avenue
Constance and Gary Wylie	Browning Avenue
William and Nicole Cordes	Green Hill Beach Road
Matthew and Erika DeAngelis	Rosebriar Avenue
Robin Fernsell	Eastern View Avenue
Amanda and Clint Chichester	Green Hill Beach Rd

Let us know anyone we missed so we can offer them a Green Hill welcome. Contact Carolyn Craig (401-783-7822) give one of names of those we missed. Carolyn and Ann will invite them to community events.



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## Green Hill Passings

The Green Hill community lost several venerable members since last year's Newsletter. Here are their names and links to their obituaries:

Frances (Fran) Beals: <https://www.providencejournal.com/obituaries/ppvp0655563>

Dominic DiNeno: <https://www.plantstvillefuneralhome.com/obituaries/dominic-dineno>

Roger Doty: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/nytimes/name/roger-doty-obituary?id=51750115>

Steve Jizmagian: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/san-francisco-ca/george-jizmagian-11572831>

Eugenia Spencer: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/ricentral/name/eugenia-spencer-obituary?id=54614467>

Their contributions to Green Hill will long be remembered, and we extend condolences to their families. If we missed anyone, please let us know.

## Mark Your Calendars (Mal O'Connor)

**Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup> - Beach Cleanup 9:30 a.m.:** Pete Jackson invites all who can make it to bring a rake or other tools, a pair of work gloves, and a large garbage bag. We'll make quick work of clearing rubbish and flotsam from our beaches, the kayak launch and recreation areas.

**Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup> - Boat Stickers 10am-12pm:** Bill and Kathy Conlin will be at the kayak launch area to provide all who store kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and other craft with 2024 stickers. All craft must have stickers if stored at the kayak launch area. (If you do not have a key to the shed where paddles, vests, and other recreation equipment are stored, make sure to let Bill and Kathy know when you pick up your sticker.)

**Sat. June 15<sup>th</sup> - GHCA Members Meeting 10 a.m.:** Via Zoom. This is an important one. The three Vision 2030 Teams will update us on their recommendations, and the Board will recommend which of those they recommend we invest in over the next few years. **Make sure to hold the date** if you want to have a voice in these decisions. The agenda, proposed budget and Zoom link will be sent a week prior to the meeting.

**Sat., June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Season Kickoff Dinner 5-8:30pm:** We are excited to announce that this year we will be at the General Stanton Inn for drinks and dinner. Please fill out the enclosed Reservation Form and return it ASAP with your entrée selection and check.



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**Tues., July 4<sup>th</sup> - Parade 11:00 a.m.:** The greatest little parade in South County kicks off at the Carpenter Drive-Hilltop Avenue flagpole.

**Sat., August 17<sup>th</sup> – Annual Season Picnic 3:30 p.m.:** The picnic will be held at the recreation area again this summer. It's always a great event, and a way to show off your culinary prowess!

**Sat., August 24<sup>th</sup> - GHCA Annual Members Meeting 10 a.m.:** Most likely via Zoom. The agenda and Zoom link will be sent a week prior to the meeting.

## **GHCA Vision 2030** (AJ Emanuel)

The Vision teams worked hard throughout the off-season to advance the Vision 2030 work. To reflect for a moment, based on the 2022 survey where we engaged a broad contingent of our GHCA community, our members said they wanted the association to focus on the following:

- 1) The Beach and Beach Access
- 2) Preserving what we have while making improvements
- 3) The Safety & Health of our community
- 4) Recreation (including tennis, pickleball, the kayak launch, bocce and other uses for the recreation area
- 5) Improving the water quality in Green Hill Pond

Due to a significant amount of work specifically in the Beach and Pond area we decided this winter to separate the Beach & Pond team and create two teams. We now have four focused teams with four team leaders. These leaders have been working diligently on our community's Vision 2030 priorities.

