



Neighborhood NEWS

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Spring is here and there's a lot going on in Glenbrook!

Beautification. With our 2008 Neighborhood Empowerment Grant from the City of Stamford, we bought 12 polyethylene planters to replace the deteriorating half-barrels that have been in use for years. On Saturday morning, May 31, we will hold our annual neighborhood cleanup and planting day as part of a nationwide Great American Cleanup effort. This is more fun than you might think.

WHEN: Saturday morning, May 31, 8:30-11 (okay to leave early)
WHERE: Glenbrook train station
WHAT: After bagels and coffee, you'll get your assignment
BRING: Trowels, rakes, brooms if available (gloves and garbage bags provided)
WHO: GNA members, their families and neighbors
QUESTIONS? Call President Gloria Battinelli at 348-6392

Train station enhancement. The City of Stamford has received federal funds to make our train station "more pleasant and convenient to use," to quote Transportation Planner Joshua Lecar, who attended our March meeting to get our input. The grant originally requested funds for fencing and landscaping. GNA has asked if the grant's scope can be revised to omit fencing and focus on improving the view from the platform. The original timeline for this work was late spring or summer.

Neighborhood Plan Public Meeting. We will contact you as soon as we know the date of GNA's final public meeting (probably in June) with design consultant Rob Lane about the changes affecting the area near the Glenbrook train station. Under consideration is a zoning change affecting certain properties currently zoned C-N (Commercial Neighborhood). Since 1999 both the Glenbrook and Springdale Neighborhood Associations have worked with Rob and the City on this offshoot of the 2002 Stamford Master Plan. The goal has always been to make our neighborhoods look and feel more like the pedestrian-friendly villages they were in their prime. Glenbrook will never again be the way it was in the thirties and forties, but we as residents and as a neighborhood association can start to influence Glenbrook's physical development and the aesthetics of new construction. Before changes are officially adopted by the City, they will be presented to the Zoning Board and the Planning Board, and there will be a public hearing at the Government Center. Come to GNA's special meeting for one last chance to understand what the changes mean for Glenbrook, and to ask your questions.

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Why a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association?

There is strength in numbers. Over the past nine years we have accomplished more together than we could have as individuals to improve Glenbrook's safety, appearance, and quality of life. We apply for and receive grants. We escort Mayor Malloy on his annual walk in our neighborhood and bring issues to his attention. We have relationships with our elected representatives in Stamford and Hartford. We are consulted and listened to. We are making a difference, slowly but surely.

Announcements:

- **GNA Annual Meeting – Tuesday, June 10, Glenbrook Community Center, 2nd Floor, 7:30.** Is this the year you decide to join the Steering Committee or head a committee of particular interest? Graffiti? Train station? Bus shelters? Merchants? Oral history? It would be great if someone would design a cover for the Glenbrook history so we can have it printed and bound.
- **Wanted – GNA members to leave copies of this newsletter at the Glenbrook businesses you do business with.** Last year we mailed the newsletter to every address in the 06906 zip code at great expense. This year we mailed it only to GNA members and would like to ask Glenbrook merchants to make it available to their customers. Call Gloria Battinelli at 348-6392.
- **Glenbrook Block Party - GNA's annual block party will take place on Saturday, August 2.** Join the committee and make this the best one yet. Call Gloria Battinelli at 348-6392.
- **Bricks available – Paving bricks from the Hope Street Park renovation are available at a rock bottom price.** Or you can have them for free. Call Gloria Battinelli at 348-6392.

Read about what's going on in Glenbrook.

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