

*Spring is here . . . Let the 2023 season begin!!!*



## Welcome!

First, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors:

- *Lee Beers & Donna Butler* (August 2022)
- *Dan & Robin Mallozzi* (August 2022)
- *Philip & Jocelyn Scribano* (June 2022)

We're looking forward to seeing you at the spring meeting and encourage your involvement in the Gregg Neck Park Civic Association (GNPCA) going forward.



## GNPCA

GNPCA, through its members and volunteer board, works hard year-round to maintain and improve our community. GNPCA maintains the roads, the community beach, and the boat ramp.

This includes repairs and upgrades to the roads, snow removal if necessary, and maintenance and mowing of the beach and boat ramp areas. Most of the work is done by volunteers in the community. Thank you to all those who routinely pitch-in without being asked!



## Beach & Boat Ramp Improvements

In 2022, GNPCA continued the grading and millings of our roads, and made repairs to the community beach area and boat ramp. Thanks to all that spent a beautiful fall morning doing some much-needed general maintenance of the beach area. We encourage you to visit the GNPCA website at <https://mygnpca.org/beach-cleanup> to see your neighbors hard at work.



## Community Bon Fire

Bringing back a community tradition . . . the **Bon Fire!**

Good times were had by all during a very well-attended and beautiful night on August 27 at the public beach. Remarkably, it seems everyone was having such a good time that not a single picture was taken! If you have any photos we can post on the website, please send them our way.



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Galena, MD 21635

### SPRING MEETING

Saturday

**May 27, 2023,**

12:00 noon



## Mosquito Control

### *Were mosquitoes less of a nuisance last summer?*

Last year, we hired Kent County to control mosquitoes through safe and environmentally-responsible, biweekly sprayings along the roads of GNPCA. The feedback we received has been overwhelmingly supportive. Although no mosquito control program can entirely eliminate mosquitoes, GNPCA residents indicated a substantial decrease in mosquitoes in 2022. Accordingly, we are going to re-up with Kent County's mosquito control in 2023. Please bring any comments/concerns in this regard to the spring meeting.



## Change in By-Laws

In 2022, GNPCA amended the bylaws to conform to more modern ways of banking and to add flexibility to scheduling the spring and fall meetings. See [www.mygnpca.org](http://www.mygnpca.org) for details. At the spring 2023 meeting, the Board will be requesting additional changes to the bylaws to allow the Board to waive or reduce dues for any resident for a particular year at its discretion for any sound reason (and not just for financial hardship). A formal proposal to amend the by-laws will be forthcoming.



## GNPCA Website

Coming soon . . . "Remember When" webpage featuring historical pictures. PLEASE contribute any photographs you have for posting.



## Election of New Board Members & Officers

Nominations/volunteers for Secretary and two (2) Directors will be made during the spring meeting, with a vote to follow. Please make your voice known, maybe throw your hat in the ring, and, at the very least, vote.



## About Dues

**Congratulations!** 2022 was a record year for dues collection. Collections topped 67%, which is a record (at least in recent memory). **Thank you all!**

If ever we needed people to step up and pay dues-- it's now. GNPCA, perhaps more than other organizations, has been hit hard by inflation since most of our hard costs are connected to services and petroleum products (e.g., millings), which have increased in price greater than inflation. For example, millings from 2021 to 2022 increased over 20%.

For an organization that operates on a razor's edge of income/expenses--and is heavily dependent upon volunteers to make ends meet--these price increases are significant and pose a significant threat to the ongoing viability of the community.

This brings me to two points. First, given 10% inflation, dues are likely to increase. We will be recommending a dues increase to cover increasing costs at the fall meeting. *Please attend the spring meeting to share your position on a dues increase prior to the fall meeting.* The unfortunate fact that approximately 25% of dues collected are to cover lost revenue from residents who choose not to pay dues, contributes to the need for an increase. While we are thrilled with last year's showing, the number of members in good standing has been widely variable throughout the years. Rather than reducing maintenance and improvements, and allowing the

community to decline, we hope to build a small cushion that will allow us to ride the tide when things take a downturn.

Second, there is a misnomer in the community that dues are “voluntary.” They are not. We have hard costs that must be paid by the residents of the community. When we contract for service (e.g., road repairs, regularly-scheduled mowing) we must pay the bills. There is no option for “voluntary” payment. Community maintenance is necessary, and expenses are incurred, which means dues are not voluntary. Support from all residents is required to keep pace with the recurring bills and hopefully some improvements along the way. Those who ignore this obligation are choosing to have their neighbors pick up the slack for things that benefit the entire Gregg Neck Park community.

## Paying Dues



Dues remain **\$125.00** per property for 2023. To make paying easier, we accept payment through the GNPCA website at <https://mygnpca.org/pay-dues>. You may have received an email inviting you to login to the website and pay dues. If not, we might have an old email address for you, or it could have gone to your spam folder.

Your email address is your username on the website, so you won't be able to change it online. But you can create a *new* account using your new email address. In that case, please drop us a line to let us know it is okay to delete the old account. (You can use the [Contact Us](#) page on the site or email us directly at [info@mygnpca.org](mailto:info@mygnpca.org).)

Also, please check your spam folder to ensure messages from [info@mygnpca.org](mailto:info@mygnpca.org) are not being blocked. Email is the best way to stay informed about community events, but we also use the sandwich board whenever possible.

Note that the Association absorbs the service fee charged for the convenience of online payments. You can opt to add the fee to your dues payment to cover this expense.

### To pay by check, make it payable to GNPCA and mail to:

GNPCA, c/o Treasurer  
PO Box 477  
Galena, MD 21635

*Note that GNPCA now has a PO Box!*

**You might consider sending payment using your bank's online payment system. These payments can be sent to the same address as hand-written checks.**

*Special thanks to those who have already paid their dues.*



## Spring Meeting

Finally, please join us for drinks, snacks, and socializing at our spring community meeting on **Saturday, May 27, 2023, 12:00 noon**.

There is the necessary “business” of the meeting to keep the community running, but we hope the addition of the social hour provides a small opportunity for neighbors to connect before the busy season gets away from us. We have a wonderful neighborhood filled with great folks and it's the reason we all love to be there.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone!**

