



# Neighborhood *NEWS*

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Try to imagine a different Glenbrook.  
Let this computer simulation help!

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## GNA MEETINGS

**When**

2nd Tuesday except July/August

**Where**

Glenbrook Community Center,  
35 Crescent Street

**Remaining 2005  
Meetings**

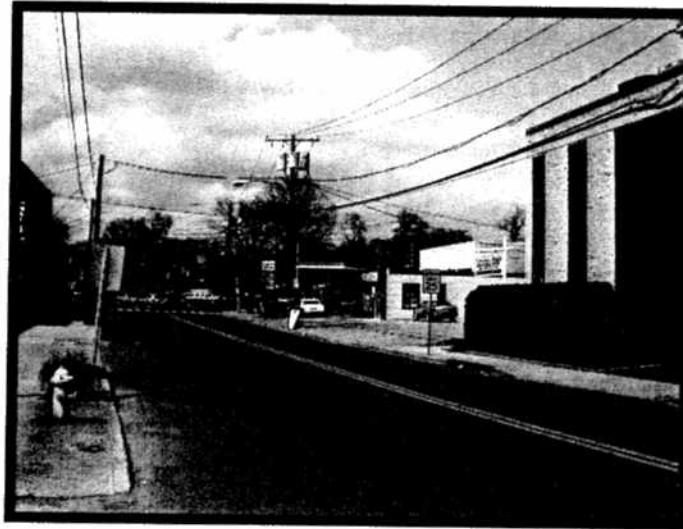
**June 14 (Annual  
Meeting & Election)**

September 13

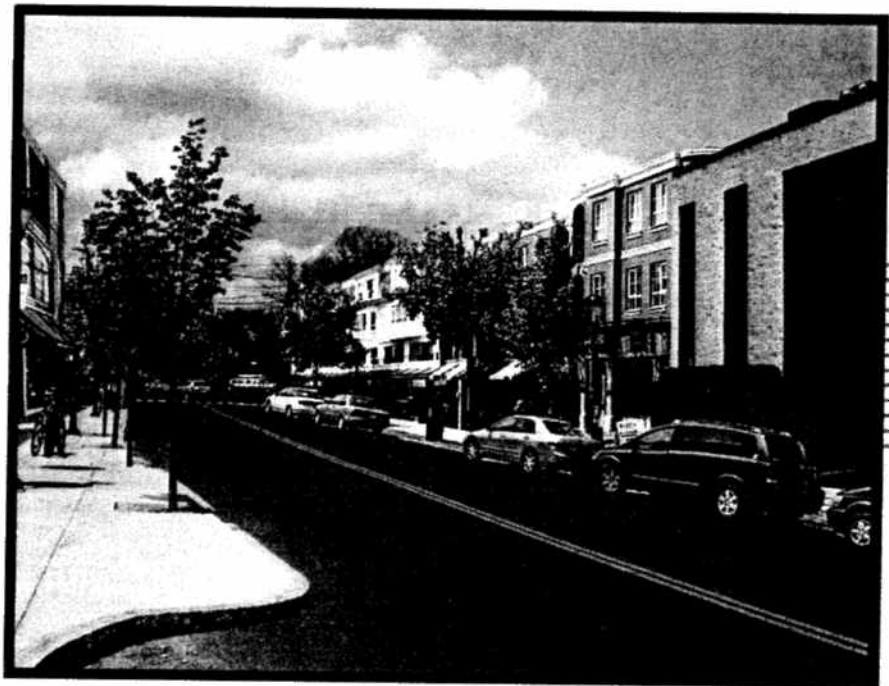
October 11

November 8

December 13



*Before*



*After*

## GNA MISSION STATEMENT

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 enhance the quality of life of Glenbrook residents.

977-4140

**Pot holes? Tree down?  
How many times have  
you called the Citizens  
Service Center Hotline  
this year?**

**A true story: During the  
rainiest part of this  
spring, Diane Ezzo  
dreamed there were  
alligators swimming in  
puddles in her  
neighborhood. In her  
dream she appealed to  
Gloria Battinelli, who  
offered her usual advice:  
"Call the Service Center!  
977-4140!"**

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

**Gloria Battinelli  
Cheryl Canzoneri  
Diane Ezzo  
Christie Fountain  
Mary Ann Mara  
Meryl McDaniel**

*"Along Glenbrook Road near the train station, a new "main street" environment is created. Uneven and narrow sidewalks (Before) are replaced by wider sidewalks with street trees for shade and other pedestrian amenities (After). A tangle of utilities is placed below ground, and "high mast" highway lighting (Before) is replaced by pedestrian scale light fixtures (After). Surface parking lots (Before) are replaced by contextual mixed-use buildings (After) with housing above stores, which activates the sidewalks."*



## NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROCESS-HAVE YOUR SAY!

On Wednesday, June 1st, at 7:30 pm, at the Glenbrook Fire House on Arthur Place, the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association will host a Special Meeting to kick off Glenbrook's participation in the Neighborhood Plan Process, a new project of the city's Land Use Bureau that takes the Master Plan a step further. Anyone interested in Glenbrook's future physical development and aesthetics is invited to this important discussion of how to achieve the Stamford Master Plan's vision for Glenbrook--a real village center. Design consultants and Land Use Bureau staff members will explain how the neighborhood can give input and help shape this effort. For more information, call Christie Fountain at 964-0078.

