

# The Greenbrier News

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"GNA" - the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association

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## **2002 - REACTIVATION of the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association**

The GNA has been rather dormant since the Rio Road repair work was completed. It is time to re-organize and re-energize the Association. Consequently, there will be a meeting:

**TUESDAY - JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30 PM**

**AT**

**THE GREENBRIER SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**Featured Event** - a discussion of the pros and cons of the **Meadowcreek Parkway** and how it will affect our neighborhood. We will have speakers presenting arguments on both sides of the issue, followed by a time for questions, discussion and debate.

**Election of new officers** - our President became consumed by his studies at the Darden School shortly after his election and has now moved out of town. Our Vice President and Secretary are also stepping aside due to other commitments. The GNA Executive Committee will present a slate of candidates at the meeting but nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Anybody wishing to be considered for nomination by the Executive Committee should contact our acting President, David V. Strider, MD, at 293-2025. Anyone who wants to be on the Executive Committee should also contact Dr. Strider.

**Committee Formation** - we will have sign-up sheets for various committees, e.g, Security Issues Committee, Traffic and Sidewalk Committee, a Newsletter Committee (we need at least one person – preferably more – to put together a newsletter on a regular basis, perhaps quarterly; a distribution system is already in place). We will be open to the idea of forming other Committees if there is enough interest. For example, there could be a Committee to create an e-mail directory to help us disseminate news quickly – for instance, to let people know when and where crimes have occurred in the neighborhood. (We already have a volunteer to create a GNA web page.) The Committee could perhaps even work up a complete directory organized by street and cross-referenced alphabetically, to help us know our neighbors and facilitate communications. Another possible committee is Recreation and Leisure, which could consider things like sponsoring a 5K fun run in the neighborhood, a regular basketball game in the school gym during the evenings, or an all-neighborhood picnic. We could have a Park Committee to address any issues with the park area, e.g., maintenance, dogs, perhaps the construction of a circuit nature trail on the south side of the creek.

**Issues of Concern from the Floor** - If you have other concerns about the neighborhood or things you would like to see the Association become more involved with, there will be time at the end of the meeting to let them be known.

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## NEWS ITEMS

**Neighborhood Crime Update** -The Executive Committee has heard of several crime events in the neighborhood this year. Several months ago, at the High School and in the area around it (particularly on Concord and Kenwood), cars and signs were spray-painted with obscenities. A couple other neighborhoods were hit the same night. The police found paint cans but have not solved the crime. In the last month, bikes were stolen from two different houses. Please let us know about any crime in our neighborhood so we can pass the information along.

**City Neighborhood Funding** - The city is spending about **\$30,000 per year** on each of the city's neighborhoods. The way the money is spent is decided by the neighborhoods at meetings held in each neighborhood. We have had a low turnout at the Greenbrier meetings, and one reason to re-activate the Association is to encourage more participation in the process. Those of us attending the meetings the last two years have decided to spend the bulk of the **\$60,000** on completing the sidewalk on Greenbrier Drive from its ending point at the corner of Tarleton to the corner of Kerry Lane where it starts back up again. This sidewalk will hopefully be completed this year. We also set aside money for crosswalk markings at Greenbrier and Brandywine Extended - essentially connecting up the sidewalk. In addition, we allocated money for the fake brick crosswalks on Meadowbrook Heights at Grove Road.

**Park St. Bridge Repair** - Contractors are finally going to begin fixing the Locust St. and Park St. bridges over Rt. 250 by mid-summer, starting with the Locust St. Bridge. They may begin work on the Park St. bridge by the Fall. During the repair, **the bridge will be closed for approximately three months**. Yes, this will affect traffic in our neighborhood. We need a plan.

**Mosquitoes** - Remember, if we don't want mosquitoes, on a weekly basis we should dump any standing water that has collected anywhere in our yards (e.g., buckets, empty planters, tires, children's toys, tarps) and keep our gutters clear of water. **No standing water = No mosquitoes.**

### Dues for membership

Dues are currently \$10.00 per year (January 1 - December 31). These dues will primarily go to pay for newsletter printing but will also be available for other purposes such as those described above. Please support our effort to have an active and useful Neighborhood Association by sending in your check (made payable to "GNA") to our Treasure - Jon Perkins, 2411 Brook Rd, 22901. You may also bring dues to the meeting.