

WHY DID I GET THIS NEWSLETTER?

If you live in the 06906 zip code, you're on our list! We're your neighborhood association and would love for you to join us. Look for the membership form inside.



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SPECIAL PROGRAM AT GNA'S ANNUAL MEETING



**Wednesday
June 15**

7:30-8:30 pm
on zoom

"Stamford Public Schools' Magnet Program and the Lottery Application Process"

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Community Commemorates 9/11

Glenbrook Neighborhood Association Ceremony Marks Twenty Years

Last fall GNA marked the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers that claimed the life of GNA member Sean Rooney. Sixty-five community members gathered at the Glenbrook Train Station at the Liberty Garden, one of dozens funded across the country in the wake of 9/11. Ours focuses on Sean, remembered on the memorial stone as "Commuter, Neighbor, Friend."

With heavy hearts GNA added a second memorial stone to the Liberty Garden in 2009 in memory of Sean's wife Beverly Eckert, honoring her dedication to both Sean's memory and to the Glenbrook neighborhood. It was Beverly who commissioned the mural on the Crescent Street side of the train station across from the platform. She asked the artist to paint a peaceful scene of the Sterling Farms golf course, intended to surprise and inspire Sean's fellow commuters as they wait for the morning train.



Flag is raised in memory of Glenbrook neighbors

Photo by Robert Tiedemann

GNA's ceremony comprised a solemn flag raising to half-staff by Glenbrook Fire Department volunteers, patriotic songs performed a cappella by a high school student from Union Memorial Church, reflections about Sean and Beverly by two of their neighbors, remarks by the Mayor, and the placing of eleven tea light candles on the garden bench as the names of Stamford's ten victims and

Beverly were read. The candles were placed by six adults and five children, the youngest of them only three years old. It was simple, respectful, and consoling.

GNA felt it was our duty to organize this event that brought three generations of community members together to mark a poignant anniversary with special meaning to Glenbrook. It's what a neighborhood association can do.

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| ·Donut Delight | ·Hope Pizza Restaurant | ·Nature's Palette Landscaping | ·Union Memorial Church |
| ·First County Bank | | ·Nick's Pizza/Bacco Pub | ·Welte Electronic Systems, LLC |

Glenbrook Fire Dept. Decks the Halls



GNA volunteers serve hot chocolate at the 2021 Tree Lighting

your Voice Counts!

Let's Hear It for Neighborhood Associations

GNA's guest speakers this past year from Pollinator Pathway/Stamford, the Land Use Bureau (Planning & Zoning), and the Housing Development Fund have been terrific! Our "Meet the Candidates" event last fall inspired a voter to tell us she'd found the in-person event "super helpful, especially with the city-wide races like Board of Education and Board of Finance."

In addition to scheduled events like these, the unexpected also got our attention.

Last spring, "tree removal" notices appeared on six mature trees on Hope Street at the Pine Hill Ave intersection. With their branches growing into overhead wires and the roots creating trip hazards, the City did not intend to replace them. GNA and a few other residents submitted objections and met on site with a City official. The compromise was four replacement trees of a type that won't grow into the wires.

The point here is that GNA's involvement represents a neighborhood group that has been active for 22 years. It's why, when the City applied for a grant for a big Glenbrook Road/ Church Street intersection improvement project last fall, GNA was asked to provide a letter of support to strengthen the application.

This couldn't have happened before a small group of residents formed Glenbrook Neighborhood Association. A neighborhood association gives the City an efficient way to reach out to residents, and, more importantly, an effective way for residents' voices to be heard and amplified.

GNA ANNUAL MEETING



Learn about Stamford Public Schools' Magnet Program

GNA's Annual Meeting, to be held on Zoom on June 15, 7:30-8:30, is an opportunity to learn from experts about Stamford Public Schools' magnet schools and the lottery application process. The guest presenter will be Olympia Della Flora, Associate Superintendent for School Development. Also in attendance will be two veteran elementary school principals – Jennifer DeRubeis, principal at Julia A. Stark School (Glenbrook's neighborhood school), and Linda Darling, principal at Hart Magnet School downtown. As with all of our Zoom meetings since the pandemic, only GNA members will receive an email with the Zoom link. Members can also send questions for the panelists to GNA before the meeting.

Get in touch with us! Our email address is GlenbrookNeighborhoodAssoc@gmail.com



Not a Member? Join Now!

