

Glenlake Neighborhood Association

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Neighborhood News

General Meeting

Please plan to attend an informative and important GNA general meeting:

Tuesday, 16 October 2007

7:00—9:00pm

**River Place Country Club
Overlook I room**

A primary purpose of this meeting is for the residents of Glenlake to elect two neighbors to serve on the GNA board for a 3-year term beginning 1 November 2007. The term for current board members Jeannette Burger and Carol Lee end on 31 October, and we need two residents who are interested and energetic about serving the Glenlake community. Please contact Carol (email president@glenlakehoa.org or call 794-8250) if you are interested in serving or would like to nominate a resident to serve on the GNA board. Serving on the board is a fun and rewarding way to help make Glenlake a great place for all of us to live.

BCP and Wildfire Education! We will have two very special guest speakers at the 16 October general meeting to talk with residents about two issues that significantly affect Glenlake. **Gail McGlamery** will discuss the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (BCP), and **Glen Gillman** is a Fire Management Specialist who will discuss wildland fire risks. The Glenlake area is surrounded by BCP land, and is rated as High and Severe risk for wildfire, so both of these topics should be of interest to our residents.

I also am trying to arrange for interested residents to request that a personal fire risk assessment be done for their property. This is a free assessment that takes approximately 30 minutes for a wildland specialist to review the particular location and topography and advise on measures that could be taken to improve your chances of surviving a wildfire. We would need to schedule adjacent appointments to optimize the time that the wildland specialist needs to spend in the neighborhood conducting these assessments, and I'm hoping to offer the opportunity to schedule assessments at the 16 October general meeting.

A detailed agenda will be posted to the GNA Web site no later than 9 October. Please be sure to attend this meeting, or at least assign a proxy to represent your vote. Proxy forms are included on the GNA Dues form, which can be downloaded from the GNA Web site.

Progress on Safety Improvements

In April we added a new "SLOW, Children At Play" caution sign on the west side of Glenlake Drive, and in May the ESD#4 installed a new STOP sign at the 911 boulevard.

After a June meeting between GNA board members Mary Daigle and Carol Lee and our Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty and his Executive Assistant, Bob Moore, the Travis County initiated some improvements to City Park Road and Glenlake Drive. This included repairing water sinkholes and smoothing ragged edges of City Park Road, and trimming limbs and shrubbery to improve visibility to signs.

This month I've been talking with David Greear, Travis County Traffic Program Manager. He has committed to replacing the reflective street signs within Glenlake, reviewing the location of speed limit signs and other measures that could help reduce speeding on Glenlake Drive, adding a street sign at the Ranch Creek cul-de-sac, and adding No Littering signs to City Park Road.

Getting the existing litter along City Park Road picked up has remained a challenge. The City of Austin and Travis County have jurisdiction over different sections of it, and we have not yet found the appropriate contacts to be interested in the problem or a cooperative solution.

Glenlake residents can help, by reporting any illegal dumping activity that you see in the area to the Environmental Enforcement Officer at the Travis County Sheriff's Office (974-0845). Note the vehicle type, color, license plate, and any other information that will help identify the dumper. To request a cleanup, call the TNR Dispatch Center at 854-9433.

If you have the opportunity, please let our Commissioner's office know that you appreciate Travis County giving some attention to the Glenlake neighborhood and City Park Road. The email addresses of our Precinct 3 Commissioner, his Executive Assistant Bob Moore, and the staff who have initiated the improvements are:

Gerald.Daugherty@co.travis.tx.us

Bob.Moore@co.travis.tx.us

Howard.Herrin@co.travis.tx.us

(roadway improvements)

David.Greear@co.travis.tx.us (signs)

Webb Estates Rezoning

Due to pressure from 2222CONA residents and the City Council, the applicant changed their rezoning request from SF-1 to Rural Residential on the day of the public hearing. Rural Residential, which is the zoning classification for Westminster Glen and Glenlake, reflects the proper land use designation for this property and will help ensure that the zoning regulations do not undermine the Lake Austin and Bull Creek watershed regulations as this property is developed. See www.2222cona.org for more details.

Neighborhood Directories

Distribution was targeted for August, but it was a bigger job than anticipated. GNA members should find the 2007 directory enclosed with this newsletter. If you are a GNA member in good standing and did not receive a directory, contact Carol Lee (president@glenlakehoa.org or 794-8250).

USPS Mail Delivery Problems

If you experience problems with USPS mail delivery, please contact USPS Consumer Affairs at 342-1251 to report the problem. Jeannette Burger also has been tracking problems with US postal mail service to Glenlake, so please also report details of the problem to usps-mailproblems@glenlakehoa.org.