

# GNA NEWSLETTER

## FEbruary

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## GLENLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



By Luanne Cullen  
2010 GNA President

Dear Neighbors,

Your Glenlake Neighborhood Association Board is excited about the coming year and opportunities to contribute to the quality of life in Glenlake.

Last year was a big year for GNA, with the major LCRA accomplishments that Mary mentions in her summary, as well as other work done. In particular, the work on landscaping and gatehouse maintenance have received well-deserved praise from residents throughout the year. Mary’s summary does leave out one very important person – Mary herself. In serving as President for 2 years, Mary has contributed countless hours monitoring and addressing neighborhood issues and questions and leading the team. She has worked closely with the Sheriff to increase security in Glenlake. We thank her for her leadership and will value her advice in the future.

Moving forward in 2010, the GNA Board has put together some clear goals and areas of focus. We welcome ideas and volunteers to help direct and make these programs happen. Our plans include:

**Continuing to build communication among neighbors. For example:**

- Annual Membership Picnic – a popular event to be held again this year.
- National Night Out -- a program new to Glenlake, we’d like to participate in this night of “get to know your neighbor” block parties that promote community and raise awareness of security. Texas supports National Night out on October 5<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Revitalizing the way we welcome new GNA residents – Welcome Committee chair Gillian McLean has drafted a letter that is easily updateable for new residents.

**Schedule Some Neighborhood-Wide Action Days. For example:**

- A coordinated “walk-your-property day” can help enhance neighborhood safety and security.
- Fire ant treatment days, when coordinated, historically helped the entire neighborhood control stinging pests.

**Develop a Neighborhood Calendar – scheduling events early so that neighbors can plan. A first draft of this follows:**

- March – get-together (restaurant or brown-bag) with guest speaker(s)
- May (tentatively, first weekend) -- Picnic in Woodland Park
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Texas Celebrates National Night Out
- October (third week) – General Meeting (elect 2 new GNA Board Members)

**Make it easy to access neighborhood resources. Examples:**

- GNA Gatehouse Library: make books in the gatehouse available to members using a code-accessible lock.
- Facilitate networking between neighbors by publicizing exercise groups, Bible study, gourmet clubs, or other informal groups. This suggestion came from our summer survey.
- Publicize the official GNA clubs such as Garden Club

Explore whether there are community programs that the neighborhood qualifies for already, or that GNA homeowners feel it would benefit us to be part of. For example, we might explore:

- “Green Neighborhood” designation (earned by Jester Estates)
- “Fire-Wise Neighborhood” designation (earned by River Place)

**Increase communication, visibility, and neighbor-provided feedback around community issues and the organizations that track them. For example:**

- Austin Neighborhood Council
- 2222 CONA

**Increase visibility around what the GNA Budget does to enhance the neighborhood, and increase motivation to join and participate in the Neighborhood Association.**

**Stay abreast of local development issues, utility service issues, and resources that the County should provide.**

We look forward to working with the neighborhood on these goals and programs.

And here is our 2010 GNA Board and Committee lineup. Please contact us any time you have ideas or want to help! Here’s to a great 2010.

## 2010 GNA BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Luanne Cullen, Board President - [president@glenlakehoa.org](mailto:president@glenlakehoa.org)

Bob Cadenhead, Board Vice President, Webmaster – [webmaster@glenlakehoa.org](mailto:webmaster@glenlakehoa.org)

Yvonne Nacu, Board Vice President, Landscape Committee – [landscape@glenlake.org](mailto:landscape@glenlake.org)

Alex Tomlinson, Board Secretary, Database – [secretary@glenlakehoa.org](mailto:secretary@glenlakehoa.org)

Linda Bailey, Board Vice President, Newsletter, Directory – [newsletter@glenlakehoa.org](mailto:newsletter@glenlakehoa.org)

Mari Barreda, Board Treasurer, early 2010 [treasurer@glenlakehoa.org](mailto:treasurer@glenlakehoa.org)

Tracy Sims, Transitioning in as Board Treasurer, 2010

Richard Yoder, Chair, Architectural Control Committee – [acc@glenlake.org](mailto:acc@glenlake.org)

Mary McAllister, Contact, Architectural Control Committee, River Pointe

## 2009 Glenlake Neighborhood Association Accomplishments

by Mary Daigle, GNA President 2008-2009

The GNA Board of Directors is composed of volunteers who donated their personal time to enhance the Glenlake Neighborhood.

