



# GIIA Newsletter

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

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## There's always something happening in the Glen

*Hear about the latest projects*

### Join neighbors at Annual Community Meeting

Annual elections will be held in September of this year and results will be announced at the Community Meeting set for Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 pm.

This year's election has 3 Board officer positions as well as four Director positions being selected by the residents of Glen Isle. You received your ballots in the mail in August along with the agenda.

The current Board of Directors would like to thank both new candidates and those willing to return to another term. We are always looking for residents ready to take their turn. The GIIA Board is made up of 15 members, all sharing their time to help shape a community.

If you might be interested in serving on the Board sometime in the future, contact Nominating Committee Chairperson Sam Liff at: [sliff1940@gmail.com](mailto:sliff1940@gmail.com).

### Erosion at the beach

It's been a problem for a long while, but we are seeing large-scale changes now at the Glen Isle beach as erosion runs its course. The Board of Directors is seeking ideas and estimates on improving the situation on the front beach (nearest the parking area). The South River has been carving away at our shoreline for years, and it's vital that we take measures.

The GIIA is currently talking with county folks, designers, and area contractors to best gauge next steps. We are seeking the best tactics to reclaim lost shoreline and protect community assets from future damage. If you're interested in learning more, there will be a mini-presentation of project concepts at the Annual Meeting on Sept. 26th.

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING**  
**Thursday, Sept. 26th @ 7:30pm**

## Change in By-laws proposed to allow one community meeting per calendar year

If you attend annual meetings of the Glen Isle Improvement Association, you are among the minority and we thank you. However, it has become increasingly difficult to attain the required numbers of attendees to create the quorum mandated in the GIIA By-laws.

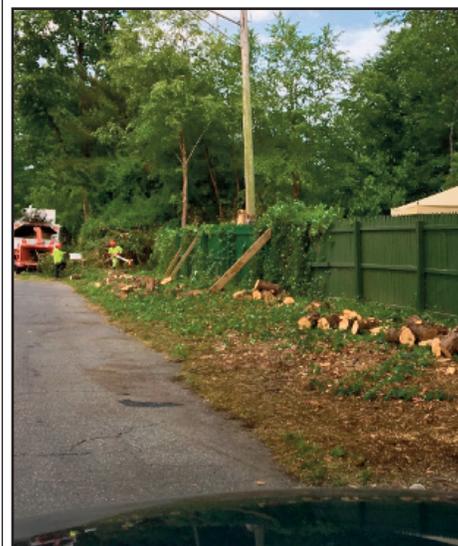
The idea has been put forward to combine the Annual Community Meeting (with the board elections) and the Annual Budget Meeting. Doing so would allow residents to only attend a single meeting each year rather than scheduling for both September and January.

This would require no changes to the current budget year system other than planning a bit more in advance. However, this change can-

not happen without drafting new language for an amendment to the By-laws, presenting it to the community, holding a vote, and ensuring residents approve of the change before it can be implemented.

Amended language has already been drafted by the board as they think this is a pretty good solution to an ongoing situation. For years, board members have been frantically texting and calling neighbors to ask them to run up to vote.

All real property owners are urged to attend the Sept. 26th Community Meeting to vote on this amendment. You can read the amended language in the August mailing with the election ballot and agenda.



### Holly Drive's haircut

In case you don't pass that way, the giant trees on Holly Drive were cut down by the county over the summer due to several being dead and the fact that they were apparently leaning dangerously into the road after rain.

*Photo by Tim Keating.*

# Walnut Glen Path is closed by GIIA Board

Some of you probably don't even know what Walnut Glen Path is. Others have known of it and used it for years.

Walnut Glen is a swath of community property, owned by GIIA, Inc. that stretches from the end of Poplar Drive to the Glen Isle beach area. In the recent past, it has fallen victim to the perils of erosion and has surely seen the effects of soil loss, rain intrusion, and general decline.

