

Glenlake Neighborhood Association Newsletter - April, 2009

Notes from General Meeting

GNA General Meeting
January 27, 2009 7:00 to 9:00 pm
River Place Country Club

GNA President Mary Daigle called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and reviewed 2008 highlights and Association accomplishments.

GNA Treasurer Mari Barreda reviewed the proposed budget for 2009. The budget was discussed and approved with changes (*Budget appears on page 2 of this newsletter*). The significant difference between the 2009 budget and the 2008 budget is a budgeted increase of \$300 for expanded social events – in line with member feedback. Net Income is shown as negative in the interest of conservative forecasting and this negative amount can be covered by GNA funds in the bank.

Captured Discussion: GNA Members suggest that the Association more visibly encourage and promote the benefits of GNA membership and usage of dues:

- Better advertise how dues are being used for maintenance. “Your GNA dues at work.”
- Increase differentiation between members and non-members (charging non-members for participation in last year’s picnic was a start)
- Increase meeting attendance through incentives.

Captured Discussion: Group also suggested that we work to clarify what GNA does and does not do and what GNA membership does and does not mean. An example given: some residents may believe (incorrectly) that by not joining the Association, they are not subject to Deed Restrictions.

GNA Governmental Liaison Carol Lee and GNA Representative to the 2222 CONA organization Lisette Schmidli reported on Area Development:

- A new High School is planned on 2222 near Ribelin Ranch. Interested volunteers to participate in planning should contact Lisette.

- Austin City Council voted in December to annex River Place MUD, effective December 2011. Austin Energy currently states no effect to Glenlake. GNA to monitor any opportunities to improve water service.
- Concerns about our fire hydrant flow continue. Carol Lee has been working with Legislators.
- 2222 CONA continues to monitor major new development in the area including focus on issues such as drainage, access, and any impact to BCCP.
- Development status in Glenlake briefly reviewed.

LCRA Liaison John Busch reported that LCRA is finalizing plans to install PRVs (Pressure Reducing Valves) for each home needing this device. Not all of the homeowners initially contacted for permission will end up needing a device. Many of these PRVs are already in use in Westminster Glen. Use of the PRVs and subsequent pressure increase in the system will help improve overall pressure and fire hydrant flow. John Busch has been working with LCRA on this for Five Years! (*An APRIL Update on the LCRA project appears on page 2 of this newsletter.*)

Newsletter Editor L. Cullen took input on the newsletter: Group likes Email delivery when received but delivery needs improvement. Newsletter may be one place to discuss Deed Restriction concerns.

Captured Discussion: Some in our community are significantly concerned about the ongoing challenge of getting everyone to read and adhere to Deed Restrictions.

Alex Tomlinson will join the GNA Board.

Meeting adjourned on time (by 9:00 pm).

Notes taken by L. Cullen (Acting Secretary)

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GNA Budget - FY 2010

approved at January General Meeting

	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Feb '09 - Jan 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues	
2009-10 Dues	11,750.00
Total Dues	<u>11,750.00</u>
Interest/Investment Income	
Checking	5.00
Investment Account	500.00
Savings	10.00
Total Interest/Investment Income	<u>515.00</u>
Total Income	12,265.00
Expense	
Area Developmental Issues	1,035.00
Bank Service Charges	30.00
Banking supplies	30.00
Committees	
Arch. Control Comm	300.00
Fire Prevention	200.00
Holiday Decorations	400.00
Social Committee	1,500.00
Welcoming Committee	50.00
Total Committees	<u>2,450.00</u>
Communications	
Mailings and Directories	750.00
Refreshments at Meetings	200.00
Room Use Fee	250.00
Webhosting and Website	500.00
Total Communications	<u>1,700.00</u>
Entrance Roadside Maintenance	
Electricity	500.00
Flags	250.00
Gatehouse Repairs/Maintenance	1,000.00
Landscaping	2,850.00
Lending Library Completion	100.00
Mowing	1,600.00
Sprinkler Repairs	1,000.00
Water	1,200.00
Total Entrance Roadside Maintenance	<u>8,500.00</u>
Insurance	
D & O Insurance	1,550.00
Total Insurance	<u>1,550.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>15,295.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-3,030.00</u>

April LCRA / PRV Update

LCRA Liaison John Busch reports LCRA completed all PRV (Pressure Reducing Valves) installations they had prior agreements for and are completing 32 additional PRVs for homeowners that subsequently signed up.

Not everyone initially contacted for permission required a PRV.

Neighbors reported that Austin Plumbing crews were courteous and provided quick PRV installations.

Due to our hilly terrain, similar PRVs have been used throughout Glenlake and Westminster Glen for many years. LCRA hopes to complete these last 32 by May 1st. Afterward the system can be boosted to improve overall pressure, consistency and fire hydrant flow.

