

# GBIA



# NEWS

December 2005

Next General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, December 13th, 2005 7:30 p.m. GBIA Hall

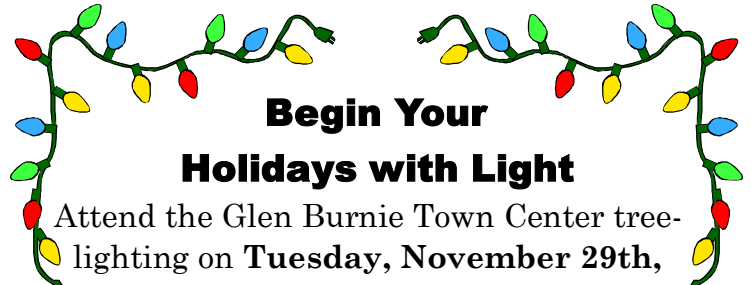
## Glen Burnie Celebrates Christmas in Many Festive Ways...



### Santa's Mailbox to Open Soon

St. Nick is excited to begin receiving letters from all the good little boys and girls of Glen Burnie.

Please address your letters to Santa and drop them in the mail slot in the front of the GBIA Building located at 19 Crain Highway, South, beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving. Please be sure to include a return address when you write so Santa can write back. If you are a computer savvy youngster, Santa may also be reached in cyberspace by sending email to [Santa@GBIA.org](mailto:Santa@GBIA.org). Happy Holidays!



### Begin Your

### Holidays with Light

Attend the Glen Burnie Town Center tree-lighting on **Tuesday, November 29th, at 7 pm.**

On **Wednesday, December 7th, at 7pm** the GBIA will hold its annual tree lighting at the Hall. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided and letters to Santa can be written. We will also be collecting food for NCEON.

*Please plan to attend one or both events.  
See you at the tree!*

### Santa Prepares for Annual Christmas Eve Ride

Children always look forward to the arrival of Christmas, and their favorite jolly man in red. Look for Santa to arrive in your neighborhood for a pre-Christmas visit on Christmas Eve night between 5 and 10 p.m. Santa's Sleigh is sponsored by the GBIA and has been a cherished Glen Burnie tradition since 1937. With tremendous support from the Glen Burnie Volunteer Firefighters, and other volunteers, this event brings the excitement of Christmas to every Glen Burnie neighborhood. St. Nicholas is still mapping out this year's route, so look for more details in the Maryland Gazette as the big day approaches.



## **GBIA Officers Election to be Held in January 2006**

If you are interested in running for any of the Officer positions on the GBIA board and meet the following criteria:

- Must be a GBIA member in good standing for two years
- Must have attended 3 General Membership meetings in the previous 12 months
- Must have either chaired a committee or worked at the Glen Burnie Carnival,

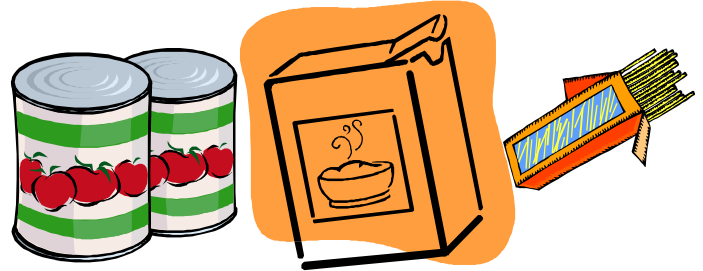
please contact Nominating Committee Chairperson, Dolores Call at 410-760-3847.



## **Voting on 2006 Budget in December**

The GBIA 2006 Budget will be voted on in December. Please plan to attend the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 13th. If you would like to review a copy of the budget prior to the meeting, please contact Barb Moeller at 410-766-6760. Many thanks to Beth Behegan, GBIA Treasurer and her Budget Committee for their countless hours of work on next year's budget.

*The Amendments to the GBIA By-laws were passed in November. Many thanks to the Bylaws Committee for their tireless effort with this project.*



## **NCEON is in Desperate Need**

NCEON is in great need of donations of non-perishable food or cash to purchase food. With the holidays approaching, their supplies will surely be stretched. If you'd like to help here are a few suggestions:

- Bring non-perishable food to the GBIA Tree Lighting on Wednesday, Dec. 7th
- Bring non-perishable food to the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 13th
- Attend, and donate to, the Holiday Train Garden at Marley Station Mall.

Additionally, a motion was made at the November General Meeting to donate and additional \$500 to NCEON. This motion will sit on the table until December at which time we will vote on it.

## ***Partners in Care* Addressed General Membership in November**

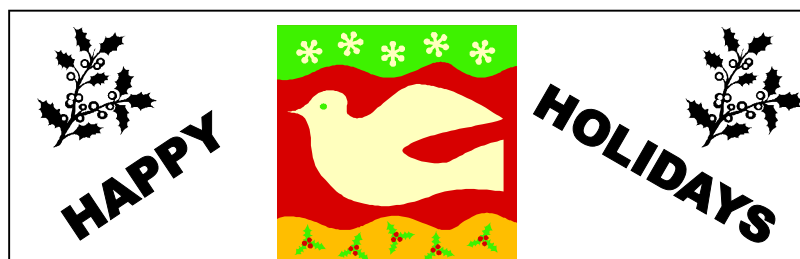
The General Membership learned about the local organization *Partners in Care* and their need for volunteers. *Partners in Care* is a service credit exchange program designed to create community by linking elderly or disabled adults with those who volunteer their time to help with errands or driving. If you are interested in learning more, or becoming a volunteer, visit [partnersincare.org](http://partnersincare.org) or call 410-544-4800.

## **Fun and Fair Weather Abounded at Annual Halloween Fest**

If you missed this year's Halloween Fest at the Town Center, you missed a fantastic time. The well-attended party, for children of all ages, was held on Sunday, October 30th at the Town Center and included entertainment by a D.J., a dance contest, a karate demonstration, and a magic show. There were games, crafts and goodies for sale. The grand finale included a Trick-or-Treat parade by all in costume, and parade participants received a goody bag at the end.



Candy Fontz and her team of volunteers was responsible for this well-organized event. Many thanks to all who helped make this party a great precursor to Halloween.



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## **Calendar of Events**

**Thursday, November 24th**

Happy Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, November 29th**

Town Center Tree Lighting, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 6th**

Holiday Sharing, 6-9 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 7th**

GBIA Tree Lighting, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 21st**

Winter Begins

**Saturday, December 24th**

Santa's Sleigh Rides Again

**Sunday, December 25th**

Merry Christmas

**Monday, December 26th**

Hannukah Begins

**It's Holiday Sharing Time...**  
please take the time to join us for this  
community event sponsored by *Take  
Back Our Streets*.



**When:** Tuesday, December 6th from  
6-9 p.m.

**Where:** *Michael's 8th Avenue*

**What to Bring:** A new unwrapped  
toy and canned goods for NCEON,  
(wrapping paper is appreciated, too).

Enjoy delicious appetizers while listen-  
ing to holiday music at this festive event.  
Not only will you have fun, but you will  
feel good, knowing that you helped  
brighten the holidays for some family in  
your local community. All are welcome!

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