The Pond team is led by Dan Tanona, Beach, led by Maureen Morse, Recreation, led by Maria DiMauro and Health & Safety, led by Tony Flynn. All four teams have made great progress on:

- Defining Scope of Work
- Researching Opportunities and Challenges
- Establishing Priorities
- Developing Cost & Timing for Implementing Actions

We are in the process of finalizing presentations to share our work and recommendations with the GHCA Board in May, and Member Community in June. Make sure to attend the [June 15th Members Meeting](#) to learn more specifics about our approach, recommendations, timeline and ways you can participate in this work moving forward. We look forward to updating you then!

## **The Beach** (Mal O'Connor)

Most of the beaches in the Northeastern U.S. experienced severe erosion, during the three major storms we had in late December and in January. As part of the Vision 2030 initiative, the



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Beach Team is exploring multiple possible ways to gain beach access for GHCA members in the future.

Many thanks to Tim Evnin for putting new sand on the right of way to the association beach, as part of his maintenance berm project, and for shoring up the viewing area where the benches are. Without the additional sand, we would likely have no place to sit and enjoy the view.

Much of what was a sandy beach a few years ago is now a field of cobble and boulders. You can still swim occasionally at low tide if you can make your way across the cobble to the waterline. Remember: We will not be hiring a lifeguard, so ***swimming is at your own risk.***

## **Racquet Sports** (Kathy and Bill Conlin)

The tennis/pickleball courts are ready for the season. **Please abide by the rules, including "No-play before 8am" including use of the leaf blower.**

There is a crack on the tennis side of the courts that will need to be addressed, so there may be a few weekdays where that side is closed. Make sure to read the rules and regulations posted in the message center at the courts. We created a Racquet Club tab on the GHCA website. There you will also find the rules and regs, a listing of Racquet Club members with their contact info, and their self-rated skill level. If you do not want to include your contact information, please indicate this on the Racquet Club renewal form you will receive via email. But consider: Other members may want to reach you to set up play dates.

**On weekends, remember to use the white board to sign up for a court if they are occupied. Refer to Rules and Regs #6 & 7 for guidance. Currently, there is no process to reserve court time except for pre-scheduled Pickleball specified level play.**

## **Tennis**

Membership was robust last year and, hopefully, will be so again this year. Membership dues will remain at **\$150 for GHCA members** for both pickleball and tennis unless you are an associate member. Renewal forms will be emailed with the Tennis Committee's return address included. If you do not receive your membership, contact Kathy Conlin, [kathleenbconlin@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenbconlin@gmail.com). Please mail dues **directly** to the Tennis Committee address. **DO NOT include payment in the same check as your GHCA membership dues.** If you would like to join the Racquet Club, or have any questions, please email [s-marchand@cox.net](mailto:s-marchand@cox.net) or [christopherjfontaine@gmail.com](mailto:christopherjfontaine@gmail.com).

## **Pickleball**

This summer we will provide the contact for private lessons or, if people are interested, clinics. They can be arranged via Bob Burian who instructed last year. (Bob Burian 401-641-9032). Examples of Clinics could be: serve, return of serve, third shot drop; resets, rolls, slice; backhand, backhand slice, overheads and lobs. Let Kathy Conlin know if you are interested and



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provide your contact info. She will compile the requests and pass them along to Bob. He will contact people directly.

We plan to offer organized drop-in play again this year. Kathy Conlin will post a schedule in the message centers late May when it has been planned out. Remember to provide your own balls, which are available online for purchase from many sources.

## **Green Hill Yacht Club** (Kathy and Bill Conlin)

The communal kayaks saw a lot of use last season and will be available again this summer. Demand for kayak slots is high, and slots will be limited to one per household this season. It is expected a slot will be available to all households who request one. We have had many requests the past two years but then slots remain empty. **Please do not request a slot unless you are using it. Write in that you need stickers only if you only need stickers.** We have the stickers from previous years and can see who hasn't picked them up or used their slot. Remember: Whenever you are using kayaks or other watercraft, **Wear your life jacket.**

All watercraft must have a GHCA sticker to access the launch area. Stickers will be distributed again this year on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12noon - weather permitting. (The rain date is Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.) If you are unable to attend, please send a friend to pick up your stickers or request that they be mailed to you so that distribution doesn't linger throughout the summer.