John Busch, ESD#4 and others have been working with LCRA for almost five years. It appears we may be in the home stretch.

IMPORTANT GNA NEWSLETTER DELIVERY NOTE

This GNA newsletter was sent by email on Monday, April 20th. We are having significant delivery issues where some residents are not receiving newsletter via email.

- Sometimes the problem is our records or typing.
- Sometimes the problem is elsewhere (spam filter, attachments not accepted).

If you **want email delivery and are not getting it**, please contact us at gnacommunications@austin.rr.com.

If you **want to continue paper delivery** please leave a message to that effect on the newsletter editor's cellphone voice mail box: **751-6619**. Both email & paper is an option.

Paper delivery goes to everyone this one time to help catch delivery problems. However, we will not be delivering 170+ paper copies (every household) every time.

Please let us know how we can help. *GNA is a volunteer-powered organization.*

City/County Jurisdiction Info. & Code Enforcement

contributed by Carol Lee

NOTE: Carol had taken on an action item to clarify some advice that she received from a City Attorney regarding methods for resolving citizen's complaints regarding violations of the City Code. Additionally, there have been questions about our relationship to City of Austin as regards voting and other issues of Jurisdiction. Her hope is that this "data dump" will be a useful community service message.

JURISDICTION

Glenlake is in Limited Purpose jurisdiction of City of Austin. Limited purpose annexation extends the City's ordinances and regulations. It assesses no City of Austin taxes and does not require the City to provide services.

Residents in this area may vote in City Council and Charter elections, but not on City of Austin bond issues. The City has Zoning authority (we are zoned Rural Residential). Glenlake receives electric service from Austin Energy and water from LCRA. Wastewater is handled by individual onsite septic fields and residents are responsible for garbage collection.

Travis County is responsible for maintaining the signs and roadways within Glenlake, except for Far View Cove and Eagle Rising, which are private streets to be maintained by the adjacent property owners. Travis County also is responsible for safety and fire services, which are provided by the Travis County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services District #4, respectively.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Examples of a Citizen Complaint would include things like barking or stray animals or code violations. Citizens can file a complaint or report a violation by calling 311 or by filing a complaint with the Municipal Court. Reports to 311 can be anonymous. However; complaints filed with the Municipal Court must include personal information for both parties and a sworn affidavit. The average time to resolve 311 complaints is 9 months; Municipal Court cases are handled within 3 months.

Relevant websites for a Citizen Complaint are:

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/court/complaint.htm>

http://coa311web.ci.austin.tx.us/web_intake/Controller

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FIRE CODE ISSUES

The Fire Marshall's Office is the enforcement agency responsible for fire investigations, fire inspections, and code enforcement within the county.

Contacts are:

Fire Marshall's Office: 512-854-4621

Crimestoppers (arson): 472-TIPS (472-8477)

http://www.co.travis.tx.us/fire_marshall/default.asp

Travis County Sheriff's Office: 512-974-0845

Travis County Deputy Sheriffs – Glenlake Safety

by Mary Daigle

Several Glenlake residents have noticed a pattern of unfamiliar cars roaming slowly through the neighborhood at odd hours of the day and night. These residents alerted the GNA Board, who contacted the Travis County Sheriff's office.

Travis County Deputy Sheriffs have begun additional patrols in Glenlake. These patrols are provided to us *at no charge* -- an excellent use of the tax money we pay to Travis County.

The Deputy Sheriffs also shared that Glenlake residents can call the Sheriff's office and ask that their home be watched during their vacation. This would involve random observation. This service is also offered *at no charge to the resident*.

Travis County Deputy Sheriff contact number is: **854-9697**

Neighborhood Watch: As summer approaches, GNA residents may want to alert their neighbors when they will away on vacation and provide their neighbors with a contact phone number where they can be reached on vacation.

Last summer there was an issue that occurred at the home of a GNA resident who was on vacation. Unfortunately, the neighbors did not have a 'vacation contact number' and could not reach the vacationing residents.

Thanks to the Glenlake Volunteer Board of Directors for their time spent improving the quality of life in Glenlake.

Spring Cleaning at the Glenlake Gatehouse

by Yvonne Nacu

Spring cleaning continues around the gatehouse.

Power washing and a fresh coat of paint on the shutters and doors was completed **at cost** by **Todd Fisher, owner of Construction Services Fisher, Inc. 512-825-9788.**

Todd, who has 20 years of commercial construction, completed the three days of labor at cost.

Next will be additional lighting and new plexiglass on the top of the gatehouse. Watch for spring flowers to be planted.



Glenlake History Project

by Alex Tomlinson

I would like to document the history of our area, in particular, the area bounded by 620/2222, Steiner Ranch, and Lake Austin.

