

**PLEASE ATTEND
GNA'S ANNUAL
MEETING**

**Wednesday
June 19, 2024
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 18
9 am - Noon**

RAIN OR SHINE

- Discard Bulky Garbage
- Swap Meet
- Complimentary Breakfast

BRING THE FAMILY!

**Help Make
Glenbrook
Look Its Best!**

Glenbrook Talks Trash!

The Whys and Hows of Stamford Recycling

Residents often have questions about the proper way to recycle their garbage, and whether we should even bother to recycle at all. Dan Colleluori, Director of Recycling and Sanitation for the City of Stamford, visited our March GNA meeting to bring us up to date on Stamford's recycling efforts.

For several years now, the only profitable item Stamford can recycle is cardboard. There is no worldwide market for plastics and glass anymore. Recycling does keep items out of landfills and it **costs the city less to dispose of recyclables than garbage**, so it's still worth doing—especially when it comes to corrugated cardboard.

You can help save the city money by following a few simple rules to speed up recycling collection:

- Make sure your recycling toter contains NO garbage or other non-recyclable items such as grass clippings. Non-recyclables in the toter means the whole thing will not be picked up.
- Do not put plastic bags into your recycling toter. Plastic bags clog up the recycling machine.
- Bring corrugated cardboard to the Katrina Mygatt Center instead of putting it in the toter so Stamford will profit from its sale.
- Compost your yard and food waste at home or bring it to the Katrina Mygatt Center.

Some items must be handled separately, such as appliances, electronics, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and inkjet cartridges, furniture/bulky waste, cardboard, cooking and motor oil, and textiles. These items can be dropped off at the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center and sorted into the appropriate bins.

Textiles can be picked up at your home by Helpsy. Just go to the Home Pickup tab at www.helpsy.com or call 800-244-6350 to schedule a pickup. And don't forget about the *Take It or Leave It Shop* at the Katrina Mygatt Recycling Center. One person's trash is another person's treasure!



**Stamford's Recycling & Solid Waste
Department Supervisor, Dan Colleluori**

Later this year, Stamford will be stepping up its ability to compost food waste with new, app-driven food waste composting machines strategically placed throughout Stamford. Residents will be able to download an app that opens the machines for compost disposal. The machines then turn the food waste into rich soil available to Stamford residents for gardening. **Composting food waste helps to lessen the weight of our collected garbage, which also saves the city money.**

Want to learn more? Visit Stamfordct.gov, click on the Residents tab on the upper left, then click on Recycling and Sanitation from the pulldown menu or the left navigation menu. There you'll find a comprehensive list of where most common household items can be disposed of or recycled.

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Postal Customer

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Please Support GNA's Business Members

JULY 2023 – JUNE 2024

- Burns Tavern*
- Carmody Torrance, Sandak, Hennessey, LLP
- Controlled Temperatures, Inc.
- Crazy Grapes
- Crescent Bottles
- Crescent Cleaners
- Donut Delight
- Duke's Premier Market
- Eastern Land Management
- Evergreen Liquor Store

- First County Bank
- Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County
- Garden Homes Management*
- Gigi Barrett Fine Art
- Glen Haven Condo Association
- Glenbrook Barbers*
- GNA Associates
- Grace Evangelical Free Church

- Grade A Shoprite
- Gutter Guys, LLC
- Helen's Luncheonette
- Hope Pizza Restaurant
- Italian Deli
- JB Orthodontics
- La Hacienda Restaurant
- Lock City Brewing Company
- Mr. Maquina Barbershop

- Reliable Oil & Heating
- Rosa's Mini Mart*
- St. Maurice Church
- The Stained Glass Apple
- Stamford Junk Pros
- Surwilo Contracting Co.
- The Training Floor
- Trips' Restaurant
- UM Media, LLC
- Union Memorial Church
- Verizon Wireless Zone

*New Business Member

Art Is All Around Us

GNA Receives a 2023 Community Micro-Grant to Paint Neighborhood Signal Boxes

In a bid to infuse art into everyday life and continue to beautify the Glenbrook neighborhood, GNA chose to utilize Mayor Caroline Simmons' 2023 Community Micro-grant award to transform Glenbrook's traffic signal boxes into vibrant works of art.

This decision reflects GNA's dedication to fostering a sense of pride and identity within Glenbrook. Collaborating with local artists Silvia Fernandez-Stein and Jean Benoit, this initiative showcases the power of community-driven efforts to shape the aesthetic and cultural landscape of a neighborhood.

Our newest painted boxes can be spotted at the following locations: Glenbrook Road (across from Stark School), and the intersections of Glenbrook Road & Courtland Avenue, and Maple Tree Avenue & Courtland Avenue.



Boxes painted by Benoit, left, and Fernandez-Stein, right

2023 – 2024 A Year in Review

This year, our quarterly meetings featured programs about:

- **Candidates for City-Wide Office** who ran in the November 2023 election. We welcomed candidates for Board of Reps, Board of Ed, and Board of Finance.
- **The I-95 Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study** to research ways to improve safety and mobility on I-95 between exits 7 and 9 in Stamford as well as concepts to replace the I-95 bridge over Metro-North Railroad and Myrtle Ave.
- **Changes to the Church Street and Glenbrook Road Intersection** from the Department of Traffic, Transportation & Parking.
- **Stamford's Vision Zero Initiative**, which aims to eliminate fatal and serious traffic crashes in the city by 2032.
- **Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal in Stamford** with department Supervisor, Dan Colleluori, including how to participate in the food composting initiative.
- **Plus** updates on business openings and closings, upcoming property development 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 2024 through June 2025



☐ 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: _____

GNA Partners Through Thick and Thin

Meet the Business Members Who've Been with Us Since the Beginning

Since our origin in 2001, many of our local businesses have generously contributed to GNA. You can find a whole list of our current business members in this newsletter, on our website, and handed out at every GNA quarterly meeting.

