



# THE neighborhood news

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## UPCOMING GNA MEETINGS

### WHEN

September 18, 2013  
January 15, 2014  
March 19, 2014  
June 18, 2014

### WHERE

Glenbrook  
Community Center,  
35 Crescent Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

### TIME

7:30 pm

### WHO

All GNA members and  
Glenbrook residents and  
merchants are invited!

Members who cannot attend  
our meetings stay informed  
via email. We welcome your  
membership dues in support  
of our work in Glenbrook.

Meetings are announced by  
email, The Advocate, and  
bulletin boards at the Post  
Office and Grade A Market.

### QUESTIONS?

Call GNA President  
Christie Fountain  
at 203.964.0078



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## New Trees for Glenbrook

Wells Fargo grant offers the chance to "green up" the neighborhood



Residents of Howes and Brooklawn Avenues after a day of planting their new street trees

In May, 23 new street trees were planted in Glenbrook on Howes, Brooklawn, Lenox, Courtland, Taylor Reed, and Oakdale. A grant to GNA from the Glenbrook branch of Wells Fargo Bank provided the seed money, supplemented by our treasury and by contributions from Howes and Brooklawn residents for additional trees. City trees provide shade, enhance aesthetics, cleanse the air, increase property

values, and make walks more pleasant. Over the last few years, many Glenbrook trees have been lost due to decay, disruption to sidewalks, and storm damage. Our Wells Fargo Tree Initiative aims to replenish Glenbrook's diminished tree inventory. Wells

Fargo has renewed the grant to GNA in 2014, and will recruit employees to help with next year's project. Anne Goslin described planting day as "a super fun community effort." Our thanks to Anne, John McGroarty, and Lori Constantine for their leadership – and for making it fun.

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# GNA Business Members 2012-2013

Acme Sign Co.  
Activities for Kids  
AfterFX Customs  
Anything in Acrylic  
Canine Coiffures  
City Carting & Recycling  
Clambake Connection  
Classic Nails  
Crazy Grapes  
Crescent Bottles  
Crescent Cleaners  
Dazzle Hair Salon

Dom's Amoco  
Doneit Realty Group  
Enzo's Italian Fine Foods  
Ernie's Lawn Cutting Service  
Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County  
Glenbrook Center  
Grade A Market  
Gutter Guys  
Homeguard Environmental  
Hope Pizza Restaurant  
Hope Street Pharmacy  
Hot Tin Roof Hair

The Italian Deli  
Karp's Hardware  
Lenny V's Italian Deli  
Magic Touch Cleaners  
Mark's Automotive  
Monster B's Bar and Grille  
Mr. C's Fix-Up Shop  
Nelly's Hair Salon  
Nick's Pizza / Bacco Pub  
Papa John's Pizza  
PC Support  
Reliable Oil & Heat Co.

Renewable Resources  
Retrouvé Vintage  
Reveal Hair Salon  
P. Rogers & Co. Floral Design  
Jon C. Rosenblitt, D.M.D.  
Stained Glass Apple  
Tandoor Village Indian Restaurant  
Tommy K's Vitamins  
Trips Restaurant  
Union Memorial Church  
Vivona Construction  
Welte Electronic Systems



Work on the Glenbrook Station canopy began this past June and is scheduled to be completed in May 2014.

## Do You Know How Lucky We Are to Have a Train Station?

Back in 2000, the urban designers consulting with Glenbrook on our Neighborhood Master Plan told us there are neighborhoods that would kill for a train station. GNA's greatest advocacy triumph is the rezoning of the train station area from Commercial-Neighborhood

(CN) to Village Commercial District (VCD) in 2009. Guidelines are in place that will influence the physical development and aesthetics of new construction in the VCD. The goal is a modern version of the pedestrian-friendly village Glenbrook once was in its prime.

