

ANNOUNCING:

Thursday
September 14, 2017
7:00 PM

*“Looking Back at
Glenbrook,
an historical
overview”*

Rachel D. Carley
Project Historian

LOCATION:

Grace Evangelical
Free Church
241 Courtland Avenue
Park in back and walk
down four steps to
Fellowship Hall

**GNA QUARTERLY
MEETINGS
2017 - 2018**

FOUR WEDNESDAYS:

September 20, 2017
January 17, 2018
March 21, 2018
June 20, 2018

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 9 pm

QUESTIONS?

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

Reclaiming Glenbrook’s Past

Glenbrook’s industrial section boasts new art gallery and brewery



The historic Phillips factory is attracting artists and artisans

For 18 years the GNA’s focus has been Glenbrook’s train station area and the village center. Over the past year we have also delved into Glenbrook’s history. Up to now little has been written about it.

The survey of Glenbrook’s historic resources is now complete and will be available in print and online. Rachel D. Carley, the project historian, will present an illustrated talk on September 14 about Glenbrook history and architecture, open to the

public at no charge. (See time and location in the box on the left side of this page.)

We now have a new appreciation for the former Phillips Chemical Company, located down the long driveway at 652 Glenbrook Road. Now known as Glenbrook Industrial Park, the old factory is an historic industrial site that has been studied by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation.

Last November, video artist Holly Danger opened Danger

Gallery there. “It’s like this little gem in Stamford,” says the artist, who enjoys the eclectic mix of creative people. “I don’t think many people know it’s even here.”

In July, Lock City Brewing opened at 54 Research Drive in the industrial area off Glenbrook Road known to locals as Research Park. Lock City is a brewery as well as a tap room.

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
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PAID
EDDM Retail

GNA Business Members July 2016-June 2017

- A & P Citgo Service
- Activities for Kids
- After FX Customs
- APC
- (Advanced Procurement Center)
- Carmody Torrence Sandak & Hennessey
- City Carting & Recycling
- Clambake Connection
- Controlled Temperatures
- Crazy Grapes
- Crescent Bottles
- Crescent Cleaners
- Dom's Service
- Don Hamerman Photographs
- Doña Tere Latin American Cuisine
- Donut Delight
- Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service
- Fairfield County Basic Pistol
- Farmers Insurance/ Passero Agency
- First County Bank
- Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
- Freemason's Union Lodge #5
- Gerald Pierni, Realtor
- Glen Haven Condo Association
- Glenbrook Shopping Center
- Glendale Commerce Park Condominium
- Grace Evangelical Free Church
- Grand Prix Service Auto Repair
- Gutter Guys
- Helen's Luncheonette
- Holcomb Enterprises
- Homeguard Environmental
- Homework Helper
- Hope Pizza Restaurant
- Hot Tin Roof Hair
- IT Labs in Motion
- Italian Deli
- Jeffrey Cahn, Family Dentist
- Julia A. Stark Elementary School
- Linnea McManus, Realtor
- Little Monkey Café
- Magic Touch Cleaners
- Mark Sank & Associates
- Mark's Automotive
- Mi Ranchito
- Moe Joe's Deli & Grill
- Mr. Maquina Barbershop
- New York Life
- Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub
- P. Rogers Florist
- Pearl East Restaurant
- Real Deal Estate
- Reliable Oil & Heat Co.
- Reveal Hair Salon
- St. Maurice Church
- Stained Glass Apple
- Stellar Homecare
- Surwilo Contracting Co.
- Tangra Biryani Point Indian Cuisine
- Tavern 489 (In-Chin's Table)
- Tawa Indian Cuisine
- Timber Ridge Associates
- Trips Restaurant
- Union Memorial Church
- Union Memorial Preschool
- Verizon Wireless
- Welte Electronic Systems

Do You Use Local Businesses?



Our monthly meetups support local businesses and offer GNA members a way to relax together at a friendly neighborhood spot.

A woman at one of our meetups said she's committed to supporting local businesses— "my hair salon, cleaners, liquor store, even the local stone yard where I bought four tons of stone for the garden I'm designing." She always asks, "Are you a member of GNA?"

Contact information for GNA's

Business Members is on a separate page of our website (www.glenbrookassn.com).

We update it throughout the year as new businesses join GNA and last year's members send in their dues. A woman new to Glenbrook said she found the list helpful when deciding which bank to use.

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 a year, so why not consider joining GNA today?**

The 2016-2017 Year In Review

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

Stamford's New Animal Ordinance

Eileen Heaphy, Stamford Board of Representatives, District 8, spoke about recent developments in the city's control and care of animals.

Ferguson Library

Alice Knapp, President of the Ferguson Library, spoke on how the traditional library has changed and how to serve Glenbrook residents' needs in the 21st century.

Glenbrook's "Hyperlocal" Real Estate

Robin Stein, Stamford's former Land Use Bureau Chief, reviewed the history of Glenbrook's Village Commercial District (VCD). Realtor Linnea McManus explained "hyperlocal" real estate and Glenbrook's asset of walkability.

