



GIIA Newsletter

August 2014

Glen Isle Improvement Association, P.O. Box 222, Riva, MD 21140

www.glenislestates.com

President's Message

Dear Glen Isle Neighbors,

As usual, it's been an active summer season. The beach area is busy as many families and groups enjoy one of the best assets of Glen Isle.

Throughout the years, we have learned rules are needed to help keep a balance with this heavily used area. It is the responsibility of every homeowner to make sure your family and friends know these rules and respect the rights of all of the residents of Glen Isle.

This coming September, we will hold elections for many of the Board positions. There are several positions open to anyone who wants to help with the governance of GIIA. If Board work is not your thing, we always need help with projects and committees. There is a lot to do in this community.

Many of you know, I volunteered 17 years ago to take the vacated role of President. I had no intentions of staying in this position for so many years. Throughout this time, I have enjoyed true friendships forged by challenges to a common goal, helping keep Glen Isle a wonderful community.

Yes, I have occasionally been criticized, and blamed, for things, but I have also been thanked and praised. I have enjoyed working with many good people throughout these many years.

I am considering one more term as President of GIIA. There is a little more work to do before I take leave from one of the more rewarding volunteer roles I have had. Thank You.

Michael Wagener

IN BRIEF

The Dumpsters are Coming August 18-20th

We will again have the dumpsters in our neighborhood. They will be delivered around noon on Monday, August 18th and be removed around noon on Wednesday, August 20th. Dumpsters will be placed at the beach.

Please **DO NOT** place the following in the dumpster: Gas Tanks and Propane Tanks, Tree Trunks, Oil Drums or Tanks, Hazardous Waste, Tires, Logs, Paint, Medical Waste, Dirt/Soil, Coal/Ashes, Animal Waste, Firearms, Styrofoam, or Refrigerators or Air Conditioners. Liquids such as used oil and grease also should not be disposed of in the dumpster.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Glen Isle Elections

The election for officers and directors will be held at the **Annual Meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on September 23, 2014 at the Clubhouse.**

All Officer Positions and five Director Positions are being voted on this year. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions and have not yet requested your name on the ballot, please contact the Corresponding Secretary, Sam Liff, at 410-956-0516.

Your Board of Directors welcomes your involvement and participation in this meeting.

**Please come to the
Annual Community Meeting
on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd**

GIIA Board Notes

Covenant Fees

Thanks to all that have paid Covenant fees. Just a reminder, the annual payment of \$350 should be made payable to GIIA and mailed to:

GIIA
P.O. Box 222
Riva, MD 21140.

Your continued support for Glen Isle and the costs involved to keep it running smoothly is greatly appreciated.

Operation Clearwater

On a weekly basis, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Diana Muller, South Riverkeeper® and her team go out to community beaches or recreational areas on the South River to collect water samples for bacteria. Results are provided to communities the following evening. Anne Arundel County also performs bacteria testing, however not after rain events. Results are posted on Anne Arundel County website:

www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/rec-water

Mosquito Control

Glen Isle has been added to the waiting list for adult mosquito control services. The MD Dept of Agriculture also has a larvacide program which targets areas of standing water where mosquitoes breed. Contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Section at mosquito.control@maryland.gov or call 410-841-5870 if you are aware of ponds, ditches, etc. where mosquitoes may be breeding.



Geese at the Beach

The beach area has been treated with a product to discourage their use of our amenities. It is a non-toxic spray made from spices which causes an irritation to their

throats so they are less likely to return. Hopefully this will help reduce the geese droppings at the beach now and into the future.

Clubhouse Plantings

Fall is right around the corner and time for another Glen Isle Project. There will be an event featuring the planting of some trees and shrubs at the clubhouse on **Sunday, September 28th starting at 10:00 a.m.** Activities will be held for the kids at the clubhouse. Lunch and beverages will also be provided for all those participating.



Stop by for food, fun and to join in the activity. For additional details, contact Tim Keating at 410-956-5046.

Electronic Newsletters

Do you want to receive your newsletters and other community notices by e-mail? Sign up today! All community notices are sent out by blind carbon to maintain your privacy. E-mail a request to: mikedebwagener@comcast.net.

Stickers/Passes for Beach Access

Just a reminder that stickers are required on your vehicles if they are left at the beach. Please contact John McIntire at 410-956-3173 or e-mail piercomm@aol.com for your sticker.

