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Mark your calendars

5/15 Yard Sale 6/8 General Membership Meeting 6/13 Fishing Derby 7/1-31 Food Drive 7/17 Ice Cream Social

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My children often ask, "Dad, what's your favorite <fill-in-the-blank>?" And I always reply with whatever it is we are enjoying at the moment. For example, if they ask, "What's your favorite food?" I tell them it is whatever we are eating. When they ask, "What's your favorite song?" I say the title of whatever song we are listening to. (Unless it is their music, of course! LOL) Sure, it frustrates them, but they understand my point is we should enjoy the present and appreciate whatever we have available to us at the moment.

As I write this message for the newsletter, I wonder what my favorite season is in Glen Farms. I'm so overwhelmed right now with the beauty of our neighborhood, it is difficult to consider whether any other season or any other community for that matter, might be better. Not just the buds and blooms, but all the outdoor activity. The kids in the streets, the dogs and walkers, the cyclists, the exercisers, the lawn maintenance, the birds, the fire pits, everyone and everything. It's alive, vibrant, colorful, and noisy, in a good way. It is impossible to walk down the street without waving to so many different neighbors. It's a friendly place, that's for sure. What's your favorite season in Glen Farms?

Boy-oh-boy, have we got some great things in the works! In addition to all the wonderful events you see in this newsletter, we are also making progress on our Free Little Libraries and Information Centers, Fitness Stations, Lake George Path improvements, Friday Nights by the Lake, Tennis Court repairs, and many other projects and pursuits. If there is something you would like to see in our community, please don't hesitate to send us your suggestions. If there is something you want or already have going, please tell us about it and how we can help support and promote it.

As always, we appreciate the hard work and tireless efforts of the civic association board members and the many volunteers and contributors who help make things happen. And sincere thank you to all the residents who make this such a wonderful and well-respected community.

--Scotty

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – MAY 15TH

Hope you have been cleaning out your attic, closets, garage and basements! Mark your calendar for our community's May 15th Community Yard Sale.

FISHING DERBY – JUNE 13TH

We hope you have marked your calendar for June 13th – the day of our Fishing **Derby**: Remember, it is held rain or shine and the only requirement is that dogs be left home for this specific event. Prizes are awarded for the shortest, longest and most caught fish at the derby in the following age groups: 3-6, 7-12, & 13-18. Hope to see you there.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JUNE 8TH

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on June 8th via zoom. You can find the information to join below:

Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83117851140?pwd=TTNwaFRGOTZmVHpGN0g5VXBlWHFlZz09</u>

Meeting ID: 831 1785 1140	Dial in only: +1 301 715 8592
Passcode: GFTCA	Passcode: 398218

$\begin{array}{c} \text{ICE CREAM SOCIAL} - \text{JULY } 17^{\text{TH}} \\ \text{ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE} \end{array}$

We have found a way to make this a COVID friendly event on July 17th. It will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm at the tennis courts. Anyone who would like to assist with activities for the kids or to help setup, and monitor the ice cream station should reach out to Kim at <u>kkandak3221@comcast.net</u>.

Our annual Food Drive is scheduled to run the *month* of July this year. Last year was a huge success, let's do the same this year! We will send a reminder email out closer to July with our drop off addresses.

SENIOR SHOUT OUT....

We would like to once again acknowledge all graduating high school and college seniors. If you would like your senior to be featured in the next issue of the newsletter, please send it via a message on our Facebook page, or you may send glenfarmsboard@gmail.com. Please provide your senior's name, parents, high school/college and if they may have any plans after graduating.

WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS? HAVE A COMMUNITY GROUP?

The GFCA Board and Welcome Committee want to help promote our entrepreneurs and our community groups! Complete our survey to tell us more. This offer is open only to <u>dues paying members</u>. Extended family/friends, non-residents who are entrepreneurs with businesses DO NOT qualify:

Send us your information: https://forms.gle/4eYEXR3Z7QGwVRiN7

COMMUNITY LOGO CONTENT

It is time for the Glen Farms/Tara community to have a brand identity. Some kind of logo and slogan or catch phrase we can add to our publications, social media, and maybe even some swag! So we're challenging the great citizens of our community, young and old, to come up with some ideas. We are looking for something relatively simple that can be applied to a variety of uses, such as, printing, websites, embroidery, vinyl transfers, etc... Something that reflects our community and embodies the spirit of Glen Farms & Tara. We're also asking the surrounding neighborhoods to do the same for their areas.

