

# Gerald Park Association

## Spring 2023 Newsletter

*The GPA includes residents of Coventry, Connecticut, who live on (or own property on) Avery Shores, Ross, Washburn, Fitzgerald, Morin, Berry, Shorey, and Dooley roads, and several properties on South Street*

### A Message From Your Board of Directors

Springtime greetings! We look forward to another great summer on beautiful Coventry Lake. This newsletter is published each spring to keep everyone up to date on what's happening within the Gerald Park Association.

We plan this summer to continue to offer enjoyable activities for our neighborhood. For the latest news, plans, photos and more, please visit our website, [www.GeraldParkCoventry.com](http://www.GeraldParkCoventry.com), and check out our Facebook page.

As your Board of Directors, we volunteer our time to manage the responsibilities and activities of our Association. We meet monthly for most months of the year, and our meetings are open to all. The minutes from our past meetings and agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on our website.

If you have a question, idea, or concern, you are welcome to attend a Board of Directors meeting to share your thoughts during the "Audience of Members" portion. You also may ask in advance to have an issue put on the agenda, or ask us any questions at all, by sending an email to [GeraldParkCoventry@gmail.com](mailto:GeraldParkCoventry@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Your Board of Directors:

**Eric Miller**, President; **Raymond Perugini**, Vice President, **Dave Sutherland**, Treasurer; **Lisa Catanese**, Secretary; **Pam Cropley**, **Teri Norman**, **John Petrovits**, **Kevin Ryan**, and **Syd Seale**

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### Please Attend Our Spring Budget Meeting

The GPA's Spring Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, at 6:00 pm at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall. This is our annual meeting where we set the GPA budget for the year.

Your Board of Directors works hard at trying to determine our Association's needs and expenses as they put together a proposed budget. At the meeting, the proposed budget is discussed, modified if necessary, and voted on. Everyone's input is valued and appreciated, so please plan to be there.

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### Get the Latest News on Our Facebook Page

The GPA has a private Facebook page where you can find the latest news about our lake association, including fun events that are planned. If you're on Facebook, search "Gerald Park Association" and send a request to join.

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### Key Dates for Your Calendar

**Sunday, May 7** – Spring beach cleanup at the park and lake, starting at 11am. All are welcome! Bring a rake and work gloves if you can. Rain date is May 20.

**Saturday, May 13** – Plant Swap at the park. Bring a plant, take a plant, no charge!

**Wednesday, May 31** – GPA budget meeting, 6pm at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall; please attend!

**Saturday, July 15** – GPA picnic from 12 noon to 5pm (rain date Sunday 7/16) with food and games and fun!

**Friday, August 11** – S'mores Night at the beach, 7pm.

## Join Our Email List to Stay Informed

Please join the Gerald Park Association email list so we can keep you informed about upcoming meetings, events, issues, and other matters related to our lake association. We will use your email address only for correspondence and will not share it. Just send your name and email to [GeraldParkCoventry@gmail.com](mailto:GeraldParkCoventry@gmail.com).

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## Don't Miss the Annual Gerald Park Picnic on July 15!

The Annual Gerald Park Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15 (rain date Sunday, July 16) from 12 noon to 5pm at the GPA Park. The Board will provide burgers and hot dogs and refreshments. Just bring a bag of chips or a side dish to share, and chairs if you'd like. We'll have games for kids, swimming, maybe a pontoon boat ride around the lake, and more. It's a chance to see old friends and meet new ones. Plan to join the fun! All GPA residents are welcome!

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## Storing Canoes and Kayaks at the Beach

Our lake association has storage racks at the beach for canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. Each year on May 1, assignments for free spaces on the rack are given out on a first-come, first-served basis (priority to non-lakefront property owners. If you would like a space, please email your request to [GeraldParkCoventry@gmail.com](mailto:GeraldParkCoventry@gmail.com), or mail your request along with your name, address, and phone number to: Kayak/Canoe Coordinator, 57 Dooley Avenue, Coventry, CT 06238.

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## Full Moon Kayak Nights

Back this year: full moon kayaking! Join your neighbors on five nights this summer to kayak under the full moon. Bring your canoe or kayak, and meet at the beach at dusk on these dates:

- Saturday, June 3
  - Monday, July 3
  - Tuesday, August 1 (super full moon)
  - Thursday, August 31 (super full BLUE moon)
  - Friday, September 29 (Harvest full moon)
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## Dogs at the Beach

We have some simple beach and park rules for our furry friends! When swimming ropes are in place for the season, dogs are allowed at the beach and park between 6pm and 10am only. When the ropes are down for the season, dogs may be at the beach and park at any time.

Dogs are not allowed in the water within the swim ropes if people are swimming there, but they may swim outside the ropes. They also must be kept on a leash except when swimming, and owners must clean up after their dog at all times.

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## New Sections on the GPA Website

We have a section on our website where any GPA members can post items that were lost or found, or items that they selling or looking to buy. There's also a section where GPA members can advertise any services they provide, such as mowing, plowing, and painting. Visit [www.GeraldParkCoventry.com](http://www.GeraldParkCoventry.com) to learn more.