The boards that used to offer safe passage for pedestrians and neighbors out walking the dog down to the beach, have all suffered from the elements to the point where they are currently unsafe. This charming pathway is a beloved shortcut by many who liked the quick hike through the area.

If you've attended a board meeting in the last year or two, you've probably heard some discussion on the issue as the GIIA Board of Directors has long sought a solution.

The Army Corp of Engineers was out in past years to do a site study. We've had environmental agencies and engineers take a look. The area has been toured by landscapers and Watershed Steward Academy experts at soil loss prevention. The neighbor who abuts the

property has offered their own site surveys to assist.

All of this study and nearly all of the opinions are telling us that this site is and will remain an ongoing issue. As long as the elements continue to impact it, it will decline. The boards are broken, the soil is eroding at a quick rate, and the pathway just isn't viable at this juncture.

The Board has looked at extending its life with grass seed, soil additions, and all types of materials that might assist prolonging the inexorable impact of its geography. The Board has attempted to get environmental grants from both regional and state agencies to no avail. The scope of the work would be large and the cost is prohibitive. And, as the Board has stated, even if the site was repaired with a sizeable investment of funds, it would then require ongoing maintenance. This too would cost money.

So, the Board has prudently chosen to close the path to travelers and post signs indicating that it is unsafe. While the Board cannot prevent residents from traveling the area, it is certainly expected that you choose not to do so. The pathway is in no condition for usage and we strongly advise you to stay clear of it for your own safety.

**THIS AREA CLOSED  
FOR YOUR SAFETY**

**DO NOT  
ENTER**

## Board Notes...

### Have you Seen the New Signs yet?

Don't mean to boast, but we are awfully proud of the new and improved signage around the neighborhood, and especially the beach area. Board member Scott Lockett made it his project to get some better looking modern signs put up around here. And we think they've definitely improved the visuals while helping to provide current information to residents and guests alike. Here's hoping they help everyone in Glen Isle.

### New Mulch at the Playground

Just want everyone to know that the playground area at the Clubhouse was recently fixed up with a new mulch layer. Old mulch was actually removed in part and the new carpet-like layer of mulch was installed in its place. It's looking good and should provide increased safety for all of our Glen Isle kids.

### Improved Lighting at the Beach

OK, this happened a couple of months ago, but we thought it worth highlighting (see *what we did there?*). The new and repaired lighting in the beach area is both useful and lovely. All of B pier got improved lights to help brighten up the whole thing at night. There are also motion sensor lights on poles both near B pier and in the front beach area as well, even at the parking lot areas. These new LED lights look great!

## Recent Property Sales:

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2767 Cedar Drive  
2705 Crestview Drive  
2808 Glen Isle Road  
2708 Parkview Drive  
2714 Parkview Drive  
2716 Pinecrest Drive  
2718 Pinecrest Drive  
2753 Pinecrest Drive  
2739 Riverview Drive  
2760 Riverview Drive 9/11/19

Don't invest in a house.  
Invest in the neighborhood.

- Proverb

**Thursday, September 26**

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
GIIA Board of Directors

7 pm • At the Clubhouse

**Thursday, September 26**

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING**  
GIIA Members

7:30 pm • At the Clubhouse

This is the big annual meeting where residents can discuss issues at hand. Ballots are counted for the yearly board elections and information is provided to all members of the GIIA. A quorum is required, so please plan to attend. It's usually fairly short, so pop in!

**Wednesday, October 9**

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary

7 pm • Location TBD

Social time at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30

**Thursday, October 17**

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
GIIA Board of Directors

7 pm • At the Clubhouse

**Saturday, October 26**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary

4-7 pm • At the Clubhouse

Everyone is invited to the spookiest, oookiest, most fun annual party of them all - The Annual Glen Isle Halloween Party! Wear your best costume and bring the kids for an evening of food and fun. Hayrides, a costume parade, music, and lots of delicious treats. GIIA provides prizes and food. Neighbors are asked to bring along a sidedish or whatever ghoulish treat they wish to share. Bwah-ha-ha!!!

