



## Neighborhood News

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*The purpose of the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association shall be to safeguard the mutual interest and welfare of its members; to preserve and enhance the beauty and tranquility of the area; to promote the safety of its inhabitants; to protect the integrity of the environment; and to embrace the quality of life of Glenbrook residents.*



Gloria Battinelli at Hope Street Park

### **GLORIA BATTINELLI STEPS DOWN AS GNA PRESIDENT**

Gloria Battinelli, founding president of the GNA, will lead the annual meeting on June 8 for the eleventh and final time. During her tenure as president, 1999-2010, she guided many neighborhood improvements: the Village Commercial District zoning change, Hope Street Park improvements, fences and sidewalks at the train station, tree planting, signal box murals, and planting projects, including the planters seen in commercial areas. She also organized many block parties and tree lighting ceremonies. Gloria is most proud of forming and sustaining the association. She encourages all Glenbrook residents and merchants "to contribute a little to make it better."

### **2010 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 8, 7:30**

GNA announces its eleventh annual meeting, to be held at the Glenbrook Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 35 Crescent Street. The official business is to elect officers and steering committee members and adopt a budget for the following fiscal year. Elected officials who represent Glenbrook have been invited, including Stamford Board of Representatives members from districts 7, 8, 12, 15, and 17; Connecticut Representatives Gerald Fox and Carlo Leone; and Senator Andrew MacDonald.

Refreshments will be served, and boxes for Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County will be available for donations. Kate Lombardo, executive director of the food bank, welcomes cash and food donations.

### **SPRUCING UP "PEAR TREE HILL"**

GNA received \$1,000 this year from the City of Stamford's Neighborhood Empowerment Grant Program for tree work on the State property at the corner of Courtland Avenue and Taylor Reed Place, fondly tagged

"Pear Tree Hill" for its flowering Bradford Pear Trees. The trees, often harmed by strong winds, will be pruned and a sidewalk will be installed by the City of Stamford between two of the largest trees where pedestrians have worn a path. The walkway will improve pedestrian safety and prevent erosion.

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

GNA meetings feature guest speakers who shed light on neighborhood matters. Speakers over the past year included the Advocate's managing editor John Breunig, Stamford Mayoral candidates David Martin and Michael Pavia, and Kate Lombardo of the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County, located at 461 Glenbrook Road.

### **GNA Officers**

Gloria Battinelli, President · Diane Ezzo, Co-Vice President · MaryAnn Mara, Co-Vice President · Christie Fountain, Secretary · Frank Eipper, Treasurer

### **Steering Committee**

Julia Brennan · Georgiana Cecire · Kristine D'Elisa · Anita Kozminsky · Meryl McDaniel · Nancy Patterson