### **GNA Board & Volunteer Accomplishments-2009**

Our 2009 Volunteer of the Year is John Busch. For many years, John has diligently partnered with LCRA to ensure that the correct water pressure was available for our homes and fire hydrants. This year, John's work with LCRA on the installation of the PCV (Pressure Control Valves) has enabled residents for the first time in Glenlake's (and Westminster Glen's) almost 30 year history, to have: Good fire flow at every hydrant, Consistent and adequate water pressure at every residence, and Adequate water capacity, including access to the massive gravity-fed 3/4 million gallon water tower in Sun Tree Park.

### **Board Volunteer's Accomplishments**

**Mari Barreda-** Mari continued her stellar job of managing the GNA membership budget. We are fortunate to have Mari's continued commitment to GNA.

**Luanne Cullen-** Luanne has moved much of the GNA Newsletter to email delivery and published the GNA yearly directory. Her timely updates kept GNA residents informed about neighborhood activities.

**Bob Cadenhead-** Bob revitalized our GNA website so that residents can more easily access information on GNA activities. In addition, Bob initiated the Yahoo Group for Glenlake. The GNA Yahoo Group has over 100 members in Glenlake. This has proven to be a valuable communications tool when urgent news occurs in the neighborhood.

**Yvonne Nacu-** Yvonne initiated the GNA Landscape Committee. Under her leadership, the gatehouse and the flower bed have been spruced up and reflect a seasonal theme and the neighborhood looks better than ever. Congrats to Yvonne and her committee on these improvements.

**Alex Tomlinson-** Alex and Ivonne Mercado led the GNA Social Committee. Thanks to them, the GNA summer picnic at the River Place park was a fun and enjoyable experience for the parents, the kids and our guests.

### **Additional Volunteers**

**Richard Yoder-** Richard continued to volunteer his professional expertise to help GNA residents with reviews of their plans for additions to their homes or property.

**Lisette Schmidli-** Lisette continued as the GNA representative for CONA 2222. Lisette meets with the different neighborhood representatives to discuss the impact of proposed development and other common interests of the CONA 2222 neighborhoods. She keeps GNA informed about issues effecting the quality of life in the CONA 2222 area.

**Carol Lee** as a past president, Carol Lee has been a wonderful reference source which included providing hard copy of all the deed restrictions, knowledge of the background behind some issues, and timely responses to many inquiries on the Yahoo Group.

# MINUTES OF THE GNA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2010  
7:00 – 9:00pm, River Place CC

Per Glenlake Neighborhood Association bylaws, a General Meeting is held annually on or near the third week of January to approve an annual budget for the Fiscal Year Feb. 1 – January 31.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 with the following agenda:

- Introductions/Recognition
- 2010 Initiatives
- 2010 Budget Discussion & Vote
- Old Business – vote on new board member
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjourn

## **Introductions/Recognition**

We began by recognizing key accomplishments of the 2009 GNA Board under the leadership of 2008-2009 GNA President, Mary Daigle, and thanking Mary, the Board, and Committees. Mary is at the end of her three-year term but will provide help as a Past-President/advisor. Continuing board members are: Alex Tomlinson, Yvonne Nacu, Bob Cadenhead, Luanne Cullen, and Mari Barreda. Mari has been the Treasurer for 5 years and will transition the role to Tracy Sims this summer. 2010 Committee Chairs will include Gillian McLean (Welcoming Committee), Richard Yoder (Architectural Control), and Lisette Schmidli (2222 CONA Representative). Linda Bailey will be our 2010 Newsletter/Communications editor.

## **2010 Initiatives**

To preface the Budget discussion, 2010 GNA President Luanne Cullen reviewed the Initiatives for 2010 as developed by the GNA Board and invited group feedback. These initiatives include:

- Developing a calendar of neighborhood events well in advance
- Neighborhood-building events such as annual Picnic, National Night Out
- Neighborhood-wide action days (such as fire ant treatment, walk-you-r-property day)
- Make neighborhood resources easier to use (gatehouse library)
- Monitor, participate in, and communicate around Community issues and City Programs that might benefit Glenlake

As part of 2010 Initiatives, Linda Bailey mentioned our funding dedicated to relationship-building with our local firefighters, and our opportunity to use that funding to contribute to the firehouse “living” space. ESD Commissioner #4 Kevin MacDonnell was in attendance and reported on completion of the firehouse remodel and other ESD issues.