Here is a sampling of some of the things I hope to learn:
What interesting events occurred here? What are the names of the geographical features (creeks, hollows, ridges, etc.)? Who named them and why those names?
What buildings were here? Are there any remnants?
What roads were here? There's a whole network of old ranching roads in the woods around our houses, in fact, there's one that runs right through my front yard. Do these roads have names?

Currently I have more questions than answers and I'm hoping that you can help. If you have any information, or know someone who does, or know of any documents that provide some of this information, I'd love to hear from you! Please email me at alex@aivor.com or call me at 512-913-5381.

GNA Year at a Glance Upcoming Events

Q2 2009 May or Early June Social.

This will feature a speaker and possible additional incentives such as door prizes and will be located at Ski Shores or similar casual, close-by location. Date to be announced shortly.

Q3 2009 Summer Picnic. The location and catering from last year (park at end of Big View; BBQ) got good response.

Also in Q3, publication of main GNA Directory.

Q4 2009

- Required General Meeting around 3rd week in October.
- Halloween Hayride (this is coordinated by a group of dedicated parents with minor support from GNA)
- Late NOV or Early DEC: Holiday Party (new event). Ideas to be developed further.

Q1 2010 January General Meeting

Your GNA Volunteer Board & Contacts

Mary Daigle: GNA President

Eric Dorris: VP Social Events

Yvonne Nacu: VP Landscaping

Bob Cadenhead: VP Web & IT incl.
Yahoo Group

Alex Tomlinson: VP Special Projects

L. Cullen: Secretary/Newsletter

Mari Barreda: Treasurer

Carol Lee: Legislative Liaison

Lisette Schmidli: 2222 CONA
Representative

Richard Yoder: Chair, Architectural
Control Committee

John Busch: LCRA Liaison

To contact the newsletter:

gnacommunications@austin.rr.com.

Residents who would like to VOLUNTEER to help with GNA projects are invited to contact any GNA board or committee member from the list above.

Four Points Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading

contributed by Scott Gardner

Welcome to the Inaugural Season for Four Points Pop Warner. We are very excited to Kick Things Off!!

Live Registration for the 2009 FPPW Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Season will be:

Date: April 25, 2009

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: River Place Elementary School

Online Registration for the 2009 FPPW Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Season is Coming Soon at

<http://www.fppw.org/>

Football players are highly encouraged to attend a fitting at the walk-in registration date to ensure correct pant size ordering.

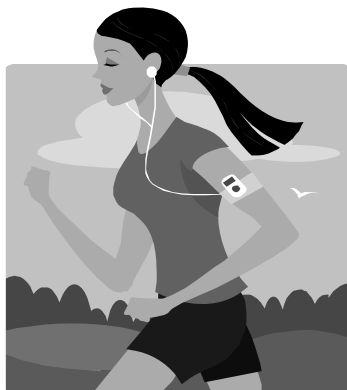
FPPW - Kick off Party:

Date: May 30th , 2009

Time: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: TBD

Please go to: <http://www.fppw.org/> and Join FPPW today so you will get the latest and greatest updates.



Painting in the Great Outdoors



by Susan O'Neill

Calling all painters in Glenlake: Have you painted outdoors and enjoy the process? Do you want to try painting outdoors but have been unsure about where to go or what supplies to carry?

An active group of plein air painters meets several mornings per month to partake in the joys and challenges of painting scenes in our beautiful Austin area. Painting "en plein air" means painting what you see on site and "in the open air," usually in a single sitting, rather than from photos or a still-life arrangement.

The group is called Plein Air Austin, and one of our Glenlake neighbors, Susan O'Neill, is on the board serving as Membership Chair. Susan says that all are welcome, first-timer to expert. While membership conveys certain benefits, you don't have to be a member to participate in the paintouts. The plein air artists paint in a variety of mediums: oil, pastel, acrylic, colored pencil, watercolor. The informal motto of this group is "Come Paint with Us." People at all skill levels are invited to join in the fun.

Varied destinations offer opportunities to paint the panorama of the Hill Country, the beauty of parks and gardens, the flow of a babbling creek, the scenery of a downtown setting, the intimacy of a sunlit coffee shop, and more. The quiet camaraderie of sharing these settings provides the chance to learn and grow as an artist while getting to know others who share your interest.

For more information about Plein Air Austin and to see a schedule of upcoming paintouts, go to www.pleinairaustin.org.

Walking and/or Weight Watchers?

If you are interested in participating in a Weight Watchers group in this area, please contact Shawn Abbott at ShawnAbbt@aol.com. Shawn has spoken with the WW people about opening a location 'out' here in this area because the nearest is Anderson Mill @ Bethany. She was told she needed several interested warm bodies (that would be you) and a place to meet... so, if you are interested let her know. Shawn is also interested in hearing from neighbors who would like to walk together for exercise.