

NEWSLETTER 2026





Green Hill Civic Association Newsletter 2026

Greetings to all as we heartily welcome spring in Green Hill, after a challenging winter with far more snow than we are accustomed to. The record-breaking blizzard in February that brought 37" of snow tested our patience, with some Green Hill neighbors trapped for several days before their roads were plowed. With the hardships of winter behind us, we look forward to warm weather ahead and another terrific season in beautiful Green Hill Beach.

This newsletter is being published via email, posted on our website [Click Here for Newsletter](#) and mailed to members who requested a paper copy. Please visit our website for the most updated information about our events calendar, as well as a wealth of information about the history of Green Hill, detailed content supporting Vision 2030, GHCA governance documentation, tradespeople recommendations, and much more. Our webmaster, Tom Capirchio, continues to refine the site with more relevant content and easier navigation.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a form to RSVP and select menu choices for the season kickoff dinner at the Haversham and also a form for paying your annual dues. Please complete and return the forms as soon as possible. We would appreciate prompt payment via Venmo or check to our Treasurer, Steve Shaknaitis.

New Neighbors

Please welcome the neighbors who have joined our community in the past year:

John and Rachel Anastasio	Land & Sea
Mike and Tina Perkins	Eastern View Ave.
William Cioffi and Theresa Graves	Land & Sea
Kysa and Tom Lovvoll	Carpenter Dr.

Let us know if we have missed anyone so we can offer them a Green Hill welcome.

Contact Ann Manion at (978)460-1157 or Steve Shaknaitis at (401)742-1847 who will invite newcomers to community events.

Green Hill Passings

Our community sadly lost several beloved members over the past year.

We extend our sincerest condolences to their families.

Here are their names and links to their obituaries:

Jane Belsky [Read full obituary here](#)

John Belsky [Read full obituary here](#)

John Ferruolo [Read full obituary here](#)

Eugene Kincaid [Read full obituary here](#)

Jan Wunderlich [Read full obituary here](#)



The Beach (Mal O'Connor)

Some good news to report: as of late April, we have sand on the beach. Who knows how long it will last, or when we will see it again? Fortunately, we did not have many major winter storms that impacted the beach, and that has slowed erosion down a bit. Hopefully, we'll have some sand on the beach during the upcoming summer season.

The view from the two benches is as beautiful as ever. If you decide to make your way down to the water, or walk along the beach when there is sand, please be careful. Your safety is your responsibility. Walk and swim at your own risk.

Racquet Sports (Kathy and Bill Conlin)

Racquet Club membership remained robust last season. We are hoping participation grows and people continue to enjoy playing on the pickleball and tennis courts. The courts need to be cleaned up pre-season, so if anyone is available to assist with some maintenance, please text or email Bill or Kathy Conlin. You can reach them at:

Bill at (401)439-2223 / wmconlin@gmail.com or

Kathy Conlin at (401)225-0050 / kathleenbconlin@gmail.com

We will again schedule pickleball play for various levels for the 2026 season. If you would like to join a group, or try one out, please contact the appropriate coordinator.

Levels 1 and 2: Michele Reilly: (914)602-8177 / michelereilly62@gmail.com
Nicole Cordes: (203)257-8036 / nscordes@gmail.com

Level 3: Katie Purdy: (860)573-3990 / kpurdy70@gmail.com

Level 4: Geoff Elia: (413)537-3773 / gfelia15@gmail.com

This season we will change the lock and issue new keys to enter the tennis/pickleball courts. Information about how to get your key will be included in the membership renewal form that will be coming soon. Please review and follow the rules and regulations posted at the courts. A neighbor has asked that players refrain from using expletives on the courts.



Green Hill Yacht Club (Kathy and Bill Conlin)

It's almost time to get kayaks in the water. Kayak sticker distribution will be Saturday, May 23rd from 10 am to noon. Last season we had multiple slots that remained empty. Many members requested stickers but did not pick them up.

Please only request a slot if you intend to use it. We provide one slot per household initially, and a second slot may be assigned later depending on availability. If you can't make it on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, make sure to follow up with Bill or Kathy Conlin to get your sticker and slot for your kayak or other water craft. You can reach Bill at (401)439-2223 / wmconlin@gmail.com or Kathy at (401)225-0050 / kathleenbconlin@gmail.com.

