



# THE GREENSBORO ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Initiatives

- Lake Protection

- Water Quality

- Public Beach

- Aquatic

Nuisances

- Federation of  
Vermont Lakes  
and Ponds

- Boating and  
Water Safety

Membership

Music (Sunday eve.)

Nominating

Swimming

Zoning By-laws

Non GA Liaison

Committees

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## THE FUND FOR GREENSBORO

Over the winter, the Greensboro Association Board of Trustees has worked to enhance the Fund for Greensboro infrastructure which will support growth and development efforts to generate the financial resources we need for Greensboro's future needs. The Fund for Greensboro is structured in two parts; Endowment and Reserve.

The Endowment Fund supports social, cultural, educational, health, infrastructural and environmental needs via the annual grants program. With charter gifts and upon reaching a funding corpus, the Endowment Fund will generate annual distributions that can be added to annual budgets and allocated through the Grants process.

The Reserve Fund is positioned to provide short-term bridge and emergency funding for unforeseen needs. The Community Reserve Fund is restricted to social, cultural, educational, health care and infrastructural needs in Greensboro. As an example of the potential for positive impact, over the winter, the Fund for Greensboro Committee helped Four Seasons of Early Learning expand its financial options to address a time-sensitive opportunity. The Environment Reserve Fund ("Lake Fund") is restricted to protecting Caspian Lake and its surrounding environment including education and habitat preservation, woodland, wetland, and watershed protection, and invasive species prevention and eradication.

### Key Committees

The Fund for Greensboro Committee oversees funds management, 3<sup>rd</sup> party advisors, fund raising and development. The committee considers and recommends any Reserve Fund expenditures for approval by Board of Trustees.

The Grants Committee is responsible for understanding community needs, reviewing grant applications and recommending grants from the approved grant funding budget. The Grants Committee plans include a formal six-member structure that represents the diverse interests in Greensboro.

The Finance Committee manages grant budgets, manages requested donor restrictions and allocations and ensures financial controls are in place.

### Your Fund

It is an ambitious goal to establish this important resource for Greensboro and we look forward to working with you as you consider this opportunity. We are working to establish the capital base with charter gifts. We have opportunities for recognition at different levels including named funds that can be designated for a specific purpose.

Opportunities for gifting and donations include:

- Gifts of cash and stock
- Bequest and trust designations
- IRA, 401K and life insurance policy designations
- Tangible property and real estate

Of course, all gifts are gratefully accepted to The Greensboro Association Inc., PO Box 59, Greensboro, VT 05841. We are a 501 (C) (3) and classified as a public charity.

*-John Stone*

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The Greensboro Association mission is to conceive, advance, and support village initiatives and organizations that enhance our community and to protect Caspian Lake and its surrounding environment for both full and part-time residents of Greensboro.

## Fire, Police and Rescue Squads push new 911 signs

All Town of Greensboro residents – summer and year round – should obtain new visible 911 signs for their homes and cottages. These signs can be the difference between life and death – literally – since they reduce the response time in an emergency. Visible 911 signs are available from the Greensboro Fire Department and should be mounted so that they can be easily seen. If you order your sign now it will be available for the summer season. Please mail **this form** (it can also be found on the website) and a check for \$15 to the Greensboro Fire Department, PO Box 83, Greensboro, VT 05841.

**REMEMBER! “If they can’t find you, they can’t help you!!!”**

-Linda Ely

## HAZENDALE FARM

We are saddened to report to you that a Greensboro landmark business will not be reopening this summer. For decades, David Allen and Diana Griffiths have provided our community with locally-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, meats and cheeses and in recent years, specialty pantry items – not to mention *The New York Times* every day. Several years ago, David and Diana decided to try a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) model for their farmstand business, in which people could buy a “share” in advance for the summer and use their balance toward Hazendale’s abundant and high quality offerings.

In a letter to past CSA members this week, Diana and David wrote, “After much thought and deliberation we have decided not to open the farmstand this summer. Our decision is fueled by the lack of young workers coming forward and a low CSA response. [...] A big thank you to those who have continued to support us over the years and we look to seeing you around this summer. You will find some of our produce in both Willey’s Store and Buffalo Mt. Co-op.”

We thank them for their many years as a bright spot in the Greensboro landscape.

-Betsy Hunt



## Local Event Venues for Summer Festivities

Are you in the planning stages for a special event in Greensboro? We are fortunate that our town offers several venues that can be reserved for your gathering. We’ve taken a moment to compile some information to help you locate the perfect spot in Greensboro.

The Mountain View Country Club: Clubhouse rental is available for members, non-profit groups, and non-members with the recommendation of a member.

Highland Lodge: They have several different options for events, large and small, inside and out. More information can be found on their website.

Greensboro Barn: This venue, located just down the road from the Mountain View Country Club, is a landmark in Greensboro and is now available to host a wide variety of events from weddings to indoor picnics.

