



Glastonbury Newcomers' & Neighbors' Club Newsletter

September 2023

GNN Club NEWS

GNNs Welcome Back GLOWtastic Pizza Picnic

We'll eat, drink, and get our GLOW on for fall. All are welcome. Kids of all ages can party in the Glow-Zebo and play lawn games and craft. In case of rain, the event will move indoors. A pizza and salad dinner will be provided with soft drinks. BYOB adult beverages.

WHEN: Sunday, September 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM

WHERE: Davis House at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury

RSVP: Evite or Facebook or email Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

EVITE LINK: <http://evite.me/HVgqGVSVrv>

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: Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: Berger Home at 114 Southpond Road, Glastonbury

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

Upcoming Club Events

- Sept 16: Ladies' Day Out – Coffee Open House at RaonJena Coffee & Dessert
- Sept 17: Club Welcome Back Party – GLOWtastic
- Sept 20: Book Club – The Measure
- Sept 21: Club Planning Meeting
- Sept 24: Adult Social – Pickle Ball Riverfront
- Sept 25: Community Enrichment – DONuT You Wanna Join SOCKTOBER Decorating/Kickoff Party
- Sept 30: Glastonbury Outdoor Movie Night
- Oct 1-31: Community Enrichment – SOCTOBER
- Oct 7: SOCKTOBER Pop-Up Collection – McCormick Design
- Oct 7: Glastonbury Outdoor Movie Night
- Oct 9: Family Social – Pumpkin Carving/Painting
- Oct 7-13: Drop off Tag Sale Items
- Oct 13: Drop off Baked Goods for Tag Sale
- Oct 14: SOCKTOBER Pop-Up Collection – Guaranteed Rate
- Oct 14: Family Social – Kids Tag/Bake Sale
- Oct 21: SOCKTOBER Pop-Up Collection – Hair Today
- Oct 24: SOCKTOBER Pop-Up Collection – Julie Lopez CPA

Community Enrichment – Glastonbury’s 7th Annual Socktober Sock Drive

Sock + October = SOCKTOBER

It’s SOCKTOBER Time! This year marks the 7th 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, we are calling on all GNN kids to come help us collect NEW socks for the many men, women and children in area homeless shelters.

DONuT You Wanna Join SOCKTOBER Sock Box Decorating

Come decorate sock collection boxes that will be dropped off at Glastonbury businesses in town. We will supply all the materials and DONUTS. Friends of GNN members are welcome to come and help out.

WHEN: Monday, September 25th from 10:00-11:00 AM

WHERE: Wells Turner Library Friends Room

RSVP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EAF92BABF94-donut>

BRING: Smiles, creativity and community spirit

SOCKTOBER Sock Box Host

October will be our 7th annual SOCKTOBER! To date, we have collected over 11,300 pairs of socks for local homeless men, women and children. Is there a business you frequent that would like to host a sock box? Some of the best locations are businesses that have weekly/daily classes such as preschools, martial arts, dance studios, etc.

SOCKTOBER Sponsors

This year we have changed the way we do sponsors. Instead of annual sponsorship, we are doing specific community project sponsors for SOCKTOBER and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our SOCKTOBER sponsors for this year will also have a Pop-Up Collection Day, where kids will be collecting news socks on behalf of the sponsor. Below are the list of sponsors and their associated Pop-Up Collection Day:

Oct 7: **McCormick Design** at 2389 Main Street Glastonbury (Near Daybreak Coffee)

Oct 14: **Guaranteed Rate** 1003 Hebron Avenue Glastonbury

Oct 21: **Hair Today** 2844 Main Street, Glastonbury

Oct 24: **Julie Lopez CPA** at 891 Main Street South Glastonbury (Near Olympic Pizza)

SOCKTOBER Tag Sale/Bake Sale

Additionally, this year the kids will be doing a tag sale/bake sale fundraiser. All the money raised will go to purchasing new SOCKTOBER Socks! We are looking for volunteers and donations for the tag sale and bake goods.

