

GLEN FARMS AND TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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Mark your calendars

4/15 Friday-by-the-Lake -
Dedication
5/6 Friday-by-the-Lake

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors and Welcome to our newest community members. Spring is in the air and that means it's time to clean out the old and stagnant to make way for fresh growth and development! We're also emerging from the pandemic and easing into more social endeavors. With these things in mind, the Civic Association is excited to plan this year of activities and events. As always, we need volunteers to help organize and run these events. The event schedule is forthcoming.

It is my belief that a strong community not only thrives socially and economically, but also suffers less disruption and heals itself faster. To become a stronger community not only do we need to interact in positive social activities, continue to lend support and assistance to one another, communicate, and keep an eye out for everyone's safety, but most importantly be mindful of what we say and how we act towards each other. Respect, responsibility, and accountability are paramount to successful and cooperative efforts. Let's make Glen Farms the best it can be by being the best we can be.

Springtime is when most of us initiate home improvement and yard projects. Before investing too much time and energy, please consider your neighbors, the look and feel of the neighborhood, and any county or deed restrictions that may conflict with your intentions.

A couple of personal things to mention:

1. I am no longer a Notary Public. If anyone in the neighborhood maintains an active appointment, please let a board member know and we'll inform the community through the website and future newsletters. You can never find a Notary when you need one! LOL
2. Stephanie and I are recent graduates of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Stewards Academy. We can advise on residential storm water management - things like reducing runoff, installing rain barrels, planting native vegetation, extending rain spouts away from structures, and so on. Please feel free to reach out.

I am honored to be able to serve as the Association President for another term. Thank you for this opportunity.

We have quite a few projects in the works this year. Keep an eye out for several Free Little Libraries in the community and the exercise station at Lake George, thanks to a couple of resident Eagle Scout candidates and a few generous donors. We hope to add improvements, like information/bulletin boards, to the libraries. (Suggestions welcome!). The Lake George path renovation should also be completed this spring. Very exciting. Keep an eye out for dedication ceremonies! And back by popular demand, Friday's-by-the-Lake! See you all there!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues in the amount of \$25 per household for the fiscal year beginning February 1, 2022 are now due. The Dues form is located at the back of this newsletter, or you may use the link on our website (www.glenfarms.org) to pay your dues via Paypal and complete the membership form. Please join the Association and be a part of making your community the best place to live. The citizens who live in a community must be part of the solution to make it safe, clean, healthy, and beautiful.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day: Glenn Farm's Earth Day Clean Up is Sunday April 24th from 10am-1 pm. There are several neighborhood clean up projects available to participant in. If you are interested in helping keep our neighborhood clean, please e-mail Kim Silva using kim_whale@comcast.net and let her know which cleanup project and activity you would like to help with. Feel free to recruit others you may know in the neighborhood and remember if a neighborhood child needs volunteer hours this is a great opportunity! NOTE: if the cleanup date does not work for you, don't worry, as you may work on any of the projects on a day that works better with your schedule. Here are some of this year's projects:

Pick Up Trash Roadside (*no young children activity*) - Bags can be provided

1. Rt 896 to Westover- pick up and bag trash
2. Westover to Union School- pick up bag trash
3. Union School to Ridge- pick up and bag trash
4. Ridge to Rt 273/Telegraph Rd- pick up bag trash
5. Rt 896 to Harvest- pick up bag trash
6. Pick up bagged trash from above listed routes

Lake George

1. Cut back overgrowth away from trail
2. Benches cleaned up
3. Bamboo removal from trail
4. Pick up trash/fishing line

Brinton Park

1. Remove trash
2. Trim overgrowth
3. Remove yard waste
4. Wash table

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

Exercise Stations: Anthony Eskaros chose as his Eagle Scout project to build exercise stations for the community. They built the box jump station, a push-up/sit-up station, and a pull-up station. They are located down at Lake George. They completed the project on March 6th.



Little Free Libraries: Matthew Eskaros chose as his Eagle Scout project to build Little Free Libraries for the community. They are located at Lake George, entrance to Tara and Brinton Park.

THIS AND THAT

SAFETY REMINDER: Glen Farms, Tara and the surrounding areas are comprised of at least 140 acres. 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. The speed limit is 25 mph. Please take those extra few seconds to come to a complete stop, look both ways before proceeding at a stop sign. PLEASE *slow down* for the safety of the residents who walk daily and children who are at school bus stops.

WELCOME COMMITTEE: The Civic Association likes to welcome any new neighbor moving into our community. Our new Welcome Chair Barbara Bronson, has done a tremendous job of going back to all those residents who moved in to the Community during Covid. **THANK YOU BARBARA.** If you were not home when Barbara came by, drop her an email at autumntrails@comcast.net.

