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**Meet the
Candidates
Night!**

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**Wednesday
September 18**

7:30 – 9:00 pm
at the Glenbrook
Community Center

Meet the candidates for
Board of Finance, Board
of Education, in the
November 5 election.

**Learn about serving
on City boards &
commissions--**

WHO ME? YES YOU!

Going Strong at 20 Years!

Glenbrook Neighborhood Association Passes 20-Year Mark



GNA Volunteers at the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County

GNA proudly marked our 20th Annual Meeting in June with 06906 cake and optimism about Glenbrook's future. This year the CDOT completed intersection improvements at Courtland Ave/ Maple Tree Ave/ Taylor Reed Place that made a formerly dangerous spot much safer for pedestrians and drivers. And (drum roll, please) in August tenants started moving into the long delayed Glenbrook Crossing apartment building at 504 Glenbrook Road in the heart of our Village Commercial District (VCD).

Ten years ago a zoning change created Glenbrook's

VCD near the train station. Glenbrook Crossing is the VCD's first new construction adhering to the mixed use guidelines of residential units above and commercial at street level. Ideally, the higher density will result in a more vibrant and walkable village that attracts new retail. A walkable village should have places you want to walk to.

As Glenbrook remains a work in progress, GNA pulls the neighborhood together. Since 2016 our "happy hour" type

monthly meet ups at Business Member locations have fostered a sense of community. This year we also hosted a new type of meet up -- volunteering at the Food Bank -- that also appeals to GNA families.

Curious to know more about GNA? Why we formed 20 years ago and what we do? Read the annual newsletters on our website. Photos and reports on our quarterly meetings and events are there too, with meeting minutes since 2013. We've been busy!

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**GNA QUARTERLY
MEETINGS
2019 – 2020**

FOUR WEDNESDAYS:

- September 18, 2019
- January 15, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- June 17, 2020

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

QUESTIONS?

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

GNA Business Members July 2018-June 2019

- Accumark
- APC
- (Advanced Procurement Center)
- Associated Water Industries
- Atlas Metals
- City Carting & Recycling
- Clambake Connection
- Controlled Temperatures
- Crazy Grapes
- Crescent Bottles
- Crescent Cleaners
- Dom's BP Service Station
- Don Hamerman Photographs
- Donut Delight
- Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service
- First County Bank
- Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
- Gerald Pierni, Realtor
- Glen Haven Condo Association
- Glenbrook Learning Center
- Glendale Commerce Park Condominium
- Grace Evangelical Free Church
- Grade A Market
- Grand Prix Service Auto Repair
- Gutter Guys
- Healing Hearts Recreational
- Helen's Luncheonette
- Hermitage Academie & Library
- Homeguard Environmental
- Homework Helper
- Hope Pizza Restaurant
- Intempo Music
- IQ Transportation
- IT Labs in Motion
- Italian Deli
- JB Orthodontics
- Jeffrey Cahn, Family Dentist
- Julia A. Stark Elementary School
- Karp's Ace Hardware
- Knight & Grabowski
- Linnea McManus, Realtor
- Lock City Brewing
- M & P Service
- Magic Touch Cleaners
- Mr. Maquina Barbershop
- Nature's Palette Landscaping
- Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub
- People's United Bank
- Real Deal Estate
- Reliable Oil
- Saint Maurice Church
- Salon Finesse
- Stained Glass Apple
- Stamford Junk Pros
- Stamford Partnership
- Surwilo Contracting Co.
- Tagliare Salon
- Tawa Tangra Indian Cuisine
- TimberRidge Associates
- Trips Restaurant
- Um Media
- Union Lodge #5
- Union Memorial Church
- Union Memorial Preschool
- View Entertainment
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Welte Electronic Systems
- Zahra's Corner Grill

Conversations Are Encouraged!



A new business member introduces herself at a GNA meeting

Friendliness is a hallmark of GNA meetings. We make room in the agenda for new members, visitors, and first-timers to introduce themselves.

We encourage members to request time on the agenda for announcements of community interest, like the Trunk or Treat fundraiser, or a teenager's

awareness campaign for pediatric cancer. The result is more conversations.

The elected officials who attend and the evening's guest speaker all welcome your questions at the social time after the meeting. Glenbrook always feels like a neighborhood at GNA meetings.

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 every Glenbrook resident and business should know about us. **We can't afford to do this more than once a year, so why not consider joining GNA today?**

The 2018-2019 Year in Review

GNA's program year runs from July to June. In addition to the rededication of the Liberty Garden last September, GNA hosted monthly social meetups at Business Member locations, and Fall and Spring Cleanups featuring a free tag sale and on-site dumpster and shredder. Invited guest speakers spoke at the quarterly membership meetings:

Candidates in Local Elections

Candidates running for State Representative and State Senator, as well as Stamford Board of Representatives and Board of Education, introduced themselves and stayed to talk with Glenbrook voters.

FixIt Stamford

City of Stamford staffer Josie Carpanzano went over the reorganization of the Citizens Service Center as FixIt Stamford.

Exit 9 Bridge Replacement

CDOT's Public Outreach Team explained the engineering operation known as Accelerated Bridge Construction, scheduled for June at Exit 9.

Serving on the Board of Representatives

An informal discussion with our City Reps from Districts 7 and 15, which share Glenbrook's Village Commercial District near the train station. Committee work, time commitment, why they do it, how they help constituents.

