

Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

September 2021

GNN Club NEWS

CLUB Welcome Back Picnic

Join us at JB Williams Park to enjoy an outdoor cookout to welcome our new member families and kick off the new GNN season. The park has a large pavilion with tables, restrooms, playground and hiking trails. We will have some planned activities.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides and cookies will be provided. Please mention in your RSVP if you are vegetarian or have other special dietary needs and we are happy to accommodate you.

WHEN: Friday, September 24 5:30 to 7:00PM

WHERE: JB Williams Park Pavilion at 789 Neipsic Glastonbury

COST: Free; we'll provide food, friends and fun!

PARKING: You may park in the main lot and walk through the trail to the playground/lower pond. If you are volunteering or need more accessible parking, continue east on Neipsic to the 2nd gate. There is a driveway that will take you to the Pavillion with some room to park. Please drive slowly and watch out for fellow guests and children on foot.

BRING: Bug spray, flashlight

RSVP: Evite at <http://evite.me/VNn68cKHuR>

CONTACT: For contact the day of the party, text or call Jen Phillips at (603)-714-5242.

Many hands make light work! A link to the sign up genius seeking volunteers for set-up, food prep, food service, and clean up is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EAF92BABF94-welcome>

GNN will always follow CDC guidelines as well as any state or local restrictions in effect at the time of the event. Masks are not currently required for outdoor events, but you may wish to have them available as a courtesy and as may be appropriate for the situation.

Upcoming Club Events

- Sept 2: Ladies' Day Out – Happy Hour at Crystal Ridge
- Sept 12: Socktober 2021 Video Lights, Camera, Action! REGISTRATION DEADLINE
- Sept 14: Club Planning Meeting
- Sept 14: Socktober Poster Contest
- Sept 15: Socktober Sock Box Decorating
- Sept 24: CLUB Welcome Back Picnic
- Sept 12: Socktober 2021 Video Lights, Camera, Action! VIDEO SUBMISSION DEADLINE
- Sept 22: GNN Book Club – Modern Lovers by Emma Straub
- Sept 24: Adult Social – Hops on the Hill

Membership

Welcome back, everyone! GNN was thrilled to welcome many wonderful new member families in August:

Devon and Melissa Gunter and their kids, Maxwell (8), Sophie (6), and Emily (2) moved to Glastonbury in August of 2020 from the Oklahoma City area. Devon works as an analyst, and Melissa is a professor who enjoys knitting/crocheting, reading and board games.

Rachelle and Kevin Kaman and their sons Connor (7), Lucas (4), and Russell (1) moved to Glastonbury last month from Manchester. Rachelle is an accountant who enjoys kids, gardening, cooking and traveling, and Kevin is a C.P.A.

Andrea Weymouth and Derrick Ireland and their daughter Emma (15 months) moved here from Vermont in March of 2020, as the pandemic was just setting in. Andrea works from home as a Scientist for Pfizer Inc., and Derrick is an attorney. Andrea enjoys skiing, running, hiking, golf, sailing/boating, travel and beach and is interested in a play group for their 1-year-old.

Risa and Barry Engel moved to Glastonbury from Princeton, N.J. in 2020, shortly before the pandemic began. Barry is retired from tech (software products) and enjoys ice hockey and socializing, Risa is Chief Marketing Officer for Finalsite, headquartered here in Glastonbury. Both their kids are grown: Sam currently lives with them and is a Binghamton University graduate working in healthcare and studying for med school. Izy is a Stevens Institute of Technology graduate living and working in the SF Bay area in computer engineering. They like Glastonbury and are looking for an opportunity to meet people, which has been a challenge during COVID.

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Club Planning Meeting

All GNN members are welcome to attend our club planning meetings to find out more about what is going on with the club.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Home of Julie Campbell at 271 Leigh Gate Rd, Glastonbury

RSVP: Facebook or email Jen at jphirui@icloud.com

Membership – Renewal Time

Welcome back to another year of fun with Glastonbury Newcomers and Neighbors! The pandemic may have all of us keeping closer to home than usual, but last year, GNN was able to keep our members feeling connected and socially active within the community - mainly through virtual events. Now that vaccines are available, we have been beginning to bring back live events as well. We have a schedule in place to continue hosting events remotely and in-person with safe social distancing.

