

# GLEN FARMS AND TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**PATH REVITALIZATION - APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**EARTH DAY - APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**YARD SALE - MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**FISHING DERBY - JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**RAIN DATE JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL - JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**FOOD DRIVE - JULY 1 - 22**

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE,**

**[HTTPS://GLENFARMS.ORG](https://glenfarms.org) , FOR ONGOING  
UPDATES FOR THESE AND OTHER EVENTS**

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership Dues in the amount of \$25 per household are now due (our fiscal year runs from February – January). The dues are used for the newsletter and to sponsor activities such as the Fishing Derby, Community Yard Sale, Ice Cream Social, Chili Cookoff etc. A portion is set aside for the maintenance of Lake George and Brinton Park. The Dues form is located at the back of this newsletter, or you may use the link on our website ([www.glenfarms.org](http://www.glenfarms.org)) to pay your dues via Paypal and complete the membership form.

## VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR NEEDED

The position is responsible for developing programs and activities to anticipate and encourage volunteers for GF&T events, and may be hands-on at special events. This is a year-round, flexible, part-time position of approximately 40 hours/year. Additional hours may be required leading up to and during special events.

## RECEIVING NEWSLETTER AND MAILINGS

GFTCA distributes our newsletter and does occasional mailings about our events and activities to our mailing list. If you haven't already, please subscribe on our website ([www.glenfarms.org](http://www.glenfarms.org)). Mailings will come from

“glenfarmsweb”. In some cases, your email program may send this address to someplace other than your inbox (spam, updates, other, etc.) so please check those folders and mark this address as not spam if necessary.

## **EARTH DAY AND THE PATH!**

On Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are looking for volunteers to assist with the revitalization and rebuilding of the eastern Lake George access path. This effort will include some digging, clearing brush and stones, chipping wood, installation of 4x4s, and laying of wood chips in the new area. We welcome all volunteers of various age and skill levels and ask that anyone interested contact **John Novak at (302) 299-5135**. Gloves are highly recommended, as are wheelbarrows, and any hand or power tools you may have that could help (e.g., shovels, landscaping bars, rakes, sledgehammers, etc.). We will be renting an industrial woodchipper to help clear Brinton Park of debris as part of the effort, and the more hands we have to make this path happen, the easier it will be for everyone. So come on out Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am to the easternmost Lake George access path. Parking will be limited, so you may park at the lake parking lot.

As you may know by the email sent to those who have registered, Kim Silva is spearheading Earth Day 2023 with various cleanup activities on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4 pm THANK YOU KIM! For Earth Day cleanup, volunteers can do their part whenever it is convenient for them and their families. The sections for trash pickup and other projects are listed below and a guide for other projects. If you have an interest or passion in another project, please email Kim at [kim\\_whale@comcast.net](mailto:kim_whale@comcast.net) with the idea. Kim has received commitments for some tasks but need the few mentioned below completed

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

1. Rt 896 to Westover- pick up and bag trash – *volunteer needed*

### **Lake George**

- Bamboo removal from trail - *volunteers needed*
- Weed parking lot – *volunteers needed*
- New Trail Development (w/ John Novak)

### **Brinton Park -*volunteers needed***

- Trim overgrowth
- Clean Bench and Table

### **Neighborhood white cement street posts (*must be above 50 degrees*)**

- If you are interested, Kim can give you more details. We would like to wash, sand, prime, paint, and stencil with the street names. This is a multi-day project.

## **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

The 2023 Community Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. It has been 2 years since our last yard sale (the year of the cicadas), and we know that everyone was cleaning out their basement, spare rooms, and garages during the pandemic. This is your chance to get rid of all that stuff!

All participants conduct their own sale on their own property. There is space on Little Egypt Road for those that would prefer that location. The Civic Association will take care of advertisements. If you would like to participate/volunteer to assist in event, please contact Barb Bronson, Coordinator. Email: [autumntrails@comcast.net](mailto:autumntrails@comcast.net) or (410) 392-7699 landline.

