



# GLEN FARMS & TARA

## Civic Association - Spring 2009 Newsletter

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**Annual Holiday Food Drive:** Many thanks to Mario and Michele Gangemi for organizing the Glen Farms/Tara annual Holiday Food Drive. Our neighbors continued to give generously in support of Elkton agencies for the needy. Many thanks to everyone for your contributions.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Board Director Tobi Ackerman continues to serve as the interim coordinator. To keep this important part of our civic community robust, the Board is looking for a new volunteer coordinator. The time commitment is about four half-days a year.

Coordinator responsibilities include contacting watch members, many of whom are regular volunteers and very willing to help, to schedule them for a week of service. Even if you have never volunteered for Neighborhood Watch, you can serve as the coordinator if you have a little time and a telephone.

Contact Tobi Ackerman at (410) 392-9419 for more details and to discuss signing up for this position. Also contact Tobi if you'd like to volunteer for neighborhood watch.

**Earth Day:** Board Director Kim Silva will serve as the Glen Farms/Tara Earth Day coordinator. Please join us **April 18** for a community clean up. Parents with children will focus on the neighborhood, lake and parks while others will handle tasks along Little Egypt Road. If you have previously signed-up, Kim will be contacting you via email. If you missed sign-ups but are interested in participating, contact Kim at [Kim\\_Whale@comcast.net](mailto:Kim_Whale@comcast.net) or 410-620-9499. The group will meet at Lake George for a 9:30 kick-off but volunteers are welcome to tackle their assigned spots at any time during the day!

**Spring Yard Sale:** Time to clean out the basement and the attic! The spring yard sale is scheduled for **May 16**. Board Director Kim Silva will coordinate the newspaper ad, provide neighborhood maps and arrange for after-sale donation pick-ups. If you miss this date – don't worry. A fall sale is also planned.

**Annual Fishing Derby:** Staying with tradition, the fishing derby will be held the Saturday preceding Father's Day – **June 20** with a rain date of June 27. Dave Larason, Bill Brenchley and Mike Kelly will coordinate the event at Lake George from 1:00 – 3:00. Dust off your fishing poles and join the fun!

**Ice Cream Social/Carriage Ride and Dinner:** Save The Date! The fall Ice Cream Social is scheduled for **September 13** from 1:00 – 3:00 with a rain date of September 20. Board Director Lisa Hower will coordinate and is looking for helping hands! Contact her at 443-566-0220. Bring your family to Brinton Park and join us as Russ Holland officiates the drawing for the Carriage Ride and Fair Hill dinner - our annual fund raising raffle. Last year's social was well attended with over 125 residents stopping by to enjoy Kilby's ice cream and share a beautiful fall day with neighbors.

**Attention Teenagers:** Are you in need of service hours as part of your academic requirements? Are there projects you'd like to have the Civic Association assist you with? If so, please email your thoughts and ideas to our GFCA President, Earl Loomis at: [eloomis@usaschool.net](mailto:eloomis@usaschool.net).



**Community Picnic:** It hasn't happened since the 70's so many of us think it is long past due for a traditional community picnic! The event will be family focused with games, balloon animals, turtle races, pony rides, music, fantastic food and neighborly good times! The event is tentatively scheduled for **July 19** and we estimate that it will take about 20 volunteers to make it all happen. Board President Earl Loomis is coordinating the event and is currently scouting location possibilities within the neighborhood. Are you interested in lending a hand in reviving this tradition? This is the perfect opportunity for those that want to volunteer but are looking for a one-time event vs. a long-term commitment. Please contact Earl at [eloomis@usaschool.net](mailto:eloomis@usaschool.net) or call 410-398-2420. The first planning meeting session will occur in May.

**Extra! Extra! Read All About It!** Because of the tireless efforts of the Flyer Distribution Committee, residents of Glen Farms/Tara are able to stay informed. Many thanks to these folks that brave weather, speeding motorists and over-friendly dogs to make sure you get the news!

***Russ Holland (Coordinator), Carolyn Shearon, Mary Verrico, Liz Pemberton, George McCullough, Pat McCullough, Kim Silva, Trish Maslar, Amy Kovach, Mike Kelly, Earl Loomis***

**ARCA:** The Appleton Regional Community Alliance continues its mission of promoting responsible growth and land use. ARCA is partnering with Cecil Land Use Alliance ([www.cecillanduse.org](http://www.cecillanduse.org)) uncovering and attempting to correct faulty and/or illegal actions by the county government. ARCA membership is still just \$10 per household. Contributions of all sizes are needed to help offset substantial legal expenses and can be forwarded to Treasurer, Ron Hartman, 164 Little Egypt Road, Elkton, MD 21921.

**Community Web Site – Got Content?** Check out the Glen Farms/Tara community Website at [www.glenfarmscivicassoc.org](http://www.glenfarmscivicassoc.org). If you have content you'd like posted, please contact community Web Master, Tobi Ackerman at [tobirh@hotmail.com](mailto:tobirh@hotmail.com) or at (410) 392-9419.

**Community Directory:** Need a community directory? Please contact Earl Loomis (410) 398-2420 or Robin Griffith (410) 398-3842.

**General Membership Meeting Save the Date:** The next general meeting will be held on **August 25** at 7:00 p.m. at the Newark Baptist church. We hope to see you there!

**Board Members:** Contact information can be found on the GFCA Website and in the community directory. Members include: Earl Loomis, Mike Kelly, Robin Griffith, Tobi Ackerman, Amy Kovach, Lisa Hower, and Kim Silva. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **May 3**. Contact any member to have your ideas or concerns represented.

**Annual Dues:** If you have not already done so, please forward your 2009 dues to Robin Griffith – GFCA Treasurer at 15 Woodbine Circle, Elkton, MD 21921. Dues are \$20 and payable to GFCA. Thank you!

**About this newsletter:** Are you interested in providing content, graphics or design? We'd love to have your input. Please contact our interim Editor, Lisa Hower at (443) 566-0220.