Stamford EMS and Glenbrook Fire Department

Captain William Ackley presented the history of Stamford Emergency Medical Services and the scope of their services. Assistant Chief Kevin Ezzo and Lieutenant Reena O'Day, volunteers with the Glenbrook Fire Department, spoke on home fire extinguishers, followed by a demonstration in the parking lot that gave everyone a chance to use one.

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

Make checks payable to GNA

Name: _____

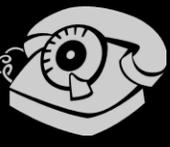
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Your GNA Membership is valid until June 2018

**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 Citizens Service Center. Follow instructions and fill out a short online form. You will receive an email when the service request is completed.

Out and About in Glenbrook

Residents appreciate a walkable neighborhood

"I told my realtor I wanted to be within walking distance of the train, the church, the grocery store, and the library," said a new GNA member. "I got three out of four." We let her know that the Bookmobile makes

Glenbrook stops at both Union Memorial Church and the Grade A parking lot. Now she reserves books online and picks them up in the neighborhood.

"Where shall we go today?" We know a GNA couple

whose favorite Saturday pastime is to walk to the train station and take Metro North to a destination up or down the line and explore that area by foot.

We're starting to see people walking their dogs in the direction of Lock City Brewing. The tap room is known to be dog friendly!

The walkers we know tend to notice more than drivers do – trash, weeds, burnt out street lights – and do something about it. We appreciate all the ways, big and small, that Glenbrook residents and businesses helped the GNA during our 18th year.



When several families showed up in the rain to volunteer at our May 13 cleanup, we realized the parents like to use GNA to teach their young children the value of community service.



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Visit our website
www.glenbrookassn.com
for event photos, meeting minutes, and previous newsletters. Visit our Facebook page for a look at community life in Glenbrook.



DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 18 years—you should know us by now! We have 340 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. The mission of the GNA is to enhance the quality of life in Glenbrook.



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YOU ARE INVITED!

To GNA's
Fall Quarterly Meeting:

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
7:30 PM**

Come meet the
candidates running in the
November 7 elections

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14, 2017
9AM-NOON**

Annual Fall Cleanup
& Free Tag Sale
at the Glenbrook
Train Station

Glenbrook Q&A

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

Q: Do you have an update on the 43-unit apartment building going up at 504 Glenbrook Rd?

A: The owner hopes to be renting apartments and opening the restaurant by the end of 2017. This will be Glenbrook's first mixed-use (retail at street level, residences above) building in the Village Commercial District that was rezoned near the train station in 2009. The increased density in the village center is intended to encourage a walkable neighborhood and support local businesses.

Q: When will the final work be done on the Courtland Ave/Taylor Reed/Maple Tree intersection project?

A: Now that the turning radius has been widened, it's not as terrifying to share the intersection with an 18-wheeler turning onto Taylor Reed Place. The project's final phase will be the installation of crosswalks and upgraded signals that will make the intersection safer for the many pedestrians and train commuters who cross the street there. Courtland Ave. is also State Route 106, and this project has been bundled into a multi-state DOT project. The DOT expects to start the project in Spring 2018 and end in Spring 2019, but they don't know when Glenbrook will fit into that time frame.

Q: With the City synchronizing Stamford's traffic signals for the first time in 25 years, how will it affect Glenbrook?

A: Data collection is complete for the City's 209 signalized intersections, and the project's first priorities for upgrading signals are Strawberry Hill Ave. and High Ridge Rd. The two Glenbrook corridors studied were Hope St. and Courtland Ave. The consultants will notify GNA of upgrades and any other changes in Glenbrook. We will report on it at our meetings.

Q: I don't understand what your "swap" is. Is it necessary for me to donate something?

A: The word "swap" was confusing so we now say "free tag sale." At GNA's cleanup events in October and May, we host a free tag sale where you can bring unwanted household items to give away and take whatever strikes your fancy – from outgrown baby strollers to unopened holiday gifts and everything in between!

Q: What's available for residents who'd like to find out more about how the City of Stamford works and how decisions are made?

A: One way is to come to GNA meetings, where you have access to involved citizens, our guest speakers, and elected and appointed officials. Another way is to register for "Civics 101," a non-partisan workshop on Saturday, October 21, open to all Stamford residents at no charge. A survey has identified three major issues: education, taxes, and economic development. Check the GNA website (www.glenbrookassn.com) for more information as the date approaches.

If the GNA Didn't Do It, Who Would?

In case you're wondering why it took so long to get that wall painted along the tracks behind Tawa, you'd be surprised. It took years to figure out what was necessary. **FIRST** we needed to know in advance about a weekend when the New Canaan train wouldn't be running. **THEN** we needed Metro North to donate "protective personnel" as a community service. (Thank you, Metro North!) **THEN** we needed to find painters willing to work on a Saturday. (Surprisingly hard – thank you, PAM Painting!) **THEN** we needed to rent a special ladder not available in Stamford. **THEN** we needed to arrange to split the painter's fee between the GNA, the building owner, and the tenant. In all, it cost GNA \$500 that we hadn't budgeted for, plus hours of planning, but was worth it for lifting community spirit. It's even harder to get rid of those two obsolete telephone booths at either end of the train station platform, but we're working on it!

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