

Ghent Neighborhood Newsletter

August 2025

Fall Picnic - 1523 Rhem Ave - Saturday, September 20 - 4 pm-until ?

The picnic is open to all residents, not only paid members, so please join us!
Please bring your own chair. Soft drinks, water, paper products and plasticware will be provided.

New Bern's *Bag End Band* will provide live music from 4:30 until 7:30 • Kids' zone • Games
50/50 raffle • Bike/stroller/wagon decorating contest • Homemade side/dessert competition
Brisket & pulled pork by our very own Grillmaster Gary
Please have your side/dessert there by 4:30

Rain or shine (within reason)
If it's stormy please check our Facebook page or Nextdoor for a possible cancellation.

From our President



Hi all,

We had a really wonderful GNA Annual Meeting back in June—I don't remember ever referring to a meeting as wonderful before, but it really was. The meeting was energetic, very well attended and people lingered for nearly two and a half hours talking, sharing ideas for the neighborhood and, of course, enjoying Prosecco.

We elected several new board members and by the end of the evening we had three posters full of written suggestions provided by neighbors, and the board has already looked at many of them and, in fact, will be implementing many of the picnic suggestions in September.

Just like we planned an intentionally different Annual Meeting, we are doing the same for the fall picnic in hopes of making it even more neighborly, welcoming, and fun—a picnic that people will want to attend. We'll be gathering at 1523 Rhem Avenue. There will be a kid's zone with water play, face painting, games, prizes for the best decorated bike, stroller, wagon, and more. There will be live music and family games like giant Jenga, cornhole, and a water balloon toss.

There will be a 50/50 raffle. Gary Strockbine from Grillmasters Group will be smoking beef brisket and Boston butt. Grillmasters Group will also be setting up a sauce bar! We are asking neighbors to bring a side or dessert to share. There will be a homemade side/dessert contest with cash prizes. I'll also bring some craft IPAs to share and hope you'll bring your favorite beverages as well. GNA will be providing soft drinks, water and paper products as well as the brisket and pork butt. There is no charge for this event. Please come out on September 20 at 4:00 PM and meet your neighbors at our GNA picnic! And please bring a chair.

Finally, thanks so much to all those who stepped into positions on the board as well as those who signed up to volunteer for a variety of jobs and positions!

Mark. (252) 497-3015

Meet Your Neighbors - The Pead Family

New to the neighborhood : Meet the Pead family at 1418 Spencer Ave! Daniel, Jordan, Madelyn, and Hadley returned not only to New Bern but to Ghent this May. When Dan came off of active duty in January of this year, they longed to be back, not just in New Bern, but in the same neighborhood where both of their daughters were born.



They said the community of Ghent is unmatched and that their girls love the freedom of being able to ride their bikes to Dave and Kathy Green's house. If you like fishing, boating, BBQ, or talking about almost anything, stop by 1418 and say hello!



Yard of the Quarter

1911 Spencer Avenue
 Congratulation and thank you for adding to the beauty and appeal of our neighborhood. It's neighbors like you who help make Ghent beautiful!

Upcoming Events

Yard Sale Date Change - Saturday October 18, 8:00-12:00 rain or shine. To participate, just put your items out and GNA will take care of advertising.

Jingle/Mingle will be the evening of Saturday December 13. More details will follow. Please text Mark if you might be interested in hosting.
 (252) 497-3015

Please join the Association!

Ghent Neighborhood Association is run by volunteers from the neighborhood and is completely supported by members' dues. There is never a charge for our activities and celebrations.

Please submit this form along with a \$20 check (per household) made out to Ghent Neighborhood Association

And mail to: GNA, 1902 Park Avenue, New Bern, NC. 28560

Or you can use Zelle using the email address ghent28560@gmail.com

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____



You can sign up for our newsletter at our website
www.ghentneighborhood.com

Or the QR code will take you right there. Thank you!

Board Members

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

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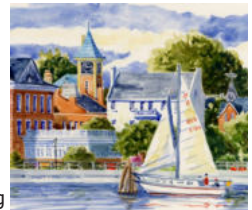
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