**Wednesday, November 13**

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary

7 pm • Location TBD

Social time at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30

**Thursday, November 21**

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
GIIA Board of Directors

7 pm • At the Clubhouse

**Saturday, November 23**

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary

6-9 pm • At the Clubhouse

The Ladies Auxiliary is bringing back a beloved family event with the popular Family Movie Night at the Clubhouse! Bring the kids and the whole family for a movie and snacks. Movie title TBD.

**Sunday, December 22**

**PANCAKES & PRESENTS**  
Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary

10 am-12 pm • At the Clubhouse

Join us for Pancakes & Presents, our new favorite tradition to ring in the holiday season. Come share neverending pancakes and refreshments with your neighbors and friends. And we always look forward to a possible visit from the most special friend of all! Bring the kids and settle in for a cozy breakfast event

**Tuesday, December 31**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary

8 pm • At the Clubhouse

Bring the family out to the most local New Year's Party you'll ever find outside your living room! Bring a dish to share with your neighbors. This event is like an Open House as folks come and go. There's board games and music, and there's usually lots of awesome food! Catch up and keep local.

## Coming Up in the year 2020:

*(Besides those flying cars  
we were promised):*

**Annual Chili Cook-Off**

Sometime in Jan/Feb

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Saturday before Easter

**Annual Yard Sale**

Date to be determined

**School's Out Ice Cream Social**

Tentatively June 16, 2020

**Community Beach Party**

Date to be determined

### Check Clubhouse rental dates online

You can see which dates are already booked, and what might be available for renting the Glen Isle Clubhouse.

**Visit the website at [www.glenislestates.com](http://www.glenislestates.com) and select "Clubhouse Rentals" on the navigation menu.**

*Please note that ALL of this is run by volunteers - rental bookings, website, calendar updating. So things may not be current at all times.*



**Wanna' keep up with what's happening?**

**Attend Monthly GIIA Board meetings**

The monthly Glen Isle Improvement Association Board of Directors meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The information in the community directory lists Tuesdays, but this has been changed. We welcome all residents to attend meetings.

## Glen Isle traffic study results

# GIIA Board focuses on efforts to SLOW folks down

At the June meeting of the GIIA Board of Directors, the board heard the results of the county traffic study performed earlier in the year.

Mr. Eric Terry of the AA County Traffic department, presented the data package to the board. Information included the average number of vehicles recorded entering and leaving the neighborhood as well as average speeds of vehicles at a variety of points on the roads. The county has since shared this data via a postal mailing to all Glen Isle area residents.

The overall summary of the report was that while the average number of vehicles was large enough to merit possible installation of some traffic remediation tools, there was not a high enough number of vehicles to warrant the county paying for it. As the vehicle count does approach one of the benchmarks, there is a slight possibility of seeking some subsidy on the part of the county if the community agrees to move forward. That approach is being examined. The criteria for all of this is set by the county.

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**Within the neighborhood,  
you should never be driving  
above 25 mph.**

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The results also show that while the "main drag" of Glen Isle does see abundant traffic, the interior roads do not as travelers turn off on different arteries and the total numbers dwindle on each. Due to this, none of the smaller roads in Glen Isle qualify for the installation of any traffic barriers or control measures.

However, Glen Isle Road did show two points that show both a slightly high average rate of speed, and a high average number of vehicles. One point is prior to the entry to the Glen Isle neighborhood, in front of some of the new homes on Glen Isle Road. The second point is anywhere between the entry of Glen Isle (where the 25mph sign is located) and the intersection of Riverview and Cedar Dr.

The Board looked at possible options with Mr. Terry, who did a great job laying out the available methods and processes. He is working with the GIIA board to assess community interest in the available options.

These include repainting lines on the road to assist with traffic control, a rotary of sorts constructed at the Riverview/Cedar intersection, or the installation of speed humps within the zone mentioned above.