## Why Did I Get This GNA Newsletter?

Usually we send our annual newsletter only to GNA members. This time it's going to **every Glenbrook address**. Why? Because we are certain that some of you will want to be part of this year's TOD study and Master Plan Update. We have found it's an honor (and fun) to learn from the top notch urban design consultants so carefully selected by the City of Stamford. As you help plan Glenbrook's future, you will also change the way you look at cities everywhere.

Visit our website at [www.glenbrookassn.com](http://www.glenbrookassn.com) for updated information about the GNA

## The 2012-2013 Year in Review

GNA holds quarterly meetings. Last year's meetings featured presentations by:

- **People Friendly Stamford**, on transportation planning for cyclists and pedestrians;
- **Norman Cole, Stamford's Land Use Bureau Chief**, on the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) study of Glenbrook's train station area;
- **Audubon Greenwich**, on Bird-Friendly Communities and the Schoolyard Habitat program at Julia A. Stark Elementary School, and
- **Police Chief (and Glenbrook native) Jon Fontneau**, on what the Stamford Police Department does, followed by our questions about issues relevant to Glenbrook.

To learn more about what else GNA did this year, turn to the back page!



Another beautiful GNA planter—this one's right outside the Glenbrook Post Office



## GNA Membership Form



Mail completed form and payment to: GNA, PO Box 2352, Stamford CT 06906

\$15 Individual Membership

Additional Donation \$\_\_\_\_\_

\$25 Business Membership

(Please specify amount)

Make checks payable to GNA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The GNA is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

## Do You Have a Glenbrook Pet Peeve?

**Don't be shy. What's been bothering you?**

We have a member who hated the weeds on the Courtland Avenue bridge. She and a neighbor took it on as a project.

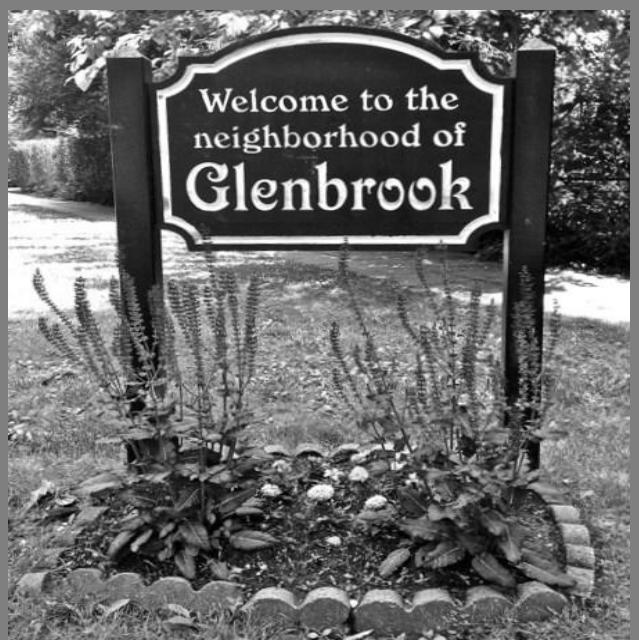
Another member wanted to add some color to the hillside along Taylor Reed Place. He organized some

volunteers and GNA gave them a budget.

Maybe you're peeved by graffiti, abandoned carts, illegal dumping, or weeds. Perhaps you have a particular interest in the train station, aesthetics, trees, or safety for cyclists

and pedestrians. Or possibly, you'd welcome the opportunity to talk to a police officer about a traffic concern, or have wondered how decisions that affect Glenbrook are made at the City and State level.

With GNA we accomplish things together that are harder to do alone. Join GNA and feel supported in your interest in improving Glenbrook. At our meetings you will meet neighbors, local business owners, elected officials, City staff, a police captain, and the school principal. For some people, involvement with GNA on the neighborhood level has led to participation on one of the City's boards and commissions.



Check out the lovely surprise landscaping done this spring by a Courtland Avenue neighbor!

## CITIZENS SERVICE CENTER



**(203) 977-4140**

**Remember this number!**

Call the Citizens Service Center to report a problem, request a city service, or ask for information.

