

GNA Newsletter

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GREENBRIER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING, MARCH 1, 6:30 P.M.

NEW OFFICERS

Ned Michie

The March 1st meeting will be a business meeting for the GNA to elect new officers. The GNA nominating committee is proposing the following individuals as officers:

Mark Hutto	President
David Strider	Vice President
Elizabeth Coughter	Secretary
Jon Perkins	Treasurer

Executive Board Nominees:

Jean & Allan Gianniny, Ned Michie, Phyllis Eisenberg, Steve Walton

If anyone else would like to be put on the "ballot" for one of these positions, please contact Ronald Fischer (973-3763) to find out what, if any, requirements under the GNA Constitution must be met to be nominated.

In addition to electing new officers, there will also be a proposed amendment to the GNA Constitution to create a position on the Executive Board for the immediate past president (in this case it would be Ron Fischer), to ensure more institutional continuity to the GNA leadership.

Finally, it should be noted that the GNA needs an editor to prepare, type, and arrange for printing for the newsletter. We would like it to be published a few times a year. Please let one of the officers or board members know at the meeting (or any time) if you are willing to devote a few hours a year as our editor and publisher.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Ned Michie

The City has put on hold any new "traffic calming" measure. It is re-examining the procedures which neighborhoods currently must go through to institute such measures, and it is also going to incorporate traffic calming measures into the City's Comprehensive Plan. So, come to the meeting and let your voice be heard on this issue as well as others affecting our neighborhood.

In the meantime, please remember to watch your speed while driving through the neighborhood.

We do not have enough sidewalks and we need to remember there are not only adult pedestrians on our streets, but also bicyclists, runners, pets, and children. If you have a speeding problem on your street or people ignoring stop signs, please call the traffic division of the City police at 970-3294. They will put the area on their list for closer monitoring.

CENSUS PRESENTATION

Allan Gianniny

At the March meeting, we shall have a brief presentation from the Census office. They will urge that citizens take time to complete and return the census documents that will be delivered. The presentation will also include instruction as to how people can qualify as census takers and follow up those who have not returned their census reports. Attached to this Newsletter is a flyer concerning the importance of the Census.

PLAYGROUND COMPLETED

Terri Perkins, Greenbrier PTO Co-President

As many of you are surely aware, renovations at Greenbrier School playground were completed in January. The school and neighborhood are the beneficiaries of a great park with wonderful, new equipment for kids. The Greenbrier PTO wishes to thank the neighborhood for the tremendous support of this project. Contributions of money and time made the renovations possible by allowing us to receive matching grants from local foundations.

Please join us as we "officially" thank the City of Charlottesville, the City schools, financial supporters, Greenbrier students and staff, and you - our neighbors! We will hold a spring picnic for the school and community on Friday, May 12th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a picnic supper or purchase dinner there.

Again, thanks for your contributions to this project and for your continuing support of our GREAT elementary school!! Hope to see you on May 12th.

THANKS NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS

Linda Seaman

Each time the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association prints a newsletter or announcement it is delivered to each household by dedicated volunteers. It is time to recognize these intrepid friends and neighbors who work hard to be sure that everyone gets the Association information. Special thanks to:

Michele Devine

Chris McLéan

Nancy Newman

Jon Perkins

Jack Chambers

Phyllis Eisenberg

Vanderver Family

Russ Ingersoll

Wayné Sullivan

Phyllis Binder

Haughey/Snook Family

Charlie Gleason

Ginny Schatz

Al and Jean Gianniny

Patsy Kitchin

Jean Minehart

Ned Michie

Debbie Pomerantz

Russ Perry and Jeanette Rosenberg

Barbara Martin

Ellen Stout

Julia Shields

Elizabeth Coughter

Bob and Susan Hodous

Neil Black

Lou Williams

Frances and Mark Hutto

Tony LaBua

Richard West

More volunteers are needed especially in the Kenwood Lane area. Please call Linda Seaman (973-8753) if you can volunteer for about 30 minutes occasionally to deliver the GNA Newsletter.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2000

Mark Hutto

Every five years all communities throughout the U.S. are required to submit a plan for their city. Charlottesville is taking a new approach to the upcoming planning process by asking the neighborhoods to help develop their Comprehensive Plan for the Year 2000.

On February 12th, the Charlottesville Planning Committee hosted a meeting with all the neighborhoods to help kick off Charlottesville's Comprehensive Planning process. The day-long event at the Jefferson School provided some informative advice from nationally known planners, Ian McHarg and Mike Watkins. Citizens were also given the opportunity to express their opinions on what constitutes the "ideal" neighborhood. Despite the inclement weather, the attendance by the community proved that Charlottesville is dedicated to making this process work.

Where does Greenbrier Neighborhood fit into this process? Over the next six months, the City will be hosting monthly meetings with our neighborhood to help come up with our distinctive plan for the community. Missy Naylor, Neighborhood Planner for the City, will describe how this process works in our next meeting on March 1st. Mark your calendars! Missy will be hosting subsequent meetings on April 5, May 3, and June 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbrier School Auditorium.

