

ANNOUNCING:

Thursday
October 11, 2018
6-7:30 PM

"Oktoberfest" Neighborhood Meet Up

At
Lock City Brewing
54 Research Drive



Celebrate the return of
fall with your neighbors &
a locally brewed pint

Parking is limited

Walking strongly encouraged!

GNA QUARTERLY MEETINGS 2018 - 2019

FOUR WEDNESDAYS:

September 26, 2018
January 16, 2019
March 20, 2019
June 19, 2019

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

Our Year of Garden Projects

GNA Transforms Glenbrook's Liberty Garden and Hope Street Park



The Liberty Garden memorial to 9/11 was rededicated in September

The Liberty Garden was created in 2002 at the Glenbrook train station as a 9/11 memorial for Glenbrook commuter and neighbor Sean Rooney. It was with a heavy heart that in 2009 we added a memorial for his widow, GNA member Beverly Eckert. By 2017 the garden had become overgrown and in serious need of our attention.

GNA's renovation project began in March 2018 on Giving Day, the annual 24-hour fundraising event supporting local nonprofits,

organized by Fairfield County's Community Foundation. In addition to the generosity of the Giving Day donors, the project attracted community support as word spread. This made it possible for us to think bigger.

Over the summer, volunteers transformed the space, led by a new GNA member who is a professional landscape designer. They replaced the plantings, varnished the bench, and added a new American flag, flagpole light, and bronze plaque. The

touching rededication ceremony on September 9 was attended by Margot Eckert, Beverly's sister.

We invite you to visit the Liberty Garden at Glenbrook's train station. Information, photos, and videos are posted on the Facebook pages of both the GNA and the Liberty Garden. A Glenbrook commuter has commented "I am one of those who enjoy it every day. It's so nice to know more about it. What a beautiful story."



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GNA Business Members July 2017-June 2018

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| ·A & P Citgo Service | ·First County Bank | ·Hot Tin Roof Hair | ·Saint Maurice Church |
| ·Acme Sign Co | ·Food Bank of Lower
Fairfield County | ·IT Labs in Motion | ·Salon Finesse |
| ·APC | | ·Italian Deli | ·Stained Glass Apple |
| ·Associated Water Industries | ·Freemason's Union Lodge #5 | ·Jeffrey Cahn, Family Dentist | ·Stamford Junk Pros |
| ·Atlas Metals | ·Gerald Pierni, Realtor | ·Julia A. Stark Elementary School | ·Stamford Partnership |
| Break Thru Fitness | ·Glen Haven Condo Association | ·Linnea McManus, Realtor | ·Surwilo Contracting Co. |
| ·Carmody Torrence Sandak
& Hennessey | ·Glendale Commerce Park
Condominium | ·Little Monkey Café | ·Tagliare Salon |
| ·City Carting & Recycling | ·Grace Evangelical Free Church | ·Lock City Brewing | ·Tawa Indian Cuisine |
| ·Clambake Connection | ·Grade A Market | ·Magic Touch Cleaners | ·Timber Ridge Associates |
| ·Controlled Temperatures | ·Grand Prix Service Auto Repair | ·Mark Sank & Associates | ·Trips Restaurant |
| ·Crescent Bottles | ·Gutter Guys | ·Mark's Automotive | ·Um Media LLC |
| ·Crescent Cleaners | ·Happy House | ·Mr. Maquina Barbershop | ·Union Memorial Church |
| ·Dom's BP Service Station | ·Healing Hearts Recreational | ·Nature's Palette Landscaping | ·Union Memorial Preschool |
| ·Don Hamerman Photographs | ·Helen's Luncheonette | ·Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub | ·Verizon Wireless Hope Street |
| ·Donut Delight | ·Hermitage Academie & Library | ·P. Rogers Florist | ·View Entertainment |
| ·Duke's Premier
Market & Take-out | ·Homeguard Environmental | ·Pearl East Restaurant | ·Waterware Showrooms |
| ·Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service | ·Homework Helper | ·Real Deal Estate | ·Wells Fargo Bank |
| | ·Hope Pizza Restaurant | ·Reliable Oil | ·Welte Electronic Systems |

What Happens at a GNA Meeting?



We leave time after meetings for one-on-one conversation

Glenbrook always feels like a neighborhood at GNA meetings. We introduce first-timers, new residents, visitors, business members, elected officials and the newspaper reporter. We aim to make it easier for people to begin conversations during the social time after the meeting adjourns.

Glenbrook residents appreciate the connections they are able to make at these meetings. Sometimes we hear from people who cannot attend meetings but recognize the value of a neighborhood association. This summer a new member sent "back dues" for the three years she lived here and didn't join!

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 our thriving neighborhood association. **We can't afford to do this more than once a year, so why not consider joining GNA today?**

The 2017-2018 Year in Review

GNA's fiscal year runs from July to June. In addition to a special presentation about Glenbrook history last September, the quarterly meetings featured programs about:

Candidates in Local Elections

At our fall meeting we invited candidates running in the November municipal elections to introduce themselves and stay to speak with GNA members. Glenbrook's 06906 members live in five different municipal voting districts.

Transportation, Traffic, & Parking

Guest speakers James Travers (TT&P Bureau Chief) and Frank Petise (Traffic Engineer) answered questions on Glenbrook issues including residential parking permits, train station parking lot, Courtland Ave intersection improvements, and safety concerns at the Glenbrook Rd/Scofield Ave intersection.

