

AD Hoc Committee Update March 2026

- Attached Notice of Project Status for TS Permit
- First volunteer work party/potluck was held 3/15. Approx 15 volunteers who mowed. Pulled weeds, weed whacked, cleaned the garden space, etc. Update given to those in attendance
- TS 2026 Calendar attached
- Format of the Food & Wine Festival changed to “First Taste” which will focus on fundraising. Reduced in size
- Field Trip 2nd graders from Oak Grove School





Most recent community communication

Hello Friends & Neighbors! It seems like Spring (or even Summer?) is in full swing and we're feeling the energy ramping back up for the year.

After an incredible effort, we finished 2025 by fully paying off the Town Square property! That milestone means the space is now permanently secured as a public space for Graton.

Our focus for 2026 is clear:

Finalize permits and begin construction of the permanent Town Square site elements.

This includes design, fundraising, and getting started on infrastructure like paths, irrigation, gardens, gathering spaces, and other features that will allow the Square to become a long-term hub for community life. Our hope is to have permits secured by September so we can take the fences down for public-access as early as this fall.

We hope to see you this Sunday March 15 from 9am - 1pm for our Town Square Work Party, Potluck, & Community Q&A (details below).

Town Square Development Timeline



Town Halls & Community Alignment:

The theme of this spring and summer is **community involvement and alignment**.

As we move from pop-up activations toward permanent construction, we want the town's voice deeply embedded in how this space evolves.

Throughout the year we'll be hosting:

- Town halls and design conversations
- Community workdays

- Opportunities to submit ideas and feedback

This process will also help shape the evolving partnership between Graton Community Services District and ReVillage Foundation 501(c)(3) as we steward public space and programming.

2026 Key Dates:

We hope you'll join us throughout the year (see more details on upcoming events below):

- **March 15:** Sunday Work Party + Community Q&A
- **March 28 and 29:** Voices of the Valley + Broken Theater
- **April 29:** GCSD x ReVillage || Community Town Hall
- **May 20:** Community Work Party
- **May 30:** First Taste: Graton Town Square || A Community Tasting and Fundraiser Walkabout
- **July 11:** Lawn Chair Cinema + BBQ Community Update
- **September 26:** Graton Day Festival
- **October 31:** Halloween Celebration
- **December 12:** Holiday Lights & Tractor Parade

A Message from GCSD Board President, Jennifer Butler:

"I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our first Town Square workday this Sunday. These gatherings are a wonderful way for neighbors to come together and care for this shared space.

This spring we'll also host several town hall events to hear directly from you about how we, as your Graton Community Services District, can better support the community, especially as we continue with our new work in Parks and Recreation.

The GCSD gives us a powerful way to build things our community needs and partner with the County as a local government entity. Because we don't yet have a dedicated tax base for parks and community projects (sewer fees only fund sewer operations), we are continually looking for creative ways to fund and sustain this work.

We're grateful for our partnership with the ReVillage Foundation, which helped us raise funds for the Town Square and continues to lead community engagement and

programming. We'll share more about how this partnership works at the upcoming town halls. We hope to see you at a workday or town hall this spring."

Join the Process:

This project exists because of the community that built it. Over the past two years **hundreds of volunteers, artists, neighbors, and families** have helped design gardens, build seating and a stage, and bring the Square to life through festivals and gatherings. Now we're entering the next chapter.

If you want to get involved this year you can:

- Come to a work party
- Join a town hall
- Share design ideas
- Volunteer at events, planning or day-of

Our first workday of the year is this Sunday, March 15th at 9a -1pm. After working, we'll share Together we're creating a town square that reflects the spirit of Graton and the wider Green Valley watershed.

With gratitude,

Matt, Tori, & the ReVillage Stewards

Upcoming Event Details

Work Party this Sunday March 15th

Our first seasonal work party of the year is happening on **Sunday, March 15th** at the Graton Town Square. The square needs our love. The grass is long and lush and the weeds have taken over the native plant bed.

Join us anytime between 9a-1p THIS Sunday! *Come for 5 minutes, say hello, take a stroll, and/or get your hands dirty. Come to work, come to potluck, come to listen. All are welcome!*

Here's what you can expect:

- **9am: Welcome**
- **9am-11:30am: Work Party**

- Weed Whacking
- Sheet Mulching
- Native Plant Stewardship : weeding, pruning, & general stewardship of the native plant bed
- Clean-up Stage
- Organize the Shed
- **11:30a-12: Break and Potluck**
- **12p-1p: Town Hall Discussion**

What to bring:

- Sun hat and water bottle ~ it is going to be hot!
- Garden/work gloves
- Wheel barrow
- Shovels
- Weed whacker and/or lawn mower if you've got one

Community Potluck ~ Y'all know how to potluck! Let's make this first community potluck one to remember!

- Bring something sweet and/or savory to share with the group
- Bring your own plate, bowl, cup, utensils

Town Hall ~ It's been awhile since we came together to discuss the major milestones we've accomplished, and the plans for the future of Graton Town Square; let's take advantage of this time together IRL to celebrate, share out, ask questions and look ahead to what's in store for the future of our Square.

Questions, and/or ideas!?! Let ReVillage steward [Lindsey Dyer](#) know!

Broken Theatre Youth Performance + Voices of the Valley Documentary
Sat and Sun, March 28 and 29 • 6–7:30 pm both nights

An evening of hilarious, heartfelt youth theater and film sharing stories of growing up in the Green Valley watershed. Come cheer on local young performers as they bring their voices, humor, and creativity to the stage, followed by a short community documentary.

We're still looking for a few volunteers to help support these events. If you'd like to lend a hand and be part of the fun, we'd love to hear from you - reply directly to this email.

[Learn more + RSVP here](#)

First Taste: Graton Town Square

A community tasting and fundraiser for the Graton Town Square

Saturday, May 30 • 4–6 pm

Meet the makers of Graton and preview what's coming to the Town Square. Taste local food and wine, wander between storytelling stops about the vision for the Square, and connect with some of the folks helping shape its next chapter.

Sip, taste, and help raise the funds needed for the Square's next phase.

More details and tickets coming soon.

In the meantime, we'd love a few more hands and hearts in the mix. If you'd enjoy helping plan the event, raise your hand to join the volunteer committee. We're also warmly welcoming local sponsors or introductions to businesses who might like to support this community gathering.

Let us know how you'd like to get involved by replying directly to this email.

[Partner Event] Concert & Storyshare for ILALI & Landwell Gathering Hub

Saturday, March 14 • 2–5:30 pm

Join Ilali and Landwell for an afternoon of music, storytelling, and community connection as they gather support to restore their shared gathering hub following a recent fire. Come listen, connect, and uplift this important local cultural space.