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



Membership Form

GNA's fiscal year is from July through June. If you have not already paid this year's dues, please download the membership form from our website (www.glenbrookassn.com) or send in this form with payment to: GNA, PO Box 2352, Stamford, CT 06906

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

Make checks payable to GNA

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Your GNA membership is valid through June 2020



The best way to request a city service is via computer or mobile device. Go to **FixIt Stamford**

www.stamfordct.gov/fixit

If necessary, you can still call the Citizen's Service Center at 203-977-4140 and listen to a 2-minute message before reaching a Citizen's Service Center representative.

The website comes highly recommended by GNA and everyone who has used it. **Why not try it today?**

THUMBS UP / THUMBS DOWN



Zahra's Corner Grill opened!



The dead-end sidewalk on Hope Street was extended!



Trunk or Treat 2018 was rained out.



Glenbrook Community Center didn't find a new operator all year.



One of our Reps proposed the plastic bag ban!



The new maintenance worker at the train station does a great job!



Corrugated cardboard is the only recyclable the city can sell.



The rain barrels bought with Giving Day funds make it much easier to water the Liberty Garden at the train station!

(and since we can't end on a thumbs down...)



It's safer to turn left into the post office now with the new markings on Hope Street!

A lot gets done at our Spring and Fall Cleanups. Volunteers prepare sidewalk planters, weed train station gardens, collect litter, run a free tag sale, and make a dumpster and shredder available to the public.



The mission of the GNA is to enhance the quality of life in Glenbrook

Christie Fountain
President

Marie Metz
Vice President

Meryl McDaniel
Treasurer

Zara DeLuca
Corresponding Secretary

Becky Collins
Recording Secretary

Board Members:

- Ronita Das
- Michael Feighan
- Anita Kozminsky
- MaryAnn Mara
- Melanie Soper
- Zdenka Zeman

Visit our website
www.glenbrookassn.com

for event photos, meeting minutes, previous newsletters, and a link to our Facebook page



DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 20 years—you should know us by now! We have over 300 individual and business members and a lively attendance of 50-60 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.



Follow us!

ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP & FREE TAG SALE



Saturday
October 19, 2019
9 AM–noon

For details, look for our flyer on GNA's website or on bulletin boards at Grade A & Post Office

Glenbrook Q&A

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

Q: Do you have an update on the four-story building across from Happy House?

A: The long wait is over! Glenbrook Crossing is open and tenants started moving into their apartments in August. We're eager to see what will open in the retail space on the ground floor.

Q: Is it true there's going to be a Glenbrook Block Party?

A: Yes, Nick's Pizza is celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a Block Party at their location on Saturday, September 28, 5:30-9:00 pm.

Q: Is Glenbrook part of the Pollinator Pathway? I support providing habitats and food sources for bees and other pollinators!

A: We're proud to say that two GNA members organized the new Stamford Pollinator Pathway Committee and will be our guest speakers at the spring quarterly meeting. GNA will be adopting the Pollinator Pathway philosophy and planting native plants and trees to attract more pollinators to Glenbrook.

Q: I'm disgusted to see mattresses dumped on the sidewalks where I walk with my dog and daughter.

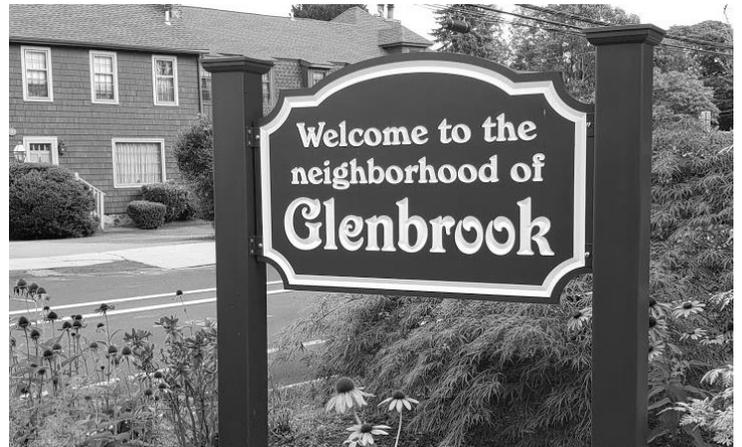
A: Lucky for you, illegal dumping is the easiest service request for City workers to address. File a service request at FixIt Stamford and the mattress may be gone as early as the next day. See page 3 for more information about FixIt Stamford.

Q: What do our GNA dues pay for?

A: A lot! Dues and contributions will pay for half of this year's projected budget of \$12,000. GNA members approved the proposed budget at the Annual Meeting in June. Our biggest annual expenses are always the flowers for the sidewalk planters, the street tree project, and the annual newsletter's printing and postage. Operating expenses include the PO box, website hosting, email software, meeting space rental, and insurance. GNA receives additional funding for special projects from both Fairfield County's Giving Day and Stamford's Neighborhood Grant Program.

Stamford's Neighborhood Grant Program at Work

Grant awards from the City of Stamford's Neighborhood Grant Program have made it possible for GNA to accomplish more than our budget could afford otherwise. We began in 2001 with carved cedar wood signs identifying the Glenbrook neighborhood, followed by such "street furniture" amenities as trash cans and sidewalk planters. Recent grant projects have included Hope Street Park improvements and replacing the weakened original wooden signs with durable new PVC signs like this one purchased with this year's grant



award. It resides in the garden at the north end of Hope Street Park, beautifully renovated as part of last year's grant project. Fortunately for us, a new Glenbrook resident looking to meet neighbors and get involved in the community had joined GNA. He generously donated his professional landscape design expertise to the project. If you get the impression that GNA's success is the result of a lot of work and a lot of luck, you are correct.

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