Stickers are issued for each vehicle registered to the address (a copy of vehicle registration is required). You also receive two guest passes. The stickers and guest passes are numbered to identify the member.

“Authorized Vehicles Only” signs are in the beach area. Vehicles parked at the beach without a proper pass or sticker may be towed.

Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting	Aug 19th	7:00 pm
Board Meeting	Sept 23rd	7:00 pm
Community Meeting	Sept 23rd	7:30 pm
Board Meeting	Oct 21st	7:00 pm
Board Meeting	Nov 18th	7:00 pm

**All held at the Clubhouse*

Clubhouse Rental Information:

Weeknight rental: \$65 + \$50 refundable deposit.
Weekend rental: \$100 + \$50 refundable deposit.
Children's party: \$30 + \$50 refundable deposit.

*Children's party fee applies to any day of the week, for children aged 12 and under.

Call Bonnie Gardner at 410-956-2610 or e-mail your inquiries to giclubhouse@verizon.net.

Board Info.

BOARD OFFICERS:

President:

Mike Wagener 410-956-4632

Vice President:

Mike Risher 410-956-5034

Corresponding Secretary:

Sam Liff* 410-956-0516

Recording Secretary:

Christina Feindt 443-837-6448

Treasurer:

Yvonne Jenkins 410-798-0497

Asst. Treasurer:

Lesley Powers 410-956-3426

BOARD DIRECTORS:

Ben Borchelt 410-956-0160

Tim Keating 410-956-5046

Jack Thibodeau 410-798-4963

Anne Redmiles 410-956-4293

Chuck Malcomson 202-997-5266

Mark Grant 410-949-8955

Pat Crosby 410-956-8340

COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

Beach: Ben Borchelt 410-956-0160

Playground: Tim Keating 410-956-5046

Piers: John McIntire 410-956-3173

Clubhouse: Bonnie Gardner 410-956-2610

Webmaster: Deb Wagener 410-956-4632

**For Gate or Ramp Keys, contact John McIntire or Sam Liff.*

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

We have our own "My Little Free Library" right in Glen Isle at 579 Poplar Drive on the right side of the yard. Take a book and leave a book. There are wide selections of books available in a constant rotation.

BABYSITTER

Looking for an experienced babysitter? Candace Sneed's daughters, ages 13 and 14, are available to help care for your children. Both of their schedules are flexible. They are reliable and caring. References are available upon request. Please call 410-279-1925.

NOTARY

Notary services are available right in the neighborhood and are free to Glen Isle residents.

Contact Deb Wagener at 410-956-4632.

Post something here.
(Items for sale, services, needs.)

Please e-mail:
mikedebwagener@comcast.net.

• GLEN ISLE LADIES AUXILIARY •



Hello neighbors! The Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary has had a busy summer so far. We kicked it off with the annual end of school Ice Cream Social in June which has become wildly popular and tons of fun. Then the group held the GILA Dinner out event later in June for members. The neighborhood Family Beach Party was held in July and brought out many neighbors, old and new, to enjoy the beach area together.

The group is now making preparations for our busiest time of the year. We are planning perhaps the biggest party that we handle each year: the kids' **Halloween Party**. This ghoulish gathering will be held on **Saturday, October 25th** at the Glen Isle Clubhouse from 3-6 p.m. All neighborhood children are encouraged to attend (adults too!).

Karaoke Anyone?

Come enjoy a special adults-only evening of karaoke at the Glen Isle Clubhouse on **Friday, Sept. 12th**. Starting at 7 p.m., the evening promises to be a great one. If you missed past karaoke evenings, you are in for a treat—this is the real deal. We will be having an Italian-themed evening with food, feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share. Ages 18 and up only please. For more details, contact event chairs Debbie Wagener or Ulla Dean.

Enjoy the costume parade, the food, the games, and more.

The next big event will be the yearly **Holiday Shopping Spectacular**, set for **Saturday, November 8th**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., also at the Clubhouse. Come and do your holiday shopping from all of your favorite independent sellers. There is something for everyone and tons of great products to discover. The members of GILA will host the food sales, so bring the family up for lunch and support the group. The raffles and doorprizes are fantastic too. Tell all of your friends and bring them all along.