The Board discussed the issue and agreed that the process should first begin with the least intrusive methods in the county's information packet. Things like advertising a "Speed Awareness Week" to residents, hosting a speed

radar board in the neighborhood to notify drivers of their speeds (*recently hosted on Cedar Drive*), and generally urging drivers to become more aware and more diligent in speed reduction.

The Board has considered the idea of two speed humps being installed, if most residents agree. The county painted marking lines on Glen Isle Road to show estimated placements. Any future construction of two speed humps would require payment by GIIA and costs are estimated at around \$2,500. If the subsidy is approved, costs could decrease to nearly \$1,500.

All residents should have received the survey from AA County asking for comment by e-mail. That window has now closed, and we await Mr. Terry's summary. You are still welcome to make comment to the GIIA Board at any monthly meeting or send an e-mail to: [glenislestates@gmail.com](mailto:glenislestates@gmail.com).

In the meantime, let your FedEx drivers, delivery folks, and landscaping crews know that we need them to SLOW down. Glen Isle has no sidewalks, but we have plenty of kids out and about. Please maintain safe speeds.



## Clubhouse Rental Information:

Weeknight rental: \$78 + \$50 refundable deposit  
Weekend rental: \$120 + \$50 refundable deposit  
Children's party: \$36 + \$50 refundable deposit

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

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To check reserved dates, visit [www.glenislestates.com](http://www.glenislestates.com)

## Clean Water Group has plenty to do

The community volunteers involved with the ongoing projects and committees of the Clean Water Project Group, wanted to give a quick update. They have a slate of upcoming projects selected. Some are on community property and some are on private property. Those on private land will be partially subsidized by the homeowners, who will also then contribute volunteer labor to assist.

So if you see some work crews or neighbor "clusters" gathering for a project, stop in to ask questions, or to help. You just might learn something. *More news coming soon.*

# Community Clubhouse is a great asset for us all

All Glen Isle Improvement Association members enjoy the privilege of utilizing community assets. Some are free to all and some require a fee of some sort. These facilities include the playground, beach areas including tables and grills, the boat piers and the Clubhouse.

If you've looked around at neighboring communities, you might realize that Glen Isle fees are reasonable in comparison. From our covenant fees to the cost for a boat slip, Glen Isle is more affordable than most.

We try to keep things affordable and to do so, the homeowners association, GIJA, requests that residents help to maintain the assets and at times, to improve them as well.

In doing so, residents help to control the costs of our facilities and their upkeep. A case in point is the Clubhouse. This is a fantastic asset to have for our usage. Neighbors host baby showers, wedding receptions, gatherings, and kids' birthday parties galore! And the rental cost is nominal as compared to other facilities.

To maintain a building like the Clubhouse, however, requires labor and funds. Each month, there are utility costs for heating oil and elec-

tricity. There are ongoing maintenance costs for exterior repairs, an impending roof replacement, and other miscellaneous things.

And there is also the continuous upkeep of the facility. You may be unaware of most of this due to the efforts of a few residents, primarily our Clubhouse Chairperson, Bonnie Gardner. She often treks to Sam's Club to purchase toilet paper, handsoap, dishsoap, trashbags, and other items just to keep it stocked and in working order. And Sam Liff, who checks in often to ensure things are safe and secure. And just to note, they are volunteers in these roles that help us all.

The Glen Isle Board of Directors would like to remind residents that use the Clubhouse to take extra care when cleaning up after a rental. Take the time to restore it to a neutral state—the way you want to find it when you rent it yourself. Remove all decorations, balloon strings, confetti, trash, and all else. Sweep, mop, check the bathrooms, take food home, and follow the checklist guidelines posted there.

Please take your trash and recycling to home for collection. We've tried it at the Clubhouse, but since nobody lives there and we don't have hired help, it's very difficult to get this taken care of properly.

