



The Greensboro Association Newsletter

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Revised Greensboro Zoning Bylaw Passed

A revised Greensboro Zoning By-law was passed at Town Meeting by a vote of 87 yeas to 24 nays and is now in effect. It was posted on the Town website on March 6, 2014. Revision of the By-law began in November 2012 following passage of the latest Town Plan. Following an extensive series of working meetings, the Planning Commission held a meeting for summer residents in August 2013 to review the draft By-law. In response to both written and oral comments, a couple of key changes were made. Further changes were made following a meeting for Greensboro residents held in November of last year. Finally, the Select Board approved the revised By-law in January. The focus of the new document is on increased protection of the Caspian and Eligo lakeshores. However, there are also new sections dealing with waivers of By-law provisions and with agricultural industries in the Rural Lands District. An important section of the document includes four pages which contrast the important elements of the previous by-law and those of the new one. Interested parties should pay close attention to these changes.

In the meantime, the Vermont Legislature has been working for the past year on a new lakeshore protection law which would apply to ALL lakes in the state. We have received assurances from the

Agency for Natural Resources that if the provisions of the law are not made any stricter than they are now, our revised Greensboro By-law will rule, and we will be allowed to administer it. At present, we are waiting for a final decision and will inform Association members as soon as it becomes available.

Phil Gray, Chair

Greensboro Planning Commission

New Town Arts Center

The Greensboro Arts Alliance and Residency (GAAR) plans to build an Arts Center for the community at the Four Corners. GAAR has reached a sales agreement with David Allen for 10 acres of Hazendale Farm including the current farmstand which will continue to operate this summer. In the future Hazendale Farm will operate at a new farmstand to be located next door.

Circus Smirkus Camp News

The proposal to build a children's summer camp on the Lonegren property on Breezy Avenue is close to passing it's last hurdle. Once the Act 250 ruling by the state is received, the project will be fully ready to proceed. Closing on the property is projected to take place April 2014. Construction is planned to begin on July 1, 2014. The camp will open in summer 2015. For further information see The Greensboro Association's website

The Greensboro Association has recently moved toward more electronic communications to allow us to spend valuable membership dues on priorities like keeping Caspian Lake and surrounding areas pristine, supporting non-profits and community activities, and addressing key issues that concern our members. See our website for further information on membership (including opting out of paper mailings) and to stay current with local news at: www.greensboroassociation.org

Summer Happenings in Greensboro



The Funky Fourth

Our traditional support and organization of the fireworks has evolved into a presence in the July 4th parade (scheduled for July 5). Join us in the parade or under the tent on the Green following the parade as we kick off another fabulous summer in town.

Sail Days Again

Who doesn't love the sight of colorful sails unfurled on a brilliant summer day on Caspian Lake? Join us on Saturday, July 26 and Saturday, August 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for an informal group sailing afternoon. All classes of sailboat are welcome. Watch The Greensboro Association website for more details.

Swim Program

Swim lessons will be on the weeks of July 7 and 14. Times 10.00am-10.45am and 11.00am -11.45am. For more information, call Lorelei Wheeler at 802 533 2384 or email at lobleiwheeler@hotmail.com.

Caspian Open Water Swim Event

Kingdom Games is holding the *Swim the Kingdom* series, which includes open water swims of varying lengths in eight of the Northeast Kingdom's finest lakes. Caspian Lake is naturally once again a part of the series, and this year's swim will be on Sunday, August 17 at 9:00 AM. Last year's swim was a huge success with a total of fifteen swimmers up from five in 2012. Anyone renting or owning in Greensboro can register for the swim for \$50 this year, but to qualify for the reduced fee, each swimmer must be accompanied by his or her own kayaker. Twenty percent of all registration fees will go to a charity of the Association's choosing. Registration information is available at www.kingdomswim.org

The Greensboro Association will once again host a lunch for swimmers and their support kayakers, as well as van transport back from the Lodge beach to the public beach for those ending their swim at Bathtub Rocks. While all swimmers must have a kayaker, Kingdom Games also needs three or four motorboats to provide support as needed. If you can offer support on the day, contact Victoria Von Hessert at victoriavonhessert@gmail.com.

Caspian Challenge Run and Walk 2014

This year's Caspian Challenge is tentatively set for Saturday, July 26, pending approval from the Greensboro Select Board. Online registration is tentatively scheduled to begin June 1 and will remain open until the afternoon before the race. We encourage those planning to run to register online in advance. We anticipate lowering our registration fee to encourage more participants from both Greensboro and the surrounding communities. Look for more updates on the Caspian Challenge at The Greensboro Association's website.



Update on Community Initiatives

The former Village Improvement Committee has now been renamed the Community Initiatives Committee. During the past year we focused on replanting the Village Green with flowering shrubs and healthy trees, including a new christmas tree donated by Jim Sowles. In addition to this ongoing project, we are seeking member input on initiatives the Association should focus its resources. Please send your suggestions to : <http://goo.gl/PUhxm0>.

Naomi Ranz-Schleifer

501 (c) 3 Status

Following the memberships approval of an application to IRS and the State of Vermont for tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 status an ad-hoc committee has worked diligently to submit this application to the IRS and state authorities. We are expecting approval before this summer. IRS rules allow gifts this spring to the Greensboro Association to be tax deductible if the application is approved at a later date.