Other upcoming GILA sponsored events include the annual **Glen Isle Community Holiday Party** in December. More details and dates will be shared as we get them. The last event of the calendar year will be the **New Year's Eve Family Party** at the Clubhouse on **December 31st**. This party is getting bigger every year as more and more neighbors discover the joy of gathering close to home with the whole family and neighbors. There will be music, food, and fun for all. Look for even more GILA sponsored events in 2015.

Please consider joining us for any or all of these community events. We work hard to make them happen for Glen Isle. Some are meant to raise funds for the Ladies Auxiliary organization, but most are solely intended to create a sense of community and a great place to live.

How to Join the Ladies Auxiliary

**Next meeting:
August 13th, 7 p.m., at the Clubhouse**

The Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary is an organization made up of neighborhood women who meet on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** and organize many events for all residents to enjoy. The group works with the Glen Isle Improvement Association to accomplish projects as needed and performs many additional duties in Glen Isle.

If you are new to the neighborhood, or just want to find out more about GILA, please come to a monthly meeting and our group functions. You may contact any of the GILA board officers listed below to ask questions, or get more details. Or e-mail the Secretary at: christina@feindt.com. Annual dues are only \$5. If you can't make the meetings, that's alright with us. Just help when you can, and receive the group's monthly e-mails with information on what's coming up. We welcome all women in Glen Isle to join the group and help us continue a great history of giving back.

Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary Board 2014/2015		
President	Ulla Dean	443-837-7300
Vice-President	Lesley Powers	410-956-3426
Treasurer	Dawn Risher	410-956-5034
Asst. Treasurer	Bonnie Gardner	410-956-2610
Secretary	Christina Feindt	443-837-6448
Clubhouse Chair	Bonnie Gardner	
Goodwill Chair	Debbie Wagener	
Bereavement Chair	Ulla Dean	

**Glen Isle Improvement Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

June 17, 2014

Date: June 17, 2014

Time: 7:01 p.m.

Location: Glen Isle Clubhouse

Meeting called to order by Mike Wagener

Attendance:

Mike Wagener, Pat Crosby, Tim Keating, Christina Feindt, Ben Borchelt. Jack Thibodeau
7 community members

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors were read. Motion made to approve with corrections. Motion to approve made by Pat Crosby, 2nd by Ben Borchelt. **Approved.**

Treasurers Report: Yvonne Jenkins absent

Mike W. reads report.

Documents submitted.

Tim Keating motions to approve, second by Ben Borchelt. **Approved.**

Misc. expense notes:

\$850 Security fee paid for Memorial weekend at beach

\$115 for termite service at clubhouse

\$625 for Phelps to replaced piping at pumphouse

\$200 for Fabrication of ramp lock box (new box installed) buried w/crossmember in concrete.

Committee Reports:

Playground: Tim Keating reports

- Mosquito control may be needed at playground. Tim will check if we have any product stored at clubhouse. Question asked about the county putting us back on their mosquito abatement list. One resident has recently called and was told that Glen Isle is on a wait list.
- Playground was mowed recently
- Things are going well. Playground is fine.

Piers: John McIntire reports

6 open slips on B pier (B1-6 open)

3 open on A pier

- Suggestion made for a contact list for all slip owners to be able to communicate problems to each other.
- Resident question– A community member's relative has 2 boats; the member wants to get a ramp key for use. Mike W has told the member that he must show ownership. Discussion about not making any exceptions. Board agrees.
- Another member was discussed whose name is not on the boat title and has been allowed to use ramp. Mike W. urges communicating with the resident about the current situation to find a solution or enforce the rules.
- An Associate member called John over the weekend, some confusion about boat access and rules.
- Summary of discussion:
 - A ramp key is for those who have a slip and/or can show boat ownership. Structure and consistency are needed for the rules to protect the beach area. We should place an item in the next newsletter that beach, boat, and launch rules will be enforced to remind residents.
- A Board member pointed out that many in the community have violated community rules at some time or another. We need to be considerate of the intent of those rules as we decide how to enforce observed violations. He encouraged an attitude of general trust that community members act within compliance of community rules as they understand them. At the same time, rules need to be enforced when members defiantly abuse privileges.
- Pier electrical problem needs checking. An electrical contractor reviewed and found no urgent problems to the systems and urged lift owners to check their capacitors for voltage issues.