- The Fire Station on City Park near the Glenlake entrance has completed its two-story remodel and will host an Open House on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. Firefighters have a “wish list” for donated items to furnish the space, and several residents have already donated.
- Glenlake residents can visit [www.esd4.org](http://www.esd4.org) to contact ESD4 or learn more about local emergency services. Recent activities have included putting out fires on City Park road, assisting with questions about burning rules, and investigating some small suspicious fires locally (if you see anything, please contact the Sheriff).

## **2010 Budget Discussion & Vote**

GNA Treasurer Mari Barreda presented the proposed 2010 Budget for discussion and vote, covering:

- 2009 actuals and 2010 proposed budget
- chart of expenditures by type
- bar chart of cash flow

The 2010 Budget was discussed. Bob Cadenhead moved that the Budget as drafted be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

The Budget Discussion yielded the following Action Items:

- The Board took the Action Item to work on ways to increase paid membership. In 2009, only 60% of properties were paid GNA members.
- Mari Barreda took the Action Item to research increases in Neighborhood Association Board Insurance and whether costs can be reduced.
- Luanne Cullen took the Action Item to consult with Travis County Commissioner Karen Huber to determine what maintenance the County may be able to do for us as part of the tax we pay. Luanne to seek Carol Lee's help with this as appropriate.
- Arthur McLean took the Action Item to convert the Gatehouse's door lock from key to coded entry, allowing us to open the "Glenlake Library" to GNA members.

Additional Discussion Included:

- Yvonne Nacu discussed past initiatives to improve the entrance and recent completed work.
- Mari Barreda reported that Glenlake has \$1500 reserved for CONA, and \$200 for the firemen. We have \$23,590 in the bank (before the reserve).
- Ideas to improve communications to increase membership were discussed.
- Expanding the GNA Member Directory to include email addresses (only for those who want their email listed) was discussed, but not decided.

#### **Old or Unfinished Business**

Linda Bailey was nominated to the Board for a three-year term and approved unanimously. Linda replaces Mary Daigle, whose three-year term has ended.

#### **Announcements & New Business**

A discussion on the 2222 and City Park intersection and its accident rate developed.

Linda Bailey took the Action Item to obtain accident information from [TRF\\_TECrashDataRequest@dot.state.tx.us](mailto:TRF_TECrashDataRequest@dot.state.tx.us). GNA Board took the Action Item to look into what impact the 2222/360 construction may have on our traffic.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

### **2010 ESD #4 FIRE STATION COMPLETES RENOVATION**

The fire department on City Park Road by the Glenlake entrance, ESD #4, has completed its new two story construction remodel. There will be an open house March 7 from 3 to 5pm to view the progress. Given a very limited fire department budget, the firemen would appreciate donations. See the wish list below. Several members have already donated items to the fire station. The fire department is quick to response to our calls. There have been 5 arsons in Glenlake, and recently there was a fire started at City Park that came up Turkey Creek into Glenlake. ESD #4 was quick to respond and smother the fire.

