



Green Hill Civic Association

Green Hill Civic Association Spring 2022 Newsletter

As I write to you, Spring has arrived in Green Hill, and you can almost taste Summer easing its way in. We're looking forward to a summer season where we can see each other and spend time together in ways we haven't experienced over the past couple of years.

We are excited to announce that we will hold GHCA's annual **Season Kickoff Dinner** this year. The dinner will be held on Saturday, June 4th, at the Locanda Restaurant attached to the Holiday Inn at 3009 Tower Hill.

We haven't decided yet whether membership meetings in June and August will be Zoomed or face-to-face, but we're leaning toward Zoom since it makes it possible for many more members to attend.

Over the winter, Mary Ann Emanuel, Suzanne Werth, and the Social and Marketing Committees have worked with designer, Justine Closterman, to create a new **logo** (see above). Help us think about ways to use it! The Social Committee has created an expanded series of **summer events** to look forward to. Event dates are listed here in the Newsletter as well.

Thanks to Tom Capirchio, Mike Counihan, Peter Jenny and Linda O'Connor, we continue to improve and expand our **website** and encourage you to check it out at: www.greenhillcivic.com. In addition to this Newsletter, you will find pages where you can share recipes, learn about Green Hill history, and publish a blog. Check out the tennis, pickleball, kayaking, horseshoes, bocce and beach happenings.

This Newsletter, and the activities it describes, are created by a broad team of community members. You'll see their names in parentheses under the headers for each section. These are **people like you** who make our community hum with an inviting, comfortable and enthusiastic kind of energy. Please say hello and thank them when you see them - and find out how you can get involved.

New Neighbors

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

Michael Fontaine & Linda Rainwater	Rosebriar Avenue
Brooks & Sarah Mathewson	Land 'N Sea Drive
Richard & Courtney Mahoney	Carpenter Drive
Eric & Amy Bittelman	Browning Street
Phil Percuoco & Holly Whittemore	Carpenter Drive
Joe & Andrea Colao	Rosebriar Avenue
Erin Mahoney & Thomas Loesch	Middle Road
James Desantos & Carolyn Treiss	Border Avenue
Gregory & Jihoon Bower	Border Avenue
Robert Scott Henderson & Laura Elizabeth Riley	Carpenter Drive
M.L. Hedison & Tony Flynn	Green Hill Beach Road
Andrew & Kimberly Damokosh	Bayberry Avenue
Eric Fox	Carpenter Drive

Let us know anyone we missed so we can offer a Green Hill welcome. Contact Welcome Chairperson, Carolyn Craig (401-783-7822) - give her their names and invite them to community events.

Green Hill Passings

The Green Hill community lost several venerable members over the past year, including:

Marcella Burton
Laurie DeAngelis
Rose Fontaine
Pat Tanona
Peter Spencer
Dorothy (Freiberger) DelleFave
Dom DiNeno

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

Sat., May 28th, Beach Cleanup 9:30 a.m.: Bring a rake or other tools, a pair of work gloves, and a large garbage bag, and we will all make quick work of clearing rubbish and flotsam from our beaches.

Sat., June 4th, Season Kickoff Dinner 5-9pm: Finally, after what seems like forever, we'll be able to get together for an enjoyable dinner to kick off the season. Please hold the date – and – make sure to send in your choice of entrée along with a check as soon as you can. We're looking forward to being together again. (See the dinner signup form.)

Sat. June 25th GHCA Members Meeting, 10 a.m.: Via Zoom, most likely. The agenda and Zoom link will be sent a week prior to the meeting. Please join us.

Monday, July 4th Parade, 11:00 a.m.: The greatest little parade in South County kicks off when Ron Dubois gives the "Forward March" signal at the Carpenter Drive-Hilltop Avenue flagpole. (More below)

Saturday, August 21st - End of Season Family Picnic, 3:30 p.m.: It's the perfect way to end the summer season at Green Hill, and a way to show off your culinary prowess! (More below)

Saturday, August 27th - 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. Please join us.

The Beach

(Thanks to Tim and Mary Evnin)

Access to our beach continues to be severely compromised by boulders and cobbles uncovered by the tides. Occasionally, at low tide, it is possible to swim if you can make your way over the stones to the waterline. [Please remember: We will not be hiring a lifeguard, so **swimming is at your own risk**. Please use prudence and observe our legal boundaries at the beach.

The benches are back after maintenance work was done on the dunes fronting the Evnins' home at #7 Green Hill Avenue. As part of that CRMC approved maintenance contract, the Evnins were kind enough to include the creation of a plateau for the benches and had additional sand applied along the right of way from the end of Green Hill Avenue to the beach.

A Note to Dog Walkers: Dogs are allowed on the beach **on a leash** during the summer season. When you are walking your dog around Green Hill neighborhoods and beaches:

*Please **Pick-Up after Your Dog:*** Poop Bags have been provided by GHCA at the entrance to the beach right of way and at the recreation area. Be a responsible pet owner. **PLEASE use the bags and DISPOSE of them properly when you return home.** Do not leave filled poop bags on rocks, in tree branches and elsewhere for others to ponder on their walks.