We'll keep you informed of Glenbrook news, quarterly meetings and events.
To join GNA, please download the membership form from our website
(www.glenbrookassn.com) or send this form with payment to:
GNA, PO Box 2352, Stamford, CT 06906

- ☐ \$10 per Person ☐ Additional Donation \$_____
- ☐ \$25 per Business (Please specify amount)

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Your GNA membership is valid through June 2023

Thumbs UP/ Thumbs DOWN

-  Two of last summer's sidewalk planters displayed miniature pollinator gardens of colorful native plants with descriptive material to educate and inspire, but...
-  ...their disappearance one night in July remains a mystery and huge disappointment.
-  Since Hope Street's repaving and new lane striping from Viaduct Road to Rock Spring Road, accidents have been reduced by half!
-  If you try to cut through Scofield Avenue during Stark School's pick up and drop off times, you might wish you hadn't.
-  Dom's Service Station again donated evergreen clippings for GNA's planters to create a festive look during the winter months. Thanks Dom!
-  It was discouraging to see Crescent Street's first ever pothole appear this winter. That day, a Crescent Street business employee predicted it wouldn't be filled until summer....
-  ...but a customer who overheard his gloomy prediction reported it to FixIt Stamford, and it was filled two days later!



Guest speakers from Pollinator-Pathway/Stamford encouraged us to add pollinator-friendly habitats throughout Glenbrook.



The best way to request a city service is via computer or mobile device. Go to
FixIt Stamford

www.stamfordct.gov/fixit

If necessary, you can still call the Citizen's Service Center at 203-977-4140 and listen to a 2-minute message before reaching a Citizen's Service Center representative.

The website comes highly recommended by GNA and everyone who has used it.
Why not try it today?

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

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Visit our website
www.glenbrookassn.com



DID YOU KNOW?

There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We've been around for 22 years—you should know us by now! GNA is run by volunteers and is funded primarily by dues and contributions from our members. People sometimes tell us 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.



Follow us!

SPRING CLEANUP



**Saturday
May 14
9am - Noon**

RAIN OR SHINE

- Shred Documents
- Discard Bulky Garbage
- Swap Meet
- Complimentary Breakfast

BRING THE FAMILY!

**Make Glenbrook
Look Its Best!**

Glenbrook Q&A

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

Q: Now that United House Wrecking is gone, what is going in at 535 Hope Street?

A: After 35 years on Hope Street, the owners of United House Wrecking permanently closed their family-run business in 2021 and sold the property to a new owner who will open a location of Safeguard Self Storage. The property is zoned industrial, and the proposed business is a permitted use. Last summer at the Zoning Board public hearing on the application, GNA members spoke in opposition, and the Zoning Board acknowledged receiving emails from residents also in opposition. The fact remained it is the applicant's right to open that business in that zone. The Zoning Board did ask for modifications to the landscaping and appearance to mitigate the imposing size of the building in our residential neighborhood.

Q: Why did Karp's Ace Hardware change its name?

A: Karp's has stood in Glenbrook Shopping Center since 2001, but the family-owned hardware store was founded nearly 100 years ago by the grandfather of brothers Marc and David Fogel. This winter they sold the store to Rocky's Ace Hardware, a family-owned business based in Massachusetts with 38 locations. You'll still see the familiar faces of the employees who helped you at Karp's and made it such a valuable community resource.

Q: I'm amazed that the City provides a way for residents to recycle food scraps. What else should I know about?

A: Search for Food Scrap Recycling on www.stamfordct.gov to learn why and how to keep food scraps out of your garbage. A Starter Kit with compostable bags makes it easy to do. Stamford recycled over 31,000 pounds of food waste between July 1, 2021, and early April 2022. Less waste in landfills saves Stamford money! That goes for clothes as well. Another great new program to look up is Stamford's Curbside Textile Recycling. Clothes aren't trash! In February Stamford diverted 456 pounds of clothes from landfill. The City partners with the environmental company Helpsy, which makes house calls!

Time for Some Spring Cleaning!

GNA's Spring Cleanup, Shred, and Swap Meet Event Returns on May 14

At GNA's spring and fall cleanups, cars pull up to the dumpster to unload the items they are eager to discard. People bring bagfuls of printed material to be shredded. Savvy shoppers check out what's available for free at the swap meet. But lately there's been a severe shortage of volunteers to help spruce up the train station area and surrounding streets.

The GNA Board has decided to hold the cleanup only in spring from now on. True, Crescent Street never looked better than it did last October after the fall cleanup, when a small but dedicated team pulled the weeds growing in the tree pits along the tree-lined street. We would have loved to have had more help!

Members, please watch your email and consider



volunteering for the May 14 Cleanup when the request arrives. Bring your family or a friend—kids are welcome! Not a member? Join today!

Visit our website at www.glenbrookassn.com for updated information about the GNA