

WHAT'S GOING ON IN....

Greenbrier

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GET IN THE LOOP...

Want to know what's going on in Greenbrier—to report a lost pet, get contractor recommendations, or receive a police report on recent incidents in our neighborhood? Then sign up for our Greenbrier Neighborhood Association (GNA) e-mails. You'll receive the above information, plus notices of meetings and events. It's free; we monitor what's sent out and don't permit commercial or political emails. (See the full email-use policy at www.gnaweb.org.)

There are two ways to participate (you can remove your name from either list at any time):

To participate in all discussions, join the GNA email group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GNA_mail.

Once you're signed up, simply send an email to gna_mail@yahoo.com to reach all of your neighbors who have also joined.

To get messages only from the Executive Committee (meaning only those about issues pertinent to the entire neighborhood—no emails searching for missing pets or skilled plumbers), send your email address to Grant Brownrigg at grant@grantland.net and specify that you'd like the Executive Committee messages only.

IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

The City and the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA) are undertaking two overlapping projects that will bring construction and heavy machinery to our neighborhood: One, to restore Meadow Creek, which runs through Greenbrier Park; the other, to replace an aging sewer interceptor. Together, these projects will have a significant impact on our neighborhood, individual property, and users of the Rivanna Trails. Both projects are scheduled to begin in 2009.

What exactly do they entail? The RWSA plans to replace 22,800 linear feet of sewer pipe. The

Meadow Creek project will involve restoring 7,000 feet of degraded stream and 62 acres of riparian buffer.

The meeting will be on **September 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** in the Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School. On the agenda, officials from the City of Charlottesville, the Nature Conservancy, and the RWSA will present detailed project information, provide maps of the impacted area, and answer your questions.

For information about the stream-restoration project go to the GNA's website, www.gnaweb.org/meadow.htm. No information about the sewer project is currently available online.

VERIZON AT GREENBRIER SCHOOL?

Verizon Wireless wants to amend zoning laws to allow cell towers in residential areas, including on Greenbrier Elementary School property. During the July 22 joint public hearing with the City Council and the Planning Commission, the Planning Manager's recommendation was to deny, or vote "no," on the amendment. There were numerous public comments, most of which were opposed to the amendment. The Planning Commission decided to study the issue further and plans to have another work session on October 28 in City Hall.

The Planning Manager and the Planning Commission emphasized that due to the Federal Communications Act of 1996, local governments can't ban cell towers because of health concerns. Other detailed, legitimate reasons must be the basis for turning down a cell tower, such as aesthetics or a community deciding that a school is not the least intrusive location.

For more info from the GNA on this topic go to www.gnaweb.org/celltower.htm.

The GNA encourages our neighbors to send comments on this issue to the Planning Commission via Planning Manager Missy Creasy

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(creasym@charlottesville.org) and to City Council (all can be reached at council@charlottesville.org).

We will do our best to keep you abreast of any developments via email (to receive them, you have to join the GNA email group; see the gray box on page 1 for how to sign up).

GREENBRIER GRIPES

“Somewhere in the Grove/Melbourne/Kenwood vicinity is a dog left outdoors who barks mainly between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Please be a responsible pet owner and a thoughtful neighbor and make other sleeping provisions for your pet.”

“Raking leaves into the street at times other than when the city is scheduled to collect them results in the leaves’ blowing into neighbors’ yards.”

“Could the City be asked to tranquilize the overpopulation of deer and remove them to a forested area? We realize this would be a costly undertaking, but it seems the only way.”

“Brandywine Court, the circle of town homes near Hydraulic Road, is a one-way street. Many of the residents drive the wrong way in the circle when entering or exiting. Not only is it illegal, but the street is narrow and there are children playing. I ask that residents drive in the correct direction.”

Got a gripe? Email the newsletter editor (nermann@yahoo.com) and let the neighborhood know what's on your mind. Comments may be edited for clarity and space.

PERSONAL SERVICES

Body Bliss Yoga: Gentle, deeply relaxing, nonathletic. Expert instruction. Also Back Care Class, yoga therapy. Beginner/experienced. Rio Center, Joanne Wolf, MSW, RYT, 977-7787.

Remodeling? Planning an addition? Get creative, practical, affordable design help from Virginia Angel Architects, 1624 Yorktown Drive; 293-2819; kgarstang@cstone.net.

17-year-old high school senior girl looking for babysitting jobs in the neighborhood. References

upon request. To contact, call 434 978-3672 or email abiscos@yahoo.com.

Do you have a service (e.g., babysitting, yard care, pet-sitting) to offer? If so, you can put an ad in the next newsletter. Children under 18 living at home in our neighborhood can place an ad for free. For the rest of us, the cost is \$1 per word, with a \$10 minimum. Send text to Natalie Russell (nermann@yahoo.com), and your check (made payable to Greenbrier Neighborhood Association) to Lise Dobrin at 2101 Tarleton Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP

If you believe in what the GNA is doing and want to support it, send in whatever you can afford. The suggested amount is \$10 per calendar year, which will primarily pay for newsletter printing, but could also be used for small capital improvement projects and neighborhood picnics. Please support our efforts to have an active, useful neighborhood association by sending your check (made payable to the Greenbrier Neighborhood Association) to our treasurer, Lise Dobrin, at 2101 Tarleton Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Note that you are **not** required to pay dues to join the neighborhood group email.

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