

GNPCA 2025 Newsletter

Gregg Neck Park Civic Association

Mission: Maintain the private roads (including snow removal), the community beach, and the boat ramp in Gregg Neck Park—with the generous support of residents who contribute dues, donations, and good old-fashioned elbow grease.

Members at Work!

Welcome Back, Dave



We're thrilled to welcome back Dave Bender—our stalwart beach-and-ramp guardian—after a health-related hiatus. He didn't miss a beat:

- Overhauled the swim boundary line with new floats and fittings (now connecting to the buoys is a breeze!)
- Capped the pilings
- Tackled the boat ramp overgrowth with help from Jeff Pepin

We can already see the difference. Welcome back, Dave—GNPCA runs better when you're on the job!

Pier Rebuild Continues!

The 2024 pier rebuild piled on --not with heavy machinery, but with the mighty will of The Pier Group. Led by Bob Virgin and fueled by community spirit, the team:

- Removed temporary Deadman supports
- Installed reinforcing ties in the wooden jetty
- Fitted new dock stringers

As always, it's volunteers who keep us afloat—literally. See the hard work at mygnpca.org/pier-2024!

Shed Makeover

After getting a new roof in 2023, our humble shed received new siding in 2024—thanks to Joyce (materials), and John Curtis and Bob Virgin (installation and painting). Oh, and the beautiful flowerboxes? Thanks Rita Bender.



Swale Success

To combat beach erosion, Bob Virgin spearheaded installation of a swale to divert runoff. The Driscoll's donated topsoil and sod, and Rich Thompson came through with the seeding.

Let the swale prevail! 🌱 Our new grass is working hard to take root. Please keep carts off the green so it can do its erosion-fighting magic. Coming soon: A sign restricting golfcarts beyond this point to protect the swale and the delicate beach grass.



Other Beach & Boat Ramp Improvements

As always, beach cleanup days in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 were successes. Also, the boat ramp brush was beaten back.



The community property looks beautiful.

And those tidy parking spots in front of the gate? Thanks Bob.



Bonfire Tradition



All work and no play? Nope-- not here. The bonfire's back! For the third straight year we gathered for laughter, games, and a drink or two.

So mark your calendar: from now on—the Saturday before Labor Day weekend. . . it's on.

This year: **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, at dusk. Don't miss it.

A special shoutout to Mary Chris (MC)—the quiet champion behind our social events. Snacks, drinks, cleanup—she does it all.

New Neighbors

Say hello to:

- Mary Dell & Chris (Gregg Neck Rd.)
- Marcie & John (Gregg Neck Rd.)
- Jessica & John (Oxford Rd.)

Welcome!! We're thrilled to have you in the neighborhood!

Dues – Let's Keep This Place Running

2024 was a record-breaking year for dues—THANK YOU!

But 2025... well, we're a little behind . . . 20% behind. 😬 At this rate, we cannot cover our operating expenses much less contribute to the capital fund. Deep breath: most who haven't paid yet usually do, so we think they just forgot. So... if you haven't paid yet, don't leave it on the to-do list—please pay now while it's on your mind.

Still only \$125/property, payable by:

- Check (hand-delivered to a board member or mailed to: GNPCA, c/o Treasurer, PO Box 477, Galena, MD 21635)
- Credit card or PayPal via <https://mygnpca.org/pay-dues>
- Zelle (no processing fee)

Donations in any amount are always appreciated!

Show Me the Money!

In 2024 we raised \$7,550 (Dues: \$7,225/Donations: \$325)

We spent it wisely:

- 22%: Pier materials
- 12%: Mowing
- 10%: Insurance
- 7%: Road maintenance
- 7%: Admin (PO box, website, printing, etc.)
- 5%: Mosquito control
- <1%: Social events

The remainder was added to the interest-bearing capital account, which has a current balance of \$8,101. Our checking account has a current balance of \$5000.

Board & Officers – Who's Who in the Zoo

We know it's a little confusing, but here's the current leadership lineup:

- Steve Driscoll, President (reelected 2024)
- Jeff Pepin, VP (reelected 2025)
- Bob Virgin, Treasurer (reelected 2025)*
- Jen Thompson, Secretary (elected 2024)
- Dan McFadden, Board Member (reelected 2024)
- Mary Panebianco, Board Member (reelected 2024)
- Andy Gillen, Board Member (reelected 2025)
- Nancy Morris, Board Member (elected 2025)

*Bob has graciously agreed to serve one more year as treasurer before stepping down. Dave Bender may transition into the role—stay tuned!

Mosquito Control

Yes, we hired the county again. Yes, they've been spraying. And yes, it seems to be working. --though July is throwing us a curve ball with all the rain (they can't spray if rain is forecast).

GNPCA Website – Your Digital Neighborhood

Have you registered at <https://myGNPCA.org>? If not, you're missing out:

- Member-only access (like the boat ramp combo)
- "Members in Good Standing" page
- Community alerts and event info

Save the Date – Fall Meeting!

Let's wrap up the season in style: Fall Community Meeting

Saturday, September 6, 2025 🕒 12:00 noon

📍 Location: Community Beach

Drinks, snacks, and neighborly camaraderie await!