The Glenbrook Neighborhood Association formed 5-years ago at the time Glenbrook was invited by the Land Use Bureau to participate in a community design workshop as part of updating of the Stamford Master Plan in the neighborhoods. Glenbrook and Springdale residents helped plan an intensive "retreat" with professional planners, architects, transportation specialists, and urban

designers from world renowned RPA (Regional Plan Association) of New York City. The consultants made drawings envisioning our recommendations for the revitalization of Glenbrook's commercial center. To make a long story short, we designed ways to recreate Glenbrook's village atmosphere, centered around the train station.

Now RPA is back. Come to the June 1st meeting to see their drawings and simulations. Can we make a real village center for Glenbrook? It's up to us.

**...village center  
for Glenbrook?  
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## GNA FUNDS GLENBROOK HISTORY PROJECT

Unlike Springdale and the Cove, Glenbrook has not had its history written and published. This year GNA engaged freelance history researcher Nils Kerschus to begin a Glenbrook History Project. In May he completed a 21-page document, with photographs of architecturally significant buildings, footnotes, bibliography, and recommendations for further study. GNA plans to print it this summer and also post it on our website.

**Representing GNA on the  
Stamford Board of Reps  
from District 7:**

**Arthur Layton, 325-4688  
Jerry Pia, 325-0620**

## Mayor's Walk

**Mayor Dannel Malloy's  
fourth annual summertime  
walk through Glenbrook is  
scheduled for Tuesday  
morning, July 12, hosted by  
GNA. To join us, call GNA  
President Gloria Battinelli  
at 348-6392.**

## Signal Boxes Transformed

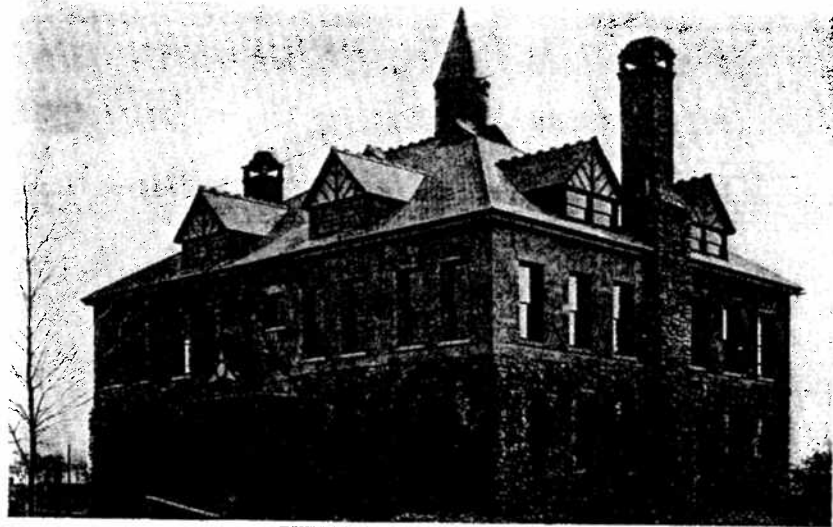
**This summer, muralist Liz  
Squillace will paint 6 traffic  
signal boxes along Hope  
Street and Glenbrook Road  
that were originally to be  
painted by the artist Zora,  
whose work adorns  
downtown Stamford. Liz  
will carry on the designs  
planned for GNA by her  
teacher Zora, whose life  
was tragically cut short by  
cancer in May.**

# What's New in Glenbrook since this time last year?

## Glenbrook Road:

The big question is what's going on at Taranto's? Vacated for 3 years, the property was bought in 2004 by Joseph Criscuolo, owner of Nick's and Bacco's a block away. The original plans for retail and housing didn't work out. Instead a surf & turf style restaurant will open there in the fall. Tommy K's Fitness will move when its lease is up; the property has been sold. The next property, Classic & Muscle Automotive, is also for sale. That's three properties in a row-too bad Glenbrook doesn't have design guidelines yet. Across the street the former Sclafani warehouse, once brick, has been renovated and opened as Sport-n-Life Pet Supplies. Dazzle Salon has replaced London Connection. Cookies By Design has closed. The former

*"Grant for Glenbrook Community Center: A \$1M State of Connecticut grant is currently funding improvements to the former Glenbrook School (built in 1898), known as the Glenbrook Community Center since the 70's. Work includes a sprinkler system, handicap accessible bathrooms, and kitchen improvements."*



PUBLIC SCHOOL, Glenbrook, Conn.

farmer's market is now occupied by Sammy G's Deli/Spinelli Brothers Not Just Bagels. If the weather ever gets summery, keep in mind that they serve scooped ice cream.

