

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Annual Fall  
Cleanup & Swap  
9am – noon  
Glenbrook Train  
Station

**DETAILS TO COME!**

**UPCOMING  
GNA MEETINGS**

**WHEN**

September 17, 2014  
January 21, 2015  
March 18, 2015  
June 17, 2015

**WHERE**

Glenbrook Community Center  
Gym, lower level  
35 Crescent Street

**TIME**

7:30 pm---9:00 pm

**WHO**

All GNA members, residents,  
and merchants are invited!

GNA members with email  
addresses receive meeting  
announcements. Our  
meetings are also publicized  
on outdoor signs, on GNA's  
website and Facebook page,  
on our bulletin boards at the  
post office and Grade A  
Market, and in the Advocate's  
Community Briefs.

**QUESTIONS?**

Call GNA President  
Christie Fountain  
at (203) 964-0078



**Glenbrook Starts Its Makeover**

GNA applauds train station and streetscape improvements



**What a difference a year makes: new train cars, platform canopy, signs and landscaping**

In the 15 years of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association's existence, this past year has brought the most visible changes and biggest reason to celebrate progress in Glenbrook's Village Commercial District (VCD). The State of Connecticut's Glenbrook Station canopy project finished on schedule in April 2014, enhancing Glenbrook's greatest asset – our train station. And the City of Stamford's streetscape project on Crescent Street

(still in progress) brought long overdue attention to a pedestrian route that's been neglected for decades. GNA's greatest advocacy triumph was the rezoning of the train station area from Commercial-Neighborhood (CN) to Village Commercial (VC) in 2009. The goal is a transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, 21<sup>st</sup> century version

of the village Glenbrook once was in its prime. The updated train station and Crescent Street are important steps in that direction. A longtime Glenbrook resident commented, "Crescent Street used to look more like an alley. Now it looks like a street."

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# GNA Business Members July 2013 - June 2014

A & P Citgo	Crescent Cleaners	Homeguard Environmental	Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub
Acme Sign Co.	Dazzle Hair Salon	Hope Pizza Restaurant	Papa John's Pizza
Activities for Kids	Dom's Service	Hot Tin Roof Hair	PC Support
AfterFX Customs	Donut Delight	The Italian Deli	Professional Pharmacy, Tully Center
Canine Coiffures	Duke Premier Market	Joe G. Nursery	Reliable Oil & Heat Co.
Chelsea's Table, Chelsea Piers	Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service	Karp's Hardware	Renewable Resources
Cheryl's Creative Services	First County Bank	Lenny V's Italian Deli	Jon C. Rosenblitt, D.M.D.
City Carting & Recycling	Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County	Linnea McManus, Realtor	Saunders Communication LLC
Classic Nails	Freemason's Union Lodge #5	Little Monkey Café	Stained Glass Apple
Controlled Temperatures LLC	Glenbrook Center	Magic Touch Cleaners	Trips Restaurant
Crazy Grapes	Grade A Market	Maria Fiore's Dance Studio	Union Memorial Church
Crescent Bottles	Gutter Guys	Mark's Automotive	Vivona Construction
	Happy House	Nelly's Hair Salon	Welte Electronic Systems



Doug and Phoebe Jamieson plant a tree on Howes Avenue

## GNA Plants More Trees

Thanks to a \$1000 grant from the local Wells Fargo Bank branch, contributions from Glenbrook residents, and generous assistance from Sam Bridge Nursery & Greenhouses, GNA volunteers planted 17 street trees on a weekend in May. Ornamentals - plums cherries, pears, and dogwoods - were planted under utility wires, and red maples were planted in wire-free areas. The GNA

members who applied for and received free trees made a commitment to care for them for two years. Participants this year are residents of the streets and avenues of Brooklawn, Courtland Hill, Fairmont, Field, Howes, and Oakdale. One recipient wrote to thank GNA for a red maple, saying, "It's a great tree - really beautiful and healthy - and it will be happy here."

### Why Did I Get This GNA Newsletter?

We used to send our annual newsletter only to GNA members. **Now we send it to every 06906 address** in a grand (and expensive) once-a-year effort to reach out to every Glenbrook resident and business. Why? Because we are proud of what the GNA has accomplished and hope more of you will become members. Why not considering joining or renewing your membership today?