We're not sure of the exact date yet, but the dock project is likely to be under construction during the summer season. As a result, no kayaks, canoes or other craft should be stored on the ground on the pond side of Rack A. Access to the area must be kept clear for any construction equipment that may be needed. In addition, Rack D will be shortened a bit on the north side in order to increase access for those who prefer to launch their kayaks directly from the beach.

The kayak area looks great this year! Only a few kayaks were left in the racks over the winter. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. It helps with clean up, maintenance and planning for the season. The Commodore appreciates the effort.

GHCA Vision 2030 (Mal O'Connor)

The Vision 2030 project has completed its planning phase and is now shifting to implementing a number of projects discussed over the past couple of years at annual members' meetings. Make sure to attend the June Members Meeting on Saturday, June 27th at 10 am via Zoom to hear more about projects already completed and those underway.

The Vision Team Leaders and Participants would like to thank everyone in the community who contributed their ideas and support to this effort, from the initial survey up to today. We would especially like to thank AJ Emanuel for leading the four teams: Beach, Pond, Recreation, and Health & Safety throughout the planning phase. His work over the past few years has made current and future implementation work possible. Many thanks, AJ!

If you would like to learn more about Vision 2030, the work of the four teams, and how to get involved, you can find information on the website at: <https://greenhillcivic.com/ghca-vision-2030/>



The GHCA Social Committee, a group of fifteen of your neighbors led by Mary Ann Emanuel, has been working through the winter to prepare a terrific schedule of social events for the upcoming summer season. Please mark your calendars for these meetings and events:

Saturday, May 23rd - Beach Cleanup at 9:30 am

Pete Jackson, Joan Jackson and Suzanne Werth invite all who can make it to bring a rake or other tools, a pair of work gloves, and a large garbage bag. Meet in the parking lot at The Hill beach. We'll be clearing trash from our beaches, as well as from the kayak and recreation areas. Please join us to keep Green Hill beautiful!

Saturday, May 23rd - Boat Stickers from 10 am to 12 pm

Boat Stickers can be picked up at the kayak launch area to for all who wish to store kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and other craft with 2026 stickers. All craft must have current 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, you can pick it up when you get your sticker.

Saturday, June 20th - Season Kickoff Dinner from 5 pm to 8 pm

We are excited to announce that we have selected the Haversham Tavern in Charlestown to host our dinner for the first time. Under new management, the Haversham has a lovely event space and has created a special menu for our group. We hope to have another strong turnout this year for this popular event that brings together neighbors old and new for a fun evening. Please fill out the attached reservation form below and return it ASAP with your entrée selection and payment.

Saturday June 27th - GHCA Members Meeting at 10 am

Don't miss this important meeting to stay abreast of Civic Association business and make sure your voice is heard. The meeting will be held via Zoom, and will cover a number of issues, including:

- The 2026 budget.
- Vision 2030's shift from planning to implementation. Vision Team leaders will bring you up to date on current and future projects, including the new dock at the kayak launch area, and other efforts that are in the works.
- Proposal to hold future members' meetings in person.

The full agenda, proposed budget and Zoom link will be sent to GHCA members a week prior to the meeting.

Saturday, July 4th - 4th of July Parade at 11 am

Led by our emcees, Tim and Linda O'Connor, this year's parade celebrates our nation's 250th birthday. To join the greatest little parade in South County, meet your neighbors at the Carpenter Drive - Hilltop flagpole no later than 11 am. Decorate a float, your dog, your bikes, your classic car and dress up in your 4th of July finery to join the celebration. Don't miss this signature Green Hill event!

Sunday, July 5th - Sidewalk Chalk Day at 10 am

Organized by Linda O'Connor and Dawn McCabe, Chalk Day is for kids of all ages. Please bring your children and/or grandchildren to join the fun at the corner of Land and Sea and Carpenter Drive. There will be drawings for Sidewalk Chalk Day prizes. See you there!

Thursday, July 9th - Food Truck Night from 4 pm to 8 pm

The Green Hill Civic Association is hosting our 4th annual food truck night at Green Hill Park. Hosted by Marcia Ryter, this year we'll have a new assortment of food trucks, featuring South County Barbecue, Farm to Sandwich, Newport Chowder and Lobster, and Luca's Ice Cream. After a day at the beach, what could be better than skipping dinner prep and enjoying food truck night with the whole family?!