In addition to a logo, we're also asking for a slogan. You can submit one without the other. Submissions should be sent to <u>GFCAVolunteers@gmail.com</u> or handed off to any board member. We ask all submissions to be made by June 30th. The winner will be announced in the Fall Newsletter. Prizes remain to be determined.

Please keep the logo to a maximum of three colors, and slogans as brief as possible. Logos can be submitted in any format, even a hand drawing, although we prefer a digital file format, if possible (AI, EPS, JPG, PNG, SVG, PDF, DOC, ...).

And finally, please provide a description of your logo or slogan and a short write of up what it means to you, how it reflects our community, and what inspired the design.

KUDOS

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to the Silva family for working many weekends cutting up and removing the large tree that fell across the Christina River, with help from their wing man Gunter Shaffer. Not only have they been doing that but Steve also repaired the rotten board on the small dock at Lake George.



To the Earth Day crew, **WOW**! What a great group of residents we have.

They cleaned up and cut back Harvest Lane, Little Egypt, Brinton Park, Lake George. As well as did some plantings at 896 and Lake George. We will post some more pictures taken on the website.



Davenport Family; Dave and Sonya Larason; Gunter Shaffer; Silva family; Sue Lepone; Gupta family; Liz Dubravic; Evangelos Falaris; MaryKay Mills; Kim Kilby and Charles Angalet; Rick Edwards; Sally Christian and Mary Verrico.

THIS AND THAT

NEW WEBMASTER: We are happy to announce that Tim Miller, 23 N Rosemont has volunteered to take over the website. He has some great plans on how to enhance our format. Tim retired from UD after 39 ¹/₂ years in January 2018. He enjoys woodworking and general DIY stuff and is busy building a shop. If you have any suggestions for features you'd like to see on the website (no promises), please contact Tim at <u>gfcawebmaster@gmail.com</u>.

<u>GLENBROOK PROPERTY</u>. Please remember that if you are down at Lake George and walk down to the water, the property on the other side of the water belongs to the Glenbrook homeowners and NO ONE should be crossing and walking in their yards. Please make sure to advise your children.

<u>SAFETY/MISCHIEF</u>: We have seen a recent increase in mischief within our community. We ask everyone to be vigilant. Please retain any photo or video evidence of misbehavior in case it is needed for discovery or prosecution.

<u>Victims</u> - please report all incidents to the Cecil County Sheriff's Department and please inform the Civic Association by emailing <u>gfcaneighborconcerns@gmail.com</u> or <u>gfcaneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com</u> or by reaching out to any board member.

<u>Parents</u> – please reinforce proper social behavior and civic responsibility with your children. We do not want these incidents to escalate to the level of legal intervention, retribution, or aggression.

SPEED: Our community has over three miles of curving, twisting roads, no sidewalks, or street lights. Factor in our mature trees/landscaping, and that provides many blind spots in the area. This lends to an awesome walking environment that our residents utilize every day and night. The speed limit is 25 mph. Please slow down for the safety of our residents; take those extra few seconds to come to a complete stop at the stop signs — look both ways before proceeding.

DOG OWNERS: This time of year the Neighborhood Concerns Committee receives increased reports of issues concerning dogs and their owners. Please enjoy your pets while minimizing the impact on your neighbors. Be respectful of the noise and safety factors, and always keep your pets within your yard or on a leash.

ROCK PAINTING







Glen Farms/Tara Community

Let's brighten up our neighborhood again this year! Nothing more exciting than taking a walk throughout our community and seeing some beautiful rocks on display.

No Rules, Just Fun for both kids & adults

- Paint and place around the neighborhoodSend us a picture of your painted rocks to
- find
- Take a walk and search for rocks
- Take a picture of your find.... Relocate or leave the rock
- Post your finds on our Facebook Page