

2023 GA Community Initiatives and Activities

Caspian Challenge

The event was lucky this year with a clear, cool day for running, and volunteers welcomed 75 runners/walkers. Eric gathered many prizes for the competitors and included the hard-working volunteers in the drawing of random winners as well. Proceeds from the event of almost \$1500 will benefit Rail Trail trailhead amenities.

Funky Fourth

John Schweizer helped to lead an incredible funky fourth, with a bigger and more varied parade than ever, free picnic, pie auction, and more. The auction raised \$4400 to support the Food Pantry, Aware, and the Greensboro Nursing Home. The cost breakdown was as follows:

Town	\$4400
GA	\$3000
Total	\$ 7400

The **Greensboro Community Garden** This is an active group of 12 core volunteers with additional supporters. Harvests have been plentiful, with over 100 lbs. of produce donated to the Hardwick Area Food Pantry to date. The \$500 GA grant bought two hi-rise water sprinklers as well as no-kink, lightweight hoses, which were super helpful for ease of getting the seeds and seedlings established. Much community outreach this summer, including

- 1) event at the Greensboro Free Library featuring Breadseed Farm from East Craftsbury on "Maximizing the Harvest",
- 2) collaboration with Smith's Grocery in Greensboro Bend: over 50lbs of produce has been donated, stocking the chiller cabinet in the store on Fridays with fresh vegetables.
- 3) collaboration with Rural Arts and the Bend Revitalization Initiative to supply salad and veggies with dip at the Basketball Skills Event at the Bend Community Park in early August.
- 4) two savory donations from Community Garden lead volunteer, Jenny Bales to the Funky Fourth Pie Auction.
- 5) involved in Greensboro Farmers Market, especially on Kids Day, with a "Veggies Rock Hunt" activity.
- 6) community workshop on mushroom growing, and discussing a collaboration with the "Grow Your Own" program sponsored by the Center for an Agricultural Economy.

Lead volunteers: Jenny Bayles, Heidi DeBrino, Carol Calcagni, Joan Feffer, Alison Gardner, Cathy Hansen, Beth Meacham, Sara Slater, Liz Steel, Emily Stone, Ed Sunday-Winters and Fan Watkinson.

Rec Trails-nothing to report, per John Schweizer

Sailing--Paul Brierre reports that the races have gone very well; they have a strong committee and are grateful for the buoys the GA provided. They do need to get more young people involved and will work on running more clinics and parent-child activities next year. Meghan is keeping up with the sailing reports on Facebook/Instagram and Karen is providing photos.

Sunday Evening music

Tour de Greensboro—Jim Fredericks--The first ever Tour de Greensboro was a tremendous success. \$2800 was brought in through SkiReg.com, and Jim's expenses were \$1353.24 so the remainder \$1,446.76 went to the Greensboro Association to benefit the ski trails.