

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday
October 15, 2016
Annual Fall
Cleanup & Swap
9am – noon
Glenbrook Train
Station

DETAILS TO COME!

**GNA QUARTERLY
MEETINGS
2016-2017**

FOUR WEDNESDAYS:

September 21, 2016
January 18, 2017
March 15, 2017
June 21, 2017

WHERE WE MEET:

Glenbrook Community Center
Gym, lower level
35 Crescent Street

WE START ON TIME:

7:30 pm---8:30 pm, with
social time until 9pm

YOU'RE INVITED:

Our meetings are open to
GNA members and to visitors
curious about what we do.
GNA members with email
addresses receive meeting
announcements.
Other ways we remind you:
our signs, website, Facebook
page, bulletin boards at the
Post Office and Grade A,
and the Advocate.

QUESTIONS?

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

TOD: A Work in Progress

Transit-Oriented Development for a more commuter-friendly Glenbrook



504 Glenbrook Road will be ready for occupancy by late summer of 2017

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) took another big step in Glenbrook this year. TOD is the planning of places around transit not focused on cars. This 43-unit apartment building with a restaurant on the ground floor is taking shape on the site of the former Joe G's Nursery at 504 Glenbrook Road. It was hard to imagine what a four-story building would look like on

the property until the steel beams were put in place this summer. The Village Commercial District zoning requires the fourth story to be set back from the edge of the building, as can be seen in the photo.

The Glenbrook Neighborhood Association has been involved in this planning process since we first started meeting in 1999. Glenbrook's train station area was

rezoned as a Village Commercial District (VCD) in 2009 to encourage new construction with retail at street level and residences above. The greater density promotes a walkable neighborhood and more support for local businesses.

To keep up with changes in Glenbrook, come to GNA meetings. Dates are listed on the left side of this page.



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Local
Postal Customer

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PAID
EDDM Retail

GNA Business Members July 2015-June 2016

A & P Citgo
 Acme Sign Company
 Activities for Kids
 After FX Customs
 Carmody Torrence Sandak & Hennessey
 City Carting & Recycling
 Clambake Connection
 Classic Nails
 Controlled Temperatures
 Crescent Bottles
 Crescent Cleaners
 Dom's Service Station
 Donut Delight
 Duke Premier Market
 Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service
 First County Bank

Food Bank of Lower
 Fairfield County
 Freemason's Union Lodge #5
 Gerald Pierni, Realtor
 Glen Haven Condo Association
 Glenbrook Community Center
 Glendale Commerce Park
 Condominium
 Gutter Guys
 Happy House
 Holcomb Enterprises
 Homeguard Environmental
 Homework Helper
 Hope Pizza Restaurant
 IT Labs in Motion
 Italian Deli
 Jeffrey Cahn, Family Dentist

Karp's Hardware
 Knight & Grabowski Construction
 La Esquina Latin Grill
 Law Offices of Laura McGeachy
 Linnea McManus, Realtor
 Little Monkey Café
 Magic Touch Cleaners
 Mark Sank & Associates
 Mark's Automotive
 Moe Joe's Deli & Grill
 Mohawk Kitchens
 Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub
 P. Rogers Florist
 Paramount Stone
 Pearl East Restaurant
 Real Deal Estate

Reliable Oil & Heat Co.
 Reveal Hair Salon
 St. Maurice Church
 Stained Glass Apple
 Stamford Partnership
 Surwilo Contracting Co.
 Tagliare Hair Salon
 Tangra Biryani Point Indian
 Restaurant
 Tavern 489
 Tawa Indian Restaurant
 Timber Ridge Associates
 Trips Restaurant
 Union Memorial Church
 Union Memorial Preschool
 Verizon Wireless



Getting Around Glenbrook

“Productive
 Complaining”

Stamford's Traffic Bureau Chief, Josh Benson, second from left, stayed after the June meeting to answer individual questions.

A young couple who moved to Glenbrook from Brooklyn likes to get around by foot. At their first GNA meeting they had a question: “Why is it so hard to cross Hope Street?”

This is productive complaining: five test projects will be chosen citywide from the survey results. These could lead to permanent improvements. Let's get one in Glenbrook!

The Stamford Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan addresses challenges that face people who get around without cars. GNA urges Glenbrook residents to fill out the short online survey and mark trouble spots on the Wikimap.

You'll find the survey and Wikimap on the City's website. Go to www.stamfordct.gov > Our City > All City Departments > Transportation, Traffic & Parking > Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

Why Did I Get This GNA Newsletter?

We used to send our annual newsletter only to our members. Now we mail it to every 06906 address. Why? Because once a year we give every Glenbrook resident and business the chance to know there is a thriving neighborhood association. **We can't afford to do this more than once, so why not consider joining GNA today?**

The 2015-2016 Year In Review

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

Citizens Service Center

Frank Fedeli, Citizens Service Center Supervisor, explained how to request a city service (or make a complaint). He recommended calling 203-977-4140. Residents can also use the City's website (www.stamfordct.gov > Online Services > Request for Service) for service complaints and for permits.

Stamford Partnership

Jackie Lightfield, Stamford Partnership Executive Director, talked about her mission to connect people and ideas, such as the potential for forming a coalition of neighborhood associations.

Glenbrook Historic Resources Inventory

David Taylor, our consultant on Glenbrook's Historic Resources Inventory, spoke about his progress on this State-funded project. Wes Haynes, a Stamford based historic preservationist, addressed the proposed self-guided Glenbrook walking tour, inspired by Stamford's 375th anniversary. **Note:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, David Taylor has withdrawn from the project and the committee is in the process of negotiating with a new consultant.