Connecticut's Transportation Budget Crisis

Jim Cameron, founder of the Commuter Action Group, spoke on public transportation funding issues and how ConnDOT's projected budget cuts would impact service at the Glenbrook train station.

Changes at the Glenbrook Community Center

We honored Jerry and Teddi Pia, who retired in 2017 as operators of the Glenbrook Community Center. We also celebrated GNA's 19th anniversary at our annual meeting. Girl Scouts from Stark School's graduating 5th grade class presented their Kindness Rocks project encouraging us to spread good cheer. GNA gave "**06906**" to the post office and placed "**Never Forget**" at the Liberty Garden.

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 ☐ 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 through June 2019



(203) 977- 4140

If you want the City to fix something (a pothole perhaps?), the new way is to go online to **FixIt Stamford**.

You can still call the Citizen's Service Center, but we recommend visiting **www.StamfordCT.gov/fixit** to file a request or complaint. This new technology (and the FixIT app to be launched soon) will improve the City's accountability, so why not give it a try?

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

Christie Fountain
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Board Members:

Ronita Das
Zara DeLuca
Anita Kozminsky
MaryAnn Mara
Scott McCauley
Melanie Soper
Zdenka Zeman

Visit our website
www.glenbrookassn.com
for event photos, meeting minutes, previous newsletters, and a link to our Facebook page



What We've Heard at Meet Ups

Trading Information & Discovering Common Interests

Haven't been to one of our Meet Ups yet? Don't be shy! We'd love to get to know you. Monthly meetups are one way GNA is going strong. Another is the addition of four new board members this past June as GNA began its 20th year.



GLENBROOK USES THE TRAIN:

"My husband and I have one car. He drives to work and I walk to the train later. He passes me while I'm jogging and toots the horn!"

"When my neighbor's daughter had a sleepover on her 16th birthday, the girls took the train the next morning to New Canaan for breakfast."

GLENBROOK WALKS:

"On my morning walks I pick up cans and recycle them. Then donate the rebate to GNA."

"I boast to my colleagues that I can walk from home to a grocery store, hardware store, post office, bank, and restaurants—even in a snowstorm!"

WE SHARE INFORMATION:

"Is anyone using NextDoor.com?"

WE LIKE OUR LOCAL TAPROOM:

"Rainy Sunday afternoons are so great there!"

As an all-volunteer organization, GNA depends upon Glenbrook residents who can donate their time and skills. Those unable to volunteer can still help by joining GNA. Our treasury paid for that tree bag.



DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 19 years—you should know us by now! We have 350 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.



www.glenbrookassn.com

ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP & FREE TAG SALE



Saturday
October 13, 2018
9 AM–noon

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

Glenbrook Q&A

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

Q: Can I get speed bumps for my street?

A: There is a moratorium on speed bumps. But you can initiate a traffic study of your street by filing a complaint online at www.StamfordCT.gov/fixit or on the new FixIt Stamford app. The complaint is logged and tracked and added to the list of locations for data collection by recording devices like the speed trailer (and yes, there is a backlog.) Traffic data for each street is analyzed on a case by case basis, and a decision is made about which of many traffic calming treatments is to be applied.

Q: Why have those white posts been on Glenbrook Rd by Scofield Ave all summer?

A: Those are called temporary delineators. The city collected traffic data at that location last winter and is testing what impacts a "curb bump-out" would have there. Maybe you've noticed how they assist sight lines when you're turning onto Glenbrook Rd from Scofield.

Q: Is it true that letters have been stolen from the blue box outside the Glenbrook Post Office?

A: Yes, we were alerted by a GNA member this summer. Since then, the blue collection box has been replaced with an anti-theft model. Drop off your mail before the day's last pickup and keep in mind that the last weekend pickup at Glenbrook is 4 pm on Saturday. The mail slot inside the Camp Avenue Post Office in Springdale is open 24/7.

Q: Where can I find the history of Glenbrook that was part of your project in 2017?

A: The consultant who oversaw our 600-page *Historical and Architectural Resources Inventory of Glenbrook* wrote a 15-page illustrated overview (as part of the introduction to the survey sheets) that would interest anyone curious about Glenbrook's past. GNA brings the bound printed copy to all quarterly meetings. Print and digital copies will be donated to The Ferguson Library and the Stamford History Center as funding permits. The overview is also available on GNA's website.

Q: How can I find out the city's new recycling guidelines?

A: A lot changed on July 1st, 2018. To see the new list of accepted recycling items—and what is no longer accepted—visit www.StamfordCT.gov/recycling.

Q: The inviting stone staircase in the woods behind St Maurice Church—who built it and when?

A: We don't know the answer, but hope someone reading this can tell us!

Coming to Glenbrook this Fall!

Courtland/Maple Tree/Taylor Reed intersection – Completion of crosswalks and pedestrian signals

Glenbrook Community Center – City of Stamford's search for new operator

45 Church Street – Renovation from commercial to residential building

Hope Street Corridor – Paving from Church Street to Viaduct Road, with sidewalk extension and new crosswalks

Zahra's Corner Grill – Middle Eastern eatery to open at 259 Hope Street, vacant for more than two years!

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