

# GLENCAIRN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## SPRING/SUMMER 2007 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meeting

Mark your calendars for the next Glencairn Neighborhood Association Meeting: Monday, May 7. All meetings take place in the Library Meeting Room at the East Lansing Public Library and start at 7:00 pm. We plan to invite a representative from the school board, city council, police department, Hannah Community Center, and the One Book, One Community project to discuss neighborhood interests and concerns. Everyone is welcome! We thank all those who attend and participate.

### Summer Picnic

The warm weather has finally made its way to Mid-Michigan. As we take time to enjoy all that it brings, we think about neighbors who have been inside all winter long and hope that everyone takes the opportunity to spend some quality time catching up with each other throughout the summer. With that thought in mind, we would like to invite you to the annual Glencairn Neighborhood Picnic scheduled on **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (rain date Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm)**. The picnic is held at Shaw Park located on Northlawn between Sunset and Rosewood. As most of you know, the Glencairn Association will provide the main course, which includes hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie patties, and all the fixings. We ask that neighbors bring a side dish or dessert to pass and a blanket and or chair for your comfort. Remember, you also need to bring plates, silverware and beverages for your family.

All those who attend can sit back and relax to the sweet sounds of the Cafanga Trio (2006 East Lansing Crystal Award Winners!). We look forward seeing you again this year. Contributions to defray the cost of the picnic should be directed to Glencairn Neighborhood Association treasurer Andy Korest, 846 Rosewood, East Lansing, MI 48823. Make checks payable to Andy Korest/GNA. We will also circulate a basket at the picnic. Any questions, please contact Chris Korest at 351-2074 or [ckorest@yahoo.com](mailto:ckorest@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!

## A Message from Your GNA Representatives

Glencairn Neighborhood Association works hard to promote effective communication and positive interactions between neighbors as well as to improve neighborhood relations with the city. As association leaders, we strive to promote resident involvement in activities and efforts that improve the quality of life in Glencairn. This year, our efforts resulted in:

- Neighborhood beautification projects. Look around at all the beautiful flowers and master landscaping in the medians.
- Strengthened ties with the City of East Lansing through attendance at meetings, communication on development issues as well as participation on local committees.
- Fellowship among neighbors who attended our summer picnic last year. Over a hundred families participated. Additionally, this past July we invited the East Lansing Kiwanis Community Band to perform a free band concert at the park. We served ice cream and water for refreshments to dozens of families who attended.
- Increased communication via:
  - E-mail notifications sent when there is an issue or concern. This year, we were able to reunite two lost dogs with their owners.
  - Three neighborhood meetings to discuss crime, schools, community events and activities, traffic and many other issues.
  - A neighborhood Website. ([www.glencairnneighborhood.org](http://www.glencairnneighborhood.org)). Thanks to Bill Draper for helping us make this happen.
- Sponsorship of the annual neighborhood garage sale.
- Raising funds to pay for neighborhood activities and communication through the annual luminaria sale. This year we raised \$383.39.

## Garage Sale Report

Our neighborhood garage sale will be held on **Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm**. Notices of the sale will be placed throughout the neighborhood and an announcement will be sent to the e-mail list. Advertisements will be placed in the local papers the week of the sale. Participants with items to sell should display a balloon in their front yard on the day of the sale. Time of the sale is to coincide with the return of the MSU students. Event will be held rain or shine.

## Get Involved

GNA is busier than you may realize. We are involved in many projects and activities and need your help in making it all happen. We are looking for neighbors who have time to devote to public affairs (neighborhood meetings), communications (updating Website, writing newsletter), special events (planning summer picnic and garage sale) and fundraising (our luminaria sale or maybe a new fresh money-making idea!). Most important, we are looking for leaders. The time has come when we need you to step up and serve the neighborhood – to provide fresh ideas, new leadership and a commitment to help choose a direction that will continue to improve and strengthen Glencairn. If you are interested in learning more about these roles, please send a note to Chris Reimann ([reimannc@msu.edu](mailto:reimannc@msu.edu)).

## Call for Donations

Glencairn Neighborhood Association currently has \$1,955.98 in the bank. We can always use contributions. All money received covers cost for printing and mailing or delivering our newsletter, neighborhood beautification projects, signs, meeting costs and other efforts throughout the year. If you are able, please send your donations to Andy Korest, GNA Treasurer, 846 Rosewood, East Lansing, MI 48823. Checks can be made payable to Andy Korest/GNA. For those who donated checks since our last newsletter, we thank you for your support!

## Reminder –

If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter and/or updates between newsletters, please forward your address to Chris Reimann at [reimannc@msu.edu](mailto:reimannc@msu.edu). Also, don't forget to let us know if/when your e-mail address changes. Let's stay in touch!

## Neighborhood News:

**Ele's Place is a healing center for grieving children** that allows children to interact with peers to express their fears, anger, guilt and sadness in a secure and empowering environment. In addition to sessions for children having suffered the loss of a loved one, Ele's also provides supportive services to children who are coping with a family member's life-threatening illness in their TLC ("Together Learning to Cope") program. To understand further how Ele's Place changes a child's life, please consider a "Tour of the Heart" at Ele's Place. All are welcome, and visitors are asked for nothing at the tour. For further information contact Jo McGlew at 351-6192 or [mcglew@msu.edu](mailto:mcglew@msu.edu).

**Reporting Street Light Outages** - Just a friendly reminder that the Board of Water and Light maintains streets lights throughout East Lansing. To report any outages or problems please call BWL at 517-702-6317.

**Friends of the East Lansing Public Library Seek Book Donations for Spring Used Book Sale.** The Friends of the East Lansing Public Library's Spring Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20. As the group sorts and processes, they ask for your help in making it the largest sale ever. To help, the Friends are looking for donations of clean, dry books as well as CDs/tapes/records, DVDs/videos and computer software. Donations are tax deductible and can be delivered to the front desk of the library. All proceeds of the sale directly benefit the library. For more information, contact Marsha Bristol 351-3608.

**One Book, One Community Announces 2007 Book Selection.** The One Book, One Community project has announced its 2007 book selection, *Lay that Trumpet in Our Hands*, by author Susan Carol McCarthy. East Lansing residents can meet the author when she kicks off the month-long OBOC program in August. For more information, visit [onebook@msu.edu](mailto:onebook@msu.edu).

## Questions, Comments? Contact us...

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