

# The Neighbor

Newsletter of the Glenlake Neighborhood Association  
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## Entrance Improvements

As you probably know, the Board is trying to improve the look of the gatehouse. As a first step, the roof has been fixed so that the structure is waterproof. You have probably seen that we have been testing color samples, with a view to painting it. However, at the recent General Meeting of the Association, it was suggested that we consider sheathing the gatehouse with stucco or stone. The Board has also been exploring the possibility of a **new Glenlake sign**, hopefully in stone, either with engraved recessed lettering or attached metal letters. We have therefore formed an Entrance Improvement Committee, and seven members have volunteered to serve. A member of the committee is an architect and has volunteered his services to produce professional looking entrance. We thank the committee for their willingness and efforts. We look forward to these changes.

Unfortunately all these improvements will be expensive, and the budget approved at the General Meeting includes \$7,000 for this work. It was decided to keep the annual dues at \$65, and to dip heavily into our reserves to handle a portion of the cost.

**You can help** to reduce this budget deficit by joining the GNA if you are not already a member and by making an additional contribution to the Entrance Improvement Fund. Improving the entrance will enhance the neighborhood for everyone, and help property values. Currently only 65% of owners join the GNA. Our dues are very low for a neighborhood of this caliber, and we would urge everyone to join, so that the cost is borne by all. Dues notices have gone out, and checks should be made payable to the GNA; these can be dropped off or sent to 9811 Glenlake Drive, Austin, Texas 78730.

## Westminster Glen III

At the recent General Meeting, Jana Rice and Dean Blaine from Cunningham Allen, Land Development Engineers, were introduced to talk about this project. They said this development was on approximately 100 acres, bordered by Westminster Glen, City Park Road and Glenlake. There will be 50 lots, mostly between 1 and 1.5 acres. These are heavily treed, and Dean Blaine expressed a desire that they remain so although it is not clear that the builder has the same desire and will act accordingly. Access to most of the development will be through House of York (Westminster Glen), but three houses will access Chamisa, one Turkey Creek and four City Park Road. All will have septic systems, and be in the Lake Austin watershed, which is strictly controlled. A creek flows through this land, and approximately 100 feet on either side of the creek will be left untouched as greenbelt.

Residents expressed concern about just how many trees will be cut down, and the number of contractors' trucks on Glenlake and Chamisa creating noise and safety problems. It

was strongly suggested that the tree cutting should be left to the individual builders/lot owners, when home locations are determined.

The Board is obtaining copies of the latest plans submitted to the City, and hopes to meet with Westminster Glen Neighborhood Association to discuss possible deed restrictions to help maintain the natural beauty. The GNA Board can be e-mailed at [gnaboard@yahoo.com](mailto:gnaboard@yahoo.com) with any questions, and if necessary, these can be forwarded to Dean Blaine, who has promised answers.

### **2002 GNA Board**

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### **A Big Thank You .**

To outgoing board members Carla Bohn and Mitra Miller Roehr, for all your hard work serving this community.

### **And Congratulations**

To Mitra and husband Andy on the birth of their son Andrew Jack last November . Mitra continued to serve as President, even with all the turmoil of preparing for her new family member.

*Carla and Mitra, we appreciate you.*

### **Financial Report**

The Treasurer presented the financial report at the General Meeting on January 29th 2002. This is summarized in the [table](#), together with the budget for 2002, which was approved at the meeting.

Thank you Jannelle for your hard work and dedication.

### **New to the Neighborhood?**

We hope you will enjoy being part of our beautiful, friendly neighborhood. If you have recently moved into the area, and have not been contacted by our **Welcoming Committee** and would like a visit, please call Lisette Schmidli at 345-1776.

### **Garden Club**

Ladies, want to get to know your neighbors? Please join us for the (euphemistically named) Glenlake Garden Club where we discuss news, our community, and (occasionally) gardening. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month over our sack lunches. Call Lisette Schmidli at 345-1776 for time and location.

### **GNA News on the Web**

Have you checked out our great website at: <http://communitylink.austin360.com/groups/GNANew>? It keeps you abreast of neighborhood news and gives a valuable list of service providers. If you have a recommendation, please include, type of service, person or company name, phone number and date of service. If you would like a copy of the provider list and you do not have internet access, please let us know. Send recommendations or requests to our webmaster at [gnaboard@yahoo.com](mailto:gnaboard@yahoo.com) or 9811 Glenlake Drive.

### **We Welcome Your Submissions**

If you have news, articles or photos for the newsletter or website, please send them to:

GNA Board, 9811 Glenlake Drive, or e-mail to [gnaboard@yahoo.com](mailto:gnaboard@yahoo.com).

## **Neighborhood Book Club?**

Would you be interested in forming a non-demanding book club? It would involve buying only one new book a year, and passing on your book every 3 weeks. We need 17 people to get started. If interested, please call Gillian Mclean at 231-8244.

## **Pets and Coyotes**

Pet owners, be aware that there are coyotes in the neighborhood, and they find cats very easy prey. You are advised to keep your cats inside at night. Also, we continue to plead with dog owners to be responsible, and confine their pets to their own property, and not let them be a nuisance to their neighbors.

## **Building & Deed Restrictions**

Please remember when putting up a fence or altering the exterior of your property, that Glenlake has important deed restrictions, and the [Glenlake Architectural Control Committee](#) must review and approve your changes. Contact ACC chairman Ben Dubose at 418-9889 for more information.

## **Halloween Thank you**

A great time was had by our kids as they went around Trick or Treating for Halloween. A big thank you to Myra Harold for organizing this event, and to all of you who helped make it a success, whether by lending trailers, driving, or providing refreshments. If you have photos of the event, please send digitized versions to our [webmaster](#) for inclusion in a web-based photo album.

## **GNA Social Committee**

Are you interested in meeting more of your neighbors, creating a better feeling of community, helping our children make more friends? If so please consider volunteering to serve on our Social Committee. It is time we revived this committee, as the GNA board cannot do it all! We need help to organize events for both adults and kids. Ideas include Easter egg hunt, picnics, potluck suppers, dancing, July 4th celebration, group visits to the theatre, concerts, art exhibitions, etc.

## **Neighborhood Communications**

The Board has decided that pinning notices to the gatehouse does not beautify the neighborhood. Notices for lost or found animals may be placed there, but please refrain from posting other notices. However, we do wish our **youth** to be able to offer services such as babysitting, pet sitting or yard work and so we suggest putting such

advertisements in the Newsletter or on the website. If you wish to advertise, please contact GNA Board.

### *Advertisements*

#### **For Pet Sitting**

Call Shana Listander at 345-3170. She will feed and water your animals, exercise them and administer medication as needed. She can cope with domestic and exotic animals, and is great with birds.

#### **Car Washing Opportunity**

Glenlake neighborhood resident is seeking a responsible person to make \$40 every other week by washing two cars. Call 346-4028.

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