



Neighborhood News

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GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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The Glenbrook Neighborhood Association had its first meeting October 1999 and has brought together residents, merchants, and other stakeholders interested in restoring the charm of the old Glenbrook. Our principal goals are beautification, safety, and quality of life.

Some of GNA Year 2001 Accomplishments:

* Qualified for 501 (c)(3) Tax Status-- now contributions are tax-deductible.

* Published Newsletters- two issues of "Neighborhood News" have been mailed to Glenbrook addresses.

* Posted Four Neighborhood Welcome Signs. Project funded by grants.

* Held Spirit Raising Summer Block Party at the train station lot.

* Supported GFD Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

* Installed Bulletin Board at the Glenbrook Shopping Center-- posts GNA announcements.

* Developed Fruitful Partnership with Keep Stamford Beautiful.

* Volunteers Eradicated Glenbrook Graffiti on "Paint-Out Day."

* Planted 1000 Donated Daffodil Bulbs on "Make a Difference Day."

* Picked up Litter at Glenbrook's second annual neighborhood cleanup on "Great American Cleanup Day."

* Planted Donated Plants in 16 new half-barrel planters and weeded the train station flowerbeds on "Beautification Day."

* Improved Train Station-- Keep Stamford Beautiful planted 12 trees at the train station. The City of Stamford removed one of the fenced storage areas on the train station parking lot.

* Metro North Installed New Shelters on the platform and started giving more attention to keeping the station and tracks clean.

* Aided Residents Desiring Traffic Humps on their streets.

* Adopt-A-Spot Sponsor, North Stamford Landscapers will be landscaping Hope Street Park.

New Initiatives Underway:

* "Pole Patrol" (the removal of signs from utility poles).

* "Mutt Mitts" (plastic bags provided for dog owners who use Stark School playground).

Mayor Malloy Visits

Glenbrook residents came out in droves to attend the GNA meeting last November to hear guests Mayor Dannel Malloy and Frank Fedeli, Director of Citizens Service Center, respond to the letter GNA sent them last summer. The main topics were train station improvements, zoning changes, and beautification.

GNA MEETINGS

When: Second Tuesday of every month.

Where: The Glenbrook Community Center
2nd Floor, Crescent Street

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Invited: All members and potential members.

Annual Meeting

Take an evening stroll over to the Glenbrook Community Center on Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 pm. to:

Elect Officers

Enjoy Refreshments

Meet Neighbors

Voice Interests and Concerns

Scheduled Meetings

Tuesday, May 14

Tuesday, June 11

Tuesday, July 9

Tuesday, August 13

Tuesday, September 10



Stamford Mayor Dannel Malloy and GNA founder and president, Gloria Battinelli, answer GNA members concerns.

How Did I Get This GNA Newsletter?

This issue is coming to you *free of charge* and is being paid for with GNA membership dollars. We need your support to continue. Won't you join your neighbors in beautifying and keeping Glenbrook safe? Please fill out the enclosed membership form.

LENOX AVENUE'S NEVER-ENDING TRAFFIC ISSUE

Traffic on residential, tree-lined Lenox was tabulated at an astounding 2500 vehicles/day!

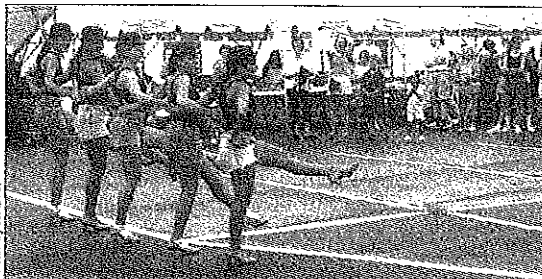
Concerned Lenox Avenue residents wrote a detailed letter to Tim Curtin, Director of Operations for the City of Stamford, who will investigate what can be done to redirect the burgeoning traffic along Lenox. Local residents believe the most obvious and best solution to

the problem would be to create a new access along the railroad tracks behind Lenox Avenue for commercial traffic only. This solution was proposed two years at the Glenbrook Neighborhood Design Workshop held as part of the updating of the Stamford Master Plan.