## **FISHING DERBY**

This annual event will take place at Lake George on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> with rain date June 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. It is held rain or shine and the only requirement is that dogs be left home for this specific event.

## BRINTON PARK

The tennis courts at Brinton Park have needed resurfacing for years. This gives us an ideal opportunity to reconsider how this beneficial park in the heart of Glen Farms is used. Do we want to continue to have tennis courts? What about a basketball court? We also had a suggestion of a Pickleball Court. It appears that converting a tennis court to a pickle ball court is relatively easy! Please share your thoughts and/or suggestions via email or conversation with a Board member. We will be surveying members in the coming months. Exciting happenings!

## GLEN FARMS/TARA BAZAAR

Most of you received an email a few weeks ago announcing this new addition to our website. If you have a home business you would like to advertise, and live in Glen Farms or Tara, we are offering the opportunity for you to advertise your business on our website. Click on this link: [Bazaar Interest Form – Glen Farms & Tara Civic Association](#), or send an email to [miller19711@gmail.com](mailto:miller19711@gmail.com). Tim Miller, who administers our website, will work with you to put together the information and advertisement for your business. **There is no charge for this, but you must be a dues paying member.**

## DOGS

As the weather gets warmer, more of your neighbors find themselves outside to enjoy the sunshine, whether they are walking, going for a run, walking their dogs, or any number of other activities. It is important to remember your neighbors when you walk your own dogs. Two important things to remember from Cecil County Law are that all dogs should be kept under restraint “or effective control” at all times, and that the owner shall prevent the animal from leaving the owner’s property unattended or unrestrained. This means that if your dog, however friendly, happens to run off to greet joggers, neighbors, or anyone not on your property, you can be fined up to \$500. We live in a great neighborhood, and we take care of each other, so not everyone is willing to confront dog owners about their dogs’ behavior outside of friendly reminders. At the civic association, we have received multiple calls about friendly dogs running off property, jumping and getting mud on people or property, or running up to greet joggers in the middle of the road. PLEASE ensure your dogs are restrained and properly under control. Running off to greet neighbors or joggers is not under control. Again, we have to take a firm tone to communicate the seriousness of this issue. So, please care for your fellow neighbors, secure your dogs, and clean up after them. (No, this last part does not mean bagging their waste and tossing it in the trees - you know who you are.)”

## THIS AND THAT

**SAFETY REMINDER:** Glen Farms can be challenging to navigate to those who do not live here, even with GPS. Streets where the mailboxes are all on one side can make it difficult to decide which house is which. For the sake of the delivery drivers and emergency vehicles, please make sure your house number is easily visible on the front of your house.

**KEEPING THE COMMUNITY CLEAN:** We would like to expand this to make it a monthly, rather than a yearly event. One of the nice things about Glen Farms is that it is a great place to take a stroll. We are suggesting that sometimes take a plastic grocery bag, maybe a pair of disposable gloves, and incorporate a trash pick up into your walk. It is a great family activity. Of course, we all need to patrol our property borders. Trash really isn’t a big problem, EXCEPT on Little Egypt Road (“LER”). It is a main road and, unfortunately, some of those folks passing through like to toss their beer cans and fast-food wrappers out the window. LER is not the safest place to take a casual stroll. Of course, we know residents patrol their own borders with the road, but that leaves the public areas, such as Fair Hill Natural Resources Center. Sometimes the amount of trash becomes a little much, or perhaps you just need some help. If that is the case, please reach out to the Board. We will be soliciting volunteers for the public land borders and can add your property if needed. We will also arrange for pickup of trash, especially if there are big items.

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## 2023 DUES NOTICE

Membership Dues for the fiscal year beginning **February 1, 2023** 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]:

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <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"/> Volunteer Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake George Committee           |

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

\$ 25.00

ADDITIONAL DONATION:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHODS

### Mail/drop off to:

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### Online through *PayPal*

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.  
[www.glenfarms.org](http://www.glenfarms.org)



If Paying via Square or PayPal, please email your membership form to the Treasurer at [gfcatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:gfcatreasurer@gmail.com)

### At Social Functions