Racquet Sports

(Thanks to Stephanie Marchand, Kathy and Bill Conlin and Chris Fontaine)

Pickleball

Pickleball round robins will be held Saturday mornings at 8:30 starting around Memorial Day. All levels are encouraged to come. This creates an opportunity to meet other players of similar abilities and grow the game locally. Attendance was variable last summer but the plan is to hold this every Saturday for as long as there is interest. These sessions are **open to all GHCA members, including those who are not racquet club members.**

Tennis

Tennis membership has been growing for the past few years with many new homeowners joining. We had 38 members last year. We hope to retain all and add some new members this year.

The courts need some upkeep this season, and we hope to get this done this Spring before the season starts. Some cracks need simple repairs and others have to be addressed by the resurfacing company. We will need to have the courts cleaned and pickleball lines repainted. Pickleball equipment is stored in the pickleball box on the west side of the court.

Tennis membership fees will remain unchanged: \$150 for a household membership, \$125 for pickleball only. All existing members will receive an email renewal form to be filled in and returned to the address on the form. If you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, contact Stephanie Marchand at s-marchand@cox.net or Bill Conlin at wmconlin@gmail.com.

Looking forward to an exciting 2022 season.

Bocce/Horseshoes

(Thanks to Jerry and Laura Bellizzi and Scott Graf)

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend the official "Bocce and Banter" season kicks off. Join us every Sunday at 4 p.m. at the recreation area, weather permitting, and bring a beverage and something to nibble on. And yes! Bocce tournaments are back by popular demand for 2022! More on that below – keep reading.

A quality bocce set, a rake and hand sanitizer are in the shed next to the tennis courts. When finished, please use the rake to smooth the surface for the next players. Return all equipment to the shed - and lock it - before you leave.

In addition, there is a regulation sized horseshoe pit near the bocce court. Horseshoes are stored in the locked shed. Please return them to the shed - and lock - it after use. If you need a key to the shed, they

will be distributed at the kayak area on the same day boat stickers are distributed. We'll get a note out to members in advance of that date.

Green Hill Yacht Club

(Thanks to Bill and Kathy Conlin)

The kayak launch area saw record use last season, and we learned a great deal from that experience. Our Commodore, Bill Conlin, has laid out the following notes as we prepare for the coming kayak and canoeing season:

- There will be slots for individual kayaks, and slots for communal kayaks that any member can use. There will be six slots reserved for communal kayaks this year. Those will be in rack D, slots 6,7,13,14,20 and 21. We have added 3 new slots to the end of rack B on the north side. They were specifically made larger to accommodate the 2 communal doubles since it was very difficult to fit them into the slots in rack B.

There are approximately 76 slots for privately owned kayaks. We expect a single slot will be available for all who need one. If you had a slot last year, plan on being assigned the same slot this year. This will minimize the work required to make the area work well for all.

- Demand for kayak slots is high. If you request a kayak slot, please make sure to do so because you plan on using the kayak throughout the season. Every year slots are requested, assigned and then not used, which spaces that others could use. If you rarely use the area, but still house a kayak there, consider using the communal kayaks instead to free up a storage slot for frequent paddlers.
- If you need to change your slot assignment, your request will be considered. Please request a change only if it's absolutely necessary.
- Everyone will need a new sticker this season. They will be available, likely toward the end of May. The distribution day for the stickers will be communicated in another email. *If you don't have a key to the communal kayak locks and the shed next to the tennis courts, you can pick one up on the same date.* As usual, GHCA will ask all who use the kayak area to sign a liability waiver.

If anyone has a sit-on-top kayak to donate to the GHCA, please contact Bill Conlin: wmconlin@gmail.com

A Note to Kayakers: As of April 5th, many kayaks remain in slots from last season. All need to be removed from the slots (they can be placed on the ground) as soon as possible as not to interfere with the assigning and use of this year's slots. **KAYAK REMOVAL is YOUR JOB.** Please do your part. ***If you have a kayak still in a slot, please remove it now.***

2022 GHCA Social Events

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 for these events.** Reminders and additional details will be posted closer to the individual event dates.

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

This event is for children of all ages and will be held on **Sunday, July 3rd** at 10:00 am at the corner of Land and Sea and Carpenter drive. Rain date is Tuesday, July 5th. Please bring your children or grandchildren to join the fun and check out the great drawings of our budding Green Hill artists. The winning artist will be awarded a 2022 Sidewalk Chalk Day prize. Looking forward to seeing you there.