Saturday, July 25th - Porchfest / Open Mic Session at 5 pm

Bonnie and Mal O'Connor will host the seventh annual GHCA Porchfest in their backyard at 17 Border Avenue. Bring your musical instruments and your voices, and join Mal and Bonnie, friends of GH Rik and Wendi Bourne, and your local or visiting friends, neighbors and kinfolks for an "open mic" evening of live music. Whatever your level of musical knowledge and experience, this is your stage, and the audience is friendly and appreciative! Bring your chairs, drinks and something to munch on for a fun couple of hours of music. If you would like to come up to the mic and play, sing or dance, text Bonnie O'Connor at 401-487-5630 or email bonocon17@icloud.com. We'd love to include you! Rain date for this event is 5:00 pm Sunday, July 26th.

Saturday, August 8th - Annual Bocce Tournament- Recreation Area

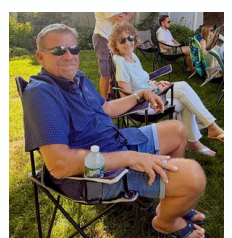
This year's tournament will be led by Harry Morse and Maureen Morse. Seasoned bocce players and novices are welcome to compete. The rain date for this popular event is Sunday, August 9th. We will provide additional information closer to the tournament date for you to sign up as an individual (you will then be matched up with another individual) or with a partner for this lively competition.

Saturday, August 15th - Annual Picnic at 3:30 pm- Recreation Area

This year's annual potluck picnic, organized by co-hosts Maureen Koehl, Don Geissler, and Judy Geissler, is a great way to celebrate the summer season, sharing your favorite recipes and culinary prowess with Green Hill friends and neighbors. More information will follow closer to the date.

Saturday, August 29th - Members Meeting from 10 am to 12 pm

The agenda for this year's Annual Meeting will be assembled during the summer. The agenda will be sent to GHCA members a week prior to the meeting. During the meeting the Nominating Committee will outline steps that those interested can take if interested in serving as an officer or a board member. The vote to fill those positions will be held at the Annual Meeting in August of 2027.





Final Score
38 inches



2026 GHCA Membership Dues

Your annual dues help cover the cost of publishing our newsletter, property taxes and insurance, maintenance of the boat launch and recreation area, and other related expenses. We need your help to keep the association properties in shape - and to continue to offer new activities and amenities. These include the expanded recreation area next to the tennis/pickleball court, bocce court and horseshoes, and picnic tables, as well as a busy calendar of social events throughout the summer, which is our best time to enjoy all that Green Hill has to offer. Please check the newsletter and the website, www.greenhillcivic.com, for descriptions and dates of our social events planned throughout the season.

Annual dues: \$125.00 per household.

Pay by check: GHCA Attn: Treasurer, Steve Shaknaitis PO Box 1295, Charlestown, RI 02813

Pay electronically by Venmo (\$2.50 fee additional). Send to @ghcatreasury

Name: _____

Mailing Address

Email: _____

Green Hill Address and Phone Number

I would like to store my kayak on a rack. I understand I will be assigned a specific slot number when I pick up my sticker (May 23rd 10-12 noon at boat launch) We are limited to one kayak spot per family.

Annual dues:

\$125.00

**Total
payment:**

\$ _____



2026 GREEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION "WELCOME SUMMER" DINNER

**The Haversham
336 Post Road, Westerly**

Saturday, June 20th 5-6pm Cocktail Hour -- 6-8pm Dinner

Appetizers During Cocktail Hour

Charcuterie and Cheese Board
Philly Cheesesteak Spring Rolls
Spanakopita
Mini Crab Cakes

Plated Dinner

(Salad of mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onions & balsamic vinaigrette, Bread Service)

Choice of One Entrée:

Oven Roasted Salmon served with a choice of balsamic glaze or maple lemon honey glaze

Short Rib braised in red wine and beef broth, served with a pureed vegetable au jus

Tuscan Chicken prepared with sun-dried tomato cream sauce

Vegetarian option

(All entrees served with chef's choice of vegetables and potatoes)

Dessert

Cake

Beverages

Coffee station available

All other beverages are Cash Bar.

Please send information below - with check made out to GHCA, PO Box 1295, Charlestown, RI 02813

OR

Email information below to Steve Shaknaitis at shaknaitiss@gmail.com and pay electronically by Venmo (\$2.50 fee additional). Send to @ghcatreasury.

Name and Contact Info: _____

Number of attendees (\$70.00 per person: includes tax + gratuity): _____

Entrée selection (# of people for each):

_____ Salmon. _____ Chicken. _____ Short Rib. _____ vegetarian.

Any Allergies? Let us know: _____