

**PLEASE ATTEND
GNA'S ANNUAL
MEETING**

**Wednesday
June 18, 2025
7:00-8:30 pm**

Grace Evangelical
Free Church
241 Courtland Ave.
(Enter parking lot on
Tremont Avenue)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**GNA'S ANNUAL
SPRING
CLEANUP**



**Saturday
May 17
9 am - Noon**

Glenbrook Train Station

RAIN OR SHINE

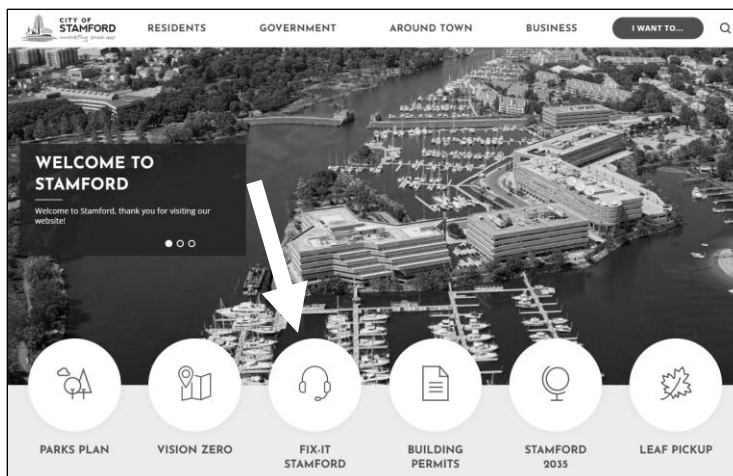
- Discard Bulky Garbage
- Free Tag Sale
- Complimentary Breakfast

BRING THE FAMILY!

**Help Make
Glenbrook
Look Its Best!**

Got a Problem? Fix It!

Use Fix It Stamford to report non-emergency issues directly to city agencies



Find the Fix It Stamford button at www.stamfordct.gov

Huber Lopez
Citizen's Service Representative

Fix It Stamford, originally known as The Citizen's Service Center, was established in 1996 to serve as a central point for Stamford residents to report issues and request services. As Stamford's Citizen's Service Representative, Huber Lopez personally oversees the online Fix It dashboard, answers phone requests, and makes sure that residents' concerns are addressed by the correct departments.

It's easy to report a problem to Fix It Stamford. Simply go to the city's website at www.stamfordct.gov. At the bottom of the screen you'll see six large buttons. The one with the headset icon will take you directly to the **Fix It Stamford Request Form**. Fill out the form and it automatically goes to the correct city department to be assigned.

From missed garbage pickup to overgrown vegetation blocking sidewalks, illegal dumping, potholes and more, Fix It Stamford processes about 1000 requests per month. The turnaround time varies.

Some requests—like missed trash pickup—can be

addressed in just a day or two. Others require the city to send a citation to the property owner, which can take longer.

Selecting the proper category for service requests will ensure that your issue is handled promptly. Huber recommends that residents upload a photo of the problem if possible. That will help narrow down the issue for the city personnel assigned to fix it. If you wish, your request can be made anonymously—just don't put in your contact info when prompted. You won't be updated as to the progress, but your request will still go through.

If you have any issues that are not addressed by the form, Huber suggests that you call or email his office directly. His phone number is 203-977-4140 and his email address is FixIt@StamfordCT.gov. Huber pledges to answer every voicemail and email as quickly as he can. "We can always improve, but I think it's going in the right direction. I want to change the narrative that the government never responds."

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Please Support GNA's Business Members

JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025

- Break Thru Family Fit 4 Life
- Burns Tavern
- Carmody, aTorrance, Sandak, Hennessey, LLP
- Clambake Connection
- Controlled Temperatures, Inc.
- Cosechas Restaurant***
- Crescent Bottles
- Crescent Cleaners
- Donut Delight
- Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
- Garden Homes Management

- Glen Haven Condo Association
- Glenbrook Barbers
- Grace Evangelical Free Church
- Grade A Market
- Gutter Guys, LLC
- Healing Hearts Adaptive Recreation***
- Helen's Luncheonette

- Homeguard Environmental
- Hope Pizza Restaurant
- Italian Deli
- La Hacienda Restaurant
- Magic Touch Dry Cleaners
- Minuteman Press***
- Nick's Pizza
- Reliable Oil & Heating

- Richard & Bernie's Caribbean Cuisine***
- Rosa's Mini Mart
- St. Maurice Church
- Salon Finesse
- The Stained Glass Apple
- Surwilo Construction
- Tawa Tangra
- The Training Floor
- Trips' Restaurant
- UM Media, LLC
- Union Memorial Church
- Welte Electronic Systems, LLC

***Denotes New Business Member**

Boring Gray Boxes No More!

