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# The Greensboro Association Newsletter

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Summer 2013

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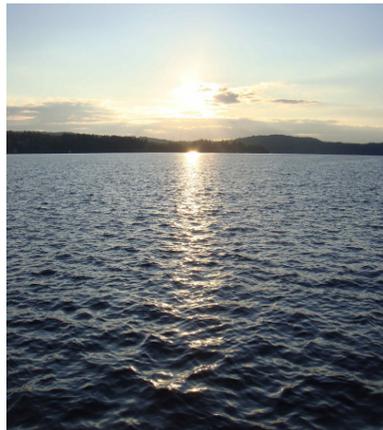
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## **The Fund for Greensboro established**

Last summer, the GA board decided to follow up on the suggestion of some of its membership to investigate the possibility of creating a Foundation or Fund to help provide for the emerging and long term needs in the Greensboro community. An ad hoc committee was established, investigations and interviews were performed, and months of researching the best options available led our group to the conclusion that it would be prudent for the Association to establish a donor



advised fund at the Vermont Community Foundation. *The Fund for Greensboro* will enable individuals, families, and other entities to make capital, planned, and testamentary donations to help cultivate and sustain the quality of life in Greensboro for future generations.

As the health of Caspian Lake and the vitality of the village of Greensboro are viewed as critical to the economic stability of the town, this Fund will be available for safeguarding the preservation, quality, and integrity of the lake and village. *The Fund for Greensboro* will have a committee of elected advisers from a cross-section of community members, who will make grant recommendations to the Vermont Community Foundation. The annual nominations to the advisory committee will be facilitated by the Greensboro Association. Lifetime and testamentary gifts will be encouraged, to avoid competition with annual giving to the local non-profit sector. This is an exciting opportunity for our town to promote long-term sustainability of a place that we all love. I hope you think so too. If you have any questions or comments for the Grants and Gifts Committee, please feel free to contact us at: [grants@greensboroassociation.org](mailto:grants@greensboroassociation.org).

Tara Reynolds

Chair, Grants and Gifts Committee

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The Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Tara Reynolds as she steps down from the Board for her service as the Chair of the Grants and Gifts Committee.

John C. Stone III, President

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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](http://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 6) and an information table under the tent on the Town Hall Green. This year our float will truly float in the parade instead of walk! Join the fun at this Greensboro community event!

### 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 27 and again on Saturday, August 17 from noon to 3.00pm for an informal group sailing afternoon. All classes of sailboat welcome. Watch the Association website for more details and possible extra dates.

### Swim Program

There will be one two week session in July (date to be announced). Register before classes start or first day only. Each class is limited to 30 participants. The swim program is supported through an appropriation from the Association. For more information, call Lorelei Wheeler at 802 533 2384 or email her at [lorelaiwheeler@hotmail.com](mailto:lorelaiwheeler@hotmail.com).

### Caspian Open Water Swim Event

Many of you may remember watching a flotilla of kayaks and canoes escort a small group of swimmers from the public beach to Bathtub Rock and back last summer. What you witnessed was the inaugural Caspian Swim, organized and sponsored by the Northeast Kingdom Open Water Swimming Association (NEKOWSA) and Indoor Recreation Orleans County (IROC). This year's swim is scheduled for Sunday, August 18 and is part of the week-long "Swim the Kingdom" series. Registration information is available at [www.kingdom-swim.org](http://www.kingdom-swim.org). To make this event a success again, NEKOWSA is in need of motor-boat support (3 or 4), a few kayakers or canoe owners, and a car and driver to transport those participants wanting to only swim one-way to Bathtub Rock, back to the public beach. Contact Phil White at [swim@orleansrecreation.org](mailto:swim@orleansrecreation.org).

### Caspian Challenge Run and Walk 2013

We are already planning the return of the Caspian Challenge, tentatively scheduled for July 27, 2013. Last year, the Challenge brought out 99 runners and walkers. This year, we are taking your feedback and the lessons learned last year to heart and making improvements and changes to the race. We'll be enhancing our finish line and timing capabilities, re-designing the route of the 5K to improve safety for participants, and utilizing online registration to simplify the process for everyone, both volunteers and racers. Because of the run's success last year, the Association has also decided that this year we will be assessing a registration fee. Fee proceeds will go toward the Greensboro Association's Lake Protection Fund. We can meet the challenge of keeping Caspian clean, clear, and milfoil-free. Start training!