BEING NEIGHBORLY: Friends and neighbors, we have recently seen an uptick in reports from our community of less than neighborly behavior. These complaints include damaging ice and preventing ice skating, use of drones late at night and over other people's yards, and other behavior. As we pull through this winter, please be considerate of your community, and let's do our best to be a great neighbor in our neighborhood. Thanks!

SECRETARY NEEDED: We are in need of a secretary for the Civic Association. Kim has graciously agreed to continue to do the newsletters, and has done the 2022 edition of the Directory, but is not able to continue to serve on the Board. For further information, please reach out to Scotty at scottyatwork@hotmail.com

FRIDAY'S BY THE LAKE

We have set the following tentative dates to continue the Friday's by the Lake, which seemed to be enjoyed by a number of our residents.

4/15 at 7 pm Eagle Project Dedication: we will be holding a Dedication and request for small book donations (perhaps one book per household for those attending). Light music and social mingling will follow this.

5/6 at 7 pm Let's celebrate **Cinco de Mayo**, a Taco Truck will be there for you to purchase your food with all proceeds to benefit the maintenance/upkeep of the Eagle Projects and the Path. We endeavor to have as much Mexican music as possible. Even if you do not wish to join in the social aspect of this night, please stop by to grab your dinner on Friday night.

6/3 at 7 pm Corn Hole tournament. Get your teams together and let's have some fun. Light music will be playing in the background.

7/15 at 7 pm Open Mic night and Rock Painting: let's see who has some talent in this neighborhood – comedian, karaoke, poetry... We will also have rocks available to paint.

GLEN FARMS / TARA RESIDENTIAL DIRECTORY

Delivered with this newsletter is the 2022 Glen Farms / Tara Residential Directory. The last update was July 2018. We have about 70 new households since 2018. Many residents of Glen Farms, who lived here since the house was built, either retired, passed away, or moved into assisted living. The longevity of the residents in Glen Farms/Tara is a testament to how awesome this community is.

If your information has changed by way of a divorce, death or marriage, we may not be aware of that information. If you have any changes for the next release in four years, email Kim at kkandak3221@comcast.net Remember, if you do not wish to have your email or phone number listed, be sure to **check off the X on the dues form so we know.**

COMMUNITY PROPERTY / GROUNDS COMMITTEES

We are fortunate in Glen Farms to own two pieces of property that the community can use for their enjoyment: Lake George and Brinton Park. However, they are also maintained by Civic Association and do require upkeep. We hire someone to take care of the mowing and trimming at Lake George, Brinton Park and the piece of property in Tara. We always have projects that require manpower such as removing fallen trees, cleaning up debris, mulching, plantings, and repairs.

Lake George: This small lake, located off South Parkway and the adjoining property are owned by your Civic Association. It requires the entire community's cooperation in adhering to the rules so that it remains enjoyable for all. Lake George is a valuable community amenity and a significant attraction for many of our residents. Its existence as part of Glen Farms benefits us all, if only as a positive factor in property values. Projects here that require manpower is cutting back the briar bushes around the berm, trimming the shrubs, removing dead trees, cutting back hanging branches, and removing trash left behind by visitors.

Brinton Park: The tennis courts and basketball net, located via the pathway off North Parkway and West Parkway, have been used by the community for many years. The entire property is owned and maintained by the Civic Association. Projects here that require manpower are tree removal, brush removal, removing trash left behind by visitors, power washing surface, repair of broken basketball nets, and maintenance of steps.



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2022 DUES NOTICE

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Membership Dues for the fiscal year beginning **February 1, 2022** are now due. Dues are only \$25 per household. Your dues enable us to provide the activities listed below as well as preserve Lake George and Brinton Park. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any board member. The contact information for each board member is listed on the GFCA website and in the newsletters.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ENSURE WE KEEP MEMBERSHIP CURRENT

Address: _____

Name _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Name _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Children's names and ages (if living at home): _____
(Used solely to assist the Board in event planning)

The Civic Association publishes a Community Directory every couple of years.
If you do not wish to have your phone and/or email published, please indicate below:

NO EMAIL: _____ NO PHONE: _____

I am interested in the following GFCA activities/committees [Please check all that apply]:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Chili & Pie Cookoff | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Concerns Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Derby | <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Brinton Park Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Social | | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake George Committee |

AMOUNT DUE (by June 15) payable to "GFCA"

\$ 25.00

ADDITIONAL DONATION:

\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

PAYMENT METHODS

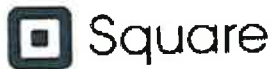
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You can now pay your Membership dues online by using PayPal, a secure internet payment service. If you don't have a PayPal account, you can now pay with just a credit card, or eCheck, thru PayPal. There is a direct link to PayPal on the website.

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At Social Functions