September 1st marks the beginning of our new season, and hence it is now time to renew your yearly membership if you joined GNN prior to June 1, 2021. If you joined after June 1, you are all set until next September. If not, membership dues are \$35 for the year, and renewal is easy:

- Go to our GNN Club website www.glastonburynewcomers.org
- Click on the “Join” heading at the top of the page
- Select “Annual Family Membership”
- The system will prompt you to join/renew through PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account, just a valid credit card. It’s that simple! Membership is \$35 for the year.

Even during this unusual year, collection of dues is critical to GNN to cover club expenses including advertising, liability insurance, and website maintenance. In addition, the club contributes funds to purchase items and/or donate through our helping hands/community enrichment program, bake sale fundraiser, and club events to keep member participation fees for these occasions affordable.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year filled with GNN activities for adults and families, and your efforts to keep your membership current are much appreciated.

Community Enrichment – Glastonbury’s 5th Annual Socktober Sock Drive

Sock + October = Socktober

It’s Socktober Time! This year marks the 5th Anniversary of our annual sock drive. We can’t believe it! We are excited to participate again in this nationwide event. Socktober is a month-long sock drive that takes place during October. It is a kid-inspired community project that teaches compassion and kindness. Did you know that socks are the least donated items to homeless shelters? With winter right around the corner, I am calling on all GNN kids to come help us collect NEW socks for the many men, women and children in area homeless shelters. *Your help starts now, by signing up for one of our Socktober activities this month.*

Socktober Sock Box Decorating

Come decorate sock collection boxes that will be dropped off at Glastonbury businesses in town.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 15th at Riverfront Park pavilion (near playscape) at 2:30 P.M.

RSVP: Please email Julie at juliecampbell@gmail.com with the number of children that will be helping us decorate the boxes.

Socktober 2021 Video Lights, Camera, Action!

We are looking for GNN kids to help spread the word about "Socktober" by creating a Socktober video. The video will include a short message about the importance of helping others. Lines of a script will be sent to all kids who sign up.

WHEN: Deadline to register is Sept 12th
Deadline for video clip submission is Sept 24th

SIGNUP: Please see link for registration and details. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4eafa92babf94-socktober>

Socktober Poster Contest

5th year of collecting socks for those in need. Use your creativity It's our to make a poster of your choice! The winning design will be used for 2021 flyers and signage.

WHEN: Submission deadline September 14

SUBMISSION: email poster submissions to Julie at juliemanuckcampbell@gmail.com

Join a GNN Planning Team

We are looking for some new talent and enthusiastic volunteers to ADD to our existing Team. We encourage our members to share their talents, participate in committees and host events as it strengthens the spirit of the club. Each month we have a social Club Planning Meeting where we discuss ideas and make plans. Let us know what might interest you! Below is a list of our current team. Please note we encourage co-chairs and committees to help divvy the work and make the experience fun.

OFFICERS

President: Jen Phillips

Treasurer: Michelle McCarthy

Secretary: OPEN

Membership: Lauren Berger

Communications: Marlise Davis

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Adult Social: OPEN

Book Club: April Roscoe

Community Enrichment/Helping Hands*: Julie Campbell, Desi Meister

Family Fun*: Marlise Davis, Michelle McCarthy, Christina Lumbreras

Ladies' Activities: Michelle Schindler (Daytime), April Roscow (Evening)

Men's Events: OPEN (Golf), Jay Forgione (Evening)

* Denotes committee

If you have any questions, please talk to any of the members mentioned above or email us at communications@GlastonburyNewcomers.org.



GNN Club **FAMILY** Events & Activities

Family Social – Teen/Tween Book Club

Our tween/teens are reading “Dog Driven” By Terry Lynn Johnson and have been reading chapters over the past month! For our next meeting, they will finish the book and select another book.

Dog Driven by Terry Lynn Johnson

"A riveting adventure about a musher who sets out to prove her impaired vision won't hold her back from competing in a rigorous sled race through the Canadian wilderness. A page-turning adventure about living with disability and surviving the wilderness, Dog Driven is the story of one girl's self-determination and the courage it takes to trust in others."