## Hope Street:

Trips' has opened to great anticipation on the site of the former Valentino's. In the same block Sezam, a Polish deli, has opened next to the former Cork 'n Bottle, under new management as Three Cheers. Further down the block Dr. Olga Goncharova is opening a dentist's office at #318. The former SCOT station is now East Glass Venetian Light Gallery.

Sharif's Java Café closed. Anthony's Smoke Shop and Best Nails have opened in the same block. Meehan Plumbing & Heating Supply property is for rent. The wooded lot at Hope/Frisbee is being developed into single family houses. A three-story condo development sprang up at the corner of Hope/Faucett.

units. State Farm Insurance opened next to CVS. The Shell station at the corner of Church Street is undergoing major renovation.

## Maple Tree Avenue:

Demolition order by June 15 at #39, the former Peabody Engineering property, to be developed into 63 townhouse-style condominiums.

## ...condo development sprang up...

The former Harry L. Thomas flooring company building at #215 is being renovated into residential

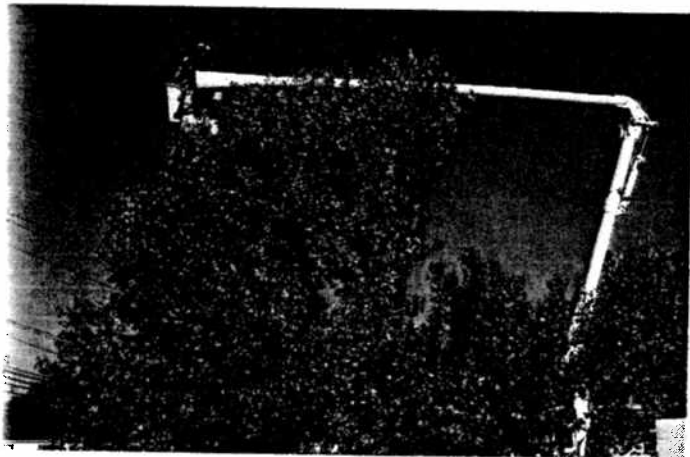
## Crescent Street:

Landmark Baptist Church completed its construction project and celebrated its grand opening at #66. Deluca Construction Company (#27) is the general contractor for the renovation project next door at Glenbrook Community Center (#35).

## Hamilton Avenue:

Bowlarama has closed, to be replaced by a ministorage warehouse, we've heard.

Visit GNA's website  
[www.glenbrookassn.com/glenbrook.htm](http://www.glenbrookassn.com/glenbrook.htm)



*"Grant for Bradford Pear Trees. GNA used a grant from the City of Stamford to help pay for much needed professional care of the grove of Bradford Pear trees along Taylor Reed Place at the Courtland Avenue bridge."*

# Fifth Annual Block Party Coming Up This Summer

This summer's Block Party will be on Saturday, August 6, at a location to be announced. Check our website or watch for posters at Hope Street Park. Last summer's block party at Union Memorial Church raised awareness for GNA and turned a profit of \$600 to fund our projects.

The daylong event, headed by the Battinelli and Ezzo families, along with many GNA volunteers, featured fire engine rides, compliments of the Glenbrook Fire Department; Moon Walk, donated by Linda Gibson of Bounce Time; popcorn and cotton candy machines donated by Bert Pierce; food booths, games, and activities; and musical entertainment by Earl Valentine and SlikStuf with Jerry Pia.



## How Did I Get This GNA Newsletter?

Thanks to the following companies for contributing prizes/ donations/sponsors/volunteers:

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Gentlemen's Quarters	Tommy's K's Fitness
Grade A Markets	Union Memorial Church
Helen's Lunch	Village Bagels
Hope Pizza	William Malloy
Karp's True Value	Agency

*Thanks for your support!*

This issue comes to you free of charge and is being paid for by GNA. Won't you join your neighbors in making Glenbrook a nicer place to live? A membership application is enclosed. Dues—only \$5 per year! If you can't attend meetings, keep in touch by email.

Can we make a real village center for Glenbrook?  
Come on June 1st and help shape this effort.

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