Congratulations on our New Firehouse !

Caspian Lake Report

The Lake froze December 14, 2013, which is unusually early. In early February there was a week where the ice skaters had near perfect conditions. Water quality was average for Caspian all summer and fall. Water clarity was good, phosphorus and chlorophyll A levels were low and stable. There are no signs of Milfoil, zebra mussels or water chestnuts. However water temperatures rose to above average levels during August which created some issues with localized algae and a few instances of "green foam" on downwind shorelines. These cleared up as soon as the lake cooled in September.

Greensboro Association Inspectors checked 615 boats and trailers at the boat ramp last summer and found two carrying milfoil fragments. They were denied entrance to the lake and escorted to the wash station for a thorough cleaning. We have again applied for State of VT grants to support the cash costs of our Milfoil Prevention Program this year. The Town of Greensboro voted at Town Meeting to provide supplemental funding as well.

Andy Dales, Chair, Lake Protection Committee

Support the Local Caspian Arts

Caspian Arts was formed in 2010 as part of the Vermont Crafts Council's statewide research project, 'State of Craft'. That summer, thirty artists exhibited their work in a cooperative gallery at The Miller's Thumb in Greensboro. *Caspian Arts* represents both fine and craft artists who live in approximately a 12 mile radius of Caspian Lake. We discovered that even though there are many artists in this area, they were relatively unknown. *Caspian Arts* aims to rectify this situation by providing marketing and promotional opportunities, both of which are particularly difficult for artists in rural areas. We actively seek gallery space around the state to host exhibitions, aid artists in creating professional promotional materials and educate our members in ways to utilize social media as a marketing tool. We maintain a website (<http://www.caspianartsvt.com>) which is linked to the Vermont Chamber of Commerce site and The Vermont Crafts Council. Each member has their own page with images, a description of work and information about how to locate the studio. Many of our members welcome visitors year-round. Our annual summer Studio Tour (Tuesday, July 29, 2014) has become an eagerly anticipated event. Visitors discover interesting out-of-the way places, shop for unique items, and get a peek into the workspace of artists



whose work they admire. The day ends with a festive party featuring a drawing giving away "Art Certificates" to be used in participating studios. Also look for our banner in the 4th of July parade and join the "buy local" movement by shopping at a *Caspian Arts* member's studio!

'Carousel' and 'The Miracle Worker'

Greensboro Arts Alliance & Residency announce their two 2014 Main Stage shows premiere on July 24th. Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* will play every Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 pm, with a special matinee on Saturdays at 2:00 pm, from July 24th until August 16th. William Gibson's *The Miracle Worker* will play every Friday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2:00pm from July 25th until August 17th. Starting June 20th, we're overjoyed to announce the debut of our new Musical Theater Day Camp. Designed for children ages 8-12, the camp will be taught by Broadway stars and educational professionals—headed by Rosann Hickey-Cook and will culminate in a performance in GAAR's Theater on The Town Hall Green on July 3rd at 7:00pm. On Friday, July 4th, at 7:00pm GAAR will host a Square Dance on the Green in Front of Town Hall as a gift to the town. Sunday, July 6th at 2:00 PM will see Rob Mermin appear on our stage in a day-long clown workshop and film presentation. Starting Monday July 7th at 10:00 AM, and recurring every Monday and Wednesday morning in July, GAAR will be holding Take Stage! Master Classes. Taught by TONY™ nominee Marla Schaffel and Jacey Powers, these classes are aimed at children and adults of all ages.

**For Emergency Services know your 911 number
Don't know your 911 number ? see the GA website**

Free Library News

The summer schedule for events and programs at the Greensboro Free Library is coming together! These will include:

Poetry Reading with Vermont State Poet Sydney Lea – Monday, June 30th 7:00 PM
Book Discussion of *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam – Wednesday, June 25th 7:00 PM

Funky Fourth of July Parade with Greensboro with Book Sale, Saturday, July 5th 10:00 AM
Book Discussion of *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, Wednesday, July 23rd 7:00 PM

Book Discussion of *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* Wednesday, August 27th 7:00 PM

We will continue to offer story and craft time Tuesdays at 10:30am for children ages 6-10 and Thursdays at 10.00am for children ages 0-6. Youth Reading and Events Program in June and July will include:

18/6 Birdwalk with Lucian Avery

24/6 Storytelling & Science Exploration
Michael Caduto

27/6 Origami with Miya Cline

1/7 Finding stories in your family history
Natalie Kinsey Warnock

9/7 Modern Times Theater performance

22/7 Exploring mammal teeth
Allison Stegnar

24/7 Printmaking with Erin Rosenthal

30/7 Storytime yoga with Sophia Barsalow

Trustees of the Greensboro Association

Class of 2014: Janney Johnston, Rick Lovett, Sarah Dillon, John Schweizer, Whitney Sowles, Frank Barsalow, Mary Parker

Class of 2015: Victoria VonHessert, Margaret Daniels, Chris King, Niall Kirkwood Lucy Lukens, Clay Simpson, John Stone III

Class of 2016: Andy Dales, Linda Ely, Betsy Hunt, Don Jenkins, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Lorelei Wheeler, Alison Stegner

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 or tenant of a house owner is sufficient to qualify. Grown children of members are especially welcome. Members absent from Greensboro may continue their membership.