-Betsy Hunt

## WONDER + WISDOM JOINS FORCES WITH THE ART HOUSE

The Art House and Wonder & Wisdom have started to partner on community programs! As community-based nonprofits, our organizations are dedicated to serving all ages through lifelong learning and the arts. We look forward to working together to provide cultural experiences, events, and opportunities in Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, and beyond!

The Art House office and staff are now based at the Greensboro United Church with Wonder & Wisdom. Jointly we are offering adult classes, after school programs, summer camps, and more! To find out more call Wonder & Wisdom at: **802-533-9370** or The Art House at: **802-586-2200**. There are still some spots left.

-Ceidildh Kane



## CASPIAN LAKE SEASONAL LEVELS AND ICE DAMAGE

Approximately 50 of Caspian's 379 shoreline properties experienced excessive high water and ice damage during the 2015/2016 winter. In response, the Greensboro Association formed an ad hoc committee made up of Andy Dales, Stewart Arnold and John Schweizer to investigate and determine what future actions could be taken to prevent this.

The committee organized a June 2 meeting with Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). The ANR sets policy and oversees riparian zones in and around Vermont lakes and streams. The ANR explained that they had instructed the Hardwick Electric Department (HED) to discontinue seasonally draw-downs at its Caspian Lake dam. Their reason for the directive was that seasonal draw-down of lakes detrimentally affect food sources and reproduction cycles of fish and insects within the lake and down-stream. The ANR had no comment on the shoreline property damage caused by their new policy. They also ignored the Greensboro Association's 83 year history of monitoring lake level seasonal draw-downs at Caspian.

Even so, our ad hoc committee requested that the ANR allow the HED in concert with the Greensboro Association to resume seasonal draw-downs. This was rejected outright. However, we were advised that since no mean lake level had ever been established for Caspian, Greensboro could petition the ANR to establish mean lake level and the outflow could be adjust accordingly.

So, the question to the Greensboro community is: What should be the mean lake level? To help answer that question and give the community a base of information, our committee hired a survey team to establish the height (above sea level) of the dam concrete outflow channel. We also have recorded the height of the water at the outflow channel monthly for the past 14 month.

Going forward, our committee will present our findings this summer to the community and solicit input before preparing and presenting our petition to ANR next fall.

- John Schweizer



## THE HIGHLAND LODGE

As most of you know, Highland Lodge is in full swing under new ownership, accepting reservations year round for their ten lodge rooms and ten adorable cabins, with access to ski trails in the winter and their private beach in the summer. Heidi Lauren Duke, the CEO and Co-Owner, is bringing a great energy to this Greensboro mainstay. While they have no plans to become a full-time restaurant again, they are now serving breakfast to all their guests, and their cozy House Bar offers Hill Farmstead on draft as well as other delicious craft beer, wine, cocktails, and appetizers. Catch live music on Friday nights and grab some family-friendly pub fare on Thursdays and Saturday evenings over the summer. You can find out the latest at their new [website](#), or on their [Facebook](#) events page.

### Caspian Challenge Race and Walk

This year's Caspian Challenge will be **Sunday, July 23**. Pre-registration is now open. The entry fee will go up after July 5th. We will continue to offer race day registration, but we strongly encourage interested participants to register online in advance. Fees will remain \$15 per entrant (\$10 for pre-registration) This fee is waived for those under age 13. The minimum registration age for the 5-K and the lake run is 8. Kids under 10 are also welcome to participate in our free Fun Run. Look for information on the Greensboro Association's [website](#). As always, volunteers help make this event a success.



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## Key Dates for your Calendar

### Green Sheet Calendar

### Independence Day Celebrations

Parade: Saturday July 1st

Fireworks: Saturday July 1st

### GA Annual Meeting

Thursday August 3th, 4-6pm

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## KIDS NIGHT

Do you have kids or grandkids visiting this summer? Mountain View Country Club hosts a Kids Night every Wednesday night during July and August. It is an event that is open to the public and is a great way for kids to come together and meet each other. Many a friendship has been formed there. The children have pizza, run around and play games and the parents bring their choice of drinks and some snacks to nibble on while gathering on the deck. It is a fun night for all. There is a small fee for non-members. You can find more information on the [MVCC Website](#).



## Trustees of the Greensboro Association

### Class of 2017:

Rick Lovett, Sara Dillon, John Schweizer, Whitney Sowles, Mary Parker, Charlie McAteer, Devin Burgess

### Class of 2018:

Emily Purdy, Day Patterson, Becky Arnold, Sara Slater, Clay Simpson, John Stone III, Victoria Von Hessert

### Class of 2019

Andy Dales, Linda Ely, Betsy Hunt, Don Jenkins, Naomi Ranz Schleifer, Lorelei Wheeler, Allison 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 as tenant of a house owner is sufficient to qualify. Grown children of members are especially welcome. Members absent from Greensboro may continue their membership.