4th of July Parade (Thanks to Ron Dubois)

The parade will kick off again this year on **Monday, July 4th at 11am**. Make sure to meet "The Colonel", Ron Dubois, 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 Tournaments (Thanks to Laura and Jerry Bellizzi)

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting two Bocce tournaments this year. The first will be on **Saturday, July 9th** (rain date July 10th) and the second tournament will be held on Saturday, August 27th (rain date August 28th) followed by the End of Season Potluck Picnic that same afternoon. As in the past, we will send out additional communication closer to the tournament dates for you and your partner to sign up for these fun events.

Also, for newcomers to bocce as well as experienced players, drop in for some informal Bocce and Banter at the recreation area on Sunday evenings at 4 PM, weather permitting. You can work on your Bocce skills and socialize with your neighbors at the same time. Bring a beverage, a chair and nibbles to share.

Porchfest (Thanks to Bonnie and Mal O'Connor)

On **Saturday, July 23rd**, we will also host the third annual Porchfest in the O'Connor's backyard at 17 Border Avenue. Rain date is Sunday, July 24th.

Porchfest has become an event to remember! Green Hill neighbors are encouraged to bring their musical instruments and their voices and join Mal and Bonnie O'Connor and their friends, Rik and Wendi Bourne, for an "open mike" evening of live music. If you are not a musician, come and hear your talented neighbors; if you are (no matter what level of skill) – This is Your Stage! Bring chairs, drinks and appetizers for a fun couple of hours of music and maybe even a little dancing! If you would like to get up to the mike and play, sing or dance, we would love to have you! Please get in touch with Mal and Bonnie at moconnor@cfar.com to sign up.

Movie Night (Thanks to Massood Abolfazli and Dawn McCabe)

Outdoor Movie Night is back! Join us on **Friday, August 5th** for our 2nd Annual GHCA Outdoor Movie Night! We'll gather at sunset on the lawn of Green Hill Beach Road neighbors Dawn McCabe and Massood Abolfazli to enjoy an entertaining film under the summer stars. Rain date is Saturday, August 6th. Bring your own chairs, snacks, and beverages. (Movie selection will be announced closer to the date.)

End of Season Picnic (Thanks to Maureen Koehl, Peter Jenny and Mary Ann Emanuel)

We will host the annual End of Season Potluck Picnic at the GHCA recreation area again this year. It will be held on Saturday afternoon, **August 27th**, at the conclusion of the Bocce Tournament. The rain date is Sunday, August 28th. This event is always fun and a great way to celebrate the end the summer season, sharing your favorite recipes with your Green Hill friends and neighbors. Maureen Koehl will

coordinate; more organizational hands are needed. Location: The Recreation Area. **Please give Maureen a call (914-274-0875) to help with set-up and clean-up. It's an easy way to get involved.**

Community Liaison Corner

(Thanks to Dan Tanona)

There's too much information this year to fit in the Newsletter so we'll follow up with an email soon with a lot more information about the Salt Pond Coalition, Friends of Green Hill Pond and other things going on that affect us here in Green Hill. Here is a brief summary.

Friends of Green Hill Pond (FOGHP)

As you know Green Hill Pond has very high levels of nitrogen and bacteria compared to the other ponds, due to its distance from the breachway. Bacteria levels spike after heavy rainfall when animal deposits of fecal coliform bacteria are carried into the pond. As a result, the State of Rhode Island closed the pond to shellfishing, which in turn led to the creation of The Friends of Green Hill Pond, devoted to improving the health of the pond. The FOGHP, along with the Town of South Kingstown, URI and others began looking at ways to improve pond flushing from the ocean. An initial URI in-depth evaluation showed that improving flushing would be both difficult and expensive, so they turned their focus to reducing the contaminants entering the pond via abatement of the bacteria, using pretreatment units at key entry points to the pond. So, instead of flushing the bacteria *out*, focus is now on keeping it from getting *into* the pond. (Look for more in an email message to GHCA members coming soon.)

Shoreline Access

The Shoreline Access Law has finally come to the floor of the RI General assembly. The law proposes that all people have a right to walk on the beach up to 10 feet above the most recent "wrack line," i.e., where you often see seaweed marking the height of the last high tide. Its official Bill H 8055 and has been reported upon extensively in the news:

<https://www.providencejournal.com/story/news/politics/2022/04/06/ri-shoreline-access-bill-gets-first-hearing-house-committee/7268557001/>

If you want to support the bill's passage, get in touch with Blake Filippi, our local RI Congressman and sponsor of the bill: <http://blake36.com/contact-blake/>

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Ann Manion started the website Green Hill Rocks in 2015 to illuminate the area's unique qualities, including its natural habitat, arts, culture and special people. Sign up for the bi-annual newsletter at <https://www.greenhillrocks.com>. A great website – definitely worth a look.

GHCA Officers, Committee Heads and Board Members list available at www.greenhillcivic.com

A Green Hill Secret: Maureen Koehl notes that "Some artistic gremlin has been placing very delightful painted beach stones along the "Indian Path" between Border and Bayberry Avenues all winter to the delight of pathgoers. Fess up...or keep it a charming secret if you prefer! We love it!"

Here's to a wonderful, warm and healthy summer season for all!