The "ground racks" have been underutilized. Please put your kayak on a **ground rack** if space is available. It makes access and maintenance much easier. This is a good spot for canoes and larger craft too. **Do not block access to the water entrance or obstruct other people's access to their kayaks.** This placement will make it easier for everyone to launch their watercraft. When returning the communal kayaks for storage, **place the kayaks upside down or on their side so they do not retain water.**

Storms that occur in the off season have been historic this year. The water rose halfway up the access path from GH Beach RD this winter. Kayaks left on the ground where floating, the ground racks were moved, and water rose to the lower level of the existing racks.. Therefore, we ask each kayak owner to remove all watercraft in the Fall by Thanksgiving. Last year many people ignored this request and kayaks had to be pulled up out of the flood. **PLEASE be courteous and responsible and remove your craft no later than Thanksgiving weekend.** It should not be the responsibility of the committee to manage other's kayaks after a flood event.

## **2024 GHCA Social Events** (Mary Ann Emanuel)

The Social Committee, led by Mary Ann Emanuel, has been working through the winter to prepare a terrific schedule of social events throughout the upcoming summer season. **Please mark your calendars NOW for these events:**

### **Sidewalk Chalk Day** (Thanks to Linda O'Connor and Dawn McCabe)

This event for children of all ages will be held on **Wednesday, July 3rd** at 1:00pm (weather permitting) at the corner of Land and Sea and Carpenter Drive. Rain date is Friday, July



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5th. Please bring your children or grandchildren to join the fun. There will be drawings for Sidewalk Chalk Day prizes. See you there!

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** (Thanks to our MCs, Tim O'Connor and Linda O'Connor)

The parade will kick off on **Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. To join the parade, meet your neighbors at the Carpenter Drive – Hilltop flagpole no later than 11am. Decorate a float; decorate your dog, decorate your bikes; bring all the kids; dress-up befitting the Fourth. Get the Classic Car out of storage and join in the celebration! See you at the parade again this year!

**Bocce Tournament** (Thanks to Laura and Jerry Bellizzi)

Back by popular demand, the annual Bocce Tournament will be held on **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** (rain date Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>). As in the past, we will email additional information closer to the tournament date for you and your partner to sign up for this fun event.

**Porchfest-Open Mike Session** (Thanks to Bonnie and Mal O'Connor)

On **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**, we will host the fifth annual Porchfest in the O'Connor's backyard at 17 Border Avenue. Rain date is Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring your musical instruments and your voices - and join Mal and Bonnie and their friends, Rik and Wendi Bourne, for an "open mike" evening of live music. This is Your Stage! Bring chairs, drinks and something to eat for a fun couple of hours of music and maybe even a little dancing! If you would like to come up to the mike and play, sing or dance, contact Mal at [moconnor@cfar.com](mailto:moconnor@cfar.com). We'd love to include you!

**Horseshoe Tournament** (Thanks to Harry Morse)

Our second annual Horseshoe Tournament will be held on **Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>** with a rain date of Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will send out additional information closer to the tournament dates for you and your partner to sign up.

**Game Night**

Our very first Game Night will be held on **Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** at the GHCA recreation area, with a rain date of Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Game Night is family fun for all ages and includes a variety of games such as relay races and corn hole followed by hotdogs and smores for all. Games will begin at 4:00pm and hotdogs will be served starting at 5:00pm. Families, please be sure to mark your calendar and tell your neighbors about this fun event!

**Annual Season Picnic** (Thanks to Maureen Koehl, Mary Ann Emanuel, Joan Jackson and Linda Shalnaitis)

We will host the Annual Season Picnic at the GHCA recreation area again this year. It will be held on Saturday afternoon, **August 17<sup>th</sup>**. It is a great way to celebrate the summer season, sharing your favorite recipes with Green Hill friends and neighbors. More information to follow as we get closer to the date.

**Pop Up Events – More surprises are in store for you again this summer!!!**

Your Social Committee wants to keep things exciting so please look for new "Pop Up" events that we will host throughout the summer. We will let you know about these events through email, on the website, and via posters and the message kiosks.

**Looking forward to a Great Summer Season!**