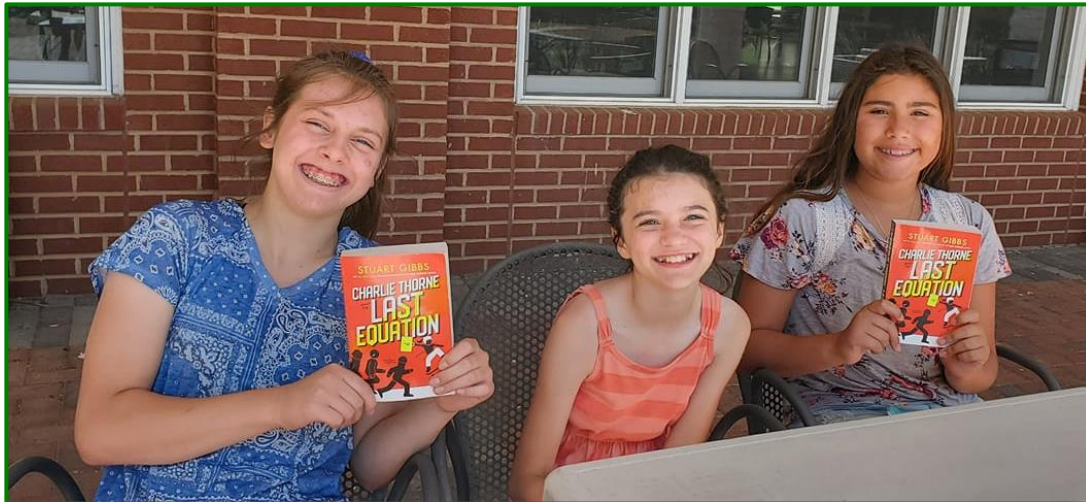
The Teen Book Club is fun and laid back. The reading schedule will be flexible and manageable for the kids (so if you miss a week no worries!).

WHEN: Check Facebook or email Rachel for the date and time of the next meeting.

WHERE: Glastonbury Community Center at 300 Welles St, Glastonbury; We meet behind the community center (patio with tables and chairs). If inclement weather, we will meet at the pavilion by the kids playgrounds.

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or Email Rachel Ann at rmarao@goodwin.edu



GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – Modern Lovers by Emma Straub

Friends and former college bandmates Elizabeth and Andrew and Zoe have watched one another marry, buy real estate, and start businesses and families, all while trying to hold on to the identities of their youth. But nothing ages them like having to suddenly pass the torch (of sexuality, independence, and the ineffable alchemy of cool) to their own offspring.

Back in the band's heyday, Elizabeth put on a snarl over her Midwestern smile, Andrew let his unwashed hair grow past his chin, and Zoe was the lesbian all the straight women wanted to sleep with. Now nearing fifty, they all live within shouting distance in the same neighborhood deep in gentrified Brooklyn, and the trappings of the adult world seem to have arrived with ease. But the summer that their children reach maturity (and start sleeping together), the fabric of the adult lives suddenly begins to unravel, and the secrets and revelations that are finally let loose—about themselves, and about the famous fourth band member who soared and fell without them—can never be reclaimed.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:30 pm

WHERE: TBD (check Facebook or email April)

COST: Free

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com

Ladies' Day Out – Happy Hour at Crystal Ridge

Enjoy some good wine with friends and a beautiful view. Bring a wine glass & snacks to share!

WHEN: Thursday, September 2nd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: 120 Hebron Ave, Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

RSVP: Facebook or email Michele at micheleschin4@gmail.com

Adult Social – Hops on the Hill

Join us at Glastonbury's local brewery!

WHEN: Saturday, September 25 at 4:00

WHERE: Hops on the Hill at 275 Dug Rd, South Glastonbury

BRING: For gatherings outdoors, bring your own lawn chairs, table and food. There is limited seating indoors for small groups. No BYOB.

SPECIAL EVENT: There will be live music and a food truck on Thursdays.

RSVP: Facebook or email April at aprilroscow@yahoo.com