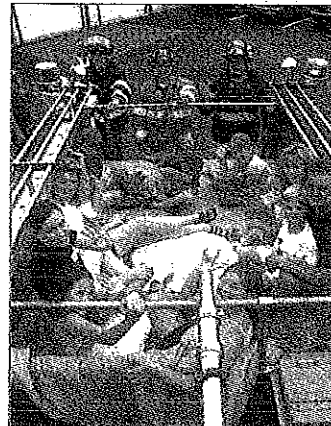
LENOX & TREMONT AVENUES GETTING BUMPED!

Lenox and Tremont Avenues applied for speed bumps and qualified. A petition was circulated and the required number of residents voted in favor of speed bumps. The city's Operations Department has scheduled the work for this summer.

Entertainment, fire engine rides, games and food. Who could ask for more at the Glenbrook Block Party?



Photos by Roussel



The Return of the Block Party

Long-time residents of Glenbrook remember the fun, food, and festivities had at the Glenbrook Block parties the Glenbrook Fire Dept. used to host. There hadn't been a block party in Glenbrook since 1994. The GNA thought it was time to put the spirit

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back in Glenbrook and hosted its first Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, August 4, 2001 at the train station parking lot. There were games and food and you could hoist yourself up to the back of a fire engine, put on a red, plastic fireman's hat and go for a spin around Glenbrook, compliments of the Glenbrook Fire Dept. Even the adults had a roaring good time!

There was music provided

by Jerry Pia along with a dance display by Encore Dance Studio.

The gray, rainy day was lightened up when Glenbrook residents came out to meet their neighbors. Pat Battinelli and Helen Baxter headed up the committee of hard-

working GNA volunteers that put the block party together. Thanks to the generosity of GNA

member Stamford Tent Company, among others listed below, the event broke even financially, was a social success, and had an abundance of raffle prizes and contributions:

***Atlantic Market
Bagel King
Bob's Discount Furniture
Cheryl's Kwik-Stop***

***City Carting
Cookies by Design
Crazy Grapes
Wines & Spirits
Encore Dance Studio
Farrara's Cream Puff Bakery
Glenbrook Fire Department
Grade A Markets
Gus Sclafani Corp.
Helen's Lunch
Hope Pizza
J&L Service Center
Johnstone, Scott
Mark's Automotive
Nick's Pizza
Northeast Bicycles
Paola Hair Designs
Pia, Jerry
Pudgies
Roly Poly
Roussel Photography
Scott, Jay
Socci, Ralph
Sesame Street Workshop
Soap-N-Suds
Stamford Tent
Tommy K's Fitness
Village Bagels***



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PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF COURTLAND AVENUE INTERSECTIONS

Tony Imbrogno, one of Glenbrook's reps on the Board of Representatives, has been keeping the GNA updated on the proposed changes to Courtland Ave. (Route 106) from East Main St. to Hamilton Ave.

The proposal is for the intersections with Hamilton Ave. and Courtland Ave. to be widened to accommodate left turn lanes, to move the flow of traffic during rush hours, and to reduce accident rates. The commercial building on Main and Courtland will be either partially or completely

removed with a possibility of constructing a new building with better access.

Since Route 106 is a state road, the State Dept of Transportation (DOT) has proposed and will fund these changes (cost: \$5 million) to happen by 2005.

The DOT will only move forward with the project if it receives sufficient public support. There is still time for an "organized voice" to reject, accept, or modify the proposal. Contact Tony Imbrogno with questions or concerns.

GLENBROOK DOGS MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS

When we round the corner on to Glen Terrace, we often hear Riley and Patrick broadcast their concern over Jesse's approaching their house. Jesse and I have walked around the block daily for 11 years. As a result we know the dogs in the neighborhood. The protocol is that dog-walkers know the dog's names and often the names of their owners, but essentially we remain "Stinky's mom" or "Ding's dad."

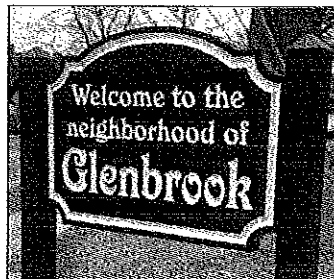
Jesse loves Zeke the best and is undaunted in pursuit of Zeke's acceptance. He follows Bear's activities with interest. He talks to Freddie through the fence. He is eternally polite, but turns his back if it appears as though a new dog, like Pancho might require some active play. I have a deep adoration and affection for the canines in our world, and I am very impressed with those residents of what I consider to be "my" block of Glenbrook. Our dogs can be welcome on any block if we see to it that they remain good neighbors.

