



# Grand View Heights Association

Spring / Summer 2026

## President's Message

Our annual general meeting this spring will be Thurs. May 7th at 7 PM at the Lakeview Community Church. Our guest speaker for the night will be Scott Copey, Town of Greece Director of Planning & Economic Development, to discuss the invasion of the Water Chestnut plant.

The GVHA board welcomes new homeowners and thanks everyone who paid dues last year. We appreciate neighbors who helped maintain the parks and clean the beach.

Living by the water presents some challenges. As a neighborhood we have dealt with the flooding in 2017 & 2019 and before that it was the zebra mussels. Now we are faced with the water chestnut plant that is threatening to take over our waterways. This year we need your help with the organized effort to stop the spread of this invasive species, so we don't lose the use of our waterways.

Special thanks to Jennifer Adams after many years of service to our GVHA, Jennifer has decided to step down. Jennifer maintained the Facebook page and Ann Smith will take over. If you would like to be more involved with your neighborhood, we have two openings for a director's spot. Please consider volunteering to help us maintain our neighborhood association.

Hope to see you on May 7th. Any question please feel free to call me at 585-975-9435

President AL HAIN

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

We encourage you to pay your dues of \$20.00 for the year. The dues are used for the newsletter and maintenance issues for our parks. Every year we have aging trees that must be addressed. Refer to the attached membership form for payment information by Venmo, PayPal or check.

## Water Chestnut Threat

The invasive water chestnut has been rapidly spreading in Long Pond and is heading towards Cranberry Pond. A dense mat near the parkway on Long Pond has grown to 5 acres in size. Mats are growing along the shoreline.

Concerns are:

- Water chestnut impacts creeks, ponds, and waterways in northern Greece.
- It forms dense mats on water surfaces, crowding out native plants and wildlife.
- It impedes boating and swimming.
- Loss to shoreline property value happens.
- It contributes to reduced water flow, oxygen levels, and drainage issues.
- It affects local recreation, wildlife, and neighborhood quality of life.

Current Control Methods are:

- Hand pull by volunteers
- Mechanical pull by the Town/DEC
- Herbicide by the Town/DEC

The Town of Greece is coordinating a community wide effort with organizational meetings:

- Creation of the Individual Waterbody Stewardship Committee: our resident leader for Long Pond is Mike Green.
- Scheduled hand pulls and monitoring
- Raising funds for implementation of mechanical and herbicide applications
- Education and awareness programs

***We need your help!*** The dates of the water chestnut pulls on Long Pond are:

- General public invited pulls on June 27th and August 1st
- Local neighborhood pulls every Saturday (9:00 am – noon) in July except the 4th

## **GVHA Board of Directors**

President and Vice President positions will be voted on for a one-year term at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be one vote for each residence for active members (dues paid).

We have an opening for two members on the board of directors. If you are interested contact us at [gvha.help@gmail.com](mailto:gvha.help@gmail.com).

## **Officers**

Alan Hain, *President*  
Mike Green, *Vice President*  
Ann Smith, *Secretary*  
Francine Sullivan, *Treasurer*

## **Members at large**

Darlene Meulendyk,  
*Welcoming Chairperson*  
Lynne Oswald  
Carol Shay  
Tim Smith  
Scott Baxter

## **Boating Safety**

The current NY law mandates that all operators (regardless of age) of motorized vessels, including personal watercraft, must complete a state-approved safe boating course. While operators of non-motorized boats, such as kayaks and canoes, are not required to take the course at this time, it is strongly encouraged.

[parks.ny.gov/boating/safety-courses](https://parks.ny.gov/boating/safety-courses).

## **Parks**

The founders of the Grand View Heights Tract set aside 17 Parks for waterfront access by all neighborhood residents. There are 8 Parks on North Dr for Cranberry Pond access, 8 Parks on South Dr. for Long Pond access and the beach at the end of Lowden Point Rd. for Lake Ontario access. The attached document "Guidelines for Park Use" may also be found on our website. [gvhany.org/documents/](http://gvhany.org/documents/)

## **Park Special Use Permit**

To use a Park for a tent, party, picnic, or seasonal dock and hoist placement, you need to fill out a Special Use Permit and get approval from the Board. A permit is also required for construction equipment access. The contractor must have insurance and agree to restore the Park in case of any damage.

Permits are issued to residents that are current with annual dues with no additional fee.

There is a \$100 deposit for applications that request a dock or hoist be placed in the Pond including one piece of watercraft. Each additional piece of equipment/watercraft is an additional \$25 deposit. This deposit will be refunded after all equipment has been removed from the Park at the end of the season. The "Special Use Permit" form is available on our website or on request. [gvhany.org/documents/](http://gvhany.org/documents/)

## **General Meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>**

The general membership meeting will be held May 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Lakeview Community Church 30 Long Pond Rd.

## **Board of Directors Meetings**

May 7	General meeting
June 11	Board Meeting
July 16	Board Meeting
Aug 13	Board Meeting
Sept 10	Board meeting
Oct 8	Board meeting
Nov 12	Board meeting
Dec 10	Board meeting

All meetings are held at Lakeview Community Church at 30 Long Pond Road. Meetings start at 7:00 PM

NOTE: Meeting dates are subject to change based on Board Member availability and the business at hand. If you wish to attend a Board meeting, please contact Alan Hain (585) 975-9435.

## **GVHA website**

[www.gvhany.org](http://www.gvhany.org)

## **GVHA on Facebook**

Search: Grand View Heights Neighborhood Association.  
[Facebook link](#)

## **GVHA Contact Information**

For questions or help, contact: [gvha.help@gmail.com](mailto:gvha.help@gmail.com)  
Alan Hain, President 975-9435