

Gamblewood Gazette

A Semi-Annual Newsletter

Summer 2014

GCC Year in Review

The 2014 Annual Members Meeting & BBQ took place on June 14 at the Gamblewood Waterfront Park. Board members Phil Elena and Jason Foster took the lead with BBQ arrangements and grilling respectively.

The meeting began with a reading of last year's minutes by outgoing Secretary Bob Green, followed by the annual financial report by Treasurer Phil Elena. Phil noted a trend in recent years of revenues not keeping up with expenditures, a situation that the Board is monitoring and attempting to plan for.

Board member Beth Berglund reported that the Gamblewood Facebook group had grown to over 120 members, and that Facebook combined with the gamblewood.org website was becoming a more effective means of communicating with members. As part of a belt-tightening effort the Gamblewood Gazette newsletter will be reduced to 2 publications/ mailings per year and we continue to encourage members to receive it electronically.



Among the accomplishments of the last year we completed ground work improvements at both parks, and renovated the tables and benches at the waterfront shelters—now supported with concrete bases. New signs have been made for the community that will be hung before the end of the summer. The Board also began work on a 5-year fiscal plan, examining all anticipated costs in the coming years to determine priorities and decide if and when a dues increase might be necessary.

The reasoning behind the weekday park gate closure was discussed (to reduce drive-through traffic, drug activity, and use by non-members) and was supported by those in attendance.

Among ideas suggested by members to pursue in the coming year were solar motion activated lights for the waterfront park, looking into the possibility of security cameras, considering whether it is feasible to restore rocks from the sea wall that present a boating hazard along the beach, and the continued need to organize block watches within our community.

Outgoing board member Bob Green was replaced by the election of Scott Lundh. Beth Berglund agreed to another term. The new Board was to be Tom Twigg, Phil Elena, Beth Berglund, Jason Foster, and Scott Lundh.

-Tom Twigg, Board President

Remembering Jason

On July 4th our community lost a good neighbor and Board member Jason Foster in a tragic accident. It is strange to be writing now about our Annual Meeting and thinking about Jason's participation, about how he had just agreed to another term on the Board (starting his 3rd year), how he had offered to talk to welders about reworking our gate so that it would be easier to open and lock. Issues of park safety were a big reason Jason gave his time to the Board, and he did not hesitate on his commitment, leaving a message on my phone only two weeks later to share his promising findings. That was the kind of guy Jason was.

-Tom Twigg, Board President

Waterfront Park Access

An affordable solution that reduces both unwanted and illegal usage of our waterfront park while preserving member access is being pursued.

The modified waterfront park entrance will provide easier access by wheelchair and allow members in good standing drive-in access during park hours.

Please leave a message on the GCC voice-mail system if you have a need for drive-in access to the park. We are a volunteer Board so please be patient while we launch this new solution.

GCC Financial Report

In recent years GCC expenses have exceeded our deposits which has required us to take money from our capital/emergency account.

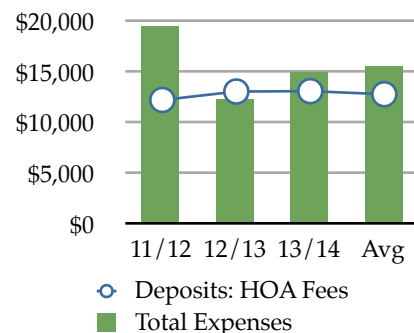
Year End June 2013 - May 2014 Summary

Deposits = \$13,044

Expenditures = \$14,859

Last year approximately 64% of GCC owners paid their dues. Leaving approximately \$6,000 in unpaid dues by 36% of owners.

Deposits vs. Expenses

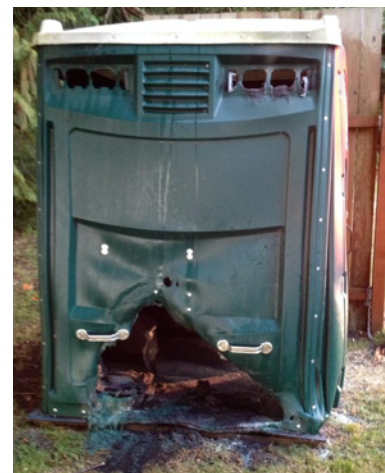


NOTE: see [GCC website](#) for the full report

Money Down the Tube

Vandals who started a fire in the portable toilet at the Waterfront Park will cost our community \$2,000 -- an amount equivalent to the annual fees of 40 households.

We are offering a \$200 reward for any information that leads to finding the person responsible.



GCC Board Contact Options:

Webpage: www.gamblewood.org

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Treasurer: Phil Elena
Secretary: Beth Berglund
Vice Presidents:
Scott Lundh
Alan Roberts

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**Event Calendar:****Board Meetings:**

During 2014/2015, the GCC Board routinely plans to meet at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the [North Kitsap Fire & Rescue building meeting room at 26642 Miller Bay Road NE, Kingston, WA 98346](#). However, since the date and location is sometimes changed, if you plan to attend the meeting, we recommend confirming the date and location using our Facebook or voice mail system.

Upcoming Board Meetings are scheduled for Aug. 19th, Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th

Waterfront Park Access Schedule:

The park gate will be open for drive-in use on Saturdays and Sundays this summer. Once the gate is modified, additional weekday drive-in access will be available to members in good standing.

GCC Homeowner Dues:

Pay your dues using PayPal on our website or mail your check to to address above.

Reduce Gazette Expenses:

Sign up to receive the Gazette by e-mail and reduce our printing and postage costs. Fill out the "E-mail Opt In" form at <http://www.gamblewood.org/wp/gazette/>.

In Past Gazettes:

<http://www.gamblewood.org/wp/gazette/>

- Radar Speed Signs [Winter 2013]
- Pickup Pet Waste [Spring 2013]
- Sex Offender Registry [Fall 2012]
- Weatherization Assistance [Fall 2012]
- Repower Kitsap [Summer 2012]
- Recycling Guidance [Summer 2012]
- Nuisance Wildlife [Summer 2012]
- Who do I Contact If...? [Spring 2012]
- Building Community [Spring 2012]
- Community Watch [Holiday 2011]
- Be Bear Aware [Holiday 2011]
- Teen Night at YMCA [Holiday 2011]
- Prevent Flooding [Holiday 2011]