2024 Community Micro-Grant Awarded to GNA

If you've walked or driven down Hope Street recently, you may have noticed two beautifully painted traffic signal boxes—each a unique work of art that adds character to our neighborhood.

Thanks to Mayor Caroline Simmons' 2024 Community Micro-Grant Program—awarded to the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association for the third consecutive year—local artists were once again commissioned to transform these everyday structures into vibrant public art.

Artist Sharon Leichsenring created a tribute to Julia A. Stark Elementary School, incorporating the school's logo alongside an inspiring acrostic poem: Students. Thriving. Achieving. Remarkable. Success. See it in front of Westover Pizza II at 306 Hope Street.

Meanwhile, Jean Benoit, known for his stunning contributions to Glenbrook's streetscape over the past three years, painted the box at the corner of Hope Street and Pine Hill Avenue with a breathtaking coastal theme.

If you haven't had the chance yet, take a stroll or drive by to admire these fantastic additions to our community!



Boxes painted by Benoit, left, and Leichsenring, right

2024 – 2025 A Year in Review

This year, our quarterly meetings featured programs about:

- **Candidates for City-Wide Office** who ran in the November 2024 election. In September we welcomed candidates for State Rep, State Senate, and Board of Ed. We also heard about new early voting initiatives from the Registrar of Voters.

- **Eversource Energy** updated us on their 4-year effort to update electrical transmission lines from the Glenbrook substation to the Cedar Heights substation requiring some underground digging throughout Glenbrook.

- **A Q&A session with our local and state reps** with updates on what's happening in Hartford with speed cameras, pension funding, and energy costs, plus local developments including updates on the recently sold WWE properties in Glenbrook.

- **A Fix It Stamford Primer**—Everything you ever wanted to know about Stamford's direct line from residents to city operations—when to use it and how to utilize it most effectively.

- **Plus** updates on business openings and closings, upcoming property developments in the area, our local schools, and everything else that's going on in the neighborhood.

**If you miss our meetings,
you're missing out!**

We're social! Follow GNA on Facebook for the most up-to-date info about Glenbrook!



☐ New Member

Join or Renew Now!

For fiscal year July 2025 through June 2026



☐ Renewal

☐ \$10 per Person ☐ \$25 per Business ☐ Additional Donation \$ _____

To join or renew your membership to GNA, please mail this form with payment or download the membership form from our website (www.glenbrookassn.com) and mail it to:

GNA, PO Box 2352, Stamford, CT 06906

Make checks payable to GNA • Your canceled check is your receipt

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Meet Some of GNA's Business Members

Be sure to mention that you appreciate their support when you visit!

Since 2001, many local businesses have supported the Glenbrook Neighborhood Association. In our last newsletter, we recognized City Carting (now WIN Waste Management), Crescent Cleaners, Nick's Pizza, St. Maurice Church, The Italian Deli, and Union Memorial Church for their ongoing support.

We appreciate the continued financial and in-kind support from our many local business members. This year, we're featuring:

Hope Pizza Restaurant, 230 Hope Street

Hope Pizza, a family-owned business, has proudly served Stamford for over 40 years. Renowned for its excellent customer service and generous portions of high-quality food at reasonable prices, Hope Pizza guarantees quick and efficient seating and service. Enjoy your meal by dining in or ordering takeout.

Grade A Market, 495 Hope Street

Did you know that Grade A has been in business since 1929? Salvatore Cingari bought an old school bus, loaded it with fresh produce, and started delivering door-to-door in Stamford. Now, almost 100 years later, the Cingari family operates 12 ShopRite grocery stores across Connecticut. We thank them for their water and snack donations to our Glenbrook Clean-Ups, too!

Trips' Restaurant, 348 Hope Street

Since 2005, Trips' Restaurant has graced the corner of Hope Street and Pine Hill Avenue. Known for its great food, casually elegant dining room, outstanding service, and friendly atmosphere, it's perfect for sharing a good meal with family and friends. Their varied menu offers something for everyone, but they are always willing to cook your meal to order. Stop by to enjoy lunch or dinner!

The Stained Glass Apple, 334 Hope Street

Since 1984, The Stained Glass Apple has been Stamford's top source for stained glass. Founded by artist Marilyn Gehring, it offers restoration, repair, instruction, studio services, and a large selection of unique stained glass, tools, and supplies. You can learn to make stained glass, order custom pieces, or shop at their gift store.