## The 2013-2014 Year in Review

**GNA's fiscal year runs from July to June. Last year's quarterly meetings featured programs about:**

**Transit-Oriented Development**—Urban planning consultants hired by the city previewed their year-long study of Glenbrook's train station area.

**Solarize Stamford**—Three solar panel vendors made presentations and explained Connecticut's discounted solar installation program.

**Crescent Street Streetscape**—Lou Casolo, City Engineer, outlined the project, showed us the plans, and introduced the Clerk of the Works.

**Historic Resources Survey**—Wes Haynes, Executive Director of Historic Neighborhood, enlightened us about which parts of Glenbrook qualify for a state grant that would inventory historic buildings.



City Engineer Lou Casolo lays out plans for the Crescent Street streetscape at GNA's March 2014 meeting.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 15 years—you should know about us! We have over 250 individual and business members, and a lively attendance of 50-60 at our quarterly meetings. GNA is run by volunteers and is currently supported solely by dues and contributions from members. Some people have said they don't join the GNA because they can't make it to our meetings. We would encourage them to join anyway to support our mission and stay in the loop. Glenbrook can be better. That's what we're about.

## WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[www.glenbrookassn.com](http://www.glenbrookassn.com)



## YOU ARE INVITED!

To our next meeting:

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

Featuring  
**Ernie Orgera**

Director of Operations  
for the City of Stamford

Topics include:  
Stamford Street Smart  
(pedestrian, cyclist,  
& driver safety)  
and how to bring  
more streetscapes  
to Glenbrook

# Glenbrook Q&A

Some of the things people have asked us about this year...

**Q: Why are there so many clothing collection bins in Glenbrook?**

**A:** Owners of the bins pay local businesses to place them on their property.

**Q: What can I do about the traffic that speeds downhill on Colonial Road?**

**A:** For all traffic-related complaints, first report it to the Citizen's Service Center (see previous page) so the city will have it on record. If you'd like to do more, contact your district's Board of Representatives member who can assist you in having your issue considered by the Traffic Advisory Committee.

**Q: What can I do about a blighted rental property across the street from my home?**

**A:** Report it to the Citizen's Service Center. Keep in mind that multiple complaints to the CSC are more likely to get the attention of staff. Then work with your Board of Representatives member to follow up on the issue.

**Q: Can the city help me get rid of the geese in my yard?**

**A:** Afraid not. It helps to have a dog. One resident had to take down a birdfeeder when he noticed that geese were stopping by every day to look for spilled birdseed.

**Q: My single-stream recycling bin isn't big enough. Any advice?**

**A:** You can exchange your toter for a larger size at the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center.

**Q: Our street is now two different colors since a utility company tore up one side and repaved it. Why does this happen?**

**A:** The city's contract with utilities requires them to repave within a certain time period, but not to match the color.

**Q: The blast of the train horn is earsplitting for people standing on the Glenbrook platform. Is this necessary?**

**A:** Trains are required to sound their horns a certain number of times at a certain decibel level when approaching grade-level crossings. Glenbrook Station is situated between two such crossings—Crescent Street & Glenbrook Road.

## How Do New Glenbrook Residents Find the GNA?

Hint—it's not just from our website!

One young couple discovered us last winter two weeks after moving here from Brooklyn. They read on the GNA bulletin board outside Grade A that Mayor Martin would be at Lenny V's Italian Deli for Mayor's Night Out to meet with residents one-on-one. They decided to go ask him why it's so hard to cross Hope Street safely.

At the GNA table they told

us they like walking from their condo to the Peruvian Restaurant on Hope Street. For a minute we thought they were making Glenbrook sound more interesting than it is, more like Brooklyn. Then we realized they meant Mi Ranchito. They joined the GNA that night.

After attending both the Transit-Oriented Development meeting and

the GNA meeting in March, they wrote to tell us, "We are amazed by how connected and like-minded our new community is!"

We are delighted they found us. Glenbrook is changing and what the consultants and realtors tell us is true: people want a walkable neighborhood.

Visit our website at [www.glenbrookassn.com](http://www.glenbrookassn.com) for updated information about the GNA