Business memberships come and go, but 6 members have been with us since the beginning. We want to thank them for their unwavering support and highlight them here, so you can thank them too!

City Carting/Recycling Co. (now **WIN Waste Management**) We thank WIN for the dumpsters they supply to us, free of charge, for our twice-yearly Glenbrook Clean Ups. WIN Waste offers sustainable waste and recycling services. Learn more at www.win-waste.com.

Crescent Cleaners offers services that cover all your cleaning needs, such as eco-friendly dry cleaning, linen cleaning, shirt laundering, leather and suede cleaning, fur storage, and cleaning of household items such as pillows, comforters, and bedspreads. Their friendly service makes it easy to get your cleaning done with a 24-hour drop box and the convenience of schedule home delivery service. Thanks for keeping us clean, Crescent Cleaners!

Nick's Pizza Serving Stamford delicious Italian food since 1969, Nick's honors the tradition of Nick Criscuolo's fine cuisine and offers something for everyone, including 20 specialty pizzas, over 40 options for pizza toppings, burgers, wraps, and wings, and classic Italian entrees. Eat in and enjoy their friendly service or eat at home and enjoy their fast delivery!

St. Maurice Church Sometimes referred to as "*The Little Church on the Hill*", the Norman-Gothic Revival church built in 1936 has provided a comfortable space for our GNA Board meetings each month since the closing of the GCC and the end of Covid.

The Italian Deli has been serving Stamford in the Glenbrook area for 43 years! That's a lot of bacon, egg, and cheese sandwiches, which the Italian Deli's proprietor, Rocco DiPreta, says is his biggest seller. Head on over to Crescent Street if you're craving delicious deli favorites like chicken cutlet wedges, and Italian combos, and don't forget to check out the yummy hot food offerings.

Union Memorial Church is located on Church Street. Their small congregation welcomes new people and is accepting of all faiths, with a "come as you are" environment to make sure you're comfortable. During worship at 10:00 AM each Sunday, there is a nursery for infants and toddlers. We thank UMC for their support of GNA over the years!



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 short 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?

WALK and LEARN

Saturday, May 4, 10 AM

Did you know that "Glenbrook, Conn." used to be embossed on Phillips Milk of Magnesia's cobalt blue glass bottles?

On **Saturday, May 4**, GNA will host a "walking conversation" to gather material about the Phillips family's influence in Glenbrook. We'll share stories and information that you may have heard over the years from family members and neighbors. Maybe you grew up in a "Phillips house."

We'll meet at 10 AM at Glenbrook train station (on the Glenbrook Road side) and set out first for the old factory at Glenbrook Industrial Park, and from there to Oakdale Road. Our tour will last about an hour and a half, and afterwards we may be inspired to keep talking at Nick's Pizza.

DID YOU KNOW

There's a Glenbrook
Neighborhood
Association?

We're more than
just newsletters!

We're involved in all
aspects of the 06906
community, from
beautification and
cleanups to keeping
members informed of
neighborhood businesses
and developments.

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

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

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Transitions...

From Our Outgoing President



My husband and I had lived in Stamford for over 39 years when we relocated to Glenbrook in 2015. We received a GNA Newsletter in the mail, just as you did today. It looked interesting, so we attended some meetings and became members in 2016.

As I finish my second term as president, I want to thank all the GNA members, and past and present Board members who have served with me, for all their support. I will continue on the Board since I still have one more year left on my term as a Board member.

I succeeded our long-time president, Christie Fountain, in July, 2020, when Covid left many of us unable to know what the future would bring to our families, Stamford, or the nation. After over 20 years of existence, GNA was facing a daunting challenge.

Fortunately, the Board was introduced to Zoom which allowed us to meet virtually with our members in the fall of 2020 for our postponed Annual Meeting, and we held our annual Fall Clean Up with Covid-conscious precautions. **There was no stopping GNA after that.**

Our varied and interesting meetings had speakers discussing everything from the brand new Covid vaccines, to Aquarion, Stamford's public water supplier. We've hosted candidates for municipal office and learned about all aspects of our city from the people who run it.

Along with the spring & fall flowers placed in our planters scattered throughout Glenbrook, the improvements to the Liberty Garden at the train station, the maintenance provided to Hope Street Park, member "Meet Ups" at different business-member restaurants, the GNA continues to fulfill its mission of improving the quality of life in Glenbrook.

I firmly believe the best is yet to come for GNA.

Fondest Regards,

Marie Metz

Just Being Neighborly!

A Note from the PTO 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 children from kindergarten through fifth grade. The relationships with the surrounding community and neighborhood are at the heart of what Stark School represents.

Stark is a wonderful community of learners who will achieve SO many different things! However, sometimes teachers need some extra support in the form of supplies and resources to help students reach their full potential. One way you can help is to search 06906 on **DonorsChoose.org**, an amazing website where individuals can contribute to public schools. There you'll find requests from Stark teachers for resources to help make children's time at school even more engaging, dynamic, and enriching.

Please take a look at the Stark projects that are currently live on Donors Choose and consider making a donation--no matter the size--to help get these projects funded and resources into the hands of the neighborhood students!

Thank you to the Glenbrook community for your unwavering support of Stark—Glenbrook's neighborhood school! To learn more, please visit **starkschool.org**.

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