Joshua Benson, Stamford's Chief of Transportation, Traffic & Parking

Josh gave us a heads up about Parkmobile app, the new 3-way stop at the Glenbrook Rd/Hamilton Ave intersection, and Metro North's improvements of the bumpy crossings at Crescent Street and Glenbrook Road.



Membership Form



Download membership form from our website (www.glenbrookassn.com) or send in this form with dues payment to: GNA, PO Box 2352, Stamford CT 06906

- \$10 per Person Additional Donation \$ _____
- \$25 per Business (Please specify amount)

Make checks payable to GNA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Ways I'd like to help, or other comments: _____

Our program year is from July through June.
Your GNA Membership is valid through June 30, 2017

GNA as Catalyst in Glenbrook

GNA has welcomed a millennial to our board! Nalini came to one of the first casual meetups that the GNA Board began hosting in April. Now she is in charge of meetups and hopes to schedule one every month.

GNA members are enthusiastic about our new fall and spring guided

tours of City Carting's state-of-the-art single stream recycling operation.

More community organizations are contacting the GNA to reach the Glenbrook community. The Ferguson Library will be at our January 18 meeting to learn how to serve Glenbrook's needs in the 21st century.

GNA members feel connected to the elected officials who attend our meetings. This summer two significant neighborhood improvements were the result of members' calls to Hartford: Metro North cleaned the train station platform's glass walls, and the DOT cleaned and weeded the Courtland Avenue bridge.

As GNA members learn more about the city at our meetings, some decide to get involved in the larger community. GNA members serve on the Ethics Board, the Economic Development Commission, and the Historic Preservation Advisory Council, to name a few. In June, a GNA member was so impressed by Josh Benson's presentation that he joined the Community Advisory Council for the Bike-Ped Plan.



GNA volunteers are all ages. At the May 7 cleanup, one of these young fathers said, "It's a pleasure to meet another dad willing to subject his baby to a morning of trash pickup!"



CITIZENS SERVICE CENTER



(203) 977- 4140

People attending their first GNA meeting often come with an issue about city services. We tell them "Call the Citizens Service Center!" It can also be accessed online by googling "Stamford 311." Click on "Ask a Question or Make a Request" and then on "All Requests." Pick a category and fill out a short online form. Try it— it's quick and so easy!

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www.glenbrookassn.com
for event photos,
meeting minutes, and
previous newsletters.



DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 17 years—you should know us by now! We have 325 individual and business members and a lively attendance of 50-70 at our quarterly meetings. GNA is run by volunteers and is funded primarily by dues and contributions from our members. We've heard people say that they don't join the GNA because they can't be at our meetings. That's not a good reason! Join to support our mission and to stay informed.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.glenbrookassn.com



YOU ARE INVITED!

To our next meeting:

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
7:30 PM**

Guest Speaker
Eileen Heaphy
Stamford Board of
Representatives,
District 8

Eileen will speak about recent developments in the city's control and care of animals, including the new animal ordinance

Glenbrook Q&A

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

Q: What is the plan for the Courtland Avenue intersection at Taylor Reed Place and Maple Tree Avenue?

A: Reconstruction of the intersection will include a wider turning radius for big rigs, and marked crosswalks and pedestrian signals on all four sides. The project has three phases. (1) Relocation of poles is in progress and is being done by the utility companies. (2) Construction of new curb lines should begin in October, with work being done by the City of Stamford. (3) Permanent traffic signal work will be done in 2017 by the State DOT.

Q. What's happening at the old Roly Poly location on Hope Street?

A: The new tenant told us this summer that he hopes to open a Mediterranean eatery there in the fall.

Q: The former Sclafani warehouse at 482 Glenbrook Road (most recently a pet supply store) has had a facelift and looks great, but what is it being used for?

A: The new owner, Jim Lyman, Founder and CEO of View Entertainment, is keeping the building for his own use. It is off the market for lease.

Q: I'm curious about Glenbrook Industrial Park at 652 Glenbrook Road. What's it like inside?

A: We asked a Glenbrook commercial photographer who moved his studio there from Manhattan in 2002. He likes the high ceilings and giant windows, and, for practicality, the loading dock and freight elevators. GNA has learned that the complex will be included in a statewide inventory of historic industrial sites for the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. GNA will have a future program about it at one of our quarterly meetings.

Q: What are GNA quarterly meetings like?

A: We start on time at 7:30 and this year will try to end by 8:30. People can leave early if they must or stay to mix and mingle until 9:00. More than 60 people attend, with a nice diversity of ages. Visitors have commented on our friendly atmosphere. First timers as well as all business members and elected officials are given the opportunity to introduce themselves. This makes it easier to approach strangers during the social time. We move quickly through an agenda packed with information. Then we have a short program relevant to Glenbrook, with the speaker staying afterwards to answer questions one on one. There's always a satisfying buzz in the room during the social time after a meeting.

"At Last We're in a Neighborhood!"

GNA members connect with the neighborhood in new ways

A Glenbrook couple that likes to walk was on their way to the GNA meetup in August. As they were waiting to cross Hope Street, they saw a man they often see walking in their neighborhood but have never spoken to. "I wonder if he's going where we're going," they said. He was, though they took different routes. When they recognized one another at the meetup a few minutes later, they laughed and introduced themselves after so many years. **"The meetups are great. They help us put two and two together."**

Another example: A different Glenbrook couple came to the March quarterly meeting, took the City Carting tour in April, volunteered at the clean up in May, and went to the July meetup. As they were leaving the meetup, the woman exclaimed to her husband, **"At last we're in a neighborhood!"**

Visit our website at www.glenbrookassn.com for updated information about the GNA