

Glenlake Neighborhood Association Newsletter January, 2009

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GNA General Meeting Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm River Place Country Club Clubhouse

The purpose of our January 27th meeting is to take care of a few major points of business that we need to discuss and approve for our new fiscal year beginning February 1st.

Items requiring discussion and a vote will be:

- 2009 GNA budget
- Election of an Additional Board Member

The meeting also provides the forum for update and discussion on these topics:

- 2008 successes and 2009 goals
- Ongoing development issues being monitored by 2222 CONA
- Updates on key committee projects including: Fire Prevention, LCRA, Yahoo Group, Architectural Control, Social Programs
- Gain GNA Member feedback on some new ideas to enhance neighborhood security and fire safety
- Additional topics (please contact GNA President Mary Daigle to add items to the agenda)

Please try to attend. If you cannot attend and have not sent your proxy to us, please send a note designating the GNA Board as your proxy for this meeting via email to GNAcommunications@austin.rr.com.

We hope to see you there. Your entire family is invited.

Join the GNA Board!

GNA has one Board vacancy left to fill for a three-year term (2009, 2010, 2011). Any dues-paid GNA Member is eligible to serve as a Board Member. Duties are negotiable, and the GNA does have some basic Board Member insurance. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors better and to be a part of solving issues that impact the neighborhood.

If you would like more information about this opportunity to serve, please contact Mary Daigle or any other Board Member before the meeting, or come to the January 27th meeting and express your interest. We'd love to have you... ON BOARD!

The 2009 Board Lineup is:

Mary Daigle - President (term through 2009)
Mari Barreda –Treasurer (non-voting position; term does not expire)
Eric Dorris – Social Activities (term through 2009)
Luanne Cullen - Newsletter/Directory (term through 2010)
Bob Cadenhead – Web Site/Yahoo Group (term through 2010)
Yvonne Nacu – Landscape (term through 2011)

Key Non-Board Committee Heads are:

Richard Yoder - Architectural Control Committee
Carol Lee – Past-President
John Busch –LCRA Liaison
Gillian McLean – Welcoming committee
Lisette Schmidli - GNA Rep to CONA 2222

An Update on Landscaping at the Glenlake Entry

In addition to putting up a gorgeous and tasteful Holiday Display, the new Landscape Committee has completed some major goals since our October meeting.

- All right of ways have been mowed and cut. Flowers were planted by the gatehouse and both flower beds were cleaned of overgrowth.
- Light boxes have been inserted into each of the flower beds. Now extension cords are no longer needed for our holiday decorations!
- The electrical outlet in the gatehouse was repaired.
- During our holiday season, the gatehouse and surrounding flower beds were decorated.

To be completed before our January 27th meeting:

- New locks should be installed on gatehouse doors.
- Burned out lights in gatehouse need to be replaced.

The Landscape Committee has also identified several future goals & needs:

- A wall switch needs to be installed to provide lighting for the lower portion of the gatehouse.
- Photo-cells need to be placed in each flower bed where new electrical outlets inserted.
- We'd like additional trees planted in gatehouse area and to further develop the landscape on each side of gatehouse.
- Additional outdoor lighting is desired by gatehouse and flower bed areas.

Those interested in joining the Landscaping Committee should contact Yvonne Nacu by email at Yvonne.nacu@gmail.com.

Additional Thanks to our Neighbors -- Gatehouse Related

A big Thank You to Donna Burgess for proactively doing a major work project this fall -- cleaning out and completely organizing the neighborhood lending library inside the Gatehouse! (All dues-paid GNA members are invited to use the lending library. For further information and to get access, please contact info@glenlakehoa.org.)

Thanks also to Charlie for his labor and donating materials to refurbish our front gate magnetic sign in January -- replacing the old (clouded & crackled) plexiglass with UV-resistant Lexan and replacing the corroded lock with a new one.

Good News about Library Cards

Gail Mayfield reports that City of Austin library cards are now available FREE to Glenlake residents: *This week, when my husband and I went to renew our library card [and pay our \$28 non-resident fee], we learned that last fall the Austin City Council revoked the library card fee and anyone in Texas is eligible for a free library card.*

To apply for a Library Card, complete an Austin Public Library Adult Star Card Application and present it at the circulation desk of any Austin Public Library Location with a current photo I.D. and proof of your current residence address (for example, Driver's License, to prove Texas residency). For more information, including a list of Library locations, please see: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library>.

Neighborhood Directories – Updates Wanted

The Glenlake Neighborhood Directory was published in late October/early November. The Parent Directory was published in December. These were delivered to dues-paid GNA members by mail as follows:

- All GNA Members/Families get the Directory
- All GNA Members/Families who have children listed in the Parent Directory get the Parent Directory

For security reasons, these Directories are never disseminated online or to people outside the neighborhood. The Parent Directory is particularly guarded, going only to Parents/Families of listed children.

In the case of the Parent Directory especially, we noticed that some of our source information looked outdated. In some cases, children's ages did not seem to align with their listed school. And, for some families, more recently arrived children were not listed. We were not sure whether or not that was intentional, so we went ahead and published what we had.

The Parent Directory is small and doesn't cost much to produce. If we can collect updates in the next few weeks, we'd love to publish a revision before Summer Vacation. This revision could be of great benefit to the families in the neighborhood, helping with play dates for the summer as well as helping the older kids get jobs such as babysitting. Please take a look at your directory and if you have updates and corrections for the Parent Directory, please send those updates to the email address listed in your Directory.

Additionally, if you have updates or corrections for the main GNA Directory, please send those to the email address listed in your Directory, and we will be sure those are included next revision.

If you did not receive a Directory and believe you should have, we will have extra copies at the GNA Meeting on January 27th. If you would like a second copy of the main GNA Directory, we have enough to provide those at the January 27th meeting also.

One More Pitch for the GNA Yahoo Group

The GNA Yahoo Group added a lot of value several times this fall:

- Roaming dogs were quickly reunited with their homes on a couple of occasions
- A door-to-door sales scam was exposed in time to cancel a check one resident had written
- When a recent murder occurred at Steiner Ranch Steakhouse, many of us learned first through a neighbor's posting on Yahoo Group that an armed and dangerous suspect was at large and potentially in the area neighborhood
- Little neighborhood things happened, such as loaning the use of a sewing machine

The GNA Yahoo Group just cannot be beat for real time, important news and neighborliness.

When you join the Yahoo Group, you can choose one of several ways to receive neighborhood bulletins:

- Individual emails as they are posted (emails in real time), OR
- A digest of the daily postings (one email summary of the day's postings), OR
- Read postings only when you next log in to the Yahoo Group (no email traffic at all)

You can also upload photos of your pets to the Yahoo Group site so that if kitty does escape outside, she can be identified and returned home.

It's really worth signing up for this free and valuable service. You can join the Glenlake Yahoo group by sending an email to: glenlakehoa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will then receive an email response asking that you confirm your request to join the group. Please use the second option of replying by email to confirm. If you have questions, check with the moderators at glenlakehoa-owner@yahoogroups.com.