

The Gladstone

of the Greater Gladstone Civic Association

Gladstone Manor is:

Ardmore Ave. (to Bryn Mawr Ave.) • Bryn Mawr Ave. (to Windermere Ave.) • Deforest Rd. • West Baltimore Ave. (from Burmont Rd. to Windermere Ave.) • Eldon Rd. • Gladstone Rd. • Madison Rd. • Mansfield Rd. • Marlyn Ave. • Martin Dr. • West Stratford Ave. (to Windermere Ave.) • Walsh Rd. • East Windermere Terr. • Willowbrook Ave. (to Bryn Mawr Ave.)

Building Community Since 1927 

Autumn 2013

Looking back at Summer

The GGCA had a busy July. We kicked off the month on Independence Day by participating in the Lansdowne July 4th Parade. The group of GGCA marchers tossed candy and small toys to the crowd and won a first place ribbon. Later in the day the GGCA gathered at the Island Parklette for a picnic. All in attendance enjoyed the yummy food and desserts and catching up with long-time neighbors and meeting new residents.

Later in the month we welcomed a large group of former residents who grew up in Gladstone manor during the 1940s and 1950s. While walking through the neighborhood, they shared stories of what the Manor was like back then. All were impressed that the sense of community remains in current times. The evening concluded with summer treats – water ice, lemonade and pretzels – at the Island. And the first July lighting of the Christmas Tree in recorded GGCA history.



2013-14 Meeting Schedule

GGCA meetings will be held on the following Thursday evenings from 7-9pm:

October 24, November 21, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26. All meetings are held at Borough Hall – 12 East Baltimore Avenue. Join your neighbors and get involved in preserving neighborhood traditions.



Happy Fall !!!

The GGCA is back from our summer “sabbatical” with one meeting under our belts and we want to wish you a Happy Fall season and hope that you all had a wonderful summer.



The weather hasn't really been so fall-like until very recently, and our trees are now beginning to treat us to a beautiful display of colors. As we are all aware, along with that beauty, comes the responsibility of cleaning up the leaves that have fallen. Leaf pickup begins October 21, and leaves should be raked into the curb or put inside the brown recyclable bags and placed at the curb. Also, if you know of a neighbor who is ill or otherwise unable to rake up his/her leaves, please consider pitching in to help out with his/her raking.



Be a Responsible Pet Owner

It seems we again have some neighbors who walk their pets without taking along a baggie and cleaning up after their pet has “done its business.” Perhaps these neighbors simply left home without taking their baggie, and it's hoped they went back to pick up their pet's waste. However, if this behavior is simply an “I don't care” attitude, those pet owners should know they can be reported under a Borough ordinance that prevents pet owners from not picking up their pet's waste, even on their own property.



“Flash”Backs (from *The Manor Flash*, 1937-38, exactly as written)

While the Supplee Man was talking to Mrs. Schanen the horse ran away but the Supplee man got him.

Mr. Percival Johnson, the man who built the Manor, has a shack near the new house he is trying to sell. The Flash tried to buy the shack for its office. The answer was no, that Mr. Johnson is going to build more houses some day. The Flash needs that shack very much. Some of our Mothers say the Flash has too many kids running through the house and that we make too many telephone calls. Mr. Johnson, our lawyer says, is interfering with freedom of the press.

Greater Gladstone Civic Association Officer Elections

This is an election year for GGCA officers. Please consider “throwing your name into the ring” to run for any of the following offices: *President*

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

The term of office is two years.

If interested, please contact a current officer: Melissa Englund menglund1@verizon.net, Kathy Kauffman kk125Glad@aol.com, or John Hallinan chicksdad@comcast.net



Still in Need of A Couple Block Captains

We are still in search of block captains for Bryn Mawr Avenue (west of Windermere) and Marlyn Drive. The block captains' responsibility is primarily the delivery of newsletters, but we encourage them to give us feedback about GGCA-related issues for their specific blocks. If you are interested in becoming a block captain for either of these two street locations, please contact a GGCA officer.

FOUND!

Mid July some jewelry was found near the Gladstone Train Station and given to the GGCA in hopes of reuniting it with the owner. We have not found this person yet, if you lost some jewelry, please contact Melissa Englund and provide a description of the lost items.

Curbside Trash Placement

We Lansdowne residents are very fortunate to have our trash collected from behind our houses. However, there are some neighbors who don't really have a “back of the house” for our trash men to go and, so, leave it at the curb; and sometimes there is just an awful lot of heavy trash that folks feel compelled to leave at the curb. It's been noticed that more and more folks are leaving their trash at the curb in the front of their houses, and in some instances our trash men have not gone to the back of neighboring houses, leaving those folks with uncollected trash. So, we would remind you that, unless you have no “back of the house,” trash is not to be collected curbside.



Still in Need of Volunteers

You may recall our special “Volunteers Needed” newsletter that was delivered to you in the spring. Sadly, we had only one volunteer for the functions identified. While the beautification tasks and July Fourth parade marchers and picnic staffing requirements are essentially behind us (though volunteers for those projects are still welcome for next spring and summer), we have a number of functions for which we still really need the help:

Newsletter editor

Newsletter article contributors

Tree-lighting set-up

Tree-lighting clean-up

Luminary co-ordinator

Egg-hunt set-up

Egg-hunt clean-up

If you need descriptions of any of these functions or have questions about them, please contact any of the GGCA officers. If he/she cannot answer your questions, you will be directed to someone who can.



Save the Date

Mark your calendar for the GGCA Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7. Rain date is Sunday, December 8. Look for a flyer with all of the details for this neighborhood tradition as well as other December activities.



Visit the GGCA website at www.gladstonemanor.org