People attending their first GNA meeting often come with a question or complaint that can be answered this way:

Call (203) 977-4140!

## GLENBROOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

### There's a Glenbrook Neighborhood Association!

We have been in existence for 13 years and currently have 200 household and business members, with an average attendance of 50 at our quarterly meetings. GNA is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible nonprofit organization run by volunteers and supported by dues, contributions, and grants. We work together to improve the quality of life in Glenbrook, which also includes guiding its future development. We advocate for Glenbrook by maintaining relationships with elected officials and City staff.

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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## YOU ARE INVITED!

To our next meeting:

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

Featuring  
**Erin McKenna**,  
Project Manager  
for Glenbrook's Transit  
Oriented Development  
Study (TOD).

## WHAT IS TOD?

**Transit-oriented  
development (TOD)** creates compact walkable communities connected to a train line. Glenbrook's TOD study area is the ½ mile radius around the train station.

# Glenbrook Q&A

Some of the things you might have been wondering about...

#### Q: What's happening at CVS Plaza on Hope Street?

**A:** CVS's new Glenbrook store will have a drive-thru pharmacy with limited hours. This CVS **will not** be a 24-hour location.

#### Q: What happens to shopping carts abandoned in Glenbrook?

**A:** GNA reports the locations to store managers. Do it yourself, if we miss some. Fairway wins the prize for greatest distance from Glenbrook.

#### Q: What about mattresses and furniture left at curbside?

**A:** Report illegal dumping to the **Citizens Service Center at (203) 977-4140**, or make a request online by googling **Stamford CT 311**.

#### Q: Can I legally have a boarder living with me in my house?

**A:** Yes – perhaps more than one, depending on circumstances. Call the City's **Zoning Department at (203) 977-5944**.

#### Q: Why did the repaving of Rock Spring Road take so long after utility work?

**A:** Utilities are normally required to repave streets within six months. Rock Spring Road was patched and bumpy all winter until the weather warmed up enough for paving with asphalt.

#### Q: Is Glenbrook doing a good job with Single Stream Recycling?

**A:** Only average – we could do better. Visit [stamfordrecycles.org](http://stamfordrecycles.org) to find out what else you can recycle and dispose of properly – paints, electronics, and much more, even American flags. Watch for a collection day this fall for old medications and drugs.

#### Q: Is there a written Glenbrook history?

**A:** Yes! GNA commissioned it in 2005. It's available at the **Stamford Historical Society**, the **Ferguson Library** and on the **GNA website** under "About."

## Save the Date! Thursday, September 26

### Revised Master Plan Could Impact Glenbrook's Future

If you have ever wished Glenbrook were different, this meeting is for you. On Thursday, September 26, the City's Land Use Bureau will hold a community meeting to focus on neighborhood concerns in Glenbrook, Springdale, and Belltown. A breakout group will discuss the specific needs of Glenbrook.

The Master Plan serves as a blueprint for Stamford's development and zoning decisions, and by law it must be updated every ten years. GNA was heavily involved in the 2002 Master Plan that led to the creation of Glenbrook's Village Commercial District (VCD).

Though the Master Plan looks at the city as a whole, the consultants seek input from Stamford's neighborhoods about how to map out their future and preserve their character. The Springdale/Glenbrook/Belltown meeting will be at Belltown Fire Station, 8 Dorlen Road, at 7 pm.

#### ► What else has the GNA been up to this year? ◀

In addition to the tree replacement project, we've organized **spring and fall cleanups**, with dumpster and shredder provided by GNA member City Carting & Recycling; served **free hot chocolate** at the Glenbrook Fire Department's tree lighting, and provided **sidewalk planters** for the summer. We continued the popular new tradition of a **Neighborhood Swap**, where people donate unwanted items for others to take. Special events last year were a "State of the City" presentation by Mayor Michael Pavia; and GNA's first **caroling party**.