

**WELCOME  
TO  
GREEN HILL BEACH**

*Your Guide to Our Community*



## **Welcome to Green Hill Beach, Rhode Island!**

This booklet is produced by the Green Hill Civic Association (GHCA) and is a supplement to our website **[greenhillcivic.com](http://greenhillcivic.com)**. Together they offer everything you need to know about life in our beach community - from local events and amenities to important community updates and helpful tips for enjoying all that Green Hill has to offer. Since its founding in 1940, the GHCA has been a voluntary organization, serving more than 300 homeowners.

There are many reasons why we choose to call Green Hill home. For some, it's the beauty of the land - the large hill overlooking the Atlantic, the lush vegetation, and the fragrant beach roses. For others, it's the chance to escape the hustle of daily life and enjoy a peaceful retreat. Whether we live here year-round, spend summers here, or visit for weekends, Green Hill offers a special kind of serenity where young and old alike share the same natural wonders - the beach, the salt pond, and the ever-changing shoreline.

We believe that a community is strongest when it brings people together. Through our various programs, social gatherings, and volunteer opportunities, the GHCA creates spaces where friendships flourish and new connections are made. Whether it's gathering for a beach clean-up, attending a neighborhood picnic, or participating in seasonal celebrations, these moments of togetherness are what make Green Hill more than just a collection of houses. They are what transform it into a place of shared joy, support, and history.

Please be sure to visit the website **[greenhillcivic.com](http://greenhillcivic.com)** for real-time updates and general information throughout the year and especially during the summer months.

## **Membership Eligibility and How to Join**

Membership in the Green Hill Civic Association is open to all property owners within the area bordered by Green Hill Beach Road (west), Matunuck Schoolhouse Road (north), State conservation lands (east), and the Atlantic Ocean (south). Annual dues are \$125 per household. Dues are payable annually in April-May. To join and pay your initial dues, please contact Treasurer Steve Shaknaitis at **[shaknaitiss@gmail.com](mailto:shaknaitiss@gmail.com)**.

## Benefits of Membership

- Invitations to all social events, including the summer kick-off dinner and annual summer picnic.
- Access to the easement beach area at the end of Green Hill Avenue (established by law in 2003).
- Access to the bocce court, horseshoe pit, picnic tables and GHCA sports equipment storage shed at the Recreation Area on Green Hill Beach Road.
- Eligibility for access to the private tennis and pickleball courts at the Recreation Area (additional fee)
- Access to the Green Hill Pond boat launch and communal kayaks, with privately-owned kayak storage for properly tagged member boats.
- Annual newsletter (digital) with updates and special editions.
- Voting rights at association meetings held in June and August, where members can influence decisions and connect with neighbors.

Your annual membership dues support the GHCA's operating fund, covering:

- Social events throughout the season
- Liability insurance for GHCA owned properties
- Taxes on the Boat Launch and Recreation Area
- Maintenance of the pond boat launch and recreation areas
- Purchase of benches, bike racks, and other essentials
- Accounting and administrative costs
- Newsletter production and distribution
- Website hosting fees
- Miscellaneous expenses
- Signage at the beach, boat launch, and recreation areas

## **GHCA Community Areas**

### **Beach Use Information**

#### *Green Hill Avenue Beach*

The Green Hill Avenue Beach is located at the end of Green Hill Avenue. It is very rocky, with swimming sometimes possible at low tide. As part of a legal settlement in 2003, GHCA members, along with several property owners, have deeded access to the beach at the end of Green Hill Avenue. There is no lifeguard, and swimming is at your own risk.

#### *Coast Guard Avenue Beach*

The Coast Guard Avenue beach is located at the end of Coast Guard Avenue and is a good spot for relaxing & beachside leisure. The parking lot at Coast Guard Avenue is reserved for members of the Hill Association, a separate local group with overlapping membership eligibility. There is no lifeguard, and swimming is at your own risk.

When on the beaches, please be mindful of others, stay safe, be courteous and have fun.

Dogs are not permitted on Green Hill beaches in season until after 4 p.m. Observe South Kingstown leash laws and pick up after your pet. Do not leave dog poop bags *\*anywhere\** in Green Hill except in trash cans.

### **Boat Launch**

The GHCA owns and maintains a boat launch on Green Hill Pond, accessible from lower Green Hill Beach Road (entrance marked by signs). It's ideal for launching canoes, kayaks, and other small, shallow-draft, non-motor watercraft for use on Green Hill and Ninigret Ponds, which are connected by a channel at Charlestown Beach Road.

The boat launch is open to GHCA members in good standing, their tenants, and guests. Member craft (including paddle boards & windsurfers) must display a current calendar-year sticker, available from the Boat Launch Commodore after dues are paid. Boat racks for kayaks are assigned each year and available from Memorial Day through Thanksgiving weekend.

There is a limited number of communal kayaks, safety jackets and paddles available for borrowing in the shed next to the tennis courts. These must be returned in clean condition after each use and locked in the shed. Shed keys are distributed when you get a sticker for your kayak or other watercraft.

### **GHCA Tennis & Pickleball Courts**

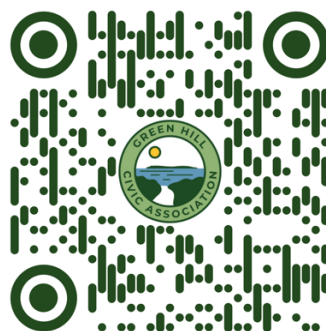
The Civic Association, through its Tennis Committee, owns and maintains two tennis and pickleball courts near the boat launch. These courts are available to all dues-current members, with an additional fee for Tennis and Pickleball membership. The fee helps cover court maintenance, groundskeeping, fencing, and resurfacing. The Tennis and Pickleball groups organize periodic round-robin play for various skill levels as well as social events each summer.

### **GHCA Recreation Area**

Adjacent to the tennis courts is a recreation area with a bocce court, horseshoe pit, and picnic tables. Equipment for both games is stored in the shed near the courts. Members are invited to enjoy the space and are asked to rake the bocce court and return equipment to the shed after use. For more information, including how to join the Tennis and Pickleball group, visit [greenhillcivic.com](http://greenhillcivic.com).

### **Stay Connected: Scan QR Code & Visit GHCA Website**

For everything you need to know about the Green Hill Civic Association, from events and updates to resources for members, including a list of recommended tradespeople, visit our website at [greenhillcivic.com](http://greenhillcivic.com). It's your go-to spot for up-to-the-moment information and for staying connected with your GHCA community!



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