

# Neighborhood News

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The mission of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association is to enhance the quality of life of Glenbrook residents.

## Annual Neighborhood Clean Up and Swap



In October 2010, volunteers from the Glenbrook Community cleaned up the village as well as cleaned out their homes. Litter was collected, graffiti was removed, and garden beds were pruned. Dumpsters were available for household trash. Most fun was the swap. Unwanted, usable household items - such as chairs, strollers, tables, bikes, plates and bowls, and decorative items - were placed aside for others to take. Wonderful items were swapped. Check the website for the date of the next clean up and swap in October.

## Quarterly Meeting Speakers

GNA meetings feature guest speakers who shed light on neighborhood matters. Over the past year we hosted Police Chief Robert Nivakoff, a panel from Julia A. Stark Elementary School, and a panel of developers and urban designers discussing potential development of parcels in the train station area now zoned as Village Commercial District.

## 2011 Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, June 15**  
**Glenbrook Community Center**  
**Second Floor**  
**7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

Agenda: business meeting, updates from elected officials, guest speaker, refreshments

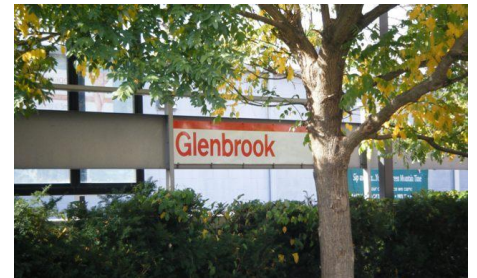
GNA announces its twelfth annual meeting. The official business is to elect board members and officers and to adopt a budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. This year we will also adopt revised bylaws and vote on an increase in membership dues for the first time in our 12-year history.

Our elected officials in Stamford and Hartford will have a chance to say a few words.

Guest speaker Dan Colleluori, Stamford's Director of Solid Waste and Recycling, will speak and answer questions about single-stream recycling and the annual household hazardous waste collection day to be held on July 9.

## Canopy to be Installed at Glenbrook Train Station

A canopy, much like the one at the Springdale Train Station, will be installed over the train station platform in 2012. This will be a welcome addition to Glenbrook's center, as it will protect commuters from the elements and spruce up the station. Thanks go to State Senator Carlo Leone, State Representative Gerald Fox, and former State Senator Andrew McDonald for shepherding state money to Glenbrook for this project.



## Candidates Forum

GNA initiated a Candidates Forum on March 31 at Union Memorial Church, co-sponsored with the Cove Neighborhood Association and the League of Women Voters. Five candidates ran for the seat vacated by Carlo Leone as State Representative for the 148<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Seventy-five people attended the event, moderated by Miriam Kliewe. Dan Fox (D) was elected to the seat on April 12.

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GNA volunteers at the Annual Neighborhood Clean Up and Swap, October 2010

### Support GNA's Business Members

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- Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
- Glenbrook Shopping Center
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- Helen's Luncheonette
- Hope Pizza
- Hope Street Pharmacy
- Hot Tin Roof Salon
- Italian Deli
- J&M Convenience & Deli
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- Paramount Stone
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- Reliable Oil & Heat Co.
- Reveal Hair Salon
- Jon C. Rosenblitt, DDS
- Soap-N-Suds
- Spinelli's Deli & Bakery
- Stained Glass Apple
- Sunny Mart
- The Property Group
- Three Cheers Liquor
- Trip's Restaurant
- Union Memorial Church
- Union Lodge No. 5

### New Trees for Glenbrook Road, Again

In the spring of 2009, GNA planted five trees along Glenbrook Road in front of the Food Bank and Classic and Muscle Automotive. The trees were purchased with a grant from the city's Neighborhood Empowerment program and, in conjunction with the project, the city installed new sidewalks. In August of that year, two of the five trees were destroyed by a hit and run driver. We are happy to report that the two trees were replaced this spring. Because the city no longer distributes grants to neighborhoods, GNA paid for the trees with treasury money. Special thanks to the Food Bank for watering them!

### Special Thanks

A special thank you to the business sponsors of both our fun and successful Annual Neighborhood Clean Up and Swap and the Spring Planting and Clean Up: Donuts Delight, Helen's Luncheonette, Karp's, Hot Tin Roof Salon, Spinelli's Deli and Bakery, and Springdale Florist & Greenhouses. We appreciate their support!

### GNA Board Members 2010-2011

- Co-President - Christie Fountain
- Co-President - Anne Goslin
- Vice-President - Diane Ezzo
- Vice-President - MaryAnn Mara
- Treasurer - Frank Eipper
- Secretary - Meryl McDonald

Gloria Battinelli, Julia Brennan, Georgiana Cecire, Kristine D'Elisa, Laurie Doig, Miriam Kliewe, Anita Kozminsky, Linnea McManus, Nancy Patterson

### A Redesigned Website



Thanks to board member Anita Kozminsky and web developer Howard Urban, we have a new design for our website. The site is loaded with GNA and community information and photos. The home page has notices of quarterly meetings, upcoming events, and important information. There is a link to access previous newsletters, a past events section, and names and contact details for Glenbrook's elected officials. Visit [www.glenbrookassn.com](http://www.glenbrookassn.com) often!

### Glenbrook Real Estate

It is encouraging to note that Glenbrook real estate is showing some positive trends. As we went to press, the numbers for April 2011 showed that Glenbrook property sales (22) were up compared to April 2010 (14). In the coming year GNA will have a guest speaker describe Glenbrook from a realtor's point of view and then answer questions.

### Spring Planting and Clean Up

A record 50 people participated in this annual event in May. In lieu of city funding, GNA paid for all planting materials this year.