#### **Donation Wish List**

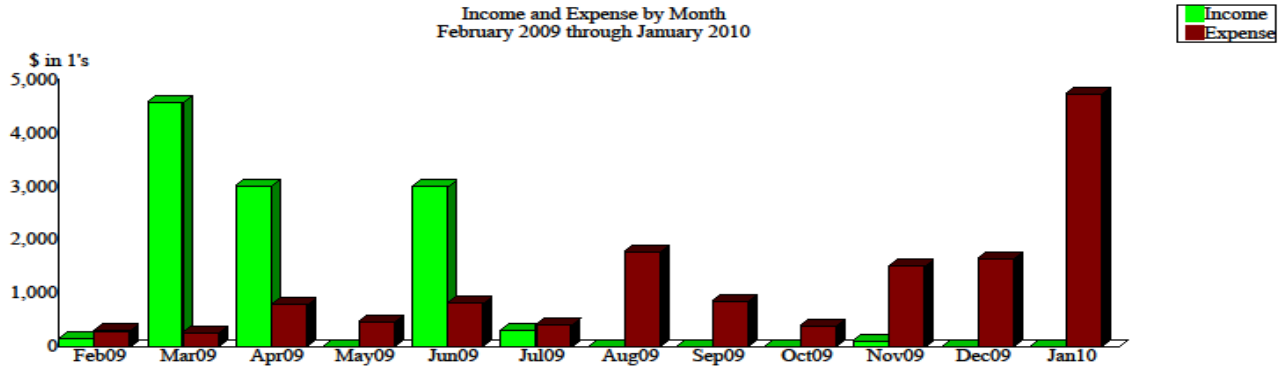
3 recliners	1-2 TV stands	2 large to X-large floor rugs
Couch	1-2 reading lamps	1 small trash cans for rest-
2 office chairs	(small-medium	room
2-3 barstools	size)	1-2 tall kitchen trash cans
3 nightstands	2-4 bathroom rugs	Toaster, clocks, dish towels

## GNA 2010 BUDGET

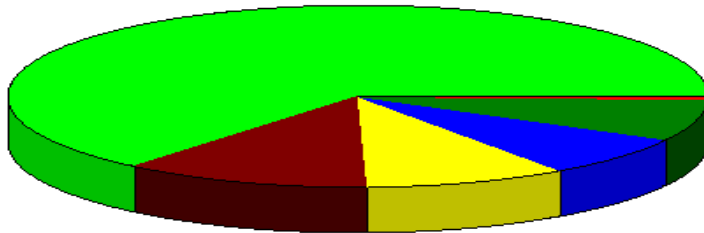
Presented Thursday, January 28, 2010

	TOTAL			Approved 2010-11 Budget
	Feb '09 - Jan 10	Budget	Variance	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Dues</b>	11,075.00	11,750.00	-675.00	11,100.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	11,075.00	11,750.00	-675.00	
<b>Interest/Investment Income</b>				
<b>Checking</b>	0.30	5.00	-4.70	1.00
<b>Savings</b>	2.96	10.00	-7.04	2.00
<b>Unrealized Gain on Investment</b>	57.62	500.00	-442.38	50.00
<b>Total Interest/Investment Income</b>	60.88	515.00	-454.12	53.00
<b>Total Income</b>	11,135.88	12,265.00	-1,129.12	11,153.00
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Area Developmental Issues</b>	1,035.00	1,035.00		1,035.00
<b>Bank Service Charges</b>	6.00	30.00	-24.00	
<b>Banking supplies</b>		30.00	-30.00	
<b>Committees</b>				
<b>Arch. Control Comm</b>		300.00	-300.00	300.00
<b>Fire Prevention</b>	200.00	200.00		200.00
<b>Holiday Decorations</b>	132.81	400.00	-267.19	100.00
<b>Social Committee</b>	991.00	1,500.00	-509.00	1,000.00
<b>Welcoming Committee</b>		50.00	-50.00	
<b>Total Committees</b>	1,323.81	2,450.00	-1,126.19	1,600.00
<b>Communications</b>				
<b>Mailings and Directories</b>	582.51	750.00	-167.49	750.00
<b>Room and Refreshments</b>	243.03	450.00	-206.97	450.00
<b>Webhosting and Website</b>	201.31	500.00	-298.69	250.00
<b>Total Communications</b>	1,026.85	1,700.00	-673.15	1,450.00
<b>Entrance Roadside Maintenance</b>				
<b>Electricity</b>	459.38	500.00	-40.62	500.00
<b>Flags</b>	102.07	250.00	-147.93	110.00
<b>Gatehouse Repairs/Maintenance</b>	1,113.97	1,000.00	113.97	500.00
<b>Landscaping and Commons Maintenance</b>				
<b>Equipment Rental and Chipping</b>	1,433.38	1,500.00	-66.62	750.00
<b>Labor</b>	308.00	350.00	-42.00	500.00
<b>Materials</b>	1,048.53	1,000.00	48.53	1,000.00
<b>Mowing</b>	2,610.00	1,600.00	1,010.00	2,565.00
<b>Sprinkler Repairs</b>	285.00	1,000.00	-715.00	200.00
<b>Water</b>	1,532.54	1,200.00	332.54	1,750.00
<b>Total Landscaping</b>	7,217.45	6,650.00	567.45	6,765.00
<b>Lending Library Completion</b>		100.00	-100.00	
<b>Total Entrance Roadside Maintenance</b>	8,892.87	8,500.00	392.87	7,875.00
<b>D &amp; O Insurance</b>	1,602.00	1,550.00	52.00	1,700.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	13,886.53	15,295.00	-1,408.47	13,660.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,750.65</b>	<b>-3,030.00</b>	<b>279.35</b>	<b>-2,507.00</b>