### Enjoy 'The Music Man' and 'Our Town'

The Greensboro Arts Alliance and Residency welcomes back Broadway's own, Maria Schaffel. Along with a local and regional cast Ms. Schaffel will take part in two Mainstage Events-alternating repertory performances of a full production of 'The Music Man', the beloved musical by Meredith Wilson, and 'Our Town' by Thornton Wilder, now in its 75th anniversary year. Performances will run July 24th through August 4th. Call Sabra Jones at 533 7487 for further information and tickets or consult the GAAR website.

### New Firehouse bond approved

The proposed new Greensboro firehouse took one giant step forward to becoming a reality when a bond was approved by majority vote at the March town meeting. We support this opportunity to provide improved fire station facilities for the volunteers and the community.

## Caspian Lake Report

The Lake froze January 2, 2013 (about average). The resulting ice surface is unusually smooth, and is terrific for ice skating. There continues to be no sign of water quality issues in Caspian. NO MILFOIL, no zebra mussels, no water chestnuts. Water Clarity is excellent, phosphorus and chlorophyll A levels are low and stable. The water clarity values are now posted on the website weekly. Last summer, Greensboro Association Inspectors inspected 468 boat trailers and for the third year found no samples of milfoil. Boat ramp traffic rose somewhat compared to last year. We are again applying for State of Vermont grants to support our Milfoil Prevention Program. The Town of Greensboro is providing needed funding as well. We have ordered a new supply of red dye pills suitable for do-it-yourself testing of Septic Systems. Contact Andy Dales. Lake Protection Committee members are also available to assist.

Finally, there appears to be no progress in resolving the issue of the taxation of the Caspian Beach which Hardwick owns. Hardwick has appealed the State of Vt. ruling to the State Superior Court and action by all parties is suspended awaiting a ruling.

Andy Dales, Chair, Lake Protection Committee

## On Tap: Village Water

"Town water" for Greensboro Village comes from wells on Baker Hill and is provided by Fire District #1 for a yearly fee to its users. No tax money is involved. Since the 90 year old delivery system is full of leaks, the state has required us to replace most of that main piping from our reservoir to our users. That work is now expected to start this spring and last a year or more. Most summer houses on the system will need to upgrade their own connections to the new mains. Because one of our three wells started drying up this fall, we have also had to start drilling a new fourth well to meet demand. Because of these problems we have been forced, from time to time, to use our emergency water - pumping from the lake and putting up "boil water" notices. All the water is still chlorinated.

Nat Smith  
Fire District #1's Prudential Committee

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**For Emergency Services know your 911 house number and share this with guests and renters**  
**Don't know your 911 number? See the GA website.**

## Improvements to the Village Green



The Greensboro Association is collaborating with the Town of Greensboro to put together a proposal to improve the Village Green and surrounding areas to better fit the needs of residents and visitors. The Green is the open green space beside The Willey's Store as shown in the photograph above. The Village Improvement Committee conducted a survey to get community feedback and recommendations on what people wanted to see happen in Greensboro. We received some wonderful suggestions and are currently formulating a plan that incorporates these wishes and can be implemented in the coming year.

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**ANNUAL MEETING of the  
Greensboro Association  
Friday, August 9, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall**

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## Children's Summer Camp Proposed

Circus Smirkus has proposed to move and expand its children's summer camp to land on Breezy Avenue, Greensboro. The summer camp operates June-September sessions for 6-18 year olds and will build two dormitories, each to house 48 campers, plus coaches/counselors, convert an existing barn to a dining hall and an existing house for administration/dormitories, create a 70 vehicle parking lot and raise two tents. A phase two expansion would come later. The project will cost \$3.5 million with \$2 million still to be raised.

## Volunteers



With lots of exciting happenings this summer, we are going to need lots of excited volunteers! Here is just a sampling of the important ways that you can help make these community events a success:

Help raise the tent and bandstand on Friday, July 5th for the Funky Fourth celebrations on Saturday, July 6th (3 able-bodied men needed). Staff the GA information table under the tent on the Funky Fourth. Provide traffic control, registration and finish line support, or bake some goodies for the Caspian Challenge on Saturday, July 27. Whip up some tasty luncheon refreshments for swimmers of the Caspian Swim. If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact Victoria Von Hessert at [victoria-vonhessert@gmail.com](mailto:victoria-vonhessert@gmail.com).

## Trustees of the Greensboro Association

**Class of 2013:** Andy Dales, Linda Ely, Betsy Hunt, Don Jenkins, Carl Sangree, Naomi Ranz-Schleifer, Lorelei Wheeler

**Class of 2014:** Janney Johnston, Rick Lovett, (open), John Schweizer, Whitney Sowles, Frank Barsalow, Mary Parker

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

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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 as a 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.

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