WHEN: Sat-Fri, Oct 7-13: Drop off for Tag Sale Items

Friday, October 13: Drop of Baked Goods for Tag Sale

Saturday, Oct 14: Tag Sale/Bake Sale from 8:00-1:00 PM

WHERE: Davis Home at 2033 Main Street, Glastonbury

CONTACT: Facebook or email Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

DONATIONS: Small household items, toys and baked goods. No clothes please. Unsold items will go to goodwill.

Membership – Renewal Time

Welcome back to a great season of fun and friendships with Glastonbury Newcomers and Neighbors Club! Continuing this year are our popular monthly book club meetings, ladies' lunches and nights out, toddler play groups, poker and - new this year - pickleball! In addition, we circulate monthly events calendars of social activities for everyone in your household. If you have an idea for an activity that you would like to add to our schedule, please write to communications@newcomers.org to suggest it.

September is the beginning of our new season, so it is now time to renew your yearly membership. Membership dues are \$40 for the year, and renewal is easy:

- Visit the GNN Club website www.glastonburynewcomers.org/join
- Select **ANNUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**
- The system will prompt you to join/renew through PayPal using a PayPal account or a valid credit card. It's that simple! Membership is \$35 for the year.

Collection of dues is critical to GNN in order 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 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. Looking forward to seeing you at events this year!

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: Christina Lumbreras

Membership: Lauren Berger

Communications: Marlise Davis

ACTIVITY CHAIRS

Adult Social: OPEN

Book Club: April Roscoe

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

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

Ladies' Activities: Michelle Schindler (Daytime), April Roscow (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 – Pumpkin Picking, Painting and Carving

Come celebrate Columbus Day and join us for a great fall Pick and Paint a Pumpkin at Dondero Orchards! GNN will provide paints (washable) and snacks for the family.

WHEN: Columbus Day Monday, October 9th from 10:00-11:30 am

WHERE: Dondero Orchards at 529 Woodland Street, South Glastonbury

COST: Event is free for members and nonmembers; the only cost is the purchase of a pumpkin(s)

RSVP: On Facebook or email Marlise at marliserandle@aol.com

Glastonbury Outdoor Family Movie Night

Join us for a free outdoor movie night with Glastonbury residents. We will be sitting together if you'd like to join us. This event is open to the public so invite friends.

MOVIE: The Neverending Story

WHEN: Saturday, September 30 at

7:00 pm starts time for pre-show entertainment, booths and food trucks

8:00 pm movie will start as soon as the sun sets

WHERE: Academy Field (behind Town Hall) at 2143 Main Street, Glastonbury

COST: Free event

BRING: Blanket and/or chairs and own picnic or enjoy the two food trucks Tacos Los Mexicanos and Blue Chip Creamery

RSVP: Facebook

GNN Club **ADULT** Events & Activities

GNN Book Club – The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Join us as we discuss The Measure by Nikki Erlick. Whether you have read some or all the book, the discussions and sub-discussions are always engaging.

Eight ordinary people. One extraordinary choice.

It seems like any other day. You wake up, pour a cup of coffee, and head out.

But today, when you open your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live.

From suburban doorsteps to desert tents, every person on every continent receives the same box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise?

As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge?

Enchanting and deeply uplifting, The Measure is a sweeping, ambitious, and invigorating story about family, friendship, hope, and destiny that encourages us to live life to the fullest.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 pm

WHERE: TBD

COST: Free; bring wine or appetizer to share

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

Ladies' Day Out – Coffee Open House at RaonJena Coffee & Dessert

Come have a coffee and chat! We'll sit outside if that weather is nice, but there's plenty of inside space if not. Drinks and light food are available for purchase.

WHEN: Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

WHERE: RaonJena Coffee & Dessert at 39 New London Turnpike, Glastonbury

COST: Cost of food and drink.

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

Adult Social – Pickle Ball Riverfront

No experience necessary. Let's just have some fun.

WHEN: Sunday, September 24 at 10:00

WHERE: Riverfront Park (behind the community Center)

RSVP: Facebook or Desi at desi.meister@raveis.com

BRING: Racket