Magic Touch Cleaners, 517 Glenbrook Road

Magic Touch Cleaners has served Glenbrook with dry cleaning, wash and fold, alteration, and tailoring services for over 20 years. As a family-owned business devoted to customer service, they ensure that all your cleaning and tailoring needs are met by caring professionals.

"I really hate meetings"
"I'm not a joiner"
"I don't have the time"
"I just moved here"

**What are YOUR
reasons for not joining
the GNA Board?**

Whatever they are, maybe
it's time to reconsider and
volunteer to serve.

**Here's why it's a great
idea to step up:**

- As a GNA board member you can help to implement improvements that benefit everyone in Glenbrook.
- Serving on the GNA board provides an opportunity to connect with neighbors, build relationships, and foster a stronger sense of community.
- The experience you gain on our board can help if you decide to serve on other boards or within city government. It's also an excellent way to give back.
- It's fun and fulfilling!

**Your talents and fresh
ideas ARE NEEDED**

GNA does not require a huge time commitment. We have just one evening board meeting per month and 4 general meetings per year. You can do it!

**Make this the year you
volunteer your time and
skills. We can't do it
without you.**

LET'S TALK—EMAIL GNA NOW!
GlenbrookNeighborhoodAssoc@gmail.com

We'd love to meet you!

What Would Make Glenbrook a Better Neighborhood?

What do you want to see? Let's make it happen—together!

The GNA is more than just newsletters and dues. We need you to join and become an **ACTIVE MEMBER**.

How do you do that? Volunteer with your kids, give us feedback on meeting topics, suggest an event, serve a term on the board—help create the Glenbrook you want to live in.

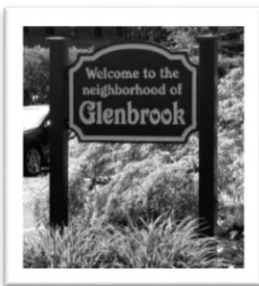


WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER!

Bringing Spring to Life

Beautifying our neighborhood with planters

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers in the GNA planters around Glenbrook? A small group of dedicated volunteers plant seasonal flowers every spring in the planters along Hope Street, Crescent Street, Hamilton Avenue and Glenbrook Road and then change them to greens for the winter. Our local merchants and volunteers water the planters throughout the seasons to keep them going. The plants are paid for by our membership dues, and a generous donation from Springdale Florist. Thanks to MaryAnn Mara for heading up the planting team every season!



Tree-mendous News!

A new tree is on the way to Hope Street Park

Professional landscape designer and GNA Member Scott McCauley volunteers many hours each spring and fall to maintain both The Liberty Garden at the Glenbrook Train Station and the plantings in Hope Street Park. In 2018, he arranged to have a Japanese Maple tree donated by the city and planted at Hope Street Park, where it thrived for several years.

Unfortunately, in December of 2023, the Japanese Maple was hit by a car and destroyed. GNA contacted Stamford's Tree Warden who suggested we get a copy of the accident report from the Police Records Dept. and submit it to Stamford's Law Dept. so the city could make an insurance claim.

Thanks to Scott and the dedicated City of Stamford employees who assisted us in this effort, the city received funds for a replacement tree from its insurance company. GNA expects a new tree or flowering bush to be planted in the park this spring.

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

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Teachers Make Magic Happen!

A Note from the PFO President at Stark School

Julia A. Stark Elementary School (better known as "Stark School") is a neighborhood school located in Glenbrook that serves over 600 students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Stark School has a wonderful community of talented teachers and staff who are dedicated to teaching and guiding our students to excel academically and socially.



Elementary teachers provide the core foundation that our children will carry with them throughout their academic life. Fostering foundational skills and a love for learning will impact their academic curiosity and social and emotional development. Elementary education is the cornerstone of a child's academic journey, laying the groundwork for future learning and personal development. As parents we understand the important work teachers and staff are doing every day at Stark Elementary and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for everything that they do—for the care and support that they give all their students; the patience and grace they show them and for helping them achieve their goals. You are the difference-makers!

As **Teacher Appreciation Week** approaches (May 5th through May 9th) we ask parents and caregivers to please take the time to say **THANK YOU** to all those teachers and staff who are laying the foundation of education and love every day to help our children flourish. Thank you to the Glenbrook community for your unwavering support of Stark—Glenbrook's neighborhood school! To learn more, please visit **starkschool.org**.

Maria Linares, President, Stark PFO