Reminder: If you modify your pier slip, whatever you change, you are responsible for it. Hose bibs, water filters, etc. Please upkeep anything you add to your slip.

Beach: Ben Borchelt and others report

Beach Security on holiday weekends:

- Some confusion about the Memorial Day beach security not checking ID's. Officer was only asked to enforce county rules. Pier chairperson given the task of creating a duty list for future working officers with specific instructions, including a list of Glen Isle street names for ID checks.
- Security to be hired for July 4th weekend. Cost is \$50 per hour. Dates and times discussed -
July 4: 5-10 or 11 p.m., presence only for crowd control
July 5: 12-6 p.m., checking ID's
Board approves the expenditure.
- Beach parking for guests discussed. Residents are urged to at least request that guests at a gathering place a visible note on the dashboard with their name, the resident they are a guest of, and contact information.
- There is a dead pine tree by the end of the boatramp. One near B pier is also in danger, per Jack T.
The tree needs fertilizer by the picnic area. Fertilizer spikes have been used in the past.
- Ballard quote needed for removal of dead pine and two stumps.
- Shower still needs to be moved. Keep away from benches.
Idea of pouring a 4 x 4 concrete or similar pad, to put shower on.
Jack, John and Mike will stake it out this weekend.
- Beach needs new charcoal buckets as people are dumping charcoal on the ground.
- Idea put forward about another port-a-potty down by the swim beach.
Mike W. will price it for the months of July and August.
- Audience question: How is goose prevention working?
Jack T. says 50 geese down there the other morning. Uncertain about results, as it hasn't been long yet.
Product needs reapplication after rain.
- Swim Nets need to go in.
- Volleyball Net needs replacement. Estimate of \$70. Ben will research and purchase.
- Safety devices (life rings, etc.), need to be monitored and may need to be hung higher.
A beach resident reported they were floating in the water in a recent high tide.

Clubhouse: Tim Keating reports

- Outdoor project referenced at May meeting discussed again.
3 red bud trees, and a red maple to be planted on clubhouse grounds.
Maybe another red maple by playground.
\$400 paid by Unity, \$400 by GIIA, \$300-400 more perhaps from Watershed Steward Academy.
Sept. 20th is estimated completion.
- Expanded parking area by clubhouse discussed.
If built, it will need a retaining wall, guardrail and possibly more.
Jack T. makes a motion to get some schematics and drawings done and then get 3 bids for ideas of possible costs. 2nd by Ben Borchelt. **Approved.**
Tim K. will work with GIS model to get the work done.
- Clubhouse repair work to be done:
Soffit outside porch.
The fan switch, cracks on wall. Pony wall rebuild idea to accommodate a safety gate.
Louvered door over fusebox
Mike W. will contact Tom the contractor.

Roads and Paths: Tim Keating reports

- Walnut Glen damaged during last rain deluge.
Erosion control project still pending board approval and movement forward.
Estimated approximately \$3,000 for plans, study, survey, and design.
Jack T. motions to spend money needed (\$3,000) to get the survey done. 2nd by Ben B. **Approved**
Mike W says Tim should go to county to seek any funding we could get for implementation.
Critical area permits will be needed.
No ceiling placed on cost amount yet.
- Question: Why can't we as community plant some plants, put some rocks in, and temporarily help the area.
2000 was the last major repair. The community got stone and gravel free of costs.
The gravel has since washed away.
Answer: We should take a look at how we can help the situation ourselves.

By-Law Committee:

A lot of work had been done on bylaw changes. The proposal is currently being formatted for submission to the board for review, perhaps a month early from the proposed goal.

- If the board has sufficient time to review and discuss, the annual community meeting in Sept. could be the presentation to residents.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Discussion on distribution of minutes to the neighborhood each month.
 - Need copies made. Perhaps the Rankins will help, Pat will contact them to ask.
 - Goal is to distribute again beginning with May's minutes.
 - May ask for block captains to assist with passing them out in the future.
- County road repair taking place right now on some roads.
- Resident reports a sinkhole by the community path. Pipes may be damaged. The path is deteriorating as water flows around and the sinkhole expands. It is county easement, they will come fix it if requested.

Motion to adjourn is made by Pat Crosby, seconded by Ben Borchelt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.
Submitted by Christina Feindt, Recording Secretary