## We'd like to say thank you:

**To Kevin & Josey Lambert**, who own the property where the Glen Isle sign is located on Cedar Dr. & Riverview. They kindly let us use this part of their yard to tell everyone the latest news with signs and banners, and the standing Glen Isle sign, of course. Thanks to the Lamberts for their kindness and tolerance over the years.

**To Alex Clark, Michael Menefee & Jennie Melvin** for the amazing beach clean-up they recently did. They pulled a ton of weeds from the swim beach to carve out a lovely circular line, just like it used to be. All residents now get to enjoy the improvement. Their labors at the Clubhouse are worthy of a huge thanks also (they painted, caulked, mulched and more). Your contributions are so appreciated.

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## GILA is here to help!

The Glen Isle Ladies Auxiliary has had multiple events this year and monthly meetings in between.

We have several new members (yay!) and a renewed sense of spirit. The group is coming up with new ideas, and new ways to handle old ideas. It's time for change and we hope you will join with us for it all.

Never fear, GILA will continue to host our annual events with several on the calendar, including the Halloween Party and Pancakes & Presents in December.

So if you've been meaning to check out the group, or if you just want to attend one meeting to see what it's like, we welcome you. We snack, we talk, and we hope to get things done - for the community, for the kids, and for adults. We can always use help and welcome anything you can offer.

### UPDATE ON PAST EVENTS:

The **Chili Cook-off** competition was as fierce as ever, with many chilis to choose from. The 2019 winner was **Brandon Sands**. His slow-cooked secret chili recipe won over the crowd. Second place went to **Stephanie Lowery** (a previous winner) and **Ella Tucker** won 3rd place. Enter your chili next year if you dare!

The **Easter Egg Hunt** was held the Saturday before Easter at the Clubhouse. Some new ideas this year, but the same old good time. A brand new **Puppy Party** event followed with a chance for our furry friends to bring people out to gather.

The **Yard Sale** happened in May. While individual sales were reportedly brisk, GILA members noted that food sales at the Clubhouse were sluggish.

The **Community Beach Party** was held on July 25th at the beach. This event just gets better every year and it's great to see so many neighbors come out to enjoy an evening together by the water.

## 2019 GILA Event Calendar

Wed., Sept. 18	Meeting, 7:00 pm
Wed., Oct. 9	Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 26	Halloween Party, 4-7 pm
Wed., Nov. 13	Meeting, 7:00 pm
Sat., Nov. 23	Family Movie Night, 6-9 pm
Sun., Dec. 22	Pancakes & Presents, 10 am
Tues., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party, 8 pm

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If you missed it, try to watch for it next year, it's usually held in July.

### CURRENT & FUTURE PLANS:

The **Halloween Party** will be here sooner than you think. It's happening on Saturday, Oct. 26th at the Clubhouse, from 4-7pm. Dress up in costumes, bring the whole family, and revel in the fun of it all! Hayrides are held when the weather cooperates, and there's music and a costume parade. GILA puts out some food, but we always ask our neighbors to bring along something too - and it is usually a feast because of that!

The **Pancakes & Presents** event is in its 3rd or 4th year now. The brunch event seems popular with Glen Isle families, especially around the busy holidays. We look for the big guy to visit again with us this year and we'll be making lots of delicious pancakes along with other breakfast foods. The date for this is tentatively set for Sunday, December 22nd, from 10am-noon.

And, the yearly **New Years Eve** festivities are set for Dec. 31st, starting at 8 pm and going until it's 2020! Bring the whole family for games, music, food and friendship. It's SO nice to celebrate so close to home.

### Glen Isle

### Ladies Auxiliary Board 2019

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## How to Join GILA

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 the Glen Isle community.

If you are new to the neighborhood, or just want to find out more, please come to a monthly meeting. They start at 7:30, but social time begins at 7 p.m. You may contact any of the GILA board officers listed to the left to get details.

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 e-mails with info. on what's coming up.