

GNIA News and Views

A monthly newsletter highlighting the accomplishments (and challenges) of GNIA and other City community associations.

GNIA, YOUR neighborhood association, has had a very busy and productive year. We constantly keep tabs on issues in the community that need improvement and work towards fixing these problems and enhancing our neighborhood:

Pimlico Park: Requested by GNIA Board 8 years ago, this brand-new park, the only public park in Glen, is a community treasure. Now open to the public, with a 1/3 mile paved walking trail, benches, a brand-new play structure, new goal posts for the Baltimore Terps, new playing field, and new scoreboard compliments of the Baltimore Ravens. Friends of Pimlico Park is registered with the City and welcomes new members who are interested in helping us keep the park clean and enjoyable for the entire community. Ribbon cutting at the Park coming soon!

New bus benches on both sides of Park Heights Ave. near Northern Parkway: GNIA requested that these damaged and almost unusable benches be repaired or replaced. DOT had new benches in place within 2 weeks. Thanks to **Eric James**, our DOT liaison, for making this happen!

Stop signs corner Key and Glen Aves.: Brand new 4-way stop and restriping installed due to citizen complaints about many accidents at the intersection. Thank you **Councilman Yitzy Schleifer** for your help with this.

New City Services Academy launched in October: Connecting and educating citizens in Glen about their rights and responsibilities with city services: DPW, DOT, etc.

Pimlico Race Track Compact: GNIA is an integral part of the Compact, meeting monthly to provide local citizen input into the redevelopment of the track (starting June 2025). Thank you **Del. Sandy Rosenberg** for forming and implement this historic Compact.

New banners and placemaking art at Enoch Pratt Library, Reisterstown Rd.: Vertical banners surrounding the Glen community and an exciting sidewalk mural at the library, installed by Graham Projects.

National Night Out: Each year, GNIA joins with NNO nationwide to Rock the Block with our NNO on Key Ave., by Luckman Park. Fun for all ages, pony rides, moonbounce, first responders, free books from Enoch Pratt Library, snacks and food, live music with a DJ, face painting. We are known for putting on one of the best events

in the City.

Chesed Award: Betty accepted this prestigious award from the Chesed League, on behalf of GNIA and the Glen community.

Maryland Dept. of Housing and Community Development FY24 Community Health and Safety Works Award

GNIA is the recipient of a \$90,000 crime and safety award from DHCD. The purpose of the grant is to purchase and install a license plate reader at the intersection of Reisterstown Rd. and Bancroft Rd., near the Reisterstown Plaza and in the heart of our merchants' corridor. The reader will be connected to the Northwest Baltimore Police Department, who will be able to review footage in case of a vehicle-related crime in our community. This will lead not only to apprehension of criminals but also to deterrence of such crime. We are so grateful to DHCD for making these generous grants available to communities such as ours.

Committees are the hardworking groups within GNIA that focus on specific areas of interest and make sure the community stays healthy and safe. Please consider joining one of the following committees:

Housing & Zoning: Judith Krumbein, head.

Transportation: Mark Hart, head.

Crime & Safety: Chedva Rose, head.

Education: Ronald McCallum, head.

Sanitation: Maxine Webb, head. Needs members.

Hospitality: Arlene Block/Joyce Sanders, heads. Needs members.

Marketing: Grace Hockley, head.

Sanitation: Maxine Webb, head.

Elsewhere in the City

Big win for the community in Abingdon Woods! The Save Abingdon Woods Coalition has prevented a development of warehouses that would be detrimental to their community. A developer planning to build more than 2 million square feet of warehouse space in the Abingdon Woods community has cancelled the project after reaching an agreement with Harford County. Coalition is celebrating the cancellation as a victory for the community. The potential developer is also required to remediate the property, planting trees and stabilizing the land.