*Contributed by GNA member:
Martha Guidotti, 611 Glenbrook Road*

Let's Talk Turkey!
A family of wild turkeys has found a comfortable home in the center of Glenbrook. They have been spotted playing on a jungle gym, scratching for food, lounging on the top of a barn, and walking down the sidewalk.



Photo by M. Guidotti



Have you noticed the signs welcoming you to Glenbrook? Thanks to the grants from the city of Stamford and St. Maurice Church of Glenbrook, the GNA bought four signs.

Liberty Garden

GNA's Liberty Garden in honor of Sean Rooney, a former GNA member and Metro North commuter, is located in the parking lot of the Glenbrook Train Station. Sean Rooney was a victim of the World Trade Center attacks. Stamford's four Liberty Gardens are an initiative of Keep Stamford Beautiful. Ours was dedicated on May 5. Our sympathies go out to his wife, Beverly Eckert, and his loved ones.

CITYWIDE GARDENING COMPETITION WINNER

Susan Corvo, a three year resident of 15 Glen Terrace in Glenbrook, won the \$1000 first prize in the first "Stamford In Bloom" competition for having the most beautiful front lawn.

Stark School's 75th Anniversary Celebration!

Dr. Mary Savage, Stark Elementary School's principal, is welcoming all Glenbrook neighbors to the all day 75th Anniversary Celebration festivities that will showcase Stark's students on Friday, May 31, 2002.

Stark alumni, mark your calendars for a black tie celebration on October 16.

BLOCK PARTY
*Coming Once Again
This Year!
Date to be
Announced Soon!*

COMMERCIAL CHANGES IN GLENBROOK

Crescent Street: Landmark Baptist Church bought the building across the street from where it had been renting and is in the process of building its church home there. The Bird Jungle relocated from downtown Stamford. The Academy of Sports opened in the winter.

Glenbrook Road: Farrara's Cream Puff Bakery, Roussel Portrait Photography, Tommy K Fitness Exchange, each relocated from other parts of Stamford. Taranto Restaurant is closed and will be taken over by new owners. The Sclafani building remains vacant. Frame Shop Art Services opened.

Hamilton Avenue: Former Fag Bearing has been converted from industrial space to commercial space.

Hope Street: Cork & Bottle's new owners expanded into the space next door. Glenbrook Shopping Center has revitalized during the past year: Bob's Discount Furniture, Grade A, World Gym, and Karp's Hardware moved in.

GNA MERCHANT MEMBERS

Thanks for your support!

A&P Citgo Service
Anything In Acrylic
Associated Water Industries
Atlantic Market
Bell Mfg Inc.
Bounce-Time
Bread & Roses
Camp Service Ltd.
Cheryl's Kwik-Stop
Classic and Muscle Automotives
Council of Churches
& Synagogues
Crazy Grapes
Dom's Service Station
Farrara's Bakery
Frame Shop Art Services
Good Dog "U", LLC
Grace Evangelical Free Church
Hay Photographers

Hope Street Pizza
J & L Service Center
Joe G's Nursery
Karp's Hardware
Landmark Baptist Church
Lifetime Garage Door
Mark's Automotive
Nice Nail Salon
Nick's Pizza
Northeast Bicycles
Philo Smith & Co., Inc.
Reliable Oil & Heat
Roussel Photography
S. J. DeLeo & Associates
S-N-S Cleaners
Soundshore Technology
Stamford Tent & Party
Sunny Mart
The Italian Deli
Tommy K's Fitness
Union Memorial Church
Vante Tax Service
Village Bagels

The purpose of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association shall be to safeguard the mutual interest and welfare of its members; to preserve and enhance the beauty and tranquility of the area; to promote the safety of its inhabitants; to protect the integrity of the environment; and to

GNA MISSION STATEMENT

Please notify us of any email, street

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association president

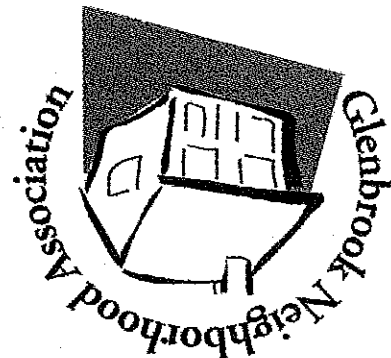
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