Where do you fit in? Ask yourself what we can do to make Greenbrier Neighborhood and the City of Charlottesville better communities for the 21st Century. Now is the time to take these ideas and incorporate them into our strategy for the next decade. We need everyone to help plan for the City's future.

Please contact Missy Naylor at 970-3182 if you have any questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jon Perkins

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements
Calendar Year 1999

Cash Balance - 1/1/1999	298.17
Dues Received	810.00
Disbursements	(347.59)
Cash Balance - 12/31/99	760.58

ATT: LESTER DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD

Recently, a resident's car, parked in their own driveway, was ransacked early one morning. Nothing was taken from it, but the door was left open and the glove compartment and console compartment were left open. It appears to be the act of kids which occurs periodically on this street.

United States
**Census
2000**

**The questions
asked represent
the best balance
between your
community's
needs and our
commitment to
reduce the time
and effort it takes
you to fill out
the form.**

Five BIG Reasons

Why You Should Fill Out Your Census Form.

1. Help Your Community Thrive. Does your neighborhood have a lot of traffic congestion, elderly people living alone or over crowded schools? Census numbers can help your community work out public improvement strategies.

Non-profit organizations use census numbers to estimate the number of potential volunteers in communities across the nation.

2. Get Help In Times of Need. Many 911 emergency systems are based on maps developed for the last census. Census information helps health providers predict the spread of disease through communities with children or elderly people. When floods, tornadoes or earthquakes hit, the census tells rescuers how many people will need their help.

When Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in 1991, census information aided the rescue effort by providing estimates of the number of people in each block.

3. Make Government Work for You. It's a good way to tell our leaders who we are and what we need. The numbers are used to help determine the distribution of over \$100 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds. We're talking hospitals, highways, stadiums and school lunch programs.

Using census numbers to support their request for a new community center, senior citizens in one New England community successfully argued their case before county commissioners.

4. Reduce Risk for American Business. Because census numbers help industry reduce financial risk and locate potential markets, businesses are able to produce the products you want.

"All the Basic Facts You Need to Know to Start a New Business," a publication of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce, shows small businesses how to use census numbers to determine the marketability of new products.

5. Help Yourself and Your Family. Individual records are held confidential for 72 years, but you can request a certificate from past censuses that can be used as proof to establish your age, residence or relationship. Information that could help you qualify for a pension, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance. In 2072, your great-grandchildren may want to use census information to research family history. Right now, your children may be using census information to do their homework.

Because we've had a census every 10 years since 1790, we know how far America has come.

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Economics and Statistics Administration
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your privacy.
Individual
answers are
edited and
summed before
they are released
to the public.**

For additional information
about Census 2000, visit
the Census Bureau's
Internet site at
<http://www.census.gov>
or call one of our
Regional Census Centers
across the country:

Atlanta 404-331-0878

Boston 617-424-4977

Charlotte 704-344-6824

Chicago 312-368-9789

Dallas 214-688-3060

Denver 303-231-8029

Detroit 248-667-9824

Kansas City 816-801-2020

Los Angeles 818-904-6822

New York City 212-620-7702
or 212-620-7703

Philadelphia 215-987-8312

Seattle 206-853-8882

50 Ways to Use Census 2000

- Decision-making at all levels of government
- Reapportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Drawing federal, state and local legislative districts
- Drawing school district boundaries
- Budget planning for government at all levels
- The distribution of over \$100 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds
- Spotting trends in the economic well-being of nation
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population
- Planning for public transportation services
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and the location of other health services
- Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities
- Forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population
- Establishing fair market rents and enforcing fair lending practices
- Directing funds for services for people in poverty
- Directing services to children and adults with limited English language proficiency
- Designing public safety strategies
- Urban planning
- Rural development
- Land use planning
- Analyzing local trends
- Understanding labor supply
- Estimating the numbers of people displaced by natural disasters
- Assessing the potential for spread of communicable diseases
- Developing assistance programs for low-income families
- Analyzing military potential
- Creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance
- Making business decisions
- Delivering goods and services to local markets
- Understanding consumer needs
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly or children
- Planning for congregations
- Product planning
- Locating factory sites and distribution centers
- Investment planning and evaluation of financial risk
- Setting community goals
- Publication of economic and statistical reports about the United States and its people
- Standard for creating both public- and private-sector surveys
- Scientific research
- Comparing progress between different geographic areas
- Developing "intelligent" maps for government and business
- Genealogical research (after 2072)
- Proof of age, relationship or residence (certificates provided by the Census Bureau)
- School projects
- Medical research
- Developing adult education programs
- Media planning and research, back-up for news stories
- Historical research
- Evidence in litigation involving land use, voting rights and equal opportunity
- Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans
- Attracting new businesses to state and local areas