

Glenlake Neighborhood Association Newsletter - June, 2009

Glenlake Water System Improvements Now Complete

by John Busch

GNA Volunteer Liaison to LCRA

Since 2003 we've been working with LCRA to resolve issues and make improvements to the Glenlake / Westminster Glen combined water system. These issues included:

- 1) Low fire flow for some hydrants - a safety concern
- 2) Low water pressure for some residents
- 3) Inconsistent pressure with high / low swings
- 4) Inadequate water storage capacity due to our small tanks

We originally considered a \$2M water tank improvement project but, over the last year, River Place MUD, who supplies our water, made key system improvements that allowed us to solve these issues more simply by:

- 1) Changing two valves at High Gate and Glenlake Drive
- 2) Adding pressure regulating valves (PRVs) at some residences
- 3) Boosting system pressure

This project has now been completed. A few residents (about 2% of installations) reported experiencing leaks caused by PRV installation or ground settling issues. All have been resolved by LCRA. If you have a related issue and Southwest Water Co. (formerly Eco Resources) does not resolve it promptly, please call LCRA directly at 877-718-4396.

I'm pleased to say that now, for the first time in Glenlake's (and Westminster Glen's) almost 30 year history, we have:

- 1) Good fire flow at every hydrant,
- 2) Consistent and adequate water pressure at every residence,
- 3) Adequate water capacity, including access to the massive gravity-fed 3/4 million gallon water tower in Sun Tree Park.

Also, this was accomplished at minimal cost compared to previous solutions. Our thanks to ESD#4 (Fire Commissioner Kevin MacDonnell and Chief Don Smith); Larry Land; River Place MUD (President Jim Casey); GNA Board(s); Carol Lee (for her work on billing issues) and LCRA Engineers and Staff and to all of you, our residents, for your patience, trust and support over the years.



GNA Family Picnic 4pm Sat. June 27th Woodland Park

Come One, Come All! To the GNA Family Picnic:
Adults & Kids invited.

To get to the park: in River Place, head downhill on Big View drive toward the lake and the park is on the lake side. This is the same place we had the BBQ picnic last year.

Don't miss these great picnic features:
Pok-E-Jo's BBQ / Beverages for kids (adult beverage too!) / Water Slide for the Kids! / Guest speaker: Constable Adan Ballesteros, Travis County Precinct 2. / Fire Department to discuss fire safety and show off the fire truck for the kids.

The event is FREE for GNA Member Households. Non-Members can also attend: \$5 per person charge at the door for BBQ / tea. For Non-Members Adult beverage tickets may have additional charge. If you are not sure of your membership status, we will have that information on hand at the picnic.

To help us plan roughly how much food to have on hand, RSVPs welcomed at GNACommunications@austin.rr.com with the estimated # of people who will attend.

Thanks to Alex Tomlinson, Social Chairman for organizing this event!

For further information or agenda inquiries, please contact GNA President Mary Daigle (mdaigle@onr.com) or Alex Tomlinson (alex@aivor.com).

GNA Membership Survey

New Feature! In this packet, you will find a Glenlake Neighborhood Association Survey for 2009. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback on neighborhood association topics and priorities -- and get involved.

We want EVERY household's opinion! Please fill out the survey for your household and either drop it by the GNA Mailbox at 9811 Glenlake Drive (near the water tower) or mail it to us at that address. If at all possible, we'd love to get these back by July 15th.

GNA Members: Your feedback will be part of a summary report to the membership and will be used in decision making.

If you don't know your membership status, please return your comments anyway, and we will figure it out. Non-Member feedback will also be looked at for FYI purposes.

Remember to write your / your household's name and address on your survey form in order to be counted. We are asking for responses on paper – this will help us do a good job with the feedback. Thank you!

Improvements Continue at Glenlake Entrance

by Yvonne M. Nacu, GNA Landscape Chairperson

Welcome, Summer! We're getting ready for summer (though it already feels like August) with lots of flowers at our entrance. After the gatehouse's stone walls were pressure washed and the shutters painted, flowers have been planted and mulch placed as we removed the dead foliage.

Next, the locks on the gate house doors will be changed and native trees and grasses on side areas will be considered. Continue to share your ideas on the GNA survey of what you feel would further enhance our entrance. Entering or leaving a well kept area makes people smile.

Thanks to all our homeowner support with your annual voluntary dues contributions. This allows us to keep our entrance the prettiest off City Park Rd!



Glenlake Sports & Exercise : Glenlake Bikers to Ride for Charity

by GNA members Linda Conner and Linda Bailey

DO THE “WE BE GB”: Join your Glenlake neighbors and Saddle up for the Texas Mamma Jamma.

The Texas Mamma Jamma Ride raises funds for 10 leading community non-profits that annually support thousands of Texans with breast cancer. Some of them are the Susan G Komen, Cancer Connection, Capital of Texas Team Survivor and the Breast Cancer Resource Center. Everyone in Glenlake and beyond can be on the same Team: riders at all levels and those much needed volunteers. They have promised a flat course and cooler temperatures.

The ride starts and finishes at Reunion Ranch near Lake Georgetown and the San Gabriel River on Oct 10. There are opportunities for serious bikers, those of us who are dusting off our old bikes or borrowing one, and for children. I can't emphasize enough how vital the volunteers are to the success of this program (non-riders can join the team and volunteer). You can also check out the training rides online!

So Glenlake: Let's have fun while giving back to our community! Make it a neighborhood and family event. It's simple. Just go to www.mammajammaride.org and join our Team “We Be GBs” (GBs is for Glenlake Bikers) Let's Pedal Past Breast Cancer. Suggestions or Questions:

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