



GENCA

Newsletter of the Glen Echo Neighbors Civic Association

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Spring 2016

Glen Echo Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 2pm, Glen Echo Park

Our 4th Annual GENCA Egg Hunt will take place in Glen Echo Park. Meet at the bottom of the 4th St. entrance. Neighbors Matt and Lyndsay Boettcher revived this neighborhood tradition in 2012 in the Glenmawr Ave. Boulevard. This is our second year having it in the park. This is an old-school egg hunt and fun for all ages. We had a great turnout last year and hope to see everyone again this year! **(Rain date: March 27)**



Please contact Matt at mboettcher349@gmail.com or Nina at ninathomson@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping. We need volunteers for before, after and during the event.

GENCA Plant Sale

The plant list and order forms will be out soon!

Contact Temple George at curiousmonkey55@gmail.com to get your form; "plant sale" as subject, include your Glen Echo address and phone number where you can be reached.

This is a preorder and pay sale of annual flats, hanging baskets, potted specials, perennials, vegetables and herbs at a much lower cost than retail. Plants arrive May, 3 details TBD.

This is a great way to support our neighborhood civic association while saving money and beautifying your space; proceeds benefit GENCA.

SoHud Fools Parade & Festival, April 2

Parade Line-Up:
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Pre-Parade Party at the Dude Locker - 527 East Hudson (enter from Tompkins)

April Fools Parade:
4-ish p.m. to ?

Hilaria Festival:
4 - 6 p.m. All Ages Fun
7 p.m. till ya drop! Bands & Dance Party for adults - at The Summit - 2210 Summit St. For more information visit: <http://sohudfoolsparade.org>

Earth Day Clean-up

Please join us on **Saturday, April 16, 9am-noon**, for the 16th annual Earth Day Clean-Up in historic Glen Echo Park sponsored by GENCA. We will be cleaning trash from the park and stream. Weather permitting, we will also be clearing invasive species and planting bare root saplings. Please keep in mind that the park is located in a ravine and the streambed can be slippery in wet weather. Boots and gloves recommended. **Visit www.earthdaycolumbus.org** or email Chris O'Leary at olearyillustration@usa.net for more information.

Send us your stories...

We are collecting stories, remembrances, old documents, maps and photos of the Glen Echo Neighborhood. This is an ambitious project to document life in Glen Echo throughout its history through to today for a keepsake publication. We want to know your story!

We can help with scanning originals if necessary. Please contact us for more information or to get involved. (GENCA contact info on reverse.)

Neighbors Gallery Show, until March 30th

The Illume Collective and Wild Goose Creative have teamed up for an art installation project based on the idea of HOME. All of the artists in this exhibition live in the neighborhoods near Wild Goose Creative and the Illume Collective. Come to Wild Goose Creative on Summit St. to see "How Do We Get Home", open until **March 30**.

ARTISTS: John Grosvenor, Dre McLeod, Micah Schnabel, Venessa, Jean Speckman, Lara Yazvac Pipia, Elizabeth Dekker, Paul Rentler, Andy Johnson, Brooke LaValley, Tim Lai & Eliza Ho, Ken Rinaldo, Amy Youngs, Laura Weiser, Christopher Eli Eley, Jessie Glover Boettcher, Brian Dixon



Volunteers Needed!

4th Street Median Garden:

Contact: Amy, ayoungs@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/59813824282/>

Glenmawr Median Garden:

Help needed with weeding and watering.
Contact: Barb, bfleming7581@wowway.com

Portal Park Gardening (High and Arcadia): Contact: Josh, joshuamcelhaney@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofportalpark>

GENCA: Join a committee or help out with an event. Contact: glenechoproject@gmail.com or stop in at one of the monthly GC meetings!

Neighborhood Retail Welcomes New Tenants This Spring

This Spring, Used Kids Records will move from campus to 2500 Summit which has been empty for several years. The store will continue their long-standing tradition of hosting local and national live bands, record release parties, and will also be expanding with new creative uses for the space. Also this Spring, Evolved Body Art will take over what was the ReTagit Store at 2520 Summit. Rendezvous Hair Salon will share the space.

Indianola Bridge Construction

ODOT Rehab of the bridge has been delayed; expected construction **Spring-Fall 2017**.

