



Neighborhood News

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

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City Planners Visit the GNA

City Engineer Lou Casolo and Associate Planner Todd Dumais addressed our concerns about Crescent Street improvements at GNA's March meeting.

Other program topics at quarterly meetings were an overview of United Way and a panel discussion about real estate trends in Glenbrook. More photos are posted on our website under "Past Events." In November 2011 GNA hosted an audience of 75 for a presentation by Stamford's Housing/Zoning Task Force at Union Memorial Church. A Health Inspector, Zoning Inspector, and Fire Marshall advised us to file repeated complaints and be a "squeaky wheel." Names and emails are on our website.

Use the Citizens Service Center

Guest speakers Casolo and Dumais brought with them the service requests the city has received in recent years about Crescent Street – only ten. Because the City uses service requests to help set priorities, it is important to file them – more than once if necessary. Call 203-977-4140 or file online at the City of Stamford's website.

2012 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 20th
Glenbrook Community Center
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

"What Does Community Mean in Glenbrook Today?"

Agenda: Business Meeting, Updates from City and State Elected Officials, Panel Discussion, Refreshments

Glenbrook Neighborhood Association Announces its 13th Annual Meeting

About the program: Over the past year Glenbrook was told it might lose its post office, and several local businesses feared they would be displaced by a rebuilt CVS on Hope Street. How would such changes affect our community? Invited guest panelists include Martin Schoenfeld from Glenbrook Post Office, Scott Wolak from Hope Street Pharmacy, Mark Bonasera from Julia A. Stark Elementary School, and Maria Teresa Criscuolo from Nick's Pizza/Bacco Pub.

"06906" cake will be served!

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GNA Encourages Involvement

We ended our 13th fiscal year with a record number of members, both residential and business. Attendance was 55-60 at each quarterly meeting.

During the year we were pleased to receive and act upon members' suggestions. One was for purely social occasions. The first **GNA Night Out** was at Bacco in March, followed by a second at Piatto in April. Another suggestion was to make a paper shredder available in addition to the dumpster at our **Spring Clean Up & Swap** event in May.

The shredder, provided by City Carting free of charge, proved to be very popular. A third suggestion was to provide "grabbers" to make it easier to pick up litter. Our budget allowed us to provide some for our volunteers to use on May 19th.

Pictured below are some of the 50 volunteers of all ages who helped with the clean up, planting, and swap.



Mark Your Calendar!

Future GNA Quarterly Meetings will be held on
September 19th 2012, January 13th 2013, & March 20th 2013



A canopy is scheduled to be installed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation over the train station platform in 2013.

Support Our Business Members

3-D Service Station
 A&P Citgo
 Acme Sign Co.
 Activities for Kids
 AfterFX Customs
 Anything in Acrylic
 BreakThru Fitness
 City Carting & Recycling
 Classic Nails
 Crescent Bottles
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 Hope Pizza Restaurant
 Hope Street Pharmacy
 Hot Tin Roof Hair
 Italian Deli
 Jake's Wayback Burgers
 Karp's Hardware
 Lenny V's Italian Deli
 Magic Touch Cleaners
 Mark's Automotive
 Mr. C's Fix-Up Shop
 Nick's Pizza/Bacco Pub
 Oriental Gifts & Food
 Paramount Stone
 Piatto Osteria Italiana
 Professional Pharmacy
 P. Rogers & Company Florists
 The Property Group
 Reliable Oil & Heat Co.
 Reveal Hair Salon
 Dr. Jon Rosenblitt, Family Dentist
 Soap-N-Suds Dry Cleaner
 Stained Glass Apple

Sunny Mart
 Tandour Village Indian Restaurant
 Tommy K's Vitamins
 Trips Restaurant
 Union Lodge No. 5 Union
 Memorial Church
 Vivona Construction
 Welte Electronic Systems

Special Thanks

A special thank you to the sponsors of our fun and successful **Spring Clean Up, Planting, & Swap**: City Carting & Recycling; Designs by Lee, Donut Delight, Grade A, Helen's Luncheonette, Hot Tin Roof Hair, Karp's, Tommy K's Vitamins, and Union Memorial Church.

We appreciate their support!

GNA is on Facebook!



The photo above from Facebook depicts the neighborhood planters now on display throughout the neighborhood. Residents and businesses may use our new Facebook page to post photos, news, and announcements relevant to Glenbrook. GNA will use it to disseminate neighborhood news, information about our events, and announcements from civic organizations and nonprofits relevant to Glenbrook. A link to Facebook is on GNA's website.

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Glenbrook Train Station Evolves

A canopy will be installed over the train station platform in 2013. Thanks go to our delegation in Hartford for keeping this project alive, though delayed a year. Because the trees and landscaping along the platform will be removed during construction, GNA has presented a replacement landscape design to ConnDOT. In further train station news, Stamford has received a state grant for a Transit Oriented Development study of the area within a quarter mile radius of the train station. The TOD study will be the subject of one of our quarterly meeting programs in the coming year.

Membership Dues Increase

GNA has raised dues for the first time in our 13-year history. We now pay for plantings that the city used to fund through Keep Stamford Beautiful. Because our only source of income last year was dues and contributions, we did not undertake the kind of special project that the city used to fund through a neighborhood grant program. GNA also has new fixed expenses – a post office box and insurance coverage. Dues are now \$15/household and \$25/ business.

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