Income and Expense by Month  
February 2009 through January 2010



Expense Summary  
February 2009 through January 2010



Entrance Roadside Maintenance	%64.04
Insurance	11.54
Committees	9.53
Area Developmental Issues	7.45
Communications	7.39
Bank Service Charges	0.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,886.53</b>

By Account

**IT'S IN THE MAIL— OR MAYBE NOT**

From Carol Lee

Please check your mail carefully. In our neighborhood there have been several mis-deliveries, with bundles delivered to the wrong address by a few lots. Several of us have been re-delivering the mail we received for a neighbor, so you may want to check your mailbox again if you didn't receive any mail today. If you practice "put in it the pile without looking at it," please check to see if you have any stray pieces of mail and, if so, drop it in the correct mailbox.

**UPDATING OUR PUBLICATIONS**

Neighborhood Directories

Please take a look at your directory listing and let us know of any changes for future update: [gnacommunications@austin.rr.com](mailto:gnacommunications@austin.rr.com). Examples of things to check: Have you replaced your landline phone with a cell phone? Have you added children that you would like listed? Do you have a new email?

**From the Texas Forest Service**

Over the last two years, 85% of the wildfires in Texas have occurred within two miles of a community – so it's quickly being understood that wildland fires are not just a problem for rural homeowners. There is information on how you can protect yourself from fire at <http://txforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=1583>

## NOTICE FROM BRIGHT LEAF PARK

From Carol Lee

The Friends of Bright Leaf winter newsletter is now available online.

This newsletter includes articles about the 2010 Golden Checkered Warbler Symposium and about a flower that "blooms" in winter - Frostweed.

You may access the newsletter directly at:

<http://brightleaf.org/news/FoBLnewsletter-2010Winter.pdf>

Or go to the Bright Leaf website at [www.BrightLeaf.org](http://www.BrightLeaf.org) and go to "The Friends Group" page. At the bottom of that page is a link to the newsletter listings.

By posting our newsletters online the Friends of Bright Leaf will save the cost of printing and postage. That money can now be used to benefit Bright Leaf. And we are also conserving paper. If you need a printed copy of the newsletter, let us know and we will mail a printed copy.

Nancy Woolley  
Bright Leaf Preserve

## GNA NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

### Book Club

Interested in joining a low stress, fun book club? Then we have just the one for you! Each member need only buy 1 book per year, then swap with others in the group (keeping it very affordable). Please contact Donna Burgess at (512) 346-5443 or Gillian McLean at (512) 231-8244 or (512) 231-8244 for club information.

### “Garden” Club

This friendly women's group is rather euphemistically named. Although botanical matters may be discussed, we pride ourselves on our fine conversational skills. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at various members' homes over our sack lunches. It's a fun way to get to know some of the wonderful people living around you. Absolutely no gardening experience is required. Call Lisette Schmidli at (512) 345-1776 or (512) 345-1776 for time and location. Join us!

### River place Country Club

Information about the nearby River Place Country Club, where Glenlake residents can take advantage of membership discounts.

### 2BAuthenticU

Last year, Shari Wynne co-founded 2BAuthenticU - a company dedicated to facilitate living authentically and successfully. It has a weekly "Authentic Salon" where members gather together to set clear intentions and support each other in life transformation. The meetings are intended to be a fun, uplifting way to support each other in our process. Feel free to call me at 512.300.3063 to learn more about it or just stop by 3805 Turkey Creek Drive on Friday nights around 7. There is no charge - although we ask people to bring a dish or other contribution to the meeting - such as drinks, flowers, etc.