SAFETY TIPS

- Keep all doors and easily accessible windows locked at all times & Lock your screen/storm doors
- Pay attention to your dog's barks
- Check all exterior locks and make sure they are working properly
- Reinforce short screws on strike plates and hinges with 4" screws
- Keep outdoor/porch lights on at night
- Install motion sensor lights on garages
- Trim back shrubbery around windows
- Do not place large screen TVs or other potentially attractive items where they can clearly be seen by criminals casing your house
- Do not leave valuables or anything a criminal might think is valuable in your car (e.g., gym bag); lock your doors.
- Lock up bicycles parked outside; lock up bicycles stored in garage; register your bike with the city's "bug your bike" program
- Practice observing and describing people and events so you are able to give good useful descriptions to police if needed
- Note make model and license plate of suspicious or out of place cars
- Program the police non-emergency number into your phone
- Know your neighbors & call in suspicious or unusual activity

Safety Summit, April 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

At the Indianola Church of Christ Café, 2141 Indianola Ave. Hosted by University Area Commission (UAC) with the intended purpose of addressing the increase in crimes at gunpoint in the area. Representatives from the City, Columbus Police and local blockwatches will be present to answer questions and hear concerns.

In light of the recent break-ins in our area, please keep your eyes open. **Call in suspicious activity** to police Non-emergency at 614-645-4545. Program it into your phone. Call 911 for a crime in progress. Someone trying your door counts as a 911 call. **Mention that there have been break-ins in the area.** After reporting to police, please **share information with your neighbors.**

If you have noticed something suspicious or were a victim of a crime but don't feel like sharing publicly you can email us and we will share it on your behalf (glenechoneighbors@gmail.com).

The police are working very hard to catch those responsible. Sharing information and keeping an eye out for each other is the best way to keep our neighborhood safe. Thanks for your help.

Useful Phone Numbers, E-mails & Links

EMERGENCY: 911

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY: 645-4545

Police Information Desk: 645-4760

File a police report online:

<http://www.columbuspolice.org/dors/start-report.html>

311: Report Graffiti, potholes, missing trash cans, etc.

(or to say thank you to a city employee or department):

614-645-3111 or <http://311.columbus.gov>

Code Enforcement: 645-2393;

Joel Cash 645-6077, jacash@columbus.gov

TelICCSX: 1-800-232-0144

Crew Stadium Noise Complaints: 447-CREW, press 0

AEP Outage: 1-800-672-2231

Police Liaison: Ted Stacy #1748, 645-1043, tstacy@columbuspolice.org

Neighborhood Liaison: Isom Nivins, Jr., 645-7510, isnivins@columbus.gov

Online neighbor groups: (not administered by GENCA)

www.facebook.com/groups/312965535413212

glenecho_columbus-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

<https://glenechooh.nextdoor.com>

NEED TO REPORT GLEN ECHO PARK MAINTENANCE??

To bypass 311 and get faster response time, please direct your call to Jeff Barr, the Assistant Park Maintenance Manager for Columbus Recreation and Parks: 614-405-4008 (cell), 614-645-6652 (office), or email: jgbarr@columbus.gov



GENCA Governance Committee

Martha Buckalew — Member/Treasurer

Abby Kravitz — Member/UAC Representative

Barbara Terzian — Member/Secretary

Nina Thomson — Chair/Interim GENCA Editor

Scott Wolf — Member/Membership Outreach

Contact Us

For questions & comments about the Glen Echo Neighbors Civic Association and this newsletter or to sign up to receive neighborhood listserv emails, email us at glenechoproject@gmail.com or send a letter to:

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/GlenEchoNeighbors

Blog: <http://glenechoproject.wordpress.com>

Sign yourself up to receive GENCA listserv emails, updates and news between newsletters:

Mail Chimp: <http://eepurl.com/QBSaz>

Monthly Meetings

The Governance Committee meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 4pm at the Glen Echo Presbyterian Church at Cliffside and Calumet. Meetings are open to the public and neighbor participation is encouraged! All are welcome.

About GENCA

Our goals are to promote the common good and general welfare in the neighborhood; to provide a platform to protect the residential character and quality of life of the residents of the area; to advocate for development that enhances pedestrian friendliness, sustainability, environmental sensitivity and diversity within the neighborhood; to cooperate with other in-town neighborhoods on issues of mutual concern; to protect the lives and property of neighborhood residents; to share information and resolve conflict through a formal structure; to beautify and protect our streets and greenspaces, including the Glen Echo Ravine; to encourage community-spirited activities throughout the neighborhood; and to unite residents from the entire Glen Echo area to accomplish these mutual goals. Glen Echo Neighbors needs your support to improve, protect and beautify our neighborhood. GENCA is an all-volunteer organization. 100% of donations go directly to supporting projects that improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. Any amount helps. Make your check payable to Glen Echo Neighbors Civic Association and mail it to:

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