



# GLEN FARMS AND TARA CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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**November 2023**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've said it before and I'll say it again, my favorite season in Glen Farms is whatever season it happens to be! We are so blessed with such a beautiful, vibrant, and conscious community, year-round. The atmosphere, the colors, the wildlife in our neighborhood – spring, summer, fall, and winter – are beyond compare. We should not take this for granted. We should be thankful.

I'm certainly thankful for the privilege of serving as a civic association director and as president. We've been through some challenging times in the last few years, particularly with COVID. I'm happy to say we are on a positive trajectory regarding finances, projects, and community interest. What we really need most is involvement. We have several board positions opening soon and we need you to participate. Not just as board members, but as committee chairpersons and volunteers in general. And we need people who are willing to put in time and effort. Not a lot, but some. We need representation from the community to better serve the community. We have so much potential. Let's engage it! Check our website and sign up for email and text communications. And definitely let us know how we can better serve the community.

## OFFICER ELECTIONS – DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please join us for the General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** at the **Newark Baptist Church (Teen Room)**. Elections for term 2024-2026:

President:	Candidate: John Novak (current VP)
Vice President:	<i>Needed if John is elected to President</i>
Secretary	Candidate: Kelsey Novak (incumbant)
Director	Candidates: Wally George (incumbant)
Director	Candidates: Tim Miller (incumbant)

### Open Positions:

Director	(term 2023-2025)
Volunteer Coordinator	(indefinitely)

## WINTER WONDERLAND

It is approaching the most wonderful time of the year again, neighbors. The community is planning to once again decorate the stop signs on the *first weekend of December*. There will be a pre-decoration meeting on **Wednesday, November 29th at 7pm** at the LER Garage. The meeting will be to consolidate all of the community-owned decorations currently residing in various locations throughout the neighborhood and to develop our plan of attack for getting those stop signs beautified! The LER garage is located at 394 Little Egypt Road. For additional information, please contact Barb Bronson (director - 410 392 7699) or Kelsey Novak (secretary - 717 715 4903). For additional contact information, please follow the link to the GFTCA website for the Board of Directors. <https://glenfarms.org/organization/>

If you are in possession of any of the community's decorations, we kindly ask that they be brought to LER garage for the meeting. Any others who wish to participate in the fun of decorating are welcome to attend as well. Looking forward to seeing you all then! Happy Holidays!

## **JINGLE BELL TOUR BY CECIL MANOR ELEMENTARY**

The teachers and staff of Cecil Manor Elementary School holiday carolers have toured various neighborhoods over the years. We are very happy that this year our community is on their stop. As of printing/distribution time, they will be in the neighborhood at approximately **3:45 pm on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** (*exact time to be confirmed*) stopping first at Lake George.

## **VISIT FROM THE NORTH POLE**

Fellow residents, come December, our friend from the North Pole will be coming back through the neighborhood! Our neighborhood Santa will be coming through the neighborhood again on the evening of **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Santa will be handing out candy and collecting nonperishable food donations for the local food bank beginning around 6 pm. After completing the route, Santa and a photographer will be available at *Lake George* for photos with children and/or pets. While these photos are offered free of charge, Santa prefers donations to the Glen Farms Civic Association in lieu of milk and cookies. Keep an eye on your email from Glen Farms for a route map as we get closer to the 22<sup>nd</sup>! Happy holidays!

## **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

In July, the USPS advised us that we can no longer use resident mailboxes to distribute our newsletters. We sent out an email with this change in July, but we know that not everyone is on our email list.

We have moved to email and website-based distribution for our newsletters. For those of you who cannot access email or our website, a limited number of newsletters will be available at each of the 3 Free Little Libraries (located at the corner of Scarlett Way and East Parkway, Lake George, and North Parkway by the Tennis Court). Plastic holders, hopefully weatherproof, have been added. Approximately 25 newsletter copies will be at each location.

We will be making more use of email to distribute information about the community to all of you. If you have not yet signed up, please do so at <https://glenfarms.org/>. If you need help signing up, please contact one of the Board members. We will be happy to assist!

## **LAKE GEORGE UPDATE**

As many of our neighbors may have noticed, the dock at Lake George was starting to fall into disrepair as some of the stringers were rotting. Under the recent planning and direction of Steve Silva and Brian Swift of the lake committee, the walkway to the dock was carefully disassembled. New lumber was used to build new stringers and a new gangway to the floating dock, and the chains which had held the dock to anchors under water were replaced. The dock is once again open to the community thanks to the expeditious work of Brian and Steve, with special thanks to helpers Skip Lepone and John Novak. If you would like to be included in future volunteer efforts relating to Glen Farms, please let us know on the website by submitting a form at <https://glenfarms.org/volunteer/>.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Gore for a generous grant to help sustain and maintain our outdoor spaces for the community.

## **TIME TO GET YOUR FIREWOOD!**

The Civic Association Board surveyed local Firewood Suppliers who deliver to Glen Farms and Tara. Prices and contact information can be found on our website: <https://glenfarms.org>